Lake County's Early Architect to Visit September 2018

Jonathan Goldsmith (1783-1847) arrived in Ohio in 1811. Twice apprenticed (cobbler, carpenter-joiner), a veteran of the War of 1812 and later in life an inventor/patent holder of the multiple plow, he left an indelible legacy in Lake County.

Between the years of 1819-1843 he constructed over 30 homes and commercial buildings in Painesville, a handful of others in Lake/Geauga Counties and 10 more in Cleveland.

A follower in Thomas Jefferson's belief that the Greek Revival architectural style best depicted American beliefs, many of the homes he constructed still remain today as residences and cornerstones to early Lake County history. Goldsmith's last home, "Ingleside," stood on the current site of the Lake County Fairgrounds until 1929 when a fire destroyed it. Goldsmith is interred at the Painesville Township Cemetery; but his buildings dot the roadways and landscapes of our county and offer a unique one tank trip this summer. On September 27, 2018, Goldsmith will be visiting the Fairport Harbor Public Library at 6:45pm for a first person talk about his contributions to Ohio's smallest county with the most history. This unique program is offered by the Fairport Harbor Historical Society and the FHFriends of the Library.

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Below is a list of where you find his architectural works.

Goldsmith Cornerstones Still in Existence:

* Dr. Everett Denton Residence
1816 – 55 Mentor Avenue, Painesville
* Uri Seeley Residence
1819 – 969 Riverside Drive, Painesville Twp.
* Eber D. Howe Residence
1822 – 215 Mentor Avenue, Painesville
* Judge Aaron Wilcox Residence
1827 – Painesville
* Dr. John H. Mathews Residence
1829 – Original Painesville Hospital – 309 West Washington Street, Painesville
* Lewis-Morley House
1836 – Painesville
* Joseph Sawyer Residence
c 1820 – 9364 Forsythe Road, Mentor
* Isaac Gilbert Residence
c 1827 – Painesville (main door on display at Western Reserve Museum)
* Nathan Corning Residence
c 1830 – 8353 Mentor Avenue, Mentor
* Robinson Elwell Residence
c 1833 – 3742 Erie Street, Willoughby

Other Notable Local Structures:

* **Fairport Harbor Lighthouse**
1825-1871
* First Presbyterian Church of Painesville c
1825
* Painesville National Bank
1834
* Bank of Geauga County c
1825
* Harbor to Painesville portion of the Fairport, Painesville, Warren Railroad, first railroad in Ohio
1836
* Judge Samuel Cowles Mansion 1834 –
Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
* Truman Handy Mansion
1837 – Euclid Avenue, Cleveland