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**Auditor's Office to Feature Copy of 1801 Petition to Congress for Creation of Fairfield County During Heritage Association's Tour of Homes**

**Lancaster, Ohio** – During this weekend's Heritage Association's Tour of Homes, the Fairfield County Auditor's Office is pleased to feature a copy of the first petition to Congress requesting the creation of Fairfield County.

This petition was filed with Congress in 1801. While this original petition was rejected by Congress, the second filing was later approved. The petition includes the signatures of the 300 residents of the area at the time.

Dr. Carri L. Brown, County Auditor, stated, "Some of the names on the petition will be familiar to our residents. We believe there are relatives of current residents who signed the petition. There is usually quite a lot of interest in that kind of history, and we look forward to an additional opportunity to share this information."

To view the petition and signatures as well as a typed transcript, visit:

<https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/pdf/PetitionForPreemptionRight-FairfieldCo.pdf>

The Auditor's Real Estate Offices will be featured in the Heritage Association's Tour of Homes June 24 – 25, 2023. The building is also available for tours during regular business hours.

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