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FINDLAY GOT IT'S NAME FROM GENERAL JAMES FINDLAY WHO BUILT FORT FINDLAY ON THE BANKS OF THE BLANCHARD RIVER IN 1812.
AN EARLY LOG CABIN (LOCATED BEHIND THE KIMMEL HOUSE, FINDLAY), ONE OF THE FIRST PIONEERS TO REMAIN IN FINDLAY WAS WILSON VANCE.
HANCOCK COUNTY WAS NAMED AFTER JOHN HANCOCK ON APRIL 1ST, 1820. HE WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CONGRESS.

AFTER THE WAR OF 1812 THE 1ST ROAD WAS CUT THROUGH THE WILDERNESS WHICH BROUGHT MANY PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA ORIGIN TO THE COUNTY. BY 1830 THE POPULATION HAD GROWN TO 813.
THE FIRST HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BUILT IN 1833, NOW SITS ON PARK STREET, FINDLAY.
THE SECOND COURTHOUSE, BUILT IN 1842, SERVED THE COUNTY FOR 44 YEARS AND WAS REPLACED BY THE PRESENT STRUCTURE.

DRAWN BY HENRY HOWE IN 1848.
THE LOCOMOTIVE THE FAMOUS ANDREW'S RAIDERS CAPTURED IN GEORGIA IN 1862 DURING THE CIVIL WAR. WILLIAM BENSGINER AND JOHN REED PORTER ARE BURIED IN THE UNION CEMETERY IN McCOMB.

WILLIAM W. BROWN  WILLIAM BENSINGER  JOHN REED PORTER  JOHN W. SCOTT

"THE GENERAL"
JOHNNY APPLESEED,
whose real name was JOHN CHAPMAN,
made a business of planting
apple trees. He owned a nursery in
Mt. Blanchard at one time.
THE HAND PRESS UPON WHICH THE NEWSPAPER CONTAINING THE "PETROLEUM V. NASBY" CIVIL WAR LETTERS WERE PRINTED IN FINDLAY, 1861. THE PRESS IS NOW WITH THE HANCOCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

DAVID R. LOCKE, NASBY, IS CREDITED WITH CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NORTHERN CAUSE.
FINDLAY BECAME A "BOOM-TOWN" IN 1887 WITH THE KARG GAS WELL AND THE DISCOVERY OF OIL. BANNERS SUCH AS THESE WERE USED IN A CELEBRATION TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO FINDLAY.
FINDLAY RESIDENT J.C. DONNELL BECAME PRESIDENT OF OHIO OIL CO.,
SUBSIDIARY OF STANDARD OIL, IN 1901 AND BROUGHT THE HEAD-
QUARTERS BACK TO OHIO. TEN YEARS LATER OHIO OIL BRANCHED OFF AS
AN INDEPENDENT AND IN 1962 BECAME MARATHON.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY JOHN ROSS AND PHIL SCOT OF MARATHON OIL CO.
BY 1910 TROLLEY CARS WERE A PART OF THE MAIN STREET SCENE.
TELL TAYLOR, BORN AND RAISED ON A FARM NEAR VANLUE, WROTE THE SONG "DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM" WHILE REMINISING HIS HAPPY CHILDHOOD ALONG THE BLANCHARD RIVER.
ON APRIL 14, 1902, JAMES CASH PENNEY UNLOCKED THE DOOR OF HIS NEW STORE AND STARTED THE BUSINESS.

THE "MOTHER STORE" BEGAN IN KREMMLER, WYOMING

SINCE 1924, J.C. PENNEYS HAS BEEN PART OF HANCOCK COUNTY'S PAST....

...AND FUTURE.
THERE ARE THINGS YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR PENNEY STORE THAT HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL - LIKE GETTING GOOD VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY, LIKE BEING TREATED AS THE WELCOME GUEST YOU ARE, LIKE GETTING SATISFACTION IF EVER ANYTHING GOES WRONG.

ALL THESE THINGS ARE AS IMPORTANT TO US AND TO YOU TODAY AS THEY WERE TO JAMES CASH PENNEY AND HIS CUSTOMERS 84 YEARS AGO.

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