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FIRST HISTORICAL MARKER IN OHIO CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

On August 3, 1957 the State of Ohio unveiled its first historical marker of any kind. This marker, located on the southwest corner of South Portage Path and Copley Road, was designated to mark the Portage Path and was placed on the property of the John Brown Home, now part of the Summit County Historical Society. "We are proud to have an important part of Ohio history right on our own property," said Paula Moran, Executive Director of the Summit County Historical Society.

As described in documents presented at the unveiling, "The Portage Path between the Cuyahoga and the Tuscarawas lay on the Muskingum Trail, one of the prominent Indian thoroughfares across Ohio....By 1755 The Portage Path showed clearly on the now famous map of Lewis Evans, published in that year."

In 1785, a treaty was signed between the United States and the Wyandot and Delaware Indians. The Third Article of the treaty read, "The boundary line between the United States and the Wyandot and Delaware nations, shall begin at the mouth of the river Cuyahoga, and run up the said river to the portage between that and the Tuscarawas branch of the Muskingum..." The portage referred to is the now famous Portage Path, and was used as the boundary between our nation and the Indian nations at that time.

The Ohio Historical Markers Program, administered by the Ohio Historical Society, is a vital educational tool, informing residents and visitors about significant aspects of Ohio's past. Ohio Historical Markers identify, commemorate, and honor the important people, places, and events that have contributed to Ohio's rich history.

Founded in 1924, the Summit County Historical Society is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Their mission is to preserve and interpret the history of Summit County and Akron, and to educate regional communities about the people and events that have shaped our rich history. To learn more about the Summit County Historical Society please call (330)535-1120 or visit the web site at www.summithistory.org.

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