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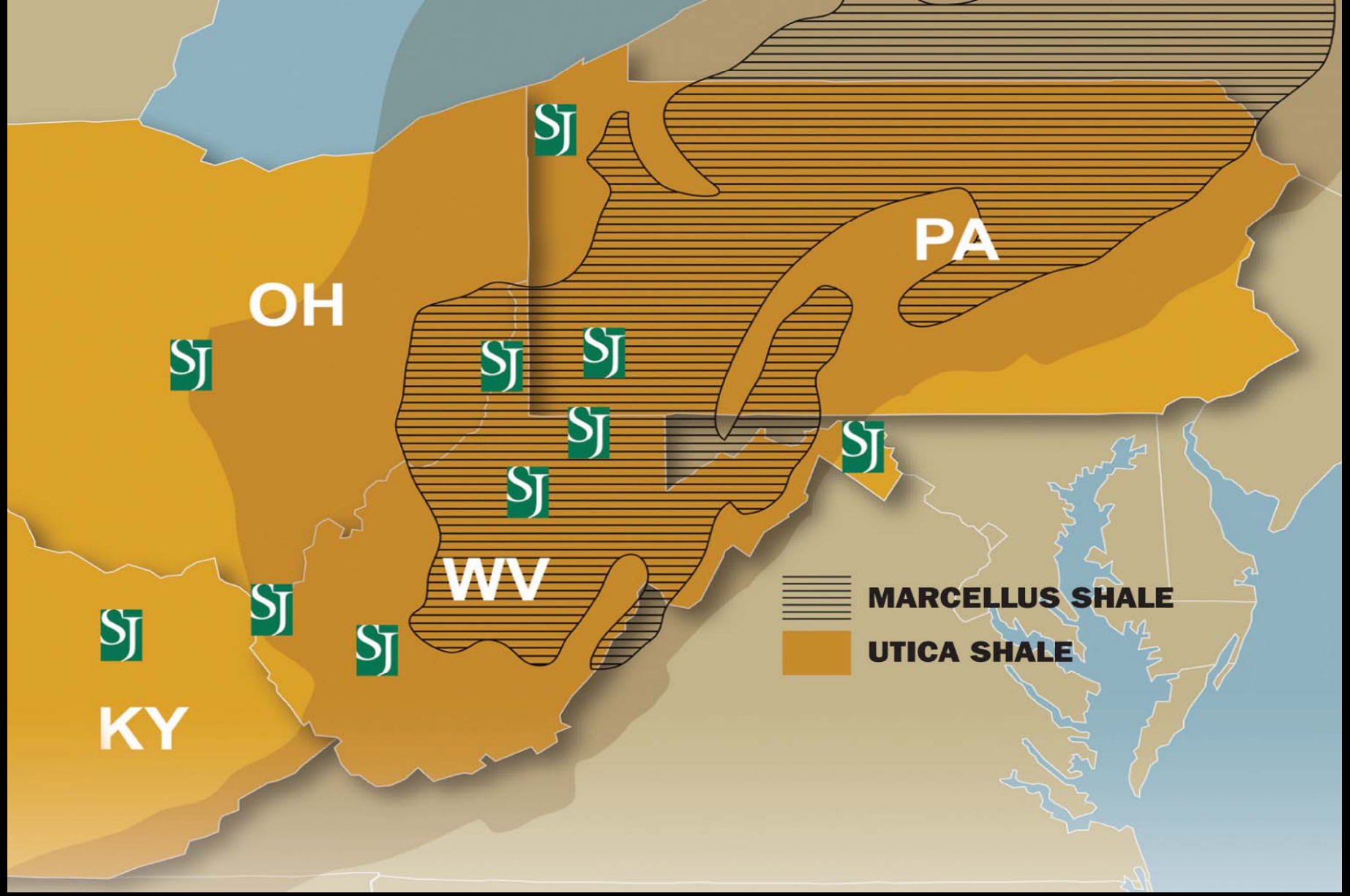
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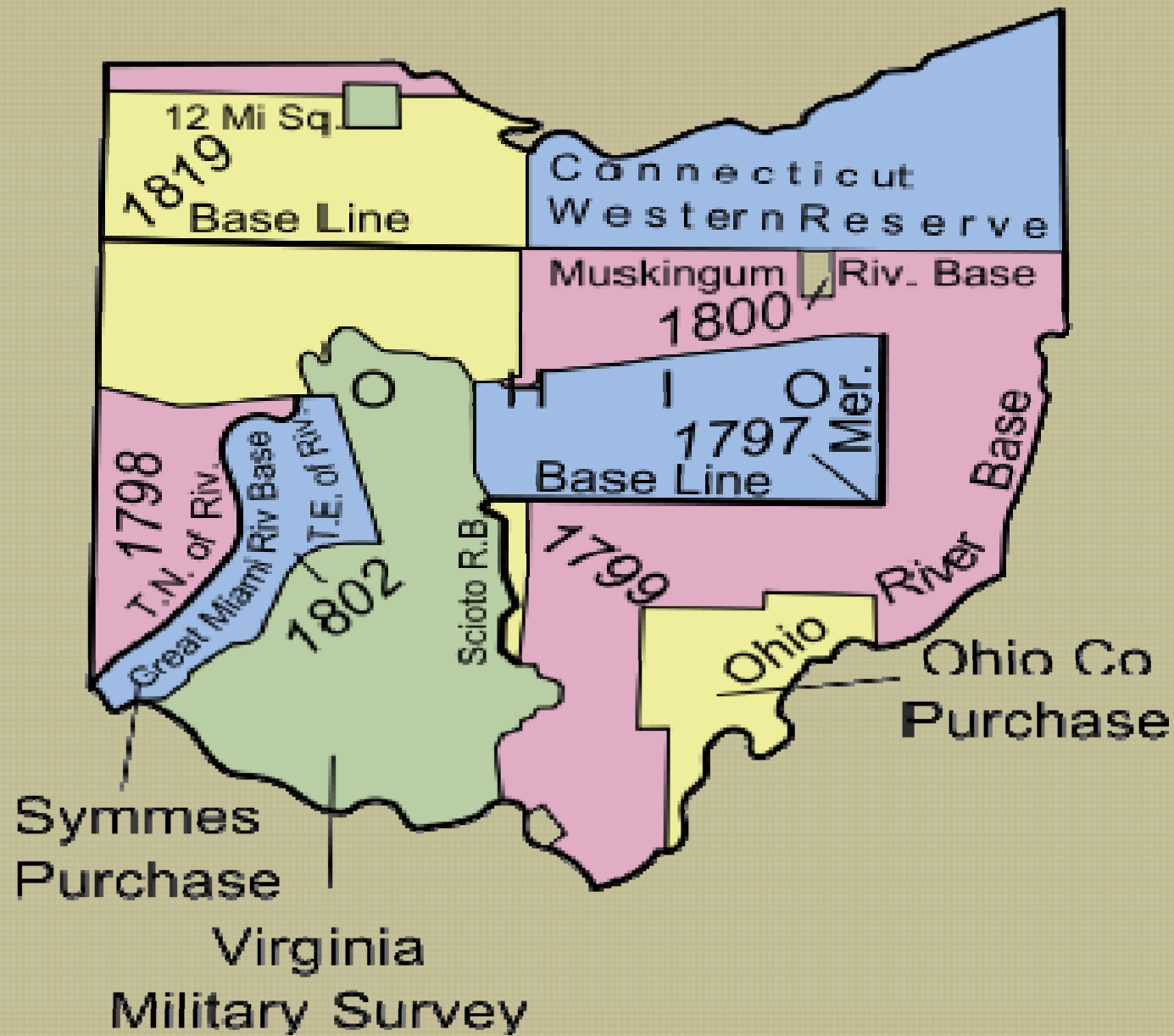
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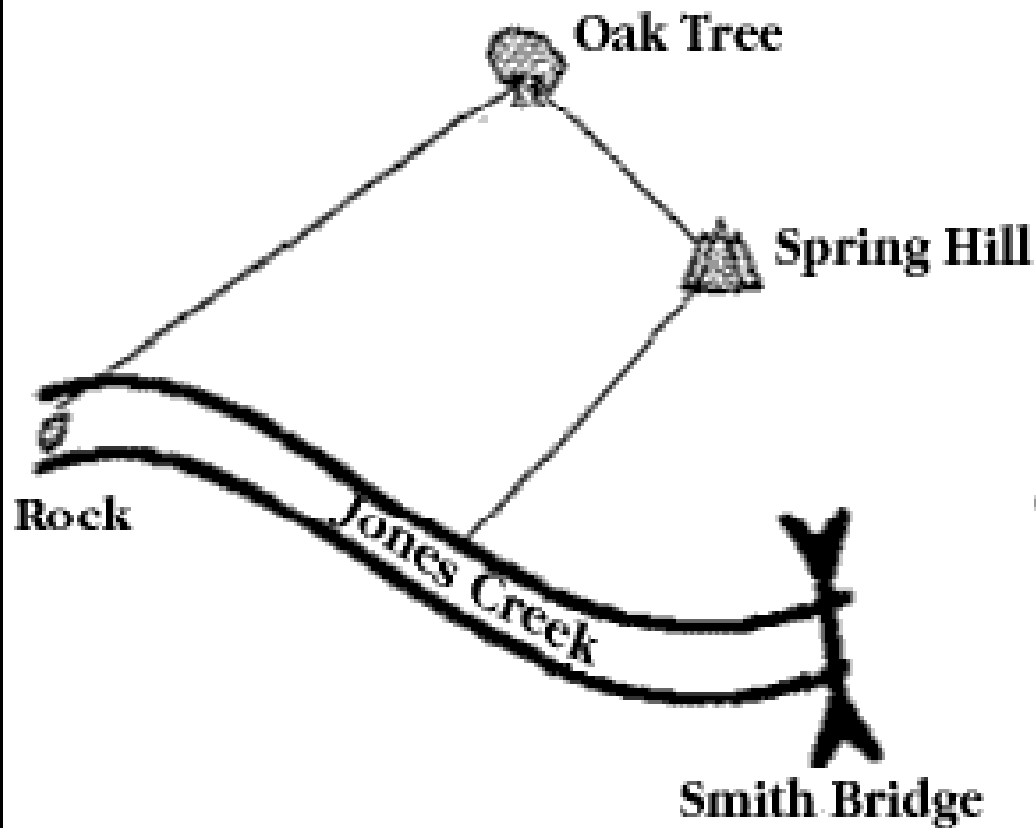


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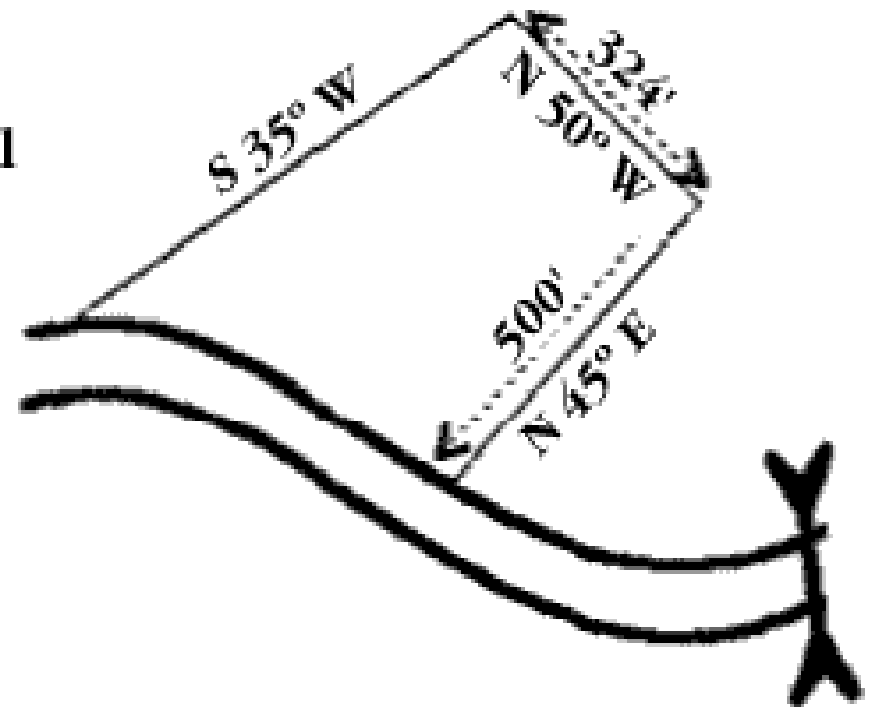
- Ohio is the 17th State in the Union
- It is the 34th Largest State and the 7th most populous
- Ohio comes from the Iroquois word for “Great River”
- It is the birthplace of 7 Presidents
- It has 88 Counties
- The first state in the Union under the Northwest Ordinance



Metes-and-Bounds Survey Method

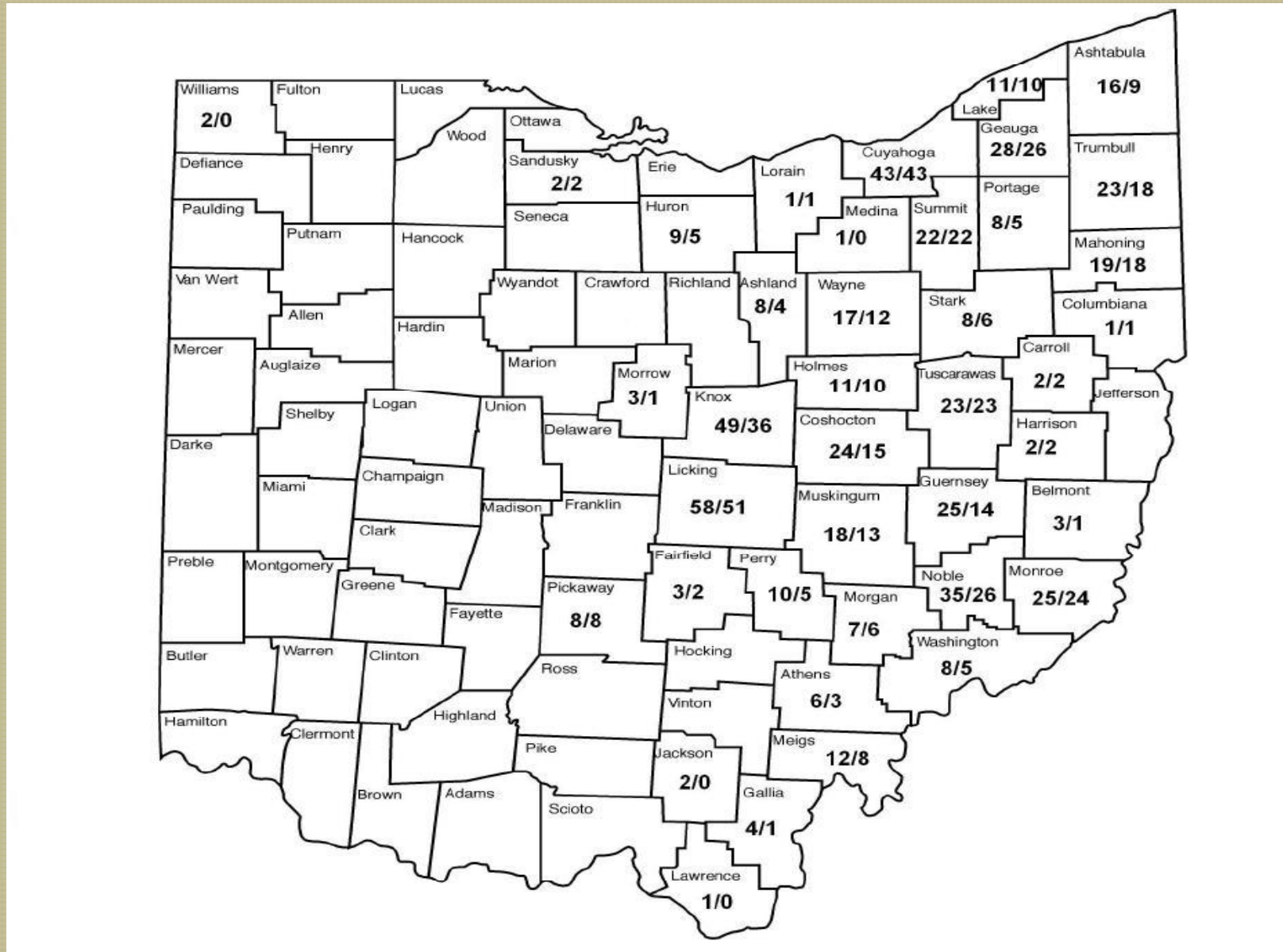


Using Landmarks



Using Compass

Wells drilled and completions received by county 2009



The Power of Dower

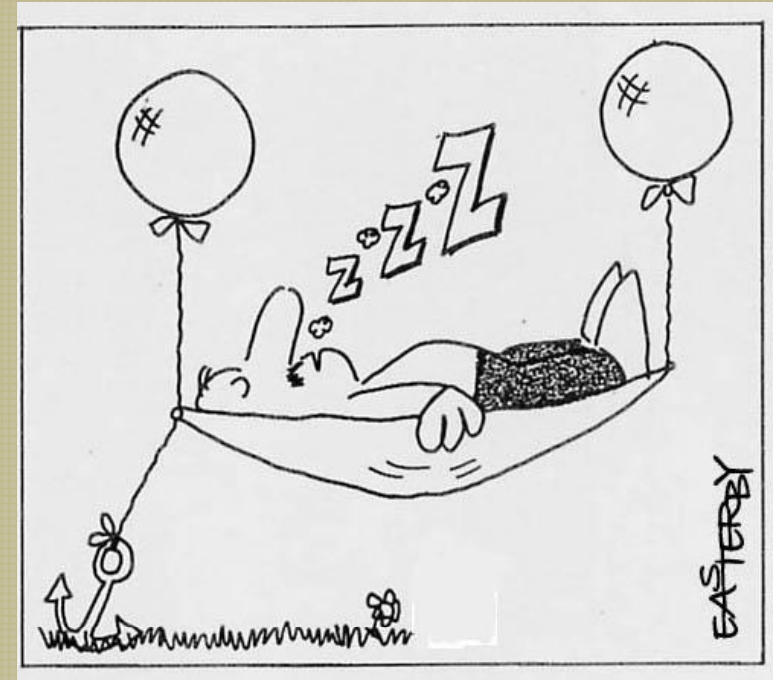
Ohio still recognizes statutory dower

ORC 2103.01



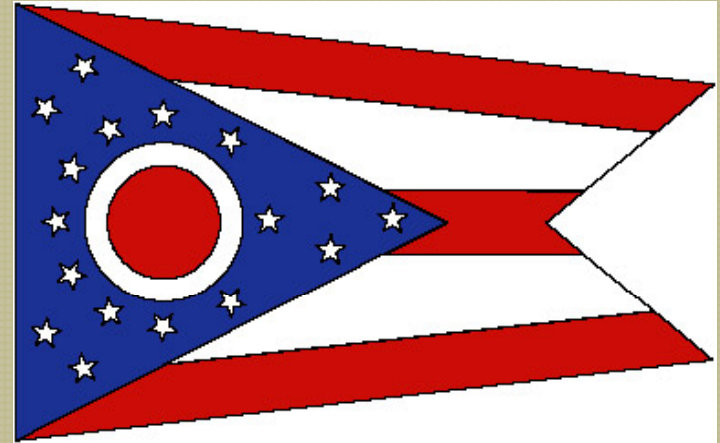
Ohio's Dormant Mineral Act

- ORC 5301.56
- Does not apply to coal
- 20 year requirement
- No production
- No storage
- Surface owner must send certified letter and make a filing in recorder's office



Other Ohio Specifics

- Definition of Minerals
- Joint ownership of property
- Title Standards
- Minimum Royalty
- “Paying Quantities”
- Limited case law
- New Legislation
- Apportionment



Apportionment



Where do I find the records?

- Recorder
- Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas
- Auditor



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Take - Aways

- Ohio is more of an Appalachian title state than a mid-continent state
- Ohio has limited oil and gas law
- Ohio is very favorable to gas development
- Ohio is one of the few states that still recognizes dower

Thank You!



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