

Exploring Ohio's Past: A Visit to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center

WORD GLOSSARY

Ancestor: A person from whom one is descended, especially if more remote than a grandparent; a forebear

Artifact: A material object of a culture such as a tool, toy, piece of clothing

Black Swamp: A lowland area in northwest Ohio where a swamp forest once stretched from Paulding and Van Wert counties to the Lake Erie shores in Sandusky, Lucas and Ottawa Counties until the mid 1800s.

Boarding school: A school where pupils are provided with meals and a place to live

Border: A strip of ground or an area that defines its geographic limits

Commemorate: To honor the memory of a person, place, or event with a ceremony or a memorial

Confederation: States or nations that unite for a common purpose

Construction: The art, trade, or work of building a structure such as a home

Descendant: A person who can be traced to a particular individual or family

Document: A written or printed paper in its original form that provides evidence; such as a letter, diary, or will

Estate: A large piece of property

Exhibit: A display of objects, documents, or paintings for others to see and study

Explore: To examine, study, or search into for the purpose of discovering or learning more:

Fort: A strong structure occupied by soldiers that is often surrounded by a ditch for protection

Funeral: A ceremony held when a beloved person or animal has died

Genealogist: A person who studies or researches his/her family history

Governor: chief executive of a state in the United States

Granite: A hard igneous rock consisting of quartz and mica often used in monuments and for building

Highway: A main public road that connects towns and cities

Honor: To give respect, recognition, or praise

Library: A place where books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, records, and tapes are kept for reading or lending

Lock (hair): A length or curl of hair

Militia: Military troops who may be called up during an emergency. They are usually civilians on non-active duty; a group of citizens who are trained to fight and/or help in an emergency

Monument: A structure, such as a building, sculpture, marker, or tombstone erected as a memorial to someone or something of historic importance.

Museum: Building, place, or institution that collects, preserves, studies, or displays objects and papers that have historic value

Parlor: A room in a private home set apart where visitors are entertained

Preserve: To keep safe or protect in a perfect or unchanged condition

Primary source: An account of an event by someone who was present at the event

Property: A piece of land or real estate that someone owns

Quarry: A pit from which stone is dug, cut, or blasted

Region: A specified district, territory, or area

Remodel: To make over in structure or style; reconstruct

Research: To study (something) thoroughly so as to present information in a detailed, accurate manner

Reunion: A gathering of the members of a group who have been separated for a long time such as veterans or families.

Route: A road, course, or way used for travel from one place to another

Stereoscope: Instrument with two eyepieces used to create a visual three-dimensional effect using two photographs of the same scene taken at slightly different angles.

Tomb: A grave or other place of burial with a monument that is a memorial for someone who has died

Tragedy: An event that causes someone extreme sadness

Trail: A path or route that can be followed from one location to another

Triangle: A figure or shape formed by connecting three points not in a straight line

Vegetation: Plants of an area or a region

Verandah: Porch usually roofed that extends along the outside of a building

Warrior: A fighting man; an experienced soldier

Wing (of a building): A structure of a building that extends out on both sides