
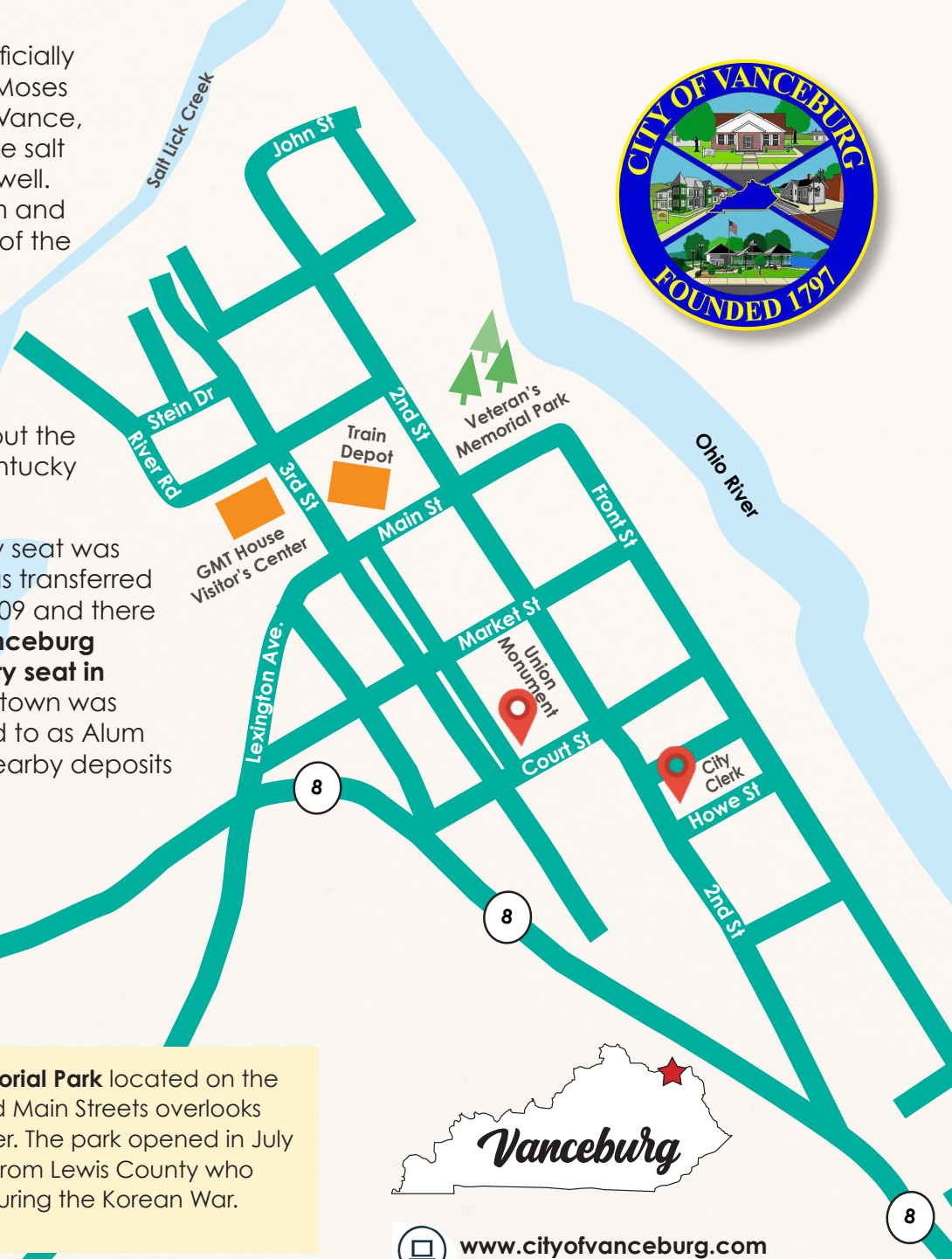



Vanceburg was officially settled in 1797 by Moses Baird and Joseph Vance, who came to make salt at the natural salt well. Others joined them and later Baird, leader of the group, named the settlement for Vance, after his companion.


Many homes and buildings throughout the city are on the Kentucky Heritage Register.

The original county seat was Poplar Flat, but was transferred to Clarksburg in 1809 and there remained until **Vanceburg became the county seat in January 1864**. The town was sometimes referred to as Alum City because of nearby deposits of alum.

 **The Veterans Memorial Park** located on the corner of Front and Main Streets overlooks the beautiful Ohio River. The park opened in July 1996 honors veterans from Lewis County who were killed in action during the Korean War.



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- 1873 Elected Circuit Judge; served 6 years
- 1881 Appointed U.S. Attorney by President Garfield; served 4 years
- 1883 Built the home which later became the Commercial Hotel
- 1886 Elected member of U.S. Congress; served 2 years
- 1897 Appointed Solicitor of Internal Revenue by President McKinley; served 4 years
- 1901 Retired from practicing law
- 1914 Died at the age of 86

THE GEORGE MORGAN THOMAS HOUSE Vanceburg Visitors Center

151 Third St.
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The home is now owned and operated by the City of Vanceburg. After the Thomas heirs disposed of the property, it was opened as the Commercial hotel until the 1970's. In 2001, the Citizens Deposit Bank gave the home and property to the City of Vanceburg and in 2006, the home was completely restored.

George Morgan Thomas (1828-1914) was a U.S. Representative from Kentucky. He studied law and obtained his license in 1851 to practice law

- 1850 Elected School Commissioner; served 9 years
- 1854 Elected County Attorney
- 1859 Elected to Kentucky Legislature
- 1861 Re-elected to Kentucky Legislature
- 1862 Elected Commonwealth's Attorney; served 5 years
- 1868 Elected County Judge; served 2 years
- 1872 Elected again to Kentucky Legislature

George Thomas' grandmother, Levina Schull Thomas was a member of the colony headed by Daniel Boone and was at Bryan Station when the stockade was attacked by Indians. She was a woman of strong and noble character.



Train Depot Museum

218 Main Street
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It's also known as The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Depot. The railroad was known originally as the Maysville and Big Sandy Railroad. The first depot was built on this site shortly after the railroad was completed in 1888.

The present depot was built in 1912, completely renovated in 2000 and opened as a museum.

Military, railroad and local history memorabilia including letters, scrapbooks, clothing, tools, photographs, books and newspaper archives. Rose Garden outside includes a full-size caboose on rails in the process of being restored.

Union War Monument

Court and Second Street
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The Union Monument commemorates the Union soldiers of the American Civil War. It is the only monument anywhere south of the Mason-Dixon line that so honors Union soldiers that is not in a cemetery done by public subscription.

The monument was built in 1884 by the citizens of Lewis County, which was a Union stronghold during the war and one of the few places in Kentucky that

was still more sympathetic to the Union cause by the 1880's. It stands thirty-four feet tall, and both the pedestal and base are made of limestone. The statue depicts a Union soldier in winter gear and kepi hat.

On July 17, 1997, the Union Monument in was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.