

Small Historic Towns across America. as presented by Mr. Stadt's on-line Freedom Project Education U.S. History classes in the Fall and Winter of 2014. You can learn more about our classes by visiting us at: www.fpeusa.org



City Of Greenville

- **Brief History of Greenville, Ohio.**

Greenville, Ohio was originally a pioneer fort that was built under the command of General Anthony Wayne in late 1793. It was named after General Nathanael Greene, who was a friend of Wayne. The fort was over 55 acres, and was the largest wooden fortification ever built. It was in Fort Greene Ville that the Treaty of Greenville was signed on August 3rd 1795, bringing peace to the area. The Treaty of Greenville not only brought peace to the area, but also opened the Northwest Territory for settlement.

- **Location and driving directions for closest U.S. Airports.**

Greenville is about 40 minutes from Dayton International Airport. Greenville is located right on state route 571 W and is 31 miles from Dayton.

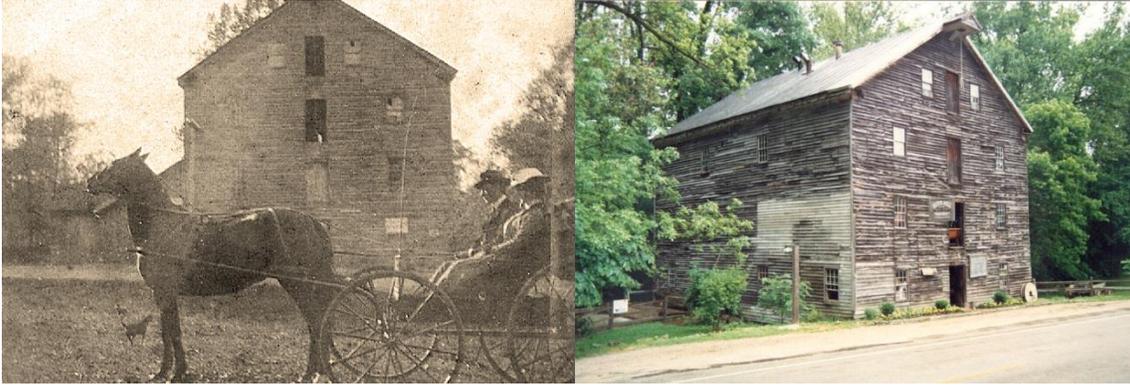
- **Who was president when the town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at the time.**

When the town was founded in 1793 George Washington was president. George Washington was the First president and the American government was still new, and just developing.

- **Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.**

One of the oldest businesses in Greenville is Bears Mill. Bears Mill was built in 1849 by Gabriel Baer, at one point it was just one among more than 2,000 water driven mills in the state of Ohio. Now it is one of the few remaining water driven mills in Ohio. Bear's Mill was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Below is a picture of Bears Mill in its early years (on the left) and now (on the right)



- **City government.**

Mike Bowers currently serves as mayor of Greenville.

- **Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.**

A couple of the historical events that take place in Greenville are Annie Oakley Festival, and The Darke County Fair

- **Where can we stay if we visit Greenville?**

Two places to stay when visiting Greenville is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, or if you don't mind a short 15-20 minute drive, then you could stay at the Inn at Versailles. The Inn is also connected to the award winning restaurant "Michael Anthony's at the Inn" that has some of the finest foods in the area. At the restaurant they offer you an authentic, old world style European cuisine, as well as versions of some classic American favorites.

- **Why would I want to visit this historic small town?**

Greenville has a rich history that goes all the way back the the time of Americas first President. With many museums and historical sites such as the Garst Museum, Shawnee Prairie Reserve, and The Annie Oakley Park.

- **Links you may wish to visit.**

<http://www.cityofgreenville.org>

<http://www.darkecountyfair.com>

<http://visitdarkecounty.org>

<http://bearsmill.com>

<http://www.annieoakleyfestival.org>

<http://www.innatversailles.com>