

# Portage County Civil War Sites

A guide to monuments, markers and locations related to the Civil War experiences of Portage County's residents.

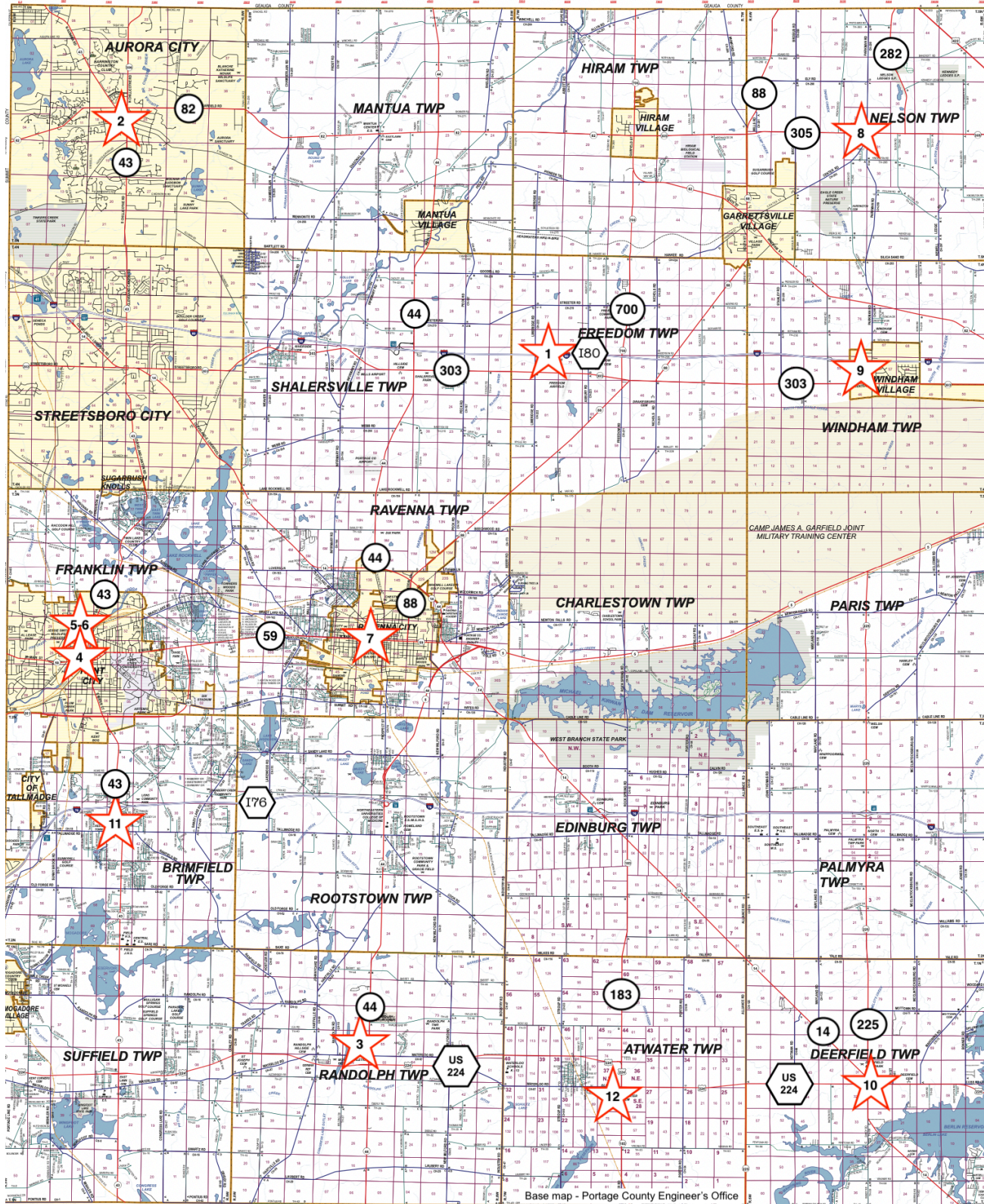
## Kent Civil War Society



Kent, Ohio

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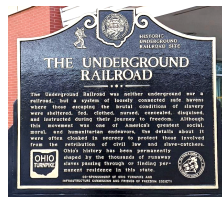
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**Underground Railroad Historical Marker** at the Portage Service Plaza on the Ohio Turnpike. “Commemorates the Underground Railroad / Escaping Slavery In Eastern Ohio.” Erected in 2020 by Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission,



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**Site of the “Old Brick Church”**, 146 S. Chillicothe Rd., Aurora. On July 4, 1835, an angry crowd disrupted a speech in support of the abolition of slavery, forcing the speaker, Isaac Bigalow, to flee from the church which stood at this location.



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**Underground Railroad Historical Marker** outside the Randolph Town Hall. Installed in 2002, funded by the Randolph Historical Society. The building was a Congregationalist church prior to the Civil War. Congregationalists were some of the most fervent abolitionists.



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**Underground Railroad Historical Marker**, 152 Franklin Ave, Kent. Commemorates the Underground Railroad in Kent. Erected by the Kent Historical Society, dedicated on June 26, 2004



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**Site of Woodard's Tavern**, corner of Mantua and Fairchild Streets.

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**Site of the Cuyahoga House**, corner of Mantua and Cuyahoga Streets. Lodging and dining establishments which also served as stops on the Underground Railroad.



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**Lincoln's Visit Historical Marker**, 417 W Main St, Ravenna. Commemorates the 1861 stop of the train carrying President-elect Abraham Lincoln to his inauguration. A large crowd prompted the travel weary Lincoln to say a few words.



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**Nelson Township Civil War Monument** on Nelson Circle, Rt. 305 and Parkman Rd.. “Erected by the citizens of Nelson to the memory of her soldiers who fell in defense of our country-- The War of the Rebellion, Nov. 18, 1865”. It is the oldest Civil War monument in Portage County.



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**Windham Township Civil War Monument** on N. Main Street, Windham. “Erected by the citizens of Windham and dedicated July 4, 1866.” Bronze tablets were later added to document badly worn carvings.



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**Deerfield Township Civil War Monument** at US 224 & OH 225, Deerfield. “Erected by the citizens of Deerfield in memory of the Deerfield boys who laid down their lives in the War of the Rebellion. Dedicated in 1870.” The monument was destroyed and replaced due to being struck by automobiles in the 1970s and 2002.



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**Brimfield Township Civil War Monument** Located in Restland Cemetery, Rt. 43 in Brimfield. It was erected in 1909 and includes a Civil War era 3 inch ordnance rifle in its design.



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**Atwater Township Civil War Monument** Located in Atwater Cemetery, Rt.183, Brimfield. It was dedicated in June, 1950 in memory of John Grate and all Union veterans from Ohio. Grate was the last living Union veteran in Portage County.

