About WRHS

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About HF&V

Hale Farm & Village is a living history museum operated by the Western Reserve Historical Society and is within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Hale Farm & Village showcases rural life in the Western Reserve, starting with Jonathan Hale’s arrival in the Cuyahoga Valley in 1810 and spanning three generations of the Hale family. Explore 19th century life in the Western Reserve including 32 historic structures, craft and trade demonstrations, farm animals and gardens. Our costumed interpreters will provide a look into daily life on the farm and in the village.

Based on studies and extensive historical research conducted in the 1960s, WRHS staff developed a concept for creating an early Western Reserve village on the open land across the road from the Hale House. To create the Village, WRHS launched a “Preservation through Relocation” program built on the concept of saving historic structures threatened by demolition by moving them from their original sites to Hale Farm. The relocated structures were restored to their original beauty and charm around a recreated village green, inspired by those still found in New England villages and towns, and throughout the Western Reserve.

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