

# Galesburgh

## Fairfield County, Ohio . . . A Brief History

According to Dedication Record 1 page 292 and Plat Book 1 page 24 (Sheet A), the Town of Galesburgh was laid out and surveyed by Levi Carteler, County Surveyor, for proprietor Daniel Boyer on October 27th, 1871. The dedication and plat of said town was recorded for record on November 7th, 1871 and recorded on November 11th of the same year. Neither the dedication nor the plat state the location of the town.

### So where was Galesburgh?

Clues to the location of the town can be found in the vacation proceedings filed in Dedication Record 1 page 293 - 296. On May 8th, 1872, Daniel Boyer files a petition with the Court of Common Pleas to vacate the town. Mr. Boyer states that he is the sole owner of the town and has not sold or conveyed any part. The description of the town included in the petition states that the town is located in Section 20, Township 14, Range 20 (Sloom Township).

The Court of Common Pleas reviews the petition on October 29th, 1872. On December 17th, 1872, Thomas Metzler, publisher of the Ohio Eagle newspaper, makes oath and says the vacation was published for 9 consecutive weeks, commencing on May 9th, 1872. The description of the town that was published in the newspaper states that the town is located in Section 12, Township 14, Range 20.

### Was Galesburgh located in Section 20 or in Section 12?

On December 19th, 1872, Mr. Boyer provides proof to the Court of Common Pleas that a Notice to Vacate the Town was posted by himself on May 9th, 1872 at the C&H V.R.R. depot in said town, being the most public place therein. The notice states the town is situated in Section 12, Township 14, Range 20. According to the Right of Way and Track Map of The Hocking Valley Ry. Co. (Sheet B) the C&H V.R.R. (Columbus & Hocking Valley Railroad) depot\* was located in Section 12 just North of the intersection of the railroad and the Columbus & Lancaster Dike. The railroad map provides further proof of the town's location by showing Daniel Boyer as owning the property on both side of this intersection. Based upon the information gathered, a composite map can be assembled to provide a more detailed view of Galesburgh and its location in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Upon meeting all necessary qualifications, Mr. Boyer's petition to vacate the town was granted on December 24th, 1872 and recorded on January 3rd, 1873. Unfortunately, current maps do not show any evidence of the town ever existing. Hopefully, this map will help to preserve a small part of Fairfield County history.

\* The Columbus & Hocking Valley Railroad Depot, aka Carroll, Hocking Valley - C & O Depot was relocated to the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. Tours are available during special events.

Sloom Twp - Sec 1  
 Sloom Twp - Sec 12

Oct 27, 1871  
 Town laid out & surveyed by Levi Carteler  
 Proprietor: Daniel Boyer

Nov 11, 1871  
 Town Plat & Dedication recorded  
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May 8, 1872  
 Petition to vacate town filed with Court of Common Pleas

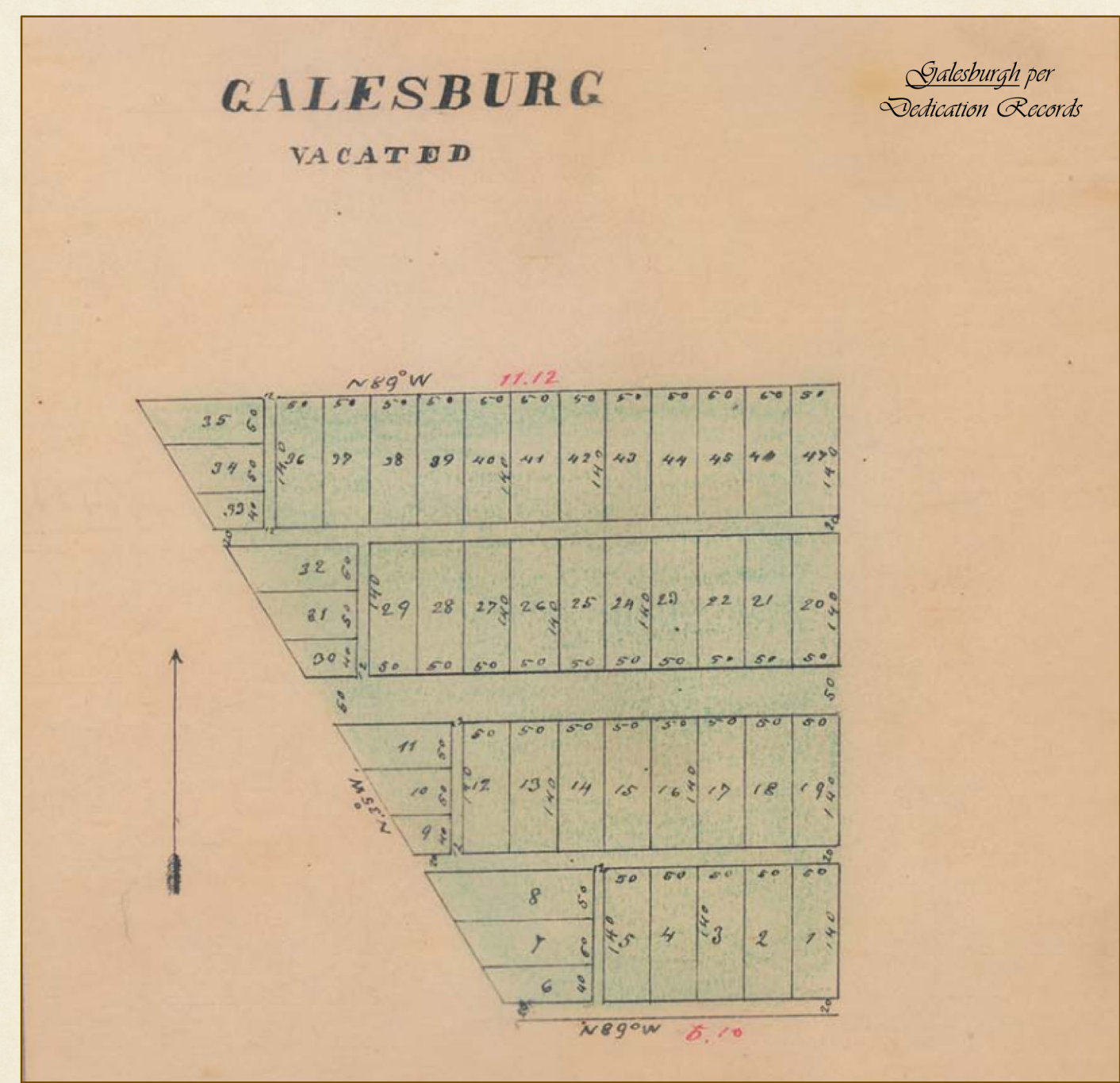
Oct 29, 1872  
 Court of Common Pleas reviews petition

Dec 17, 1872  
 Dec 17th, Proof of Publication filed  
 Dec 19th, Proof of Posting of Notice filed  
 Dec 24th, Vacation is granted

Jan 3, 1873  
 Vacation recorded  
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Town of Galesburgh  
 Sloom Township  
 Sec. 12, Twp 14, Rng 20

Sheet A - Plat Book 1 Page 24



Sheet B - Right of Way and Track Map

