Formation of Lorain County & Surrounding Area

We at one time were included within:

1787-1796	<u>Unsurveyed section</u> of the Northwest Territory (capital: Marietta), including the Connecticut Western Reserve (future NE Ohio)
1796-1800	Wayne County, Northwest Territory (county seat: Detroit)
1800-1803	Cleveland Township, Trumbull County, Northwest Territory (county seat: Warren—also capital of the Western Reserve)
1803-1807	Cleveland Twp., Trumbull County, Ohio (county seat: Warren)
1806-1807	First SURVEYS of western portion of the Connecticut Western Reserve (46 unnamed townships, including the Firelands); and the April 4, 1807 LOTTERY/ DRAWING at Hartford, Conn., sight unseen, for all those townships (including the future Lorain County)
1807-1810	Geauga County , Ohio (county seats: New Market & Champion; later moved to Chardon)

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Cuyahoga County – created 1807; organized 1810 (county seat: Cleveland)

[Originally included parts or whole of Huron/Erie, Lake, & Lorain Counties]

FIRST SETTLEMENTS in future Lorain County, 1807 at Black River & Columbia

Huron County – created 1809; organized 1815 (county seat: Norwalk)

Medina County – created 1812; organized 1818 (county seat: Medina)

Lorain County – created 1822; organized 1824 (county seat: Elyria). Formed from parts of Cuyahoga, Huron, & Medina Counties. [As an interesting side note, before 1822 Huron County met Cuyahoga County at the Black River, which was used as the boundary line before Lorain County was formed]

Erie County – created & organized 1838, from northern 1/3 of Huron County and part of Sandusky County (county seat: Sandusky)

Ashland County – created & organized 1846, from parts of Huron, Lorain, Richland, and Wayne Counties (county seat: Ashland)

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