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One Community, Endless Possibilities

Have you wondered how the city of Dublin got the names for schools, parks, and buildings? These schools, parks, and buildings were named after important people who contributed and helped the city. Some names go back 200 years. 200 years ago, Dublin was only a blank piece of land settled by Native Americans. These Native Americans include the Hopewell, Adenas, Delaware, Shawnee and Wyandot. It was like this until 1803 when the Sells family moved to Dublin. Many things changed over the period of 200 years.

When the Sells family arrived to Dublin in 1803 there wasn't much. They purchased 400 acres of land for a new village. This area is now known as Historic Dublin. The man that helped them survey the land was called John Shields. Dublin is called "Dublin" because it was named after John Shield's birthplace Dublin, Ireland. That is why Dublin celebrates Irish festivals like St. Patrick's Day and even holds a Dublin Irish Festival every year in August! That is some spirit!

Dublin gradually grew and grew over the years. Despite its gradual growth, Dublin only had 681 residents in the 1970s. After Interstate 270 was completed in the 1970s, Dublin expanded like a balloon. Its mass expansion was partially because the Murfield Country Club was completed for the golf fans. There has been an increase of 38,000 people from that expansion until now. Not only the number of residents increased, but also the commercial activities. Dublin attracted many large companies' headquarters over the years such as Cardinal Health, IGS Energy, and MindLeaders.

Dublin is not an ordinary city. There are many opportunities and successful stories. Did you know that Wendy's was started right here at Dublin? Wendy's founder was Dave Thomas. He dreamed to make the best restaurant in the world. He worked hard and learned a lot. Now Wendy's is one of the best fast food restaurants in the world. One of the best professional golfers of all time and a native Ohioan, Jack Nicklaus built

Muirfield Golf Course and started the Memorial Golf Tournament in Dublin. The Memorial Tournament attracts top golfers from all over the world to Dublin every year. This makes Dublin well know for golf and helps the city grow.

Generation after generation, Dublin has become a better community for its people. Dublin provides many activities and services. There are schools, parks, sports leagues, churches, libraries, and many others. Beautiful scenery makes it feel like home. No one would have trouble saying it is a great place to live. I love it here at Dublin for many reasons. The school system is great. I learn a lot thanks to helpful teachers. At the middle and high schools there are school sports teams. These help too because you can play sports against other schools and coaches help you just like teachers do. My favorite sports are tennis and golf. At Dublin I can play these sports without going out of my neighborhood. Who else can beat that?

Dublin has transformed so much since 1810 until now. It has changed from a rural area to a modern populated city. Think of all the things that have changed. What is to come in the next 200 years? Anything can happen in 200 years. “200 years. One Community. Endless possibilities.”