

## **History of Baltic**

In the early part of the nineteenth century pioneers migrating westward from Pennsylvania, passing through the Tuscarawas Valley, came upon an area with an excellent water supply and many of the Pennsylvania Germans settled in the Bucks Township area. As population in the town increased, the decision was made to form a town. Land was purchased from Lewis Row and 72 lots were sold at public auction at an average of \$12 per lot. The village was first called Rowville, renamed Buena Vista (Beautiful View), in 1847. In 1903, the village was incorporated as the Village of Baltic.

A big boost to Baltic was the completion of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad in 1880. The first train ran in 1881. Many residents helped with the construction of the railroad and pledges were taken, not in money but in labor.

One of Baltic's very unique attractions is the Historic Baltic Mills. It is one of Ohio's oldest flour and feed mills.

If you wish to receive more information on the History of Baltic 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](http://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.