Alanson Andrews, Joseph Sheets, Daniel Carter, David Markley, Joel Luther, William Montgomery, Elias Slocum, Jacob Shaffer, G.W. Palmer, Samuel Urie, Amos Antibus, Francis Graham, and Henry Gable are the most commonly mentioned names in historical records about Ashland, which was first named Uniontown by William Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery laid out 40 lots of land and built a cabin on one of the lots. He distilled whiskey and operated a tannery. Daniel Carter built a cabin on the southeast corner of Main and Center Streets, while Elias Slocum had a tavern named the Franklin Tavern on the other corner on the south side of the street. Joseph Sheets owned the first store in Uniontown. His family also owned 90 acres south of Main Street, which in 1846 was developed into what was referred to as South Ashland.

Settlers continued to relocate to Uniontown, mostly from New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. By 1830, the town hosted 235 residents including cabinet makers, shoemakers, hatters, and teachers.

Dr. Joel Luther was one of Ashland’s first residents in 1815. He is the first physician on record who provided medical care to local families. This photo was taken in 2011 when Dr. Paul Agee portrayed Dr. Luther at the Ashland County Historical Society’s Living History Cemetery Walk.

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Do you **REMEMBER** when....?

• You hung a card in the window to determine how much ice you needed, or put out the empty milk bottles in time for the fresh milk delivery.
• Skyscraper cones at Isaly’s or two dips of ice cream at the Sanitary Dairy were a nickel.
• Girls wore skirts and saddle shoes or penny loafers to school.

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