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Agricultural and Mineral Resources  
OF  
MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO,  
AND THE  
**Advantages of Zanesville,**  
(ITS CAPITAL TOWN,)  
AS A  
PLACE FOR RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS,  
AND AS A  
Commercial and Manufacturing City.

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## P R E F A C E .

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This Pamphlet has been prepared at the instance of "the Board of Trade," of Zanesville, Ohio, a citizens' association, organized for the purpose of fostering, protecting and advancing, the manufacturing and commercial interests of the city and vicinity. Its purpose is to present a statement of the agricultural and mineral resources of Muskingum County, with some account of the advantages, capabilities, commercial and manufacturing interests, rail road and water facilities, prospects and attractions, etc., etc., of Zanesville, its capital town. The effort has been to furnish information fully and entirely reliable. The public may rest assured that any statement herein contained can be depended upon. All exaggerated accounts of the resources of the County, and the advantages of the city for trade and the employment of capital, have been carefully avoided. Each citizen is supposed to possess a certain degree of pride in the place of his nativity or adoption, and this is pardonable;—it is, indeed, praiseworthy; but this should not exist to an extent to mislead strangers, or give a coloring not warranted by facts. The want of correct information on the part of capitalists seeking investments, or persons on the lookout for new homes, is a matter of no small consequence. It is a matter of remark, too, that, in respect to this community, such information has not hitherto been furnished, and it exhibits, on the part of its citizens, a neglect of duty in not making known, in a proper manner, the advantages for the employment of capital and skilled labor, and the attractions for residence, which here exist. A generous criticism of the matter contained in the following pages is demanded, and if the information furnished shall



cause any citizen, particularly those who are just engaging in business pursuits, to feel that in the scuffle of life the home he now has, all things considered, may be as advantageous and attractive as can be afforded in any other locality, or be the means of directing hither the footsteps of any one seeking a place for residence, or business, or the investment of capital, or all these combined, the purpose for which this Pamphlet has been prepared is accomplished. Its aim, further than this, is unpretentious—the subject might have been elaborated into a volume, but enough is presented to meet the demands of the inquiring.

The attention of capitalists and manufacturers is particularly invited to the chapters on the minerals of Muskingum County, and also to the chapters on Zanesville as a manufacturing and as a commercial city.

# PART I.

## MUSKINGUM COUNTY.

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### CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY SKETCH—GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION—AREA—POPULATION—  
PRINCIPAL TOWNS—SURFACE—WATER DRAINAGE—PHYSICAL FEAT-  
URES.

*Preliminary Sketch.*—The act of the General Assembly of Ohio, creating the county of Muskingum, bears date March 1, 1804, one year and three months after the formation of the first Constitution of the State. The county was carved out of territory which, prior to the above date, was a part of the Counties of Fairfield and Washington. Muskingum included in its original limits what is now Coshocton, and portions of Holmes, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, Perry and Morgan Counties. Muskingum is an Indian word, and its meaning is somewhat in doubt. One legend has it that the word means an "Elk's Eye," or "the glare of an Elk's Eye," while another defines the word "a town on the river side." The County is named after the river which passes through it. Muskingum, it will be seen, is one of the oldest Counties in Ohio, almost as old as the State itself, but its history, further than this preliminary sketch, is foreign to the present purpose.

*Geographical Position.*—Muskingum County is situated in the South eastern section of Ohio. The line of the 40th parallel of North Latitude passes about midway across the County. It is also situated in almost the middle of the coal producing Counties of the State, numbering some twenty-five in number, and constituting a belt or section bounded on the South-east by the Ohio river, and having for their upper margin the Counties of Lawrence, Jackson, Vinton, Hocking, Perry, Muskingum, Coshocton, Holmes, Stark and Mahoning, occupying a space of about one hundred and eighty miles in length by eighty in breadth. The County is, in shape, almost a square, its mean extent from North to South being about twenty-

seven miles, and from East to West about twenty five miles. It contains, in all, twenty-five Townships, though several of these are quite small, and only some half dozen correspond in boundary with the original Townships as surveyed under authority of the general government.

*Area, Population and Chief Towns.*—In area, Muskingum is the fourth County of the State, the larger Counties, including Muskingum, ranking in area as follows :

Ashtabula.....	439,386	acres.
Licking.....	427,315	"
Ross.....	419,442	"
Muskingum.....	417,254	"

The number of acres in each of the above Counties is exclusive of territory embraced in cities, incorporated villages and towns. In population, according to the census of 1870, Muskingum ranks as the seventh in the State, the more populous Counties, including Muskingum, ranking as follows :

Hamilton, including Cincinnati.....	260,370
Cuyahoga " Cleveland.....	132,010
Montgomery " Dayton.....	64,006
Franklin " Columbus.....	63,119
Stark " Canton and Massilon.....	52,508
Lucas " Toledo.....	46,722
Muskingum " Zanesville.....	44,886

The foregoing cities are cities of the first or second class as organized under the laws of Ohio.

The municipalities of Muskingum County are, Zanesville with city charter, and the incorporated villages of Dresden, New Concord, Frazeyburg, Taylorsville, Uniontown, Adamsville and Roseville, and the unincorporated towns of Norwich, Otsego, Bloomfield, Chandlersville, Rix Mills, Duncan's Falls, Lytleburg, Mount Sterling, Gratiot, Irville, Nashport, and a few other places of less importance.

*Water Drainage and Surface.*—The County is divided into two nearly equal parts by the Muskingum river, which enters the County about midway of the Northern boundary, extending in an almost southerly direction and leaving the County about midway of its Southern boundary. That portion of the County West of the Muskingum river is again about equally divided by Licking river, a tributary of the Muskingum, and entering the latter river at Zanesville. The Northern section of the County, West of the Muskingum, is drained by the Wakatomaka, which enters the Muskingum near Dresden, sixteen miles above Zanesville, and the South-western section of the