

This BEXLEY HISTORICAL MAP illustrates early buildings, streets, boundaries and events that existed about the time of incorporation as a village in 1908. It is based upon preliminary research and study of old maps, willamettes, books and oral interviews. Although it is a fall of this time to be accurate, it is across the line in completion, for further research reveals new insights, it will be possible to make additions to give a more comprehensive image of Bexley's past.

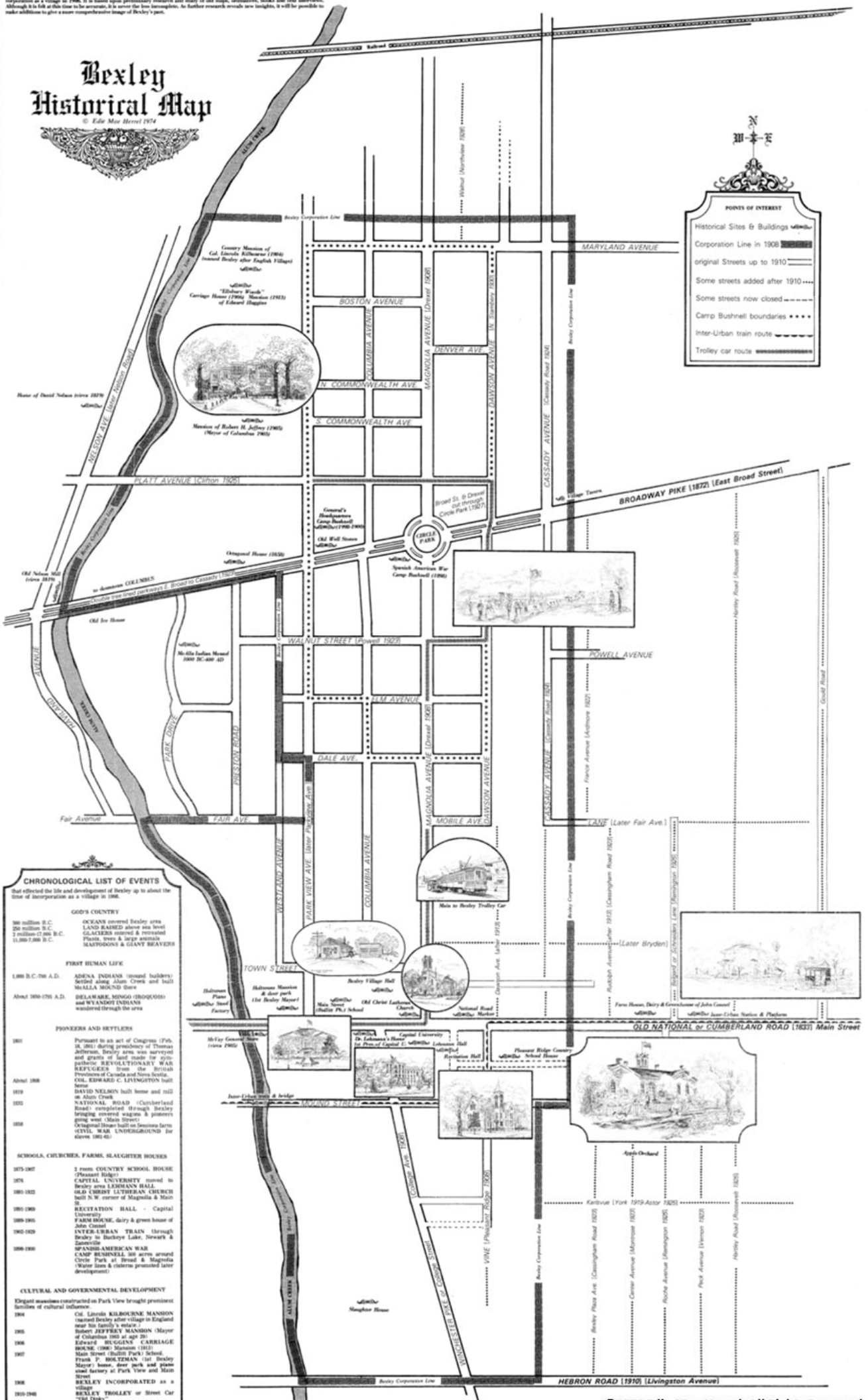
Bexley Historical Map

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Historical Sites & Buildings
- Corporation Line in 1908
- original Streets up to 1910
- Some streets added after 1910
- Some streets now closed
- Camp Bushnell boundaries
- Inter-Urban train route
- Trolley car route



CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EVENTS
that affected the life and development of Bexley up to about the time of incorporation as a village in 1908.

GOD'S COUNTRY
300 million B.C. OCEANS covered Bexley area.
250 million B.C. LAND RAISED above sea level.
1 million-17,000 B.C. GLACIERS moved & retreated.
10,000-7,000 B.C. Plants, trees & large animals.
MASTODONS & GIANT BEAVERS.

FIRST HUMAN LIFE
1,000 B.C.-700 A.D. ADENA INDIANS (found builders): Settled along Alum Creek and built MALLA MOUNDS there.
About 1000-1700 A.D. DELAWARE, WINGO (HOPOKOS) and WYANDOTT INDIANS wandered through the area.

PIONEERS AND SETTLERS
1801 Pursuant to an act of Congress (Feb. 18, 1801) during presidency of Thomas Jefferson, Bexley area was surveyed and grants of land made for systematic REVOLUTIONARY WAR REFUGEES from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.
1802 COL. EDWARD C. LIVINGSTON built home.
1819 DAVID NELSON built home and mill on Alum Creek.
1822 NATIONAL ROAD (Carterhead Road) completed through Bexley bringing covered wagons & pioneers going west (Main Street).
1828 Original Home built on Sessions farm - CIVIL WAR UNDERGROUND for slaves (180-40).

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, FARMS, SLAUGHTER HOUSES
1875-1882 3 First COUNTRY SCHOOL HOUSE (Pleasant Ridge).
1876 CAPITAL UNIVERSITY moved to Bexley area LEBMANN HALL.
1880-1822 OLD CHERRY LUTHERAN CHURCH built in W. corner of Magnolia & Main St.
1880 RECREATION HALL - Capital University.
1885 FARM HOUSE, dairy & green house of John O'Connell.
1900-1929 INTER-URBAN TRAIN through Bexley to Buckeye Lake, Newark & Sandusky.
1896-1900 SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR CAMP BUSHNELL set across around Circle Park at Broad & Magnolia (Water lines & cistern completed later development).

CULTURAL AND GOVERNMENTAL DEVELOPMENT
Elegant mansions constructed on Park View brought prominent families of cultural influence.
1904 OL. LITTLE KILBOURNE MANSION (named Bexley after village in England near his family's estate).
1905 Robert JEFFREY MANSION (Mayor of Columbus 1902 at age 20).
1906 Edward BUGGINS' CARRIAGE HOUSE (1902, Mansion 1912).
1907 Frank F. BOLTSMAN (1st Bexley Mayor) home, deer park and state and territory at Park View and Main Street.
1908 BEXLEY INCORPORATED as a village.
1910-1940 BEXLEY TROLLEY or Street Car "Old Day".
1924-1930 OLD BEXLEY VILLAGE HALL.