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Unveiling of the Ohio National Road Englewood Interpretive Sign



Mural Park
NE Corner of West National Road & Main Street
Englewood, Ohio

Friday, May 28, 2010 at 11:00 am



A Brief History of Englewood, Ohio

Although the town of Englewood (first known as Harrisburg) was not actually founded until four decades later, many early settlers had come to the area known as Randolph Township around 1800. The earliest settlers were the families of Samuel Herr, Mathias Gish and Daniel Rasor, who made their living basically from agriculture. The building of the National Road in 1838 put Englewood on the map and construction of hotels and other businesses that accommodated travelers helped the town to grow.

Following primarily the path traced through this area by the Stillwater River, that early group of settlers founded what is now the City of Englewood on May 6, 1841. Some of them had come from the area around Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and thus called the community Harrisburg. Other residents came from Randolph County, North Carolina, and so they named this township accordingly. Harrisburg's first post office was opened on February 8, 1870, and discontinued on February 6, 1871. The post office was re-established on May 8, 1874, and Harvey Iams was the first postmaster; the town was renamed Iamton. However, at that time the capital letters I and J were the same in the alphabet and the town became known as Jamton.

In 1899, the local businessmen conducted a contest to choose a new name for the town. The name Englewood was chosen as the winner of that contest, so the town of Jamton was renamed Englewood. The Village of Englewood was incorporated on May 15, 1914, and Jacob Hoover was the first mayor. In 1971, it was re-incorporated as a city.

The construction of Englewood Dam and later the proximity of the town to Interstate 70, Dayton Airport, and the Englewood Reserve has enabled the city to grow and attract industries.

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Speakers:

- **Cyndie Gerken**
President of the Ohio National Road Association
- **Ed Kemper**
ONRA Secretary and former Mayor of Englewood
- **Patricia Burnside**
Mayor of Englewood



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