



# OLD HILLIARD



**ROLLER RINK**  
The Roller Rink, a place for fun and entertainment, is now a reception hall.

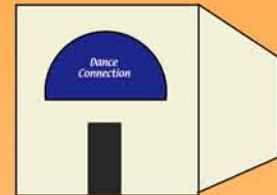
**NORTHWEST VILLAGE**  
Northwest Village is in Weaver Park next to the Franklin County Fairgrounds. The village teaches visitors the history of Northwest Franklin County from the mid-1800's. Visitors can explore a log cabin, church, school, train station, and barn. The Historical Society Museum is also in the village.



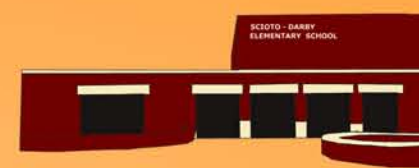
**MERCHANTS AND FARMERS BANK**  
Although the name has changed over the years, the building that used to be the Merchants and Farmers Bank remains a bank today.



**HILLIARD'S VILLAGE HALL AND JAIL**  
The small building that was once the Hilliard's Village Hall and Jail, is now the Hilliard Welfare Council.



**POST OFFICE IN 1957**  
Hilliard got a new post office in 1957. Before 1957, the post office frequently moved from one general store to another. In 1986, this post office closed and is now a dance studio.



**HILLIARD'S HIGH SCHOOL**  
Hilliard's High School was in use from 1906 until 1957. It was later torn down and then replaced by Scioto Darby Elementary.



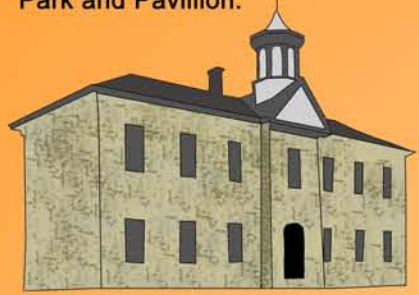
**DR. J.W. RENNER OFFICE AND RESIDENCE**  
This home was owned by Dr. Renner and was built in 1916 to serve as his home and office. After he died, Dr. James W. Reason occupied the home. It remains one of the nice historical buildings of Hilliard and is still a residence today.



**TIDD FUNERAL HOME**  
Tidd Funeral Home was built in 1875-1880. It was at first just a house but was later made into the funeral home. The outside building hasn't changed much since it was built (except for the porches and northern wing additions). The building's Gothic style makes it unique around Old Hilliard.



**HOTEL FRANKLIN**  
Hotel Franklin was demolished in 2002 and is now Hilliard Sesquicentennial Park and Pavillion.



**HILLIARD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**  
The Hilliard Consolidated School is now known as Masonic Hall. The school was built in 1878 and it served as a school for all grades (both elementary and high school) until a new high school was built in 1904. It was used as an elementary school until 1918 when it was bought by the local chapter of Masons. They still use this important Old Hilliard landmark today.



**WESTWELLER RESIDENCE AND SHOPS**  
The Westweller Residence was built in 1860-1865. John Westweller, a farmer, lived in the building and possibly sold his produce next door. A second story was added to the house in 1872 and was used as a town hall. In 1903, the building was used as a Merchants and Farmers Bank. The building is still used today as shops.



**WILLBARGERS PHARMACY AND SODA FOUNTAIN**  
This building was originally Willbargers Pharmacy and Soda Fountain. People would enjoy spending time with their friends while drinking a cold soda.



**HILLIARD'S AUDITORIUM**  
This auto parts store was originally Hilliard's Auditorium. People used to watch silent movies at the auditorium while someone would play music on a piano.



**WINTERRINGER BUILDING**  
The Winterringer Home (below) was added to the original business between 1875-1880. It was built as a house for the family that ran the business. When it was made into a restaurant, an outdoor entrance was added. Other than that, the building hasn't changed and remains a memorable part of Old Hilliard.



**HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL**  
Heritage Rail Trail is a 7 mile path that extends from Old Hilliard to Plain City, Ohio. The trail was changed from an abandoned railroad into a paved path for biking, skating, and walking. The path is one of 11 rail trails in Ohio.



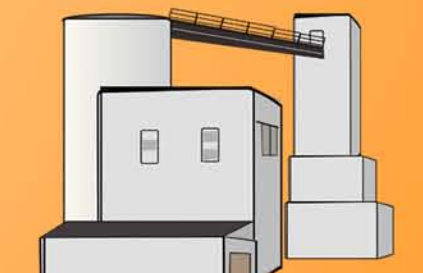
**ODD FELLOWS HALL ALDER HARDWARE STORE**  
This building used to be Odd Fellows Hall and Alder Hardware Store. It has changed little since it was built and is now a restaurant.



**HILLIARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
This church was the first congregation in Hilliard. It was built by Methodists in 1883. John Hilliard set the land aside for a church in 1853. When the church was built it had a strong following of about 300 members in 1876. The church remains an important landmark in the heart of Hilliard.



**FIRST FIRE STATION**  
This was the first fire station in Hilliard. It is no longer in use and was replaced by the Norwich Fire Station. This building is now used as storage.



**RUSSELLS GRAIN COMPANY**  
Russells Grain Company started in 1932. It went through many changes and additions during its years of operation. Even the Winterringer home and hardware store were purchased to make a bigger parking lot for the grain company. 1961 was Russells Grain Company's last year of operation.



**NORWICH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
This is the current fire department in Hilliard. It replaced the first Norwich Fire Station.



**DR. MERRYMAN HOUSE**  
This home was owned by physician, Dr. James M. Merryman. He practiced in Hilliard in the 1880s and 1890s. This house still has a lot of the charm that it did then. It is one of the best known buildings in Old Hilliard because of its original structure and design.



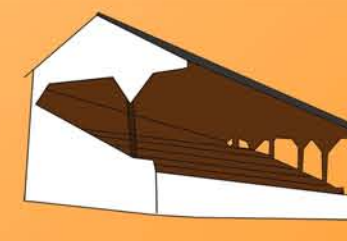
**HILLIARD'S STATION**  
The railroad track was first laid in 1850 and was open for public use in 1853. People had to pay 28 cents to ride the railroad to Plain City. The train station was released in 1969 by the Pennsylvania Railroad and became the first building to be a part of the Northwest Village.



**HILLIARD'S ELEMENTARY**  
Hilliard's Elementary was built in 1916. It remained in use until it was torn down in 1990. It was made into a new school, Hilliard Station (for 6th graders).



**NW FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
The Northwest Franklin County Historical Society cares for the Northwest Historical Village. The Library is where they archive and store historical artifacts, records, articles and photos of the area.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
The Franklin County Fairgrounds built its famous grandstand in 1941. Because of World War II, steel was hard to get so it was made out of heavy timber. People could watch races and other events in the grandstand. In 2000, the grandstand burned to the ground and was later replaced!

## Old Hilliard Historical Buildings

Number	Historic Name	2007 Name	Address	Year Built
1	Hilliard Consolidated School	Masonic Lodge	3980 Main St.	1878
2	Westweller Residence	Dentist	4005 Main St	Around 1860-1865
3	Westweller Building, then Merchants and Farmers Bank	Various shops (Captain Kirk's Cruise Quarters & Antonio's Violins)	4009 Main St	Around 1860-1865
4	Hilliard's Station (train station)	Park- entrance to the Rails to Trails	Corner of Main and Center	1890s
5	Hilliard's Auditorium	NAPA Auto Parts	5346 Center St.	1916
6	Winterringer Building, Post Office and General Store*	Otie's Old Hilliard Tavern and Grill	Corner of Main and Center St. 5344 Center St.	Around 1870
7	Winterringer Residence	Otie's Old Hilliard Tavern and Grill	Main St.	Around 1875-1880
8	Willbargers Pharmacy and Soda Fountain	Mel's Diner	4051 Main St.	unknown
9	Hilliard's Village Hall and Jail	Hilliard Welfare Council	Norwich St.	1929
10	First Fire Station	Storage	Norwich St.	1944
11	Odd Fellows Hall, Alder Hardware Store*	County Cork Irish Pub	4065 Main St.	1883
12	Merchants and Farmers Bank	Chase Bank	4056 E. Main St.	1914
13	Dr. Renner Residence and Office, then Dr JW Reason	Residence	5281 Norwich St.	1916
14	Residence	Tidd Funeral Home	5265 Norwich St.	
15	Hilliard M.E Church*	Cornerstone Christian Fellowship	Corner of Main and Norwich	1883
16	Residence	NW Franklin County Historical Society	5274 Norwich St.	1912
17	Hotel Franklin	Hotel demolished, now Hilliard Sesquicentennial Park and Pavilion	Norwich St.	Pre 1870s
18	Dr. Merryman Residence and Office*	Residence	5232 Norwich St.	1879
19	Russells Grain Company	Empty	58 Franklin St.	1932
20	Hilliards High School (1906-1957)	Scioto Darby Elementary (new building)	5380 Scioto Darby Rd.	1905
21	Hilliard Elementary (1917-1990)	Hilliard Station (new building)	3859 Main St.	1917
22	Columbus, Piqua and Indiana Railroad	Heritage Rail Trail - Trail Head	End of Center St.	1850
23	Roller Skating Rink	McCoy Center	5462 Center St.	Around 1959
24	Post Office in 1957	Dance Connection	4121 Main St.	1854
25	Norwich Township Fire Department	Norwich Township Fire Department	4164 Avery Rd.	1944
26	Fairgrounds/Park	Northwest Village	Weaver Park	1934
27	Franklin County Fairgrounds	Franklin County Fairgrounds	Columbia St.	1916

\* Denotes the Building is on the National Historic Register