

About Obion County, Tennessee

Obion County, Tennessee, is located in the northwest corner Tennessee. As of 2020, the county population is 30,069. Obion County was established in 1823 and was organized in 1824. Its name is taken from the Obion River that flows through the county and is a tributary of the nearby Mississippi River. The word "Obion" is believed to be derived from a Native American word meaning "many forks." Another possibility derivation of the county name was from an Irish trapper named O'Brien.

The founding of Obion County originally came from the expansion of railroads. The county has since moved towards many agricultural and manufacturing productions. The county's agricultural industry is now known as a top state corn producer. Obion County has the most acres of corn planted in the state and is among the top five corn producing counties in the state. This honor is shared with Gibson, Weakley, Dyer, and Henry counties.