

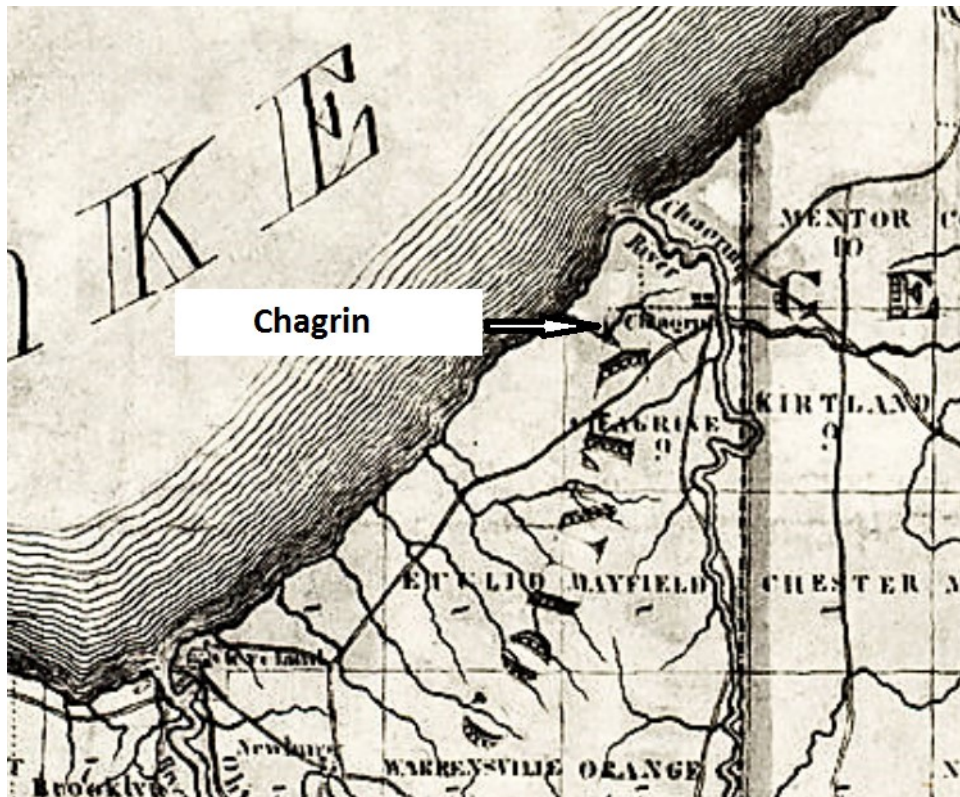
Did You Know...

...Chagrin Falls is not the first town to be called Chagrin in Ohio?

Chagrin Falls can lay claim to being the only town of that name in the United States, however, Chagrin Falls is not the first town to be called Chagrin. There was a town called Chagrin long before Chagrin Falls was founded.

The town of Willoughby, Ohio was called Chagrin from 1808 until 1834. The town was also known as Chagrin Mills during that same time frame. Just like our town, it received the name Chagrin due to the town's location on the Chagrin River.

The town was originally an Erie Indian gathering area and then in the 1750's became a trading post for French traders and was called Carlton or Charlton after King Charles. It was renamed Chagrin in 1808 and the town got its present name of Willoughby in 1834. It was named in honor of Dr. Westel Willoughby, a former professor at Fairfield Medical College and namesake to the Willoughby University of Lake Erie Medical College.



1826 Map of Western Reserve showing town of Chagrin (Willoughby today)