

## The Montgomery County Fair begins today!

### Alexander Swaynie and the First Fair

At East First and Race streets, Alexander Swaynie established a tavern and wagon-yard.

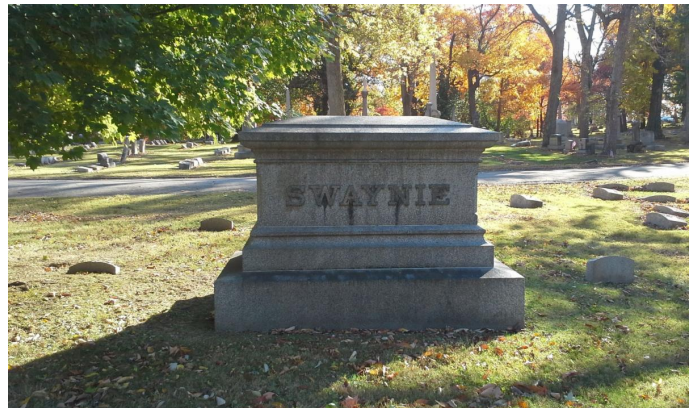
The wagon-yard was full of teams almost every night with the frame house crowded and the men thinking themselves fortunate when, having brought their own blankets, could find a space to lay their head on the floor.

Mr. Swaynie made money rapidly and in April 1839 erected a three-story brick building on the site of his first frame house. It was considered a first-class house, and regarded with pride by the people of Dayton.

All of the carpets in the hotel were manufactured by the Dayton Carpet Company and were of such superior texture, designs, and colors that guests of the house found with difficulty that they were made west of the Alleghany Mountains.

The Montgomery County Agricultural Society had been organized September 11, 1838, with Colonel Henry Protzman president, and Charles Anderson secretary.

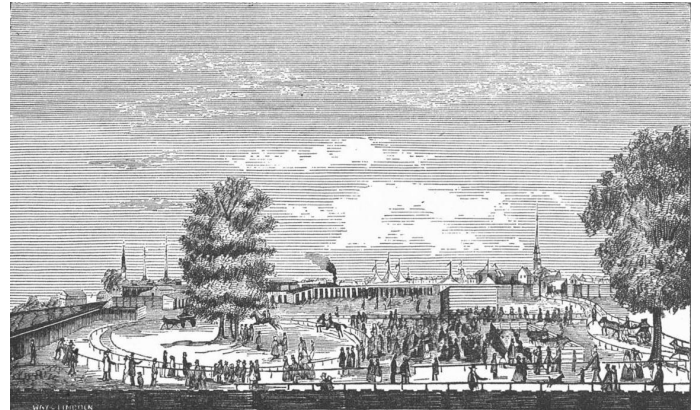
The first Montgomery County Agricultural Fair was held in Dayton at Swaynie's Hotel, at the head of the basin on October 17 and 18, 1839. At eleven in the morning on the 17th, a procession of about three hundred persons



Alexander Swaynie died on February 11, 1877 at the age of 73. He is located in Section 101 Lot 1351.

interested in the society marched, headed by a band of music, through the principal streets to the hotel, where the anniversary address was delivered by D. A. Haynes.

In 1860, a single ticket cost 25 cents, a horse and rider could enter for 35 cents, and for a dollar a family could spend three days.



Above: The Fair in Dayton in 1853

Below: The Fair in Dayton in the 1950s

## The 2021 Fair

**When:** The 2021 Montgomery County Fair will be held July 11 -17. It will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

**Where:** Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Road, Jefferson Twp.

**Cost:** Daily admission \$10/person, age 6 and under free with paying adult. Includes parking, if available. Discounted pricing will be available for veterans, senior citizens and first responders on Tuesday, July 13.



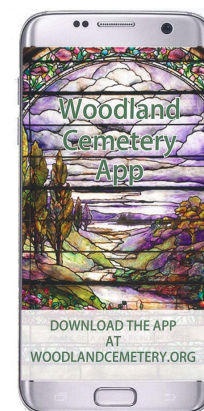
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Join us for a **Sunset Tour at the Cemetery** on select evenings throughout the summer. More dates will be added soon so check back often. Reservations are required and you can sign up by clicking **here**.

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From your phone you will be prompted to download our app. Take one of 12 walking tours we have available for your enjoyment at the cemetery. If you are on your desktop, laptop or tablet, you can take the tour right from the tour page. We will be adding more tours so come back often to learn about the men and women who made it Great in Dayton.

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- Share stories about your family
- Upload photos and video
- Share memories with your family on Facebook

Your loved one's memorial page is automatically created when you make cemetery arrangements with our office. You may also share and upload information by using our burial database via our website ([woodlandcemetery.org](http://woodlandcemetery.org)). (please contact our office if you need assistance)

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## A Woodland Milestone

To help us celebrate our 180th Anniversary, make a donation of \$180 or more to the Arboretum Foundation now through December 31, 2021 and you will receive a set of Woodland ceramic coasters. Limit one set per household.

Donate on our secure website by clicking below or click on the check to receive a donation form to mail in.



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This anniversary issue covers the history of Woodland from our beginning in 1841 to the building of the Mausoleum in 1969. A profile of the Cline Family, cemetery superintendents for 100 years, is the main feature. Updates on current cemetery activities are also included.

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