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## TRANSPORTATION IN OHIO

Transportation has been a key aspect to Ohio's creation and expansion as a territory and as a state. Native Americans living in the region made canoes of bark or hollowed out logs, which allowed them to travel and trade far from their home. As time passed, improvements in transportation enabled European settlers to move into the area with flatboats.

By the 1800s, transportation continued moving forward as the development of canals made for easier transportation of goods. Then, with the development of steam engines, trains and river boats reigned supreme. As new easier modes of transportation came into existence, Ohioans used these vehicles for more than moving goods to market—they became a form of recreation. The 1900s saw the creation of the automobile and the airplane. The first airplane was invented in Ohio and many improvements to the automobile were developed here.

We don't know what the future holds for the field of transportation, but you can bet there will be someone from Ohio in the mix.



# LAND WATER & AIR



1. **Blimps over Cleveland**, University of Akron Archives and Special Collections
2. **NAACP Freedom Bus**, University of Akron Archives and Special Collections
3. **Defiance College hot air balloon**, Defiance College Archives
4. **High Wheeler Bicycle**, Oberlin College Archives
5. **Cincinnati Canal boat and crew, circa 1890**, Cincinnati Museum Center



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