Daniel Drake, M. D.

Civilization pushing westward into the Ohio country faced the constant threat of disease and epidemic. Doctors were scarce and poorly trained. Daniel Drake, who became a doctor at the age of nineteen, founded Ohio’s first medical school and established standards and traditions of medical practice that are with us to this day.
Ormsby Mitchel's Lighthouse of the Sky

On a rainy November morning in the year 1843, the citizens of Cincinnati cheered as John Quincy Adams laid the cornerstone for America's first astronomical observatory, located on the edge of the Ohio wilderness. It was the work of Ormsby Mitchel, who brought the science of astronomy to America.
Charles Brush’s Arc Light

At five minutes after eight on the evening of April 29, 1879, the electrical era was born when inventor Charles F. Brush signaled for a unique experiment to begin on Cleveland’s Public Square. Later the same year, another Ohioan, Thomas A. Edison, was to invent the incandescent lamp.
Charles Hall’s Aluminum

In the year 1886, a pound of aluminum was as precious as a pound of silver. In a tiny woodshed laboratory in Oberlin, Ohio, twenty-two-year-old Charles Martin Hall solved a mystery that had baffled scientists for eighteen hundred years, and gave the world a key metal of the twentieth century.
Henry Timken’s Tapered Bearings

In the year 1895, an angry crowd gathered around a heavy wagon pulled by two tiny mules. It was not cruelty to animals, Henry Timken explained in court; and to prove it, he demonstrated an invention that was to start an industrial revolution.
Dayton Miller’s X Ray

Carefully, Professor Dayton Miller adjusted a tube glowing with a mysterious blue-green light over the injured arm of Otto Maulden. Doctor George Crile watched intently. He was sure this experiment would be hailed as one of the great advances in modern medicine.
George Hulett's Ore Unloader

Today, unloading iron ore would be a slow, back-breaking, and expensive task without the inventions of three Ohioans. Alexander Brown's hoist, and Captain Thew's steam shovel, set the stage in 1899 for the most revolutionary invention of all — George Hulett's unloader.
Charles Kettering's Self- Starter

On Christmas Eve, 1910, a tense group of men waited anxiously for a tall young man to press a button that would send electricity to a small black box attached to an automobile engine. It was the world's first electric self-starter, one of the many famous inventions by Ohioan, Charles F. Kettering.
Glenn Curtiss' Hudson Flyer

In 1910, just seven years after Dayton's Wright brothers built and flew the world's first successful airplane, daring, young Glenn Curtiss thrilled Ohioans by piloting his Hudson Flyer across 65 miles of dangerous Lake Erie waters. The age of reliable air travel had arrived.
The Space Scientists

In the Lewis Flight Propulsion Center in Cleveland, Ohio, 3,000 Ohioans are at work on man’s greatest adventure – space flight. From screaming wind tunnels, where models of rockets are tested, comes vital information that will enable man to explore new frontiers of space.