

Some Chronology of SHANNON-CROGAN-BLUFFTON, ,OHIO.

- 1819 Alex Holmes survey
 1820 James Riley survey
 1832 Ohio or Charles Dally-1st settlers Orange Twp., Crowfords, Thompsons, & McKinleys
 1833 Joseph DEford-1st grist mill & log cabin
 1833 Michael Neuenschwander, 1st Swiss settler
 1834 Methodist Episcopal Church
 1834 Mennonite Congregation formed
 1838 Joseph Deford plotted town of Shannon (Wilson Shannon Governor 1840-42)
 1840c First Store-D.L.Goble (Crogan, P.O.)
 1840c First school-Grove Street and Bentley.
 1840 First Mennonite Meeting House
 1842 First REformed & Lutheran Society (Emmanuel)
 1844 Reformed Mennonite Church began (1860)
 1849 Presbyterian Church of South Bethel (Goble)
 1849 Saw Mill, shingle, lathe factory (Clinton
 1850 12 families in Bluffton (Woodfood)
 1852 Siddall mill & later quarry, lime kiln
 Other industries; tanning & carding
 1852 Pennsylvania Railroad to Ada & Lima
 1853 Typhoid epidemic (30 die in settlement)
 1856 Andrew Hauenstein arrives from Beaverdam
 1856 Catholic Church began
 1859 Church of Christ started
 1859 Bluffton Brewery started
 1861 School erected Jackson & Church Streets
 1861 Incorporation of Bluffton
 1861-63 Small pox epidemic
 1862 Thut (Riley Creek--Zion) Mennonite Church OM
 1872 Lutheran Church started
 1872 Lake Erie & Louisville (LE & Western; Nickle Plate; Norfolk & Western; The town moves South
 22 new industries, Althaus Planing Mill, Gearp-
 1875 Bluffton News, N.W. Cunningham
 1875 Brick School built-Jackson & Church
 1883 Cleveland, Delphos & St. Louis (North-
 ern Ohio; then AC & Y.)
 1880 Census-population 1,250
 1886 Defenseless Mennonite Church organized
 1887 Town Hall built \$7,610.00
 1890 1st Oil well on Asa Stratton farm
 1894 Oil Rush
 1896 City water system installed
 1897 City light plant installed-6pm to 10pm.
 1898 First telephone service
 1899 Eaton land given for Central Mennonite
 1900 Central Mennonite College opens doors
 1900 Height of the oil boom 500 wells 30
 well in the process
 1901 First Rural Free Delivery
 1901-1910 Water Cream Separator capital of
 the world 4 producing firms
 1904 Triplett Meter Company, Ray Triplett
 1904 Ideal Washing Machine Company
 1900 or 1904 Frank Scott bought first auto
 an Elmore
 1904 G.W. Combs bought a Currier auto
 1906 First Mennonite Church in Bluffton
 1906 Western Ohio Interurban Line to 1932
 1907 Boss Glove Co. (Now Peerless)
 1908 Bluffton Sanitarium (Dr. J.J. Sutter)
 1910 S.K. Mosiman, President, B.C.
 1911 Woman's Friend Washing Machine
 1916 Bluffton Slaw Cutter Co.
 1917 World War I
 1918 First Airplane sighted over Bluffton
 1923 Harmon Field received as gift
 1931 Missionary Church started.
 1937 Bluffton Community Hospital