

The opening section from a report on Mill Creek afforded by this invitation to host something *incompleted* at The Mud Proposal occasions this iteration that wanders among more meandering and more channeled pathways for reader navigation. Formatted for landscape browser and thrown to the wall here in the hopes of gaining feedback and perspective before the full and reformatted book.

Folds in time include a stolen laptop containing many earlier drafts and photographic materials, compounded by more recent think pieces / papers given at ASLE in Detroit 2017, at the NOLA poetry Festival 2018 and &Now 2018 in South Bend. The laptop was almost certainly dumped down a drain into the sewers of another town.

Out cold in the library

'I've got a tombstone hand and a graveyard mind'

Ellas McDaniel, aka Bo Diddley

For Michael Kalish
Allen Fisher
Paige Mitchell
Tyrone Williams
Marthe Reed
Linda Russo
Erin Edwards
& The Mill Creek Yacht Club

I inhabit the margin

Marthe Reed



in #1639

#Maketewa was merely a template. It remained that way until
#SymmesPurchase, a little shy of one and one half centuries later

Occupy the margin

R a g g e d

But Maketewa, Shawnee for ‘it is black’ or ‘it runs dark’ or ‘low light streams there’ and ‘colored by its fertile soil’ was in so many ways a *template*. Not that we know how it might have been referred to if at all by other peoples entering and leaving the region. Not that it would have been spoken of in western european languages by tongues seeking to exploit for profit its resources there.

A melting remnant of the ‘Last Glacial Maximum’ that began to retreat from its icy peak around 25000 years BP having brought to extinction the woolly mammoths whose teeth ground grasses and sedges in the region hithertofore.

‘ . . . and other grease needs’

to write about #MillCreek that snakes for 45.22257 kilometers between the Little Miami and Greater Miami rivers dropping three hundred thirty-one feet much of which southwest through the heart of Cincinnati drew me into a somewhat thicket, depending on one’s proclivity for potential confusions, concerning the paradoxical working of what i have come to call a rhetoric of improvement.

What follows has a lot to do with names and in this mix the names that have the linguistic invitation of Mill Creek, streamlined and accompanying a offered the possibility for enacting a rhetoric of improvement

boarded under anxious circumstances from the settler-colonial point of view bread and flooded previously unstressed waters with offers of infrastructure

to explore humanimal chains of supply that this floss on the creek succored, related pursuant. All hail! the fungal decomposers

Roads follow the rivers. Giving out as rendering 29 miles, per gallon out runs moving backward through layers of filtration.

There had been diverse skids and bloods before, of course.

from traveler's camp to permanent encampment via block-house and station, a settlement of

pertained in a nominal northwest territory, and the promotional machine built around supply chain of improvements from the margins of that term. Between and among sequential sorts along the pragmatism of its partially deforested banks Mill Creek through domestic occupation, planking, blockhouse construction, milling grains.

A broken pact and ensuing slaughterhouse cascade of blood. A calculated uptick for a greatly improved defense of the passive aggressive drainage basin of kinship and *family*. The brand occurs as an importer of the most pernicious nominal work

"Maketewah," constituting and constituting the bed of the creek whose time was rich in wildlife and plenty microbial. To revenue streams and of the acts of rendering with their saprotrophic hyphae and the microanimalia breaking down the disassembling and assemblage of life forms into basic nutrients through organic processes of decomposition.

was once well "skin-timbered

differences between those who rest and they who stay" between those who move and those who settle for no good will come of that differential

"The white men came in wrath;
And fiery deaths before them sped,

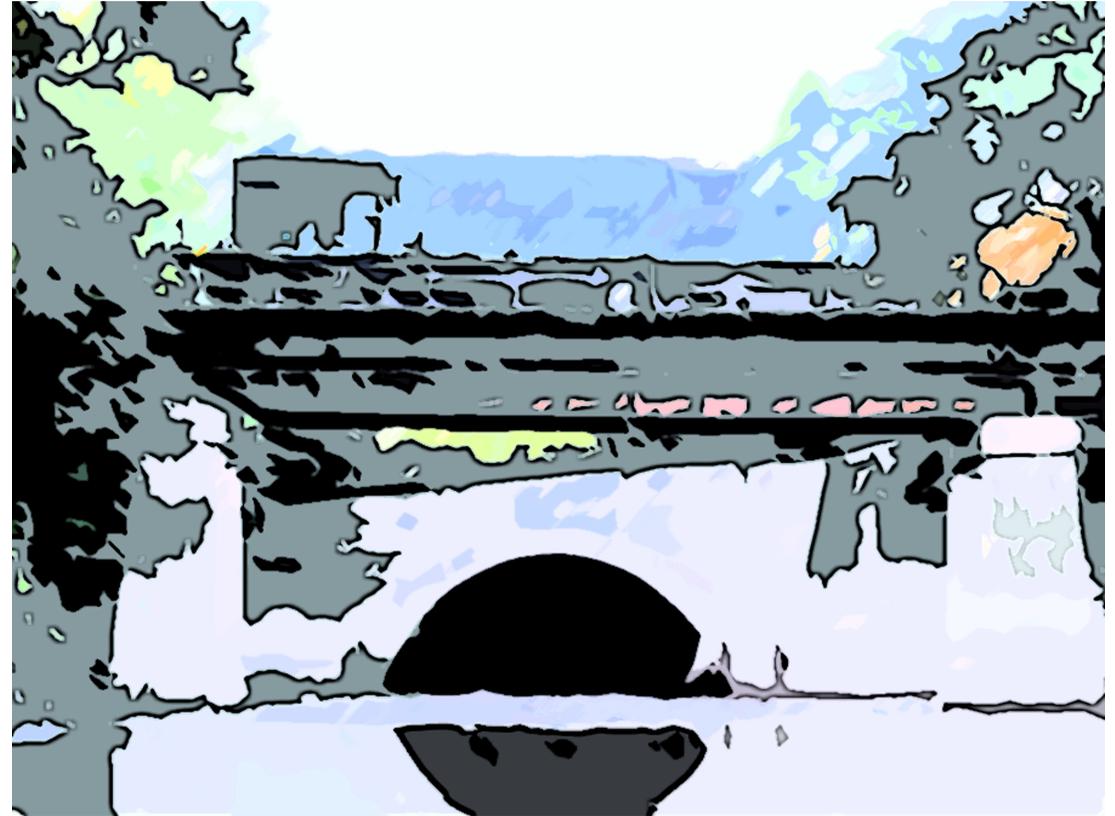
And blood was in their path.

Oh, the Spotted Fawn!
Ho ho ho the Spotted Fawn!
The light and life of the forest shades"

William Davis Gallagher, *The Spotted Fawn – fake news revision*

The renaming of Mill Creek performs spectacularly as a PR move, signifying industry, providing psychogeographic inroads into domesticizing wilderness and an immanent supply chain.

Returning beaver moon muskrat turtle-black-crowned night
heron peregrine falcon and duck where regeneration dances
with gentrification to induce improved market value.



Now citizens have the Maketewah Country Club, a big improvement.

Flooded in the pre-colonial period silt settled the valley with nonhuman fertility,
become a silt-settled watershed now 'home' to half a million

people
whose taste encompasses the global galleries

fertilisers, antibiotics, hormonal things, raw sewage when there's a heavy rain storm
mixing raw sewage and storm water into the eventual drinking supply

the sequence of processes involved in the production
and distribution of commodities intricately enmeshed with killing,
dismemberment, erasure and the borderlands of death

An overdevelopment of provision leaching from clearances into

Among the voting and tax-paying white settler-colonials nobody much cared about
much about what went into the stream that my backyard shit floats down no need
to remediate
and so on

old tires plastic tents bones golf clubs cigarette butts and styrofoam balls
discarded

rusting bascarts and plastic sacks up the wazoo various metal parts car parts an old
shoe a raccoon trap a box of condoms batteries leaking acid leached into the dying

water
together with all that followed their rendering of fat into soap.

everyone is downstream of memory

poop eats the paint away

of pollution

summon a disposable population

treated
beyond sediment

in the ground water
fund a decent integrated sewer system as a leachate
among debris

in the soils

Greater Cincinnati's residents hydrate their improvement from an unseen sea, the

A great Myaamia aquifer holding 1.5 trillion gallons of water, naturally filtered as
Water meanders downward through top soil and underlying layers of earth, sand and
grit to the aquifer's semi-solid layers.

depending on its location in the aquifer area, water can take months or decades to
accumulated before wells bring it to the surface for treatment, tapping through to for
area households or drawn up by an increasingly capacious brewery industry.

Springtime is an often fully loaded time of year for the aquifer with a cyclical deluge
of nitrogen from lawn fertilizer and rain runoff, gifting its water a new and improved
taste. The slow process of filtration and taking decades to accumulate means that that
the aquifer filters are now dealing with
leachate from one of two abandoned hazardous waste sites marked in the Mill Creek
watershed basin.

manufacturing dirt cheap psyche from slaughter, embroiled in, pardon impoverished
pun, offal processes of production, through disassembly and assembly.

The humanimal put under terrors of erasure, forcibly re-housed to service the
encrypted by the unstable properties of dehumanization
among blood stained rivers and streets.

acetone, colorless, volatile and flammable with a cucumber like odor, used in nail
polish remover and paint thinner

antimony, ingestion or inhalation of its compounds produces a toxic effect

characterized by vomiting, diaphoresis, diarrhea, and a metallic taste.

Filtered through arsenic

barium. Barium reacts with almost all the non-metals,
form often poisonous compounds

Benzene

benzo-pyrene

cadmium

chlorobenzene

chloroform

chrysene

DICHLOROETHANE a volatile, colorless liquid with a chloroform-like odor, used
industries such as paint stripping, pharmaceutical manufacturing, paint remover
manufacturing, metal cleaning and degreasing

Endrine ketone

Fluorene

until nobody can be bothered to join the Formic acid dots

Gamma-chlordane

Heptachlore HEXANONE

Lead, inorganic
Naphthalene, made from crude oil or coal tar, but also produced when things burn, so naphthalene is found in cigarette smoke, car exhaust, and smoke from forest fires.
Used as an insecticide and pest repellent.

PCBs aka Polychlorinated biphenyl widely used in electrical equipment like of

capacitors and transformers

PHENOL, used as a disinfectant in household cleaners and as a mouthwash

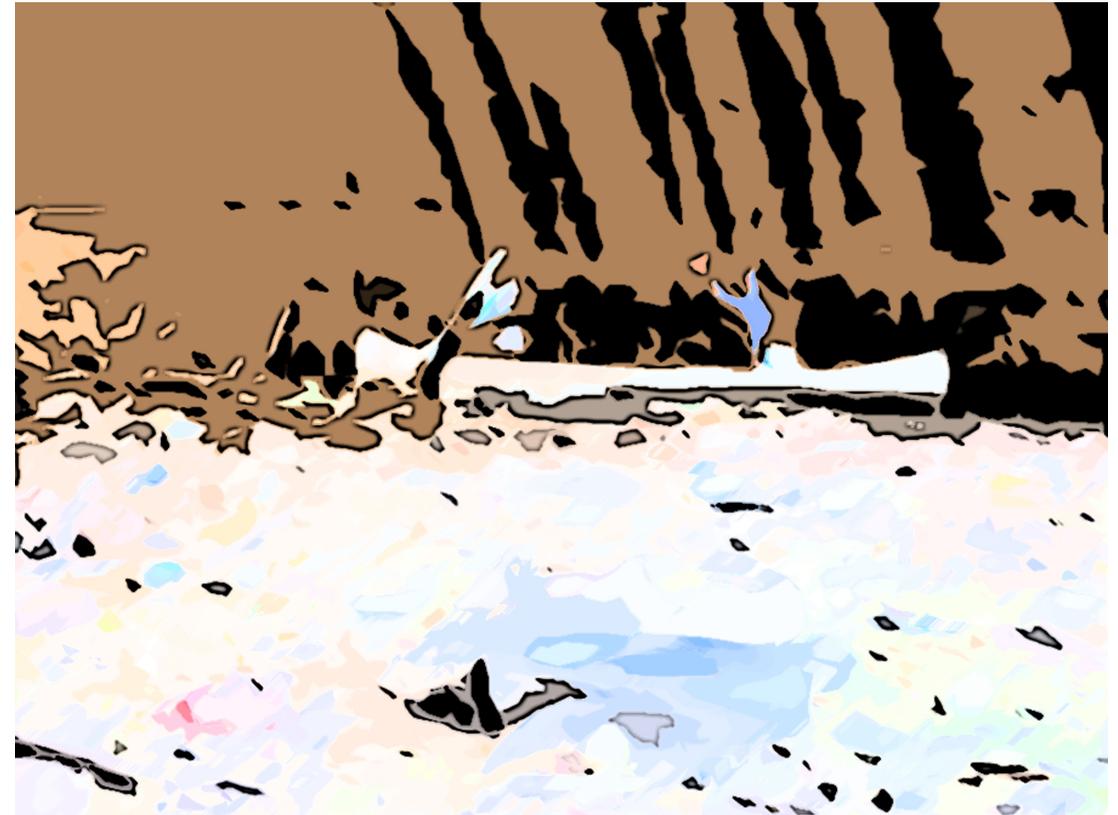
PYRENE, used for the manufacture of dyes and dye precursors

Silver

Toluene, produced in the process of making gasoline and other fuels from crude oil and in making coke from coal. Toluene is used in making paints, paint thinners, fingernail polish, lacquers, adhesives, and rubber and in some printing and leather tanning processes.

XYLENES, a clear, colorless, sweet-smelling solution of three aromatic hydrocarbon isomers produced from crude oil through a process called alkylation. ... both naturally occurring and manmade, and widely used as a solvent in the leather, rubber and printing industries.

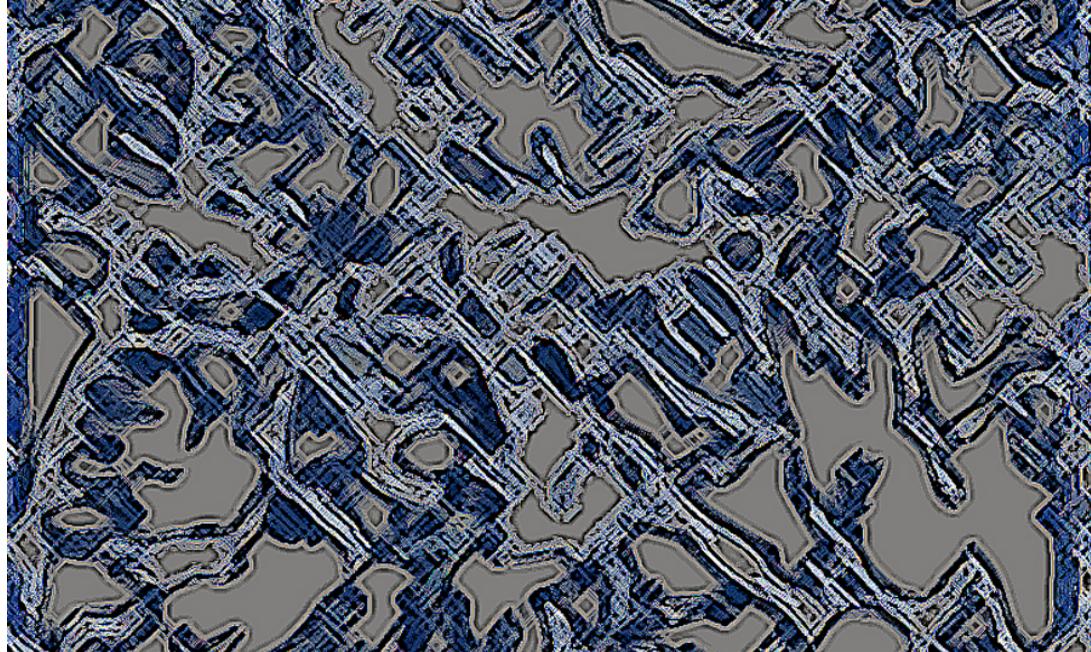
Now pouring through



Mill Creek

Notwithstanding toxic drip feed from the above Skinner Landfill *control lagoon* to generate improvement, Mill Creek forms part of the nominal Ohio River watershed, and rises on stone creek drive, part of a sub-division in Liberty Township just north of the Veterans Highway

flows through thirty-seven human-gerrymandered political jurisdictions.



Their township rhetoric of improvements follows here, conveying ideological intent and aspiration, the language we often skim over or take for granted as a kind of linguistic infrastructure, like a sewer cover. A profoundly unsettling intent

Party to:

#ButlerCounty

named for Richard Butler of Pennsylvania, a major general in the American Revolutionary War who died in 1791 fighting Indigenous Americans in northern Ohio.

And #HamiltonCounty

Named after the first secretary of the treasury Alexander Hamilton, who wrote to John Cleves Symmes on November 25th 1792 the following:

‘But i agree to your receiving an additional allowance at a quantum meruit for protracting the survey and laying it down on one or more maps — and that the loss of horses and other articles necessarily employed in the execution of the survey, which may be taken by the Indians, shall be compensated by the public If these cases should happen it will be necessary to procure the best evidence your situation will admit of, as well with regard to the facts, as to the value of property which may be so lost.’

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art of the above will involve getting the properties of the property into some kind of inventory

R GOP John Boner retired. A board member for cannabis corporation Acre Holdings. A buck in a bush.

Who gave the Continental Congress the rights to this land and the authority to sell it?



How much land was requested, how much sold varies among accounts: as high as two million acres in Symmes originating request down to a million of which only half of one million was forthcoming, and then the three hundred and thirty thousand acres that many authors settle on. 311,682 acres of which most was a vast and often dense forest, the upside of which provided surveyors with approximately 600 benchmark trees. from which William Bryant lists:

Good flora and fauna plus river is livable.

After the Treaty of Greenville in 1795, lands west and north of the Miami rivieras, and south and east of the Greenville Treaty Line were ceded by Nation Peoples, and opened to settlement.

The survey commenced in 1798. Land was to be systematically surveyed into square "townships", six miles (9.656 km) on a side created by lines running north-south intersected by east-west lines. Townships were to be arranged in north-south rows called ranges and sub-divided into thirty-six "sections" of one square mile (2.59 km²) or 640 acres. These ranges, townships, and sections were to be systematically numbered. The First Principal Meridian was established to run northward from the confluence of the Great Miami River and the Ohio River. Ranges were numbered east and west from this meridian. Townships east of the meridian were numbered from south to north, starting at the Great Miami River. Townships west of the meridian were numbered from south to north starting at the Ohio River. Thus, townships in adjacent ranges rarely have the same number. Sections in each township are numbered according to the plan adopted in the Act of May 18, 1796.

The Ohio Enabling Act of 1802 established the western boundary of the state along the First Principal Meridian.

131 oaks (mostly white oaks)

120 maples (primarily sugar maples)

97 hickories

92 ashes

83 beeches

29 elms

21 walnuts

20 buckeyes

13 hackberries

Section 4 of the Land Act of May 18, 1796 provided that the lands in the survey area be sold at Cincinnati. The Land Act of May 10, 1800 established a Federal Land Office at Cincinnati to do so.

Congress declared in September, 1803 that 23,321 acres (36.4 square miles) located in the Congress Lands West of Miami River were to be set aside for "an academy, other public schools and seminaries of learning." It benefited Miami University, chartered in 1809 by the state legislature in a town the legislature named Oxford.[6]

The College Township is in township 5 of range 1 east, now the civil township called Oxford Township, Butler County, Ohio.

see: http://www.surveyhistory.org/symmes_purchase.htm for full survey shambles!!

laying out and naming streets
hammering stakes into ground
felling trees,

sending new maps to the printers
placing advertisements back east

a gradual sacrifice of beauty to prejudice

in many cases ex-brits, ex-french and divers ex-europeans, trained, armed and
strategized by the brits and the french to beat the brits . . .

Mill Creek rises in **#Liberty** — *Embraced by nature. Inspired by progress.*

grows through the **#CityofHamilton** — *IS, continually expanding. We ARE the
story.* Ham Ill Town. R-Ohio Brad Win Stirrup says "we are doing everything we
can to improve our vehicles"

flows through **#Union** — *a thriving community with booming residential
infrastructure*



trickles down through the #CityofFairfield — *has* everything. *The fastest-growing* metroplex along the Mill Creek Expressway.

Founded by European Americans in 1791 as a Fort to honor a *founding father*. US.

Both the Shawnee in Ohio and the Myaamia in the north of Indiana hoped to retain

From managed, responsible growth, to the distinction of being an internationally accredited community that stakes its outstanding reputation on sound government, thriving residential neighborhoods, the poetics of growing old, and civic-minded businesses.

A human trafficking corridor of note by the way. By a field of empowerment the greens distinguished. Performing belated hip care research.

armies entered the Miami Valley during the Northwest Indian War of the 1790s

their territory, but, following land grants awarded to those who fought in the American Revolutionary War, the newly United States opened camping and hunting grounds for European-American settlement, then terrorized and treated out indigenous peoples.

So where does it put it. A family friendly community, hosting a home improvement expo, *Life, Well Run*

drops towards the outer ring . passes close by IKEA Home Furnshings

flows through **#WestChesterTownship** — one of the 50 top places to live

A floodplain wetland put under easement

