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<i>Year</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Dayton History Highlights</i>	<i>Subject or People</i>
1685		<i>Dayton was settled. It was known as Crossroads because of its location on the Crossweeksung trail (later Georges Road) intersecting what became known as Ridge and Culver Roads. The Crossweeksung trail became the road to Crosswicks.</i>	<i>Crossroads</i>
1729	<i>Jun.8</i>	<i>Peter Sonmans sold to Thomas Lawrence 500 acres, in Dayton area.</i>	<i>Thomas Lawrence</i>
1732		<i>Whitlock Inn of Dayton built by James Whitlock. NW corner of Georges Rd. & Mon. Jun. Rd.Sold 1750 to Barricklo-(Barricklo Tavern).</i>	<i>James Whitlock, John Barricklo,</i>
1735	<i>Dec.31</i>	<i>Tract of 211 acres conveyed by Sarah Sonmans (widow of Peter Sonmans) to John Nevill and covers a part of Dayton also the house of Moses Collins.</i>	<i>Sarah Sonmans, John Nevill</i>
1749		<i>John Wetherill elected to Colonial Assembly by Middlesex County. He died in 1784 (probably born around 1697)</i>	<i>John Wetherill</i>
1770		<i>Possible date for Thomas Wetherill's inn/tavern across from Whitlock's at site of current WAWA.</i>	
1776		<i>Whitlock Inn used to promote manufacturing of dry goods, wool, and yards. Country fairs held at "public house" on 2nd Tuesday of each month.</i>	<i>Whitlock Inn History</i>
1778	<i>Jun-25</i>	<i>George Washington's records indicate a payment to Thomas Wetherill at his inn on Washington's way to Cranbury and eventually Battle of Monmouth, June 28 at Englishtown.</i>	<i>Thomas Wetherill Inn</i>
1798		<i>Dayton established, known as Crossroads until 1866.</i>	
1800		<i>Around 1800 a second inn was opened by Thomas Wetherill.</i>	<i>Thomas Wetherill Inn</i>
1800		<i>George's Road formerly known as the Cranbury-New Brunswick turnpike. Later it was known also as Main Street.</i>	<i>Georges Road</i>
1809	<i>Aug.25</i>	<i>Dayton-Fresh Ponds Rd. from Van Pelts Mills to the road that leads to So. River was dedicated.</i>	<i>Fresh Ponds Rd.</i>
1823		<i>The Wetherill Estate was built in 1823. The 1700 acre plantation was started by Col. John Wetherill. It had a large orchard and nursery through the 1900s.</i>	<i>John Wetherill</i>
1843		<i>In 1843 the Township Committee called a prayer meeting at Crossroads.</i>	
1847		<i>Baptist Mission formed in Dayton under Rev. George Young.</i>	<i>Baptist Mission</i>
1848		<i>Baptist Church built in a corner of what is now the cemetery. When no longer active the church building was sold to D.D. Applegate and moved. It was used to shelter a steam saw mill.</i>	<i>Baptist Church of Dayton</i>
1850		<i>Bastedo's blacksmith shop known to be at corner of Mon. Jct. Rd. & Georges Rd.</i>	<i>Bastedo.</i>
1854		<i>First Dayton School opened. This building was moved to build the Jamesburg and Freehold RR. The Pennsylvania RR built a new school financed arranged by William Dayton.</i>	<i>Dayton Schools</i>
1856		<i>Wines Hotel run for several years before the Civil War by Abraham Terhune. Sold to William E. Schenck around 1860. Owned by various people until 1906 when PRR bought it. Torn down in 1931 for RR which never used the site.</i>	<i>Wines Hotel</i>
1860		<i>Exchange Hotel built and owned by A. Terhune. Located at Five Corners.</i>	<i>A. Terhune</i>
1862		<i>Dayton House erected, around 1860 at the southeast corner of Ridge & Georges Rd.</i>	<i>Abrah.Terhune, built</i>
1866		<i>Dayton's second school built to replace the school that was removed to make way for the Jamesburg and Freehold RR.</i>	<i>Schools</i>
1866	<i>Jan 1</i>	<i>Dayton officially named in honor of William L. Dayton, US Senator from N.J. in the 1840s</i>	

1871		The oldest continuously operating grange in the state was chartered. It was known as the Pioneer Grange #1.	Grange
1875		Dayton House sold to Michael Golden who ran it as a hotel for visitors from New York.	Michael Golden
1876		Wine's Hotel built by Thomas Wetherill, sold to George W. Schenck and called the Dayton Hotel. In 1928 it housed a store and the Dayton Post Office, known then as Wine's Hotel.	Wine's Hotel, Dayton Hotel, Thomas Farr
1876		Fritz Luttmann's Harness Shop in operation by 1876. Now private residence.	Fritz Luttmann
1879	Apr.15	Road was dedicated. Hay Press Road from Friendship Rd. to Cranbury & New Bruns. Turnpike (Georges Road).	Hay Press Road
1900		Trenton Trolley built with help of Fred Wagenhols from Ohio. Bought Novel's garage & later sold to Smalley.	Fred Wagenhols
1900		Dayton House became Exchange Hotel owned by the Dean family.	Dean family
1902		Henry Doscher built the Doscher Pond and Ice House.	Henry Doscher
1910		Jitney Bus run by the Michelin Tire Co. of Hightstown to test tires. It ran from Hightstown to New Brunswick. It stopped in front of Andrew Ely's store in Dayton to 1930.	Jitney Bus
1910		Tinsmith shop operated by Wm.Terhune in Dayton 5 corners.	William Terhune
1924	Jul.15	Exchange Hotel, "Terhune Building", "Summit Hotel" "Benny Pindrus burned at 1 AM, and Ely store & house. Frank Wicoff a fireman from Cranbury was killed. 7 fire companies came. Loss was \$25,000.	Terhune Building, Exchange Hotel, Mike Siggovich
1925		Dayton Garage built.	Sid Smalley's garage
1929		Isaac Luttmann lived in house N of Manse on Georges Rd. Also served as a small grocery store and a gas station. This year also served as the Dayton Post Office.	Isaac Luttmann, Dayton Post Office
1957		IBM plant built in Dayton	IBM
1962		Butlers store, now Pierre's built by Vincent Young and sold to Vic Butler in 1962.	Vic Butler
1967	Aug.10	RCA Graphic Systems Division building under construction in Dayton.	RCA Graphic Systems
1967	Dec.7	Waburn C. Krueger, a member of the Pioneer Grange and from Dayton, becomes a volunteer curator of Museum of Old Farm Machinery at Rutgers (now Cook College area); Museum began in 1929, now has 1650 items, many from his collection of old farm machinery.	Waburn Krueger
1977	Sep.26	Dayton tornado tore steeple off Presbyterian Church and caused destruction that led to the demise of 3081 Culver Rd. house owned by Shirley Archer.	Dayton Tornado
1978	Jan.19	Fat Eddies Groaning Board opens in Dayton, at Whitlock Inn.	Fat Eddies Groaning Bd.
1978	Feb.23	Well pollution spurs Dayton area petitions. Trichlorethane, a cleaning solvent, is found in 5 wells in Dayton and the 130 area. Well 11 is closed. IBM plant is source and is required to clean it up. Well Pollution	
1978	Jun.8	Kodak opens Dayton Plant.	Kodak Corp
1983	Apr.15	WAWA proposed for 5 corners.	WAWA
1988	Jan.25	Amanda Knowles celebrated her 95th birthday. Her husband taught at Rutgers and she became active in the Grange, and an Elder at the Dayton Presbyterian Church. After her husband's death, she became the bookkeeper for the Forsgate Country club until 1956. Lived in the Rowland house for 50 years.	Amanda Knowles
1993	Jan.10	Indian Fields elementary school officially dedicated	Schools