

Dunham (Egypt) Road and its Settlers

Little Egypt Section of Walton Hills Album

Album 2

Other Little Egypt Families:

Black – Kolis – Wills	Kitson	Timko	Tonsing
Silk – Telicheck	Hesoun	Kadarabek – Klukan	Wolf
Rizer	Rezac – Chvatal	Peterman	Grams
Ridsdale	Svec Vlach	Dolejs - Featherstun	Dean
Hungerford – Osborne – Benjamin – Carter- Kall			

Egypt School

Cottages along Dunham (Egypt) Road

Sagamore Hills Beer Garden

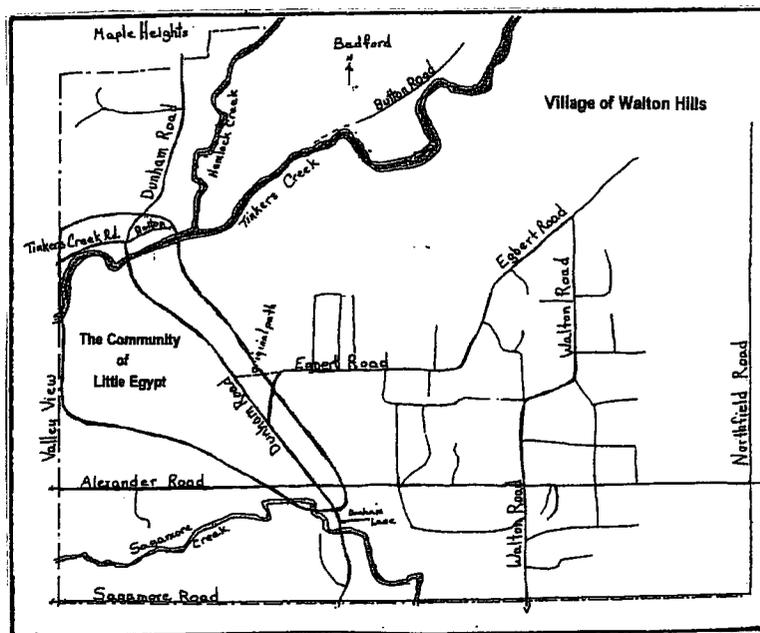
Boy Scout Cabin – the Old Hermit – Hermit Hollow Picnic Pavilion

Tink's Tavern – Tinkers Creek Tavern

Tate – Mighton – Groh – Spieth Family

Mars Wager Quarry – Black Beauty Riding Academy – Dziczkowski Family

New York Central Freight Line – Railroad Houses



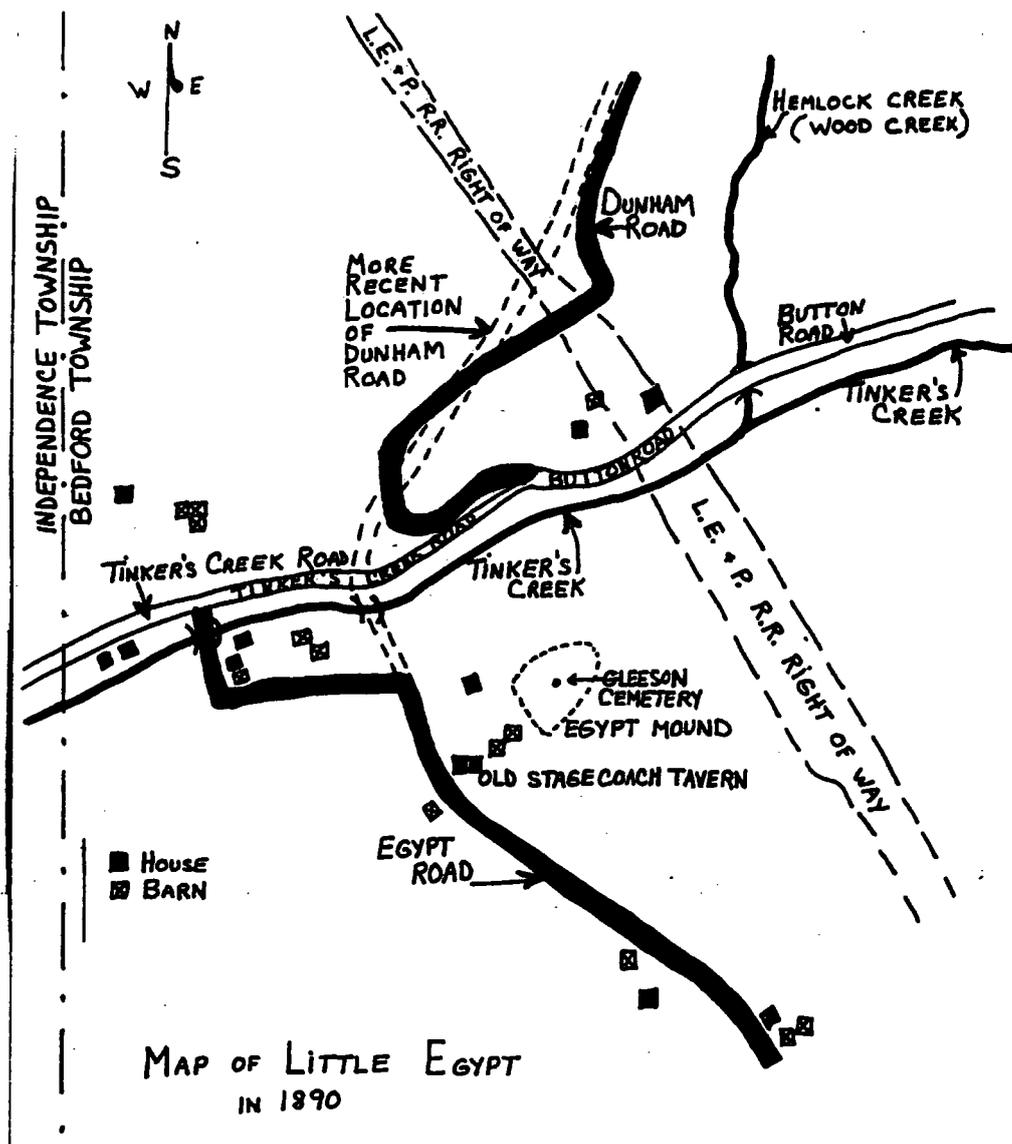
People of Little Egypt

Until he died in 1867, Moses Gleeson was the principal landowner in the Community of Little Egypt. Gradually, other people bought land along Little Egypt roads.

Some of the farm families lived off their land, some were truck farmers who earned money by peddling their vegetables, fruit, chickens, ducks, geese and smoked meats in urban Cleveland, and at least one farm family operated a cheese factory.

Little Egypt land owners found creative ways to raise enough cash to pay their property tax bills. Some farmers cut down chestnut, walnut and maple trees that were abundant in this area, and sold the logs to nearby lumber yards. Some of the men took jobs with Cuyahoga County – working on road construction in this area. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, some men had full-time jobs in nearby urban areas, and with the help of their wife and children, farmed their land and took care of the farm animals in their spare time.

Dunham Road and Egypt Road in 1890



The above sketch is based on an 1890 Cuyahoga County Map. Dunham Road twisted sharply at the bottom of the hill where it ended at Button Road. Egypt Road began at Tinker's Creek Road.

GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

The Village of Walton Hills: Tracing Our Heritage

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

This is the second in a series of articles in the *Walton Hills Owl*.
Future articles will discuss: 1936-Early 1960's---Conelly Repaints the Landscape

1940 - 1945 The WORLD WAR II YEARS

AN OVERVIEW

More people started moving into this part of Bedford Township. But the newcomers weren't farmers as in the past. They probably had defense-related jobs. These men most likely had deferments or were past the draft age.

Our new residents had moved away from the city, thinking living in the country offered their family more safety. They didn't want to rely on war-time food rations. Rather, they wanted to be able to provide their own food for their family. Many of the children were eager to move out here because they could have horses on their large-sized lots, and they could ride them on the numerous horse trails in nearby Bedford Metropolitan Park.

ONE FAMILY'S STORY

One such family was the Kolis family. In August 1941 Joe and Anna Kolis bought an old farm house on 27 acres of land along Dunham Road.

Like most of the other old farmhouses in the area, there was no inside plumbing nor central heating. The only water going into the house was cranked from a pump in the kitchen. The Kolises tackled the job of modernizing the house and made it their permanent residence.

Kolis worked full-time at Cleveland Pneumatic Tool. With the help of his wife and children, he also farmed his acreage, cared for horses, and raised cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, rabbits and pigeons.

Kolis rebuilt an old smokehouse that sat on the property. The family cured and smoked their own sausages, ham and bacon. On the outside of the smokehouse was an oven the Kolis family members regularly used to make bread.

In the 1950's Joseph started using some of his acreage for a nursery that is still in evidence today.

Anna Kolis, who is now 92, still lives in the house today. Her son Ray, and his wife Esther, live next door. Anna's daughter, Joan Wills, lives across the street.

The Kolis Family

THE KOLISES

The William Black homestead at 7250 Dunham Road dates back to c. 1854. Black built the house on the 100 acres he purchased in 1837.

Linda Alber was born in the house. Her family farmed their land and are remembered by some old timers for their plum orchard and raspberry and strawberry patches. Linda married Willis Kitson. The young couple bought part of the old Alexander farm, but until they built a house on their Alexander Road property, Linda and Willis Kitson lived in the Dunham Road house.

Joseph and Anna Kolis purchased twenty-seven acres of farmland in 1941. Anna and the children pitched in to care for their wide variety of animals, vegetables, hay, and field corn, so Joseph could continue to work full-time at Cleveland Pneumatic Tool. Their animals included horses, cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, rabbits, and pigeons. Anna had a very large boar that challenged the riding skills of adventurous neighborhood youngsters.

After rebuilding an old smokehouse found on the property, the family cured and smoked their own sausages, ham, and bacon. On the outside of the smokehouse was an oven which family members regularly used to make bread.

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In the 1950's Joseph started his plans for a nursery that is still in evidence today. As the years continued, he and Anna turned their whole farm into a nursery. Today it is managed by their son, Raymond who lives with his wife, Esther, at 7216 Dunham Road.

Joan Wills, daughter of Joseph and Anna Kolis, also lives on the street where she was raised. Joan bought the William Hadden cottage across the road at 7257 Dunham Road. She has since enlarged and modernized the home that had been one of three houses in a row owned by Hadden brothers.

GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST --

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-- 1940 - 1945 The WORLD WAR II YEARS

WORLD WAR II PIG FARMS

During the World War II years, meat for civilians was scarce and rationed. Great efforts were taken by our government to provide adequate meat for our armed forces. Farmers were encouraged to raise pigs, thus helping with the pork supply. To help provide food for farmers raising pigs, local governments set up collection areas. Restaurants and residents were urged to take their food scraps to these dump centers. In turn, farmers collected the garbage from a nearby center and dumped the slop over fields they set aside for pigs.

Along the western section of Alexander Road and along Dunham Road from the Astorhurst south, families raised pigs as well as other animals for their own family, for profit, and in part to aid the war efforts.

Linda and Willis Kitson owned a large 66-acre truck farm on both the north and south sides of Alexander Road, where three churches are located today. Twice each day, Linda Kitson drove her dump truck to Shaker Heights' restaurants and garbage deposits. She collected enough feed for the pigs she and Willis raised.

Winds carried the odor from the pig farms eastward, and the smells must have been pungent. Our residents put up with the smell during World War II, but after the war ended it was a different story. New home owners, especially people who had bought lots in the Walton Road area and had recently moved into their new houses, weren't willing to put up with odors they considered offensive. They confronted the Bedford Township Trustees, seeking legislation to ban pig farming. There wasn't much the Township Trustees could legally do to help them.



ANNA KOLIS' HOUSE at 7250 Dunham Road is renovated and modernized. Joe and Anna Kolis bought the farmhouse and 27 acres in 1941. The homestead dates back to c.1854 when William Black built the house on 100 acres he purchased in 1837. (2002 photo)

The KITSON HOUSE at 14660 Alexander Road was built in the early 1930's. This 1986 photo views the house after it was enlarged and remodeled. Now it is the home of The Reverend Zygmunt and Halina Tujaka of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church.

Name: William Black Farmhouse
Address: 7250 Dunham Road
Date Built: c. 1854

William Black built this house on the 100 acres he purchased in 1837.

Linda Alber was born in the William Black house. Her family farmed the land and are remembered by some old-timers for their plum orchard and raspberry and strawberry patches.

Linda Alber married Willis Kitson. Soon after they were married, the young couple bought 63 acres of farmland on the north and south sides of Alexander Road from the Alexander family, for a farm of their own.

Joseph and Anna Kolis purchased 27 acres of the farmland and the house in 1941. Anna and the children pitched in to care for their wide variety of animals, vegetables, hay and field corn, so Joseph could continue to work full-time at Cleveland Pneumatic Tool. After rebuilding an old smokehouse found on the property, the family cured and smoked their own sausages, ham and bacon. On the outside of the smokehouse was an oven which family members regularly used to make bread.

2012 – Property of Esther Kolis

Date of Photo: 1983

Still Standing: Yes



The People of Little Egypt Until he died in 1867, Moses Gleeson was the principal landowner in the Community of Little Egypt. Gradually, other people bought land along Egypt Road. Some of the farm families lived off their land, some were truck farmers who earned money by peddling their vegetables, fruit, chickens, ducks, geese and smoked meats in urban Cleveland, and at least one farm family operated a cheese factory. To pay tax bills and raise some cash, some farmers cut down chestnut, walnut and maple trees, and sold the logs at nearby lumber yards.



Joseph and Anna Kolis wedding day 1928
Scranton, Pennsylvania
17 bridesmaids
17 ushers



Anna Kolia 1928 Scranton, Pa.

17 Bridesmaids & 17 ushers

Hesoun Family
and
Rizer Family of Alexander Road

THE HESOUNS

In 1913 Michael and Antonia Hesoun left the Broadway and East 55th neighborhood in Cleveland so they could farm and raise their seven children in the country. They rented the 200-acre Wager farm stretching from the Carey property to Egypt School, along the east side of Egypt Road.

Two years later Hesoun was able to purchase sixteen acres across the street and build a house on his own property. The Hesoun home, at 7182 Dunham Road, is now the rectory house for the pastor of the Miles Avenue Church of Christ.

The Hesouns were truck farmers. They grew fruits and vegetables and raised chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys. The family members worked together to farm and market their crop. The older Hesoun children, as well as Antonia, frequently led their horse-drawn wagon down the side streets of East 55th and Broadway to peddle their produce, eggs, and poultry. Yaro Hesoun and Helen Eglit, two of the children, recall the marketing days. Egypt Road as well as several other roads they traveled were dirt roads, full of ruts and holes which were difficult to negotiate. They followed Egypt Road to Tinker's Creek Road to Canal Road and then climbed up the East 71st Street hill to their territory.

Three of the Hesoun children chose to live on the family land when they married. Yaro, the oldest son, bought land in front of his parents' house. In 1946 he built a house (7200 Dunham Road) for himself and his wife, Eleanore, where they still live today.

Joseph and his wife, Anna, bought five acres from his parents and built a house at 7140 Dunham Road. Six years later, in 1941 when his house burned down, he built a new brick one on the same property. Joe's sister, Helen, and her husband, Charles Eglit, now own and live in that home.

Residents may remember Joe Hesoun's fruit and vegetable stand, from the 1930's to the 1960's. Helen Eglit recalls how people came from near and far to buy Joe's prized varieties of peaches, plums, pears, and apples.

CAN ANY OTHER RESIDENT TOP THIS?

by Bob Kainsinger

Two long-time residents of what later became Walton Hills are Yaro Hesoun and Ryland Rizer.

In 1913 at the age of 5, Yaro Hesoun moved into the township. His parents rented the 200-acre Wager farm stretching along the east side of Egypt Road. Two years later Yaro's dad was able to purchase sixteen acres across the street and built a house for his wife and seven children. The Hesouns were truck farmers. They grew fruits and vegetables and raised chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys. Family members worked together to farm and market their crop.

Yaro recalls how he helped pave Alexander Road from Canal Road east to Dunham Road in 1928. He operated a truck and steam shovel for the contractor who had the job of concreting that section of the road. Several local farmers worked on county road crews when they could afford the time. The extra money helped them pay the taxes on their acreage.

Yaro and his wife Eleanor bought land in front of his parents' house. In 1946 they built their house at 7200 Dunham Road where they raised their four children; Edward, Jerry (deceased), Louise O'Toole and Norman.



Yaro Hesoun
(left)

Ryland Rizer
(right)



73 years ago in 1918 Ryland Rizer was born in a farmhouse on Northfield Road, where CEI lines now stand. He attended first grade at Central School and then moved to neighboring areas for the next few years. In 1927 Ry moved back into the township when his parents bought the farmhouse and 56 acres on the north side of Alexander Road, stretching from the west township border to today's Gospel House Center.

Ry and his wife Bernice built their house at 14039 Alexander Road where they raised their four children; Nancy (Anslow), Dennis, Gail (deceased) and Patricia.

In 1955 Ry, along with Chet Ramos (7207 Dunham Road) and Les Rondina, worked many long days building a baseball diamond complete with backstop on Walton Hills Estates property thus creating a home field for the local boys' Little League games.

Ry and Bunny have seen lots of changes in the Village. They think back to the days when Alexander Road was a sleepy, country, gravel-covered roadway; especially when they wait for traffic to clear so they can exit their driveway!

Dunham Rd (18)
Hessoun
Walton
Ridgeway
Ramos
Dziczkowski
Zelina

YARO HESOUN INTERVIEW EGYPT SCHOOL 7215 Dunham Road
Dunham Road from Tinker's Creek up the hill south was called Egypt Road
Grades 1 to 8

Teachers: Miss Mylander and Miss Huffman are remembered
Closed: not enough youngsters, so Yaro had to walk to Walton School.

Hessouns recall the Bedford Schools: Interstate, Old Central High, Ellenwood, Moody was built in 1921, Walton School, Egypt School

Sterling Walton was a school bus driver as was Bill Ridgeway

Willings had a chestnut grove. Yaro, at age 8, 9 or so, would go there to pick chestnuts. He could keep 1/2, half went to owner. Yaro remembers Jack Willing who lived in the railroad house on Button Road.

Yaro was a truckdriver for a contractor.

Yaro had the job to help pave (concrete) Alexander Road from Canal to Dunham Road. He drove a steam shovel. Before that Alexander Road was gravel "hard top"

Yaro remembers mudslides and rockslides along Button Road. He remembers it being closed off into 2 parts.

Yaro remembers the railroad line being built

They rerouted Egbert Road so they would only have to build one bridge.

Hessouns rented the Ramos house and farm at 7207 Dunham.

Yaro said his father sold some property to Henry Dziczkowski (7135 Dunham.) and to the Zelinas.

Dunham Rd
Hesoun
Eglit
Dolejs
Lytle

Yaro and Eleanor Hesoun 7200 Dunham Road 232-0662 (both dead, house torn down)

Charles and Helen Eglit 7140 Dunham Road 232-9436

Miles Avenue Church of Christ: rectory house: 7182 Dunham Rev. Donald Newlan (retired)

Yaro Hesoun interview 8-21-91

Yaro was born 6-26-1907

~~At age 5 his family lived across the street for 3 years (the house now lived in by Chester Ramos)~~
in 1914 his father built the house in back of Yaro's (the Rectory house)

Yaro has lived on and off in the village ever since. In 1946 he built a small house in front of his parents, and there he and Eleanor and the 4 kids lived.

He married Eleanor and raised 4 children: Edward, Jerry (deceased), Louise O'Toole, Norman

Helen Eglit interview 8-19-85

Helen Eglit moved here in 1913

Michael and Antonia Hesoun moved here in 1913. They rented 200 acres of the Wager farm, across the street from Yaro's house

They had 7 children: Helen, Yaro, John, Charles, Julia, Joseph, Sylvia -- All born in Cleveland

Then Michael Hesoun bought 16 acres on the west side of Dunham Road from Mrs. Beneda

They built their house--it is the one the minister lives in (the rectory house)

They were truck farmers. To peddle, they traveled by horse and wagon, sometimes a team of horses, sometimes one horse. Antonia would sometimes drive the horse and wagon to sell vegetables and eggs and chickens and geese and turkeys. Yaro remembers selling with Antonia. Their route: Dunham Road to Tinkers Creek Road to Canal Road -- or Dunham to Turney Road. they sold produce and meat in the Jones Road neighborhood, Broadway and 55th neighborhood

The Dolejses owned the farm and house by Sommerset Drive/Dunham Road. Then they bought Egypt School.

There was a bus line. Bill Sayles owned the line and was the bus driver.

The line went past Dunham -- south end to Dunham and Tinker's Creek Road, then turned around, north to Tinker's Creek, Canal, 71st to Broadway. End of the line was Broadway.

Helen's brother, Joe, lived in this house (7140 Dunham) with Anna, his wife, since about 1935.

Joe had bought 5 acres from his mother, Antonia Hesoun. Joe had a frame house-lightning struck it and it burned down. In 1941 Joe built this brick house.

In late 1940's Helen helped Joe sell fruits and vegetables out in front. In 1960 Ann died.

Joe lived here alone. In 1979 Helen and Charles moved in with Joe to care for him.

There are still fruit trees on the property that bear fruit. People came from all over to get Joe's fruits: peaches, plums, pears, apples.

Michael and Antonia Hesoun sold 4 acres to Alesiak and Dzina. Michael died in 1940.

Helen remembers bob sledding down Snake Hill with the Carey kids, Andrew Lytle and Andrew's sisters and brothers. (The Lytles lived in the Benjamin house.) It was Andrew Lytle's bob sled. They started at the top of the hill and raced down. There was little traffic in those days, especially in winter.

TRACING OUR HERITAGE: THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

To commemorate the incorporation of our Village of Walton Hills in 1951, the Walton Hills Owl is featuring a number of articles about issues that motivated residents to push for change from township to village. This is the third in the series.

THE WEST END OF WALTON HILLS DURING THE 1940'S

When our village founders met with Bedford Township Trustees, both parties agreed that should the Village of Walton Hills incorporate, Walton Hills would include, not only the part people called "Walton Hills," but also township land west of the now defunct New York Central Freight line and the upper Dunham Road area leading into Maple Heights.

THE NORTH STRETCH OF DUNHAM ROAD — TOWARD MAPLE HEIGHTS

Not only was this rich farmland, the area was easily accessible to urban markets. From the early 1800's one large farm was on the west side of Dunham Road and another big farm was on the east side of the road. Beginning in 1865, Tonsing brothers and their descendants purchased farms and acreage on both sides of the road. Although they sold acreage from time to time, for 85 years generations of Tonsings farmed the land along upper Dunham Road.

Bedford Township, as surveyed in 1797, encompassed what is today Maple Heights, Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village and Walton Hills. Bedford became a village in 1837, and in 1915 Maple Heights was the second community to split off from Township jurisdiction.

We can only speculate why Maple Heights leaders did not include this section of land within their boundaries. They excluded the upper Dunham Road Tonsing farm properties.

As years passed, this section of Dunham Road lacked young people who were interested in farming the family lands, and by the 1940's properties were parceled off into buildable lots; smaller lots on the west side of the road, larger parcels to the east.

A Cemetery

From 1935 to 1954 acreage abutting Maple Heights, along the east side of Dunham Road, was owned by Greenlawn Park, Inc. It was a consecrated cemetery for the Cleveland area Black community. That venture did poorly. The one and only grave was removed, and the land was sold at a public auction.

THE SOUTH STRETCH OF DUNHAM ROAD

Three drinking establishments flourished in the tucked-away corner of Cuyahoga County by Tinker's Creek Road, where there was little interference from the law.

Tinker's Creek Tavern located at 14000 Tinker's Creek Road just inside the township border and still in operation today, was frequented by locals.

The Astorhurst, a country club type of bar and restaurant owned by Philip and Mary Astor, was a favored gathering place for Cleveland area politicians and businessmen. Today's Astorhurst Restaurant and Picnic Grove are on that same property.

(continued) THE WEST END OF WALTON HILLS DURING THE 1940'S

Sagamore Hills Beer Garden, now a private home (7100 Dunham Road) was primarily a summer attraction. Young men and women from nearby urban areas flocked to the Beer Garden on warm nights for an evening of fun. There was moonlight dancing on the large inside dance floor. Patrons were served at tables on the porch and also under the grape arbor in the back. The family who owned and managed the establishment lived in the back rooms of the house.

Black Beauty Riding Academy

This was a favored area for horseback riders during those years. The popular Black Beauty Riding Academy was first on the west side, then on the east side of the road at approximately 7125 Dunham Road. The livery usually had from twenty to twenty-five horses that were mostly standard bred, along with some pintos and a few thoroughbreds. Black Beauty used about sixteen miles of Metropark bridle paths, including the oxen lanes created by the Wager Quarry. Black Beauty's business suffered when the main horse barn burned down in 1942 and thirteen of the horses perished in the fire.

World War II Pig Farms

During the World War II years meat for civilians was scarce and rationed. Great efforts were taken by our government to provide adequate meat to our armed forces. Local farmers were encouraged to raise pigs, thus helping with the pork supply.

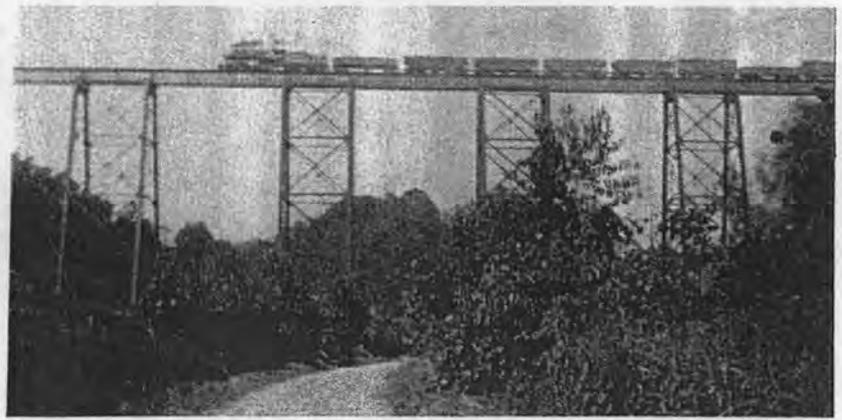
Along the western section of Alexander Road and Dunham Road from the Astorhurst south, full-time farmers and part-time farm families raised pigs as well as cows, chickens, ducks, etc., for their own family, for profit, and in part to aid the war efforts. Some farmers had smokehouses where they cured and smoked their own sausages, ham and bacon.

To help provide food for farmers raising pigs, local governments set up collection areas where farmers could pick up food scraps. Restaurants and residents were encouraged to take their garbage to these centers. A few of our farmers collected garbage from nearby centers and dumped the slop over fields they set aside for pig farming. The Kitsons, who owned a large farm on the south side of Alexander Road, took their dump truck and made two trips a day to Shaker Heights restaurants and garbage deposits, to collect enough feed for the pigs they raised.

Winds carried the odor from the pig farms to nearby homeowners, and the smells must have been pungent. In the 1940's a number of urban couples were buying lots, building houses, and moving into our area of the township. They put up with the smell of pig farming during World War II, but after the war ended, they were voicing their disapproval of pig farming in the area. These people favored stronger ordinances, which meant incorporation into a village.



EAST SIDE VIEW OF THE ALEXANDER HOUSE built c. 1854. For a span of years this house, no longer standing, at about 14880 Alexander Road was a haven for runaway slaves. (1940's photograph) (Both of these photographs reprinted by Nina Wolf)



STARTING IN 1911 New York Central freight trains crossed Tinker's Creek Valley on this trestle-supported steel bridge. The NYC stopped using the tracks in the 1960's and tore down the trestle in 1973.

The Hungerfords - Osbornes



Name: Osborne farmhouse
 Address: 6670 Dunham Road
 Date Built: c. 1847

Asabel and Laura (nee Dunham) Hungerford became owners of 100 acres of land when they were married in 1834. Two years after Asabel died in 1836, Laura married A. Turner Hubbell and they moved to Bedford.

The Hungerford/Dunham/Hubbell family sold the Dunham Road property to Chauncey Osborne under a land-contract agreement. In 1847, before Osborne took ownership of the property, he tore down the existing house and built this house.

County maps show Osborne as the owner of his house and acreage by the late 1850s.

Date of Photo: 1986

1884 – Property of John and D. Kall

Still Standing: Yes



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ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

The section of the village along the north hilltop stretch of Dunham Road leading into Maple Heights was settled in the 1820's. In 1826 Nehemiah Hubbard was clearing his land along the east side of the road and Nathaniel Joy, Abiel Newton, and William Williams moved to their acreage on the west side of Dunham Road.

In all likelihood these Dunham Road families north of the Tinker's Creek Valley had more social, church, and business ties with neighbors to their north than with the nearby community of Little Egypt. Although the Dunham Road settlers were only a short distance from Little Egypt, the steep descent of the Dunham Road hill acted as a natural barrier.

THE OSBORNE HOUSE

On the west side of the road, at 6670 Dunham Road, stands an intriguing old house originally built c. 1847 by Chauncey Osborne.

In 1834, when Asabel Hungerford and Laura Dunham married, they became owners of 100 acres of land and a cabin on this section of Dunham Road, as a wedding gift. Two years later, Asabel was killed by a tree as he was clearing back acreage of the property. A couple years later, Laura moved to Bedford when she married A. Turner Hubbell.

The family sold the Dunham Road property to Chauncey Osborne under a land-contract agreement. In 1847, before Osborne officially took ownership of the property, he tore down the existing house and built the house pictured on this page. County maps show Osborne as the owner of his house and acreage in the late 1850s.

The house has been enlarged and renovated throughout the years by a series of owners, but it still stands on the rough, hand-cut sandstone foundation stones which probably came from a nearby quarry.

Ornate double entrance doors, both designed with hinged glass windows that can be swung open independently of the doors, and screens protected by grids of patterned ironwork, have adorned the front of the house since the early 1900's.

The parcel was split in 1907 when Michael and Maria Manke bought the house and 53 acres of land. Helen Lytle and her husband purchased the house in 1920. Several residents who still live along Dunham Road today recall their childhood friends, the Lytle youngsters.

After buying the property in 1944 the Abner Wachtels parceled off their acreage and sold lots. Then in 1950 they sold the house, barns, sheds, and 35 acres to Donald and Dorothy Benjamin. The Benjamins lived on the property for almost thirty years. Benjamin was a part-time policeman for the young Village of Walton Hills for a number of years. In 1980 Janet Phillips and her daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Geoffrey Carson, moved into the old residence.

Interview notes: 2-2013

John and Diane Kall, current owners of house at 6670 Dunham Road Parcel No. 793-06-013-R5100
Laverne Skillicom, 67 Ennis, Bedford, Ohio 232-3447

The ceilings on the first floor of the Osborne house are 9 ½ feet high.
There are closets in every room of the house – as original construction.

Asabel Hungerford and Laura Dunham were married in 1834. They were first cousins.

Their daughter, Nancy, was born in 1835, and she was severely retarded. Nancy never married, she lived with her mother, and then with her mother and her step-father.

Asabel Hungerford died on November 6, 1836.

Laura Hungerford married A. Turner Hubbell in 1838. They moved to Bedford.

Laura died on August 29, 1903

Chauncey Osborne became the owner of the property in 1853. The retarded daughter, Nancy Hungerford, was 18 at the time. It could be that Dunham, a big-time owner of local properties kept the "Hungerford" acreage in the family until Nancy turned 18 and could legally inherit the proceeds from the purchase. The 1860 Cuyahoga County Atlas shows Osborne as the owner of the property.

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Dunham Rd
Hungerford
Tonsing
Benjamin
Carson
Phillips

OSBORNE

Hungerford -- Benjamin house 793-06-013-R5100 6670 Dunham Road

J. H. Tonsing was one of the first owners; then a series of owners original lot no. 51 formerly conveyed to J.H. Tonsing deeded June 21, 1865 to Frederick Tonsing (later years: Wachtel, Benjamin, Phillips)

Wolfs bought property from Violet Washtel; so did Benjamins

Mrs. Benjamin does not think house was a stage coach stop (interview w/Mrs. Benjamin 531-A Lee Road, Colony Club Apts. 662-1417 front porch rotted away so Benjamins had porch concreter Benjamins owned the house 30-35 years They owned 33 acres and the house upstairs: 5 room and 1 bath downstairs: 6 rooms, entrance hall with steps going up

unusual front doors: 2 French doors with windows and screen that open up; iron grilled patterned grids that open up, so window can be open, and screen is protected with grille work hinges open the glass portion main door is cut out screen w/iron grid

Heresay from Mrs. Benjamin: This had been a pony express stop - wayside inn House was used as Underground Railroad Stop ???

Don Benjamin was a part-time policeman for Walton Hills, beginning in the 1950's Benjamin was a policeman until midway in Conelly's term as Mayor (1956-58 He also worked for Municipal Light and Power Co until 1972

1950 Donald and Dorothy Benjamin bought house 8733 Dunham Road and 35 acres barn and small barn and tool shed/cottage dog kennel

They bought the house from Julius and Rose Ulatowski who had it for 2 years

basement walls hand hewn out of sandstone high maintenance house poor insulation siding shrunk -- not air tight, so they put tar paper shingles over the siding it was half-wired for electricity when they bought the house: Don Benjamin finished wiring it there was no central heating, no gas, no water when Benjamins bought it former owners had East Ohio put a gas well in; it was not productive, so East Ohio gave the owners the money back --there is a gas well in back of the house: gas was piped up to the house-- Benjamins had well water; they did not convert to city water

Geoffrey and Gina Carson 581-4774 moved into 6670 Dunham Rd. in 1980 house and 2 1/2 acres with Gina's mother: Janet Phillips and grandmother: Dorothy Rifici
Patricia Phillips 241-8909 she owns Silver Fox tavern; she lives on the west side

interview w/
1986: Mrs. Benjamin

ROADS and EARLY SETTLERS who lived on them

County Engineers Building: The Standard Building 1370 Ontario Street/by Lakeside 348-3800
County Records Room Jean Kainsinger 8/15/1985
Cuyahoga County Engineers official records are in the Standard Building.

Square 51

Parcel 793-06-013-R5100 UPPER DUNHAM RD. (WEST SIDE OF DUNHAM RD.)

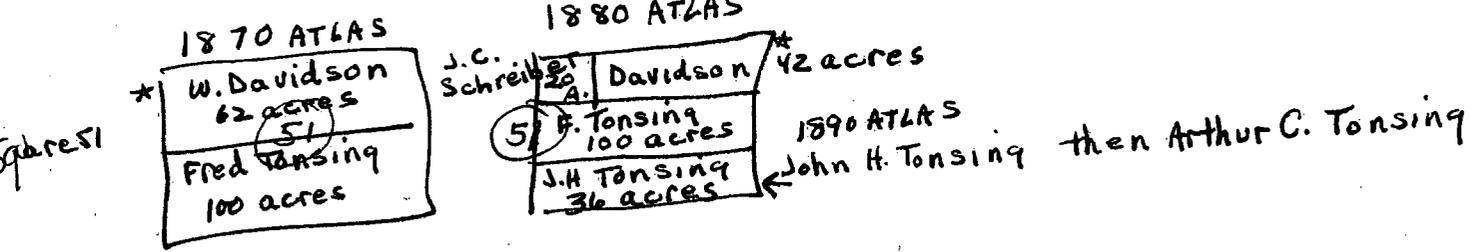
- 1980 Wm. + Betty Wood
- 1950 DA + DJ. Benjamin
- 1949 Julius + Rose Ylatowski
- 29-1944 Abner + D.L. Wachtel 793-6-3
- 1943 Ohio Natl. Life Ins. Co.
- 31 Pure Protector Life Assurance
- 1926 Helen C. Lytle
- 1924 Louise Estey
- 1920 Helen Lytle
- 1907 Michael + Maria Manke
- 1902 M + M Manke 53 acres
- 1907 Fred Schoenhöf
- 1890 Frederick Tonsing
- 1865 Square 51 deeded to Frederick Tonsing 100 acres
- 1865 Chauncey Osborne 100 acres * 1860 or earlier
- 1840 Hungerford 100 acres * 1834 or earlier: Rachel + Laura (Dunham) Hungerford
- 1826 Nehemiah Hubbard staff researchers at County Archives: ~~conclusion~~ house built c. 1847
- 1846 value - 482.
- 1847 value - *1262.

Heresay from Mrs. Benjamin
house was a pony express stop
house used as stop in
underground railroad
house was a wayside inn

Mrs. Benjamin (1986)
531-A Lee Road
Colony Club Apts.
662-1417

North part of Square 51 is in "Maple Hts"

1880 ATLAS F. Tonsing bought additional acreage to N.
J.H. Tonsing also owned acreage



THE JANDAS

J. and Anna Janda purchased the southwest corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads in 1904. But records in the County Archives indicate the Janda house and barn stood on that land before 1860, when it was owned by James Egbert. The Egberts operated a sawmill there. By 1870 the property was owned by Simon Orchard.

Janda's daughter, Mary, lived her whole life in the village. When Mary married Clarence Shull they continued to live in the Janda house for several years. Older residents have vivid memories of Anna's, and then later, Mary's flower garden that featured a wide variety of plants and spectacular blooms. The Shulls (who are now deceased) in more recent years built a house for themselves at 15153 Alexander Road.

The Janda house and barn sat vacant for almost twenty years. The property is now part of Bedford MetroPark, and no buildings are left standing.

THE RICKS

Rick family members have owned land along Alexander Road since 1900. In 1902 Joseph and Mary Rick owned sixteen acres at the southeast corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads and forty-two acres on the north side of the road along today's North Meadowpark Drive. Their farmhouse stood on their northern acreage, at 16835 Alexander Road.

In the 1930's their son, Andrew, and his wife, Helen, moved into the Rick homestead to help with the farm chores. Besides working full-time elsewhere, Andrew was a truck farmer, selling his produce at the old Central Market in downtown Cleveland. A few years later when their daughter, Geraldine, married James Salamon, Salamon built the Ricks a house on their sixteen acres on the south side of Alexander Road. In exchange, Salamon received from the Ricks eight acres at the southeast corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads. In 1941 the Ricks moved into their new house at 16700 Alexander Road and sold the old homestead and its acreage to Timothy Pope. Salamon, a carpenter by trade, then proceeded to build his house at 7677 Dunham Road.

Geraldine is now deceased, but Salamon and his second wife, Mary, still live in the Dunham Road house. Geraldine's sister, Florence Drabik, and her husband, George, also live in the village at 7470 Woodlake Drive.

Throughout his years in the village, Salamon has generously volunteered his time for many civic and charitable undertakings. During the summer of 1952 he worked more than 400 hours on the Town Hall Improvement Project. When play equipment was needed for the newly organized Walton Hills Nursery School, it was Salamon who made, free of charge, the boat, merry-go-round, small benches, tables, cabinets, wooden toys, and other equipment. Many of those toys and furniture are still used today by nursery school youngsters. Salamon first started working with the Cub Scouts in 1957, two years later becoming Assistant Boy Scout Master and Committee Member of the Greater Cleveland Council of Boy Scouts. Over the years Salamon has actively led numerous scouting activities for the youth of this community.

The Tonsings



** The North section of Square 51 is now part of Maple Heights

1870 Cuyahoga County Atlas the south half of Square 51 (excluding 36 acres at the very south part of Square 51):
Fred Tonsing owned 100 acres

1880 Cuyahoga County Atlas the south half of Square 51 (excluding 36 acres at the very south part of Square 51):
F. Tonsing owned 100 acres

The 36 acres at the south of Square 51: John H. Tonsing then Arthur C. Tonsing owned
the southern 36 acres

1990 Cuyahoga County Atlas Square 51 (excluding 36 acres at the very south part of Square 51):
Fred Tonsing – then 8-30 1907 Frederick Schoenkoff –
then 9-3-1907 Michael and Maria Manke –
then 1920 Frank B. Saina and Sophie M. Saina 793-5-1
John Tonsing owned the southern 20 acres

THE TONSING HOMESTEAD AND FAMILY

by
Norman Braun



The Tonsing house as it looks today

One of the early German families that settled in the Garfield Heights area was the Tonsing (Toensing) family who built a home on Fisher Road, now called Turney Road, in the 1850's. Its present location is at the northeast corner of Tonsing Avenue and Turney Road at 5425. Check the above accompanying picture of the present building and compare it to this booklets cover. 1859 maps show that J. H. Tonsing owned 18.8 acres of land, one house, and one barn. Their neighbor on the north and east was Henry H. Bohning. The neighbor on the south was Abraham Pletscher. The property fronted on Turney Road and extended from the entrance to the Civic Center driveway of today south to a point at the center of the bridge over I 480. Run two lines parallel to Granger Road through these points directly east for the north and south borderlines. The back end of the Tonsing lot on a north south line was E. 122nd Street. Incidentally, the backyard lot line of the Bangor homes on the south side of the street is the Tonsing lot line.

Among the early residents of this home were Johann Freidrick Tonsing born in Brockhausen in N.W. Germany in 1825, Marie Elsabein Tonsing born in Brockhausen in 1831, and Johann Heinrick Tonsing born in Brackhausen in 1833.

In 1847 in the Zion Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio Johann Friedrick Tonsing married Maria Eleonara Bohning. They were a prolific couple that had fifteen children. Their children were

- 1 – Maria Caroline Tonsing (born 1848 – died 1854)
- 2 – Heinrich Friedrick (born 1850 - died 1878)
- 3 – Johann Friedrick (born 1852)
- 4 – Johann Heinrich (1855)
- 5 – Anna Maria Elisabeth (1857)
- 6 – Mary E. (1858)
- 7 – Clamar Friedrick Louis (1859)

- 8 – Elinor (1860)
- 9 – Regina Marie (1861)
- 10 – Clara Catherine Augusta (1863)
- 11 – Ernst Heinrich (1865)
- 12 – Johann Wilhelm (1867)
- 13 – Emma Eleonore (1869)
- 14 – Sophia Maria Caroline (1871)
- 15 – Martin Emanuel (1874)

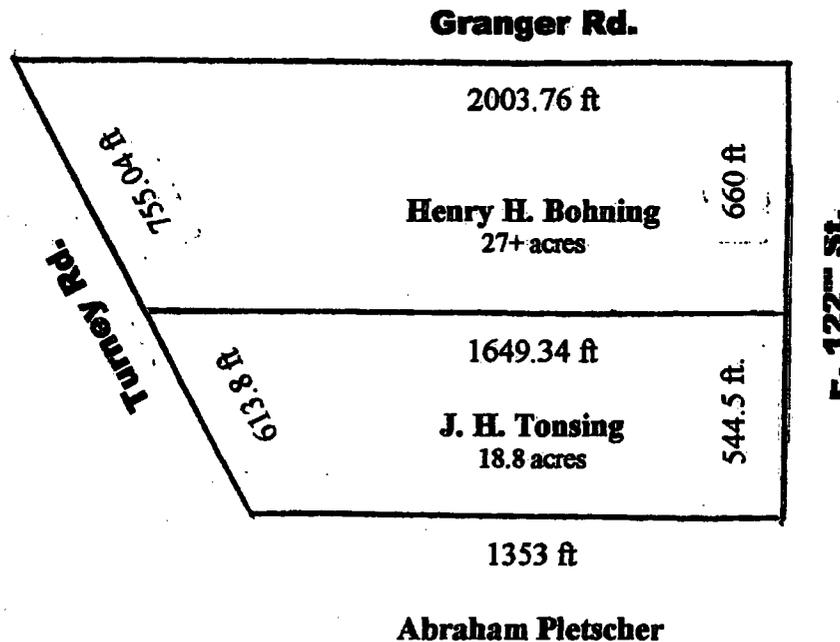
The grandfather of the above children was Johann Heindrick Tonsing born in Barkhausen, Germany in 1799. Oral history maintains that he is buried in Harvard Grove Cemetery although no printed record exists.

These Tonsings often married into members of local Garfield Heights families including Walker, Blase, Schreiber, Meilander, Manke, Ehlert, Koenig, Hellman, Borges and Rahe.

The Johann Heinrich Tonsing married Marie Elinore Stoffer-Blase in 1858 at St. John Lutheran in Independence (now Garfield Heights) and had the following children:

- Heinrich Friedrich (1860-1927) married Margaretha Walker
- Maria Dorothea Louise (1863-1940) married Hermann Rahe
- Emma Clara Maria (1865-1953) Married August Koenig
- Sophia Maria (1868-1940) married Fred Borges and Ernst Hellman
- August Ernst Friedrich (1871- 1873)
- Caroline Marie (1874-1962) married Henry Rahe
- Pauline Marie Caroline (1877- 1954) married Henry Borges
- Hannah M. Louise (1879-1929)

Most of the above families are shown on a Tonsing Homestead photo taken in about 1887 and is available for viewing at the Garfield Heights Historical Museum.



The diagram above shows the 1859 size and location of the Tonsing family lot.

TONSING HOUSE DUNHAM ROAD

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ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

Name: John H. Tonsing farmhouse

Address: 6733 Dunham Road

Date Built: c. 1876

Comments: Tonsing farms were on the stretch of Dunham Road that leads to Maple Heights. Generations of Tonsing family members owned up to 162 acres of land on both sides of Dunham Road for 85 years. Locals referred to the Tonsing house as "the house at the top of Snake Hill."

1986 photo

2012 - Property of Mike Lachota

Still Standing: Yes

THE TONSINGS

In 1865 Frederick Tonsing purchased the Osborne house and the 100 acres on the west side of Dunham Road. The Osborne house was owned by the Tonsing family for more than four decades, until 1907.

A second generation of Tonsings began purchasing land on both sides of the road. By 1880 Tonsings owned 136 acres along the west and 26 acres on the east of Dunham Road.

John H. Tonsing built his house in c. 1876 on the eastern side of the road, at the top of Snake Hill (6733 Dunham Road). The narrow but deep two-story house is framed with two large, old horsechestnut trees in the front yard and one in the back yard. Two barns, sheds, and chicken coops were near the house until recent years. Although they sold acreage from time to time, generations of Tonsings owned land along Dunham Road for 85 years.



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Dunham Rd
Eglit
Tonsing
Saina
Grams
Manke
Lytle

UPPER DUNHAM ROAD:

Dunham Road from Turney to Sagamore 1820
Corkhill to Schreiber 1845

Helen Eglit remembers walking up the Snake Hill (Dunham Rd.) when the bus could not make it up the hill

Madeline Wilson, 5821 Dunham Road

Ethel Brown, 11505 Tinkers Creek Road 524-6093

Ruth Klaumer Zeman, 5927 Dunham Road

Florence Davider, house has a brick front, lives on Florence in Maple Hts.

in 1865 Frederick Tonsing owned 6670 Dunham Road house 793-06-013 - R5100

Arthur and Rose Tonsing had a daughter, Grace and a son, Raymond.

also: Paul, Walter, Violet, Viola

Art's daughter, Grace Goad was born in 1919 662-0151 lives on Clement in Maple Hts.

2 Tonsing brothers, Arthur and John, owned land on both sides of Dunham

The Tonsing grandfather who died in 1919 delivered milk by horse and buggy

Tonsing farm: orchards, they raised their own vegetables,

and sold vegetables and fruits, especially corn and strawberries, in front of their house.

1st house: Tonsing

2nd house: Saina (now owned by Grams)

in 1914 Maple Hts. became a village 11-24-1914 Meeting of the Bedford Township trustees petition presented to Board of Trustees of Bedford Township to incorporate the Village of Maple Hts.

12-13-1914 Resolution was Adopted

Elizabeth Tonsing was a Schreiber. She grew up on Schreiber. They named the street of her family.

John and Elizabeth Tonsing had 9 children. Arthur was the oldest. They lived in the last house on Dunham. Arthur grew up in the house.

Rose and Meta were 2 of the daughters. They never married. They lived with their mother, Elizabeth after John Tonsing, their father, died.

They they moved and sold their property.

Big Barn was on same side of the street as the house.

Dunham Road divided their property.

1902 M. and M. Manke owned 53 acres on west side of Dunham; house and barn

1902 A. J. Dunham owned 25 acres on east side of Dunham; house and barn

6670 Dunham
"

Ruth Lytle lived in Hungerford/Tonsing house They had a Pierce Arrow

6670 Dunham

Wolf Family

Emily and Frank Wolf 6650 Dunham Road interview

Frank, Jr. and Nina Wolf 6640 Dunham Road 475-4214

Before Emily and Frank Wolf moved into their barn the property belonged to Violet Wachtel
Wolfs bought property in 1946, moved in in 1949
Emily and Frank bought 10 acres with barn. Now they have about 8, and Nina and Frank Jr. have some.

Frank Wolf Sr. was on the first Council. He dropped out of Council because he was very busy with business.
Frank was working 7 days a week and rebuilding his barn into a house.

Frank Sr. and Emily remember how crooked Snake Hill was then. (Upper Dunham Road Hill)

The trestle was a landmark: the steam engines pulling freight were a great sight to see. He enjoyed seeing the
trains go by. He remembers the coal cars and iron ore , sand and box cars.
Frank and Emily raised horses and ponies.

The Benjamin house is the Wachtel house.
Emily and Frank Wolf remember taking the ABC Trolley to Bedford Glens to dance.

The depression taught Frank to value land for farming, security to exist on one's own.

Nina is a noted local artist and a local photographer.
Her sketches and reproduced photos are in the W. H. Heritage book. Nina did all her work for free.

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area 1984 Painting competition: Nina's work: 1st Place: Pen and Ink

Info about the barn drawing that is on the cover of the W. H. Heritage book:
Drawing made from a 1984 photograph Nina took of the Willing Barn on Button Road.

She entered the drawing in the Cuyahoga Valley Recreational Area Photo Contest. It took 1st place in the
pen and ink category. (the Metroparks tore down the barn and their service garage is there now.)

Vlach Family

And

Svec Family

In 1949 Jerry and Pearl Vlach purchased thirteen of Arthur Tonsing's 21 acres on the west side of the street. The Vlachs built their house at 6740 Dunham Road. That same year Jerry's brother, William, and his wife, Carrie, bought the adjacent eight acres to the north, building their house at 6700 Dunham Road. The Vlachs' land was part of the Tonsing orchards and cattle-grazing fields.

A CEMETERY

Between 1935 and 1954 a cemetery owned by Greenlawn Park, Inc. was situated on the east side of the road, to the north of the present day house at 6589 Dunham Road. Greenway Road, shown on some old county maps, was an entranceway into the cemetery.

Investors had promoted the idea of the cemetery to residents of a nearby community. One coffin, said to contain the body of a woman, was buried in the cemetery, fulfilling the requirement of a consecrated cemetery. As the years went by and no one else was buried in Greenlawn Park, the investment venture failed. The coffin was removed in 1954. Charles and Lydia Svec (their son and his wife, Dean and Barbara Svec, live at 6589 Dunham Road) purchased the six acres at a public auction. Today the only recognizable reminders of the park are some willow trees.

UPPER DUNHAM

③
Dunham Rd
Eglit
Beznoska
Vlach
Cemetery
Svec
Carr

the Lytle family did not farm; they just lived in the house at 6670 Dunham Road
Helen Eglit interview 8-19-1985 Lytles had several children: Virginia, Richard, Ruth, Marjorie,
Andrew

Helen Eglit was Yaro Hesoun's sister.
They both grew up - continued to live on Dunham Road

Beznoska, William and Lucille, 6733 Dunham Road 662-2299 This was a Tonsing House
2 story house, sandstone block foundation, not rough cut-smooth cut
well and pump extended to back
2 large horse chestnut trees in front, one in back

5-16-86 interview with Jerry Vlach

6740 Dunham Road, Jerry and Pearl Vlach 21 acres Jerry and Pearl moved here in 1949
Jerry bought first; he has 13 acres,
then his brother, William and Carrie Vlach bought 8 acres.
They each bought part of the west side of Tonsing land "this was a Tonsing house"

Vlach said the Johnsons owned the house after the Tonsings

The Tonsing farm on the west side of Dunham had an orchard and barbed wire fencing to keep
the cattle in
big barn on property

Madeline Wilson of Maple Hts. said her grandfather built the Tonsing house in about 1890.

Beside the house there were 2 barns and other sheds, coops

Between the 1930's and 1950's there was a cemetery on the east side of Dunham -- to the north
of the Dean and Barbara Svec residence at 6589 Dunham.

The line of evergreens formed the entrance way to the cemetery.

The line of evergreens north of the Dean and Barbara Svec residence formed the entranceway to
the cemetery. (gate and shrubs by the evergreen --Ron Keller)

Investors promoted the idea of the cemetery to the Black Community. One coffin, containing the
body of a Black woman was buried in a grave, registering and making it a consecrated cemetery.
As years went by, noone else was buried there. bones were found: article in Cleveland Press or
Plain Dealer confirmed Joanne Markle 232-4055

confirmed: Madeline Wilson of Maple Hts. 5/17/86 "colored cemetery, they put in the
shrubby and evergreen trees in the 1930's

In the mid 1950's Charles and Lydia Svec purchased the 6 acres at a government auction.

Dean Svec bought 1+ acres, then 60 acres from Carr family. In mid 1980's he owned 61 acres.

Daniel Carr 6645 Dunham Road

years later, Daniel Carr III and his wife Alice, 6671 Dunham Road

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Rhodes House
2905 Franklin Ave
216-443-7250

ROADS and EARLY SETTLERS who lived on them
Cuyahoga County Archives Center:

Houses - Tax Records Cards -- Auditors Map Books show line of succession, show who had title

Dunham / Egypt Roads -- Houses -- Tax Records Cards continued

James Carey shed - barn 793-11-1

Helen Swiatkowski 793-12-1

Joseph and Anna Hesoun 1941 793-12-2

Yaro and Eleanore Hesoun 1946 793-12-6 7200 Dunham
(house razed; new house now)

Louis Zelina 1915 house and attached garage - barn - corn crib 793-12-7

Joseph and Anna Hadvabny 1870 (newer records say house c. 1860):
house remodeled in 1936 793-12-8

Henry Dziczkowski 793-13-1 7135 Dunham

Bertha Griffin 793-13-3

Stanislaw and Anna Ramos 1946 793-13-4

NE corner of Alexander/Dunham Road Mary Willing house: 1880
also lists house as 1904, house remodeled in 1948 - Timko then owned this house

James and Geraldine Salamon house: 1945 794-16-2 (also see Alexander)
7677 Dunham Road

Dr. Frank and Mae Chvatal 3 houses 1925, 1946 794-16-4, 1943 794-16-5

James Janda 1865 SW corner Alexander and Dunham Roads 794-16-7
now owned by Metroparks

Delmer and Alice Kirk (then NYC Railroad, then Frankito) 7343 Dunham Road
house: 1880 (newer records say 1874) 793-20-3

Frank Grabik 1932 793-20-4

William and Beatrice Hadden 1930 793-20-5

Henry Hadden 1940 793-20-6

Mary Hadden 1895 793-20-7 This was EGYPT SCHOOL before Haddens bought it.
Atlas shows the school in 1874. and 1880 Bedford Township Schools bought
the land and the school. The 1880 atlas shows the "house" and barn.

Joseph and Anna Kolis 1860 (newer records say 1854) 793-20-9

Joseph Kaderabek (Klukan relative) 1932 793-21-1

William Mills 1870 793-29-2
tax exempt: Metropark land

Frank B. and Sophie M. Saina, house: 1920 (Grams) 793-5-1

Joseph Haduabay then later Silk, Telichek house c. 1870 793-12-8

*Archives
Rhodes House
2905 Franklin Ave
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Square 72 Moses Gleeson 1830, 1835

Square 82 Solomon and Martin Rockwell 1827, 1828, 1830, 1835

Square 75 Solomon Rockwell 1826

Square 82 Solomon Rockwell 158 acres assessed at \$479.00 in 1829, 1830, 1832, 1833

Square 82 north part, 100 acres assessed at \$469 in 1835 and 1836

Solomon and Martin Rockwell

Square 82 south part 60 acres assessed at \$282 in 1835 through 1840

Square 82 Henry Bois 1835 south part 60 acres assessed at \$282 in 1836, 1837

Square 82 William Black 100 acres; northeast section assessed at \$469 in 1837 through 1839

Square 82 William Black 62 acres; northeast section assessed at \$298 in 1840 -- assessed at \$258 in 1842

Square 82 Robert Cather 38 acres; northeast section assessed at \$176 in 1840 Paid by William Black

Square 82 William Black got back these 38 acres; assessed at \$154 in 1843

Square 82 Hugh Boyle south section 60 acres assessed at \$251 in 1842, 1843

Square 82 William Black north section 100 acres assessed at \$2080 in 1865

Square 82 William Black 94.46 acres assessed at \$2940 in 1879 and 1880

Square 72 Samuel Barnes 1835

Square 83 Robert Parkman 1835

Anna Kolis 7250 Dunham Road 793-20-8

Leonard Blados 7243 Dunham 793-20-5

Frank and Sophie Salna 1920 793-5-1

Frank and Emily Wolf 1946 793-6-2

Abner and Violet Wachtel house: c.1890 793-6-3

Arthur C. Tonsing 1880 - new house in 1951

Jerry and Pearl Vlach 6740 Dunham 793-6-4

Charles and Jayne Spieth 1948 793-6-5

George and Margaret Groh 1870 est: house 1876 793-8-1

Tonsing, John H. house c. 1880 793-6-4

Tonsing, Arthur C.

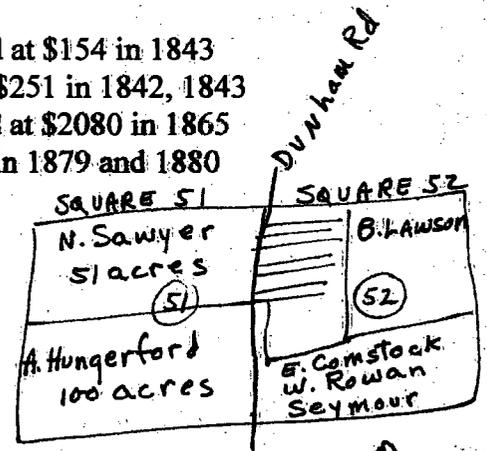
Philip P. M. and Martha Astor

shed - refreshment stand - chicken house - shed - shed - 5-car garage 1930

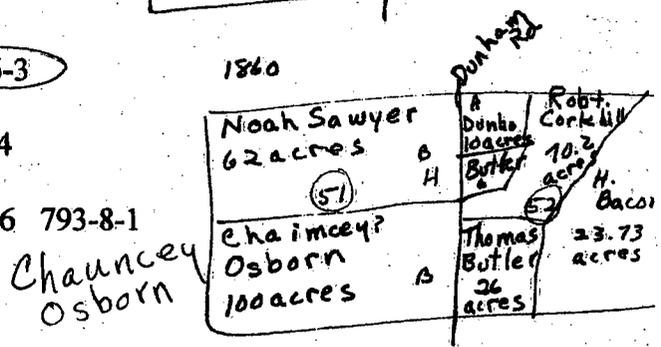
house: c. 1840 remodeled in 1918 793-10-1

Catherine Carey house: 1942 - corn crib - 2 sheds 793-14-2

1852



1860



W. H. Owl
August 2013

The Grams House at the Top of Dunham Road Hill

The section of Dunham Road on the north hilltop stretch of land leading into Maple Heights was settled by generations of Tonsing family members. In 1865 Frederick Tonsing purchased the Osborne house (6670 Dunham Road) and 100 acres along the west side of Dunham Road. In 1876 John H. Tonsing built a house (6733 Dunham Road) on 20 acres of land along the east side of Dunham Road.

The house featured in this article, a stately large farmhouse at 6675 Dunham Road, stands along the east side of the road. In c. 1896 Fred Tonsing built the house on his 100-acre farm. Members of the Tonsing family owned this section of land from 1870 until 1907. Since 1986 the house belongs to the Grams family. **1920s Photo of the House**



Years earlier, in the 1920s, **Bernadette Grams'**, **Diane Visocky's** and **Cynthia Krakowski's** uncle and aunt, **Frank and Sophie Saina**, purchased the Tonsing house and 26 acres of land. As years went by, the property passed on to their sons, **Benedict and Harry Saina**, both of whom were single men and continued to live at home for the rest of their lives. Harry Saina hoped the house would remain in the family, and he got his wish when his cousins bought the property.

In 1986 **Ray and Bernadette Grams** bought the house and 4 acres from Harry Saina. Also, that same year, **Diane and Phil Visocky** who live on Deeridge Drive, and **Cynthia and Tom Krakowski** who live on Spanghurst Drive, purchased the remaining 22 acres of the Saina parcel.

Bernie Grams, daughter **Anne Marie Grams**, and granddaughter **Gabriella Grams** live in the home today. **Ray Grams** passed away in September of 2009. The other Grams children are now settled in communities nearby: **Russell and Kory Grams** live in Macedonia, **David Grams** lives in Brecksville, **Jacquelin and Steve Suder** live in Garrettsville and **Matthew Grams** lives in Reminderville.

The rambling farmhouse has 5 bedrooms, 3 living rooms, large dining room and large country kitchen flanked by tall, steep stairways. With the exception of the newer porches and decks at the front, side and back, the home pretty much reflects the midcentury design and simplicity Bernie remembers as a child. For Bernie, the most inviting space in the house is the 3-season porch where she enjoys the view of stately evergreens planted generations ago, and watches the wildlife which share the acreage with her.

Photo:
Grams House today



① Grams
Saina
Garcia
Lachota LaCota
Dunham Rd.

BERNIE GRAMS INTERVIEW 10-14-2000

for info on Upper Dunham and why its not in Maple Heights: contact:

Lois Fradette Bill Cottrill William Vlach

Lou and Marilyn Gosselin who live on Tinkers Creek (Lou's brother lives in Bedford)
Cathy Calabrese on Dunham Rd. corner of Florence/Dunham in Maple Hts.

BERNICE AND RAY GRAMS 6675 Dunham Road

in about 1940 Sophia and Frank Saina moved from Greenview in Garfield Hts. to
6675 Dunham Road **(house and 26 acres)

Frank Saina died in about 1960; Sophie died about 1970

Sons of Sophia and Frank: Benjamin and Harry.

They both worked for the post office.

Benjamin and Harry never married. They continued to live in their parents house
after the parents had died.

Ben died in 1976. Harry lived there alone: he became depressed,
became a recluse, and entered the mental health section of Marymount Hospital.
Bernie cared for him. He wanted Bernie and Ray to move in the house with him.

Finally Bernie and Ray Grams bought the house from Ray in 1984.

Bernie's 2 sisters each bought part of the 26 acres, so there are 3 lots, and
they could possible build houses on the land.

6733 Dunham Road 10-2000

house next door to Grams: Owned by the estate of Mrs. Garcia. She died in 1991

House still in probate

The acreage to this house is all in front of the house, actually it has little acreage

Her son is a doctor; and he lives in Connecticut, as does his son (Garcia's grandson) Mike.

Lachota LaCota. Mike the grandson "lives in the house" sometimes; but he is seldom there.

Bernie as Manager of the Service Dept. often has to contact the son about cutting the grass or
paying to someone cut the grass.

Egypt School

Egypt School

As part of the Bedford Township School System, **Egypt School** served children living in Bedford Township School District #6.

The first location of Egypt School was in Tinkers Creek Valley, which was prone to flooding and mosquitoes.

In 1880, the Bedford Township School Board bought a house on higher ground at 7215 Dunham Road and converted it into a schoolhouse. At Egypt Grammar School, there was one teacher who taught students whose ages ranged from 6 to 20, and were in grades 1 to 8. Enrollment at Egypt School varied year to year, from 12 to 36 students.

Egypt School was closed in 1920, due to lack of students.

At that time, remaining Egypt students became part of District #7, and attended Walton School at 7307 Walton Road.

Egypt School is Sold

Egypt School and its acre lot were sold to Joseph and Josephine Dolejs. They were the highest bidders at a real estate auction held at the door of the schoolhouse in 1920.

When the Dolejses bought the one-room schoolhouse, they designed it into a home. They also dug around the old hand-cut foundation stones, laid new sandstone blocks around them, and dug a basement at the same time. Their grand-daughter is Patricia Featherstun, who lives in the village today with her husband, Richard Featherstun.

In 1985 Scott Dean purchased and moved into the old Egypt Schoolhouse. Although he appreciated the century-old house, costs didn't warrant its restoration. Fifteen years later, he and his wife, Karleen Dean, razed the old schoolhouse after they built a new home for themselves on the same lot, but farther back from the road.

(L) This photo shows the additions of the enclosed porch and upstairs windows.
1986 Photo by Nina Wolf



(R) Egypt School was razed in the year 2000. It stood in front of the new house at 7215 Dunham Rd.
2002 Photo



Dunham Rd (16)

Hadden
Dolejs
Featherston
Keilman
Egypt School

HADDEN / DOLEJS / EGYPT SCHOOL

Patricia Featherston 439-2946 Pat's maiden name is Hadden. Her mother was Mary Dolejs H. Mary Keilman 232-3373
Mary Dolejs Hadden Keilman 232-3373

3 Hadden brothers owned the property on Dunham Rd. east side, south of Black Beauty

Harry

William Hadden 7257 Dunham Road: Joan Wills owns it now

Arthur (Egypt School) 7215 Dunham Road He married Mary Dolejs **torn down in 2000 by Scott Dean; he built a new house in back, tore down the old one Scott Dean 439-4288

Joseph and Josephine Dolejs owned a farm, about 65 acres

they bought Egypt School, and its 1 1/2 acres in 1832; because Bedford Township was selling schools not needed

cut sandstone blocks on outside and inside basement Basement was added after 1860.

they no longer farmed: retired by then.

it was a one room schoolhouse: the Dolejses remodeled it

there was a pump in the kitchen outhouse out back

Dolejs
Hadden
Patricia Featherston

Patricia Featherston,
7375 N. meadows parkway

Their grand-daughter is Mary Dolejs who lived on west side of Dunham, north of Sagamore Road. Mary went to Central School then Moody High. Took school bus. She never went to Egypt School. (Mary's grandparents, Joseph + Josephine Dolejs, raised her)

Mary remembers doing a lot of walking as a kid: friends: Careys and the Farr family

She remembers the Kolis farm: fruits and especially strawberries

Mary Dolejs inherited Egypt School 7215 Dunham Road. She married Arthur Hadden. Arthur's 2 brothers bought land next to them and built houses there.

Mary Dolejs Hadden lived in that house until 1958 *Mary Hadden's daughter: Patricia Featherston*

They sold house to Mrs. White: Lorraine White Then it was purchased by Scott Dean.

All 3 Hadden brothers worked in the flats of Cleveland at Standard Oil.

The Bedford Schools bought the property for Egypt School from Solomon and Martin Rockwell in 1832: according to the Dolejs deed

Cottages along Egypt Road

Rezac – Chvatal Family

In 1920 Joseph and Dorothy Rezac purchased the farm at the northwest corner of Alexander and Dunham Roads. On the property was a house built before the 1880's. The Rezacs were immigrants from Czechoslovakia who lived in Cleveland for a few years before settling here to operate a truck farm. They huckstered vegetables along side streets by East 71st and East 49th Streets, at first using a horse and wagon, then a "Model T" pickup truck. In their smokehouse the Rezacs cured their own meat from livestock they raised.

The Rezac's daughter, Mae, married Dr. Frank Chvatal, a general practitioner whose office was on Broadway Avenue by St. Alexis Hospital. Although Frank most often could not join them, Mae and their son, Bob, enjoyed spending weekends on the farm. Mae pitched in with farm chores and Bob helped sell farm produce with his grandfather. Bob Chvatal recalls the many pleasant hours he spent in his youth riding his Shetland Pony or his Texas Colt throughout the village, along dirt roads and bridle paths. He also recalls swimming in the Sagamore Creek pool... When the New York Central built a pump house along the creek for the line's water supply, they dammed up the creek to contain the water. Little remains of the pump house and the dam, but the site is close to where the MetroPark hiking trail crosses Sagamore Creek, just south of Alexander Road.

In the 1940's when the MetroParks purchased her land at the northwest corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads, Mae Chvatal bought eighteen acres on the east side of Dunham Road, south of the intersection. Sagamore Creek, or Mason Creek as it had been called, runs through part of the property.

Bob Chvatal, and his wife, Hazel, settled on family land after they married. One interest of the Chvatal's was relocating and restoring houses. They moved one house from the northwest corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads to 7775 Dunham Road. They lived there for several years and also at 7745 Dunham Road in a house Bob's mother, Mae, had built. Bob and Hazel currently live in a modern-looking house they moved from Akron to one of their scenic lots along the Sagamore Creek (7755 Dunham Road).

Bob and Hazel Chvatal were instrumental in getting electric and telephone lines installed along Dunham Road, between Alexander and Sagamore Roads.

For the past forty years Chvatal's avocation has been little theater work. By 1985 he had performed in forty-five plays and received eight acting awards. He had also directed sixty plays and musicals, including "Camelot" for the Solon Players. Some of the theater groups he worked with were the Aurora Community Theater, Bedford Community Theater, Brandywine Players, Brecksville Little Theater, Euclid Little Theater, Hudson Players, Kenston Players, and the Solon Players.

Cottages along Egypt Road

After the Great Depression, from about 1935 through 1949, fewer people lived in Little Egypt. Farmers and their wives were getting on in age, and their children moved into urban areas where they could find jobs and city conveniences. "For Sale" signs fronted idle fields.

However, during those same years, it was popular for middle-class urban families to have get-away cottages in the countryside – in a place like Little Egypt. Families who lived and worked in the city, came out here on weekends and vacations. The typical week-end family gardened, planted a field of corn or hay, and had one or more horses.

There were clusters of small, rustic summer cottages on both sides of Dunham Road and Dunham Lane. Some of the cottages were individually owned. Some cottages were rented from the Rezac/Chvatal family. Mae Chvatal, whose parents, Joseph and Dorothy Rezac, had a truck farm along the NW corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads, bought additional land along both sides of Dunham Road, cut Dunham Lane, and began building cottages. Mae had no trouble finding renters for her cottages.

Some "summer cottages" still stand today, although it takes a close look to identify them. They have been enlarged and renovated. Four of them are pictured on this and the following page.

In 1935 Joseph and Anna Kaderabek converted the summer cottage they owned at 7350 Dunham Road into a permanent residence.

Walton Hills has been home to five generations of the Kaderabek-Klukan-Spitznagel-Taggert family.



Bethany Majeski's house at 7257 Dunham Road was once a summer cottage.

Cottages along Egypt Road

This house
at 7715 Dunham Lane
was originally a summer cottage.



Jeanette (Sagula) Schaeffer's house
at 7775 Dunham Road
was once a summer cottage.

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THE KADERABEKS

Along Egypt Road there were several cottages owned by families who lived in the city during the weekdays, but who enjoyed spending their weekends and vacation periods working the fields in the country. Most of the couples had children and wanted their youngsters to experience country living. The cottages were more rustic and smaller than their city houses.

One such family was the Joseph and Anna Kaderabeks of 7350 Dunham Road. After their daughter, Albe, married Joseph Klukan in 1935, Joseph and Anna converted their Egypt Road cottage into a permanent home.

Area youngsters flocked to the Kaderabek ice pond when the skating was good. Joan Kolis Wills recalls how Anna Kaderabek frequently invited the skaters into her home for refreshments and warmth on cold winter days.

The MetroParks bought the Kaderabek back acreage in the early 1940's, but the remaining portion still belongs to the family. Two generations of Kaderabeks live in the village at the present time; Joseph and Albe Klukan at 7270 Stuble Lane, and their son, Ronald, and his wife, Rose, at 16975 Spanghurst Drive.

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Dunham Rd
Chvatal
Faulkner
Rezac
Zeller

7755 DUNHAM ROAD

Robert and Hazel Chvatal 232-4458 Robert born 1913 1985 interview

Bob is the son of Mae and Dr. Frank Chvatal

As a kid, Bob had 2 ponies, a Shetland Pony and a Texas Colt which he rode throughout area.

His line of work is pharmaceutical sales. His avocation is Little Theater.

He got interested in theater after college, in 1946

His first acting role was with Brecksville Little Theatre: "You Can't Take it With You" in 1946

He had a supporting role.

He has since taken graduate courses in theater and directing.

He has received 8 acting awards.

He has performed in 45 plays

He has directed 60 plays and musicals including "Camelot" for Solon Players.

Community theaters in which he has acted or directed plays/musicals: Brecksville Little Theater, Brandywine Players, Euclid Little Theater, Solon Players, Bedford Community Theater, Aurora Community Theater, Kenston Players, Hudson Players.

Hazel, his wife, has supporting roles and works backstage, prompting and book holding

In the 1880 County plat book it shows that NW corner of Alexander and Dunham owned by D. FAULKNER. There was a house on that property

Joseph and Dorothy Rezac in about 1920 bought NW corner of Alexander and Dunham.

8 acres: 1920 plat book shows 3.54 acres: must have bought more acreage from F. J. Jerome now, this land is Metropark.

The house that stands there now (1985) was a barn.

The Rezac house was torn down by Johnson. was a farm and raised pigs, chickens and an orchard grew potatoes, pumpkins, peanuts, strawberries. They had a smoke house. used the meat themselves.

The Rezac children: Mae and Joseph

The Rezacs came from Czech. lived in Cleveland for awhile, then moved to this property and farmed. They huckstered vegetables with a horse and wagon, then used a Model T. pick up truck: went to 71st St. and 49th St. areas

Their grandson, Mae's son, was Bob Chvatal. He helped them sell vgs. as a child.

Mae Rezac married Dr. Frank Chvatal. He was a general practitioner; office was opposite St. Alexis Hospital on Broadway in Cleveland.

On weekends Mae would come out and stay on the farm. She did a little farming there.

Mae decided to move the barn and remodel it into a house. She rented out the house.

Mae sold 1 acre of her farm to Mr. and Mrs. Zeller. The Zellers built a small cape cod house on the property.

In 1940 the Metroparks bought 18 acres and the house from Mae: they also bought the Zeller acre and house.

NYC Railroad Pump house: water was dammed up: made a swimming hole for the youngsters along the creek: SW corner of Dunham Rd.

⑪
Dunham Rd
Chvatal

Bob Chvatal bought the Zeller house from the Metropark Board and had it moved to 7775 Dunham Road.

The creek going through the Chvatal property at 7775 Dunham Road (Sagula lives there now) was called Mason Creek. Now it's Sagamore Creek.

After Bob and Hazel were married in 1942 came out here to live. That's when Bob moved the house to 7775 Dunham Rd. (Sagula).

When Bob and Hazel moved to 7775 Dunham in 1942, their only neighbors were the Jandas at SW corner of Dunham Rd.

They lived in the 7775 Dunham house for 17 years.

Bob and Hazel put the 1st electric line on Dunham Rd. south of Alexander Rd. CEI had to put 6 poles on Dunham and 1 electric pole on their property in order to get electricity. They were later reimbursed by CEI for cost of the poles when others moved to Dunham Rd. Chvatal also put in the 1st phone lines south of Alex. on Dunham Rd.

Dunham was a dirt and gravel road then.

When Mae and Dr. Frank ^{Chvatal} (Bob's parents) retired in 1945, Mae had a house built at 7745 Dunham (north of Bob and Hazel's) for themselves. They moved there.

In 1960 Bob and Hazel moved a house from Akron to put on their acreage: it's the house they live in now, at 7755 Dunham Rd.

Mae Chvatal sold lots: what is now Dunham Lane

Bob Chvatal sold lots that front on Dunham Road

Robert Chvatal, theater director

Community theater was a vital part of life for Robert W. Chvatal since 1946 when he acted in the play, "You Can't Take It With You," produced by the Brecksville Little Theater.

He had other acting roles after that, but his avocation turned more to directing. He directed 80 plays and musicals and wrote and directed 30 variety shows for service clubs and community groups, a family member said.

In the 1950s he received the Alfred C. Jones Award from the Brecksville Little Theater, presented for unselfish service and in recognition of his encouragement to others.

Mr. Chvatal, 73, of Walton Hills, died Sunday at St. Luke's Hospital, where he was admitted Nov. 6 after becoming ill at the Brecksville Little Theater performance of "Promises, Promises," which he had directed. He had heart disease.

He was to have started work next month on "Tea House of the August Moon," a student production at Woodridge High School in Penin-

sula. Last year he directed "South Pacific" for the school.

Mr. Chvatal had worked as a pharmaceutical salesman. He retired in 1983 after six years with M.M. Mast & Co. Previously, he had worked for the old Neisler Co. since 1947.

He was born in Cleveland and after graduation from South High School, enrolled in Western Reserve University to study pre-medicine. His late father, Dr. Franklin Chvatal, was a physician in the Broadway area.

Mr. Chvatal received a bachelor's degree from WRU and attended Hahnemann Medical College and Temple University in Philadelphia but left school because of the Depression.

He worked as a pharmacist's assistant here before entering the Army in World War II. He served in France.

Mr. Chvatal is survived by his wife, Hazel; daughter, Deborah Milder; son, Gary; three grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow at A. Nosek and sons, Gerber-McCreery and Hather funeral home, 8150 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville.

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Kaderabek (19)
Klukan
Willing
Spieth

Joseph and Anna Kaderabek

(Albe and Joe Klukan interview JK)

7350 Dunham Road

Joe and Albe Klukan

7270 Stuble Lane 232-3775

Kaderabek was Albe Klukan's mother. Kaderabek had a house and an ice pond. Neighborhood kids came to ice skate there. The Kaderabeks invited kids into their house for goodies after they ice skated. Old timers interviewed tell this same story.

The Kaderabek house was by Dunham Products, on the same property, just south of the business.

Records say Albe's parents, the Kaderabeks, bought their property in 1932.

They lived in Cleveland, and bought out here to have a weekend getaway.

They bought the "cottage" "country farm house" on Dunham Road from Ann Williams, and they also bought some land from the NY Central Railroad.

They came out here on weekends; they did not do any serious farming.

After Albe married Joe Klukan, her parents moved into the Dunham Road house in 1935.

The Metroparks bought part of the back acreage.

Frances Willing married a Spieth. They lived on top of Dunham Hill, towards Maple Hts.

Death Notices

KLUKAN 10-13-03

JOSEPH F. KLUKAN, age 92. Founder and President of Dunham Products, Inc. Beloved husband of the late Albe (nee Kaderabek), loving father of Ronald (Dolly) and Dennis (Barbara); dear grandfather of Katherine Spitznagel (Brian), Sandra Tannert and Joseph F. Klukan II; great grandfather of Richard, David and Alex Tannert; Daniel and Alyssa Spitznagel. Friends may call at VODRAZKA FUNERAL HOME, 6505 BRECKSVILLE RD, INDEPENDENCE (RT. 21 SOUTH OF ROCKSIDE) where services will be held Thursday, Oct. 16 at 9:45 a.m. and at St. Mary Church of Bedford at 10:30 a.m. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. VISITING HOURS WEDNESDAY 2-4 AND 7-9 P.M.

Gloria and Bob Timko

BOB TIMKO INTERVIEW 11-12-2002

8910 Brandywine Rd, Sagamore Hills OH 44067 330-467-6305

Gloria is Jeannette Sorrente's daughter

Gloria Timko died in 2013

Bob grew up at the NE corner of Alexander and Dunham Rds

In 1946, when Bob was 6 years old, he and his family moved into the farmhouse at the NE corner of Dunham and Alexander Rds.

George Timko bought the house and 80 acres.

George and Helen Timko, one son, Bob, and 4 daughters

The 80 acres went from Alexander Road to Egbert Road, and from Dunham to today's North Meadowpark Drive.

The Timkos farmed 40 of the 80 acres of their property: they raised chickens, cows, pigs, sheep, geese, ducks

George Timko had a trucking business, trucking gravel and sand, etc., then in 1948 he went into industrial hauling.

When they bought the farm there was an old farmhouse.

The house was full of termites. So they burned down the house. He couldn't even use the old foundation of sandstone blocks. He got rid of the sandstone blocks.

George built a new foundation. Then he built a new house.

George used the old barn. He put a new roof on it and built coops, etc. for other animals.

The Timko's used the well that was there when they bought the property. There were springs along the hillside, so they had ample drinking water.

There was a cistern on the property

In 1946, when the family bought the property, they were able to hook up to the electric wires.

Bob knew the Hesouns, the Blacks (Black Beauty, the Kolises (Kolise smoked meats for the Timkos) the Atheys, the Bolazses, Ray Brown who raised horses, and the Ricks

The Metropark bought the house and 80 acres from George Timko around 1964-1965.

In 1964 Bob Timko wanted to buy some of his dad's property and build a house for himself. But, his father said he wanted to keep the property in one chunk, and would not sell him part of it.

*no match
1978-79*

All the present homes on Alexander Road were part of Tim Pope's land, not Timko property.

Timko Family

George and Ann Timko 7525 Dunham Road

NE corner of Alexander/Dunham Roads

They lived at the house until they died. George died September, 1979

Property now owned by Metroparks and they tore down the house

On the Timko land was a mill - maybe a cider mill (infor from Jack Schultis, Pinecrest, Bedford 232-1291)

They had a chestnut grove.

Yaro Hessoun lived on Dunham Rd, west side, just south of the Walton Hills Church of Christ (his house was torn down by the new owner. New owner put up a new house

Before Timkos the house had been owned by a Willing. The Willings planted the chestnut trees. *"Jack Willing lived on a 172 acre farm at NE corner. His dad owned the farm & lost it during depression"*

Before Rudolph and Lena Willing the house was owned by the Ridgeway family. The house was built in 1870's. (infor from: Bill Osborn, Metroparks)

Jack Willing

There were a lot of Indian artifacts on the property.

Bob Timko and his family found pottery, coins, and remnants of a fire pit.

There was a cave on the Timko property. George Timko covered the entrance to the cave so his kids and other kids wouldn't get into it and get hurt.

The cave entrance faced Alexander Road, 100-150 feet on the NE side of Alexander Road, East of Dunham Road.

Bob Timko remembers the cave and the Indian artifacts he found.

General L. S. Conelly hired Bob Timko to cut grass along the sides of his new streets and what is now the Walton Hills Lake Park property. Timko used a small tractor that had a side mower.

"Jack St. John and some other men found an Indian site on this property.

He found a lot of Indian artifacts at the corner between Egbert and Dunham Roads.

They figured 200 Indians must have lived there.

They found amulets, arrowheads, etc.

They found a black stone with a hole through the center of it."

GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

The Village of Walton Hills: Tracing Our Heritage

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

This is the first in a series of articles in the *Walton Hills Owl*. Future articles will discuss:

- * 1940-1945 The World War II Years
- * 1945-1950 After World War II, and
- * 1936-Early 1960's Conelly Repaints the Landscape

1935 - 1940 AFTER THE DEPRESSION

AN OVERVIEW

Few people lived in our part of Bedford Township during this span of years. The farmers were getting on in years. The younger generation didn't want to stay on the farm. They moved into urban areas where they could find jobs and have city conveniences.

Some farms became idle fields, abandoned because of back taxes. Some farm houses were vacant, occupied by a widow/widower, rented, or up for sale. Few home buyers looked for a big tract of land with wells, water pumps, out-houses, and no electricity.

COTTAGES ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

In those years it was popular for middle-class urban families to have a get-away cottage in the countryside, beyond the city limits. The occupants of the cottages lived and worked in the city, and came out here on weekends and for vacations.

Along both sides of Dunham Road, from the Astorhurst southward, and even south of Alexander Road, there were several summer cottages. A cluster of these cottages were on a dirt lane appropriately called Dunham Lane. Some of the cottages were individually owned and some were rented out by Mae Chvatal.

Mae Chvatal's parents were the Rezaks, who had a truck farm along the northwest corner of Dunham and Alexander Roads. Mae's husband was Dr. Frank Chvatal, who's office was near St. Alexis Hospital, on Broadway Avenue.

In the 1940's, Mae Chvatal and her son, Bob, prepared to sell their cottages. They converted some of them into year-round houses. They even relocated a few of them from one spot to another along Dunham Road. The Chvatal's knew their cottages would sell faster if they had electricity and phone service. After years of trying, finally near the end of World War II, Bob Chvatal was instrumental in getting CEI lines and telephone lines installed along Dunham Road, between Alexander and Sagamore Road.

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GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST --

-- 1935 - 1940 AFTER THE DEPRESSION (cont. p.2)

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Joe Klukan's house at 7350 Dunham Road started out as a summer cottage owned by his GREAT-GRANDPARENTS, the Kaderabeks.

Joan Wills' house, at 7257 Dunham Road, was once a summer cottage.



Both of these houses were originally summer cottages:
7715 Dunham Lane

7775 Dunham Road



ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

Name: Converted Summer Cottage
Address: 7775 Dunham Road
Comments: 2012 – Property of Jeanette (Sagula) Schaeffer
2002 photo
Still Standing: Yes



ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

Name: Joseph and Anna Kaderabek Converted Summer Cottage
Address: 7350 Dunham Road
Comments: In 1935 Joseph and Anna Kaderabek converted their summer cottage into a permanent residence for their daughter, Albe, when she married Joe Klukan.
1990 - Property of Joseph Klukan II, Great-Grandson on the Kaderabeks
2002 Photo
Still Standing: Yes



ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

Name: Converted Summer Cottage
Address: 7257 Dunham Road
Comments: For many years Joan Wills lived in this house.
2002 Photo
Still Standing: Yes



ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

Name: Converted Summer Cottage
Address: 7715 Dunham Lane
Comments: 1989 - Property of Joseph Serio
2002 photo
Still Standing: Yes



"SUMMER
COTTAGES"
JOAN WILLS HOUSE
7257 DUNHAM RD
3-2002
ALONG DUNHAM RD.



Joan Wills house
7257 Dunham Rd
photo: 3-2002
(2 photos)

Sagamore Hills Beer Garden

SAGAMORE HILLS BEER GARDEN

The Sagamore Hills Beer Garden at 7100 Dunham Road was another local gathering place in the mid 1930's and 1940's. It was located on the hillside next to the Astorhurst. The beer garden was primarily a summer attraction and was closed during the winter months. Joseph Silk and his wife, Anna (Hadvabny), managed the family run business from their living quarters in the back of the house. A special feature of the establishment was moonlight dancing on the large inside dance floor. Patrons were served at tables on the enclosed front porch and also under the grape arbor in the back.

MOONLIGHT DANCING, the country atmosphere, and beer — not necessarily in that order — drew customers to The Sagamore Hills Beer Garden at 7100 Dunham Road, from the mid 1930's through the 1940's. (1986 photograph)



The Silk's developed their back acreage, which sloped down to the valley, into picnic grounds, and rented the grove to church groups and other local organizations. Their facilities included pop, beer, and food stands, outside picnic tables, and a big pavilion that sometimes served as a dance hall.

The beer garden has since been remodeled into a private residence.

ALONG DUNHAM ROAD

The SAGAMORE HILLS BEER GARDEN

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

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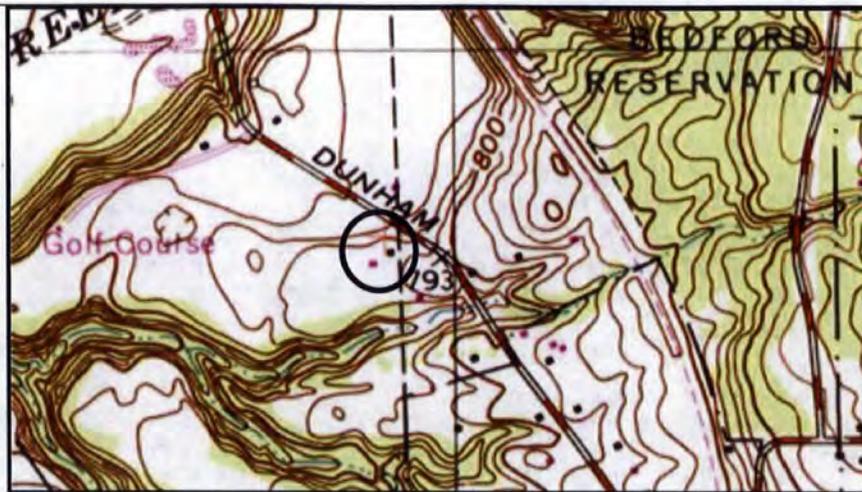
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Many years ago the beer garden was remodeled into a residence, and is now home to the DAN and JENNIFER VALENTINE family. The property is owned by the National Parks. It is possible that in the year 2010 the Park System may choose to end its lease with the family. If so, the land would revert to parkland acreage.



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at 7100 Dunham Road.
(1986 photograph by Nina Wolf)

Historic Property Assessment Cuyahoga Valley National Park		Building/Site Name Partyka Property			Building Number NL	
		Address 7100 Dunham Road				
		Tract Number 102-12		Retention/Date Expires 2015		
		Building Utilization Plan Status Rehabilitate <input type="checkbox"/> HPLP <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other				
Date Built c. 1860; c. 1933		Building Type Side Gable Cottage with additions		Architectural Style Vernacular		
Associated Cultural Landscape Report Themes		Historical Significance			Associated Buildings Garage/Workshop	
Prehistory <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explanation Property is associated with significant events and patterns of events, but not in a manner necessary for consideration under the NRHP criteria for evaluation. Multiple additions and alterations would obscure any historical associations even if present and cost integrity.			List of Classified Structures Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Register Of Historic Places Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acquisition Condition Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Current Condition Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	
Physical Elements						
No. of Stories 1.5	Basement Partial	Foundation Con. Blk Sandst.	Roof Asphalt Shingles	Wall Construction Wood Frame	Chimney Center	
Utilities						
Water City	Electric Yes	Gas Oil	Septic City	Cistern	Other	
Property The Partyka Property is a narrow 8-acre tract of land located at 7100 Dunham Road at the far northeast end of the CVNP (Tract 102-12) in old Bedford Township Parcel 71, now in Walton Hills. The extant improvements consist of a residence and a detached garage/workshop. The one-and-one-half story wood frame dwelling consists of a c. 1860 core structure and several additions, many of which were added when the property was converted to a beer hall after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. (Cont'd)					Description	
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Prepared By S. Tamburro; W. Hunter						
Date Nov. 2001; rev. April 2015						



(Northfield, OH 1994)

Physical Description (Cont'd)

The core is a side-gable building that is two building-units wide, one unit deep and one-and-one-half stories in height, and is resting on sandstone piers supplemented by large concrete blocks. The side addition was one building-unit square, but was supplemented by porches on both the rear; the front porch runs the length of the combined structure and was once used as dance and dining area for the beer garden. The porches and additions rest on a continuous concrete block foundation that conceals a partial basement under the core and full basement under the addition that still retains the wooden bar and bar back. An enclosed porch and a ramp are appended to the south elevation

The house is clad with horizontal wood siding and stained wood vertical siding. The fenestration is irregular, the various size window bays inset with an assortment of window types in the house including double hung, sliding track, fixed paned, and jalousie. All appear to be replacement units. The moderately pitched roof of the core is covered with asphalt shingles, features modest eaves and overhangs and is pierced on its center ridge by a brick furnace chimney. The gable of the core component is steeply pitched and provides additional height, light and ventilation to the unfinished partial attic.

Located to the rear of the residence is a large brick garage and workshop reportedly constructed before 1922. The garage and workshop is two building units wide, three units deep and one and one half stories tall, and once featured a full length shed addition that served as a chicken house was on the south elevation until it was removed in 2007 due to its severely deteriorated condition. The building is pierced on its façade by a central door way, a small window, and large garage door that was cut into the structure. The low pitched gable front roof is pierced on the gable ends by a central doorway and window opening into an attic story. The gable roof has a modest pitch and the gable apexes, once clad with wood siding, are now covered with building paper.

The land is divided by a steep forested ravine which contains an unnamed stream that drains directly into Tinker's Creek. The balance of adjacent land use is generally privately-owned rural residential or undeveloped. The Bedford Reservation of Cleveland Metroparks is located to the east and south, and there is an extensive system of horse, hiking, and bicycle trails existing/proposed in the immediate vicinity.

Historical Narrative

The property was originally located within the 163-acre Parcel 71 in southwestern Bedford Township, a tract that was bisected from southeast to northwest by a long-established route from Pittsburgh to Detroit known as the Mahoning Trail, and from northeast to south west by Tinkers Creek. This intersection of an early overland route with a major tributary of the Cuyahoga River resulted in the ridges and bottomlands near the mouth of Tinkers Creek emerging as an early node in the settlement landscape.

The relationship of the square parcel with the Tinkers Creek valley meant that there were three distinct landforms within the property, trending from northeast to south west: the creek bottoms, including a valuable mill seat, a first terrace above a steep slope, and a second terrace and ridge top on a small drainage divide above a tributary. The power of Tinker's Creek was first developed for milling by the firm of Adams and Starr, who built a grist mill on the terrace above the original course of Tinkers Creek, which then located to the north of the existing river course.

The principal agents of landscape change in the area were the members of the Gleeson family. Although not original settlers, the Gleeson (also Gleason) families were instrumental in developing portions of Bedford and Independence Townships. First purchasing land on the east side of the Cuyahoga River as early as 1818, Moses Gleeson purchased ^{one} of the mill seats on Tinkers Creek from William Parker in 1841 (Cuyahoga County Deed 30:373). On September 17, 1850, the second owners of the more expansive mill site, the principals of the firm of Culverson and Boland (including James Bolan, Alexander Culberson, James Orr and C. Parker), sold the rest of the improvements on Lots 61 and 71 to Moses Gleeson (Cuyahoga County Deed Book 48:129). By 1852, Moses Gleeson, in partnership with his frail son Edmond, was the principal land owner in the area and proprietor of the subject tract, as well as other lands running along Tinkers Creek (Kainsinger and Kainsinger 2006).

The Gleeson family developed the World's End tavern in the center of the tract on level ground between the subject house and the Egypt Mound as a stop on the heavily traveled Cleveland to Pittsburgh Turnpike Route. Egypt Mound, located ⁱⁿ a prominent glacial kame landscape feature long thought to have association with prehistoric and historic area occupation and travel through the region. Later altered for fill during the construction of the New York Central Railroad over the valley, the pyramidal mound was an important part of the local geography and reason for the neighborhood being known as Little Egypt. The area known as Little Egypt was a small community with a "handful of houses" that developed relative to the topography and early industries along Tinkers Creek that were oriented to both local long distance trade via the Ohio & Erie Canal and what became Cleveland-Pittsburg turnpike route (Denk 1954). The subject house may have been built during this period in association with other Gleeson holdings.

Sometime after Edmond ^{son} Gleeson's death and his burial atop the Egypt Mound, Parcel 71 was subdivided, the valuable mill tracts along Tinkers Creek including a saw mill, grist mill and house, were retained by the Edmond Gleeson heirs, some of whom began to divest themselves of the upland portions of the property. In 1871, heirs David and Elizabeth Faulkner and Thomas and Polly Cole sold an existing house and a narrow 8-acre long lot:

"part of lot no. seventy-one [...] beginning at the center of the road at the east lot line running south to the corner of the original lot No. eleven, thence running west long lot line sixteen rods, thence north parallel to the center of the road, thence eastward to the place of beginning"

They sold the property to David and Elizabeth Faulkner's daughter Alice Phillips, a single mother, with the condition that it be occupied and retained until her son, William Saville, reached the age of majority, when it would automatically transfer to his name (Cuyahoga County Deed 205:497). A house or building appears on or near the location of the subject on the 1874 county atlas on a narrow 8 acre tract as owned by Alice Phillips (Lake 1874). By 1874, the rest of the land on Parcel 71 was owned then by Thomas Hogg, also likely an heir. An 1875 deed quit claim to the property from other Gleeson heirs and clarified the right of William Seville to assume ownership (Cuyahoga County Deed Book 246:52). However, William (Willie) Seville was enumerated with his grandparents David and Elizabeth Faulkner in the 1880 Census, while Alice Phillips was enumerated with husband John Phillips and their children in Cleveland (Federal Census 1880). Meanwhile, Edmond Gleeson's only daughter Clara Gleeson was working to reassert her ownership of the family lands and required the core of Parcel 71.

In 1881, Clara Gleeson married Dominick Carey, principal of the construction firm of Page, Carey & Co., specialists in the development of railroads, bridges and tunnels, a well-known engineer who honed his skills working on canals. The couple lived briefly at World's End tavern while Carey worked on construction of the Valley Railroad. He soon after he ^{son} acquired and developed a large portion Parcel 71 as a gentleman's horse farm to complement his other holdings in Independence and his mansion on "Millionaires Row" on Euclid Avenue ^{that} in Cleveland (Kainsinger and Kainsinger 2006). The Maple Wood Stock Farm was developed ^{as} an expansive operation ^{into an} that included large barn, exercise track and a number of support buildings in both the bottoms and upland on Parcel 71. Dominick Carey died suddenly in 1892 while working on a bridge in Wheeling, W.Va., and his ^{brother} Howard Carey assumed management the farm operation. At that time, the 8 acre parcel ("formerly owned by the estate of M. P. Gleeson") was the property of Enos and Martha Adams, descendants of the original Tinkers Creek mill owners (Cuyahoga County Deed Book 556:401).

By 1922, the 8 acre parcel ^{had} was the home of W. and K. Bittner, featuring the house and the barn or workshop, both shown to be on or near their current sites (Hopkins 1922). At the time ^{World's} Work's End and its support buildings are shown north of Egypt Road (Dunham), on a 148.5 acre tract owned by Clara Gleeson Carey. By that time, the old mill and house site, and the Maple Wood Stock Farm racetrack on the level bottoms ^{had} been sold to the Astor family for use as a day camp for Cleveland's rising Jewish middle class (Hopkins 1922; Kainsinger 2006). The 1922 Hopkins map also demonstrates that in the modern era portions of the old Gleeson holding and surrounding tracts were developed as small scale cottages, used as weekend retreats, and the area became a recreational destination.

During this time, Joseph Silk acquired or leased the property from the Bittner Family. In the mid-1930s, after the repeal of Prohibition, the subject house and garage/workshop were used as the Sagamore Hills Beer Garden, a popular gathering spot operated by Joseph Silk and his wife Anna. The Silks had divided the house into a public house in the basement and part of the first floor, and living area on the rear of the main story. The beer garden was known for its large open air dance floor, a grape arbor and picnic pavilion to the rear, which was rented out to community and church groups. At some point, the Partyka family acquired the property. On July 11, 1985, the

Filip Investment Company, an entity developed by the Partyka family in order to develop the property as housing, sold the tract to the National Park Service (Cuyahoga County deed Book 85-4045:36).

NRHP Evaluation

Although the property has been associated with events, patterns of events (Settlement, Recreation) and persons (Moses Gleeson; Dominick Carey) that made a significant contribution to local, state, or national history, it does not do so in a manner necessary to be considered eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A or B. Further, although a mid-nineteenth century house reused as a beer garden, the Partyka house and garage/workshop are not important examples of styles or movements within American Architecture and do not characterize a property type that has been identified as having cultural importance to Cuyahoga Valley, and are therefore not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C. Further, the alteration of the buildings, loss of associated landscape features and changes to the setting have cost the property integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and setting, and have obscured association with historic events and people. Moreover, the Partyka Property does not characterize a property type that has been identified as having cultural importance to the Park's two Multiple Property Documentation Forms (MPD): Agricultural Resources of the Cuyahoga Valley and Recreation and Conservation Resources of the Cuyahoga Valley. The Partyka House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to lack of substantive association and a loss of integrity.

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Boy Scout Cabin – Hermit – Hermit Hollow Picnic Pavilion

The Boy Scout Cabin Chris Foss – the Old Hermit Hermit Hollow Picnic Pavilion

Boy Scout Cabin

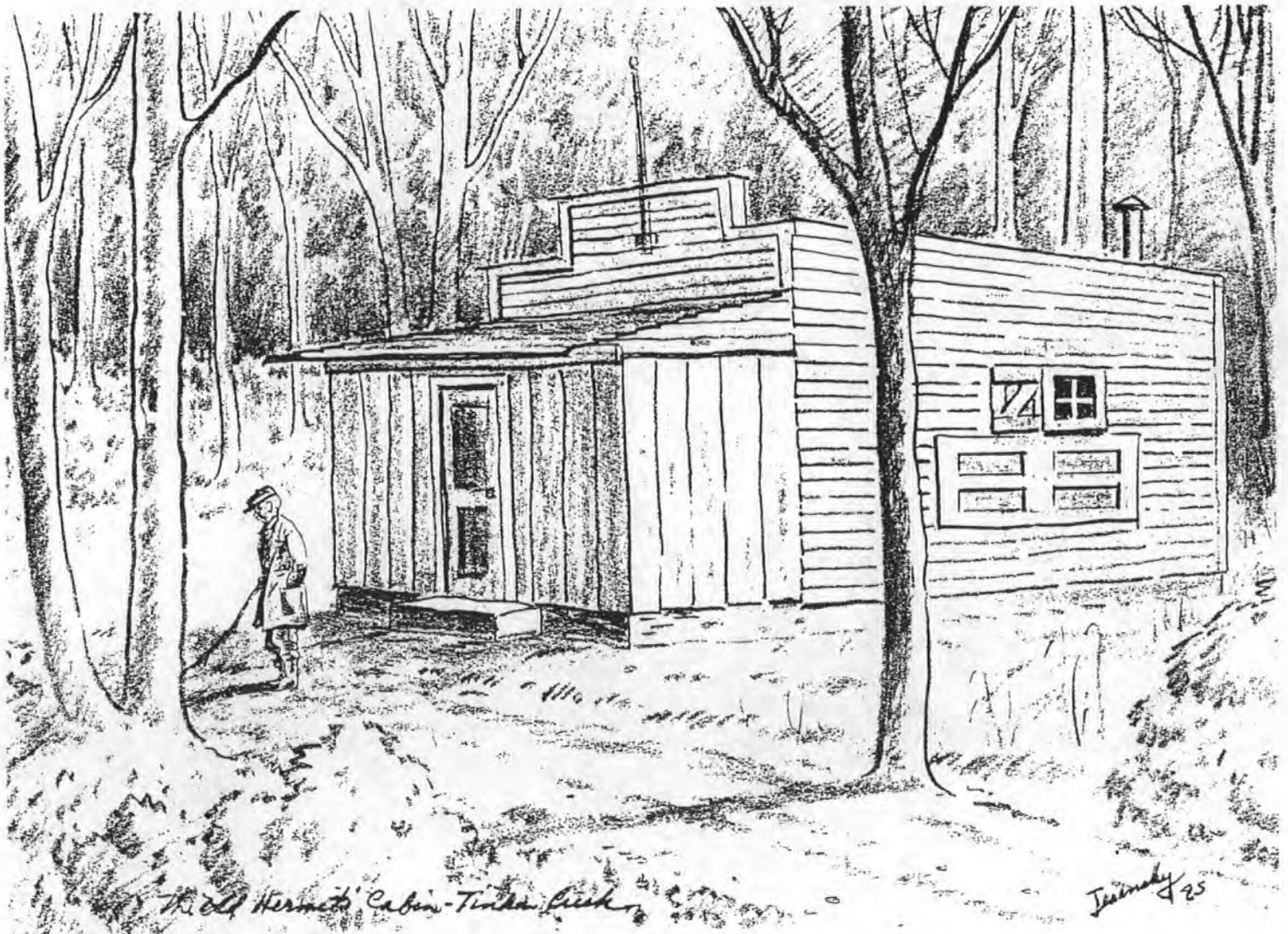
Before the Cleveland Metroparks established Bedford Reservation in 1922, the Bedford Boy Scouts built a Cabin near Dunham Road, by Tinkers Creek, in the present Hermit Hollow Picnic Area. From the cabin, a narrow path paralleling the south side of Tinkers Creek, went downhill to Dunham Road. The Boy Scouts used the cabin on weekends and in the summer. In the 1920s, when the Scouts no longer used the cabin, they let an old man whom locals called a Hermit, to stay there as caretaker.

Chris Foss – the Hermit

The Bedford Reservation staff allowed the hermit, Chris Foss, to stay in the cabin. Foss died in the cabin in 1929, at the age of 82. Soon afterwards, the cabin was razed.

Hermit Hollow Picnic Pavilion

The pavilion and the picnic area are named for the recluse who made the shanty his home for several years. The cabin is no longer standing, but the site of the cabin is behind the pavilion's bathroom facilities.





THE OLD HERMIT OF TINKER'S CREEK - FOUND DEAD IN HIS CABIN - JUNE 1929 - OLD "CHRIS" FOSS.



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The Old Hermit and His Cabin - Timbers Creek

Tink's Tavern – Tinkers Creek Tavern



The 1902 structure was the home of Tinki's tavern from 1963 to 2006.



Developer Mike Cahill made massive renovations to the property in 2006.



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Hidden History

Holding one of the state's oldest liquor licenses and decades of tall tales, the restoration of a 1902 home turned tavern uncovered stories of gunslinging, Cuyahoga Valley cowboys and a pet crow.

The boxy beige Colonial could be confused with one of the remaining farmhouses on this lonely rural stretch of road if not for the sign: Tinkers Creek Road Tavern. The Walton Hills place has had several names throughout the years. "Hole-in-the-wall" would have fit until a few years ago.

It seems unimaginable today while kicking back on the tavern's patio with a \$9 martini: a fawn climbs a nearby embankment, kayakers navigate the creek's shoaling water. Inside, the restored oak dining room and matching bar implies Tremont-trendy rather than old-school roadhouse. But nestled alongside the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the tavern feels much farther away from downtown than the 12-mile separation suggests.

Mike Cahill, a Marblehead, Ohio, developer, anted up \$500,000 three years ago and took a gamble on infusing the streamside saloon, which has one of the state's oldest liquor licenses, with some beach-cottage class. Along the way, he gave new life to one of the oldest, rowdiest drinking holes most Clevelanders never knew existed.

Cahill shucked the tavern to its husk while restoring the 1902 structure — originally a private home and produce stand — to its Progressive Era roots. As he says, "Sometimes going forward means you have to go back."

And the history goes back quite a ways. Walton Hills historical records show a cabin existed on the property as far back as 1813. But the colorful stuff came after the end of Prohibition let booze flow freely. During the 1940s, the place was known as Charlie's, and it wasn't uncommon for the dungeonlike basement to be used as an impromptu shooting range. "Anything went," confirms Walton Hills historian Jeanne Kainsinger, explaining that

the hilly terrain and miniscule police force gave Cuyahoga Valley farmers and horse riders the seclusion to play Midwest cowboys. "Just like Vegas, everything stayed there."

Later, in the '60s, when the taps spewed Genesee, the place was known as Tinki's, and the wildlife was on the inside as much as out. There was a pet crow tied to the bar and tales of cockroach races. Cahill recounts these stories while showing off framed photographs of his tavern's many incarnations and a sawed-off Louisville Slugger he says once served as "crowd control."

But Jeff Alexander, the nephew of brothers Sam and Sebastian Parasiliti, who owned Tinki's from 1963 to 2006, says the place wasn't as wild as Cahill makes it sound. "He sure has an imagination," Alexander says. He points to Sebastian's widow, Shelby, a petite woman who still wears a strawberry beehive hairdo. "She was the bouncer for 40 years. How rough could it have been?"

Randy Westfall, the 59-year-old mayor of neighboring Valley View, cleared up the controversy for us: First, he says, there is something to all the rough talk, and second, he loved hanging out there. "A fight wouldn't be anything unusual," he says. Shelby used to listen to him lament his girl troubles as she tended bar, and when he and his friends drank too much 3.2 beer, "they had a quick fuse to throw us out of there."

Decades changed, and Tinki's chugged on mostly the same. But the bar was looking its age when Cahill bought it in 2006. While his showman side revels in the wild stories, Cahill the historian says it's an honor to build his new legacy atop such a storied foundation of flowing alcohol and alpha males.

"It's nice to take a little piece of the past and keep it alive just a little bit longer."

— John Hitch

"After the Hunt – at Tink's Tavern"

Mid 1950s Photo by John Kocsis



Charlie's / Tink's Tavern / Tinkers Creek Tavern In 1926, Charles Benada bought a building (built c. 1902) on Tinkers Creek Road and opened Charlie's Tavern. The cabin had been an old blacksmith shop, and was on the site of an earlier cabin owned by Elijah Nobles. From 1926 to the early 2000s, the tavern was a place where horseback riders and other local people could congregate, drink and chat. After a series of owners, Mike Cahill, a waterfront restorer of historic sites, purchased the property in 2006. Cahill restored and renovated the tavern into an upscale establishment. Since 2011 Kathy Price is the owner of the restaurant and its acreage.

Caption for the mid 1950s photo "After the Hunt – at Tink's Tavern"

L to R:

STEVE DUBER (born 1915 in Bedford died 1975 in Bedford)

Steve Duber lived on Old Egbert Road in Bedford

Worked at American Steel Drum, He owned and trained Race Horses

Contact Persons: Son: Steve Duber (Alice) 17070 Andras Drive, Walton Hills 440. 439.5216

All Phase, 181 Northfield Road, Bedford 440. 439.4200

JOE SIRNA (born 4-20-1896 in Sicily died 4-28-1979 in Bedford)

Joe Sirna came to Bedford when he bought the bar in 1953 He owned and managed Sirna's Café

Contact Persons: Son and Daughter-in-Law: Leo and Beverly Sirna, (current owner/manager of Sirna's)

18171 Kydan Lane, Walton Hills, 440. 232.6010 Sirna's Café, 795 Broadway Avenue, Bedford 440. 232.9825

JACK WILLING (died in about 1990)

Jack Willing lived in "Little Egypt" his entire life, first at the NE corner of Alexander and Dunham Road, then at 14800 Button Road (Hemlock Creek Parkway, Bedford Reservation)

He sold his property to the Metroparks, but lived there until his death.

Afterwards, the park razed his house and barn. The site is their Maintenance Center.

MERLIN BEMENT (died some years after 1975, in Florida)

Merlin Bement came from work, at the Walton Hills Village Hall, to join his friends after their hunt.

Note his shirt and tie. He was the Walton Hills Village Clerk from January 1952 - May 1969

Merlin Bement lived at 7242 Walton Road in Walton Hills, from 1938-1969

SAM SIRNA (born 7-13-1919 in Sicily died 6-11-1973 in Bedford)

Sam Sirna came to Bedford when his father bought an existing tavern in 1953

Contact Persons: Younger Brother and Sister-in-Law: Leo and Beverly Sirna, (current owner/manager of Sirna's)

18171 Kydan Lane, Walton Hills, 440. 232.6010

Sirna's Café, 795 Broadway Avenue, Bedford 440. 232.9825

The Photographer: JOHN KOCSIS (John died 11-30-1980 His wife, Dorothy, died 2-1988)

John and Dorothy Kocsis built their house at 17225 Spanghurst Drive in Walton Hills, after they were discharged from military service at the end of World War II.

John was an avid amateur photographer. As a volunteer, he took photos at many village activities. He was an active member of the Walton Hills Boy Scouts, Men's Club and Lake Club.



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Developer Mike Cahill made massive renovations to the property in 2006.

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New look, great taste at Tinkers Creek Tavern

Not so long ago, Mike Cahill began his "extreme makeover" of the old Tinkers Creek Tavern in Walton Hills. Today, it's still Tinkers Creek Tavern, but it features "everything new from top to bottom."



Scoop
Du Jour

Barbara
B. Collier

tractive umbrella-covered patio overlooking Tinkers Creek.

Cahill wanted the location "to make you feel you were a million miles away from the city, even though it's only 13 miles to downtown Cleveland and just 2½ miles to Canal and Rockside roads." He's done it.

Kevin Powers is the chef, with previous experience at Nemo Grille in Avon. Turns out his grandparents and parents owned the long-popular Broglio's that was just off Ohio Route 21, near the old Cloverleaf in Independence.

We began lunch with Canadian mussels (\$5) steamed in a tomato-garlic broth. Warm crusty bread was great for dipping up the deliciously chunky sauce.

The soup of the day was broccoli-Cheddar (\$3), but lobster bisque is always on the menu. The special, served piping hot, was a tasty choice.

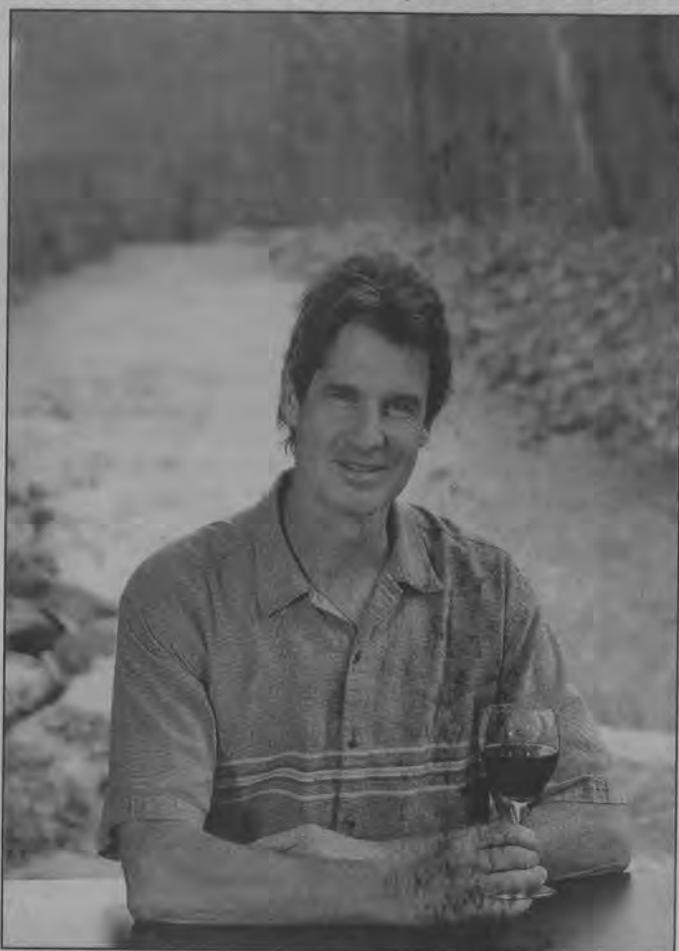
One of our luncheon choices was plump cheese-filled tortellini (\$10), tossed with prosciutto and peas in a Parmesan cheese sauce. The perfectly cooked tortellini had a soft and flavorful filling. It was complemented nicely by the creamy Parmesan sauce. For an extra \$4, you can get a house salad.

Menu salads are house, Caesar and the head lettuce wedge (\$6), topped with bacon bits, red onion and grape tomatoes, then served with creamy Gorgonzola.

The blackened grouper sandwich (\$11) was disappointing, leaving a slight fishy taste. It was served similar to the fashion in which every restaurant in south Florida serves the wildly popular sandwich.

The mildly blackened fillet was served on a Kaiser roll with lettuce, tomato, red onion and the Tinkers Creek addition of its housemade tomato-lime aioli.

The certified char-grilled Angus burger weighs in at 8 ounces, topped with a choice from three cheeses, lettuce,



SUN PHOTOS BY JIM OLEXA



Raise your glass to the new atmosphere at Tinkers Creek Tavern, compliments of owner Mike Cahill, above. The flat iron-steak, left, fashioned by chef Kevin Powers, page A1, is a popular dinner entree.

tomato and onion. All sandwiches come with hand-cut fries.

Entrees include semi-boneless brined half-chicken (\$11), roasted and served herbed pan jus with fingerling potatoes and vegetable. The overnight brining ensures the chicken will be moist and tender.

Flat-iron steak, pork chops, grilled Atlantic salmon and strip steak are other choices. The 8-ounce strip, at \$20, is the highest priced item on the menu.

Powers plans to adjust his menu to what's available from

local markets and farmers, but everything, he says, will be made from scratch. He is serving venison now and hopes to introduce other game to the winter menu while also incorporating ethnic specialties.

Tinkers Creek Tavern is at 14000 Tinkers Creek Road, where Valley View butts up against Walton Hills. For more information, call (216) 642-3900.

Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday.

At comfortable, upscale tavern, tasty dishes make up for miscues

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SCENIC VIEW: Diners at Tinkers Creek Road Tavern can enjoy a meal along within the leafy environs of Walton Hills.

DAVID FARKAS

Special to The Plain Dealer

"There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern," declared Samuel Johnson.

True, Al Gore had yet to invent the Internet. Still, Johnson's point is timeless. Few food-and-beverage outlets can beat the unaffected hospitality and simple yet delicious food of a well-run tavern. Tinkers Creek Road Tavern, which opened in 1902 and was most recently renovated last year, is a modern-day example by which the great 18th-century

essayist would have been made happy.

To begin with, the decor is vacation-home chic. Spinning fans hang from a high ceiling, cooling pale walls and wood floors. Light pours through large windows, offering a view of the leafy environs of Walton Hills. A polished wood bar and wooden tables and chairs also give the 10-month-old eatery an air of upscale authenticity.

The theme, for the most part, is carried through to the menu, which bears evidence of fresh, high-quality ingredients. In a phone interview after my two visits, executive chef Kevin Powers told me a local farmer custom-grows some of the restaurant's produce.

In fact, a pool of tomato

sauce surrounding neatly charred banana peppers (\$8) couldn't be fresher; ditto for the well-seasoned veal stuffing. But this otherwise wonderful dish could do without its salty canvas of melted provolone. The light tempura-jacket encasing calamari (\$6) is a crispy and guiltless touch, though the kitchen needs to hike the promised spicy-citrus quotient in the accompanying dipping sauce.

Other starters need no work. A large quesadilla (\$9) crammed with rock shrimp, yellow peppers, onion and jalapenos will make your taste buds skip. A hummus plate (\$6), featuring creamy chick-pea-tahini paste, pita wedges, feta cheese, cucumbers and tiny tomatoes, is nearly a meal

in itself. Combine it with a salad and you have a good vegetarian meal.

I also liked a classic wedge of iceberg lettuce decked out in gorgonzola dressing, crumbled bacon, onion and grape tomatoes. A crispy Caesar salad (\$5) fits the bill, too. Both salads, however, served on separate nights, arrived on plates taken straight from the dishwasher, i.e., very warm. A young waitress offered no explanation or apology.

The food makes up for mishaps. Tomato-lime aioli is the precisely right foil for a blackened grouper sandwich (\$11). Sandwiches come with good french fries, onion rings or coleslaw. A perfectly seasoned veal meatball (\$11) sits atop a pile of angel-hair pasta swaddled in Powers' terrific tomato sauce.

I've lately become a salmon snob (only wild-caught for me) but still enjoy a well-grilled farm-raised fillet now and then. This kitchen produces a fine example (\$15), though topping the fish with rock shrimp struck me as merely a way to use up leftovers.

A pair of dry pork chops (\$16), breaded with panko, was the only dud among sampled entrees. Even a sharply flavored mustard sauce couldn't revive them. The side of deep-fried fingerlings, however, knocked me out. I must have them again!

Not so with Tinkers Creek's lone dessert, a stack of yellow cake layered with custard and fruit filling (\$6). Our server called it "Tinkers Tower." Johnson would probably call it forgettable.

Farkas frequently writes about food and restaurants.

TASTE BITES

Tinkers Creek Road Tavern

Where: 14000 Tinkers Creek Road, Walton Hills.

Contact: 216-642-3900; www.tinkerscreekroadtavern.com.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Prices: Appetizers, \$6-\$18; soups/salads, \$4-\$11; sandwiches, \$7-\$11; entrees, \$12-\$18; dessert, \$6.

Reservations: Recommended on weekends.

Credit cards: All major cards accepted.

Cleanliness: This tavern shines.

Kid-friendliness: Kids menu features chicken tenders, pasta, grilled cheese and ham-and-cheese sandwiches.

Quality of service: Friendly, but inexperience can show.

Noise level: On busy nights, it's boisterous in the bar, loud in the dining room.

Bar: Full service with a well-priced, mostly American wine list; 17 wines by the glass, \$6-\$10.

Accessibility: To dining room, through door on side of building. To patio, through wooden gate behind building.

Grade: ★★

■ Ratings are based on a scale of zero to four stars. (One star means fair; 2 stars, good; 3 stars, very good; 4 stars, exceptional. Zero stars: not recommended.) Each rating should be measured against comparable restaurants; a casual ethnic spot is not graded against a fine dining establishment. Plain Dealer reviewers make at least two anonymous visits to each restaurant and do not accept complimentary meals. Read past Plain Dealer restaurant reviews online in Cleveland.com's Dining & Bar Guide at cleveland.com/dining.

Spotlight on Tinkers Creek Tavern

Walton Hills' jewel of a restaurant – Tinkers Creek Tavern – has a new owner. Kathie Price took possession of the restaurant located at 14000 Tinkers Creek Road on April 25th, gave it a minor facelift, and reopened on May 1st. It is truly a family business. Her son Robert Price is the chef who also plans the menus and specials. Her sister Kim Steinbrenner is the General Manager, accountant and bookkeeper.

Kathie's philosophy is simple – provide good, reasonably priced food and good, friendly service with smiling faces. She believes in treating customers as she would expect to be treated. She is looking to build her clientele around "the locals." She also supports local farmers and other purveyors located in the surrounding communities.

The Tinkers Creek Tavern menu has something for everyone – and what is humanly possible is fresh. Popular menu items include pulled pork and ribs (which are smoked twice a week), chicken and sausage gumbo and fried goat cheese salad. The menu contains many other choices – including soups and salads, sandwiches and wraps, burgers, chicken, fish, pasta and steak. Specials appear on the menu on Friday and Saturday. Astorhurst Golf Course golfers are granted a discount of 15% off of their food with a greens fee receipt. If you take your Tinkers Creek Tavern receipt to Astorhurst, you can take advantage of their twilight rate at any time. Policemen and firemen are given a 25% discount. A senior discount is in the works.

Tinkers Creek Tavern is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (kitchen closes at 9:30 p.m.) and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (kitchen closes at 10:00 p.m.). The restaurant is closed on Sunday. Kathie is hoping to maintain these hours through the winter. The restaurant is available for parties depending on the season and the day of the week.

What's in the works for Tinkers Creek Tavern? Kathie is planning on having clambakes in the fall. She would also like to gather pictures of the restaurant/bar back in the old days – the bar has been in operation since the mid 1920's – and decoupage the pictures on the bar or hang them on the walls. She would also like to utilize the patio to display the work of local artists in the warm weather and to showcase the work of ice carvers in the winter.

A new policy has been implemented - the patio is completely non-smoking. So when you come and sit out on one of Cleveland's top 20 best patio experiences as recognized by the Plain Dealer, you can do so in a healthy, clean environment! Check out the restaurant's website at www.TinkersTavern.com. You can read about the history of the restaurant and view their delicious menu items. Their telephone number is 216.642.3900. Reservations are accepted for parties of eight or more inside the restaurant only.



Tinkers Creek Tavern owner Kathie Price will guarantee you good, reasonably priced food and service with a smile. Also pictured is one of the best patio experiences in Greater Cleveland.

Aerial View of Tinkers Creek 2014





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Description

Sebastian's Tavern: Tinker's Creek Road on the south side, at the Walton Hills/Valley View border.

Sebastian Parisiliti, 14000 Tinkers Creek 524-5390
9-23-1926 owned by Charles Benada
12-1961 owned by Helen Spirek
5-28-1965 owned by Sam a S. Parasiliti

Tink's Tavern was formerly called Charlie's. It was a local place for people to congregate, to meet other horse riders and drink and chat.

There had been a log cabin behind the tavern, to the west and close to the creek. It does not date far back: it was here in 1919, though, and the remains of it are now torn down.

A man by the name of Mervar owned the cabin. At one time a blacksmith lived in Tink's Tavern.

Tinker's Creek Tavern

Charlie's, then Tinki's Tavern, Tinker's Creek Tavern, Sebastian's Tavern, 14000 Tinker's Creek Road, just inside the township border, has been in operation since the mid 1920's. Ownership has changed hands a few times.

This was a place where the local men met.

Tink's Tavern

Sebastian said he bought his tavern in 1964. Originally the tavern was in Valley View, down the road a piece.

Silver Spur Riding Academy was next to Tink's Tavern years ago.

The Indians made arrowheads on and near the tavern -- many arrowheads found on his property

14000 Tinkers Creek Road, Walton Hills, OH, 44146 - Restaurant Property on LoopNet.c... Page 2 of 4

Real Estate Auction - March 9th, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. On-Site
BIDDING COMMENCES AT: \$100,000

Step right into this turn key business opportunity. This multi-award winning 108 yr. old restaurant has been fully restored, is currently operating & seats 74 inside & 54 outside with parking for over 60 cars. Truly an opportunity of a lifetime to own an operate a wonderful landmark tavern/restaurant. All kitchen equipment, furniture, inventory & 7 day liquor license w/carry-out is included.

This creekside tavern/restaurant's patio was voted one of the top 4 most desirable in the Greater Cleveland Area with its 600+ ft. of frontage along the creek that makes for a fabulous setting.

ON-SITE INSPECTIONS: Thursdays, Feb. 17, 24 & Mar. 3 from 1 - 3:00 PM

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Map of 14000 Tinkers Creek Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146 (Cuyahoga County)

Hide_Map

9-23-1926 owned by Charles Benada
12-1961 owned by Helen Spirek
5-28-1965 owned by Sebastian Parasiliti

ALONG TINKERS CREEK ROAD TINKERS CREEK TAVERN

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

Book-

"Tinkers Creek Tavern, located at 14000 Tinkers Creek Road, just inside the Walton Hills border, has been in operation since the mid 1920s (1902). It has changed hands a few times and has had a series of names. Today its patrons call it Sebastian's Tavern, but before that, it was called Tinki's Tavern, and earlier, Charlie's. The well-worn log cabin at the rear of the property dates back to the 1920s." — *log cabin was razed in late 1980s.*

✓ that was west of tavern, near creek

A place where local people, including the Walton Hills Rangers, met to eat and drink *locals, and especially local horse back riders and local retired folks*

Mike Cahill 419-656-2484 909 Kendal Drive, Broadview Hts, 44147

Mike Cahill purchased the property and is renovating it. 11-2006

Sebastian Parasiliti interview "at one time a blacksmith lived in the tavern"

Mike's backer pulled out of the project, now Cahill plans to redo the place in a more simple, less expensive scope.

Approximate site of Elijah Noble's cabin, built in 1813.

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- 12-1961 owned by Helen Spirek
- 5-28-1965 owned by Sam (Sebastian) and S. Parasiliti

Mike Cahill interview of 7-24-2007

1902 Mike says he researched and found the tavern dates back to 1902.

Mike is a waterfront restorer. He finds interesting waterfront locations, he renovates / restores the properties to marketable value and then he finds a buyer for the property. He is also a Realtor. He is not a restaurateur.

Chefs and buyers are contacting him. He has not actively advertised the property yet.

There are people who follow Mike's projects and seek him out for investments.

One of his projects, Pleasant Point in Marblehead (on Lake Erie, east of the Marblehead lighthouse) which is a 12 unit condominium complex, won him 3rd place for Architectural quality, a national award in 2002.

(Family Fun magazine, the category was waterfront developments less than 2 dozen units)

Mike Cahill has for Tinkers Creek Tavern a FULL LIQUOR PERMIT + CARRY OUT He has every permit needed

The restaurant: a lovely room with large windows, overlooking Tinkers Creek

The patio: a lovely setting overlooking Tinkers Creek

The bar: a lovely room with large windows overlooking Tinkers Creek, and a door leading to the patio

2 bathrooms

Kitchen

The cement block building is a storage area

The bar is built in the style of bars in the Midwest in 1902:

It is 10 feet high

It is mostly constructed of old oak wood he found on the property

Made of solid oak Mike hand-built the bar using old wood from the original Tinkers Creek building.

GRIFFIN

*Greek mythology a fabulous
beast with the head & wings
of an eagle & the body of a lion.
(wards off evil spirits)*

He built the bar on site.
As needed, he bought some new wood for the bar
He bought the 2 griffins which grace the bar. —
columns

Mike built the new tavern to have a unique atmosphere, where people of all ilks will feel at home.

...a unique social meeting spot

A combination of new patrons and neighbors. Comfortable for anyone to come in and feel at home

A place where people can have a bit of food – menu should have a variety of choices – and offer soft drinks, wine, beer, drinks or coffee.

Fully restored to a glory the place has never seen. It was "formerly famous for nothing, til now."

THE BUILDING

The entire building is reframed, resupported and restored.

Mike put in a lot of windows along the side that faces Tinkers Creek.

The interior of the place has a lot of oak molding, woodwork, and of course the solid oak bar.

It has city water and is hooked up to the sewers system.

The original foundation still stands. The basement is hand-chipped sandstone.

The building had 5 layers of siding on it, including concrete boards, 10" x 16,"

The 1st layer was the original siding made with hand-cut slabs and put together with hand made nails

The 2nd layer was the concrete board The concrete board was painted different colors through the years when it graced the exterior: first it was white, other years it was green, orange, taupe, and bright yellow

The 3rd layer was plywood

The 4th layer was plywood

The 5th layer was a mixture of siding and plywood covered with vinyl siding

Not all parts of the complex had 5 layers, the construction was not done uniformly, some "back" areas had 4 and 3 layers of siding.

The building is once again framed in the original wood siding used when it was constructed in 1902.

Mike took off old paint, stripped the wood and put it back on. Some slats of the siding was so damaged, he had to replace pieces. Up close you can see the new boards, but it is mostly old siding that is time-worn, sanded and reused.

The old siding is wobbly from years of use,

It was locally milled siding, including 1" thick x 25" wide planks. In 1902 there was no plywood.

The building was put together with hand cut nails.

The building had 5 layers of siding on it. He removed all 5 layers.

There were 3" of roofing on the building. The old roof material is removed and replaced with a new roof.

Tate – Mighton – Groh – Speith Families

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to Mary Groh from estate of George Mighton

1860 Atlas
George Mighton

1876 Atlas lists house as Groh

1925 property of Dr. Frank and Mae Chvatal

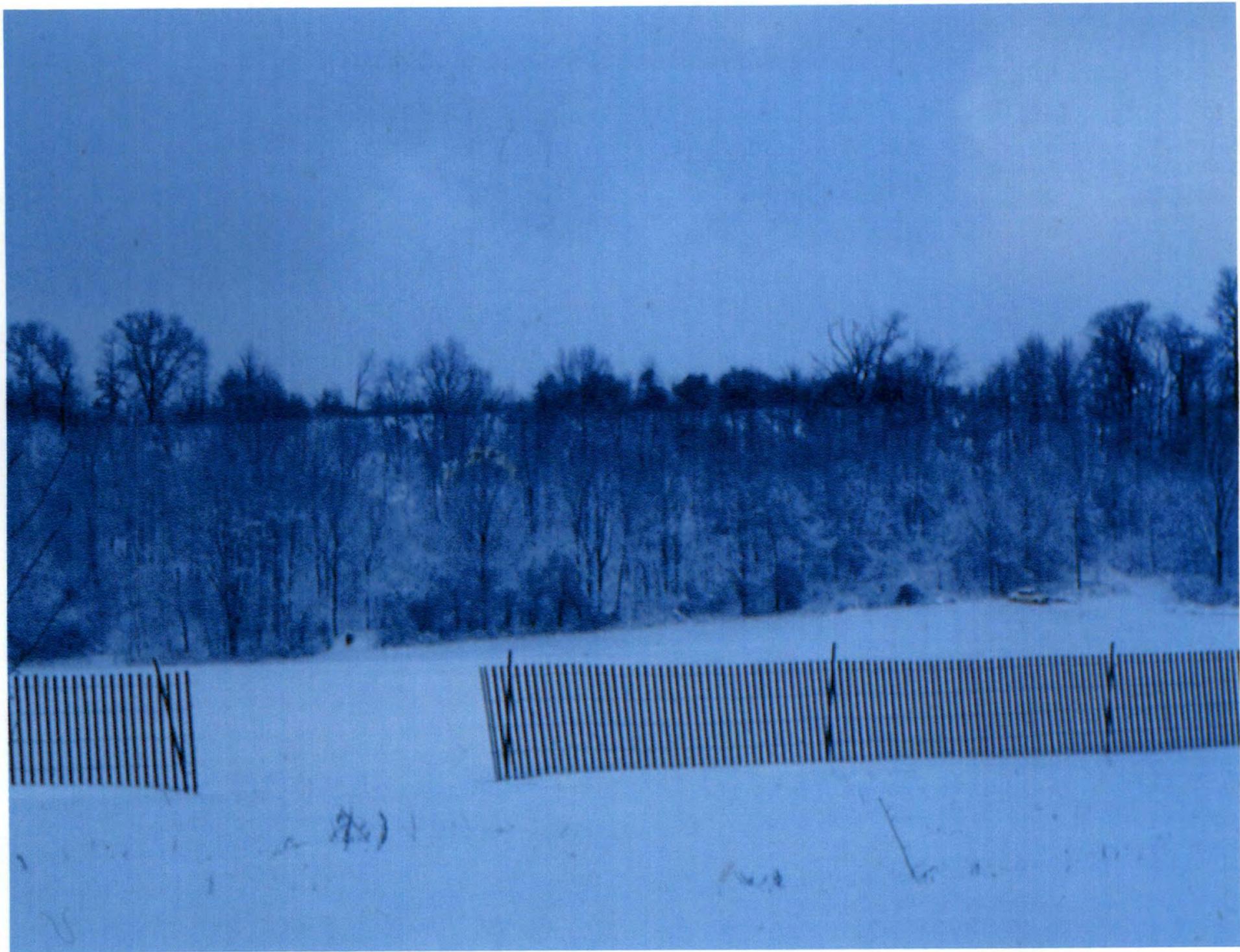
house rebuilt - not the original house on this land



GROH HOUSE, TINKERS CREEK RD. 1956-7



MIGHTON - GROH - CVNP



MIGHTON - GROH - CVMP



MIGHTON - GROH - CVMP

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Groh/Mighton/Spieth

Jesensky field notes: The last private owners were the Grohs, descendants and heirs of the Mightons. 2 of the scenic old barns stood at the base of the hillside, by Tinkers Creek Road, but neither is there today, nor is the Groh house.

In 1981 this land became part of the CVNP

Robert Whittaker 7-23-1985 interview: Address: Robert Whittaker lived at 13518 Tinkers Creek Road

At the time Whittaker, who was an elderly man, lived on the second story of the garage – his daughter/son-in-law or daughter-in-law/son lived in the main house at that time)

The land along the north side of Tinkers Creek Road, including land on the ridge, was the Groh farm.

In the 1920s Will Groh owned the farm. For cash he sold lumber from trees he cut down.

1860 Cuyahoga County Atlas – George Mighton

1876 Cuyahoga County Atlas – lists house as owned by Groh

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1925 Cuyahoga County Atlas – Property of Dr. Frank and Mae Chvatel

Jesensky interview w/Cub Carey 9-1979 8-1910 Harriet Groh was the heir to George Mighton's property.

John Groh married John Mighton's sister. Their cabin was on the Mighton property on Tinkers Creek Road.

They had a long winding uphill driveway that led to the house. There were 2 barns at the base of the hillside, below the house. The house had already burned down by 1979, but Jesensky saw traces of the barns.

1956-1957 Photo: The Groh House on Tinkers Creek Road This is not the original house on the land

Groh-Mighton Property

Harriet Groh was the heir to George Mighton's property. 8-1910

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Both barns burned down. Jesensky saw traces of them in the 1970s.

1890-1915 plat book

Lot 61 Harriet Groh got the George Mighton property as his heir on 8-1910

Lot 61 and Lot 71 Tinker's Creek/Dunham Road Area: shows several houses, like a community, Little Egypt

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MIGHTON to GROH to CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK LAND

The last private owners of this historic property were the Grohs, descendants and heirs of the Mightons. Two of their scenic old barns stood at the base of the hillside, but neither is there today, nor is the Groh house. In 1981 this land became part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Interview with Hubert Renau, 12-9-2002

Hubert and Helga Renau live at 7067 Kral Drive, 440-786-1650

Hubert came to "Walton Hills" from Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

He lived with his sister and her husband which rented the house on Tinkers Creek Road from the Groh family of Bedford. The house was located fairly close to the intersection of Dunham Road, across from the Tinkers Creek Tavern (owned by Charly Bender and his wife), and Astorhurst Restaurant and Picnic Grounds opposite Tinkers Creek.

The Groh house sat up on the hill, quite a distance from Tinkers Creek Road, not easy to see from the road. The driveway curved up the slope, evergreens and other trees blocked the view in the summertime.

The Groh property was sold to the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area in the 1970's. The Park tore down the house. Walton Hills Maintenance property was also part of the 160 acres belonging to the Groh family.

Hubert's sister and her husband "sponsored" his arrival into the U.S.

Ten months later he was drafted in to the U.S. Army.

Hubert's wife, Helga, also came to this country from Germany. They didn't know one another when Hubert first came to this country. They met some years after the war was over and moved back to Walton Hills in 1996.

See attached photos of the Groh house taken in 1956/57.

Ralph "Pete" Peterman Family

RALPH PETERMAN
SAGAMORE / DUNHAM ROAD
16555 Sagamore Rd

I had spent a couple of years looking at rural acreage along with a retired friend of mine (Mr. Louis) His hobby was prowling the farms and open land over Cuyahoga and adjacent Counties. He knew every plot that was for sale. I almost bought land in the Chagrin Falls area, but then decided on Bedford Township land. I almost came near buying 24 acres near your road and Monticore-Walton Rd, but then decided on the 36 acre parcel of the sand farm (Plat #93 on page 108 of your book). This took all my available cash, and since everything I bought had to be cash, I looked around for someone to purchase part of the land. Along came the Dr. ^(Page 108) West ⁽¹⁹⁶⁸⁾ Hotal, so we decided to split the parcel and each was to take 18 acres. I took an entire week deciding which of ^{the} acreage to keep and finally decided on the top parcel which was heavily wooded. This gave me the money to build. We built the garage out front because at that time there was so much snow removal on Sagamore Rd, and so it was easier to get out. Half way on Chocatai & my land was a clearing called the Circle of about 4 acres on which the finest wheat in the County was grown. There was a Spring on my land which ran the finest, clearest water anyone could want, and this Spring ran year around (finally dried up when all the bldgs & wells were installed years later). In the dip in the road in front of my home there was stone cistern that was spring fed, and travelers could water themselves and their horses. (I dug and uncovered the well one day so as to verify this.) In the lane leading to our house, the lane between the heavy and thick setting of trees became a well known "Lovers Lane" It was also used in the days of Prohibition as a gangsters haven. Old timers told me they well remembered seeing at a distance the cars that were set afire in their vendettas. Up at the corner of Sagamore & Dunham Rds still stands a stump of a famous old tree (used as a trail or marker tree by the Indians) When I first moved there I could fish in the creek right next to our house, and always land bass and blue fish (now nearly dried up and polluted).

The old farm house at Sagamore & Walton had a complete "Blacksmith shop" that local people patronized. Torn out a few years after we moved there. We had a bus line for several years. Marge decided to teach once again in Cleveland, and used it morning and night, since the bus stop was right at the corner of our property. Occasionally also used this bus to go into Cleveland. It did not lack for patronage because the nearby Hospital gave them riders all day long. Mr. Felt retired with no buyers for the system. Our woods originally contained some of the rarest of wild flowers (I had a botanist check them out for me) but they are all gone now due to vandalism.

I was never considered in any of the policies or plans of Walton Hills, for I was foremost of those attempting to block the formation of Walton Hills. I fought for the retention of our land as Bedford Township. Of course we lost.

When C. E. I. took out my trees, Mr. Brewster (a logger for over 40 years) said that he cut down the largest Beech he had ever seen. We had the only "Pepperidge" tree in the area. Lost it just three years ago. I know Gen. Connelly personally. He did things on a grand scale whenever he ran a sawyer abt - he thought nothing of using an outcropage.

R. E. Peterman
916 Tremain St
Mt. Dora, Fla.
32757

Mr. & Mrs. Robt & Jean
18955 Orcha
Walton Hills

Ridsdale Family

7730 Dunham Road

7-4-1969. flood



1962 photo

7730 Dunham Road



Ridgdale

Tate / Mighton / Groh / Spieth

12-22-1836 – Moses Gleeson sold one of his lots, **Lot 72**, in “**Walton Hills**,” to Robert Tate for \$836.00
Lot 72 was land east and south of Tinkers Creek

The Deed was hand-written and signed by Edmond Gleeson
In more recent years, descendants of the Tates bought land along Tinkers Creek Road, to the west of Dunham Road.
In 1837 **Ruth Tate** married **William Windross**, in Bedford Ohio
When the Tate family women married, they acquired the following names: **Black, Mighton, Groh, Culver** – all local names in **Valley View and Walton Hills**

Land along Tinkers Road

1860 Cuyahoga County Atlas – **George Mighton** *had a cedar mill*
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*George Mighton married
Jane Tattle - in England*

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1925 Cuyahoga County Atlas – Property of **Dr. Frank and Mae Chvatel**

on Tinkers Creek Road across from the "Adelshurst Restaurant"

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Until the late 1970s, early 1980s, 2 of the scenic old barns stood at the base of the hillside, by Tinkers Creek Road

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Helen Pratt, a descendant of **Robert Tate** – 5324 Cato Street, Maple Heights, 216-587-0381

Helen traced her family tree back to **Robert Tate**.

1956-1957 Photo: The Groh House on Tinkers Creek Road This is not the original house on the land

When he was a teenager, Hubert Renau left Frankfurt Germany to live in the US with his sister and her husband in the house they rented on the north side of Tinkers Creek Road, near Dunham Road. His sister sponsored him. His sister and her husband rented the house from the Grohs, who had moved into Bedford.

10 months later, Hubert was drafted in the US Army.

Helen & Hester Pratt
 5324 Cato St 216-587-0381
 Maple Hts

Tate family
 party of married girls
 Black family
 +
 Mightrons & Bross
 +
 Culver

Helen & Hester are volunteers - Bed. Hist. Society 408
 Ruth ^{Tate} Windross
 m/William Windross
 married in Bedford 1837

Robert Tate - to Moses' blessing

To all people to whom these presents shall come - bearing
 know ye, that I Robert Tate of Bedford in the County of Lenoir
 and State of Ohio, for the consideration of eight hundred thirty
 six dollars and sixty six cents, received to my full satisfaction
 of Moses' blessing of the same place - do give, grant, bargain, sell
 and confirm unto him the said Moses' blessing the following de-
 scribed tract or lot of land, situate in the township of Bedford
 being number six in the Eleventh range of townships in the
 Commercial western reserve, in the State of Ohio, and which is
 also in the County of Lenoir, and is known by being lot
 number Seventy two in said township of Bedford, and as
 bounded as follows: be the same more or less, but subject
 to all legal highways - To have and to hold the above, granted
 and bargained premises, with the appurtenances thereof unto
 him the said Moses' blessing his heirs and assigns forever, to
 him and their own proper use and behoof - And I the said
 Robert Tate do for myself and my heirs, executors and admin-
 istrators, covenant with the said Moses' blessing his heirs
 and assigns, that at and until the encasing of these presents
 I am well seized of the premises as a good and indefeasible
 estate in fee simple, and have good right to bargain and
 sell the same in manner and form as above written,
 and that the same be free from all incumbrances whatso-
 ever - And furthermore I the said Robert Tate do by these
 presents bind myself my heirs, assigns, to warrant and de-
 fend the above granted and bargained premises, to him the
 said Moses' blessing his heirs and assigns against all law-
 ful claims and demands whatsoever - The condition of this
 deed is such, that whereas the said Robert Tate has executed
 and delivered to the said Moses' blessing, two several Mortgage
 Notes payable as follows: One four hundred thirty three dollars +
 thirty three + one third cents on the first day of November A.D.
 1837 with interest four hundred thirty three dollars + thirty three
 + one third cents on the first day of November 1838 with interest
 Now if the said Robert Tate his heirs, assigns, executors or ad-
 ministrators shall well and truly pay the aforesaid Notes (or
 sums of money) according to the tenor thereof, to the said Moses'
 blessing his heirs or assigns, then the above deed shall be void,
 otherwise to remain in full force and virtue - In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day
 of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and thirty six -
 signed sealed and delivered

in presence of
 M. Blesson
 Geo. Hoadly

Robt. Tate (S)

The State of Ohio | December 22nd 1836 - Personally appeared
 Lenoir County ss | Robert Tate who acknowledged that he

Recd the amount due on their mortgage & the same is hereby discharged - June 25th 1857
 M. Blesson

Buyer -
 Robert Tate
 \$836
 Seller -
 Moses' Blesson
 lot 72
 Bedford
 Township
 entire lot

12-22-1836
 1836

12-22-1836

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did sign and seal the within instrument, and that the same is his free act and deed.

Recd Dec. 20th 1896 at 5 P.M.
Recorded Dec. 23rd 1896.

Geo. Hooley
Justice of the Peace

Moses Bleason & wife - to - Robert Tate

To all people to whom these presents shall come - knowing -
know ye, that Mr. Moses Bleason & his wife of the Town of Bedford in the County of Linyahoga and State of Ohio - for the consideration of Fifteen hundred dollars, received to our full satisfaction of Robert Tate of the same place, do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto him the said Robert Tate, the following described tract or lot of Land, situate in the Township of Bedford, being number six in the eleventh range of Townships, in the Northeastern western reserve, in the State of Ohio, and which is also in the County of Linyahoga - and is known by being lot number seventy two - and is bounded as follows: be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways. To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises, with the appurtenances thereof unto him the said Robert Tate his heirs and assigns forever, to him and their own heirs and behoof. And we the said Moses and do for ourselves our heirs executors and administrators, covenant with the said Robert Tate his heirs and assigns, that at and until the executing of these presents we were well seized of the premises, as a good and indefeasible estate in fee simple, and have good right to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as above written, and that the same be free from all incumbrances whatsoever. And furthermore we the said Moses and do by these presents bind ourselves our heirs forever, to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained premises, to him the said Robert Tate his heirs and assigns, against all lawful claims and demands whatsoever, and do the said do hereby remise, release and forever quit claim unto the said Robert Tate his heirs and assigns all my right and title of dower in the above described premises - in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
Henry D. Burns
C. Bleason

M. Bleason
Polly Bleason

The State of Ohio
Linyahoga County ss December 20 1896. Personally appeared Moses Bleason & Polly Bleason who acknowledged that they did sign and seal the foregoing instrument, and that the same is their free act and deed. I further certify that I did examine the said Polly Bleason, separate and apart from her said husband, and did then and there make known to her the contents of the foregoing instrument, and

12-8-1896
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12-23-183

The State of Ohio,
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, SS.

In the Probate Court at Cleveland,
in and for said County, on the 25th day of
December A. D. 1854

Testimony, In proof of the last ^{verbal} Will and Testament, of
Robert Tate deceased, late of the Bedford
in said County, Matthew Dremmen and George Mighton

(verbal)
the submitting Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of said Robert Tate
deceased being duly sworn and examined in open Court, on the day
and year aforesaid, depose and say, that the said Testator, at the time of executing his said last Will
and Testament, was of full age, and of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint,
that said testamentary words were reduced to writing within 30 days from the
and that they signed as Witnesses to said Will in the presence of said Testator and by his
uttering the same - that said words were in his presence as witness to his
deed and also in the presence of each other. ^{on}
Which said Testimony was reduced to writing, and signed by

said Witnesses in open Court, this 25 day of Dec.
A. D. 1854

ATTEST:

Joseph [Signature] Judge.

George Mighton
Matthew Dremmen

George Mighton

Helen Pratt (a Tate descendant) and Lester Pratt, 5324 Cato Street, Maple Heights, 216-587-0381
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Mars Wager Quarry

The Mars Wager Quarry

Commercial-grade Berea Sandstone was discovered on the slopes of the Tinkers Creek River, and east of World's End. In the late 1880s, Mars Wager, who had already owned sandstone quarries in the southwest sections of Greater Cleveland, bought parcels of land here, for a quarry operation.

Wager purchased over 200 acres of back-acreage land along the east side of Dunham Road for its marketable Berea sandstone. This local Wager Quarry was in operation in the late 1880s until 1904.

An oxen lane led from the quarry to Dunham Road. Blocks of sandstone were carted to Dunham Road, down Dunham Road Hill to Tinkers Creek Road, and west on Tinkers Creek Road to the Canal, where the sandstone blocks were put on flat boats and shipped to Cleveland.

Sandstone was quarried at the site until the New York Central Railroad stopped the quarry operation. Sometime around 1904, when NYC workers began working on the track in Little Egypt, the railroad stopped quarry workers from trespassing through their right-of-way to get to Dunham Road. The railroad track paralleled the east side of Dunham Road, cutting off the quarry from its access to Dunham Road.

The Wagers eventually sold this back acreage to the Cleveland Metroparks. Today, a visitor can see remnants of the quarry by following a path on the west side of Overlook Lane.

Wager Quarry 1994 Photo



Wager Quarry

1994 Photo

WAGAR QUARRY

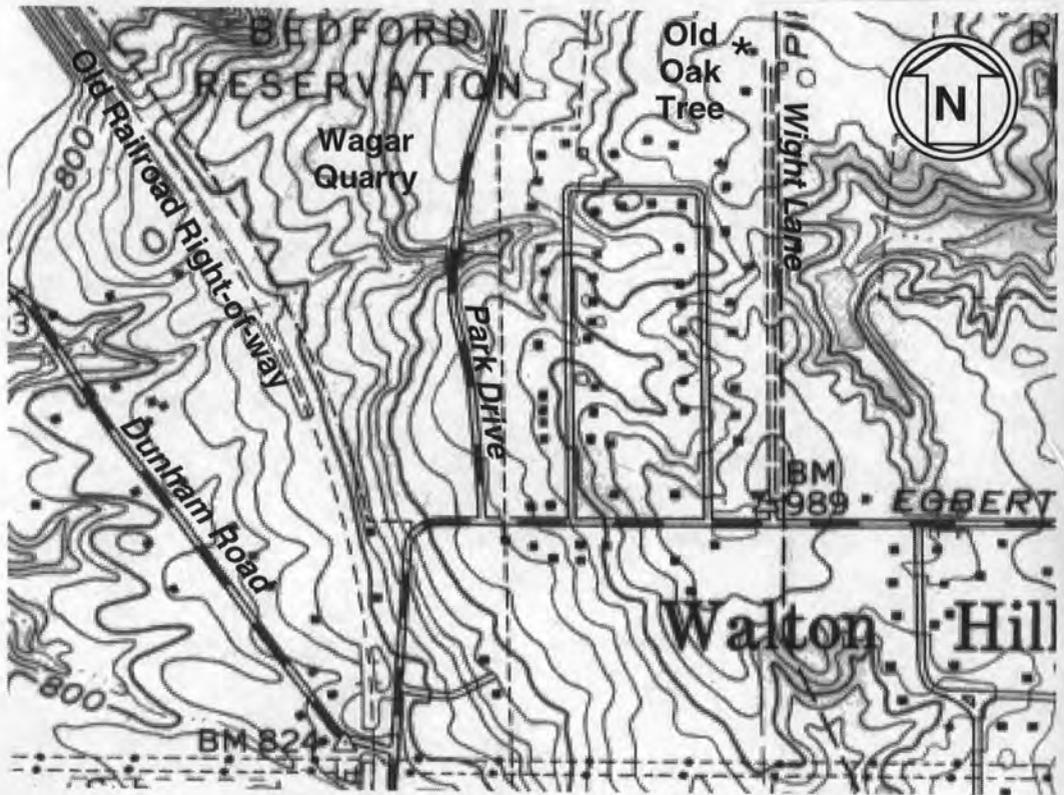
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12/14/94 - Joe Jesensky, Birdie Smith and Jack Mars Wagar Quarry in Bedford Reservation

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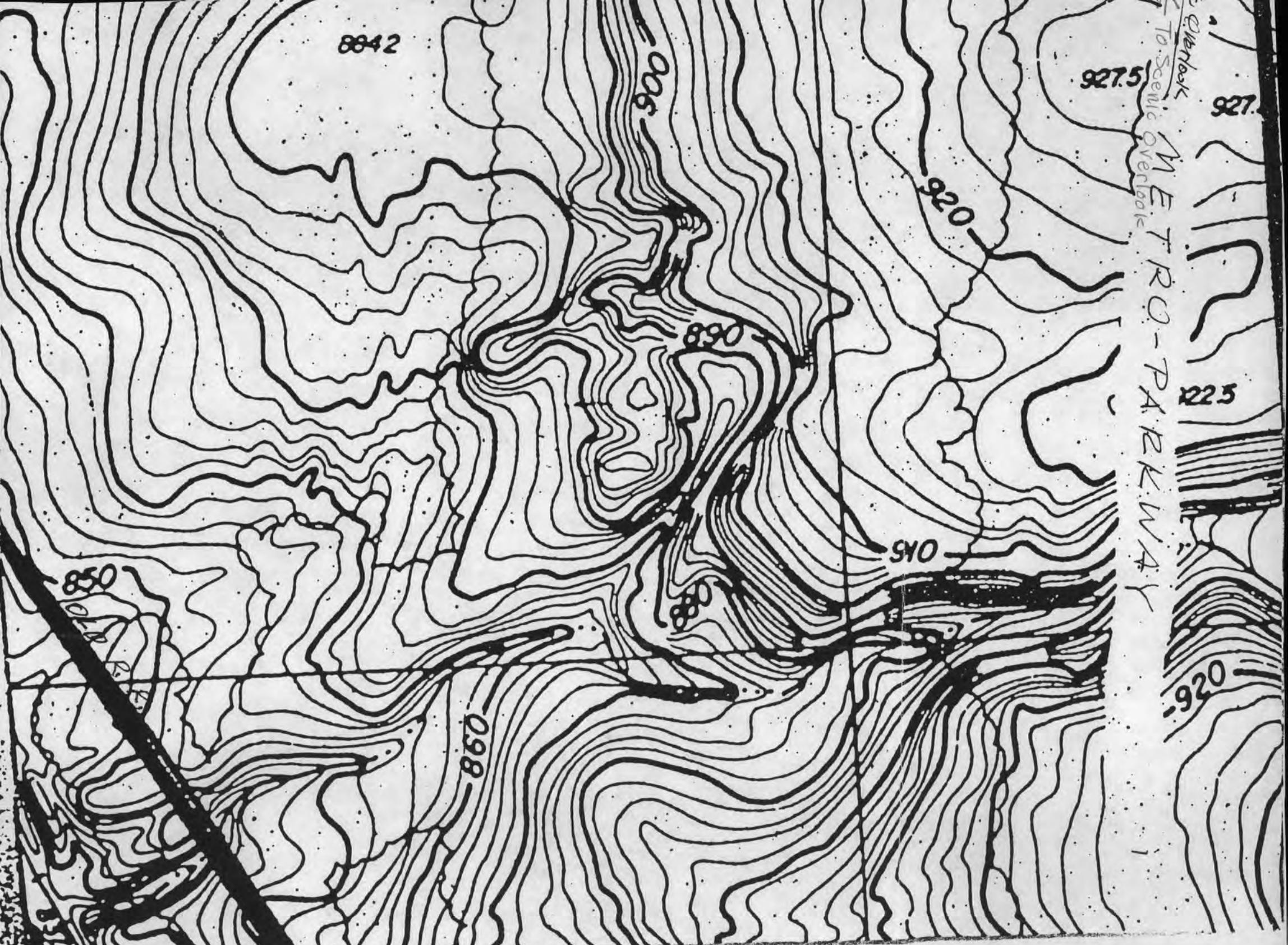
Mars
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Quarry

Area Map:



The Pictures:

- 1) Wagar Quarry rock pile
- 2) Joe Jesensky and Birdie Smith
- 3) Wagar Quarry from the West
- 4) Wagar Quarry from the Northwest
- 5) Wagar Quarry up close
- 6) The old oak tree northwest of the end of Wight Lane
- 7) Joe Jesensky and Birdie Smith in front of old oak tree
- 8) Joe Jesensky and Birdie Smith by old oak tree



Overlook
To scenic Overlook
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WAGER QUARRY

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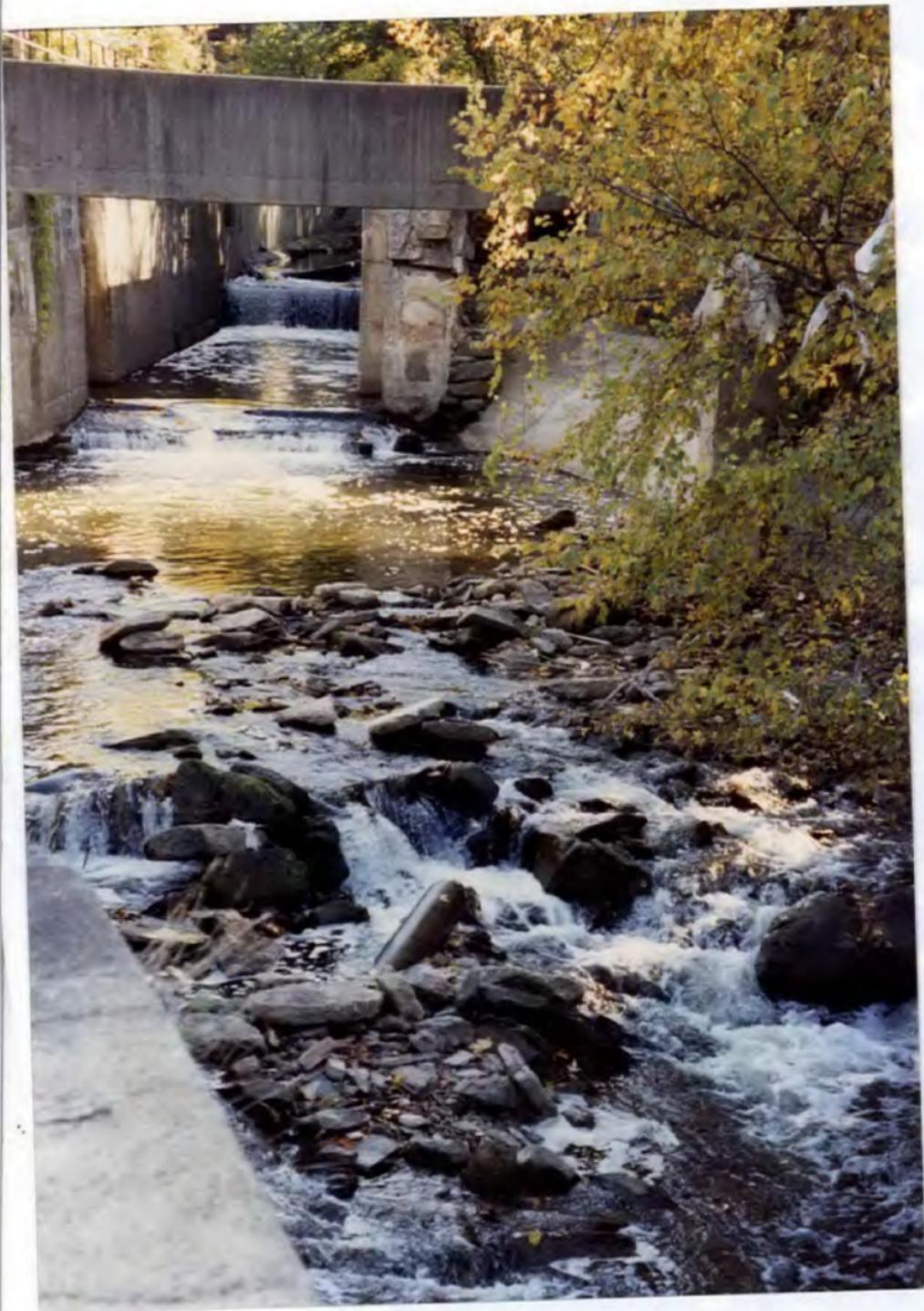
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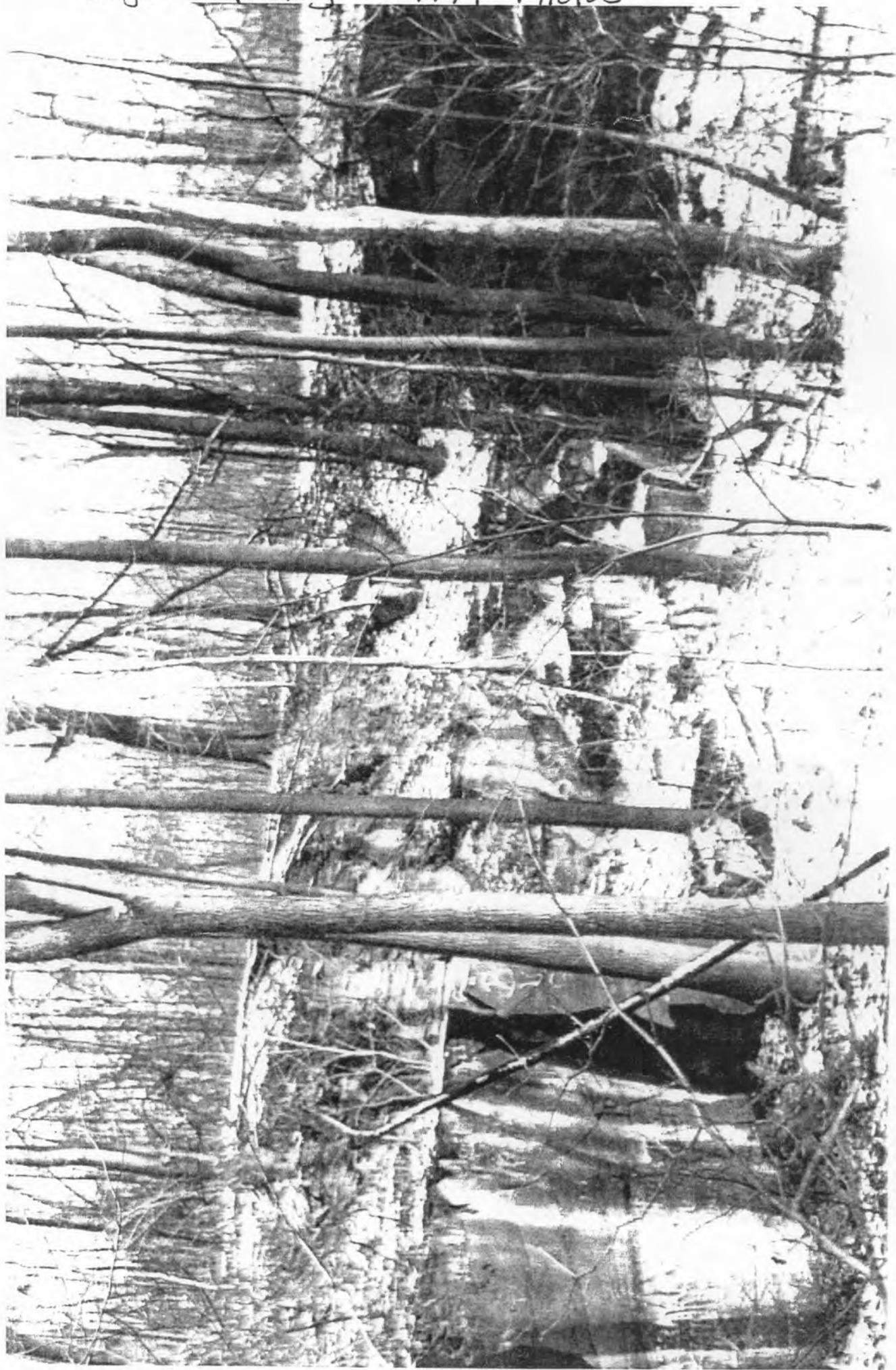
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Quarry





Wager Quarry 1994 Photos





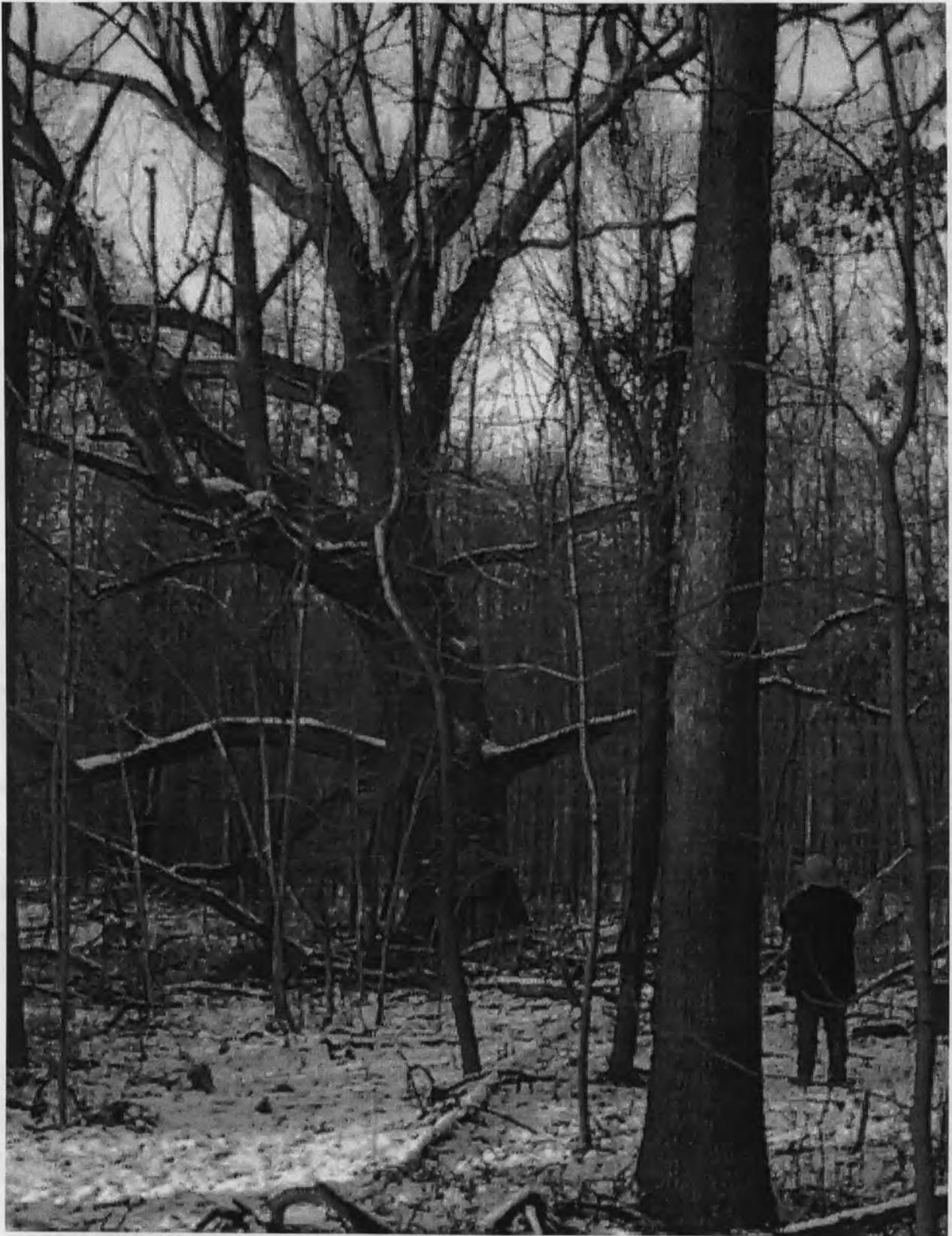
12/14/94#1 Wagar Quarry Rock Pile



12/14/94#2 Joe Jesensky and Birdie Smith



12/14/94#5 Wagar Quarry Up Close



12/14/94#6 Old Oak Tree Northwest of
End of Wight Lane

Dunham Rd
Wager
Dziczkowski
Black Beauty

The Mars Wager quarry was behind the Dziczkowski house. Straight back. It was a square quarry. Some stones still there, although the region is overgrown
There was an ox lane from the Wager quarry, used to transport the stone.

Flint was found on Black Beauty property. Henry Jr. has a collection of Arrowheads of several sizes: bird points and large sized arrowheads he found..

Much of the latest information on this site has been obtained from Jean Kainsinger's book, "History of Walton Hills," there is none at the Bedford Historical Society. Our own early group back in the days of our hiking and sketching in the early days of the 1920's saw the spot from a distance back in 1927 or '28 while hiking in the Tanglewood Forest area. This part of the Bedford Reservation had just been added to the original park and the new boundary had just been surveyed and marked with metal iron stakes painted white and red and set in a concrete base. We made a game of seeking out these stakes (unaided by any map or other guide) and this led us through our first introduction to the Tanglewood Forest area. In places traces of an old barbed-wire fence indicated the approximate location of the old Quarry area, but since it was private land yet at that time, we did not venture to explore it and consequently did not see the actual quarry and its prominent size, etc. My first sight of it did not happen until recently in December of 1994.

From Jean Kainsinger's book I learned the following:

At the turn of the century or shortly before, Mars Wager purchased some 200 acres of land from Mary Black, the owner. He started the stone quarry operations at that time which became a much-used source for sandstone by local area people as well as builders in Cleveland, etc. When, in about 1910, the new railroad line was built, the N.Y. Central Freight Line, it cut off the main entrance to the quarry which was reached by nearby Egypt Road (now Dunham Road.) In 1911 Wager ceased operating the quarry and not too many years later, sold his land to the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, all but the side west of the railroad tracks which became a local resident's site as well as a popular Riding Academy (The Black Beauty Academy.) It sported a large dance floor with a large fireplace and adjoining kitchen for lease by party makers and other groups. Later it became just a private residence.

A recent examination of a 1938 aerial photograph of this area shows the faint traces of a series of old lanes or wagon roads leading to the quarry from the east. They crossed the old farm fields in a random fashion - probably then the easiest way to reach it, instead of where the railroad track blocked the original entrance. Few hikers in the park were ever aware of its existence as then there were no trails to it except animal paths and perhaps the lone hiker. Today (1994) there is a well-built path leading to the quarry from the southern entrance to the park, near Egbert Road - where a small parking place is built on the Overlook Parkway. A part of this trail is the blue-daubed Buckeye Trail which runs through the main bulk of the Tanglewood Forest, past the Wager Quarry and to the better-known quarry, The Cleveland Quarry near the scenic overlook platform. It too, once was an important quarry, but not as large as the Wager Quarry. The much sought for Berea Sandstone underlay most of the land bordering the Tinkers Creek Valley in the park and there are a number of small quarry spots throughout the area. Some only a mere dig in the hillside, others showing quite a deep cut. All these, and the larger quarries as well as those in the Independence area further west, eventually ceased operations after the much larger quarries at Berea came into use. Today these smaller quarries now serve as just another one of the various other signs within the park of its past usages.

Of the owner of this largest Tinkers Creek area quarry Mars Wager, there is not much known of his history - except for a brief mention in the thick book, "The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History" - on page 611 his name, along with several others is mentioned in connection with the early development of Lakewood in the west side Cleveland area - and one of the city streets is named after Mars Wager. There is also some response to the fact that the old hermit (Chris Foss) who lived in the park at the time of our rambles there, and we became acquainted with him; he was supposed to be occupying the cabin built by a member of the Wager family. This has not been verified, as the cabin appeared to be on land adjoining the Wager property and owned by a Gleeson. The cabin, a full-sized one-room Scout cabin, well-built, was torn down by Metropark crews after the old hermit died. A picnic area was made of most of this former site and is now known as the Hermit Hollow Picnic Grounds.

Besides its importance as a stone quarry, the Wager site must have at one time also been of importance to the early Indians of our area for when the late William Nimberger made his architectural notes of the Tinkers Creek area, he mentioned finding strong signs of the site as having been used as a large campsite by the Indians. Some working tools; flint artifacts and broken bits of ceramics, such as used by them. Topographically, the site is ideal for such a use. A large spring must have issued out of the head of the small ravine which became the heart of the stone quarry operations, a flow of water still can be seen today. Its position at the brow of a low terrain from which the distant blue hills of the Cuyahoga Valley can be seen, the principal route for the Indians for centuries. Not too far off to the north of the quarry site, in the Tinkers Creek Valley just opposite the old Hermit's cabin site, looms a high, easy ridge where at its terminal end, the early land owner, Gleeson, uncovered traces of an early Indian Hilltop Fort Site - back in the late 1800's. And even closer-by - along old Egypt Road, where it drops down into the Tinkers Creek Valley - there is a large mound called "Egypt Mound" long believed to have been used by the early Indians as a burial grounds. So far, only the traces of several early settlers' graves have been reported there, and several past efforts to find other burials have been in vain. Probably so, because of the fact that when the New York Central Railroad was being built nearby, they must have chopped off one end of this mound (which gives it a sort of "flat iron" shape) which may have contained other burials.

Today the old Wager Quarry traces are now nearly overgrown by nature once again; only the deepest cut walls remain visible, and some small piles of rough-quarried stones on the top of a hill - and the lesser hillsides of trails, etc. The area looks a bit like one of those lost and hidden Mayan Sites in the jungles of Central America - at least, atmosphere-wise. It is now one of the numerous other historic landmarks in the Bedford Metropark of today.

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Mark "Dretchen" 216-901-9929

(bought Fuhrmeyer horse in 2014)

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Dunham Rd
Wager
Dziczkowski
Black Beauty
Hesoun

WAGER QUARRY Mars Wager 10-1898

east of railroad right of way (Tinkers Creek Road south east of Egypt Road
Mars Wager to Metropark Parcel 11-10-25 59 + acres
1902 County map

Mars Wager 81 acres in square 62

131.96 acres in square 72 north to Tinker's Creek, south to school house
which was at Egbert Road railroad went right through his property

(interview 10-7-1985 with Henry Jr. and his wife Joyce) Henry, Sr and Eleanor Dziczkowski
232-4695 They had 7 children: Henry Jr. and 6 other children

Henry and Eleanor Dziczkowski purchased 4 acres from Hesoun in about 1926
then Henry bought more acres (about 35) from Mars Wager in about 1935

Henry D. bought 6 horses and the name Black Beauty from Mr. Clark who lived south of
Alexander Rd. on west side. (Grants live there now)

Mr. Clark owned a livery or a horse rental riding academy, called Black Beauty at his Dunham Rd
property. Clark sold the name and the 6 horses to Henry.

Henry Sr. who owned Black Beauty did not have a home here: he lived in Cleveland. He owned
a funeral parlor at Harvard and E. 71st St. Dziczkowski Funeral Home

in about 1925 Henry Sr. also bought about 4 acres across the street from Black Beauty from old
Joe Hesoun. Now it is sold. The house is burned down.

Black Beauty used Metropark trails. They weren't established bridle paths as they are now.
At that time there were about 16 miles of bridle trails.

Then Henry opened Black Beauty Riding Academy

20-25 horses: standard bred, some pintos and a few thorobreds; a 25 stall barn The barn
burned down in about 1942. 13 horses were lost and 6 were saved

Henry rebuilt a new barn farther back

He also built a dance hall, really a pavilion, closer to road than barn. It had a fireplace and kitchen
facilities for hay rides, church groups, youth groups

(mention Walton Hills Council met there in 1951: see notes)

Henry sold Black Beauty twice; he was getting old, it was getting too much for him
property sold to Slodov, an orthodontist in Garfield Hts.

Now the National Gov. is in the process of purchasing Black Beauty as part of the CVNRA

Henry Jr. has his 4 acres: he inherited them from his dad

Henry Jr. built their house at 7135 Dunham. He and his wife Joyce moved in in 1963, with their 5
kids Henry, Jr. has no horses now. His daughter had one for a few years.

The house next door to Henry Jr.: one of the Carey grandsons owned the house and moved it
there

The first council meeting of the newly elected officials of the Village of Walton Hills was held in the pavilion at Black
Beauty Riding Academy on Tuesday June 5, 1951.

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2015 Mark and Gretchen Dziczkowski 216.901.9929 (They bought the Fuhrmeyer property in 2014)

Mark "I grew up in Walton Hills, and it feels good to be back in my home town. Gretchen and I joined the Walton Hills Lake when we moved here last year, and we are looking forward to spending fun times at the lake this year."

In his youth, Mark was on the Walton Hills Swim Team. Mark recalls his Swim Coach, Gordon Pamell, who was also a teacher at Bedford High School. "9 am sharp, Mr. Pamell blew his whistle and we all were expected to promptly dive into the water. We had 2 practice sessions a day, the one starting at nine, and one in the afternoon. Back then, I had to ride my bike to and from the Lake - 4 bike rides each summer day from my home on Dunham Road (across the street from the Astorhurst Golf Driving Range to the Lake, off Rotary Drive) and 2 daily Swim Team sessions. I don't remember complaining... I must have been in pretty good shape!"

Mark is a crafted carpenter. His business: Cuyahoga Valley Hardwoods. He does custom wood-working and contracting.

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Hank, who is 88 years old, is delighted and grateful that his son and his son's wife, Mark and Gretchen, and their 2 boys, Eric who was born in 1990, and Ethan, who was born in 1994, moved into the house next door to him. About 5 years ago, when Roger Fuhrmeyer remarked to Hank that he was thinking about selling his property, Hank told Mark, and Mark talked to Roger about purchasing the property. Mark convinced Roger to sell to him, they made a deal, and Mark and Gretchen waited until Roger was ready to move.

Hank, Jr. says, "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes."

Mars Wager, who came from a prominent Cleveland family and lived on Cleveland's west side, purchased over 200 acres of land facing Dunham Road for its marketable Berea sandstone. The Wager Quarry, which was along the back acreage of the property, was in operation in the late 1800s until the early 1900s. An oxen lane led from the quarry to Dunham Road. Sandstone was quarried until the NYC laid tracks for its freight line along Dunham Road between 1905 and 1910. The NYC Railroad had purchased a right of way for a new line. When the NYC Railroad laid tracks for its freight line sometime, the tracks intersected the quarry and its access to Dunham Road. The NYC tracks ran down the right of way. The tracks cut off the quarry from its access to Dunham Road. The Dunham Road quarry ceased operations soon after the railroad line began operating in 1911.

The Wager family eventually sold the back acreage, including the quarry, to the Metroparks. The Wager family eventually sold the back acreage to the Metroparks. Today a visitor can see remnants of the quarry by following a path on the west side of Overlook Lane. Wager owned and operated quarries mainly in Cleveland's western suburbs. In the late 1800s, Wager purchased over 200 acres of land along the east side of Dunham Road for his Berea Sandstone Quarry in our area.

In the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, this was a favored area for horseback riders. The popular Black Beauty Riding Academy was first on the west side of Dunham Road, then on the east side of Dunham Road, approximately at 7125 Dunham Road. The livery usually had from 20 to 25 horses that were mostly standard bred, along with some pintos and a few thoroughbred horses. Black Beauty used about 16 miles of Bedford Metropolitan bridle paths, including the oxen lanes created by the Wager Quarry. Black Beauty's business suffered when the main horse barn burned down in 1942 and 13 of their horses perished in the fire.

In 1944 and 1945, Henry and Eleanor Dziczkowski purchased about 40 acres of land along Dunham Road from the Mars Wager family.

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Then, in 1935, Henry and Eleanor bought about 35 more acres from Mars Wager.

At the time, the Henry Sr. family lived in Cleveland and came here on weekends, etc.

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The family liked horses, and wanted a diversion from living in the city and operating their funeral parlor.

Black Beauty Riding Academy – Dzikowski Family

The Dzikowski Family and Memories of "Black Beauty Riding Academy"

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The Hank Dzikowski Family of 7135 Dunham Road celebrated their 50th year as residents of Walton Hills in February of this year. While Henry (Hank) and Joyce Dzikowski lived off Miles Avenue in Cleveland, Hank got the idea of building a house for his family on their 4-acre lot on Dunham Road, using hand-hewn utility poles (telephone and electric poles, as most of us call them.) He started to read the histories of American settlers and learned their techniques for building log cabins. Then he fashioned a tool like those used by the early settlers for splitting logs.

For 2 years, from 1960 to 1962, the Dzikowskis looked for poles. "Every time we saw a crew replacing a pole we'd stop and ask them for the old one," stated Joyce Dzikowski, when she was interviewed for a feature article that appeared in *The Cleveland Press* in April of 1969. Hank spent those two years converting the round poles into square beams.

After stock piling about 125 squared beams of various dimensions and stacking siding pieces that he cut to size, he received a building permit from the building inspector of the time. Hank began construction of his Walton Hills house in April of 1962. With help from relatives and friends, it only took the Dzikowskis 10 months to build their house. In *The Cleveland Press* article Joyce is quoted as saying, "In spite of all the hard work, it is a good feeling to look around and know that we did all this ourselves." On a snowy day in February of 1963, Hank and Joyce Dzikowski moved into their new home with their four daughters, Carol, Lori, Sue and Denise. Mark, their fifth and last child was born the following September.

Their distinctive log-cabin style home has outside walls that are 10 to 12 inches thick. Reinforced 30-foot beams crossing the ceilings provide support and eliminate the need for interior bearing walls. Shingles for the home's exterior were made by splitting the stumps of the poles into pieces. The stone fireplace wall in the living room was built of rocks that the children carried from the creek behind the house. The back of the wall, made of reclaimed brick, creates a foyer.



The Dzikowski Family and Memories of "Black Beauty Riding Academy"

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And yes, the fireplace mantle was fashioned from a utility pole. Large windows let in lots of light, making the house bright and comfortable. The kitchen, living room and dining rooms are large and open, appearing as one great room - a style that is fashionable today.

Residents living north of Alexander Road may remember their mailman, Hank. Dzikowski transferred from the Brecksville Post Office in 1970 to work at the Bedford facility. He delivered mail to his fellow Walton Hills residents for the next 14 years. He retired in August of 1984.

Hank's Parents and Black Beauty Riding Academy, Located on Dunham Road

Going back in time to the 1920s ...

Hank's parents, Henry, Sr. and Eleanor Dzikowski and their 7 children lived in Cleveland. Henry Sr. owned the Dzikowski Funeral Home at Harvard and East 71st Street. Henry, Sr. knew he needed to live close to his business, but he wanted to find a get-away weekend place for his family, one that was close to the city but in a country atmosphere where his children could ride horses.

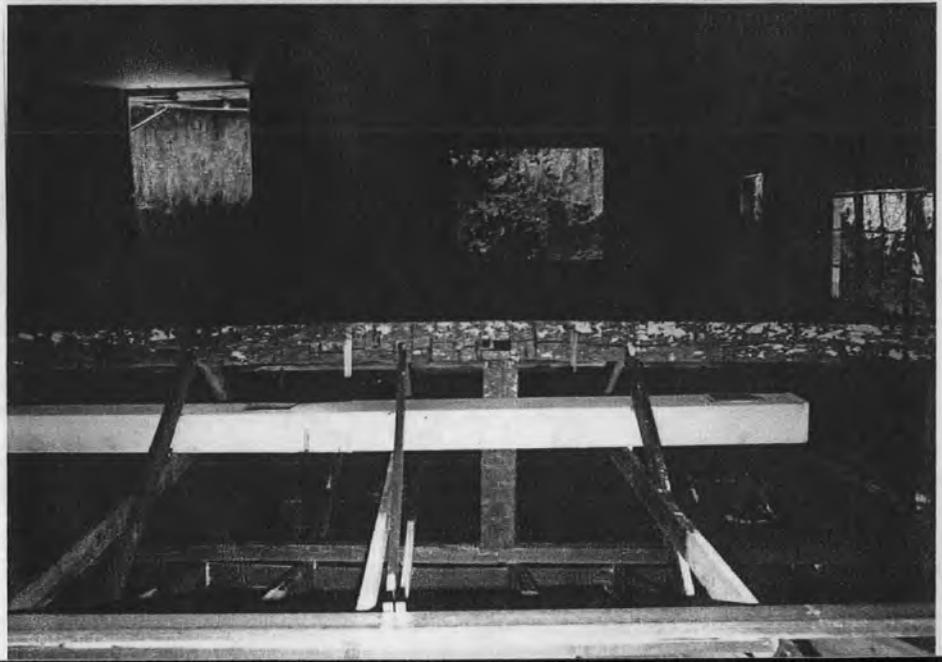
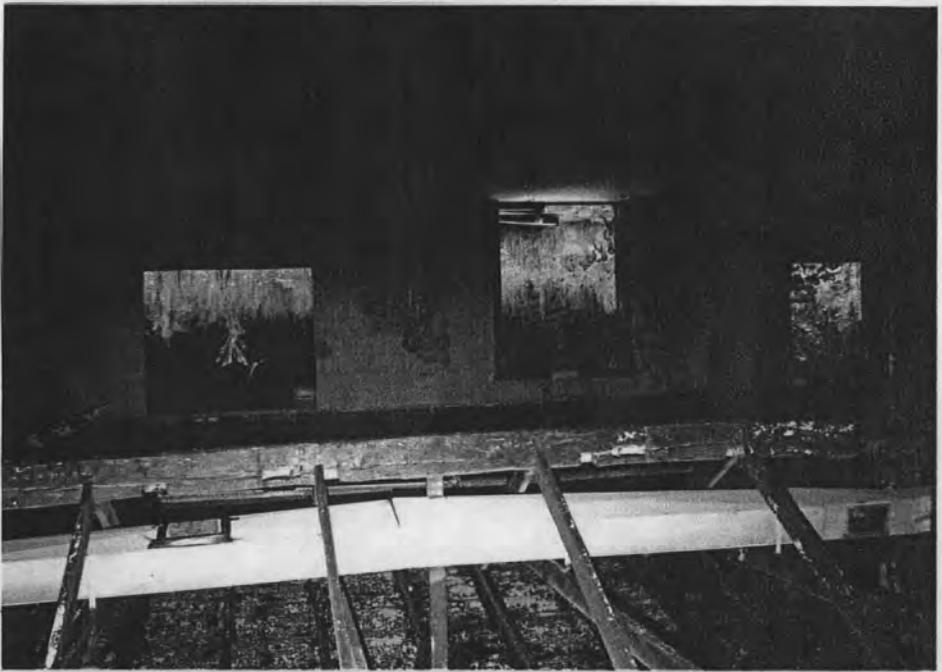
Henry, Sr. purchased 4 acres of land on the east side of Dunham Road from the Hesoun family in about 1926. Then in about 1935, he bought 35 acres of land from the Mars Wager estate. This new acreage, at the back of Henry's property, had been part of the abandoned Wager Quarry.

Henry, Sr. then purchased 6 horses and the naming rights to "Black Beauty" from Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark, who was getting on in years, was looking for a buyer for his livery and horse rental business called "Black Beauty Riding Academy." Mr. Clark's "Black Beauty" had also been located on Dunham Road, but it was located on the west side of the road and south of Alexander Road.

Within a couple years Henry, Sr., Eleanor and their children opened their new Black Beauty Riding Academy to the public. Their horseback facility was about a mile north of Mr. Clark's, approximately at 7125 Dunham Road, across the street from today's Astorhurst Driving Range.

Through the years, Black Beauty had between 20 and 25 horses waiting for riders, some were standard bred, some pintos, and there were a few thoroughbreds. A 25-stall barn housed the horses. Black Beauty used about 16 miles of Bedford Reservation bridle paths, including the oxen lanes created by the Wager Quarry. People from Cleveland and nearby suburbs came to Black Beauty to learn to horseback ride, or rent a horse and go horseback riding through the park. Some people boarded their horses at Black Beauty. On Black Beauty grounds there was a pavilion with kitchen facilities, dance floor, and fireplace available for organized hay rides, church groups and youth groups. Black Beauty's business suffered when the main horse barn burned down in 1942 and 13 of the horses perished in the fire.

In the 1950s the family sold Black Beauty. Except for the 4 acres that are owned by Hank and Joyce Dzikowski, Black Beauty acreage is now part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.





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With help from relatives and friends, the Dzikowskis built their house in 10 months.

Reinforced 30-foot beams crossing the ceilings provide support and eliminate the need for interior bearing walls.

Shingles for the home's exterior were made by splitting stumps of the poles into pieces.

Date of Photo: 2013

2012: Property of Hank and Joyce Dzikowski

Still Standing: Yes

—Formerly a city dweller, finds country life "refreshing" building a house "rewarding" has paneled walls and long ceiling beams hewn Window wall in the dining room overlooks a wooded ravine.

Voland Press, Saturday, April 12, 1969



MODERN PIONEER—Formerly a city dweller, Mrs. Dzikowski finds country life "refreshing" and the labor of building a house "rewarding." Their rustic home has paneled walls and reinforced 30-foot-long ceiling beams hewn from utility poles. Window wall in the dining room overlooks a wooded ravine.

A Home Hewn by Hand

By SANDY FELDHAUSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Dzikowski have a good pole-ish story to tell. It's about their rustic house at 7135 Dunham Rd., Walton Hills. The house was built with utility poles.

"We got the idea many years ago when a utility pole in front of our house was struck by lightning. When the crew came to haul it away we asked them for it, and my husband built a fence," says Mrs. Dzikowski. "It worked so well, we decided it might be a good way to build a house."

So six years ago they built a house. Actual construction, done entirely by the Dzikowskis, their friends and relatives, took only ten months. But the preparation took much longer.

"I don't know how long we spent looking for poles. Every time we saw a crew replacing a pole we'd stop and ask them for the old one. I'm sure they thought we were crazy," laughs Mrs. Dzikowski.

DZICKOWSKI SPENT TWO YEARS converting the round poles into square beams. He started by reading histories of American settlers and their techniques for building log cabins. Then he fashioned a tool like those used by the early

settlers for splitting the logs. After the beams were finished, he split the stumps of the poles into shingles for the home's exterior.

Built log cabin-style, the home's outside walls are 10 to 12 inches thick (the "logs" themselves are seven inches thick). The reinforced 30-foot beams crossing the ceilings provide support and eliminate the need for interior bearing walls. ("We could move any of the partitions in the house," says Mrs. Dzikowski.)

The stone fireplace wall in the living room was built of rocks that the children carried from the creek behind the house. The back of the wall, made of reclaimed brick, helps to create a foyer. Fireplace mantle was fashioned, of course, from a utility pole.

What inspires a mailman and his family to leave the city to become latter-day pioneers? A sense of adventure is certainly part of it. But there was more.

"We wanted a new home, but with five children we could never buy a new house at today's prices," says Mrs. Dzikowski. "Besides, in spite of all the hard work, it's a good feeling to look around and know that we did all this ourselves."

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20TH CENTURY CABIN

—Utility poles, collected for several years and hand-hewn by Hank Dzikowski, are the basis for the family home at 7135 Dunham Rd., Walton Hills. The Dzikowskis and their friends built the house in 10 months. The log cabin-style walls are 12





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The List of Walton Hills HERITAGE FAMILIES Grows! Two, Three and More Generations of Families Choose to Settle in the Village

The Third Generation of Dziczkowski

Welcome and Congratulations, to Mark and Gretchen Dziczkowski, of 7173 Dunham Road, for choosing to make Walton Hills your home. Mark is the third generation to own property at the top of the hill, a bit south and across the street from the Astorhurst Golf Driving Range. Their house sits next door to Mark's dad, Hank. Mark and Gretchen have two sons, Eric who is 24 and will get married in a few months, and Ethan who is 21.

Mark states, "I grew up in Walton Hills, and it feels good to be back in my home town. Gretchen and I joined the Walton Hills Lake soon after we moved here last year, and we are looking forward to spending fun times at the Lake this year." Mark has good memories of his years growing up in the Village.

In his youth, Mark was on the Walton Hills Swim Team. Mark recalls his Swim Coach, Gordon Parnell, a Bedford High School teacher who lived in the Village. "Nine am sharp, Mr. Parnell blew his whistle and we all were expected to promptly dive into the water. We had two practice sessions a day; one starting at nine, and one in the afternoon. Back then, I had to ride my bike to and from the Lake - 4 bike rides each summer day from my home on Dunham Road to Walton Hills Lake, and then hours of practice for Swim Meet Competitions. I don't remember complaining... I must have been in pretty good shape!"

Today, Mark owns his own business, Cuyahoga Valley Hardwoods. A creative craftsman, he does custom wood-working and contracting.

Mark and Gretchen's house sits on a picturesque piece of land. As the new home owners, Mark and Gretchen have already completed some projects, and have a list of ideas for future projects on their house and property. Their house had once been owned by the Careys, then the Fuhrmeyers from 1970 until June of 2014.

About 5 years ago, when Roger Fuhrmeyer first considered selling his property, Mark talked to Roger, and convinced Roger to sell to him. They struck a deal, and Mark and Gretchen waited until Roger was ready to move.

Mark's dad, Hank, at 88 years old, is delighted and grateful that Mark and Gretchen are living next door to him. Hank says, "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes."



The Second Generation of Dziczkowski

In 1962, Henry, Jr. "Hank" and Joyce Dziczkowski (who is deceased) built their unique and distinctive house at 7135 Dunham Road, on 4 acres of Black Beauty grounds that Hank inherited from his father, Henry, Sr. They have five children: Carol, Lori, Sue, Denise and Mark.

They built their house using hand-hewn telephone and electric poles. To make the round poles into square beams, Hank fashioned a tool like those used by early settlers for splitting logs. Hank and Joyce collected utility poles and stockpiled about 125 squared beams of various dimensions before Hank began construction of the house.

Residents living north of Alexander Road may remember their mailman, Hank. Dziczkowski transferred from the Brecksville Post Office in 1970 to work at the Bedford facility. He delivered mail to his fellow Walton Hills residents for the next 14 years. He retired in August of 1984.

For a stretch of years, until recently, Hank's daughter Sue lived with him. Sue now lives with her son and his wife, Brad and Janna Dziczkowski, in Sagamore Hills, at their Dunham Road home about a mile and a half down the road.

The First Generation of Dziczkowski

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When they heard about a riding academy (at approximately 7880 Dunham Road) going out of business across the road and a mile to the south, the Dziczkowski bought Black Beauty Riding Academy "in name only" from the Clark family. To its patrons, Black Beauty Riding Academy merely moved from one place on Dunham Road to the new location.

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New York Central Freight Line – Railroad Houses

The New York Central Freight Line

The New York Central Railway System designed this new freight line on its right-of-way that cut diagonally through Little Egypt.

The NYC acquired the right-of-way when it purchased the L. E. & P Railway in 1900.

This freight line started at Marcy in Cleveland and ended in Hudson, where it connected with other NYC lines.

The Freight Line, used coal powered steam locomotives.

The Freight Line was in operation from 1911 until the 1960s.

Work on the line began in 1904, and was completed in 1911.

In the Little Egypt Section, NYC crews had to elevate long stretches of the land before tracks were laid.

They imported 250,000 tons of popcorn slag brought in from Youngstown and Pittsburgh steel mills so work crews could build up the ground level for tracks on the SE side of Tinkers Creek.

Several concrete culverts were built to span streams.

Small bridges were built to cross Egbert/Dunham Road and Alexander/Sagamore Road intersections.

In Little Egypt, the NYC built a Railroad Spur, Water Tower and Pump House for their freight line.

The NYC Trestle Bridge Two major NYC projects in the Tinkers Creek Valley were changing the elevation of the land for a Trestle Bridge, and building a Trestle Bridge that stretched 400 yards, and was 80 feet above the natural grade.

NYC engineers came here frequently to check their math and drawings.

The NYC built bridge abutments on both hillsides and in the valley, too.

For added support, they buried a wooden framework under each concrete abutment.

The Trestle Bridge was built between 1909 and 1911.

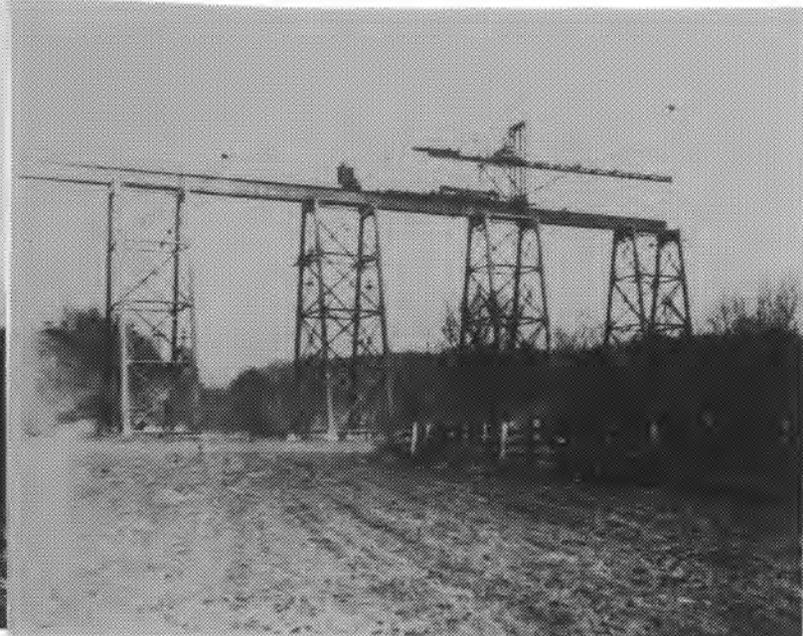
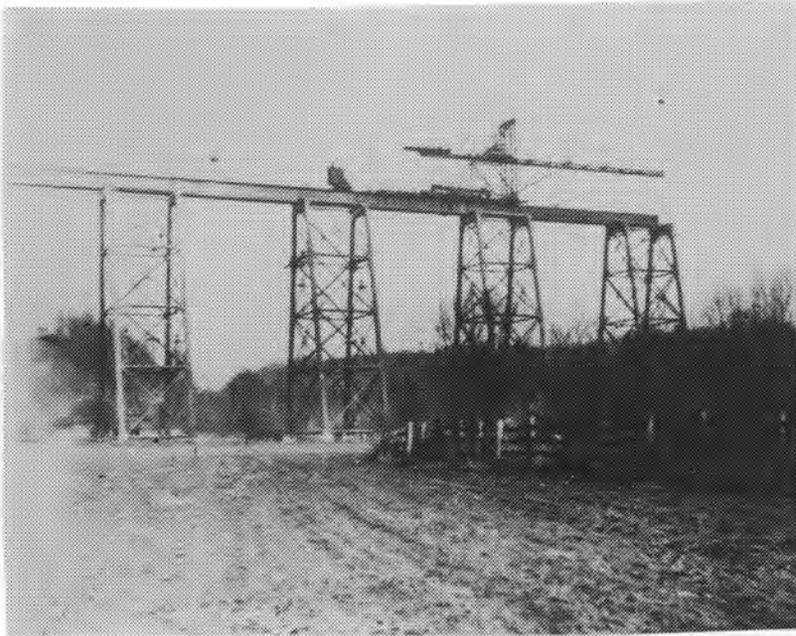
The bridge towered 150 feet above Tinkers Creek, and had a span of almost one-fourth of a mile.

They built a Catwalk under the bridge, and a series of suspended wood planks and platforms along the side of the trestle bridge, too.



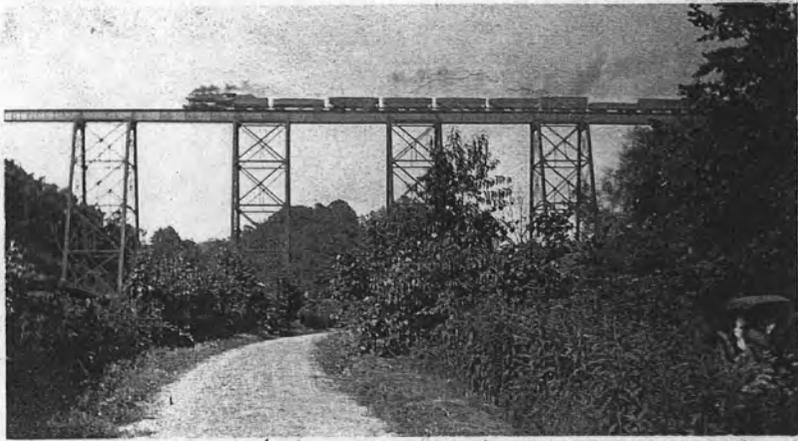
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View of the New York Central Railroad Trestle from Tinkers Creek



1909-1911 Photos

View of the New York Central Railroad Trestle from the Button Road Hillside



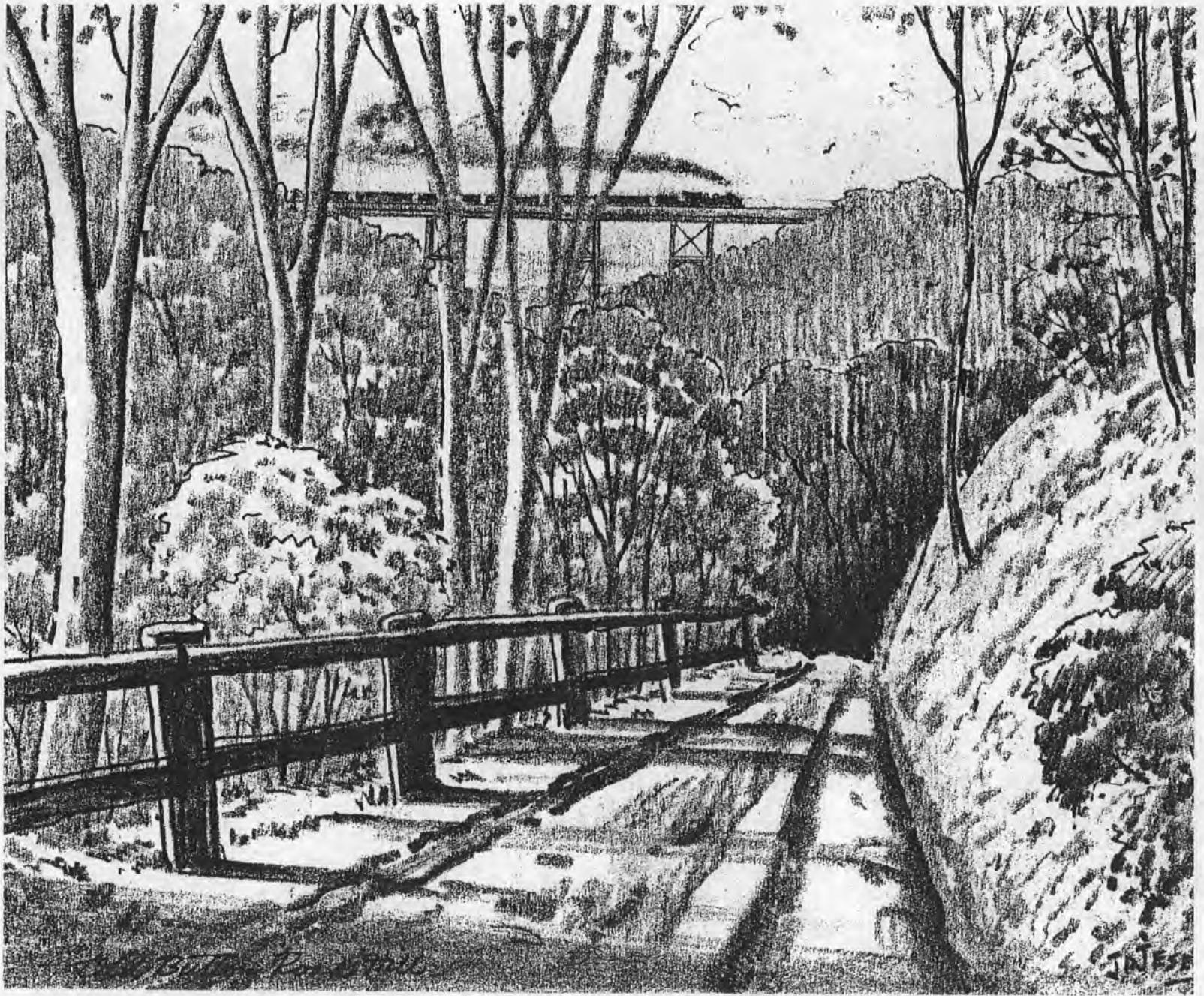
New Railroad bridge, 1914 photo



Tricker Creek bridge, 1914 photo

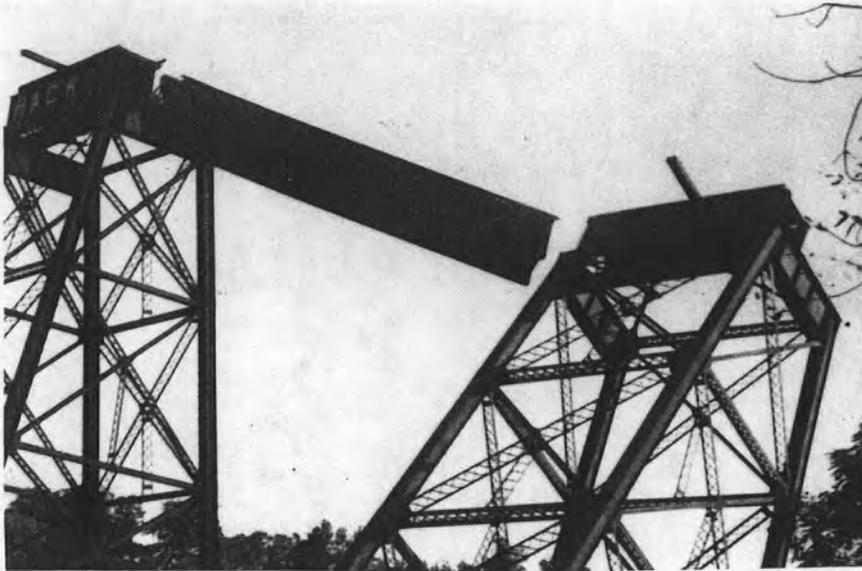


View of the New York Central Railroad Trestle from Button Road



Sketch by Joseph Jesensky, 1923

In 1973-1974 the New York Central Razed the Trestle Bridge



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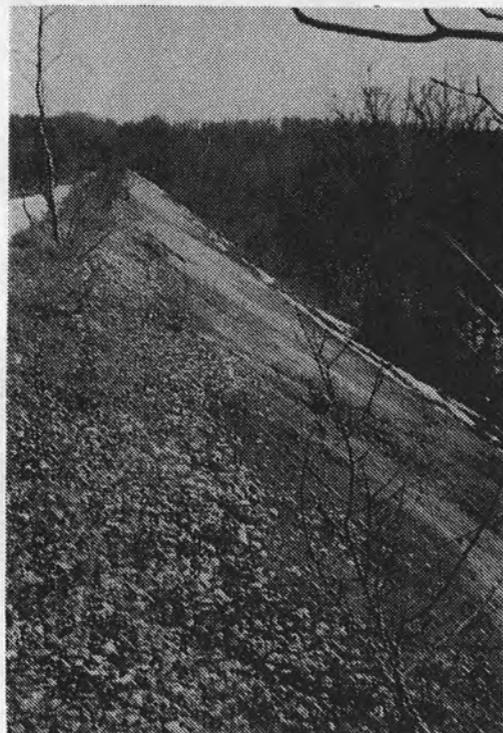
Looking South
The South Trestle Abutment
after the Trestle Bridge
was Razed

(as seen from the
Hemlock Creek Picnic Area)
Photo by Judi Schroeder March 1994



Looking North
View from the Elevated Path
before the Popcorn Slag
was removed

(Looking down the embankment)
Photo by Judi Schroeder March 1994



Restoring the NYC Track Line to its Original Topography

In 1994 and 1995 the elevated stretch of land that supported the NYC train tracks was restored to its original topography.

Independence Excavating, Inc. excavated and removed the granulated slag that was buried under the elevated stretch of land.

The embankment contained approximately 250,000 tons of granulated slag.

The company then sold the popcorn slag for use in ODOT's Interstate I-271 Express Lanes Project in the area east of Cleveland.

The slag removal operation began April, 1994 and was completed by September of 1995.



photos by
Judi Schroeder
1994 - 1995

Three New York Central Railroad Houses

In 1902 and 1903, just before the NYC began construction of their Freight Line that cut through Little Egypt, the company purchased 3 houses in Little Egypt.

One would be the residence of the NYC Section Foreman and his family.

The 2nd house would be a camphouse for the laborers.

The 3rd house was purchased because it stood underneath the path of the planned trestle bridge.

Two of the houses are privately owned residences today. The third house was torn down by the Metroparks.

The Section Foreman House

The New York Central bought the house at 7345 Dunham Road for living quarters for its local Section Foreman and his family. The house was built c. 1874. The railroad company made the inside as attractive as possible for its section foreman. The remodeled living room featured a large bay window as well as a set of solid oak French doors that separated two front rooms from the entrance hall.

Train tracks ran along the rear of the lot. The NYC insisted that at all times the Section Foreman have a clear view of the tracks from inside the house – no sheds, barns, underbrush or garden were allowed to obstruct his view of the tracks.

Paying the NYC \$7.00 a month rent, Section Foreman Edward Long and his family occupied the house from 1919 until 1939. At that time the NYC gave the Longs the option of purchasing the house or moving. When they chose to relocate, the railroad sold the house.

Since 1991, the owners of this house are Robert and Patricia Bednarski.



*Year of photo
Prior to 1935*

The New York Central Section Foreman House



1985 photo



2002 photo

The New York Central Camphouse

Name: New York Central Camphouse
Address: 15801 Egbert Road
Date Built: Unknown – Years before 1900

The New York Central purchased this farmhouse at 15801 Egbert Road in about 1902. It was situated on the east side of the railroad tracks.

Most of the NYC laborers who prepared the site and laid the track were brought here from Hungary.

This Camphouse housed the workers. The first floor was one large room with picnic style tables and the second floor was a large dormitory.

A portion of the Camphouse was living quarters for the boarding house foreman and his wife.

Pete Vranek, who was in charge of the men, spoke both Hungarian and English. He could relay instructions from the Section Foreman to the work crews.

His wife, Kathryn Vranek, provided meals for the men, handled the laundry and kept the house clean. By the time this section of the rail line was completed and the construction gang were "let go," the Vraneks saved enough money to move to Cleveland and open a grocery store in their new neighborhood.

Date of Photo: 1958
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Still Standing: Yes



The New York Central Camphouse



1958 photo by Jacob and Eleanor Senchur



1992 Photo by Judi Schroeder

New York Central Camphouse

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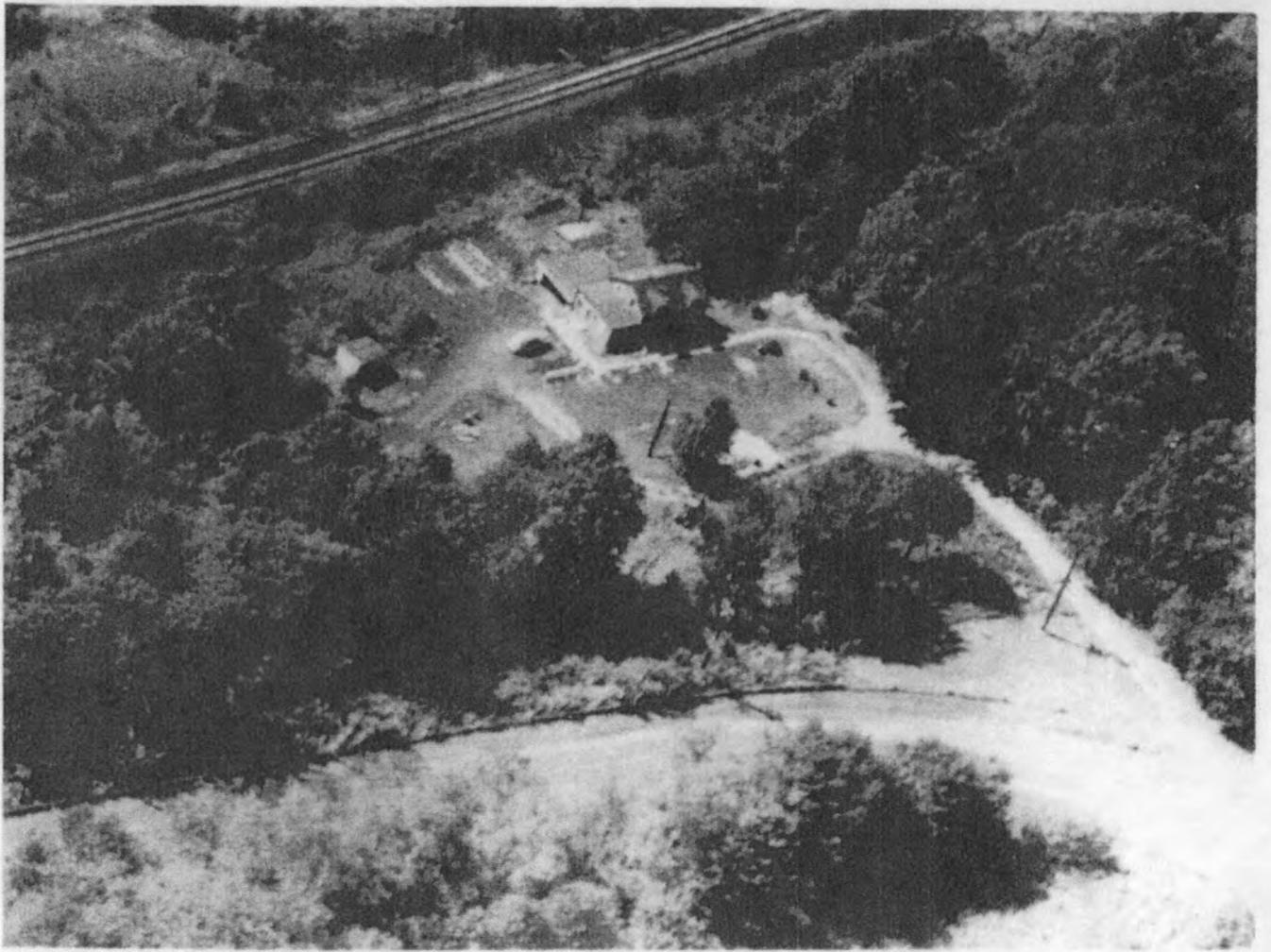
The New York Central bought this old farmhouse in about 1902.

This house was the NYC Camphouse for railroad laborers who laid the track, most of whom were brought here from Hungary. The 1st floor was one large room with picnic style tables and the 2nd floor was a large dormitory. A portion of the Camphouse was living quarters for the boarding house foreman and his wife. Mr. Vranek, who was in charge of the men, spoke both Hungarian and English. His wife provided meals for the men, handled the laundry and kept the house clean.

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View of 15801 Egbert Road
Walton Hills, OH 44146
owner Jacob V. and Eleanor Senchur

This railroad house and barn were located on the north side of Button Road, near where Hemlock Creek empties into Tinkers Creek. The house and barn sat in the path of the NYC right-of-way, and also in the path of the soon-to-be-built railroad trestle. The NYC solved the problem by purchasing the property and moving the house several yards to the east.

Instead of using the house for railroad personnel, the company leased it to a local family, Rudolph and Lena Willing. A few years after construction of the rail line was completed, the NYC put the house up for sale. The Willings bought the property and renovated the house. Their son Jack, and his wife Kathleen, lived in the house until they passed away, at which time the property became part of Bedford Reservation. The Cleveland Metroparks razed the house and barn, and since the late 1980s, this is the site of the Bedford Reservation Management and Maintenance Center buildings.

The Willing House on Button Road
Willing family members are pictured
on their front port in days
of yore.
Date of photo unknown.
Photo reproduced by Nina Wolf



The Willing Barn 1989 Photo by Judi Schroeder

House and Barn Razed in 1989 by the Cleveland Metroparks

The NYC Railroad Barn on Button Road

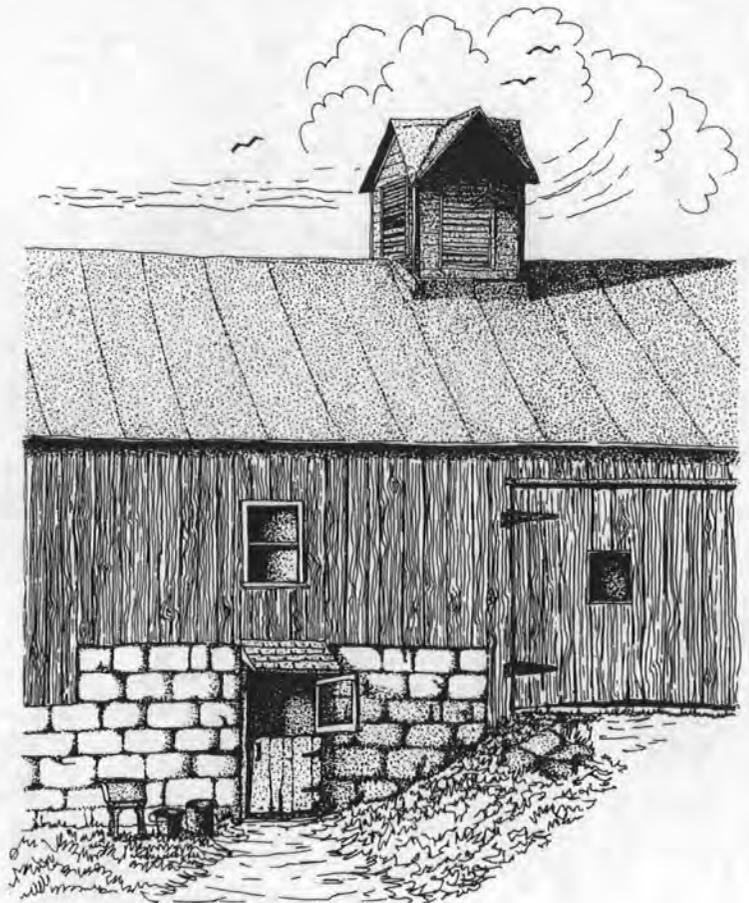
This is a **1984 Ink Drawing** by local artist **Nina Wolf**, of Dunham Road.

Nina's drawing of the Willing Barn is on the cover of the book, *Tracing Our Heritage, the Village of Walton Hills*.

For many years this barn, built c. 1870, faced Button Road near the mouth of Hemlock Creek.

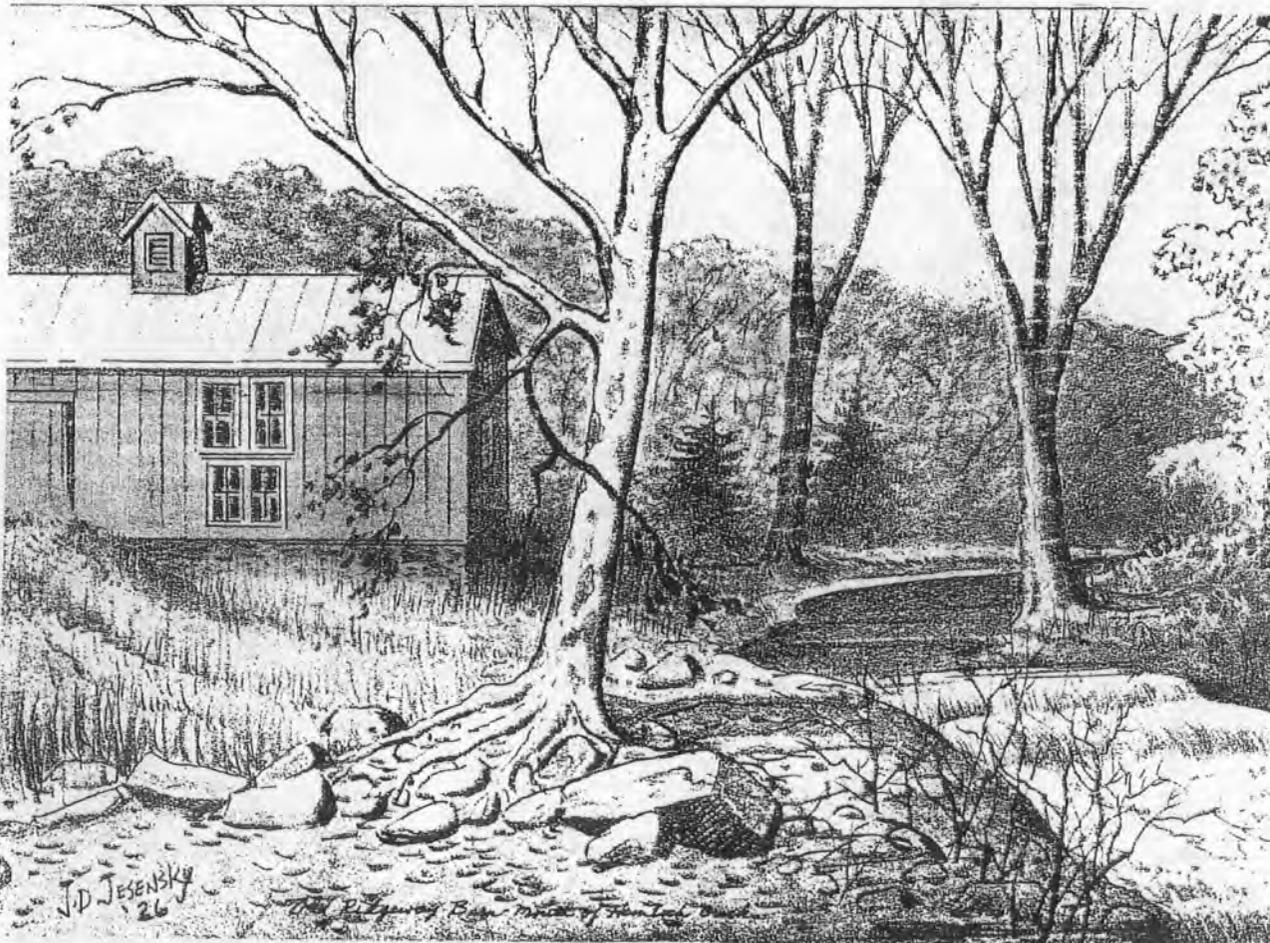
In 1989 this barn was razed by the Cleveland Metroparks.

This site is now Bedford Reservation's Management and Maintenance Center.



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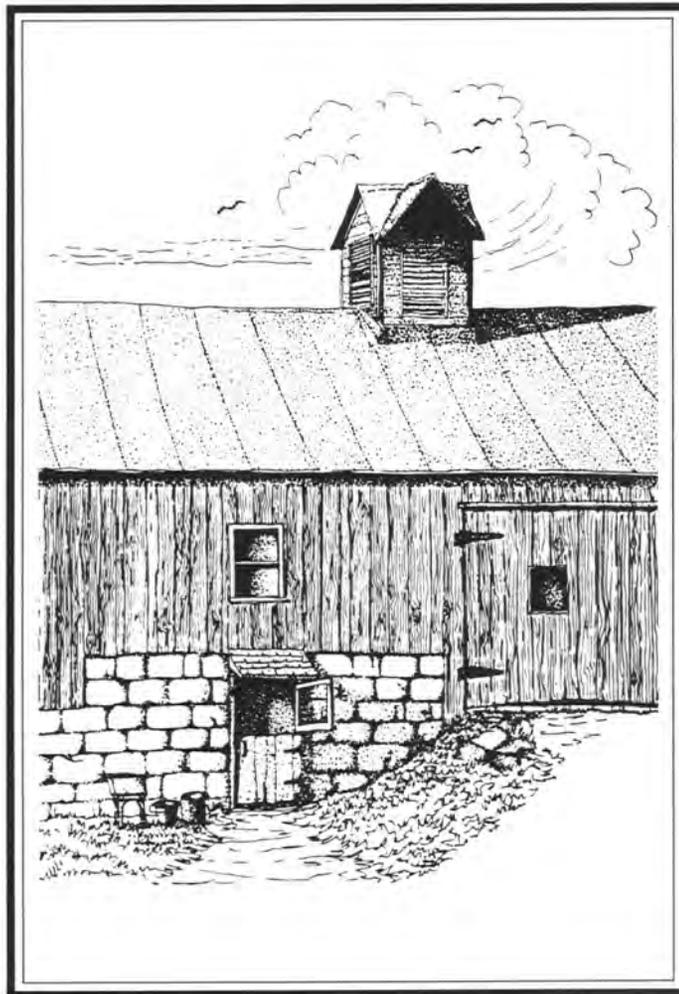
Sketch of the Willing Barn, 1923,
by Joseph Jesensky



The Willing Barn
photos by Judi Schroeder
1989 photos



The Village of Walton Hills
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TRACING OUR HERITAGE



BY
JEAN KAINSINGER with ROBERT KAINSINGER

For many years this BARN, BUILT c. 1870, faced Button Road near the mouth of Hemlock Creek. Since the late 1890s this is the site of the Bedford Reservation management and maintenance center. (Ink drawing by local artist Nina Wolf 1984)

Jack Willing interview

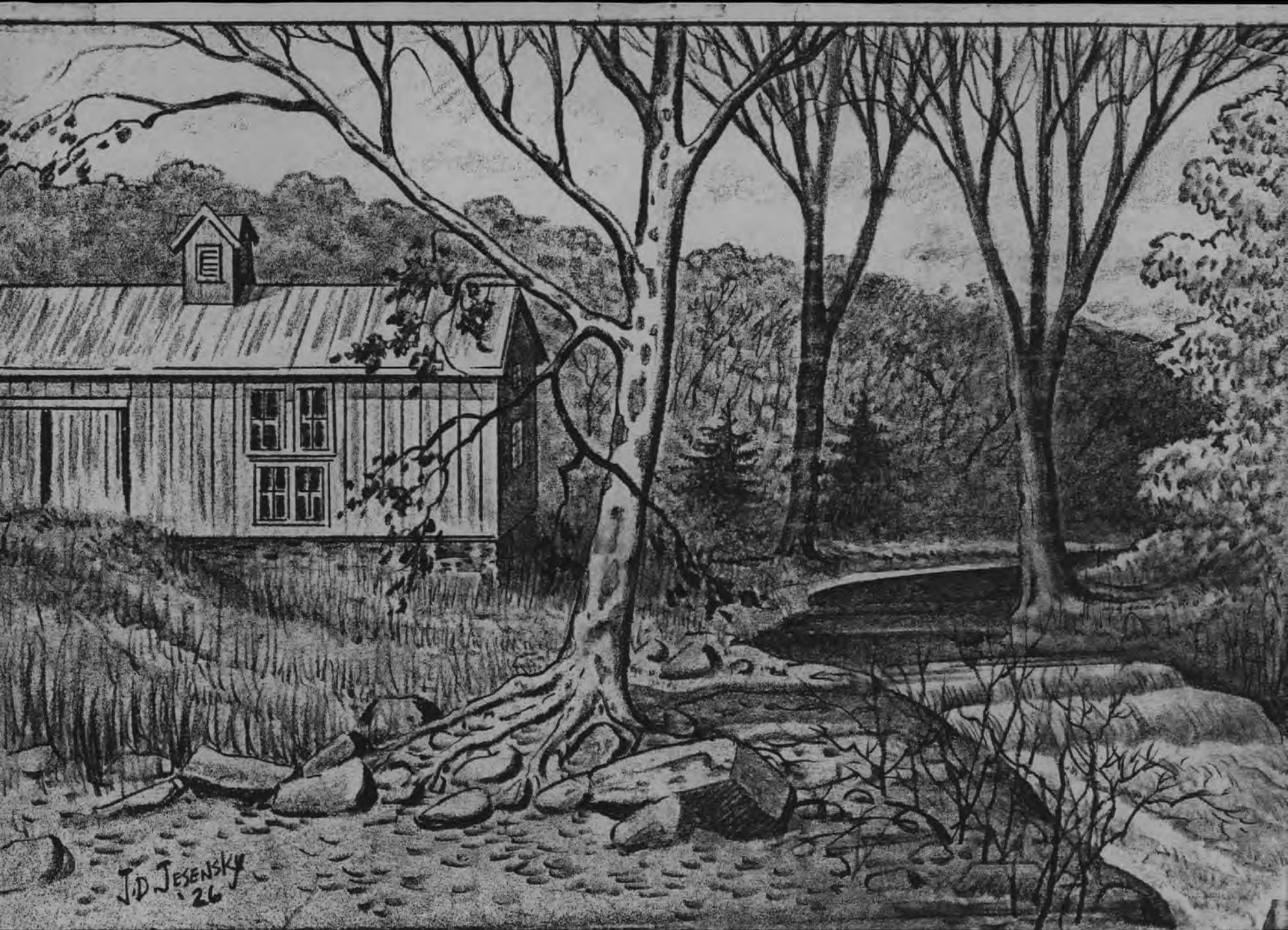
Jack owned and lived in the railroad house (the Metropark's Hemlock Creek Drive) which was torn down by the Metroparks after Jack died.

Jack Willing knew the Dawson Lumber Company. Dawson dealt with local farmers. He bought rough cut timber from our local farmers who were eager to get cash. They sold Dawson logs they cut from their property and nearby land.

Carl Miller, a builder, also dealt with the local timber business. Dawson's Mill had the machinery to cut large logs. It was located on Taylor Street, off Washington Street

Jack Willing's Barn on Button Road

Jack Willing's Barn on Button Road -- today it is the park's service garage area. The Willing Barn was the old Welsh place barn. It had hand-made, square nails.



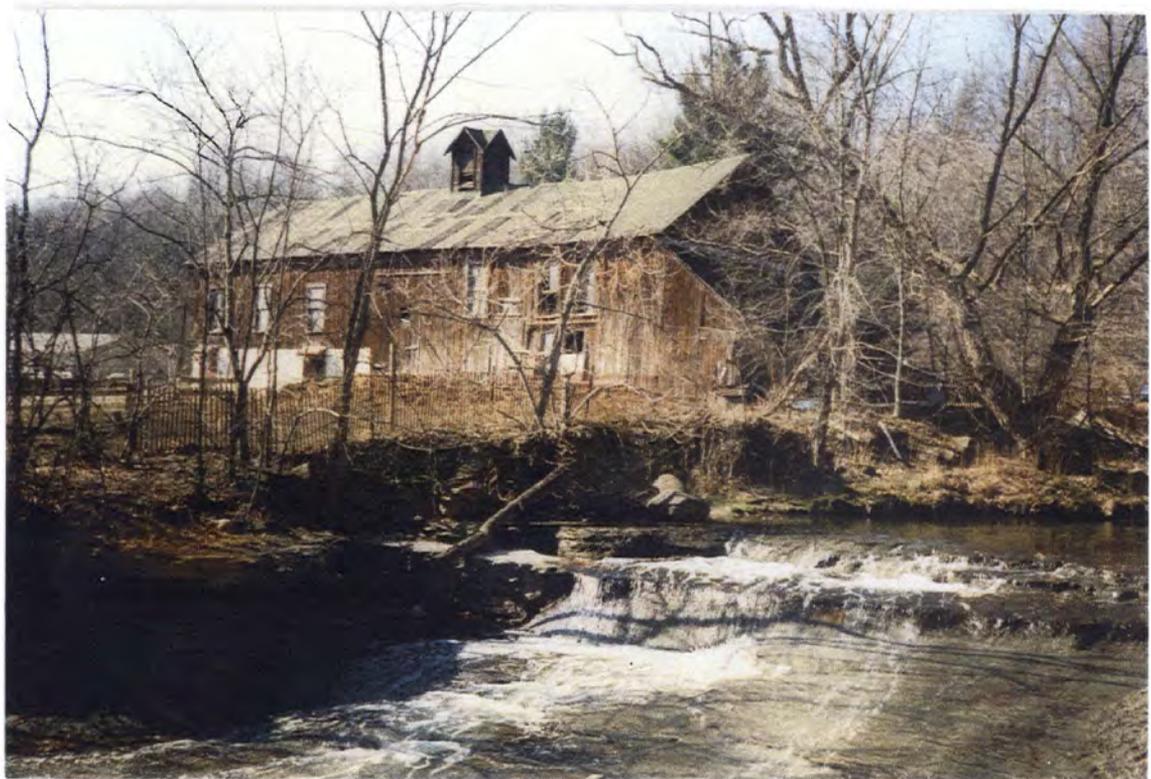
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The Old Red Barn & Sycamore at mouth of Hemlock Creek - Tinkus Cr. Valley - Lower Bottom Road



Hemlock
Creek

The Willing Family Barn 1991
(torn down - now the Service Center area - Bedford Reservation
Bedford Reservation - Metro Parks
Button Rd. Walton Hills
Old Barn Taken 1991



1991 photo
by Judi Schroeder