

## **Brief History of Lisbon, Ohio**

Immigrants from Pennsylvania and parts of Europe in the early 19th century. It was named after the Portuguese capital city of Lisbon. It was named New Lisbon (I know it sounds ridiculous, but it happened. And people let it happen.). New Lisbon was made a village in 1825.

Lisbon was the location of the first Ohio Newspaper, The Ohio Patriot, By an immigrant named William D. Lepper. That is why our public Library is the Lepper Library. After he passed, his wife made the library in his honor. Lisbon is the northmost western town involved with military actions during the American Civil War. Among these military individuals was Civil War general William T. H. Brooks. He commanded a division in the Army Of Potomac during the Siege of Petersburg in 1864.



## **Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s).**

Pittsburgh International Airport, 1000 Airport Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA. From Lisbon we're about 56 miles from Pittsburgh international airport. Take Route 30 south into PA to Clinton PA, then take Interstate 60 to Pittsburgh international Airport.

## **Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time?**

Lisbon was founded in 1825 and the President was John Quincy Adams. Not a whole lot was happening at the time, besides the first College Fraternity and the Creek Indian tribe giving up the last of their lands to the U.S government and moved west.

## **Oldest businesses/largest businesses today.**

The oldest business is our local newspaper The Morning Journal. Yeah, we're a very bland town. Our motto should be "Welcome to Lisbon. Nothing happens."

## **City government.**

We have a mayor who is elected every two years. Our current mayor is Daniel T. Bing. We have 5 Council members. Jeff, Stephen, Cheryl, Joe, and Thomas.

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

Okay, so, In Lisbon every year we have our festivals. My personal favorite would be the Johnny Appleseed Festival which takes place for about 3 days in September. Johnny Appleseed is the nickname of a real man who was born in Massachusetts in 1774. His real

name was John Chapman. He eventually migrated to Pittsburgh, PA. He listened to stories about pioneers who were trekking westward. He wanted to do these things, so he set out with a sack of appleseeds, an axe, a short-handled hoe, and a Bible. He had very few things. We have a statue depiction of him walking with a smile on his face, holding his Bible, and hoe and sack, wearing a burlap sack for a shirt, with a saucepan on his head. He showed his appreciation by making toys for children as he passed their villages and planting apple trees. We have an older man who walks around the festival dressed like John Chapman and hands out apples to the children. There are rides, and so many people, and competitions, and singing and dancing. It's beautiful.



I also love the Columbiana County Fair. This fair doesn't have the same cool story as the Johnny Appleseed, but it's cool too. It has horse shows, barrel racing competitions, drag races, tractor races, animal showings, and rides. We go the whole redneck nine yards. But it's all good fun.

Historic Attractions include the Old Stone House Museum, and the Railroad Museum. In these cute little museums, you can learn more about my villages history. And apparently, according to the Old Stone Museum, We invented the straw.

#### **Where can we stay if we visit Lisbon?**

Well... We have a Days Inn, and something called a "Trail's End Motel" according to the internet, but I have never seen the place and the pictures look

just terrible. I would recommend the Days Inn. We're only 1.691 miles<sup>2</sup>. We only have 3,000 people in our town. We don't have many places to stay.

#### **Why would I want to visit this historic small town.**

It might be small and bland, but it is still my town. I am familiar with every road in this town, and this is where my home is. It's not all bad, contrary to popular belief. It's a sweet little down home place, and all of the people here are more than willing to lend a helping hand.

#### **Links you may want to visit:**

[www.lisbonhiophotos.com](http://www.lisbonhiophotos.com) (This is my fathers website. He is a photographer.)

[www.lisbonvillage.com](http://www.lisbonvillage.com)

[www.lisbonareachamber.com](http://www.lisbonareachamber.com)