



Highway map of HOLMES COUNTY OHIO

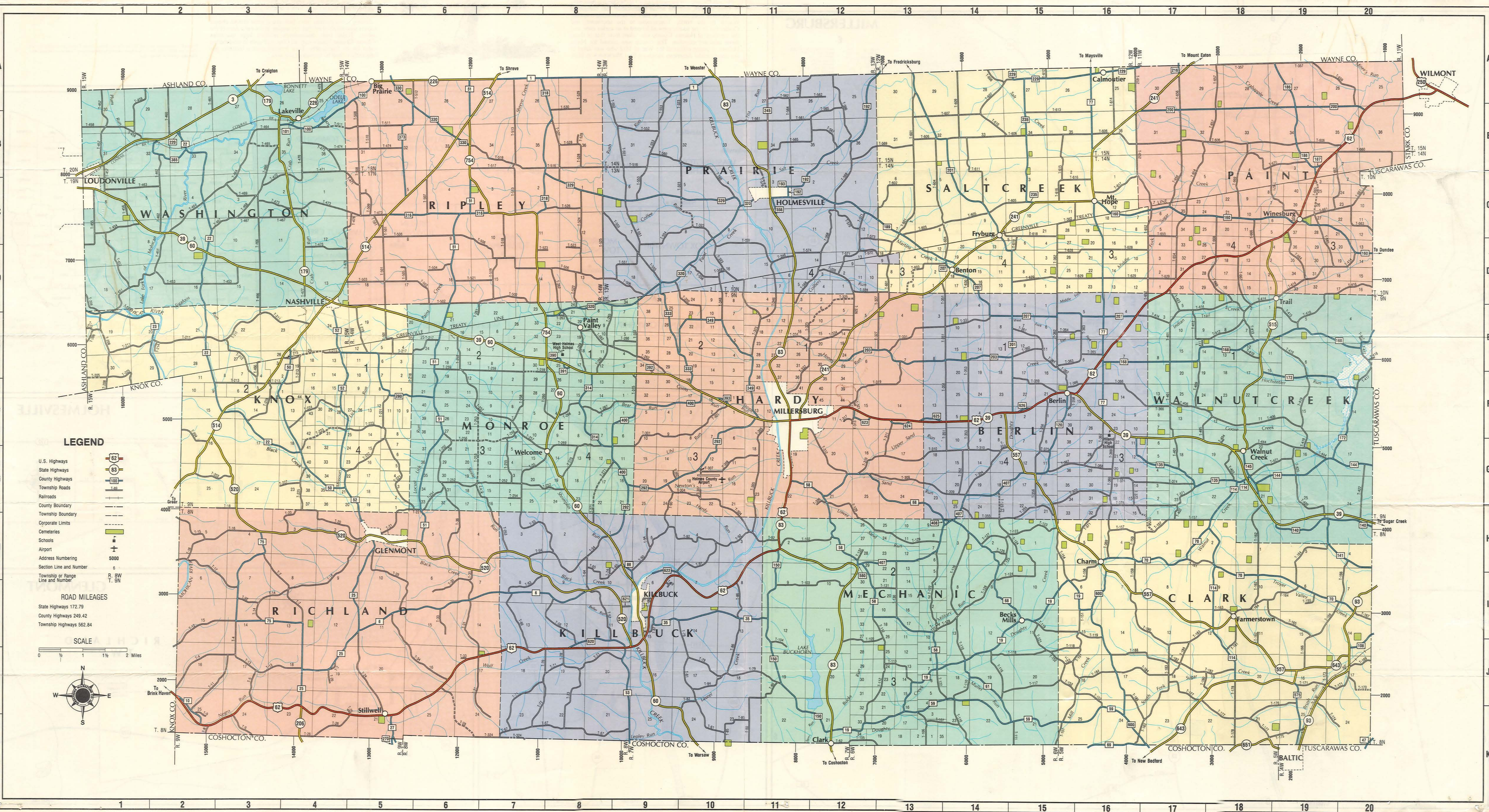
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LEGEND

- U.S. Highways
- State Highways
- County Highways
- Township Roads
- Railroads
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Corporate Limits
- Cemeteries
- Schools
- Airport
- Address Numbering
- Section Line and Number
- Township or Range Line and Number

ROAD MILEAGES

State Highways 172.79
 County Highways 249.42
 Township Highways 562.84

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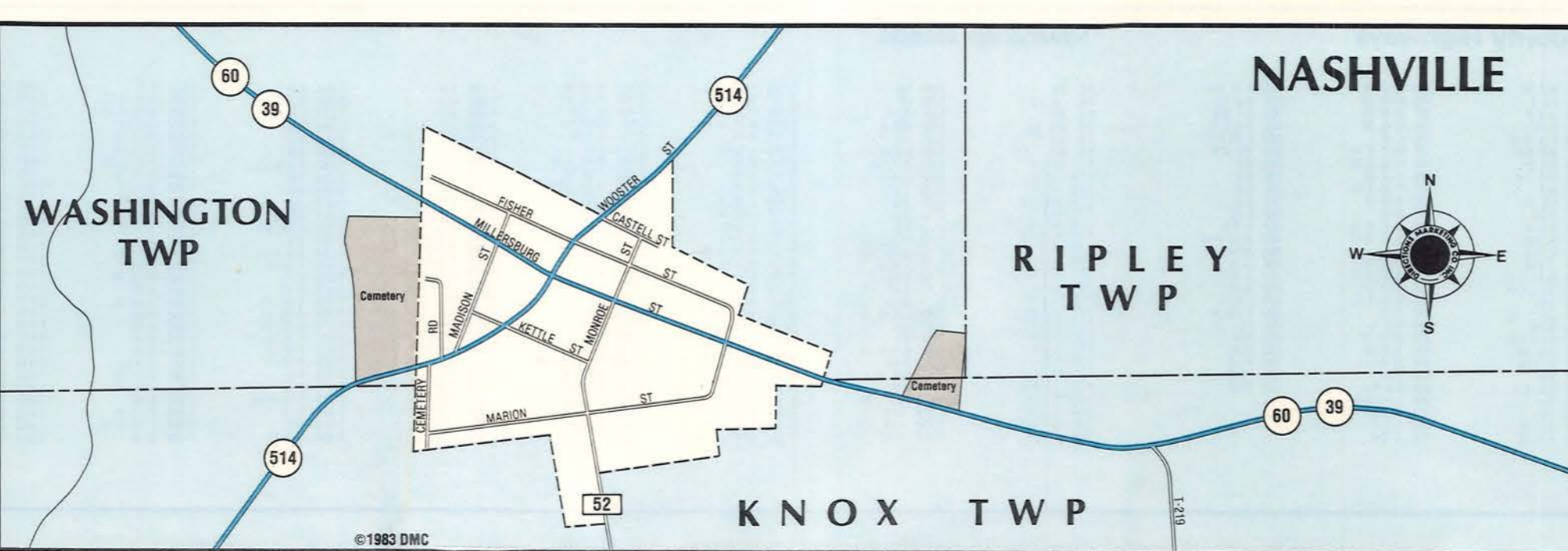
Maps of GLENMONT, HOLMESVILLE, KILLBUCK, MILLERSBURG, and NASHVILLE

- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway
- Township Roads and City Streets
- School
- Unincorporated Area
- Incorporated Area
- Corporation Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Points of Interest
- Golf Course

SCALE
0 1000 2000 Feet

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOLMES COUNTY

Holmes County lies in the eastern part of Ohio just north of an imaginary line passing from east to west through the center of the state.

It is one of the so called "backbone counties" of the state, being located just at the south edge of the watershed between Lake Erie and the Ohio River, its streams draining into the latter.

Holmes County was formed by an act of the General Assembly of Ohio in 1824, and the actual organization was completed by the same body on January 4, 1825. Its neighboring counties, Wayne to the north, Tuscarawas to the southeast, and Coshocton to the south, were all formed at an earlier date, and the territory of Holmes County was taken from that of these three adjacent counties. The county was named for Major Holmes, a young officer of the War of 1812 who was killed in the unsuccessful American attack on Fort Mackinack in 1814.

The first white men to settle in the area which is now Holmes County, came in 1809 and 1810, and on February 4, 1810, Hannah Butler was born in her parents' cabin near the Big Spring a short distance north of Holmesville on the present State Route 83.



At about the same time that the Butler and Grant families were settling in the central and northern parts of the county, a group of Amish Mennonites from eastern Pennsylvania crossed the Alleghenies and made the first settlement of people of their faith in Ohio near the present town of Sugar Creek in Tuscarawas County near the present Holmes County line. The deeds for this land were signed by President Thomas Jefferson, and a young Amishman named Jonas Stutzman took up two quarter sections of land just south of the present village of Walnut Creek in Holmes County. Thus began the settlement of the Amish people in the area, a settlement which has grown into one of the largest of its kind in the U.S. and which has contributed greatly to the picturesque quality of Holmes County rural life. The present day traveler in Holmes County is everlastingly fascinated by the quaint and interesting life of these good people.

Holmes County is often referred to as the "Switzerland of Ohio" not only because of its Swiss Cheese makers, but equally because of its beautiful scenery. The view from the cemetery hill in Millersburg, or from the top of the ridges above Glenmont is as truly breath taking as any in Ohio, and many there are who are willing to say that these and many other points of vantage in Holmes County have scenic beauty unequalled east of the Rockies.

Holmes County is proud of its history, its fine farms, its good people and its great natural beauty. Despite its busy life, it possesses a certain pastoral quality where those weary of the noise and pressures of life in the larger industrial type of community can literally "get away from it all."

Holmes County always was, and still remains a strictly Anglo-Saxon type of community, its ancestry coming almost entirely from central and northern Europe, principally from Germany and Switzerland, with a smaller group from France.

Among those coming from Switzerland were certain cheese makers who established their profession in the early days of the county. Today their descendants produce large quantities of Swiss Cheese known over all Ohio and even in neighboring states for its fine quality. Their modern cheese factories are frequently visited by tourists in the area.

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