



- The Connecticut Western Reserve was land that was claimed by the State of Connecticut from 1662 to 1800, in the Northwest Territory, in what is mostly part of Northeast Ohio. The area was a 120 mile wide strip of territory containing 3,966,321 acres of land, extending southward from the shores of Lake Erie, to approximately 3 miles south of Route 224.
- In late 1795, or early 1796, Connecticut sold the land in the Western Reserve for \$1.2 million to the Connecticut Land Company, a group of investors, mostly from Suffield, Connecticut.
- In 1796, The Connecticut Land Company sent surveyors, led by Moses Cleaveland, to survey the land in the Western Reserve. The survey was completed in 1806. The land was divided into Ranges which were then divided into Townships. Each township was intended to be five miles square, with a total area of 25 square miles.
- Dover was Township 7 in Range 15 of the Western Reserve, located in the northwest corner of Cuyahoga County, immediately north of Olmstead Township 6, also in Range 15. Township 7 was five miles wide and extended approximately 5 miles north to the shores of Lake Erie. It was bounded by Avon to the west and Rockport to the east.
- Dover Center Road was planned to run north and south through the center of the township.
- The original investors in Dover Township were Nehemiah Hubbard and Joshua Stow who lived in Middletown, Connecticut. They received the deeds for their land in 1807. Hubbard and Stow had the land surveyed by Joseph Darrow and divided into square lots of 160 acres each, measuring one half mile on each side. The lots ran in rows from east to west and north to south in a checkerboard pattern. They were numbered from 1 to 10 in each row, commencing from the southwest corner of the township.
- The civil township of Dover was formed November 4, 1811 and embraced a large tract of land extending nearly 25 miles along Lake Erie. Adjacent townships were annexed into Dover Township over a period of time, creating the larger Dover Township by March 6, 1812. The first township election of trustees was held April 6, 1812.
- In 1901, the northern part of Dover Township broke away and soon formed the village of Bay, which became Bay Village in 1950. In 1908 the southeastern part of Dover Township became a part of North Olmsted when it was incorporated in 1908. In 1911 the village of Dover was incorporated to the south of Bay. It eventually changed its name to Westlake in 1940.
- In 1951, North Olmsted became a city when population reached 5,000 residents.