

The Walton Family

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Walton Road Families

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Walton Road

Hicks Road

On this Web Site also see Links about Walton Road and its Settlers:

Book: *The Village of Walton Hills – Tracing Our Heritage*, by Jean and Robert Kainsinger, c. 1986
p. 87-92

Album of Maps: Includes many maps of Walton Road

Also: Additional photos and memorabilia are on exhibit at the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center, Community Room, Walton Hills Village Hall, corner of Walton and Alexander Roads, Walton Hills Ohio

WALTON ROAD

Walton Road, from Egbert Road to the county line at Sagamore Road, became a dedicated county road in 1836. Like Egbert Road this minor dirt roadway was bypassed when major county roads were planked in the mid 1800's.

Walton Road was named for the family who owned much of the land along the roadway. The Walton family, beginning with Abner Walton who settled here in 1835, built their homesteads and tilled many acres. In the second half of the 1800's the Waltons owned various farms along Walton Road, from south of what is now Shaner Drive to Logan Drive. In 1860 today's Alexander Road was part of Benjamin Walton's farm. Waltons have lived along the road ever since 1835. Today, Betty Walton's residence is at 7215 Walton Road.

Not only was the road named for the Walton Family, but from the early 1900's on, the section of Bedford Township surrounding the roadway was called Walton Hills.

How We Became Known as "Walton Hills"

Chapter 2

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

The Village of Walton Hills is named for the Walton family who settled in the southwest section of Bedford Township. They pioneered the area along the road that bears their name. Since the early 1800s the section of Bedford Township surrounding Walton Road was called Walton Hills by people living nearby.

WHY AREN'T WE NAMED "The VILLAGE of LITTLE EGYPT" or "ALEXANDER VILLAGE?"

Yes, Abner and Benjamin Walton created Walton Road and settled along their dirt road, but other sections of today's Walton Hills were also being settled in the early 1800s. Could we have been named the Village of Alexander or the Village of Little Egypt?

...There were subsistence farm families living along Egypt and Dunham Road. Their area was called "Little Egypt," even maps marked the area "Little Egypt."

...The Alexander family accumulated over 230 acres of good farmland along both sides of Alexander Road, between Canal Road and Dunham Road. They marketed their crops, raised farm animals for their monetary value, became quite prosperous, and their road was named for them.

We are probably called The Village of Walton Hills because in the 1940s, when our local leaders started to work together as a team to push for incorporation, they all had ties to the "Walton Hills" section of Bedford Township. Virgil Allen, Jr., Ted Graves, Tom Young, Joe Burns and Ludwig Conelly worked closely with the Bedford Township Trustees who were considering the dissolution of the township by forming three independent municipalities. Township Trustees had support for the creation of Bedford Heights and Oakwood Village. The Township Trustees wanted the entire south~~east~~ section of the township ("Walton Hills," "Little Egypt" and the Alexander Road area) to incorporate as one entity. It was probably our local leaders who chose to name

their newly-created south~~east~~ section of Bedford Township "The Village of Walton Hills."

OTHER FAMILIES along WALTON ROAD

Chapter 1 was about Walton family members who settled along Walton Road. Chapter 2 is about another farm family who moved into the Walton Road area at about the same time.

Along Walton Road:

South of Today's Alexander Road The ORCHARD FAMILY Farms

Simon and Rebecca Orchard had a large farm at the northwest corner of Walton and Sagamore Roads. Their land stretched north along Walton Road to what is now Alexander Road. The first Orchard farmhouse faced Sagamore Road. It was razed in the 1980s to make room for new houses that were soon built along Sagamore Road.

The back of the Orchard house was used as a cheese factory from 1870 into the 1920s. Getting fresh milk to Cleveland markets before it spoiled was impractical, but the milk could be churned into butter and cheese and then taken to market at convenient intervals. The churning was the responsibility of the housewife and children. As local farmers found it convenient to sell their fresh milk to the Orchards, the Orchard's cheese factory flourished.



THIS HOUSE at 17609 Sagamore Road sits at the site of the first Orchard House. (2006 photo)

How We Became Known as "Walton Hills"

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The Orchard's Walton Road farm acreage, at the northwest corner of Walton and Sagamore Roads, was in more recent years owned by Raymond and Cecelia Brown. The Brown's farmhouse sat at 7880 Walton Road. In May of 1951 Raymond Brown was elected as Councilman to our newly-formed village.

Their daughter and her husband, Lenore and Frank Duale, inherited the property and built a new house for themselves (7956 Walton Road) and divided some of the old farmland into lots.

When John Bolasz married an Orchard daughter, he farmed the land by the northwest corner of Walton Road and South Meadowpark Drive. Later the Kellys owned these 105-acres. John Kelly built his farmhouse (c. 1915) at 7720 Walton Road. In 1950 General L. S. Conelly purchased the property and added it to one of his Walton Hills Estates Developments. Conelly saved two acres of land and the farmhouse for one of his daughters and her husband, Daniel Carter.

An Orchard son owned a large farm along the east side of Walton Road, also south of today's Alexander Road. Richard Orchard bought the land from the Walton family. His house, built c. 1886, stands at 7715 Walton Road.

ORCHARD LAKE

For many years, through the summer of 1949, there was a swim hole called Orchard Lake located on Walton Road by today's Orchard Hill Drive. The muddy water in Orchard Lake may not have bothered the younger children, but the older boys and girls preferred to swim in other near-by lakes, given the choice. Today the lake is shared by property owners and the many Canada Geese who consider it their private property.

Bottom Photo: ORCHARD LAKE as seen from Orchard Hill Dr. (2006 Photo)

Top Photo: The JOHN KELLY house, built c. 1915, at 7720 Walton Rd. (2006 photo)

Middle Photo: The RICHARD ORCHARD house, built c. 1886, At 7715 Walton Rd. (Date of photograph unknown)



How We Became Known as "Walton Hills"

The STORY of the WALTON FAMILY

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

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THE STORY BEGINS

In Lancaster Pennsylvania a young Quaker man was disowned by his community for marrying outside his church. Seeking to live in friendlier surroundings, in 1803 Joseph Walton and his young Irish bride Sarah packed their belongings and traveled west. They eventually settled down in the town of Bedford Ohio, where they raised five children – Abner who was born in 1804, Betsy, Benjamin, Rebecca and Abigail.

ABNER and BENJAMIN WALTON

When they were young adults, Joseph and Sarah's two sons, Abner and Benjamin Walton, moved outside the Bedford limits, to a plot of land they rented off Egbert Road in Bedford Township. The young men cleared and prepared the land for farming and grazing. By 1846 Abner and Benjamin Walton both became land owners of their acreage. Their dirt road off Egbert Road became known as Walton Road.

Abner's log cabin was along the east side of the road near today's Carmany Drive. Benjamin's cabin, also on the east side of Walton Road, was on his land to the south of today's Alexander Road. Within the next decades Walton family members accumulated considerable acreage along the road.

Abner Walton married Almira Hunt, who was from the neighboring town of Northfield. Abner and Almira Walton had three children -- Jesse, William and Thomas Jefferson (born in 1845) who later changed his name to Jefferson C. Walton.

JEFFERSON and JULIA WALTON

Jefferson C. Walton served in the 128th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, guarding Confederate prisoners at Johnson Island, on Lake Erie. In 1871 he married Julia Spafford. Julia Spafford's family members owned 160 acres of land along the east side of Northfield Road north of today's Alexander Road, and 102 acres on the north side of Sagamore Road between Walton and Dunham Roads.

For a time the young couple lived in a log cabin on Walton Road. Today a house stands on that same spot, but its address is 18136 Jefferson Drive. Jefferson and Julia then moved into a house they built in c.1879 on land owned by Jefferson's father, on the western slope at a bend in the road (7228 Walton Road). Near the turn of the century, Jefferson inherited the property from Abner Walton.

The Jefferson Waltons had four children, all of whom were known by their middle names -- Henry Bird, Albert Roy (born in 1874), Almira Belle, and Laura Maude. Only Roy chose to live in the family homestead and farm the acreage. The other children moved into town where they had city conveniences.



JEFFERSON and JULIA WALTON built this house in 1879 at 7228 Walton Road (Photograph by Nina Wolf, 1986)

How We Became Known as "Walton Hills"

The Story of the Walton Family

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ROY and MAYME WALTON

Roy Walton married Mayme Garrett in 1897. They raised three children – Sterling (born in 1898), Benjamin and Bernice. When the children grew up they all moved to Bedford.

Walton farmland stood idle, and the last of a series of renters moved out of the Walton homestead.

MAUDE WALTON BELQUIST

Maude Walton Belquist, Roy's younger sister who lived in Bedford, inherited the bulk of the Walton estate. She was eager to sell all her Walton Hills land holdings. In the mid 1920s Cyrus Eaton approached her with an "option to purchase" plan. Maude Walton accepted the proposal, and Cyrus Eaton held the deed to her property for a number of years. However, during the Depression severe financial losses forced Eaton to return the deed to her.

Maude Walton then took steps to sell the farmhouse and chunks of property as subdivisions with the assistance of her friend, real estate broker General Ludwig Shaner Conelly. Conelly planned the developments, cut and readied the roads and marketed the lots for Maude. The first four lots Conelly sold were at 7270 Walton Road (in 1936), 7195 Walton Road and 7242 Walton Road (in 1938) and 7175 Walton Road (in 1939).

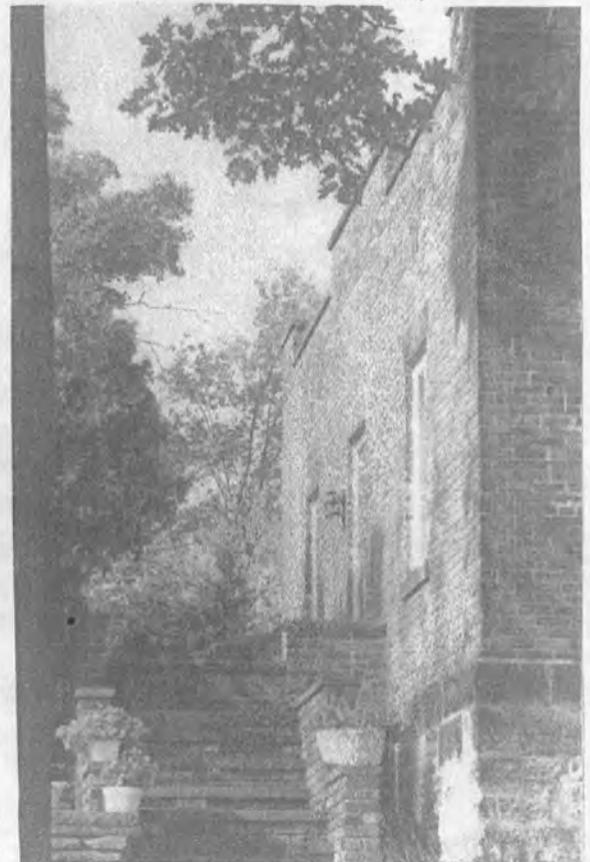
Thus began the creation of a suburban Walton Hills. Empty old farmhouses on hard-to-sell idle fields became sought-after picturesque acre-lots on rolling hills, near the city, but in a country setting.

WALTON SCHOOL

In 1850 there were enough school-aged youngsters living in the vicinity of Walton Road for the Bedford Township Trustees to open a new school and create School District #7. The Walton family donated land for a school, and in c.1854 the Bedford Township Schools constructed a brick grammar school at 7307 Walton Road, naming it Walton School.

Walton School operated until the early 1930s, when it became financially prudent for the trustees to close all their township schools and consolidate with the Bedford City Schools.

(These 1986 photographs by Nina Wolf were taken before the 1991 fire that destroyed everything but the bricks.)



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The Story of the Walton Family

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STERLING and BETTY WALTON

Sterling Walton married Elizabeth Fanchally in 1942. In 1950 Sterling and Betty Walton moved from Bedford into the house they had Harry Mackey, Sr. build for them at 7215 Walton Road, on family land across the road from the Walton homestead.

Sterling Walton volunteered a lot of his time to the newly-formed Village of Walton Hills. Although he had a full-time sales job, he accepted the appointment of Police Chief for \$1.00 a year pay. Walton was Police Chief from January 1952 until his death in May 1959.

In 1952 Sterling Walton volunteered to direct the work of other volunteers who spent countless hours of their time renovating an unfinished store, changing it into a new town hall for the Village of Walton Hills. Under Walton's leadership the project was completed in only five months.

Through the years until she died in 1987, Betty Walton donated hundreds of her hand-painted ceramic pieces to the Walton Hills Women's Club for their moneymaking projects. Many longtime residents own one or more pieces of Betty's craftwork. Working at home, Betty served as a volunteer police dispatcher from 1952 until 1960. She handled phone calls as they came in – be it day or night. Then she was a part-time assistant in the village administrative offices until 1974. Betty Fanchally Walton was born in Bedford in 1906, but for a number of her childhood years she too lived in Walton Hills, in a farmhouse at 7095 Walton Road.

Today Betty Walton's nephew and his wife, Bill and Joyce Stanton, live in the house previously owned by Sterling and Betty at 7215 Walton Road.

STERLING WALTON, the first Police Chief of the Village of Walton Hills, serving from 1952 until 1959.



BETTY WALTON, wife of Sterling Walton, was a friend and familiar face to longtime residents. (Photograph courtesy of Bill Stanton)

THE WALTON FAMILY STORY

The Village of Walton Hills is named for the Walton family who settled in the southwest section of Bedford Township, pioneering the area along Walton Road — the road bearing their name. Four generations of Waltons have lived along Walton Road since the mid 1830's.

The local story of the Waltons begins with the tale of two families, the Waltons and the Spaffords.

Hiram Spafford and his growing family moved from Twinsburg, Ohio to this area in 1823. They settled on 160 acres of land along the east side of Northfield Road, north of today's Alexander Road. The family brought with them their few possessions and a yoke of steers. They built a log cabin (where seven of their children were to be born) and proceeded to cut down trees and farm land along Northfield Road. By the mid 1850's Spaffords owned an additional 102 acres on the north side of Sagamore Road, between Walton and Dunham Roads. Years later a granddaughter of Hiram Spafford married Jefferson Walton.

In Lancaster, Pennsylvania a young Quaker man was disowned by his community in 1803 for marrying outside his church. Seeking a married life in friendlier surroundings, Joseph Walton and Sarah, his young Irish bride, packed their belongings and traveled west. They eventually settled down in the town of Bedford, Ohio where they raised five children; Abner, Betsy, Benjamin, Rebecca, and Abigail.

The two Walton sons moved to this part of the township, clearing and preparing land for farming and grazing. By 1846 Abner and Benjamin both owned the Walton Road acreage they had worked. Abner's log cabin was along the east side of the road near today's Carmany Drive, while Benjamin's, also east of Walton Road, was on his land to the south of today's Alexander Road. Within the next decades Walton family members sold some of their fields; however, they also purchased additional land, accumulating considerable acreage along the road.

By 1850 there were enough school-aged youngsters living along Walton and other nearby roads to warrant a grammar school for them. The Waltons donated land to the Bedford Township Schools, and in c. 1854, the township built Walton School at 7307 Walton Road.

The aforementioned Abner Walton, born in 1804, married Almira Hunt, who had grown up in the neighboring town of Northfield. Abner and Almira had three children; Jesse, William, and Thomas Jefferson who later changed his name to Jefferson C. Walton.

Jefferson Walton, born in 1845, served the 128th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, guarding Confederate prisoners at Johnson's Island. In 1871 he married Julia Spafford. For a time the young couple lived in a log cabin located far back on the east side of Walton Road. Today a house stands on that same spot, but its address is 18136 Jefferson Drive. Jefferson and Julia then moved into the house they built in c. 1874 on Abner Walton's land, on the western slope at a bend in the road — 7228 Walton Road. Near the turn of the century, Jefferson inherited this property from his father.

The Jefferson Waltons had four children, all of whom were known by their middle names; Henry Bird, Albert Roy (born in 1874), Almira Belle, and Laura Maude. Only Roy, who chose to farm, remained on the family land after his youth.

Roy Walton married Mayme Garrett in 1897. They lived in the Walton homestead where they raised three children; Sterling (born in 1898), Benjamin, and Bernice. Benjamin and Bernice moved to Bedford when they grew up. So did Sterling, who lived on West Glendale Street for a number of years, until he moved back to Walton Hills in 1949.



JEFFERSON AND JULIA WALTON built this house in 1879 at 7228 Walton Road. (1986 photograph)

None of Roy Walton's three children cared to farm the family land after they grew up, so Maude Walton, Roy's sister who inherited the bulk of the estate, decided to sell. Cyrus Eaton approached her with an "option to purchase" plan in the mid 1920's. Maude Walton accepted the proposal, and Eaton held the deed to her property for a number of years. However, when severe financial losses during the Depression forced Eaton to return the deed to her, Maude Walton sold the land in 1936 to her friend, L. S. Connelly. Maude Walton's land became the first of Connelly's Walton Hills Estates Subdivisions.

Sterling Walton married Elizabeth Fanchally in 1942. Seven years later Betty and Sterling moved into their new house at 7215 Walton Road, on family land across the road from the Walton homestead. The Walton barn stood on this eastern slope, downhill from where Sterling built his house. He used the stones from the foundation of the old barn to face the front of his house and living room fireplace.

Sterling Walton volunteered much time to the newly formed Village of Walton Hills. He accepted the appointment of police chief for \$1 a year pay, and although he had a full time sales job he presided over the village police department. Walton was Police Chief from January, 1952 until his death in May, 1959.

Mayor Allen named Walton to a second non-paying village appointment in 1952, at a time when many villagers were preparing to renovate an unfinished store into a town hall. As Acting Town Hall Improvement Expeditor, Walton's job was to direct the work of the volunteers who remodeled and completed the building for village use. Under his guidance the project was completed in only five months.

Over the years Betty Walton, Sterling's widow, donated much creative craftwork to the Walton Hills Women's Club for their moneymaking projects. In the early days of its incorporation, Betty was the village bookkeeper. She was elected the first Clerk of Council in May, 1951 but soon found she had to relinquish her duties for health reasons. Betty served as a volunteer police dispatcher from 1952 until 1960, making herself available to handle phone calls as they came in — be it day or night. Then she became a part-time employee in the village administrative offices until 1974, assisting village officials and residents.

Betty was born in Bedford (in 1906) but for a number of her childhood years she too lived in Walton Hills, in the farmhouse at 7095 Walton Road.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: PROGRESS AND PERSONALITIES

POLICE CHIEF STERLING WALTON

Sterling Walton (7215 Walton Road) accepted the part-time appointment of Police Chief of the newly formed Village of Walton Hills, receiving a salary of \$1 a year for his efforts. Walton served as Police Chief from January, 1952 until his death in May, 1959. Although he was a car salesman for a westside Pontiac dealership, he still found time to preside over the police department.

During icy and snowy weather Walton frequently helped village employees by spreading cinders (furnished free of charge by the local Ford Stamping Plant) on Dunham Road Hill and other dangerous streets. Late each autumn cinders were piled along the berms of roads where they

STERLING WALTON was the first Police Chief of the Village of Walton Hills. (1950's photograph)



might be needed by drivers. Walton kept a shovel in his car and used it to assist travelers who were having trouble coaxing their vehicles up slippery inclines.

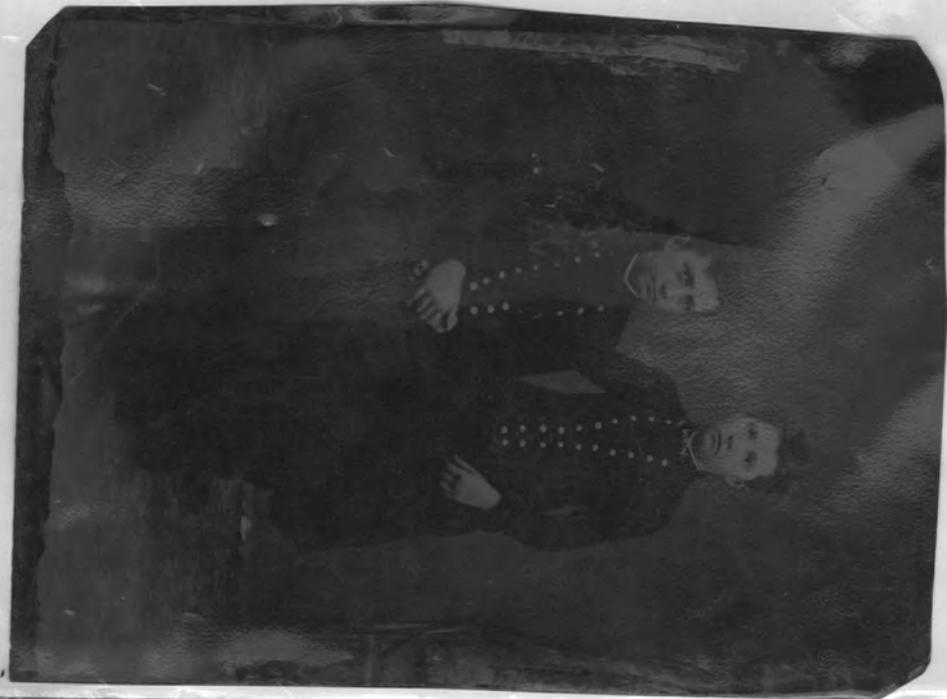
In the early years of the village the policemen, the police chiefs, Thomas Young (when he was Councilman and also when he was Mayor), Ted Graves, and Road Commissioner Armin Wagner (7450 McLellan Drive) shared the work of snowplowing the village roads. Village employees were paid for their services — but several of the men who cleared the streets evenings, nights, and early hours of the morning during stormy weather, did so on a voluntary basis.

Walton Family Members



Maude Walton

Julia (Spafford) Walton
(Mrs. S.C. Walton)





Betty Walton
1960's photo



Betty Walton

Memorial Services

MISS MAUDE WALTON

PASSED AWAY

September 7, 1951

SERVICES

Monday, September 10th at 1:30 P.M.

OFFICIATING

Rev. Lowell A. MacFarlane
(Bedford Church of Christ)

HARPIST

Mrs. Virginia Kirkcaldy

INTERMENT

Bedford Cemetery



Betty and Sterling
Walton
1950's photo

May Jesus have mercy on the soul of

BETTY R. WALTON

Nov. 15, 1906 - Nov. 10, 1987



street marker

ALONG WALTON ROAD



Jefferson Walton House

2006



ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Jefferson and Julia Walton farmhouse

Address: 7228 Walton Road

Date Built: c. 1879

Comments: Jefferson Walton, one of Abner Walton's sons, was one of the
who bought and inherited acreage along Walton Road.
Before they built this house, the young couple lived in a log cabin, that if standing today,
would be located at 18136 Jefferson Drive.

1986 photo

2012 - Property of William and Therese Putinski

Still Standing: Yes



Bedford Township Bicentennial Collector's Issue

Waltons', Spaffords' travels inspire village

by LORI NOERNBERG

Born out of the Depression, the Village of Walton Hills is a rolling picturesque community tucked against the Cleveland Metroparks.

The scenic village was named after the Walton family who settled in the southwest section of Bedford Township in the 1830s.

In their book, "The Village of Walton Hills, Tracing Our Heritage," Robert and Jean Kainsinger wrote about the four generations of Waltons who lived along Walton Road.

The family dynasty can be traced to the travels of the Walton and Spafford families.

Hiram Spafford and his growing family moved from Twinsburg to the area in 1823, settling on 160 acres of land on Northfield Road, north of Alexander Road.

Seven children were born in the log cabin Spafford built and by the mid 1850s, the Spaffords owned nearly 300 acres of land.

About the same time Joseph Walton, a Quaker in Lancaster, Pa., was disowned by the Quaker community for marrying Sarah, a young woman of Irish descent.

Joseph and Sarah Walton traveled west in search of a place to live in peace and raise a family. They found their paradise in Walton Hills — still a part of Bedford Township — where they raised five children.

Their two sons — Abner and Benjamin Walton — cleared the land for farming and grazing, purchasing more land and eventually accumulating considerable acreage.

Abner married Almira Hunt who bore three children — Jesse, William and Thomas Jefferson, born in 1845.

Abner changed his name to Jefferson C. Walton and served in the 128th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, guarding Confederate prisoners on Johnson's Island.

In 1871 the 26-year-old war veteran married Julia Spafford, Hiram's granddaughter, and lived in a log cabin far back on the east side of Walton Road — now 18836 Jefferson Drive.

Of their four children, only Albert Roy

Walton, born in 1874, chose to remain on the family farm.

Roy Walton married Mayme Garrett in 1897 and raised three children on the Walton homestead. Benjamin, Bernice and Sterling all moved to Bedford — but Sterling returned to Walton Hills in 1949.

Since none of Roy Walton's children were interested in running the family farm, Roy's sister Maude Walton inherited the land and accepted an option to purchase the land in the 1920s by financier Cyrus Eaton.

Reversal of fortune

But after suffering severe losses in the stock market crash of 1929, Eaton was forced to return the property deed to Maude Walton. She then sold the land to her friend, Ludwig S. Conelly — land that would become the first of Conelly's Walton Hills Estates Subdivision.

Meanwhile, Sterling married Elizabeth Fanchally in 1942 and seven years later moved into their new home at 7215 Walton Road, on family land across from the Walton homestead.

Sterling Walton volunteered much time to the newly formed Village of Walton Hills.

Sterling's wife, Betty, was elected Walton Hills' first clerk of council in May, 1951 and served as a volunteer police dispatcher from 1952 to 1960.

In 1952 Sterling took up the task of renovating an unfinished store into Walton Hills' first town hall.

That same year Sterling became its first police chief at an annual salary of \$1 per year until his death in 1959.

His widow, Betty, donated her handiwork to the Walton Hills Women's Club and served as the village bookkeeper.

Development

Conelly was a real estate broker who began developing Walton Hills in the 1930s when Maude Walton wanted to sell her formidable estate.

The much decorated general considered

his greatest achievement the development of Walton Hills.

"This community was an idea born out of the Depression," Conelly told the old Cleveland Press in October, 1961. "It was planned for people who want to get away from the city and live in a country home on rolling, picturesque land."

In March, 1951 voters determined the area would detach from Bedford Township and become the Village of Walton Hills. Two months later Virgil Allen Jr. was elected its first mayor. He was instrumental in persuading the Ford Motor Co. to locate its stamping plant on 116 acres at Northfield and Alexander roads.

For several decades in the 1900s train tracks ran along the eastern and western edges of Walton Hills. Conrail is still a busy railroad line, following a diagonal line along the eastern edge of the village. Known as the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, the line went into service in 1852.

The line changed its name to Conrail in 1976 — a freight carrier for local business and industry.

Only memories of graffiti-covered bridge abutments and foundations and elevated track beds remain of the railroad line along the western side of the village.

Its long and high steel trestle spanning the Tinker Creek Valley no longer hauls

New York Central box cars laden with coal, its shrill whistle silenced forever. Faced with declining business the railway line stopped using the tracks in the 1960s and tore down the high steel trestle in 1973.

Trolley opens up area

Area residents say it was the ABC trolley that introduced them to the southwest portion of Bedford Township.

Between 1895 and 1932 the ABC trolley line cut through the section of Bedford Township that is now Walton Hills.

Elsie Wingenfield of Orchard Hill Drive recalled that her father, Anton Pinter, rode an ABC red electric trolley car from Cleveland to the Northfield and Sagamore Hills stop in the 1900's where he would pick black walnuts and mushrooms in the woods and fields where Regency, Rashell and Laurel drives are today.

But during the Depression in the 1930s ridership fell and the trolley car era in Walton Hills and Bedford Township came to a screeching halt.

But the Depression also led to a host of federal projects including the development of Gorge Parkway in the Cleveland Metroparks, complete with scenic bridges and stone walls, spruce and evergreen trees and picnic pavilions.

Walton family
4-4-1952 Bedford Times

1860 Hiram Spafford
plot square 102 acres
#92 North side of Sagamore Rd
west of Egypt (Dunkham Rd)
note: not 1870

1860 Loren Spafford 15 8 acres
east side of Northfield Rd
plot square # 87

4-4-52 Bed Times
Walton Hills to Join
In Historical Exhibit

On the afternoon and evening of April 20 the Bedford Library will hold a Bedford historical exhibit. We are also hoping to have a Walton Hills historical exhibit there. If you have anything suitable, which you would be willing to lend for the exhibit, please call BE 2-1210 or the library.

The following is taken from a clipping from the Chagrin Falls Exponent of 1882, which has been loaned by Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Walton for the exhibit. The Mr. Spafford mentioned was Walton's great-great-grandfather. Part of Walton Hills estates, including the Sterling Walton home, is located on the 160 acres.

Reminiscences of a Pioneer
Walton Hills-ite

"On the 22nd inst. occurred the birthday of one of our oldest inhabitants and one of the earliest settlers in Bedford, Mr. Hiram Spafford. The event was made the occasion of a family gathering at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Culver. . . .

"Mr. Spafford is now 77 years old, stands 6 feet 2 inches in his stockings and is like the Indian's tree, so straight that he leans a little.

"He has always had good health, never had a fever, never chewed tobacco, and will give \$100 to any man who ever saw him drink a glass of liquor or offer a glass to any man.

"He says he is a Jackson Democrat and has voted at every presidential election since he became a voter, and now challenges any Republican of his age in the state of Ohio to shoot at a target 50 yards distant for the oysters, or to run one mile.

"When Mr. Spafford arrived with his family in Cleveland in August, 1818, he had to pawn his rifle at Spangler's tavern to procure the money to pay his passage from Buffalo.

"At Cleveland he found a man who was going to Hudson, whom he engaged to carry his family as far as Northfield, and there hired an ox team and sled to carry them to Twinsburg, his place of destination. From Northfield he had to cut his own road, and finally moved into the house of Samuel Algar until he could a log cabin. When the cabin was thrown up and roofed he had neither window glass nor doors but substituted blankets, which were favorable for ventilation if not for vision.

"He then hired the money and returned to redeem his rifle, which was absolutely necessary for the support of his family—his ax—his rifle—and his strong arms. An ox team was needed and he bought a good one, for which he agreed to pay 60 deer skins which were yet upon the backs of their owners roaming through the forest. . . . At the appointed time they were delivered in full.

"After remaining in Twinsburg five years he removed to Bedford with a small yoke of steers. Here he bought 160 acres (now part of Walton Hills) for which he ran into debt, all but \$60. Upon this place he built a log cabin, in which seven of his children were born. . . .

To form some idea of the abundance of game in the country at that time, it is only necessary to say that Mr. Spafford has killed in a single day as many as ten deer within rifle shot of the public square in Bedford. For years the annual result of his hunting was from 60 to 80 deer, several bears and wolves, with turkeys 'too numerous to mention'. On his birthday Mr. Spafford exhibited with much satisfaction the skull of a large bear which he had killed, after a long hunt, near the farm of Mr. Gleason, near the Cuyahoga river. . . ."

by marriage!

a great-great grandmother married Hiram Spafford

Hiram Spafford arrived in Cleveland in 1818, went to Hudson Northfield, to Twinsburg where he lived for 5 yrs. In 1823 he moved to Bedford Township (160 acres) W.H.

Hiram Spafford born 1805
child Spafford was mother of Julia
child Julia Spafford B 1850
child Julia was mother of Albert Roy W.
Sterling Julia was maternal grandmother of Sterling

Joseph Walton + Sarah
Abner Walton m. Almira Hunt
Thomas Jefferson Walton m. Julia Spafford B 1845 M? B 1850
Albert Roy Walton m. Anastasia Satava
Sterling Walton m. Elizabeth Fanchall

To *John Lewis* *Co. 1st Regt. 128th*
Said Charles Moore *from whom it may*
 Concern



Know ye, That *Jefferson Wattat* a
 Corporal of *Captain John Lewis'*
 Company, (K) *128th* Regiment of *Ohio* Infantry
 VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the *Twenty First* day of *December*
one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Three to serve *Three* years or
 during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,
 this *Thirteenth* day of *July*, 1865, at *Camp Chase*
Ohio by reason of *order of war dept for must out of Regiment*
 (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said *Jefferson Wattat* was born in *Bedford*
 in the State of *Ohio*, is *Eighteen* years of age,
5 feet *8* inches high, *Dark* complexion, *Hazel* eyes,
Dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a *Farmer*

Given at *Camp Chase* Ohio this *Thirteenth* day of
July 1865.
John Lewis Capt. Comd'g Co.

P. L. Hetches
 1st Lieut U.S. Cav.
 Mustering officer

* This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.

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J. H. Malton
1868

a 432
1724, Bedford
C. H. [Signature]

OATH OF IDENTITY.

of the town of _____
County of _____ in the State of _____
On this _____ day of _____ in the year
one thousand eight hundred and sixty _____ personally appeared
before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the county
and _____ above mentioned,
_____ who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the
identical _____ who was
a _____ in the company commanded by
Captain _____ in the regiment
_____ commanded by _____
that he enlisted on the _____ day of _____
for the term of _____ and was discharged
at _____ on the _____ day
of _____ by reason of _____

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

I certify that _____ before
whom the above affidavit purports to have been made, is a Justice of
the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is
his signature.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
official seal, this _____ day of _____
S. _____
in the year _____
at _____ in the State of _____

Clerk of the _____





FORM No. 63.

RECEIVED of _____, Paymaster U. S. Army,
this _____ day of _____, 187____,
Dollars and _____ Cents, in full of my account for _____

Paid by Check on _____, No. _____, 187____

WM. E. PRESTON, Army and Navy Claim Agent, of Cleveland, Ohio, is my Agent in this case, and I have agreed to pay him the Legal Fee for the collection of the same.

My P. O. address is Bedford Cuyahoga Co Ohio

Jefferson Melton
Late Capt. Co. "28" Reg't. O O S

WITNESSES:
L. J. Whitaker
A. H. ...

I, WM. E. PRESTON, of Cleveland, O., certify upon oath that I have agreed to prosecute the claim of the above-named Soldier, for the Legal Fee and the expenses for Notarial and other acknowledgments advanced by me, which amount to \$ 90⁰⁰, including this affidavit.

W. E. Preston

Subscribed and acknowledged before me, this 11th day of January, 1875

Fay F. Roof
Notary Public.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

TO

COMPLETE THE CLAIM

IN CASE OF

Jefferson Watton
Co. *K* 128th Reg't
Ohio Vols.

Died, *July 13* 1865

Have this form properly filled out, signed and executed, and returned to the SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Washington, D. C.

FILED BY

WM. E. PRESTON,

Licensed Army and Navy War Claim Agent.

CLEVELAND, O.

W. E. Preston
Cleveland, O.



J. J. CAMERON,

Undertaker

AND DEALER IN

Furniture
Picture Frames, Etc.

Bedford, O. Oct 28 1895

Sold to Estate of Abner Walton

Bedford O

1	Black Casted Engraved plate	48 00	
1	Box	3 00	
1	Robe	5 00	
	Funeral & Burial	7 00	
			63 00

Received Payment of
J. C. Walton

J. J. Cameron

O B I T U A R Y

Mrs. Julia Ellen Walton was born near Bedford Ohio, April 26 1850. She was the daughter of Almon and Laura Spafford. She died at her home in Bedford, Friday March 29, 1929, at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 3 days.

Her girlhood was spent on the old farm homestead, the place of her birth. She was married January 19, 1871 to Jefferson C. Walton. Four children were born to them, Bird W. Walton of Bedford, Roy Walton of Bedford, Mrs. Ella Van Alstine of Cleveland Heights and Miss Maude Walton of Bedford.

She was the grandmother of seven grandchildren, x all living but one.

Her husband preceded her in Death June 14, 1923. She is survived by her four children, six grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Bereny of Maple Heights,

She has always been active in the Women's work of the G.A.R. and has been a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bedford, Ohio about 45 years.

T H E F U N E R A L

The funeral was held at the home, 76 Woodrow with Donald B. Johnson, Funeral Director and Rev. Norman H. Flickinger, Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Charge of the ceremony.

He read the Poem "Crossing the Bar" and helpful Scripture. He spoke briefly from I Cor. 15; 18 They which are fallen asleep in Christ.

T H E B U R I A L.

The interment was at the Bedford, cemetery.

No. 1.143.755

UNITED STATES AMERICA

DEPARTMENT

of the INTERIOR



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BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States Jefferson C. Walton who was a Corporal Co. 10. 128th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry

is entitled to a pension at the rate of Twelve dollars per month, to commence on the Second day of January one thousand ^{one} ~~eight~~ hundred and eight.

Given at the Department of the Interior this Twenty-seventh day of February one thousand ^{one} ~~eight~~ hundred and eighty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and Thirty-second

James Russell Garfield
Secretary of the Interior

Countersigned: J. Warner

Commissioner of Pensions.

Act of Feb. 6, 1907,

No. 1, 143, 755
PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

William C. Walton

Payable Quarterly

by the

U. S. P. O. Pension Agent
at Columbus, Ga.

W. J. Johnston
Clerk

That section forty seven, hundred and forty five, title fifty seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4745.—Any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension which has been, or may hereafter be, granted, shall be void and of no effect, and any person who shall pledge or receive as a pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension, or pension certificate, which has been, or may hereafter be, granted or issued, or who shall hold the same as collateral security for any debt, or promise, or upon any pretext of such security, or promise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution; and any person who shall retain the certificate of a pensioner and refuse to surrender the same upon the demand of the Commissioner of Pensions, or a United States pension agent, or any other person, authorized by the Commissioner of Pensions, or the pensioner, to receive the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution.

Approved February 28, 1883.

wife Elizabeth of West Fallowfield Twp deeded two tracts there separately, 1st for \$5300, 99 acres by their other land rec'd by him 1852 from Chalkley Coates & wife Mary Ann; 2nd for \$2300 to Chalkley Coates two acres rec'd by him 31 March 1851. 2nd of 3rd mo 1854 they, then of Highland Twp, late of West Fallowfield Twp, deeded for \$5000 to Chalkley Coates 61 acres by other land of Nathan there rec'd by him 1 Apr. 1853. The 1850 census has in West Fallowfield Twp Nathan Walton age 48 Farmer real estate \$12000, with Elizabeth age 48, Elizabeth T. age 20, Margaret B. age 17, Nathan P. age 15 no vocation, Jeremiah B. age 12, Samuel age 9, Lewis age 7, also Rachel Barnard age 55 and John C. Brosius age 23 Doctor. Also there in the house of Chalkley & Mary Ann Coates, ages 24 and 22, was Elizabeth Walton age 18, perhaps the same as Elizabeth T. age 20. The first two of these eight children were by the 1st wife, the last six by the 2nd:

- 1426 Mary Ann b 1827 d 1917 m 1848 Chalkley Coates b 1825 d 1900
 1427 Elizabeth T. b 1829 d 1852 not married NFM

 1428 Margaret Barnard b 1832 d 1921 m 1855 John Comly Brosius b 1827 d 1888
 1429 Nathan Passmore b 1835 d 1869 m 1860 Elma Moore b 1837
 1430 Jeremiah Barnard b 1838 d 1906 m 1862 Annie M. Pyle b 1835 d 1909
 1431 James Truman (twin) b 1.19.1838 d 4.23.1838 NFM
 1432 Samuel B. b 1840 m Hannah Smith
 1433 Lewis R. b 1842 d prob. 1886 m ab 1877 Alberta Balthus

647 MARY WALTON (6), born 9.4.1803, died 5.27.1839, daughter of 229 Nathan Walton & Ann Roberts of Hershaw Mtg, Montgomery Co. and later of Highland Twp, Chester Co., both in Pa., married 3.14.1833 at Fallowfield Mtg, 616 Isaac Walton, born 6.15.1804, died Apr. 21, 1879, son of 224 Asa Walton & Mary Taylor of East Fallowfield Twp, Chester Co. and later of Coleraine Twp, Lancaster Co., both in Pa. 12th of 4th mo 1828 Mary Walton of West Fallowfield Twp and other heirs of Jesse Walton deeded to her brother Nathan Walton of same for \$800 and \$500 the 90 acres that had been deeded 6th of 5th mo 1825 to William, Nathan and Mary jointly in settlement of their father's estate. William had died in 1827 and Nathan had bought his share for \$500. Now Nathan had all of it, still subject to his mother's dower. For more about Mary see under 616 Isaac.

648 ABNER GILBERT WALTON (6), born Sep. 16, 1804, died Oct. 21, 1895, son of 231 Joseph Walton & Sarah Wallace of Bedford, Ohio, married probably at Northfield, Ohio, Almira Hunt, born in Massachusetts Apr. 17, 1815, died Jan. 26, 1872, daughter of Abner Hunt & Betsy Johnson of Northfield. This was sent by granddaughter Minnie Louise Walton Byrer, who says both died and were buried at Bedford, and names these three children:

- 1434 Jesse Gilbert b 1842 d 1917 m 1871 Ida Goss b 1845 d 1930
 1435 William Henry b 1843 d 1926 m 1868 Mary Laing b 1848 d 1920
 1436 Thomas Jefferson (changed to Jefferson G.) b 1845 d 1923 m 1871
 Julia Spafford b 1850 d 1929

649 BETSY ANN WALTON (6), daughter of 231 Joseph Walton & Sarah Wallace of Bedford, Ohio, married Pearson Warrington and both died at Hopkins, Mich. This is from Minnie Louise Walton Byrer, granddaughter of Betsy's brother Abner Gilbert.

650 BENJAMIN WALTON (6), son of 231 Joseph Walton & Sarah Wallace of Bedford, Ohio, married Rebecca Ann Sheets, went to Indiana, thence to Clay Center, Clay Co., Kans., says Minnie Louise Walton Byrer, granddaughter of Benjamin's brother Abner Gilbert. The Cope Family gives data below for daughter Mary Ann, except her Texas residence and the death of her husband, which are from the said granddaughter, who also gives scanty data for the other four chil-

dren:

- 1437 Sarah Emely died, married NFM
- 1438 Mary Ann b 9.19.1839 m 11.17.1859 Albert Burdge (Minnie says Burge) d before her. When married she was of Shelby Twp, Ripley Co., Ind. but after his death lived at Mineral Wells, Tex. NFM
- 1439 Joseph died, married NFM
- 1440 Columbus married NFM
- 1441 Adelaide married NFM

651 REBECCA WALTON (6), daughter of 231 Joseph Walton & Sarah Wallace of Bedford, Ohio, married 1st a Davis, married 2nd Joseph Cooper, says Minnie Louise Walton Byrer, granddaughter of Rebecca's brother Abner Gilbert. Of her children, the 1st was a Davis, the last four or five Coopers:

1 Sarah Ann

2 William

3 Frank

Also two or three daughters

652 ABIGAIL GILBERT WALTON (6), born Feb. 25, 1814, died July 1898 at Charlotte, buried at Delta Center, Mich., daughter of 231 Joseph Walton & Sarah Wallace of Bedford, Ohio, married Oct. 9, 1829 probably at Hanover, Ohio, Abel Davis Myers, born Feb. 24, 1804, died Dec. 1861 in Mich. This is from a 1933 letter from Minnie Louise Walton Byrer, granddaughter of Abigail's brother Abner Gilbert. She gives these ten children and further descendants, including a few great great grandchildren, all of whom are set down below, as she sent them in 1933. Because of uncertainty between i and e, o and a, and some other factors, spellings of some of these names probably are wrong:

- 1 William Blackburn d aged 11 yr, buried prob. Bedford
- 2 Abner d Eureka, Calif. not married
- 3 Samuel Pierson b Nov. 2, 1835 d Oct. 13, 1922 at Delta Center near Lansing, Mich., buried Delta Center, m Jan. 27, 1863 at Oneida by Rev. James Nichols, Charlotte Partlow, born Jan. 27, 1838 at Berkshire, Vt., died Dec. 6, 1927, buried Delta Center. Four children:

1 Nellie Bell b Dec. 1864 d 1865 aged 2 mo

2 Allison Ellsworth b Oct. 27, 1865 m May 20, 1897 Lottie Mills. Lived at R. D. 2, Lansing, Mich. One son:

1 Clarence Elmer b Sep. 18, 1898 m Pearl Gurd

3 Charles Samuel b June 6, 1867 at Delta Center d there July 30, 1916 not married. Buried there

4 Wenona Dell b Feb. 14, 1876 m March 16, 1898 at Delta Center, Homer Henderson. Lived on R. D. 4, Grand Lodge, Mich. and so did this child:

1 Dale Myers b Aug. 12, 1900

- 4 Joseph Walton b Oct. 14, 1837 d March 10, 1920 buried Cleveland m Elizabeth Wyman. He was an officer, prob. captain in the U. S. Army in the Civil War. Seven children:

1 Carl Archie m Rose. Three children:

1 Elizabeth m Carl Groff

2 Florence m Timothy O. Hare

3 Melva died

2 Walter not married, buried Cleveland

3 Francis (sic) m John Harrison, lived 1189 Warren Rd, Lakewood, Ohio, had two children:

1 Millicent m Jack Le Strange d, two sons, one daughter

2 Lorna m Urb Zipp, one son, two daughters

4 Lillian m Louis Reiceland d, had two children:

1 Edna m Art Starkey, two children

2 Lloyd m Maryliz, had one son

Walton Hills was named for the Walton family which settled here in 1835.

Abner and Benjamin Walton came here in the 1830's. By 1846 they were both land owners. Benjamin built his house on the E side of Walton, south of today's Alexander Road.

Sterling Walton's great-grandfather, Abner Walton, bought a 140-acre tract of land here, in 1835.

The tract stayed in the Walton family until 1937 when it was cut into allotments and sold.

Will and Abner Walton donated the land for the Walton School To Bedford Township Schools. It had grades Primer-8.

Jefferson Walton, Abner's son, built a log cabin for his family on Walton Road. The side of the log cabin is the southeast corner of Jefferson Drive and Walton Road, on or near Glenn Blackwell's property at 18136 Jefferson Drive. Jefferson Drive was named after Jefferson Walton.

Jefferson Walton then built the farmhouse at 7228 Walton Road, across the street from Sterling's present home. Sterling Walton grew up in this farmhouse, he lived ther for about 22 years.

The Putinski family now lives in the remodeled Walton house. *794-8-17 County Archives shows a house, building card shows house*
1879 atlas shows a house, building card shows house
794-8-43
The Petar family lived in the house before the Putinskis

Jefferson Walton had 4 children.

Betty Fanchalli Walton was born on John Street in Bedford Township.

In 1909 she and her family moved to Walton Hills. They (bought/rented) a farm on Walton Road. The Coryell home at 7095 Walton Road is now on the property. *She attended 1st grade at the old Walton school*

Betty was Sterling's 2nd wife: they married in 1942
When Betty married Sterling Walton they lived on West Glendale until they built their house at 7215 Walton Road in ~~1946~~ *built 1949 -> moved in 1950*

1950
They built their house on the site of Jefferson Walton's barn. *The stone foundation from the barn was used for the stone front of the house and the stove fire place*
(The barn was on the other side of the road from Jefferson's house.) *built by Harry Mackey Sr. moved into house 2/1950*
The Walton family kept a 2 1/2 acre tract, Conelly Realty Company sold the bulk of the Walton property

Sterling's great-grandparents: Abner and Almira Walton

Sterling's grandparents: Jefferson Walton and Julia Spafford Walton

Sterling's parents: Roy Walton and Mayme Walton

Sterling Walton died May 20, 1959

In June, 1951 Betty was elected Clerk of Council of the Village of Walton Hills. She soon had to relinquish her job because of health reasons, but she served as a volunteer dispatcher from 1952 to 1960, and a part-time employee in the village administrative office from 1960-1974.

Betty Franchalli Walton was the 1st elected Clerk of Council: June 5, 1951-July 10, 1951 *she was born 1909*

She served as a volunteer dispatcher from January 1, 1952-January 1960

She served as a part-time employee in the administrative offices from January 1960-September 1974

interview with Bob Whittacre 7-23-1985

"Bird" Walton, who was Roy Walton's brother, was a farmer. Bird also installed school desks for cash.

"Birds" name was Henry

Betty Pearce interview

Benny (Benjamin) Walton was Betty Panovich Pearce's school bus driver.

Bill Ridgeway substituted as a school bus driver when Benny Walton broke both his legs.

Notes

Joseph Walton B 1768 D 1840 and Sarah Wallace B 1771 D 1871, just shy of her 100th birthday
They moved from Lancaster P.A to Bedford because Joesh married out of the Quaker church.
Sarah was Irish; Joseph was disowned by the church for marrying outside the church.
Joseph and Sarah settled in Bedford and are buried in Bedford Cemetery

Abner Walton, son of Joseph and Sarah

Born 9-16-1802 Died 10-21-1895 married Almira Hunt who was born 4-17-1815, D 1-26-1872

Almira Hunt was born in Massachusetts but was raised in Northfield

they are buried in Bedford Cemetery

they had 3 children: Jesse, William, Thomas Jefferson

Jesse B 1842 D 1917 married Ida Goss

William B 1843 D 1926 married Mary Laing who was born 1848, died 1920

Thomas Jefferson; changed name to Jefferson C. born 1845 Died 1923 married Julia Spafford
born 1850 died 1929

Thomas Jefferson ^{walton} born 11-18-1845, died 6-12-1923 married Julia Spafford, daughter of Almon and Laura
1-19-1971

Jefferson and Julia are buried in Bedford Cemetery

Jefferson served in the 128th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment O.V. I. during the Civil War

He guarded Confederate prisoners at Johnson Island, Lake Erie, near Sandusky

they had 4 children; all known by their middle names

Henry Bird B 1872 married Little Gay who was born 1874

Albert Roy born 1874 married Mayme Garrett who was born 1875

Almira Belle born 1877 married Paul Sampsill, then William Van Alstine

Laura Maude born 1879 married William Belquist

Henry Walton (Bird) B 7-24-1872 M Lottie Gay 12-16-1896 Lottie B 7-1-1874

Bird's and Lottie's 2 Children

Gladys Walton B 7-27-1898 married A. Bissett 11-30-1918, married Ralph Rowisky 3-9-1921
D 7-6-1930

Lewis Jefferson B 7-12-1905

Bird and Lottie lived at 412 Avery, Bedford in 1933 with their son, Lewis

Bird had farmed, installed school desks for cash

Gladys had 4 children

Lillian B 1919 (daughter of A. Bissett) In 1933 Lillian lived with her grandparents, Bird and Lottie

Kenneth B 1924

Eugene B 1926

Walter Archie B 1928

In 1933 Kenneth, Eugene and Walter lived with their father, Ralph Rowinsky in Akron

Albert Roy's (went by name of Roy) children: Sterling, Benjamin and Bernice

Almira (Belle's) children: Hazel and Mildred

Notes

Laura Maude Walton (her grandfather was Abner Walton, her father was Jefferson Walton)
Maude, as she was called, cared for her parents as they grew older.
She moved to Woodrow Ave. in Bedford, built a house for herself and then cared for her parents there.

Maude was friends with the Conellys and worked with L. S. Conelly to sell her Walton Hills property.
She inherited the bulk of the Walton property because she cared for her parents.
Maude was divorced and retook/used her maiden name.

The 4 Children of Jefferson Walton:

Laura Maude B 7-4-1879 married William Belquist, moved to Bedford 76 Woodrow, in 1933

Almira (Belle) - moved away from the Bedford area

born 6-1877

married 5-1-1895 to Paul Sampsill, divorced, then married William Van Alstine

Belle lived in Cleveland during 1st marriage then in Cleveland Hts. during 2nd marriage

she had 2 children with Paul Sampsill:

Hazel Arlene B 1895, D 1923 married Harry Wilkinson

Mildred Irene B 1899

Albert Roy (Roy as he was called) Roy moved to Logan Street in Bedford.

he was a farmer. B 4-4-1874 married Mayme Garrett 11-24-1897 Mayme born 9-22-1875

3 children, Sterling, Benjamin, Bernice

Sterling B 8-25-1898 married 12-25-1922 Anastasia (Anna) Satava Anna B 7-14-1896

they lived at 306 W. Glendale

Sterling's 2nd wife was Betty Fanchalli Betty was born in 1909 They married in 1942

Benjamin B 12-4-1899 lived at 198 Logan with his parents

Bernice B 6-25-1913 lived at 198 Logan

Henry: Henry's nickname was "Bird" Henry lived in the house where Carmany Drive is near. Maggio lived in the house on the spot where Henry lived (18580 Carmany Drive)

Jefferson Walton was one of the farmers who turned over his deed to Cyrus Eaton for his hunt club in exchange for cash. Sometime during the depression Cyrus Eaton returned the deed

in later years (about 1939 or 1940?) Jefferson Walton and his wife told each of their children to buy/build a house in Bedford and they would pay.

Sterling's parents bought a house on Logan for \$7800 while the other children bought/built houses in the \$3000 range

Jefferson and the other children had a tiff and Jefferson refused to pay the \$4000 difference.

Sterling D. Walton was the 1st Police Chief of the Village of Walton Hills.

He became Chief in 1951 when the village was incorporated.

Sterling Walton died May 20, 1959 at 60 years

(County Archives Center data)

1860 County Maps proving ownership

1. shows house at NE corner of Carmany and Walton: A. G. Walton 40 acres
2. Lot 83: shows Benjamin Walton 80 acres on Walton Road (from today's Alexander Rd to Logan) house and barn were where today's South Meadowpark comes into Walton Road, but on the East side of Walton Road

In 1830 the Walton/Alexander corner in Lot 83 was owned by Silas Belden

In 1870 this chunk of land was owned by Richard Orchard.

In 1870 A. G. Walton owned 33 acres +20 acres +76 acres on the east side of Walton Road

1870 County Map

A. G. Walton bought the 76 acres previously owned by Jacob Perkins in lot 85

The old Walton farmhouse at 7228 Walton Road was built c. 1879 1819 794-8-43
owners: Edward and Jeannette Boland
Stanley and B. K^parzep
Joseph and Agnes Pekar
William Putinski

Clarice and Merlin Bement's house at 7242 Walton Road 794-8-16 was built in 1938
owners: Bill and Judy Annett

Stanley KORZEP house 7214 Walton Road, property now owned by Zisimos and E. (Katie) Giatis
the Giatises built a new house on the property

1852 Atlas

- #95 owned by R. Walton 80 acres South of Alexander, along Walton Road
- #75 owned by A.B. Walton 40 acres along Walton Road

1858 Atlas

- #87 owned by L. Spafford
- #75 owned by A. Walton
- #92 owned by H. Spafford, north side of Sagamore Rd.

1874 Atlas

- #75 and #85 owned by A. G. Walton 80 + 40 acres
- #85 owned by Wm Walton 20 acres East side of Walton
- #92 owned by H. Spafford 120 acres, north side of Sagamore Road

Atlases:

1840 and 1843 Joseph and Benjamin Walton: records show no personal property taxes, ownership in W.H.

County Atlases proving ownership continued

1846 - 1850 #95 #95

1846 Sarah Walton (Abner Walton's wife) #76

1847, 1850, 1853, 1859 #75 Abner Walton 1847 shows house 40-504

1853 to 1859, 1863 Benjamin Walton #95 shows house #85

1864 lists Abner, not Benjamin as ownership

1867 Abner Walton #75 and #85

from 1846-1862 Benjamin Walton is listed

1847 is the first year Abner Walton paid property taxes

1852: #95 B. Walton 80 acres

1874, 1878, 1880, 1888, 1890-1895 shows Abner Walton #75 and #85

1874-1888, 1890, 1895 Wm. Walton (William is Jefferson's older brother who was born in 1843)
#85 20 acres

1868: William Walton is not listed

1901 J. C. Walton #75, #85 (inherited property when his father died in 1895)

In 1879

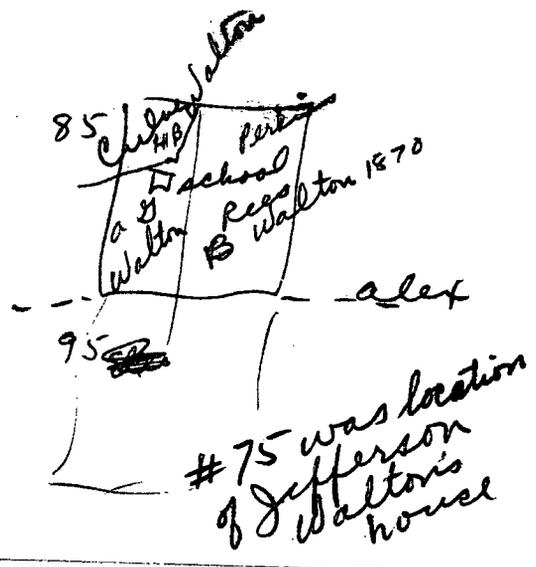
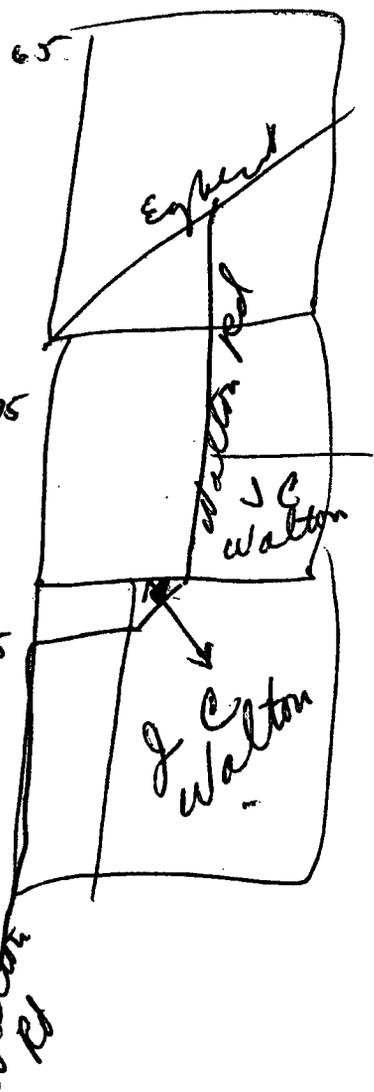
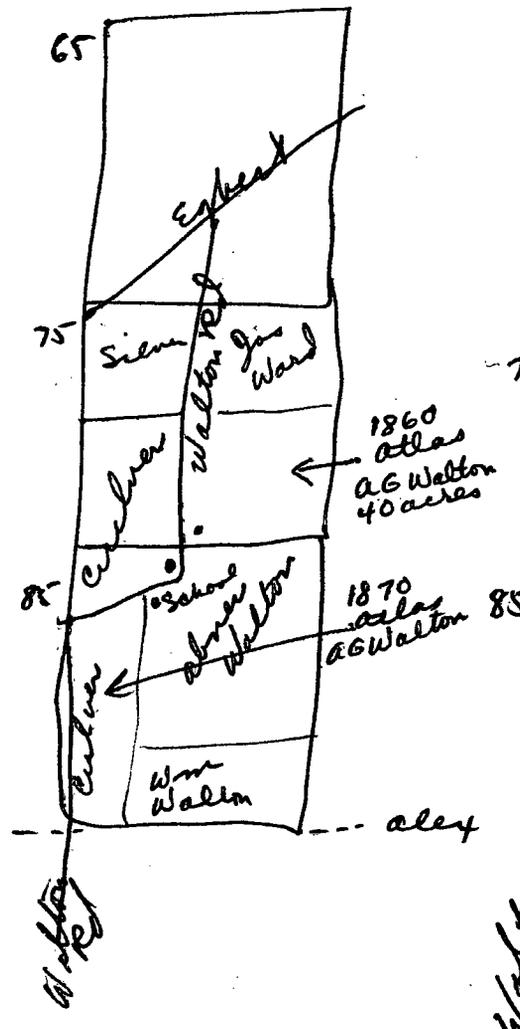
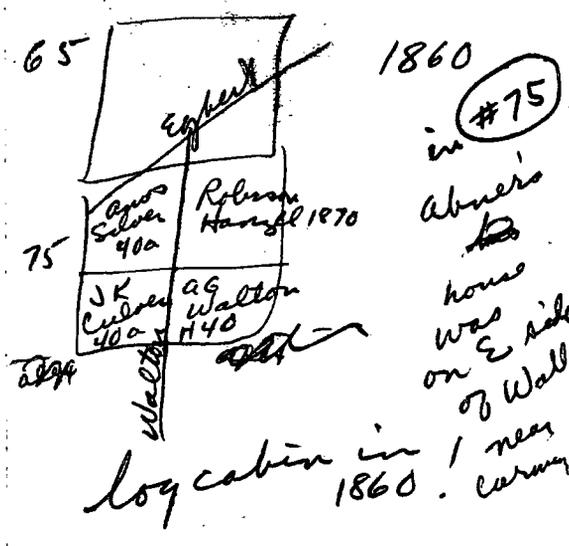
Jefferson Walton
built the house
at 7228 Walton Road

794-8-1743
43-43

Abner Walton B 1804
D 1895
Jefferson Walton B 1845
D 1923
married 1871

1874 atlas

1902 atlas



ALONG WALTON ROAD

THE WOOLSEY FARM

Several houses were built in this part of the township during the 1830's and 1840's, but many of them were lost due to fires or were razed intentionally. One very old house still standing is at 7570 Walton Road. County archives records indicate the house was built c. 1846 by John Woolsey. In 1830 Stephen Tilden bought 44 acres on the west side of Walton Road, at today's northwest corner of Walton and Alexander Roads. (However, in those days Alexander Road did not extend as far west as Walton Road.) Tilden put up a log cabin and cleared the land for farming. In 1839, John Woolsey purchased not only the Tilden farm, but also the land north to Hicks Road, for a total of 155 acres. Woolsey built the frame house to replace the log cabin and added two barns, a shed, and a chicken coop. The Josiah Ellets were the next family to live in the house, owning the farm from 1855 until the 1890's.

Louis Toth, a deaf-mute bachelor, and his mother, Clara, bought the house and seven acres of farmland on the northwest corner of Walton and Alexander Roads in 1924. They moved into the old farmhouse and lived off their land.

Toth's nephew, John Sedensky, lived in Cleveland when he was a boy, but spent most of his weekends and summers on the farm. John enjoyed farm

THE WOOLSEY HOUSE, built c. 1846, stands at 7570 Walton Road. (1986 photograph)



life, and his help with the chores was both needed and appreciated by his uncle and grandmother.

When John Sedensky's mother inherited the old farmhouse and its seven acres from her brother's (Louis Toth) estate in 1941, she sold the bulk of the property to Harold and Anna Athey. Anna Athey is remembered by many villagers for her dedication to civic interests and charitable causes. Numerous nursery school alumni recall how they looked forward to visiting with Mrs. Athey on their walking field trips to her farm.

His uncle's farm meant so much to him that when John Sedensky got married, he and his wife, Anna, bought some of the acreage along Walton Road. John's parents never moved from Cleveland, but for an investment they obtained twenty acres of land along the south side of Hicks Road, west of Walton Road. In 1939 John and Anna bought that acreage to add to their original purchase. A couple years later, in 1941, John and Anna moved into the new house (7500 Walton Road) they built for themselves near the old homestead.

Anna's parents purchased a small corner lot at the northwest corner of Walton and Alexander Roads. However, they sold it to an oil company when their plans for building a house on the parcel failed to materialize.

John Sedensky and Johnny Allen (7307 Walton Road) are credited with bringing electric lines northward along Walton Road, from where the Ohio Edison lines ended at Sagamore Road. After World War II the two men persuaded Walton Road residents to sign a petition promising to purchase electric stoves, ranges, and hot water tanks, and use them for at least five years if Ohio Edison would run electric lines along the road. When Sedensky gave Ohio Edison an easement on his property for poles and lines, electricity was soon made available to the residents.

Sedensky fields south of Hicks Road stood idle until the mid 1950's when L. S. Conelly purchased a good portion of the land, cut Spanghurst Drive, and sold lots. The Sedenskys also sold some lots themselves. One of their parcels on Walton Road was purchased by the Bedford Board of Education in 1967 for an elementary school, should there ever be a need for one. The number of young children in the village never warranted building a school, but the field along the west side of Walton Road across from Jefferson Drive is still owned by the Bedford Schools.

Sixty years after Louis and Clara Toth bought their Walton Hills farm, John and Anna Sedensky's son, John, Jr., and his wife, Diane, purchased the old house from Anna Athey in 1984. John, Sr. is now deceased, but before he died he stated how pleased he was that the homestead was once again owned by someone in the family.

THE ORCHARDS

The Brown farm, familiar to old-time residents, was on the west side of Walton Road, extending from today's Rauland Drive to Sagamore Road. That farm was part of the 103-acre farm the Durcanskis owned in 1902, but its history dates back farther than that. The 1870 Cuyahoga County Atlas shows the parcel belonged to Simon Orchard at that time, and his house faced Sagamore Road. The Orchard house (located at 17609 Sagamore Road) was torn down in the 1980's to make room for new houses built along the north stretch of Sagamore Road.

The back of the Orchard house was used for a cheese factory from 1870 until the early 1920's. Robert Whittaker (13518 Tinker's Creek Road) remembers his visits to the Orchard cheese factory in its later years of operation. In those days area farmers were frequently not able to get their milk to market before it spoiled. Instead, they took their milk to one of several local cheese factories where the milk was churned into butter or made into cheese.

Simon and Rebecca Orchard were immigrants from England who settled in this area of the township and raised six children; William, Martha, Richard, John, Simon, and Joe. As the years went by Orchards owned property on both sides of Walton Road as well as elsewhere throughout the village. Martha, born in 1857, was a Bedford Township schoolteacher as



THE ORCHARD HOUSE, built c. 1886, stands at 7715 Walton Road. (Date of photograph unknown)

was her brother, Simon. When Simon was seventeen years old he taught at Walton School during the 1879-1880 school year. John's daughter, Marian, taught English and social studies at Bedford High School for a number of years.

THE KELLY FARM

At the southwest corner of Alexander and Walton Roads John Kelly owned a 105-acre farm. It extended west and southward to today's South Meadowpark Drive. In 1915 John Kelly built the house that stands at 7720 Walton Road. Years earlier this farmland belonged to the Waltons and then later, the Orchards. The 1858 Cuyahoga County Atlas shows Richard Orchard owning this land plus eighty acres on the southeast corner that he purchased from the Waltons.

In the mid 1950's the acreage was sold to L. S. Conelly and became a subdivision of his Walton Hills Estates.

THE KOBERNA FARMS

From 1878 to 1905 the Bartolmay Kerbernas owned a farm in today's Krick Road Industrial Park area, and after the turn of the century a second generation of Kobernas owned two farms along Walton Road in the vicinity of today's Walton, Hicks, and Conelly Roads.

Their first Walton Road farm, 51 acres owned by Mary Koberna, was northeast of the crossroads. The bulk of this acreage had been part of the Amos Silver Egbert Road farm from 1860 until 1895. In c. 1905 the Kobernas built the farmhouse that stands at 7312 Walton Road. Years later, from 1939 through the 1960's, George Graves owned and lived in the Koberna house with his first wife, Leona, and then after she died, with his second wife, Betty. George "Ted" Graves was one of the founders and the second Mayor of the Village of Walton Hills.

Some of the apple trees the Kobernas planted are still standing today in the yards of today's owners. Their chestnut trees are gone, but some older residents may recall the times they helped pick the Koberna's chestnuts in the autumn. John Sedensky was one of the young boys who helped harvest the crop.

The second farm, purchased by John and Mary Koberna in 1920, faced both sides of Hicks Lane. This 65-acre farm had originally been part of the Joseph Leonard Egbert Road farm until 1890. Koberna's land extended from Walton Road westward toward today's North Meadowpark Drive. The farmhouse, built by the Leonards, was on the south side of Hicks

Lane, a distance west of Walton Road. Moving forward in time to the 1930's, Sedenskys owned the abandoned fields along the south side of Hicks Lane.

A LOG CABIN IN THE 1930'S

Betty Panovich Pearce remembers the log cabin that was still standing in the 1930's, at 7157 Walton Road. Betty was then a young teenager living in the old Walton farmhouse at 7228 Walton Road from 1929 until 1936. Betty recalls how one of her daily chores was to draw water from the well across the street. Near the well stood the old abandoned log cabin.

ORCHARD LAKE

Through the summer of 1949 there was a swim hole called Orchard Lake located on Walton Road, just south of the old Orchard farmhouse at 7314 Walton Road (on the northeast corner of Walton Road and today's Orchard Hill Drive). The muddy water in Orchard Lake may not have bothered the younger children, but the older boys and girls preferred to swim elsewhere, given a choice.

For several years in the 1940's the lake was part of a tract of land purchased by L. S. Conelly for future development. Until the lots were platted and sold, however, families who had purchased lots in other Conelly subdivisions were entitled to swim in Orchard Lake. Conelly's plans for his Orchard Hill Drive Subdivision included partitioning the lake into lots, and by 1950 parts of the lake became private property.

Council President James Podojil was a youngster when his parents, James and Eleanor Podojil, owned a lot on McLellan Drive. Although they never built on it, as lot owners they were entitled to use Orchard Lake. Podojil recalls riding to the lake with his parents on hot summer afternoons and parking the car along Walton Road. Today, two generations of Podojils reside in the village; James and his wife, Marguerite, live at 7070 Kral Drive, and their son, James, Jr., and his wife, Joanne, live at 7330 North Meadowpark Drive.

THE TOBOGGAN RUN

In the 1940's Struna's hill (7156 Walton Road) was the site of a toboggan run used by nearby youngsters and their parents. The course started at the top of the hill, by the road, and led downhill to what is now Walton Hills Lake.

POPULATION 98

When Matt and Grace Mathieson's daughter, Bonnie, was born in 1941, Matt changed the Walton Hills Estates signs that were located at entrance intersections such as Walton/Egbert Roads and Walton/Alexander Roads. The signs had read:

"Walton Hills Estates
Population 98
and Growing"

Matt crossed out the "98" and painted in "99." The Mathiesons were one of the early Estates owners, building their house at 18646 Carmany Drive.

THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND SNOWSTORM

During the heavy Thanksgiving weekend snowstorm of 1950 John Sedensky and Lester Rondina (7370 McLellan Drive), using a converted army vehicle, bulldozed their way to deliver milk and bread to area families with children.

THE WAGNERS

Two civic-minded residents who lived at 7450 McLellan Drive from 1948 until the early 1960's, were Armin and Florence Wagner. In the early village years Armin worked as Walton Hills Road Commissioner. He hired helpers, but was himself a \$1 a year man. In addition Wagner volunteered as Park Superintendent of the Walton Hills Estates Lake for a number of years.

Florence Wagner, besides being active in the Estates Club and the Women's Club, kept abreast of Village Council meetings and activities. She wrote a weekly column for the *Bedford Times-Register*. Her informative columns entitled "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" appeared in the newspaper from 1949 until 1958.

Their two sons grew up in the village and attended the Bedford Schools. Eric became a professor of sociology and Thomas is the noted Dr. Thomas Wagner who, as one of the leading recombinant geneticists in the world, has made several breakthroughs in genetic microbiology. He is also a professor of biochemistry.

*Tracing Our Heritage:
The Village of Walton Hills
c. 1986*

ALONG WALTON ROAD

North of Alexander Road

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

This article is the third in a series. Previous chapters told the story of the Walton family who settled in the southwest section of Bedford Township. Since the early 1800s the section of Bedford Township surrounding Walton Road was called Walton Hills by people living nearby. In the 1940s, when our local leaders worked together with Bedford Township Trustees to push for the incorporation of this section of Bedford Township, they named our area "The Village of Walton Hills." The second article included information about other families who settled along the south end of Walton Road. This article is about more Walton Road pioneers.

Correction: History buffs, change "southeast" to "southwest"—June 2006 *Walton Hills Owl*, p. 10, bottom of column 1 and top of column 2.

The WOOLSEY FARM

Several houses were built in this part of the township in the mid 1800s after the Civil War ended, but they were lost due to fires or were razed intentionally. One such house stood as a landmark at 7570 Walton Road until 2004. County archives records indicate the house was built c. 1846 by John Woolsey. In 1830 Woolsey purchased 155 acres along Walton Road. His land extended north from Alexander Road to Hicks Road. Woolsey built the frame house to replace a log cabin that had been on the property, and added two barns, a shed and a chicken coop. The next owners, from 1855 until the 1890s were the Josiah Ellets.

In 1924 Clara Toth and her deaf-mute bachelor son, Louis Toth, bought the Woolsey house with 7 acres of farmland. Louis' nephew, John Sedensky, lived in Cleveland when he was a boy, but spent most of his weekends and summers on the farm. John enjoyed farm life, and his help with the chores was both needed and appreciated by his uncle and grandmother. After the Toths died, Harold and Anna Athey bought the old farmhouse and acreage from John's mother who had inherited the property in 1941.

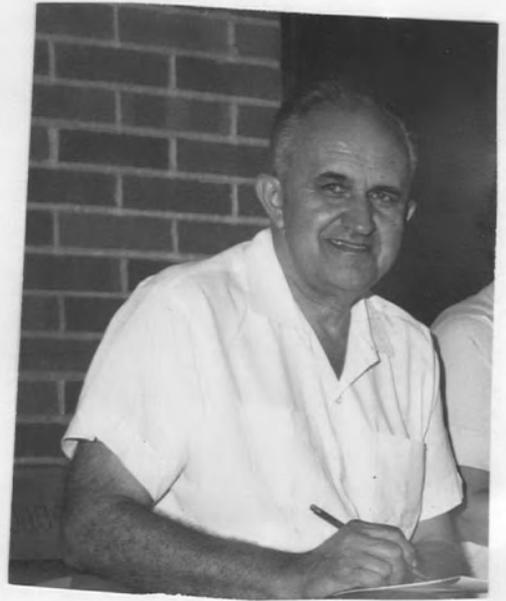
When John Sedensky married, he and his wife Anna bought acreage along Walton Road and in 1941 they moved into a house they built for themselves at 7500 Walton Road, next door to the old Woolsey homestead. A second generation of Sedenskys, John, Jr. and Diane Sedensky, lived in the family home for a number of years. In 2000 they sold their house and 8 acres to Mike and Sue Hopkins, who live there now.

John, Jr. and Diane Sedensky also purchased the Woolsey house from Anna Athey in 1984. Ten years later they sold that house and some acreage to Rick Wolinski who owned the Marathon Service Station at the corner of Walton and Alexander Roads. Wolinski still owns some of the land, but in 2005 he had to raze the 159 year-old Woolsey homestead which by then was beyond repair or renovation.

THE WOOLSEY HOUSE, built c. 1846, stood at 7570 Walton Road until it was razed in 2005.

(1986 photograph by Nina Wolf)





Merlin Bement
7242 Walton Road
1938 The Bements bought their Walton Road lot from
L.S. Conelly, Conelly Realty Co.

ALONG WALTON ROAD

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The WOOLSEY FARM (continued)

John Sedensky, Sr. and Johnny Allen, who lived at 7307 Walton Road, are credited with bringing electric lines northward along Walton Road, from where the Ohio Edison lines ended at Sagamore Road. After World War II the two men persuaded Walton Road residents to sign a petition promising to purchase electric stoves, ranges and hot water tanks and use them for at least five years, with the understanding that Ohio Edison would then run electric lines along the road. When Sedensky gave Ohio Edison an easement on his property for poles and lines, electricity was made available to residents in the area.

Another story about John, Sr. occurred during the Record-Breaking Thanksgiving Weekend Snowstorm of 1950. Sedensky and Dianne Weiland's father, Lester Rondina of 7370 McLellan Drive, came to the rescue of many residents. They used a converted army vehicle and bulldozed their way up and down the streets to deliver milk and bread to families with children.

Some Sedensky Walton Road fields to the south of Hicks Road stood idle until the mid 1950s, when L. S. Conelly purchased a good portion of the land, cut Spanghurst Drive, and sold lots. The Sedenskys also sold some lots themselves. One of their parcels on Walton Road, across from Jefferson Drive, was purchased by the Bedford Board of Education in 1967 as a possible site for an elementary school. Since 1995 the Village of Walton Hills owns that acreage.

THIS LOT ON WALTON ROAD near Jefferson Drive is owned by the Village of Walton Hills. It had once been part of the John Woolsey farm. (2006 photo)



The JEFFERSON WALTON HOUSE

Through the years families other than the Waltons owned the Jefferson Walton farmhouse at 7228 Walton Road. (photograph of house: June 2006 issue, p. 37) Some of these names will be familiar to longtime residents: Edward and Jeannette Boland, Stanley and B. Korzep, Joseph and Agnes Pekar, and today it is the home of William and Therese Putinski.

Soon after returning from World War II, the Pekars bought the house and 3 acres from the Conelly Realty Co. They installed a new mantle and enlarged the house while they lived there, and built a horse stable large enough to house two horses and a pony. They sold the house when Pekar, who was Chief Mechanical Engineer for H. K. Ferguson, was assigned to a big project in Japan. Six years later, when they moved back to the states, the Pekars bought acreage on Woodlake for a new residence, where they live today.

ALONG WALTON ROAD

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

This article is the fourth in a series of stories about families who settled along Walton Road, in the southwest section of Bedford Township. This article is about more Walton Road pioneers.

SCHOOLHOUSE RESIDENCE

Walton School was built c. 1854 at 7307 Walton Road after the Bedford Township Schools created School District #7 and the Walton family donated the land. Varying numbers of students crowded into the one-room schoolhouse, but in 1910, 50 pupils attended Walton School; 28 of them were boys ages 6 to 13, and 22 of them were girls ages 6 to 16. Imagine if you will, one teacher maintaining order and educating a group of youngsters who were in grades 1 through 8 and in so wide an age range.

In the 1930s when it became financially prudent for the Township Trustees to close all township schools and consolidate with the Bedford Schools, Walton School windows were boarded and its doors were locked. The building sat idle for a few years until 1937 when it was auctioned to the highest bidder. Johnny and Anna Allen bought the abandoned schoolhouse and converted it into a home for themselves. They later obtained additional parcels of land until they owned 8 acres.

In 1951 a second family, the John and Helen Sopkos, called the old schoolhouse their home. In 1991 two fires within hours of each other totally destroyed the house. After the first fire was thought to be contained, firemen boarded up the house. But during the wee hours of the morning, the *Plain Dealer* delivery man reported the second fire. Luckily no one was home. All that was left of the historic building was its brick shell. There was no roof, floor or walls, and even the appliances and antique fixtures melted. Family possessions were lost.

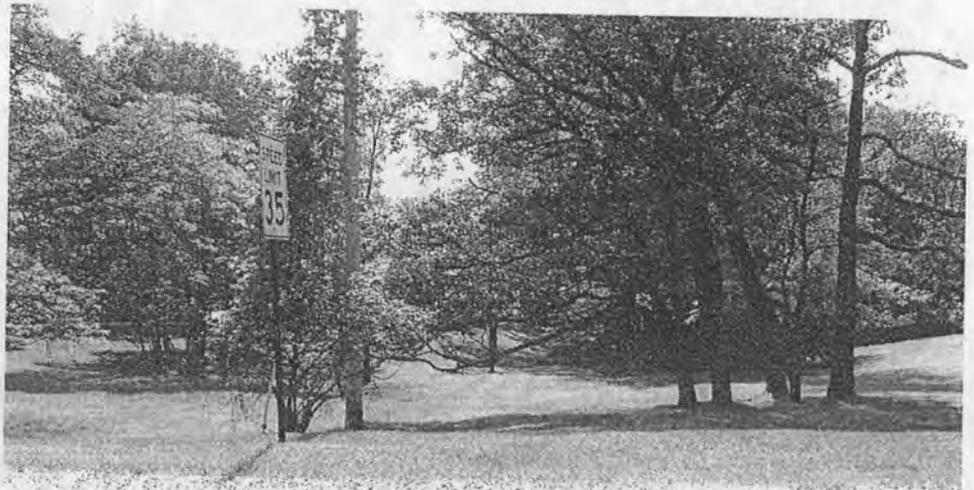
A few years later John and Helen Sopko died, but not before they and their daughter Helen who now owns the house, completely rebuilt inside the original brick walls. "The house is more cost efficient to operate now, but the inside of the house has lost its grace and character," Helen relates.

THE TOBOGGAN RUN

Struna's Hill. For a couple decades starting in the late 1940s, this slope at 7156 Walton Road was the site of a popular toboggan run and sledding hill used by nearby youngsters and their parents.

The course started at the top of the hill by the road, and led downhill to Walton Hills Lake by the horseshoe pits.

In the summer families living along Walton Road, Carmany and Allen Drive used this path to walk to Walton Hills Lake. (2006 photo)



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When MATT and GRACE MATHIESON'S daughter BONNIE was born in 1941, MATT altered the Walton Hills Estates signs located at entrance intersections such as Walton/Egbert Roads and Walton/Alexander Roads.

"Walton Hills Estates
Population ~~98~~⁹⁹ and Growing"

The MATHIESONS had purchased their lot at 18646 Carmany Drive from the Conelly Realty Co. and like the majority of couples who bought lots from General Conelly, they built their own house.

An OLD FARMHOUSE

Far back from the road, at 7095 Walton Road, sits an old farmhouse built c. 1900. Until the mid 1950s there was an old log cabin and well pump on the property, fairly close to the road. The log cabin attracted the attention of families moving into the Walton Road area in the 1940s and 1950s. Through the years the house has been remodeled, updated and enlarged, so that from the outside it hardly looks its age. The house as it looks today. (2006 photo)



The KOBERNA FARMS

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

The KOBERNA

NORTHFIELD ROAD FARM

On various deeds and documents in Cuyahoga County archives, the family name is spelled Koberna, Kerberna and Kurberna. We chose the more common spelling, Koberna.

From 1878 until 1905 the Bartolmay Kerbernas owned a farm on Northfield Road, in today's Krick Road Industrial Park area.

The KOBERNA

WALTON ROAD FARM

After the turn of the century Koberna family members took ownership of two farms along Walton Road, in the vicinity of today's Walton, Hicks and Conelly Roads.

The first Koberna Walton Road farm was owned by Mary Koberna. In 1900 this 51-acre farm was at the north bend of Walton Road, by the intersection of Walton, Hicks and today's Conelly Drive. The bulk of the acreage had been part of a farm owned by Amos Silver and his descendents from 1860-1895. The farmhouse the Kobernas built in 1905 is at 7312 Walton Road.

The KOBERNA

HICKS ROAD FARM

The second farm, owned by John and Mary Koberna in 1920, faced both sides of Hicks Road and extended from Walton Road westward to today's North Meadowpark Drive. This 65-acre farm had been part of the Joseph Leonard Egbert Road farm until 1890. The site of their farmhouse was on the south side of Hicks Lane, a distance west of Walton Road.

The Koberna farms included large orchards. A few old apple trees planted by the family still stand today. Their chestnut trees, however, perished in the chestnut blight. In interviews with local residents during the 1980s, the old-timers recalled the autumn days of their youth, when they helped harvest chestnuts for the Kobernas.

KOBERNA HOUSE on WALTON RD

From 1939 through the 1960s, the Koberna house at 7312 Walton Road was the residence of George "Ted" Graves and his wife Leona. Graves organized the push for incorporation of our village and was our second mayor, serving from 1954-1955. He was the first president of the Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake) and an active member of the Men's Club. A businessman as well as an inventor, Graves was General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Farval Corp.



The stately Koberna house, at 7312 Walton Road, was built c. 1905. It has been renovated and enlarged, with additions at the sides and back by the current owners, Jeffrey and Shari Alexander. (2006 photo)

Orchard lake
as seen from
Orchard Hill Drive
5/2006



Along Walton Road

ALONG SAGAMORE ROAD

Name: Simon and Rebecca Orchard farmhouse

Address: 17609 Sagamore Road

Date Built: pre 1860

Comments: This is the first of the houses built by the Orchard family

The back of the house was used as a cheese factory from 1870 into the 1920s

Theirs was a large farm at the Northwest corner of Walton and Sagamore Roads.

The house faced Sagamore Road.

House and barns were razed in the 1980s to make room for new houses built along Sagamore Road.

2012 - Property of Allen and Mary Ann Kaniewski

Still Standing: No



*Orchard House sat at
17609 Sagamore Rd
(site) photo 5/2006*



Orchard Lake



Richard Orchard house
(c. 1886)
at 7715 Walton Rd.
(photo 5/2006)

ALONG WALTON ROAD
ORCHARD HOUSE
ON WALTON ROAD
(KELLER)



ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Richard Orchard farmhouse
Address: 7715 Walton Road
Date Built: c. 1886
Comments: Richard Orchard was the son of Simon and Rebecca Orchard.
2006 photo
1990 – Property of Thomas and Joan Vanalstyne
Still Standing: Yes



ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: John Kelly farmhouse
Address: 7720 Walton Road
Date Built: 1915
Comments: Years earlier, this 105-acre farm, at the Southwest corner of Alexander and Walton Roads, was owned by members of the Walton family.
Current Owners: Lenny Warrington and T. Eleck
Still Standing: Yes

photo 2006

Cathy Pekar
and her parents Joseph and Agnes Pekar
lived in the Jefferson Walton house
at 7228 Walton Road for a few years
after World War II



Along Walton Road

2006 photo

Walton Road lot
owned by
Bedford City Schools
near Jefferson Drive
(as of 3/2011)





Along Walton Road

1956 photo

Standing on Walton Road, looking toward McLellan Drive

On left, house at 7270 Walton Road

On right, house at 7270 Walton Road



Along Walton Road

1956 Photo

Standing on Carmany Drive, looking East

House at 18816 Carmany Drive

House at 18748 Carmany Drive

House at 18714 Carmany Drive



ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Delmer and Jessie Mitchell house
Address: 7270 Walton Road
Date Built: Family moved into house in 1936
Comments: This house was built on the 1st lot sold in Walton Hills by L. S. Conelly Realty Co.
2012 - Property of Alex and Wilma Toth
Still Standing: Yes



ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Leonard C. Brenner, Senior and J. Brenner house
Address: 7314 Walton Road
Date Built: Family moved into house in 1963
Comments: 2007 – Property of Bruce Jerold
Still Standing: Yes

ALONG WALTON ROAD



WOOLSEY HOUSE
WALTON ROAD

1986 photo

(ATHEY/SEDENSKY)

ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Woolsey House
Address: 7570 Walton Road
Date Built: c. 1846
Comments: Woolsey built this house to replace the family's log cabin.
His farm encompassed 155 acres.
The house was razed in 2005.
1986 photo
Still Standing: No



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ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Koberna farmhouse

Address: 7312 Walton Road

Date Built: c. 1905

Comments: Koberna acreage was spread along Northfield Road, Walton Road, Hicks Lane and Conelly Road,
from Walton Road westward to North Meadowpark Road

2006 photo shows renovations and additions to sides and back of house

2012 - Property of Jeffrey and Shari Alexander

Still Standing: Yes

A Koberna House
at 7312 Walton Road
owned by Jeffrey and Shari Alexander
(as of 3/2011)



Koberna Barn
restored by Jeff Alexander



Along Walton Road

Walton Road (2006)
between Kyden Dr + Egbert
Silver Farm
Scarpete Family



Walton Road
by Kyden Drive
property had been
Silver Farm
Scarpete Family
(2006)



Along Walton Road

Sterling - Betty Walton
House

2006



7215 Walton Road
owned by nephew
William Stanton
and his wife Joyce
(as of 3/2011)

ALONG WALTON ROAD

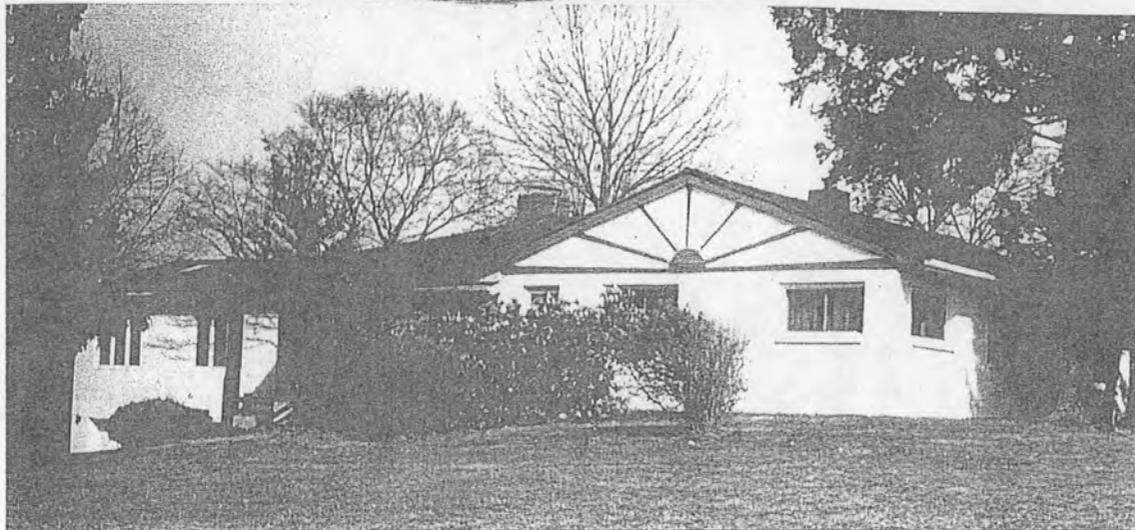
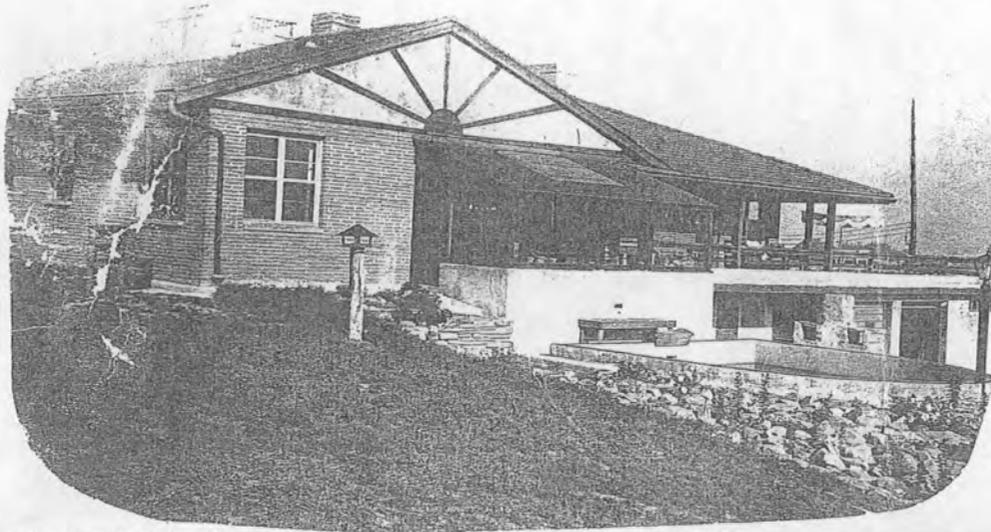
Name: Coryell farmhouse
Address: 7095 Walton Road
Date Built: c. 1900
Comments: 2006 photo
1999 - Property of David and I. Fox
Still Standing: Yes





ALONG WALTON ROAD

Name: Edward and Ellen Svoboda house
Address: 7306 Walton Road
Date Built: Family moved into house in 1940
Comments: 2012 - Property of Arthur and Dawn Ward
Still Standing: Yes



Name: The Brigadier General Ludwig Shaner Conelly House
Address: 7181 Conelly Blvd.
Date Built: 1950

As owner/realtor of the Conelly Realty Co.,

L. S. Conelly developed 15 subdivisions in Walton Hills.

Over 400 houses were built on lots Conelly sold.

Conelly built a house for himself and his wife, Sadie, on the crest of a hill,
on Conelly Blvd., by Rotary Drive.

Sadie passed away in 1953, soon after the house was completed.

Conelly died in 1963, at age 80.

Dates of Photos: top photo – 1950s bottom photo - 2002

Still Standing: Yes As of 1984 – Property of Jerome and Carol Weitzman

4-2013
by J. Kainis

The Conelly House and the Ventures of L. S. Conelly

The L. S. Conelly House

A local Real Estate Broker and Walton Hills Developer, Ludwig Shaner Conelly reserved a building site for himself and his wife, Sadie. The 3 ½ acres he chose was on the crest of a hill at the corner of Conelly Blvd. and Rotary Drive. His house commanded a panoramic view of the surrounding area. He named his property "SOLAR VISTA." On the east and west sides of his house, under the eaves, were large half circles depicting the rising and setting sun.

In 1950, General Conelly and Sadie moved from their home at the corner of Wandle and Warrensville Center Roads in Bedford into their new, uniquely-designed ranch house at 7181 Conelly Blvd. Conelly had a sidewalk built around the perimeter of the house for Sadie, who was already in poor health. Using her wheelchair, Sadie could get outside and enjoy the view from the walkway. She passed away less than three years later, in 1953. Conelly enjoyed living in his Walton Hills house for thirteen years. He died in October of 1963, at age 80.

Conelly was a staunch supporter of the Civilian Defense movement of that time. He built his house to withstand an atomic blast, if downtown Cleveland was ground zero. His house was constructed with 8-inch thick concrete block and 4-inch thick brick-crete (brick made from concrete.) The floors are 8-inch thick poured concrete containing imbedded metal cable. The house still has a tile roof. When a two-story addition was added at the north side of the house, weathered roof tiles were found that matched tiles on the original section of the house. The house had a turret with an entrance through the attic. Conelly spotted no enemy planes, but, with his field glasses he could oversee his employees working on his new streets.

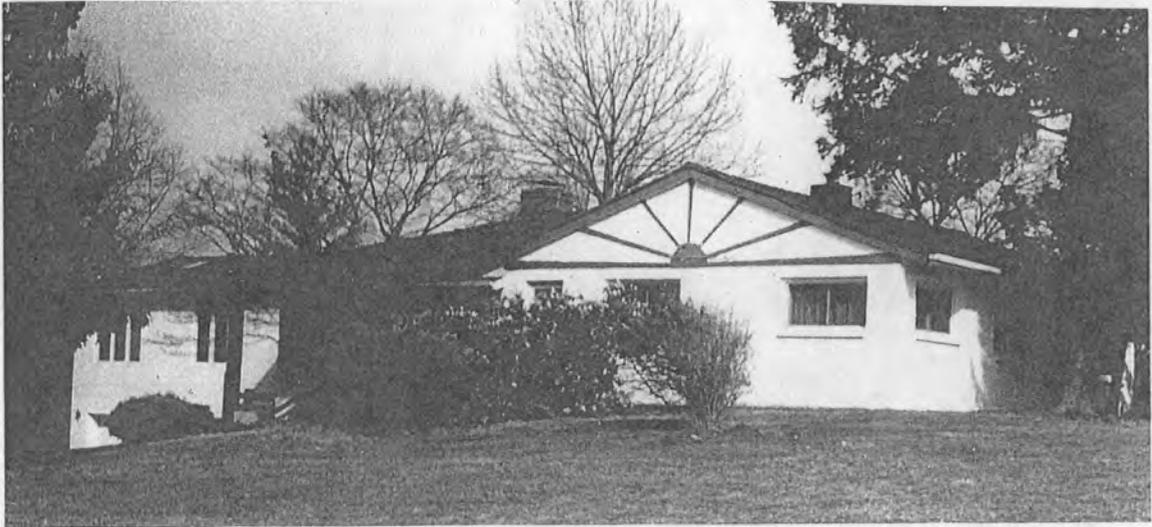
Two fireplaces in the house are quite distinctive. The living room fireplace is a projecting outside-corner fireplace with a mantel shaped like a Rotarian cog wheel. On the mantel is a clock with some of the hours marked with letters that spell "SOLAR VISTA." At the bottom of the fireplace is a millstone recovered from a nearby gristmill. Conelly was an avid member of the Bedford Rotary Club. He not only dedicated this fireplace to the Rotary, he named one of his new streets Rotary Drive.

1950s Photo
Back of the
House -
facing East



The Conelly House and the Ventures of L. S. Conelly (p. 2 of 2)

2002 Photo
Front of
the House,
facing West



The L. S. Conelly House (continued)

A second fireplace in another room projects from an inside-corner. That fireplace recognized the Walton Hills Rangers, a popular local equestrian club at the time. Perhaps as a sales incentive, or maybe because he himself enjoyed riding around the area on his horse, he retained easements on some of the lots he sold, allowing for a continuous 20-mile bridle path that included existing paths in Bedford Reservation. Also, in 1946, Conelly deeded a 10-acre park (Walton Hills Lake) to the cooperatively-owned Walton Hills Estates Club.

Jerome and Carol Weitzman bought the property in 1984, and this is where they raised their 3 children who are now adults. Daughter- Kimberly lives in South Portland, Maine where she is a case worker of mentally retired and developmentally disabled adults. Son- Nathan lives at home and owns Weitzman Photography on Face Book. Son- Don has been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and is in sales. He, his wife Mallory and Mallory's nephew live in Austin Texas. Over the years, Jerry and Carol Weitzman have also raised six foster children in their home.

Brigadier General L. S. Conelly

Ludwig Shaner Conelly was a local real estate broker who, between **1936 and the early 1960s**, sold lots in **15 subdivisions** he planned and developed in the SW section of Bedford Township, which is now Walton Hills. Well over **400 houses** were built on lots he sold. His real estate ventures in Walton Hills began when Maude Walton, who had left the family homestead and moved to Bedford, wanted to sell the Walton Hills house and acreage she inherited from her parents.

Conelly sold lots along the existing roads of: Alexander, Egbert, Hicks and Walton Roads.

Conelly created 20 new streets for his subdivisions: Allen, Carmany, Deeridge, and Dellwood Drives, Jefferson, Kral, McLellan, Morningside, North Meadowpark, Orchard Hill, Rotary and Shaner Drives, South Meadowpark, Spanghurst and Woodlake Drives, Conelly Blvd., East Lake, Linda Lane, Stuble Lane and West Lake.

L. S. Conelly considered his real estate developments in Walton Hills his most important achievement, although:

- He served for a total of 8 years with the U.S. Army 37th Division in both World War I and World War II.
- He was a Major in World War I, serving in France and Belgium.
- He was a Brigadier General for the Ohio National Guard during World War II, serving in the South Seas.

Along Walton Road

Totogon Run
Strimas Hill
7156 Walton
7156 (6-2006)



NW corner
Alexandria/Walton Rd
Rick Wolinsky -
Marathon
(2006)



Betty Walton wrote this in 1985

HISTORY OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO

(1985)

Will and Abner Walton came from England and pioneered here in the 1830's. At that time this area, as well as Bedford, was called Bedford Township. Most of this portion was farmland...the Waltons purchased 138 acres and settled here building log houses.

It is known that in the earlier days, most of the people living here were the Iroquois and Moravian Indians. They claim the Iroquois was the most savage. They lived here in the early 1600's.

As children were growing up and needed schooling, the Walton's donated a piece of their land for a country school to the Bedford Board Of Education. I have no idea when it was built, but it must have been built in the 1880's. Sterling Walton graduated from this school in 1913. I attended when I was 5 years old in 1911 and instead of calling it "Kindergarten", I was told it was called "primer". The teacher was Miss Alma G. Alber and she was from the Kitson family. I understand in the 1880's, Minnie Walton, a great aunt of Sterlings, taught there also.

When the Board of Education was no longer in need of this country school, the property was to revert back to the Waltons, but instead the building was sold for \$600. to people who lived there for some years and then re-sold to Helen & John Sopko who still live there...7307 Walton Road... still being kept nicely by them. Helen also attended Walton School and has a lot of memories when attending there as a little girl.

This acreage stayed in the Walton family..grandfather, father and brother and Aunt Maude until the 1930's, which was then acquired by the Connolly Realty and cut up into allotments and sold, forming the nucleus of what is now the Village Of Walton Hills.

In 1951, the villages of Bedford Hts., Oakwood and Walton Hills was formed.

The first mayor was Virgil D. Allen Jr., the first Chief was Sterling Walton and no one wanted the Clerks job, so I was it...for a dollar a year. But since I was working and we had just moved into our home on Walton Road, there was too much to do such as making trips to various suburbs to see how to start a village, etc, I couldn't take it, and being on the verge of a nervous breakdown, I resigned my dollar a year job. Mr. Bement was kind enough to take over.

The first members of council were Frank Wolf, Ray Brown, Howard Carey, George Graves, Paul Pojman and Otis Carmany. All served for a dollar a year.

We started business in a quonset building, when a father and son resident started to build a store on the corner of Alexander and Walton and because of a disagreement, separated and left the building unfinished. Seven of the residents, of which we were one, pitched in and purchased the unfinished building for \$17,500. Sterling was named expeditor and with volunteer workers Pete Scimoni, Jim Solomon and others it was accomplished. Those were the good-old days...

Mayor Young took over for umpteen years and here we are...

Good luck now, to Mayor Bosway....nice guy!

Bill Bosway
took over as Mayor of Walton Hills
on 1-1-1984
elected Mayor 11-1983

Betty Walton

STORIES about Our ROADS

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

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Records at the County Engineer offices show several of our county roads as being among the very oldest in Cuyahoga County. It was only a few years after Moses Cleaveland and his team surveyed this part of the Western Reserve in 1796 and 1797 that settlers came to our area. The pioneers carved new ruts in old dirt trails as they hauled their belongings by oxen teams or horseback to their new homesteads. Farming families settled along these narrow dirt roadways that twisted around the hills in our part of Bedford Township.

By 1852 the following dirt county roads were planked by Cuyahoga County: Dunham Road, Egypt Road, Tinkers Creek Road, Button Road, Northfield Road and Sagamore Road.

In 1880 Phillips Road was renamed Alexander Road.

In 1907 Egypt Road became part of Dunham Road.

ROAD SECTION Became a DEDICATED CUYAHOGA COUNTY ROAD YEAR

Northfield Road	Union Street to Sagamore Road	1803
Tinkers Creek Road	Canal Road to Dunham Road	1811
Dunham Road	Turney Road to Button Road	1820
Egypt Road	Tinkers Creek Road to Sagamore Road	1820
Button Road	Dunham Road to Broadway Avenue	1825
Egbert Road	Union Street to Dunham Road	1833
Walton Road	Egbert Road to Sagamore Road	1836
Phillips Road	Canal Road to Egypt Road	1839
Sagamore Road	Canal Road to Northfield Road	1843
Alexander Road	Egypt Road to Walton Road	1881
Alexander Road	Walton Road to Northfield Road	1940
Alexander Road	Northfield Road to Pettibone Road	1954

NORTHFIELD ROAD

In 1803 the State of Ohio became the 17th state to enter the Union and Northfield Road became a dedicated Cuyahoga County road. Northfield Road was one stretch of a long, old trail that led north-northwest to Broadway Avenue, along Lake Erie and north into Michigan, and led south-southeast to Uhrichsville, Wheeling, Marietta, the Ohio River and points south.

TINKERS CREEK ROAD

Tinkers Creek Road began as a short roadway that started near the Cuyahoga River and ended at the intersection of three other roads in the Community of Little Egypt. Travelers could take Dunham Road northward to Broadway Avenue, Button Road northeast to Bedford or Egypt Road southeast toward Northfield or Hudson. Each of these three roads began with a treacherous, steep and winding hill.

On the south side of Tinkers Creek Road, just inside the Bedford Township border, is where:

1. Elijah Nobles, the first pioneer in Bedford Township, built his cabin in 1813. He lived there only a short time.
2. In 1814 the first permanent residents in Bedford Township, Stephen and Julia Cornstock with their son Charles, built their log cabin and settled on land they purchased from the Connecticut Land Company.
3. Tinkers Creek Tavern stands today.

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Part III

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EGBERT ROAD

Egbert Road, named for James Egbert who petitioned Cuyahoga County for its dedication, became a county road in 1833. Egbert was a landowner whose house was on Egbert, near the intersection of today's Walton Road. By 1860 James Egbert had accumulated 236 acres of farmland along his road. Only a few other families lived on Egbert Road at that time.

Considered a minor thoroughfare by the County, Egbert Road remained a winding, narrow dirt lane with steep hills and deep entrapping ruts, long after several other County roads were planked with wood boards and/or bricked. Traveling up or down the treacherous hills of Egbert Road was an ordeal. During weeks of snow and ice, the road was barely usable. And after rainy periods, residents waited for days until Egbert Road dried and hardened before they hitched up their horse and wagon to use the road.

Finally, in the 1920s the surface was graveled. Several times since then the road has been straightened and graded for safer driving, and paved. We recognize the severe turns and hills of today's Egbert Road, but we can only imagine what the road was like in earlier years.

Originally, the west end of Egbert Road went straight downhill past today's Chestnut and Hickory Drives and Overlook Lane. In 1907 when the New York Central Railroad laid its tracks and built the Dunham Road trestle over Tinkers Creek Valley, the County rerouted Egbert Road so that only one bridge had to be built in the Dunham/Egbert Roads area.

Once again in 1980 Egbert Road was re-engineered at the west end where it meets Dunham Road.

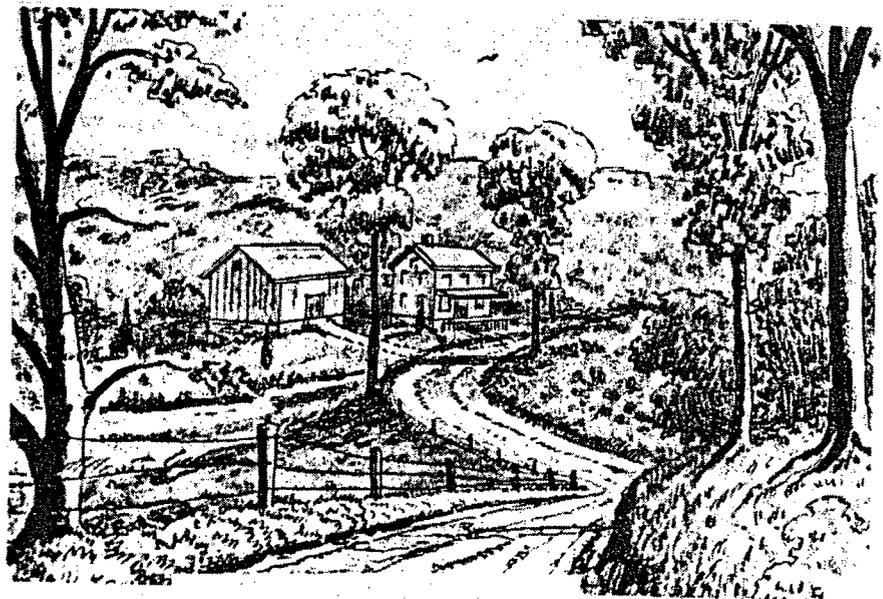
(This 1928 sketch by Joe Jesensky was reproduced by Nina Wolf in 1986)

WALTON ROAD

Walton Road became a dedicated Cuyahoga County Road in 1836. Walton Road was named for the family who pioneered the area along the roadway. Several Waltons, starting with Abner Walton in 1835, purchased acreage, built homes and tilled the land along the road. Members of the family have lived in the village ever since 1835. Today, Sterling and Betty Walton's nephew and his wife, Bill and Joyce Stanton, reside at 7215 Walton Road.

Not only was the road named for the Waltons, but since the early 1800s the section of Bedford Township surrounding the roadway was called Walton Hills by people living throughout the township. Lastly, when our village founders chose a name for the village they were about to incorporate, their obvious choice was "Walton Hills."

Like Egbert Road, this minor dirt road was bypassed when other county roads were planked in the mid 1800s. Eventually, Walton Road was graded and paved.



Joe Jesensky's **1928** drawing shows us what the land where Walton Road meets Egbert Road looked like 80 years ago. The abandoned house and barn, built by James Egbert, faced Egbert Road.

HICKS LANE - HICKS ROAD

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

Cuyahoga County identified this narrow dirt pathway on its County Atlas of 1858 as Hicks Lane. Beginning with its 1902 County Atlas, the county renamed the lane Hicks Road.

Since the early 1950s Hicks Road is a short street. But it was a much longer pathway in earlier years and it was shaped like a "T." One arm of Hicks Lane began at Walton Road as does Hicks today, but extended farther west—that extension is now part of Spanghurst Drive. Another arm of Hicks made a sharp turn north to Egbert Road, ending at the east side of the house at 16950 Egbert Road—that stretch of road does not exist today. The third arm of Hicks extended to Alexander Road. Today's North Meadowpark Drive is the approximate path of this southern extension of Hicks Lane.

Local farmers used Hicks Lane to take their grain to Alexander's Mill (Wilson Feed Mill, 7604 Canal Road). During the winter months, the County hired local men to maintain Hicks and other nearby roads. The men were paid extra money to use their own teams of horses or wagons while working on the roads.

In the early 1950s L. S. Conelly of Conelly Realty Co. developed the Hicks Road area, creating Spanghurst, Woodlake and North Meadowpark Drives. He designed new streets, plotted acre lots along the new streets and existing roads, and assisted landowners by finding buyers for their lots.

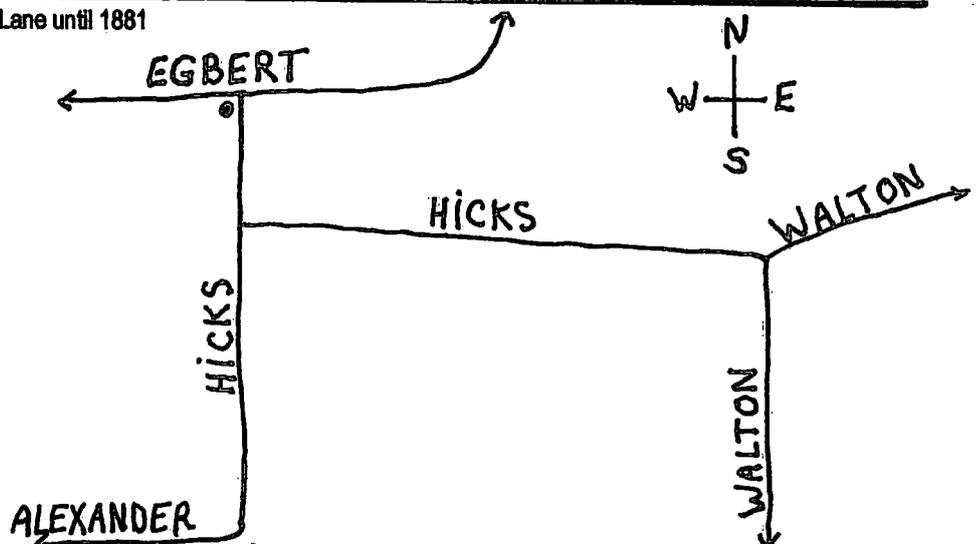
Conelly prepared and paved his new streets to meet the standards of the day for dedication, but he left unpaved the section of Hicks Road that was not his to develop. In the 1950s Roger and Edna Sprengle and Edna's parents, Irwin and Anna Beane bought land along the north side of Hicks Road, building their house at 17703 Hicks Road. Sprengle, Beane and John Sedensky, who owned all the land on the south side of Hicks, wanted to divide their acreage into building lots and sell the lots. The men successfully spearheaded the drive to pave and dedicate today's Hicks Road.

After the road was paved Howard Shay, a local building contractor, built houses for George and Eleanor Lautanen (17684 Hicks), Gary and Carol Dockery (17722 Hicks), Myron and Eileen Wamke (17723 Hicks), and Andrew and Sophie Weber (17837 Hicks). The Webers, now deceased, were the grandparents of Former Astronaut Mary Ellen Weber.

THE ORIGINAL PATH of HICKS LANE - HICKS ROAD

Note: Alexander Road ended at Hicks Lane until 1881

● House at 16950 Egbert Road



HOW THESE WALTON HILLS ROADS GOT THEIR NAMES

by Bob and Jean Kainsinger

OLD ROADS

NAME OF ROAD

Alexander Road

In 1881, when this county road was extended eastward from Dunham Road to Walton Road, it was named Alexander Road for Andrew Alexander who owned a grist mill at the canal and a large farm on both sides of the new section of the road.

Dunham Road

A county road since 1820, Dunham family farms lined the road in what is Maple Heights, today.

Egbert Road

Egbert became a county road in 1833, after James Egbert petitioned for its dedication. By 1860 James Egbert owned 236 acres of farmland along the road.

Hicks Lane

The original old county dirt road was shaped like a "T", connecting Egbert and Walton and Alexander Roads. In 1860 Hicks Lane appeared on County maps.

Tinker's Creek Road

Captain Joseph Tinker, a member of Moses Cleaveland's surveying party in 1796-1797, transported supplies to the group. He drowned in 1797 when his boat capsized in Lake Erie during a storm. At the time the surveyors were charting Tinker's Creek, and named the stream for Tinker. That is how the adjacent roadway got its name.

Walton Road

Several Waltons, starting with Abner Walton in 1835, built homes and tilled acreage along the road. In 1836 the road was officially named Walton Rd. Bedford people called the Walton Road area of Bedford Township, Walton Hills.

Cleveland Hill Lane/ Wight Oaks Drive

Cleveland Hill Lane, on county maps from 1860 through the early 1900's, was a dirt access drive connecting the old Cleveland Hill Farm to Egbert Road. (The original path, from the 1820's until the mid 1950's, went north to Tinker's Creek, ending at the bridle path paralleling today's Gorge Parkway.) In 1917 Elmer B. Wight bought the Cleveland Hill Farm, lined the drive with white oak trees, and named it Wight Oaks..

HOW THESE WALTON HILLS ROADS GOT THEIR NAMES

NEWER ROADS (continued)

✓ Stuble Lane	Carl Stuble, with Conelly's help	himself
✓ Fern Lane 1956	Ward R. Heck, Conelly sold lots after Heck's death	his wife's first name. Ward Heck, a Bedford realtor, lived on Logan Street in Bedford.
✓ Logan Drive 1956	Ward R. Heck, Conelly sold lots after Heck's death	Heck owned acreage in Walton Hills. Heck subdivided the land, cut a road. He named it Logan Drive after the street of his Bedford home.
✓ Kral Drive 1960	Lillian Kral, with Conelly's help	herself
Dunham Lane 1941	Bob and Hazel Chvatal	In the 40's summer cottages were grouped along the dirt lane owned by his parents, Dr. Frank and Mae Chvatal
Chestnut, Hickory, Tulip Drives 1959	Chestnut Ridge; Floyd Carr, Sr.	names of trees in the area
Kydan Drive	descendants of Kydan Scarpete	Kydan Scarpete
Summerset Drive 1960	Guy and Ruth Iarussi, Conelly sold the lots	the beautiful view Summer sun setting on the newly-cut subdivision
Rauland Dr. '74	Rauland Corp.	himself
Andras Drive '76	Richard Matusz	English spelling of his father's first name
Sonny Drive '76	Richard Matusz	himself; his nickname
Colonial, Laurel and Regency Drives 1979	Harry B. Davis bought the planned subdivision from the Ratners of Forest City	Forest City named the streets with generic names. The original name for Rashell Drive was changed; another street in the zip code area already had the name.
Rashell Drive 1979	Harry B. Davis	Dick Hopkin's granddaughter. Hopkins was a Walton Hills councilman at that time.
Brenda Lee Drive 1995	Ken Pund	his wife's first name

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 c. 1986

THE NAMING OF THE CONELLY STREETS

Allen Drive — for his friend, Johnny Allen, who bought then lived in old Walton School, at 7307 Walton Road.

Carmany Drive — for the second lot buyer and friend, Otis Carmany.

Conelly Blvd. — for General Ludwig S. Conelly.

Dellwood Drive — for his friend, Delmer Mitchell, who had a Franklin Oil service station on the lot next to Conelly's Bedford house. Del and Jessie Mitchell bought a Conelly lot and built a house (7270 Walton Road). They sold to the Freys in 1948.

Deeridge Drive — for the many deer in the area.

East Lake, West Lake, and Woodlake Drives — for their settings and lakes developed by the Conelly Realty Company.

Hicks Road — for old Hicks Lane.

Jefferson Drive — for Jefferson Walton who built a log cabin along the east side of Walton Road. The cabin sat far back from the road, on today's property at 18136 Jefferson Drive.

Linda Lane — for his granddaughter, Linda, who was his daughter Jeanne's girl.

McLellan Drive — for friends of the family. The McLellans, before the mid 1940's, lived at 7285 Walton Road.

Morningside Drive — for its eastern position in the Walton Hills Estates Subdivisions.

North and South Meadowpark Drives — for the fields and park-like atmosphere.

Orchard Hill Drive — for the Richard Orchards who had owned the farmland for several decades beginning in the 1870's.

Rotary Drive — for the Bedford Rotary Club, of which Conelly was an active member. Originally he planned to reserve the lots for Rotary members.

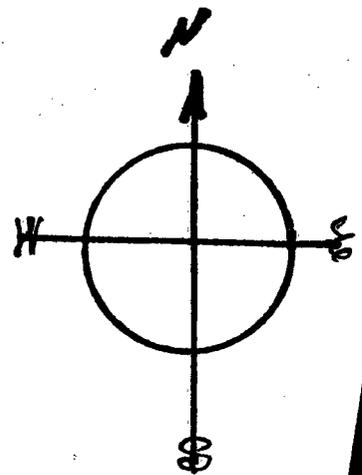
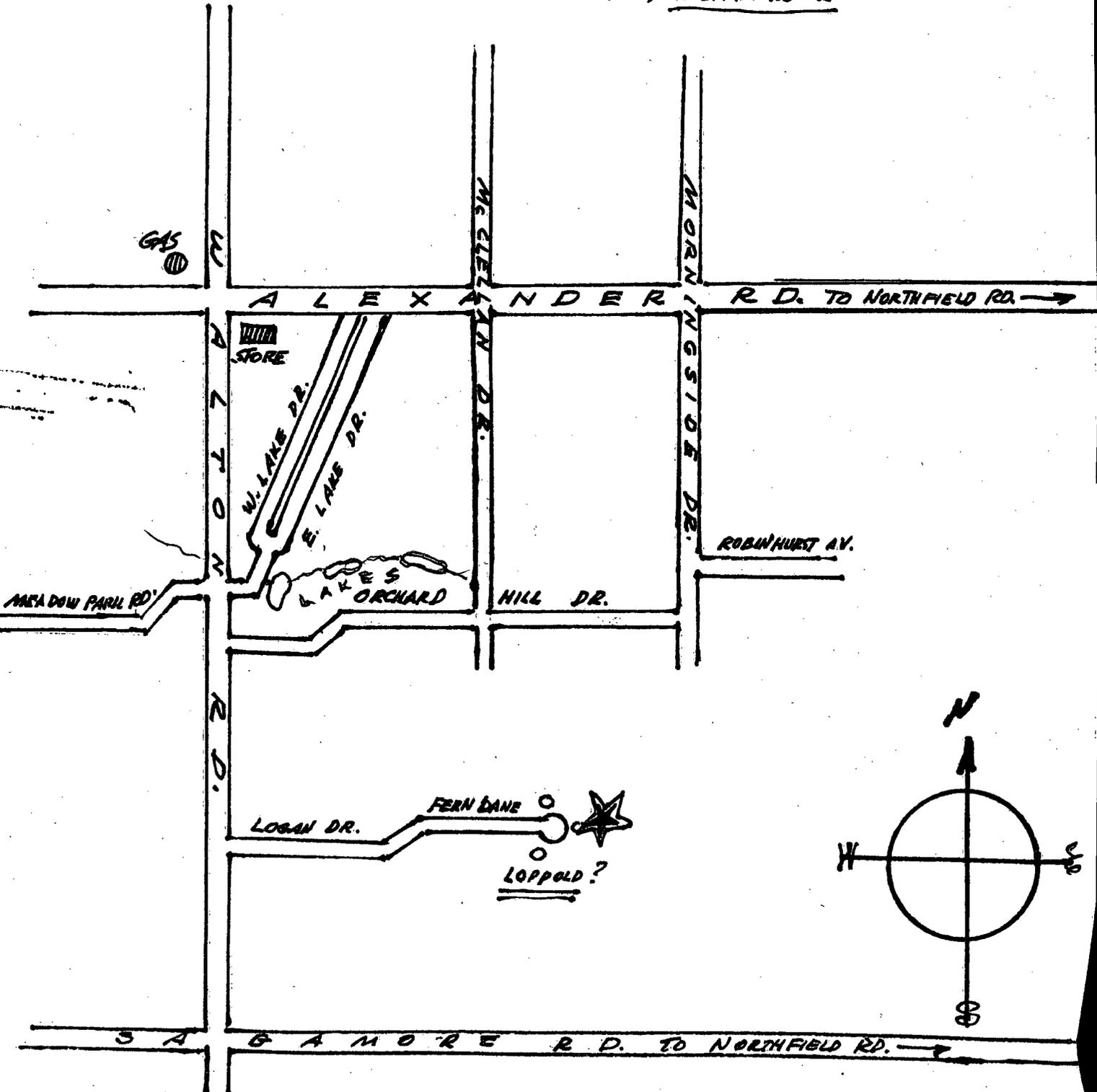
Shaner Drive — Ludwig S. Conelly's middle name was Shaner.

Spanghurst Drive — for his son-in-law, Carl W. Spang.

Original Notes & Map - included in
The ROBT. BURNS JR. PAPERS at the
BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LOCATION MAP OF
SAGAMORE HILLS
INDIAN STATUE ★

FROM MAP BY ROBT. BURNS JR.



"WE BUILD OURSELVES

A

HOME"

The Russell and Theresa Mone Story

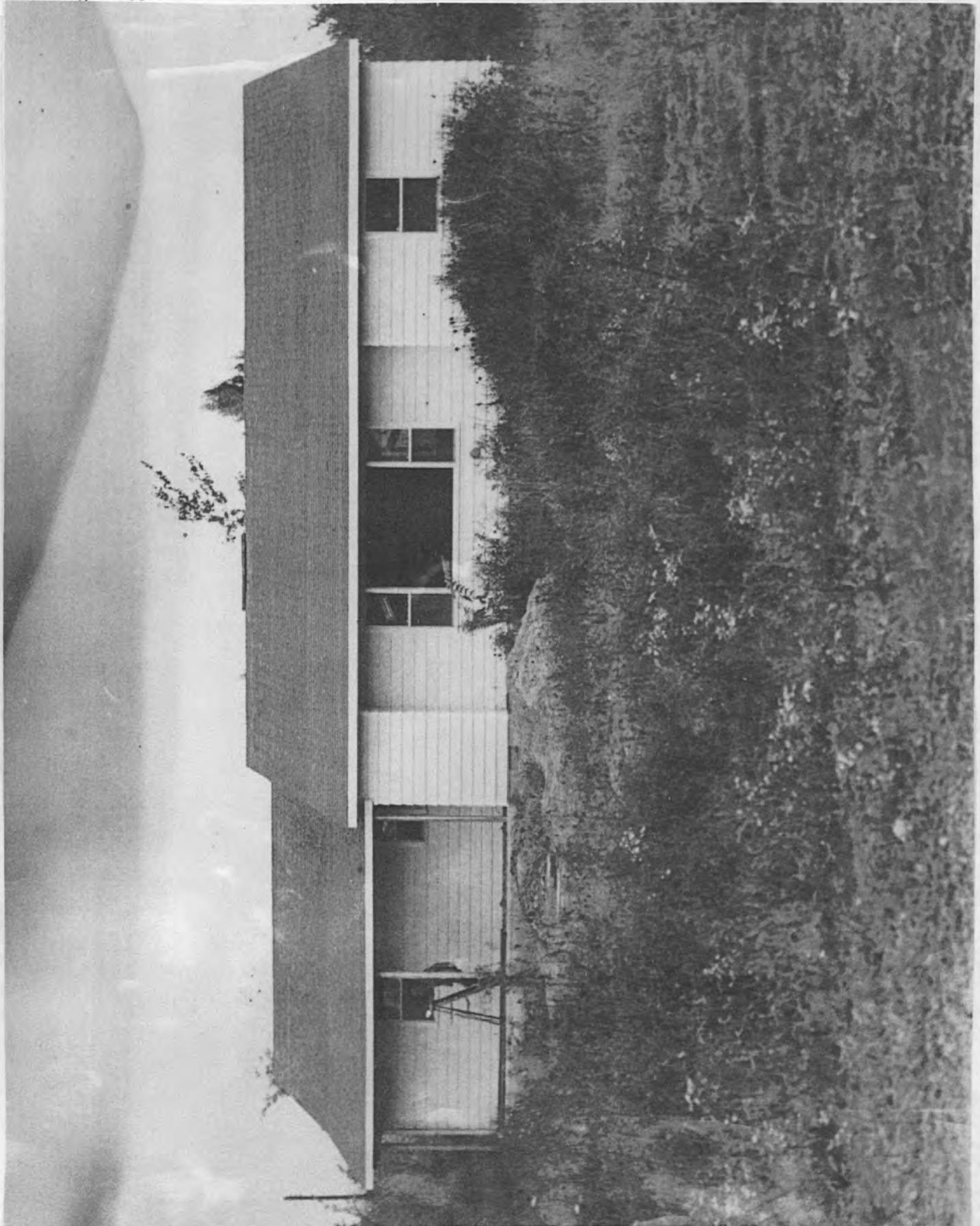
- BUILT on a LOT

PURCHASED from

The CONELLY REALTY Co. -

ALONG CARMANY DRIVE

Name: Russell and Theresa Mone house
Address: 18749 Carmany Drive
Date Built: 1951-1955
Comments: 2012 – Property of Virginia Mone
Still Standing: Yes



We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone

18749 Carmany Drive



JULY-1951

- Lot purchased from Conelly Realty Co.
- Corner lot 160' x 260'
- Waiting for title
- Estimated time to build by self
17 months - 2 years
- Estimated cost to complete
\$ 7500.00



JULY 1951

- Drawings for home signed by Committee and approved by building inspector



We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive

- Title obtained 1951
- Lot surveyed
- Trenching completed
- Footings poured
- Wait for Spring

Ready mix for Footings
Carr Bros.

OCT. 1951



OCT 1951



OCT. 1951



MAY 18 1952



MAY 18 1952



MAY 18 1952



MAY 18 1952



SPRING ARRIVED!
BOB, THERESE, CHILDREN + I
DIG IN?
FEATURING PICNIC LUNCHES



JUNE 8 1952



JUNE 8 1952

Russell and Theresa Mone

PROGRESS - SLOW

BUT LEARNING THE
MASONRY TRADE

TO DATE: -

353 MAN HOURS

\$1747.54

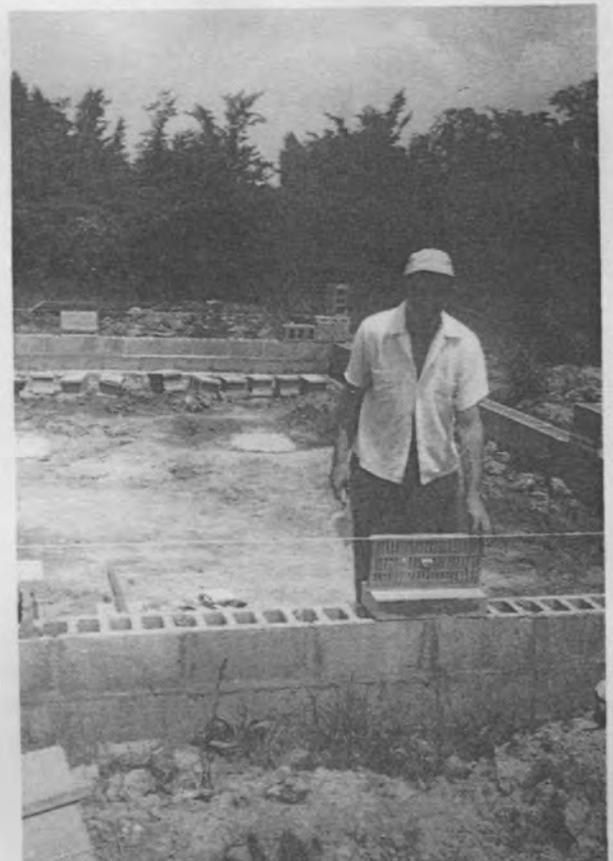


JUNE 15 1952

Bricks Blocks and Sand
DRAIN TILE by
CARR BROS.



JUNE 15 1952



JUNE 15 1952



JUNE 15 1952

We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive

Steel Strike
Time for me to build
Our Income is Cut
90° temperatures



JUNE 15 1952

I finished the foundation
Now I'm learning the
Carpenter trade.
It's easier than
laying brick.

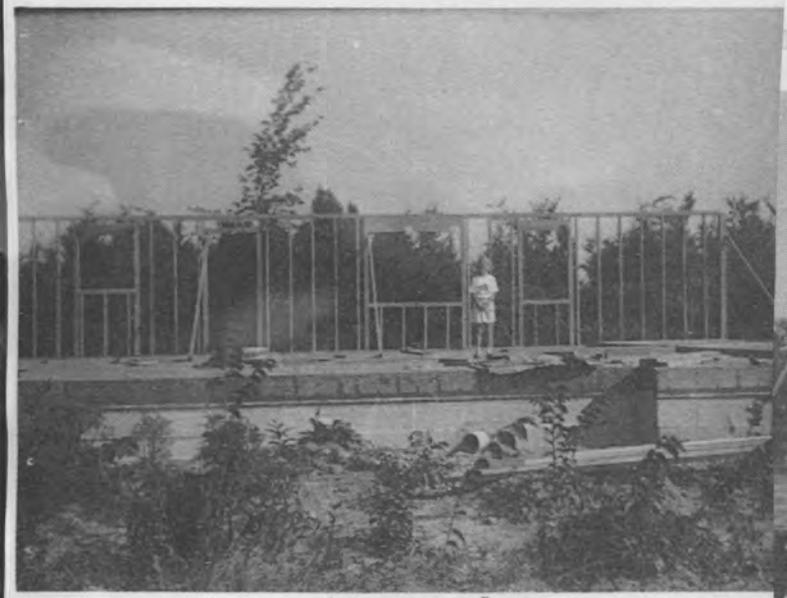
We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone 18749 Carmany 6



Sept 7, 1952



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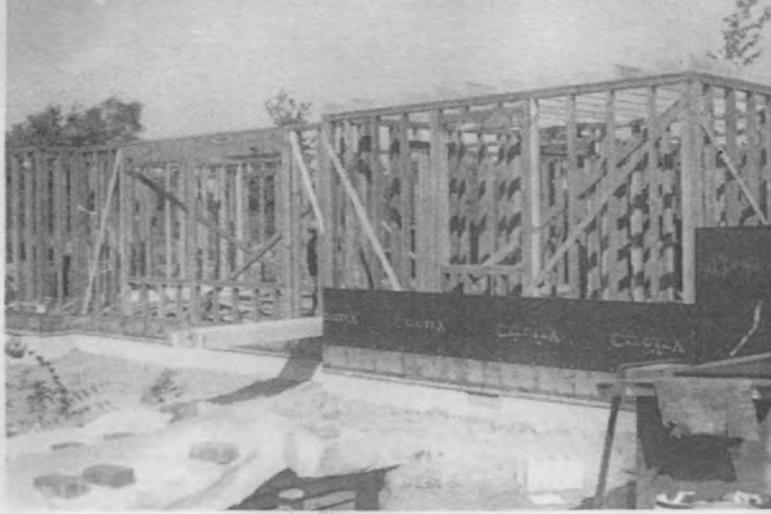
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OCT 19, 1952

RACE WITH TIME
HOPE TO CLOSE IN
BEFORE SNOW FALLS

LUMBER
DOUGHERTY LUMBER

TO DATE: -
997 MAN HOURS
\$3488.15

AL FRANCIS TRIMMING
CEILING JOISTS
BOB + I NAILING FIRST SHEATHING BOARD
TO RAFTERS



OCT. 26, 1952



OCT. 26, 1952



DEC. 14, 1952



DEC 14, 1952

- We Build Ourselves a Home 10
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Dr.
- Windows in
 - Door frames in
 - Will complete inside partitioning
 - Have changed plans will convert rear bedroom to a dining room attached garage to 3rd bedroom and utility room
Garage to be built later
 - To date:
1199 man hours
Cost \$4079.17

Now to wait for Spring again
and build reserves

We Build Ourselves a Home //
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive

Spring Again

Started Construction
of Bedroom and
Utility Room



JUNE 6, 1953



JUNE 6 1953

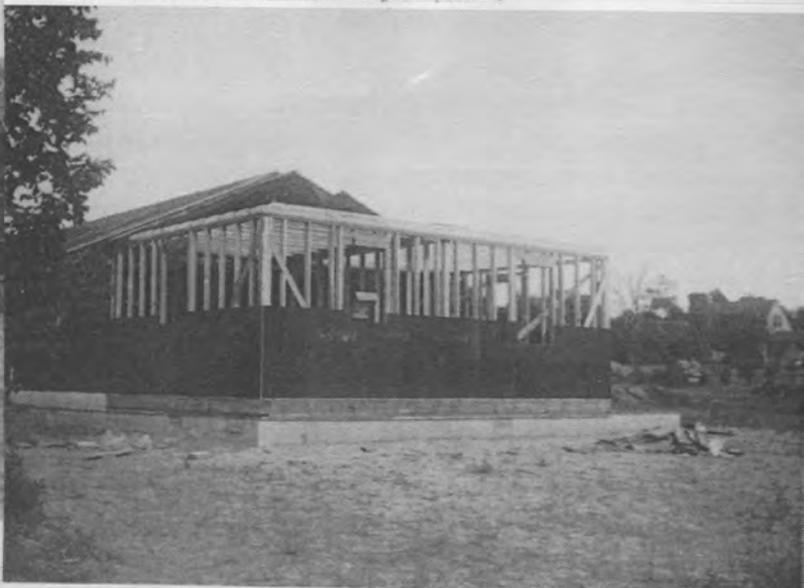


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JUNE 13 1953



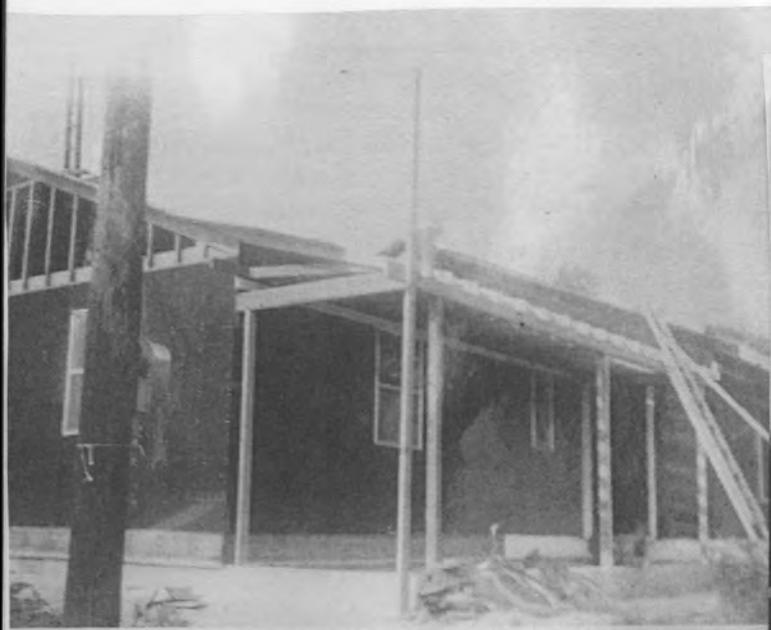
JUNE 13 1953



JULY 11, 1953

We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive

BLUE BLEND SHINGLES
3/4 x 10" SIDING
HOT HUMID TEMPERATURES
NOT TOO INTERESTED IN THE
ROOFING TRADE
TOO HARD ON BACK AND KNEES



JULY 12, 1953



JULY 14, 1953



AUG 9, 1953

Looks like a home for the first time,
at least from the outside.
Will take advantage of good
weather to complete exterior-
wiring
and construction of rough
fireplace and chimney
Going to do indoors and plumbing
next.

We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany



AUG 9, 1953

To date
man hours 1901
Cost \$6751.34
Will miss original estimate
Did not plan to install
all aluminum windows
with storm and screens
nor change in plans
of bedroom and utility
Estimate should be up to
\$8500.00 - \$9000.00 ?



AUG 9, 1953



AUG. 9, 1953



NOV. 22, 1953



NOV 22, 1953

We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive

PREES - 2/16/59
**Walton Hills to Open
Water Line Bids Mar. 31**

Walton Hills will open bids Mar. 31 for its first water line. It will be a 16-inch main running along Northfield Rd. 4600 feet south from Forbes Rd.

The line could be completed within 60 days, Mayor George T. Graves said. Designed mainly to serve the huge new Ford stamping plant now under construction in the village, the line will be served by a 20-inch main Cleveland will extend from Solon Rd.

Construction of the 16-inch main will not require tearing up Northfield Rd., Mayor Graves said, because the village has obtained easements to locate it just east of the paving.



NOV 22, 1953



NOV 22, 1953



NOV 22, 1953

We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive



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NOV 22 1952



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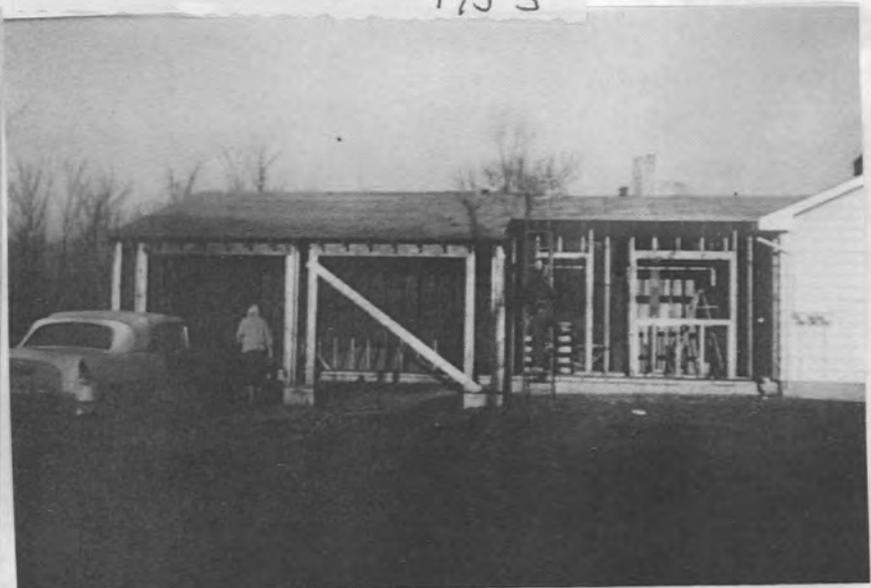
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1953

We Build Ourselves a Home
Russell and Theresa Mone
18749 Carmany Drive



1954 or 1955



1954 or 1955



1954 or 55



1954 or 1955



1954 or 55

We Build Ourselves
Russell and Theres
18749 Carmany Drive



Orchard Properties

(from the History of Old Northfield) "There were many farmers in the area in the early days and they kept horses and cows which required both a horse barn and a cow barn."

"Before the railroad came the farmers had no way of getting their milk to the Cleveland market so most of the milk was churned into butter or made into cheese. The churning was done by the housewife in her kitchen and cheese factories sprung up in several places in the township."

"At a big cheese factory, perhaps other farmers brought their milk to the factory in big cans on a milk wagon drawn by one or two horses."

Old timers of the area, such as Robert Whittacre (13518 Tinkers Creek Road) remember the Orchard cheese factory. That was in operation in the late 1800's until about 1920 or so.

1870 County Atlas shows a cheese factory with house and barn owned by Simon Orchard 77 acres
 1875, 1878-1880 Richard Orchard: #85 south side 29 acres
 1885 Jonathan Orchard #85 "
 1895 no listing
 1905-1910, 1915 Jonathan Orchard #85 "
 1920 no listing

Simon and Rebecca Orchard were immigrants from England. They settled on land along Walton Road between Alexander and Sagamore Road. They had 6 children.

1. William
2. Martha (Mattie) was born in 1857, never married, taught school
 1874 County Atlas shows cheese factory of Alden and Martha (Mattie) Orchard
 Alden was a relative of Mattie's. Most old-time residents thought they were brother and sister. ??
 **** Martha's house at 17609 Sagamore Road is torn down. It was built in 1854.
 Martha worked for Charlie Fenten Lumber Company at Rt. 631/Rt. 82.
3. Richard
4. John had 2 children; Marian (she taught English and Social Studies for the Bedford Schools and Sterling; Sterling has 3 sons, John, Joe, Jim Sterling Orchard lives at 234 Logan, in Bedford
5. Simon married Rebecca, they had a son, John
 Simon taught Walton School when he was 17. 1879-1880, for \$35.00 a month
6. Joe Joe had a farm on Dunham Road. He had a son, Dwight and a daughter who died.
 George Nichols boarded at their house when he taught at Egypt School.

"Old Mr. Orchard had a cheese factory at Sagamore and Walton Road. His wife was dead in the 1920's. He worked on the roads for extra cash."

Bob Whittacre interview 7-23-1985
 several old time residents also said this.

Marie Orchard lives in Bedford; she was a Bedford School Teacher.

notes

Richard Orchard - wife
an Orchard house 7715 Walton Rd

Another Orchard house:

John Bolasz married an Orchard. They bought the house that Kelly used to own. The Kelly Farm had been an Orchard farm.

In 1950 General Conelly purchased the Bolasz farm and added it to his Walton Hills Estates Development which was adjacent to it.

The farmhouse with 2 acres was purchased by Conelly's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carter

Orchard-Kelly-Bolasz Farm.

The Bolaszes moved there in 1949

The house is on Walton Road, on the west side, to the north of South Meadowpark.

Bolasz farmed the property. He sold milk to Mat Mathiesons and several other local residents.

The house was built c. 1915

1990 County Atlas: on Walton Road, west side corner of Alexander and Walton Roads.
house and 2 barns

1858 Atlas shows R. Orchard owned all that farm plus 80 acres on the east side of Walton Road, south of Alexander Road. He bought the land from the Walton family.

County Atlases show the Orchard family members owned acreage:

1858 and 1860: Richard Orchard 1880: Simon Orchard

1870 County Atlas:

The Orchard house on the north side of Sagamore Road, west of Walton Road was built in 1854. The Simon Orchards owned that property. The house was torn down in the 1980's and new houses are on that land.

John and Anna Sedensky, 7500 Walton Road 232-3371

Archive Center conflicting data:

Harold and Anna Athey's house at 7570 Walton Rd. c. 1870 - newest archives record says c. 1838

2 cards say C. 1838, later remodeled

1838: 6.546 acres at \$350 an acres=\$2290.: buildings: chicken coop, 3 barns, shed

Archives show Anna Athey purchased property in 1941: had a barn and chicken shed on it.

House had an earthen floor.

The foundation was stone.

County Archive records show Stephen Tilden was the first to build a house on that land, probably in 1830. By 1835 his house was assessed for property taxes.

The John Woolseys were the next family to live in the house. (1839-1853) In the mid 1840's the Woolseys might have replaced the house with a new one or greatly improved the existing house, because in 1847 there was an unusually large jump in the tax evaluation of the property.

The next owner was Josiah Ellett who lived in the house from 1855-until the 1890's.

The original basement floor is earthen and the foundation is made of sandstone blocks. The interior trim of the house is pine.

2/2/1986 interview:

1. Anna's son and his wife: John and Diane Sedensky live in Garrettsville. They own 95 acres there.
2. Louis Toth died in 1941 before Anna Athey bought/moved in

In 1924 Clara Toth and her son, Louis Toth who was a bachelor and a deaf mute, bought seven acres of the farm on the NW corner of Walton and Alexander Roads.

They moved into the old farm house (7570 Walton) and lived off their land.

Newest County archives record show the house was built c. 1838.

Toth's nephew, John Sedensky, lived in Cleveland when he was a boy, but he spent many weekends and summers with his grandmother and his uncle. He enjoyed the country atmosphere and he helped with the needed farm chores. He was appreciated by his grandmother and uncle.

John Sedensky's parents, John and Elizabeth Toth Sedensky, never moved here, but as an investment, they purchased twenty acres along the south side of Hicks Road west of Walton Rd. Their fields stood idle until L. S. Conelly purchased the land, cut Spanghurst Drive and sold lots.

John's uncle's farm meant so much to John, that when he married Anna, he bought adjacent acreage along Walton Road in 1937 and 1939 and then his parents' acreage in 1939. In 1941 John and Anna moved into the new house that they built for themselves next to the old farmhouse. Their house is 7500 Walton.

Anna Sedensky's parents purchased the corner NW lot Walton/Alexander, where the Sunoco Station is now. They intended to build a house for themselves on the lot, but later sold the lot.

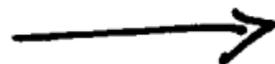
Notes

Wagner.
Armin
Florence
Tom/Eric

Armin and Florence Wagner
7450 McClellan Drive 1948-mid 1960's

Florence wrote the weekly "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" articles for the Bedford Times-Register 1949-1958.

Armin was the Walton Hills Road Commissioner. He worked for \$1.00 a year. In addition, he was park superintendent of the Walton Hills Estates Lake, a volunteer position. See "Tracing Our Heritage" for additional information.



MRS. A. WAGNER
8620 313 N W 13TH STREET
GAINSVILLE FL 32606

Feb.. 26, 1985

Dear Jean,

What a thoughtful thing you are doing for your area in compiling a history. Former mayor Tom Young will be your best source. He still lives in Walton Hills; you've probably talked to him.

Did you read my columns in the scrapbook that I gave to the Town Hall when I left? There were a few other things in it, I think. Some copies of maps maybe. These are dim recollections.

The town, incorporation, was begun around various kitchen tables, including ours. Armin Wagner, my husband was street commissioner. He and other city fathers used to get up a 5: a.m. or earlier and plow the roads when it snowed. He hired helpers, but worked for a \$1.00 a year himself. Everyone among the officials^{and} I can't recall the name of the first mayor, ^{Virgil Allen} he was a lawyer. Tom Young will know. ^{Ted} Graves was the second mayor, then Tom Y^ung until recently. Graves died of cancer about 25 years ago.

In addition to being road commissioner, Armin was park superintendent of the park where the lake is. The other one came later. That was all ~~volunteer~~ volunteer work. Something would need doing and Matt Mathieson would say, "Let's get out and do it." A half dozen or more would be down at the park early the next Saturday. One big discussion was about "sanitary facilities"; they were called, and eventually two outhouse types were ~~installed~~ dug (pits) and buildings constructed. These ~~have since~~ ^{were} been replaced after we were gone.

Tom Wagner

Gene-splicing could help Ohio Appalachian economy

PD SPECIAL

ATHENS — A geneticist who has developed a gene-splicing technique he says can produce super pigs and dairy cows, believes the technology could be used to improve the economy of Appalachia in Ohio.

Dr. Thomas Wagner, molecular biologist at Ohio University, said "molecular farming" could be used to produce farm animals that were more disease resistant, feed efficient and produce more milk or meat.

He spoke at a conference on the economic progress of Ohio's Appalachia since the federal War on Poverty was begun 20 years ago. One purpose of the conference is to determine the direction the region should pursue to continue economic recovery.

In the recombinant DNA gene-splicing technique Wagner developed in 1979, the genes of animal embryos are altered during a delicate microsurgery splicing operation.

By improving on the genetic

makeup of dairy cows, Wagner said he could raise cows that produced 40% more milk.

"It's a little ambitious to think we would have a 'Recombinant Valley' around Athens, but some additional businesses could be expected," he said.

One business, Embryogene, Inc., has located in Athens and will carry out research, produce animals and license new technologies Wagner has developed at OU, where he is director of the Edison Animal Biotechnology Center.

Wagner said superpigs and super-cows would be sold to area farmers at about the same price they normally paid for animals. Embryogene would then receive a share of the profits produced by the animals, he said.

"It's more of a partnership with the farmer," he said. "We're trying to stay away from big companies. We're not going to let the technology be controlled by big companies."

Wagner performs microsurgery on the animal embryos immediately after they are fertilized. This is the only time the cells are susceptible to gene-splicing. At other times during the life of a cell, it naturally corrects any changes made in the gene makeup.

The technique has been successful in mice and Wagner said he expected

there was a 99% chance it would work with farm animals. This method of producing more productive farm animals is more effective than selective breeding and less dangerous than feeding animals antibiotics or steroids.

"If this new technology is to develop, it's going to have to happen on the rural and husbandry farms," he said. "Because we did it first, we feel the benefits derived should enhance the area of southeastern Ohio, not California."

There are other biotechnological developments that could benefit Appalachia, Wagner said.

Scientists can produce bacteria that can metabolize sulfur and coal slurries, the thin watery mixture of the two materials as they are transported for use by electric companies. The bacteria can metabolize the sulfur before it is released into the atmosphere as acid rain.

Ohio coal is not widely used by electric companies because it contains large quantities of sulfur.

Wagner said scientists had learned to produce bacteria that attach to elements such as copper or liquids such as petroleum. This bacteria could be injected into the ground to retrieve oil, he said.

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Education:

Princeton University, A.B. degree, Magna Cum Laude, 1964
in Chemistry and Biology

Northwestern University, Ph.D. degree, 1966 in Biochemistry

Professional Experience:

Director, Edison Animal Biotechnology Center

Professor and Chairman, Graduate Program in Molecular and Cellular
Biology, Ohio University - 1982 - Present

Director, Ohio University Mammalian Recombinant Genetics Institute
1982 - Present

Professor, Department of Zoological and Biomedical Sciences,
Ohio University - 1982 - Present

Professor, Department of Chemistry (Biochemistry)
Ohio University - 1978 - Present

Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry (Biochemistry)
Ohio University - 1974-1978

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry (Biochemistry)
Ohio University - 1970-1974

Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Cornell University
College of Medicine - 1967-1970

Associate Member, Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research
1967-1970

Assistant Professor, Wellesley College, Department of Chemistry
1966-1967

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Progress reported on treatment plant

By Joanne Markle

Bedford City Manager Arthur V. Dickard announced at the May 6 council meeting that progress is being made on the \$4 million Bedford waste-water treatment plant renovation project.

In November 1983, the Environmental Protection Agency demanded that Bedford bring the plant up to EPA standards. This requires reconstruction of the Wood Creek interceptors, and renovation of the pumps and oxidation tower and trickling filters.

Stephen J. Schreiber, consulting engineer for Ciuni-Lynn Engineering, stated that the filter at the plant is more than 50-years-old.

"We just awarded a contract to renovate the filter," Schreiber said. "The estimate for the whole project was \$4 million, but we hope to reduce that cost considerably."

Councilman Pearl Austin commented that Bedford has had severe problems meeting the EPA requirements, "but we are proceeding with the improvements that were demanded and are working

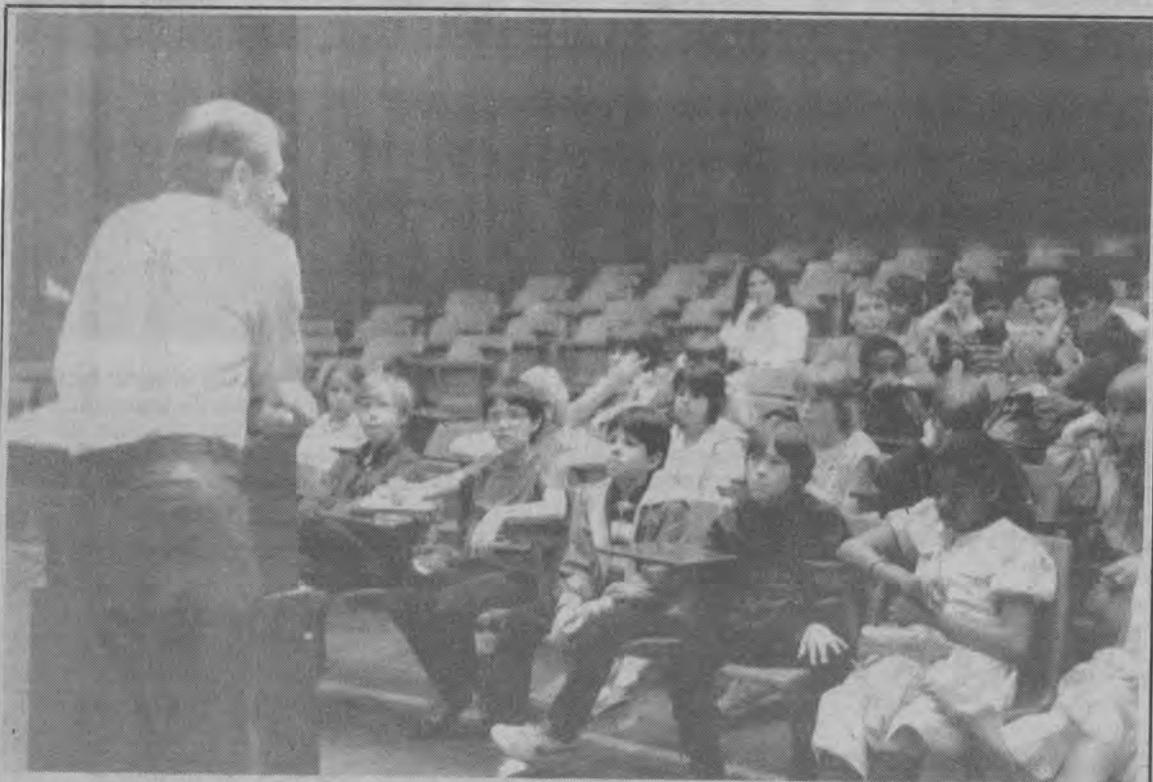
hard to meet those requirements.

Dickard said the main problem is money. "We would like to reduce the cost of the project to be able to complete all the requirements," Dickard added.

In other matters, Bedford will be issuing food commodities on May 17. The drive-thru service garage will be open between 1 and 4 p.m. for distribution of cheese, butter and potatoes.

Marge Jenkins, chairman of the Bedford V.F.W. Post 1082 Ladies Auxiliary and her husband Joseph, commander of the Post, accompanied six-year-old Poppy Queen Andrea Anderson of Shaker Heights to sell the first poppy to the Bedford mayor and council. Anderson is the granddaughter of Quarter-master (treasurer) Jim Phillippi.

A proclamation was given to the Post to kick off the Buddy Poppy Drive, which will run from May 16 to 25. Proceeds from the drive will be used to benefit veterans in the hospital and widows and children of veterans.



Walton Hills native Dr. Thomas Edwards Wagner, a world-reknown scientist, returned to his hometown schools last week to offer advice and guidance to students in the Bedford school system. He spoke to gifted students from several grade levels. He is

shown here at Heskett Middle School. Wagner, a former gifted student himself, is director of the Edison Animal Biotechnology Center at Ohio University in Athens. (Photo by James E. Guyette)

Letter: 7270 Walton Road

Dear Wilma and Alex Toth

7-7-2006

This is the info I could find about your homesite at 7270 Walton Road.

Your land was originally owned by the Waltons.

Maude Walton was the last Walton owner. Maude Walton moved and lived in Bedford most of her adult life. When her parents were up in years and needed care, Maude was their caregiver. In return, she inherited the remaining Walton acreage and homestead.

General Ludwig Conelly, who also lived in Bedford most of his years and was a friend of Maude's, was a prominent local realtor. He had 3 offices at the time, and his main office was in Bedford. Conelly came up with the plan of "assisting Walton Hills landowners to sell their Walton Hills acreage." He never outright bought their land, but he plotted it into lots and sold the lots, keeping a percentage for his work. In most cases (not your lot) he planned roadways and developed the roads. He did a poor, cheap job developing roads, and our village has gone to the expense of doing extensive work on the Conelly roads to get them up to acceptable standards.

At the W. H. Historical Resource Center we have lots of stuff on Conelly, his developments, his roads and most importantly to you, his partnership with Maude Walton.

7270 Walton Road

George W. and F. V. Frey bought a lot from Conelly, registered on July 7, 1948.

In those days women's first names were not recorded, and in all local papers women were written as Mrs. Frey, Mrs. George Frey, so I cannot find her first name.

Since they bought their lot from Conelly, they were eligible to join the Walton Hills Estates Club which is now called Walton Hills Lake. At that time the Lake was the hub of all recreational activities - Little League, Bookmobile, Swim Lessons and a sort of nursery school/organized play and crafts program for the youth of the village.

George Frey helped create a baseball diamond and helped with the Little League. Mrs. Frey was active in the Women's Club, organized in 1951. She helped with village Girl Scout groups, that at the time were sponsored by the Women's Club, and she was on several committees at the Lake and with the Women's Club.

The next owners of 7270 Walton Road were Alfred S. and B. J. Helmick whose ownership is registered as October 19, 1972. I don't have any info on them.

The next owners were David E. and Mary Carol Plott, registered November 2, 1977. On April 1, 1985, David Plott became the owner. Mary Carol is, and has been, a successful business woman with tons of personality. I don't know if they ever officially divorced, but Mary Carol moved to Florida and still lives there today. I think Mary Carol just deeded the house over to David, with the understanding he would take care of it. When David died unexpectedly, Mary Carol came up to the house to take care of things. David spent his time toying with cars and assorted other vehicles. When he died, Mary Carol made sure she got the prized (Porsche or BMW or whatever it was) and had it put on a trailer and moved to her home in Florida.

Mary Carol's sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Fred Miavitz, live on Shaner Drive in Walton Hills. Mary Carol was active in the Walton Hills Women's Club and was president of the club one year in the early 1980s. Beverly was president of the club the following year.

Hope this info interests you.

Bob and Jean Kainsinger 440-232-6142

Notes

*Hunt members left Eaton
Property - came up Walton Road
to chase foxes* *Sagamore
Hunt
Club*

Cyrus Eaton's Sagamore Hunt Club

"History of Olde Northfield Township" 1973, Mrs. Bessie Goosman, published by the Historical Society of Olde Northfield, Northfield, Ohio 1973

"Summit Hunt was founded in June 1926 by Mr. Cyrus Eaton. Mr. Eaton procured from England and presented to the Club one of the best packs of hounds ever gathered in the U.S., according to his report. In addition, hounds of Welsh descent were occasionally drafted from outstanding American packs at Chagrin Valley and Rolling Rock, at an average of 44 couples."

"The Hunt sponsored each year a "Farmer's Day" at which a fine dinner was served and various games with appropriate prizes were enjoyed."

"Mr. Eaton was the Hunt's Master of Foxhounds until, due to his many business activities, he was obliged to relinquish his position. In February, 1938, Col. William Frew Long was elected Master of Foxhounds (M.F.H.) and continued as Master until February 1950, when he was joined by Mr. Cyrus S. Eaton, Jr., as Joint Master."

"The Hunt Club's membership was composed almost entirely of owners of farms in Northfield Township."

"During the years 1926-1942, the loss of so many officers and members to the armed forces ended the Club's activities. The Fleeting fox and pack of English Hounds, followed by the scarlet-coated Master, Officers and Huntsmen and the black-costumed, silk-hatted Field, was a common and attractive sight about six months of each year."

Pat Boswell was the Hound Man according to Tom Young interview.

Eaton expected, after the Hunt Club got organized, several of his wealthy friend to build estates around here. The FIRESTONES and the BISHOPS built estates along Valley View Road. SIEBERLING house was on Rt. 631.

The MARSHALL Estate on Rt. 82. The Marshalls were not too friendly with Eaton!! (Tom Young interview) *Now Greenwood Village*

The Hunts started at the Hunt Club: Ledge Road before Macedonia Road, before the east side of the RR tracks, on the north side.

The day before the hunt they would let out a few fox. One hunt would be around Thanksgiving time.

John Sedensky interview: Eaton had an option on many farms in W. H. Sedensky's uncle would not give Eaton his deed. Their farm was along Walton Road

Bob Whittacre interview: Told of hunts going through farms, property, ruining fields, etc. Told of seeing fox roaming around/ a day or so later they would see the Fox Hunt occur

Floyd Carr interview: Floyd's grandfather, George W. Carr was one of the men who gave Eaton his deed for money.

Eaton, Bishop, Sieberling and Firestone belonged to the Hunt Club. They kept the hounds on Houghton Rd.

Steve Romanik interview. Same story, his mother's clothesline (see articles). He remembers the hunting dogs and the men in riding clothes: hats, boots, red jackets

Notes

MATHIESON
SEDENSKY
RONDINA
BOLEJS

Grace and Matthew Mathieson 18646 Carmany 232-2630

Interview

9-1940 Matt and Grace bought their property as written on County plat book. They bought their lot, then built their house. They feel they got the choice lot. They have a glen.

Grace is an avid gardener. She has plants throughout her yard and her basement is separated into rain forest/desert/tropical, etc. areas where she cultivates plants.

Otis Carmany's house was already here.

When their daughter Bonnie was born in 1941, Matt changed the Walton Hills Estates signs located at entrance intersections such as Walton/Egbert and Walton/Alexander

"Walton Hills Estates Population 98 99 and Growing"

During the snowstorm of 1951 John Sedensky and Lester Rondina used a converted army vehicle like a bulldozer to deliver milk and bread to all the Walton Hills Village families who had children.

Arthur Robinson is Grace's brother. Arthur and Marcella Robinson live next to Grace, on Carmany

Matt bought milk at Bolejs's at the SW corner of Walton and Sagamore Road: the dairy farm

Notes

Coryell
B. Walton
Pearce

Coryell property 7095 Walton Road 232-4268

Hyrmer interview 8-8-1985

Ruth Money

Bill Coryell lives in the old farm house. c. 1900

Arthur and Ella Coryell
built house inc. 1900

It's the one that Betty Walton lived in at one time.

Norm Pearce lived there before the Coryells

Coryells did not
build this house

Coryells remodeled this
house

1836 and 1837 and 1839 John Wood NE section, 40 acres

1900 building card 794-6-32

Arthur and Ella Coryell

John and Frances Jancurak

N. H. Robison 1860

Probably the old farmhouse burned down. The 1900 house replaces it.

James Ward 1870

Anna Hanzl 1890

many renters through the years have rented & lived
in this house
2005 -> a minister & his family are now renting this house

Notes

794-11-5

lot 84



7570 Walton Rd

VALUE OF PROPERTY

Year	Owner	Description	Value	Notes
1823	Lucy Day	155 acres		first record
1825	Lucy Day	155 acres		
1830	Lucy Day	whole 155 acres	\$313	Stephen Tilden SE part \$89
1831	Lucy Day	whole 155 acres	\$313	Stephen Tilden SE part \$89
1832	Lucy Day	whole 155 acres	\$313	Stephen Tilden SE part \$89
1833	Lucy Day	whole 155 acres	\$313	Stephen Tilden SE part \$89
1834	Lucy Day	whole 155 acres	\$313	Stephen Tilden SE part \$89

* JUMP in tax duplicate - meaning house built a year or so earlier

1835	Lucy Day	whole	\$726.	Stephen Tilden SE part \$177
1836	Lucy Day	whole	\$726.	
1837	Lucy Day	whole	\$726.	
1838	John Lamonce	whole	\$120.	
1839	Mrs M Woolsey	whole 155 acres	\$726.	
1840	Mrs Woolsey	whole 155 acres	\$726.	

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1846	John Woolsey	whole 155 acres	\$649.	* JUMP
1847	John Woolsey	whole 155 acres	\$2278	
1850	John Woolsey	whole 155 acres	\$2270	
1852	John Woolsey	whole 155 acres	\$2428.	
1853	John Woolsey	S part	\$562.	
1854	Spafford	S part 21 acres	\$307.	
1855	Josiah Ellett	S part 40 acres	\$840.	
1865	Josiah Ellett	S part 40 acres	\$2010.	
1866	Josiah Ellett	S part 40 acres	\$908.	* all area taxes values cut in half
1867	Josiah Ellett	S part 40 acres	\$1258.	
1868	Josiah Ellett	S part 40 acres	\$1381.	
1869-70	Josiah Ellett	S part 40 acres	\$1542.50	

- * 1858 County Atlas shows house []
- * 1874 County Atlas shows Ellett still owned property
- * usual for land to cost \$2 an acre (155 x 2 = \$300.)
- * house built clues 1) change in ownership 2) jump in value

Notes

Interview 9-5-2006

Tom Oschwat (cousin of Bill Stanton, Walton Road 232-4453)

Tom was visiting Bill and Joyce Stanton; he lives in Florida

Tom's parents were Katherine and Edward Oschwat. Kay Oschwat was Betty Walton's sister.

Kay was born 1911, died in 1984

Ed was born in 1907, died in 1984

Betty Walton died in 1987

Kay and Ed Oschwat and their son Tom moved to Walton Hills in 1964. They bought 2 lots, 1 on McLellan Drive and 1 on Dellwood Drive from the Conelly Realty Co. in the late 1940s or possibly in 1950. They sold them.

In 1940 they purchased Kay and Betty's parents' house on Northfield Road. It was a double house, close to St. Mary's Church, next to the site of the grocery store. They lived there until 1958.

They bought the Rondino house on McLellan Drive in 1964. Tom Oschwat was a teen when he and his parents moved into Walton Hills. He is an only child, born in 1942.

He wanted to be interviewed, but he didn't have many recollections to discuss.

Balogh
Bolazs
gypsies
Sedensky

EGBERT RD. When Charles Balogh moved here there was no water. He hand dug a well. No inside plumbing. No electricity
House had no basement, only a cellar
Charles put a basement under the house and modernized and remodeled it

Gena died in 12-1970/ Charles' second wife, Harriette, died in 1984

Charles Balogh worked at Ohio Crankshaft; now Park Ohio Industries
he had cows, chickens, pigs. Grew corn and vegs. Farmed for his own use.
Charles started an orchard: peaches, apples, etc.

Charles remembers the gypsies camping on the back acreage along Kral Drive

CARMANY DR According to Grace and Matt Mathieson, Matt bought fresh milk at Bolazs'

WALTON RD — Bolazs^{SZ} dairy farm was at the S/W corner of Walton and Sagamore Road *he also drove a Bedford School bus (Ray Connelly interview 9/3/85)*
people went there for fresh butter + eggs

WALTON RD — John Sedensky's uncle was deaf and dumb.

WALTON RD. A dip in Walton Road, near Al Spoto's house. Snow used to drift there. The school bus used to get stuck in the snow there.
They contacted John Bolazs who lived on Sagamore Road. Bolazs used his grader, pulled by 2 horses, to dig out the school bus. The kids were told to get out of the bus and push.

Ron Keller interview JK

Dominick Carey built the Sandusky Causeway

There was a cemetery behind what is now Dean Svec's house. There was a gate and shrubs. Evergreen trees lined the driveway.

There was a quarry owned by Mars Wager, east of the Black Beauty Riding Academy

The original Rees house had black walnut planking. It sat way back off Northfield Road.
Clarence Rizer and his father built the original barn for the Rees'

*Dominick Carey
Dean Svec
cemetery
Wager
Rees*

Joseph and Agnes Pekar interview on 4-21-2002
7415 Woodlake 232-0434

4-2002 Joe is 91; he was born 2-1-1911 Agnes is 84; she was born July 2 --

Their daughter lives on the same driveway, next door:

Cathy Pekar Cowen, 7417 Woodlake 232-8450 Cathy has 2 grown sons: Bob who works with his dad for his dad's company and Jim who is a commercial pilot.

Cleveland Press feature article, byline is Rita Firestone, 6/27/52

"When Joseph Pekar was a youngster he always wanted a pony. Now his 8 year old daughter, Cathy, has realized his ambition. The Pekar place was once the Walton family home. Sterling Walton, a grandson, lived there 22 years and now lives across the street in a new attractive ranch-type house."

"The July 4 picnic, of which Pekar is Chairman,"

"The Bedford Metropolitan Park is close, which makes riding a very convenient sport. The Raymond Browns board horses. The whole family is starry-eyed over stallions."

Cathy's pony's name was Brownie.

After World War II, probably in 1948, Pekars bought the old Walton House on Walton Road from Conelly, Conelly Realty CO. That is where they lived when Cathy and her pony were photographed by the Cleveland Press.

The Pekars owned the house and 3 acres. Soon after moving into the Walton house, Pekar built a horse stable that was large enough to house 2 horses and a pony. The Pekars put in a new mantle and enlarged the Walton House while they lived there.

Pekar worked for H. K. Ferguson, a company that built large industrial plants around the world. Pekar was the Chief Mechanical Engineer.

Pekars sold the Walton house when Pekar was assigned to a big job in Japan. The family lived in Japan for 6 years.

When they moved back to the states, Pekars bought acreage on Woodlake and built their current house.

Joe's work took him all over the world. He did a lot of traveling. Joe worked in Japan 4 different times, on jobs for Ferguson. He also worked in South America.

The company had him get his pilot's license and had him fly a company plane to locations around the country to check on projects.

Notes

HICKS ROAD

interview with Roger Sprengle, 17703 Hicks Road

6-2002

Roger and Edna Beane Sprengle moved to Hicks Road in 1950 along with Edna's parents, Irwin and Anna Beane.

Hicks Road was then and for several years before Roger moved to Hicks Road, a lovers' lane. It was a narrow, dirt road. Then, people began to use Hicks Road as a shortcut from Egbert to the Village Hall.

John Sedensky owned all the land south of Hicks Road. The land at earlier been part of the Koberna farm.

Roger's father, Roger, Sr. bought and owned 5 acres on the north side of Hicks Road

3 families (Sedensky, Sprengle, Sr. and Roger Sprengle, Jr. got together to divide up their acreage into lots and sell some of the lots.

Sedensky and Sprengle went to the Cuyahoga County offices with their plans.

Mayor Young resisted making Hicks a dedicated road.

Finally, Mayor Young okayed and got Hicks dedicated.

Roger's father sold his 5 acres to Howard Shay. Shay then divided his land into 3 lots. Shay was a builder. He built houses and sold them. Shay's lots/houses were sold to Launtenan, Dockery, Weber and Warnke.

Notes
Leonard farms

Walton Rd.

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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

Walton Road -- Houses - Tax Records Cards continued

1860 County Map shows Augustus Rinear farm - does not show the cheese factory

1870 County Map shows the cheese factory, house and barn:

77 acres owned by Simon Orchard

the house faced Sagamore Road. The farm was at the NW corner of Sagamore/Walton

1860 Benjamin Walton owned 80 acres from Alexander Road to Logan Drive
house and barn was where South Meadowpark meets Walton Road;

The house was on the East side of Walton Road. Archives: house c. 1886

1870 Richard Orchard owned this house.

1915 John Kelley then Larry Warrington 794-20-1

Dale and Ruth Keller lived in this house. 7715 Walton 794-20-2

John Woolsey owned 155 acres, Square 84 assessed at \$726 in 1838 and 1839

1870 Harold and Anna Athey 7570 Walton Road 794-11-5

house: 1870 (one card) 1838 - says newest Archives record

1938 John Sedensky 7500 Walton

1885 The house J. M. and Anthony Geraci more recently bought house razed in 1949
SE Corner of Alexander and Walton Roads:

Bought by L. S. Conelly for his business center 794-22-1

1900 John and Frances Jancurak then Arthur and Ella Coryell 7095 Walton Road
house built 1900 - razed in about 2000 794-6-32

Leonard house:

George and Leona Graves house c. 1905 794-10-3 7312 Walton Road

Graves owned this property from 1940-1970

1890 atlas shows this property owned by J. K. Culver; house and barn, 11+ acres

Leonard then Koberna - Graves - Scala, now Alexander 7312 Walton Road 794-10-3

1935 Lucy Scarpete Spoto 794-4-12

1938 Otis and Edna Carmany 794-8-7

1938 Verna Hutchinson 794-8-18

Abner and Sarah Walton owned a house, cattle, paid taxes dating back to 1845
Benjamin Walton paid taxes dating back to 1847

John and Helen Sopko 7307 Walton 794-8-12

5-1939 7175 Walton Road: Charles and Julia Hyrmer

see map
previous page

Walton Rd.

Archives
Rhodes House
2905 Franklin Ave
216-443-7251

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ROADS and EARLY SETTLERS who lived on them

Cuyahoga County Archives Center:

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Walton Road -- Houses - Tax Records Cards continued

10-1939 7242 Walton Road: Merlin E. & C. L. Bement

John and Kathalin Rusnak owned their property from 1915-1920

8-1970 David and Judy Annett 794-8-16

1939 Lola Wagstaff 794-8-10

1940 William and Elizabeth Babkowski 794-7-16

7-1948 7270 Walton Road: George and F. Frey 11-1977 David and Mary Carol Plott

1949 Sterling and Betty Walton 794-8-8

10-1954 7214 Walton Road: Stanley Korzep 8-1975 Zisimos & E. Giatis

Edward and Jeannette Boland 794-8-17 house c. 1879

Edward and Jeannette Boland 794-8-17

Stanley and B. Karzep 794-8-17

Joseph and Agnes Pekar 794-8-17

William Putinski 794-8-43 7228 Walton Road

Off Walton Road:

Carmany Drive:

9-1940 Matt and Grace Mathieson 794-8-5

Allen Drive:

Victor Salzano 1947 794-7-26

Tony and Jane Neckar 1940 794-7-29

McLellan Drive:

Wagner - Kapp h-1948 7450 McLellan Drive

Dellwood Drive:

Ferd and Ruth Fisher 1949 794-8-23 18575 Dellwood

ROADS and EARLY SETTLERS who lived on them

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Walton Road -- Houses - Tax Records Cards

- Square 94 William Woolsey 1830
- Square 95 Paul Beak 1835
- Square 84 Lucy Day 1830, 1835
- Square 75 Marvin Frazier 1835
- Square 75 Silas Higby 1835
- Square 75 John Merritt 1835
- Square 85 Sarah Parkman 1835
- Square 84 Stephen Tilden 1830, 1835
- Square 85 1870 A. G. Walton bought Jacob Perkins' 76 acres

1854 Anna Allen 794-8-12

1854 The property Cecelia Brown more recently bought:
the old house was dated c. 1854, w/ 2 sheds and 2 barns 794-21-2

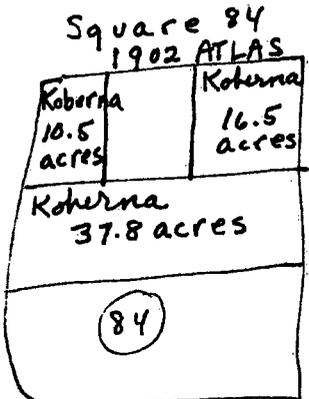
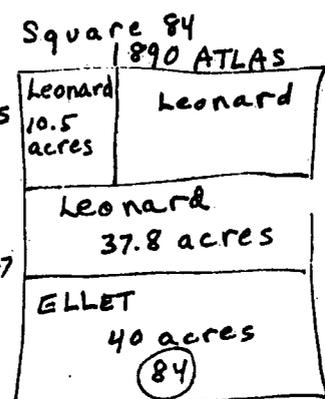
1860 County Map shows house at today's NE corner of Carmany and Walton
A. G. Walton 40 acres

1860 County Map shows J. K. Culver across from Walton School, also house and barn

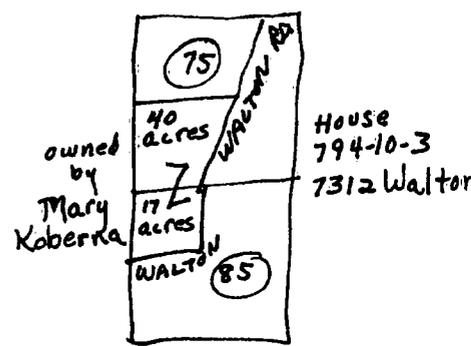
1860 County Map shows Josiah Ellet house and barn 40 acres
This is the Sedensky old house / the Athey house

Map:

Leonards
owned 119 acres
in 1890
(see next
sheet)



Square 75 + Square 85
1902 ATLAS



1893 Reeses rented land from Ellets
1890 Josiah Ellet owned a total of 40 acres in #84

1902 Kobernas owned all the south side of Hicks from Walton
to "South Meadowpark," and some of the North side of Hicks.

House at 7312 Walton Road. c. 1905

Koberna Graves Skala Alexander

Skala lived in the Koberna house after the Graves family.

George and Leona Graves lived in the Koberna house, the Graves bought the property in the 1940's.

George Graves 1-6-1964 Walton Hills Men's Club had a Testimonial Dinner honoring George T. Graves.

Graves was born 6-9-1904 in Flushing Michigan.

He was General Manager and Chief Engineer of Farval Corp.

He was a businessman and inventor.

He was the First President and Charter Member of the Estates Club.

He was a W. H. Councilman from 1951-1953

He was W. H. Mayor from 1954-1955

Archive records:

1878 Bartolmay Kurberna #76 n. part of 58 acres sp 40-1120

1879 Bartolmay Kerberna #75 "

1880 Bartolmay Kuberna value \$170.

1885 Bartolmay Kerberna #76 n. part of 62 acres

1890 Bartolmay Kuberna value \$220-231

1895 Bartolmay Kerberna #76

1905 Bartolmay Kerberna #76

1910 Mary Koberna #75 SW corner and #85 NW corner

1915-1920 (came)

1920 John and Mary Koberna #84 NW corner, NE corner, and the N part

In 1900 the Koberna farm was at the north bend of Walton Road, but the intersection of Walton, Hicks and Conelly. The farmhouse they built in 1905 is at 7312 Walton Road.

Theirs was a working farm covering 100 acres.. A large portion was trees and included a large orchard. Many of the very old apple trees in that part of the village were planted by the Kobernas. When John Sedensky was a youngster most of the Koberna chestnut trees were long gone, but some old timers recall helping pick the Koberna chestnuts in the fall. John Sedensky (7500 Walton) was one of the young boys who picked them.

The Kobernas also owned land along the south side of Hicks Road. Their property was on today's Conelly/Walton/Hicks Roads area.

The Koberna farm was a working farm. (John Sedensky interview)

The second Koberna farm, 65 acres owned by J and M Koberna, faced both sides of Hicks Lane and extended from Walton Road westward to today's South Meadowpark Drive. The farmhouse was on the south side of Hicks Lane. That farm had originally been part of the Leonard Egbert Road farm until the 1890's. In the mid 1890's John and Mary Reese (the grandparents of Dorothy Cigany 18205 Alexander Rd) rented the farm and house.