

History of Wainwright

Wainwright is located in the northwest corner of Warwick Township. It was called Lehn's Valley in the early 1800's, named after the Van Lehn Family. The story of Wainwright is a story of the life of a mining town that existed for about fifty years. Now, there is just a small pleasant town with all of its memories, both the good and the bad, about the coal mines. In 1896, Mr. R.H. Wainwright of Massillon, Ohio, opened the first large coal mine, Mine #4. It was the largest mine in this part of the state at that time. The large tipple for the mine had a pit mouth entering the north hill of the town. The mine was running low on coal when underground water filled it, forcing the closure and tearing down of the tipple in 1930. Wainwright was known for its winning baseball teams in the early 1900's. They have a beautiful baseball park, "The Thomas Johnson," named in honor of Thomas Alan Johnson, born March 30, 1948, who was killed in Vietnam on May 8, 1967.

If you wish to receive more information on the History of Wainwright contact the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 124 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio, 44663, call (330) 602-2420, or visit our website at www.ohiotimelessadventures.com. For further information contact the Tuscarawas County Public Library in New Philadelphia at (330) 364-4474 or the Tuscarawas County Historical Society at the Tuscarawas Campus of Kent State University at (330) 339-3391 Extension 47494.