

Did you know.....

...There was a fountain in Triangle Park?

Triangle Park has been a treasure for Chagrin Falls since 1875. Originally, this area of town was somewhat swampy and a creek ran through here that villagers used to wash their buggies and wagons. An ashery was built here, which was one of the first businesses in the community. The Buckeye Carriage Works building was then built where the park would ultimately exist. That building was moved back to 8 East Washington Street, just south of the current park. In 1873, the Village Council passed a resolution, presented by I. W. Pope to purchase the land to allow for widening of Franklin and Main streets and a park to be made. The low lying land was filled in and the creek was enclosed by a culvert that still exists today. A side walk was laid out around the outside and 21 maple trees were planted. A watering trough was installed at the north end and a fountain and pool were installed on the southern end that contained goldfish. The fountain was gravity fed from the creek.



Buckeye Carriage Works building where Triangle Park is today (circa 1855)



Triangle Park in 1875.

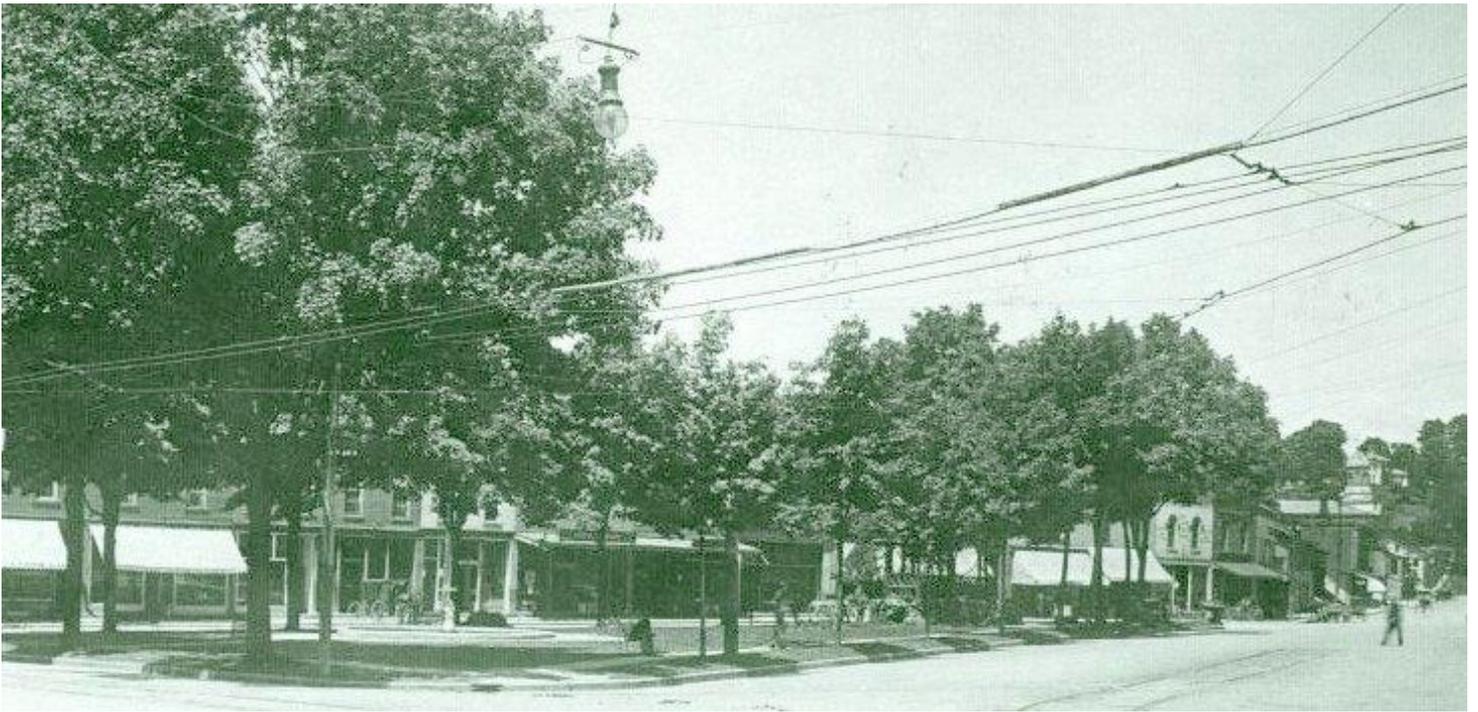
The picture above shows the fountain on the southern end. The Village Council authorized the building of the current Bandstand in 1877. The white wood framed house was built in 1834 by Henry Church Sr. and was moved in 1882 to 29 Hall Street so that the McCleptic building could be built. The fountain remained in Triangle Park into the 1940's and possibly the 1950's.



Triangle Park 1877. Notice Buckeye Carriage works in background on left middle. Fountain just left of bandstand. The fountain on right was for horse trough.



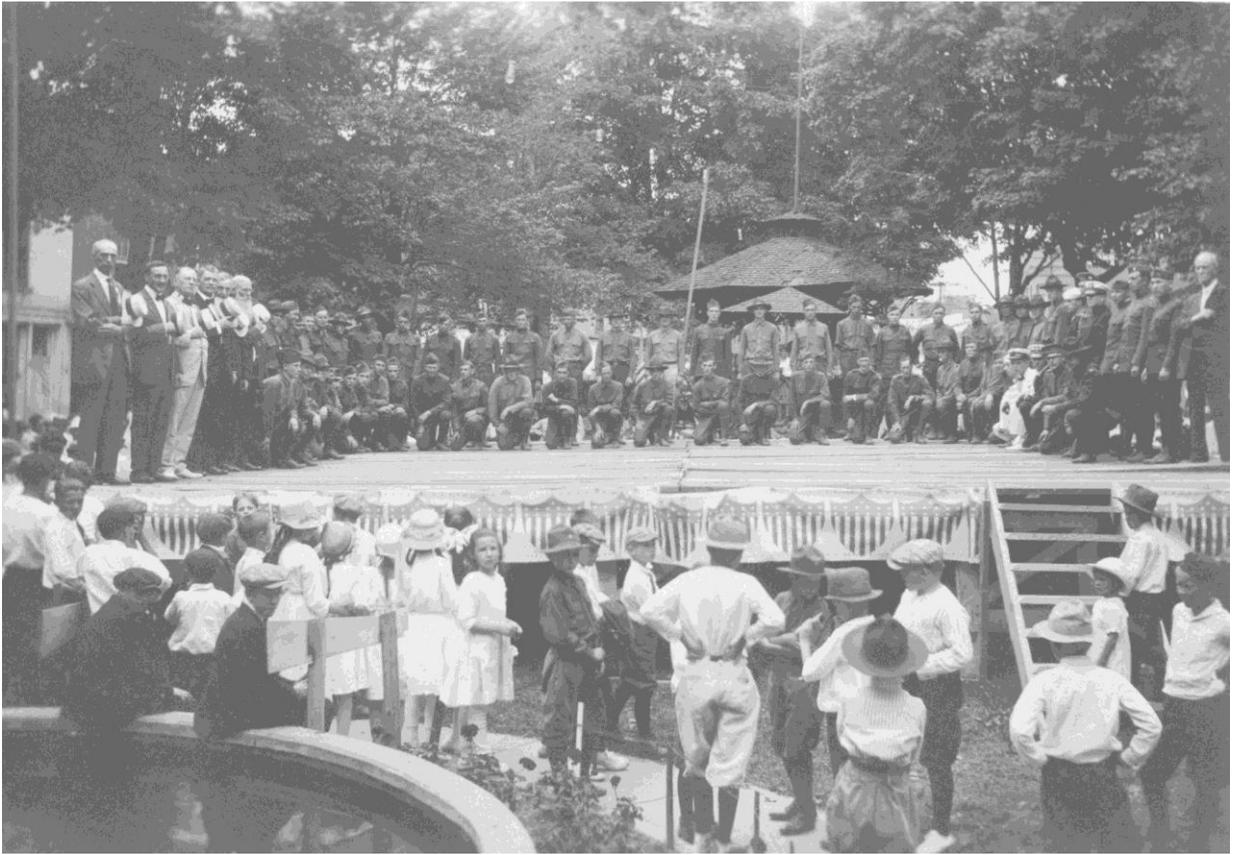
Triangle Park 1908



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Triangle Park at end of WWI - 1919



Triangle Park – circa 1920



Triangle Park 1927



Triangle Park 1939



Triangle Park 1942 – Scrap dump-off for war effort