

Early Families



*An 1870 view of the Palmer Sawmill
located by the Eight Mile Lock*

CELEBRATED 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



LEAVITT J. RADWAY.

MRS. LEAVITT J. RADWAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt J. Radway celebrated their golden wedding on Dec. 28 at their home in Newburg Heights.

Mr. Radway, who was born in Vermont, came with his father, Richard Radway, to Ohio in 1841. He has since lived on the homestead where they then settled. His brother, Amaziah, still lives across the road, on part of the farm, and a sister, Mrs. Olive Marshall, lives in the city.

Mrs. Radway came from Germany with her father's family when quite young and they settled on the next farm but one from the Radway place. She has one sister, Mrs. John Sommer, living in Newark, N. J.

Though held on a very severe day the wedding anniversary was attended by relatives and friends to the number of fifty, who gathered around the table in the big hall, built in the homestead many years ago by Richard Radway for his children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Radway were well remembered by their friends, the presents being many and beautiful.

Their daughter, Miss Bella Radway, wore her mother's original wedding dress. Their sons, Alfred and George, still live with them and the youngest son, Charles, with his family, lives in Newburg.

Leavitt and Barbara Radway

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by Laura Nicklas Hine

Richard Radway — The Richard Radway family came here in 1841 from Vermont. They bought a farm on Independence Road, now East 49th Street in what is now Cuyahoga Heights. They were the largest farmland owners in our village. Eventually, they had two farms in Cuyahoga Heights. The first farm was the Leavitt Radway farm, and was on the west side of East 49th Street, halfway between the railroad tracks and Canal Road. The second was the Richard Radway farm. It was on the east side of East 49th Street and encompassed the land where the sewage plant is located, starting at Canal Road and heading north up to the railroad tracks. In 1874, the Radway family owned the most land in what is the Village of Cuyahoga Heights today, and they continued to do so until 1903. In 1919, total land owned by descendants of Richard Radway was 131 acres.

Radway is an Anglo-Saxon surname found in church records before England was a country. The Anglo and Saxons were Teutonic tribes that started coming to what is now England, Wales and Scotland in about 400 A.D. Radway families are found in these countries plus Ireland. The family was seated as Lords of the Manor in Somerset and in the town of Radway in Warwickshire during the 1000s. Henry de Radeweie had an estate in Somerset in 1205. The Radway surname is old English for “road” and “way”. It is also found in records as Radaway, Radwie, Reddaway, Redway, Redwey, Rodaway, Rodway, Rodweye and Roadway.

James Radway born in 1620 in county Dublin, Ireland was the first member of the family to come to what is now America. He came to Hingham, part of the Plymouth Colony in 1637. He came as a servant and after he had worked for three years to repay his ship’s passage, he was free and married. About 1643, he moved his family to the town of Seekonk later named Rehoboth. His wife’s name is not found in records and she died during or right after their fourth child was born in 1648. James gave money to support the militia during the Indian war known as the King Philip’s War. The Cuyahoga Heights Radways always said they were Scottish not Irish. The James Radway that came to America was born in Ireland but was Scottish-English. At that time, all Irish people were Catholic, except for the English and Scottish people who were given land in Ireland by the king of England. Also, Catholics were not allowed to come to America before 1850 unless they were very, very wealthy.

James’ son, John, was born in 1644 in Seekonk now Rehoboth, Massachusetts. John was the first birth recorded at Seekonk. John married Mary Ide. While his father gave money during the King Philip’s War, John was a soldier in the Rehoboth Militia. John and Mary’s son, James, was born in 1678 in Rehoboth. James married Joanna Hildreth and was a Captain in the Bristol County Militia.

James and Joanna’s son, Timothy, was born in 1733 in Rehoboth. He married Mary Wilmarth and was a soldier in the American Revolution. He died in 1813 in Putney, Vermont, probably of spotted fever. Spotted fever was a form of meningitis that killed over 6,000 people in Vermont, during the winter of 1812 to 1813. Timothy and Mary’s son, Jonathan, was born in 1764 in Rehoboth. Jonathan married Martha Westcott. Jonathan also died of spotted fever about two weeks before his father.

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Jonathan and Martha's son, Richard, was born in 1804 in Putney, Vermont. Richard married Mary Ann Stone. They moved with their children to the western wilderness of the Western Reserve to what is now our village. Richard and Mary's son, Leavitt, was born in 1832 in Attleborough, Vermont. He married Barbara Metzner. She came to America with her parents from Baden, Germany in 1852 and settled in Newburgh.

Leavitt and Barbara had a daughter, Bella Mary Ann, who married William Krapf. Bella and William's daughter, Isabelle "Bella", went to school in the one-room school house located at the back of the current BP gas station on East 49th Street and Harvard Avenue. She married Gerald McCandless. Gerald was a village fireman. They had two children: Jeff and Linda. Linda's children are the Radway ancestors that still are part of our village. Dana Rini lives on East 49th Street with her brother, Bryan, who is a village fireman.

Much of the early Radway family are buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery in Cleveland, as are many of the other early settlers.

Michael Palmer — Michael Palmer appears in the 1850 Census for Independence Township, because Canal Road was in Independence Township at that time. He was born in 1825 in New York and was a farmer living with his 19-year-old sister, Eliza. Michael married Harriet Rummage between 1860 and 1870. Michael Palmer was the proprietor of the Palmer Brothers Organ Factory which was located on Canal Road, across the canal from the current entrance to Bacci Park. The photograph shown came from *A Pictorial History of the Western Reserve 1796 to 1860* by Margaret Manor Butler.

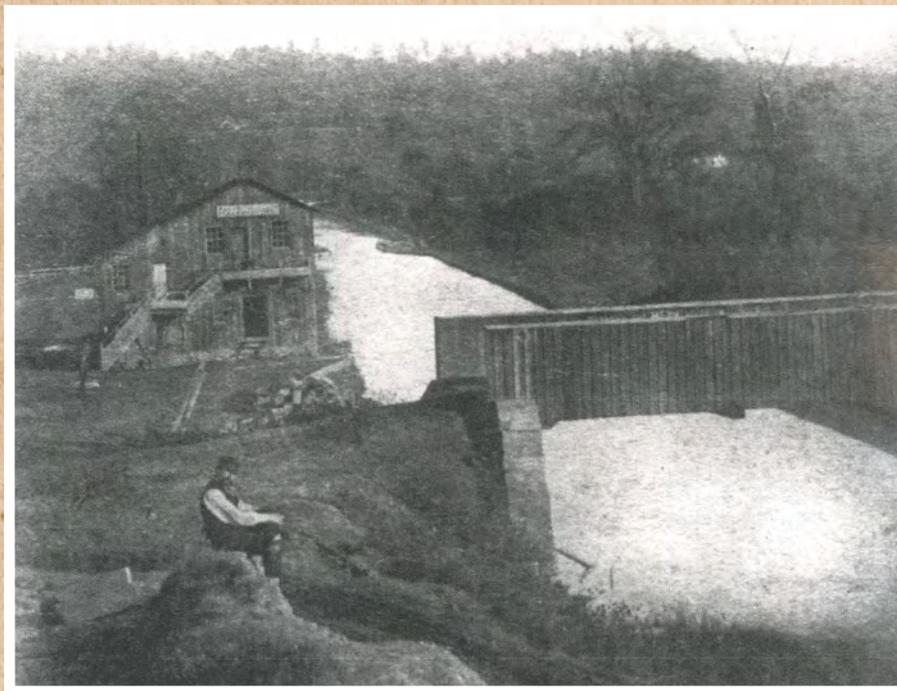
Philip Knauf — The Knauf land totaled 39 acres on the west side of East 49th Street and in the vicinity of Grant Avenue, south to approximately the Ben Stawicki house. Philip J. Knauf was born in 1810 in Germany. He and his first wife (name unknown) had three children: Augusta, Abraham, and Anna. By 1860, Philip had married Elizabeth Leisy, as his second wife. They had children Theodore and Amelia. Daughter, Augusta, married Henry Prehn; daughter, Anna, married John D. Evans; and daughter, Amelia, married Emil Lerche, all early names in Cuyahoga Heights history. Philip Knauf died October 11, 1870 and is buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery.

William Kerr — William Kerr's property in Cuyahoga Heights was behind the school and cemetery, running west to what is I-77 today, starting at the north at the railroad tracks and south to about across from Bletch Court, totaling about 91 acres. William Kerr was born in 1814 in Scotland. He married Jane Davidson, also born in 1814. They had four children: Robert, Agnes, George, and Jane. William's wife, Jane, died before 1900. William died November 10, 1906 at the age of 92 years at his residence on Marcelline Avenue (East 71st Street today). He, too, was buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery in Cleveland.

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Palmer Sawmill at the Eight Mile Lock

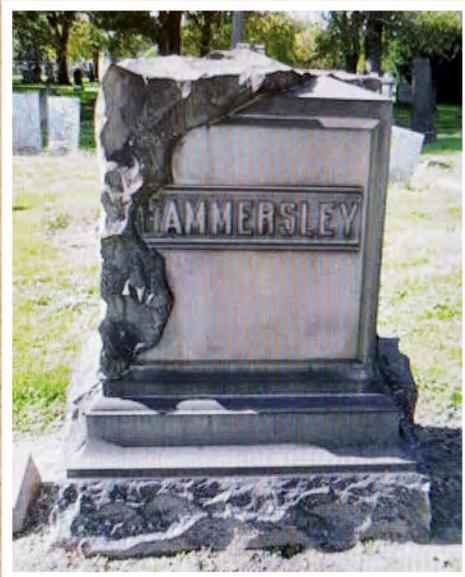


*Palmer Brothers Organ Factory on Canal Road
next to the Old Brecksville Road Bridge*

Before and Present Day



Hammersley Home at 4940 East 71st Street



*Hammersley Family Headstone
at Harvard Grove Cemetery*

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November 11, 1906 *Plain Dealer*:

Obituary: Aged Newburgher Dies

Pioneer of the Town and One of a Famous Group of the Early Settlers

William Kerr died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J.L. Cochran, on Marcelline Avenue, Newburgh Heights, in the 92nd year of his age. Born in 1815, in Wigtonshire, Scotland, he came as a young man to Newburgh, where he lived over seventy years, the old farm being but a short distance from the place where he died. At recent pioneer picnics, held in Garfield Park by Newburgh settlers, three men, each over four-score years and ten, have attracted considerable attention. Mr. Kerr was the youngest of the little group. With the exception of cataracts upon the eyes, he suffered with no particular disease, being remarkably free of pain, old age being the immediate cause of death. William Kerr was a most highly respected citizen, a man loving peace, and honorable in all his dealings. For 63 years, he was a member of the Miles Park Presbyterian Church. When, in 1842, the first church edifice was constructed in Newburgh, the congregation having worshiped ten years in temporary quarters, a prize of a silver dollar was offered to the person drawing to the site the first dressed stick of timber. As a young man, Kerr took part in that contest. The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the Miles Park Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Dr. Arthur C. Ludlow, officiating.

William Hammersley | Hannah Cash — William Hammersley's land in Cuyahoga Heights was between where Casavecchia's house and Toscana are located. He owned 21 acres of land in 1859. William was born about 1820 in England, and he married Hannah Cash, who was born in 1823 in England, daughter of Thomas Cash. Thomas Cash came from England to this area in 1844 with the Hammersley family. He returned to England, and later came back to Independence Township. William Hammersley and Hannah Cash had five children: Betsey, Mary Ann, Jesse, Jane, and Martha. William died between 1850 to 1860, and Hannah died February 12, 1915. She and her husband are buried in Harvard Grove Cemetery. Today, their home belongs to Frank and Kim Schoeffler.

Peter Brown — Peter Brown's property in Cuyahoga Heights was south of the corner of East 71st Street and Grant Avenue but north of Hillside Tavern, totaling about 56 acres. He was born in 1822 in Patterson, New Jersey, and was a milk peddler and farmer. He married Mary J. Ureland, born 1830 in Butler, New Jersey. They had two children, Josephine and Francis. Daughter, Josephine, married Charles Evarts, who was born in 1847 in Jamaica. Mr. Evarts was a banker. Peter died in 1910 of tuberculosis, and his wife Mary died in 1914. They are both buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland.

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Reverend Joseph Hunt Breck — Reverend Joseph Hunt Breck's land in Cuyahoga Heights was near the corner of East 71st Street and Grant Avenue, totaling about 105 acres. He and his family remained on that land from at least 1850 to 1880. He is a descendant of the Breck family that founded Brecksville.

In the early summer of 1837, a young man from Rochester, New York, accompanied by his sister, was bound for Huron, Ohio. With their stock of dry goods, the steamer they were traveling on landed near the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. Before reaching Cleveland, the weather became very stormy, and as he intended resuming the journey by water, and his sister had been seasick on the trip from Buffalo, he concluded to leave her here in care of some good women for a couple of weeks, or until convenient to come back for her. Just how he came in touch with the right person has not been handed down, but she was found, and that woman's loving kindness and tender sympathy with the homesick girl who had never before spent a night away from her mother was gratefully appreciated and never forgotten.

Many years afterward, the maiden, now a middle-aged woman and with grown children of her own, asked her daughter to accompany her to the Erie Street Cemetery, and to help her find the grave of the dear woman who had once befriended her. It was located near the Erie Street entrance and on the right side of the main drive. An old-fashioned marble headstone marked the spot. It read:

ANGELINE wife of Reverend Joseph H. Breck. Died May 24, 1838.

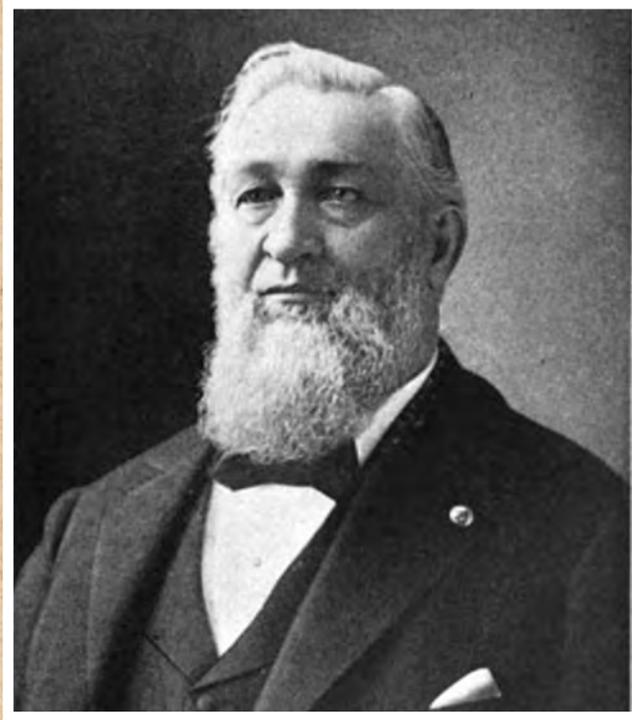
Alice Angeline Breck was the daughter of Ralph Snow, a merchant and druggist of Northampton, Massachusetts. She married the Reverend Joseph Hunt Breck in 1830 and accompanied him back to the Western Reserve where he had been living the past seven years in Brecksville as a missionary. He did not return there after his marriage but took his bride to a home on Superior Street, No. 103, and just east of Webb C. Ball's former jewelry store. J. F. Ryder occupied the spot many years with his photograph gallery and store.

Mrs. Breck, at the time, had two brothers living in Brooklyn, New York, Lorenzo and George Snow, and the son of one of these men became a well-known civil engineer of New York City. Mrs. Breck was cordially welcomed by the best element of the little village, not only through respect for her husband's calling, but because of her own fine personality, and she soon won the intimate friendship of Mrs. Dr. Long and other women most admired and respected in the community. Unfortunately, her life in Cleveland was brief. She died at the birth of her third child.

Reverend Joseph Hunt Breck was the son of Joseph Hunt Breck, Sr., and Abigail-Kingsley-Breck, and it was through his grandmother Rachel Hunt that father and son acquired their middle name.

The first New England ancestor of the family, Edward Breck, emigrated to this country with Richard Mather, and became a freeman of Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1635, but for some generations that branch of the family had been living in Northampton, where Reverend Joseph H. Breck was born. He was educated at Yale, and afterward graduated from a theological seminary. Perhaps this long course of study was responsible for his delicate health which compelled him to partially relinquish the ministry, and while living in Cleveland, he made use of his thorough classical education in fitting young men for college. The fathers of several businessmen of the city were thus prepared by him for a collegiate life.

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Reverend Joseph Hunt Breck



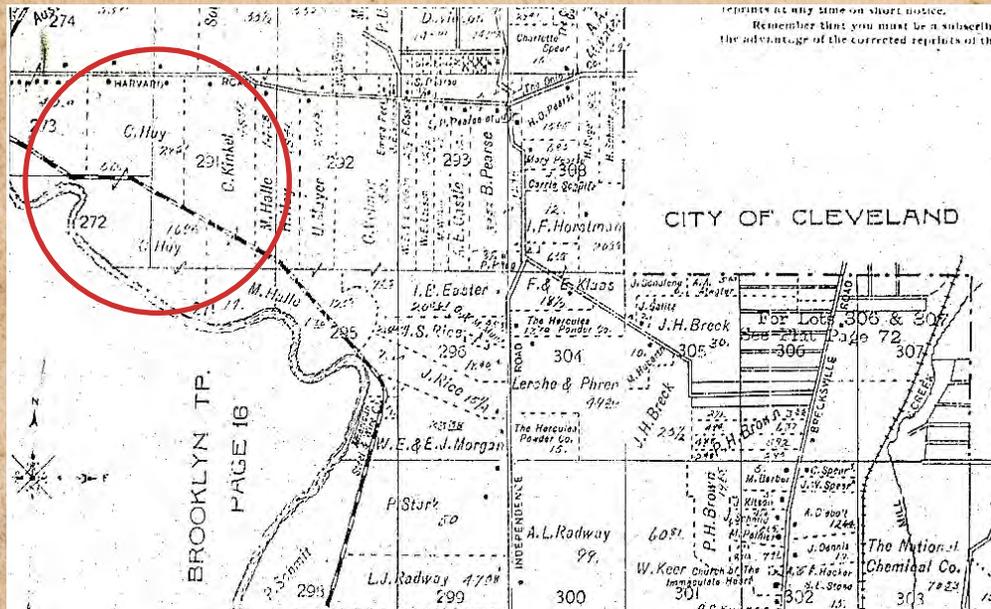
Old Covered Bridge and Open Railroad Bridge

The old covered bridge and the open train trestle bridge spanning the Cuyahoga River and the canal at the bottom of East 71st Street on Canal Road.



Christian Huy Farm on Harvard Avenue Hill

Christian Huy Farm thrashers working at the barn in 1916.



The Huy Farm shown on 1903 Map

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Mrs. Harriet Brooks Breck, the widow of his son, possessed a large photograph of him taken in his old age, and it was most striking in its expression of gentleness and goodness, and one could easily create from it an image of an old-fashioned gentleman and scholar. He lived with his only son, Honorable Joseph Breck, or occupied the same house for twenty-two years, and all that time he was unflinching in his kindness and consideration towards his son's wife. She spoke of him in terms of tenderest gratitude and respect.

Reverend Joseph and Angeline Breck had two children that reached maturity: Honorable Joseph Breck, born 1831; married Harriet Brooks. Angeline Snow Breck, born May 21, 1838; married C. B. Denio, who moved to Galen, Illinois, and later to Vallejo, California. Five years after the death of his wife, the Reverend Joseph H. Breck moved to a farm on the Brecksville Road, later East 71st Street. While his motherless children were yet young, he met Miss Diantha Chamberlain, a maiden lady who was a schoolteacher in Twinsburg, Ohio, and they were married. She outlived Mr. Breck nine years and died at an advanced age at the residence of his son with whom she had made her home for thirty-one years. She left no children.

Honorable Joseph Breck lived a long life in or near Cleveland, and died in 1907, honored and respected. He married the daughter of Hezekiah Brooks, a pioneer of Carlisle, Lorain County. She was a pupil of Miss Linda Guilford, and taught school in Cleveland before her marriage. Her grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier and on the staff of General Washington.

The children of the Honorable Joseph and Harriet Breck: George Dwight Breck who married Minnie Schultz; Theodore Brooks Breck who married Martha Spencer; William Merriman Breck was unmarried and Mary Louise Breck who married George Begg, a resident of Detroit, Michigan.

After the death of Mrs. Angeline Snow Breck, the aged and widowed mother of Reverend Joseph Breck, Mrs. Abigail Kingsley Breck came to Cleveland from Northampton to look after his home and children. Besides this son, she had a daughter, Rachel, who married Reverend George Hooker, an eminent divine of Massachusetts; and another daughter, Fanny, who married a Mr. Eastman. In many ways, Abigail Kingsley Breck was a remarkable woman. She possessed much musical talent, and as a very young girl she led the choir of a Northampton Church. She died in 1847 at the age of 79. Reverend Joseph H. Breck died June 21, 1880 at his residence in Newburgh Township, later Cuyahoga Heights. He was 81 years old and his funeral was from the South Presbyterian Church. He was buried at Erie Street Cemetery in downtown Cleveland.

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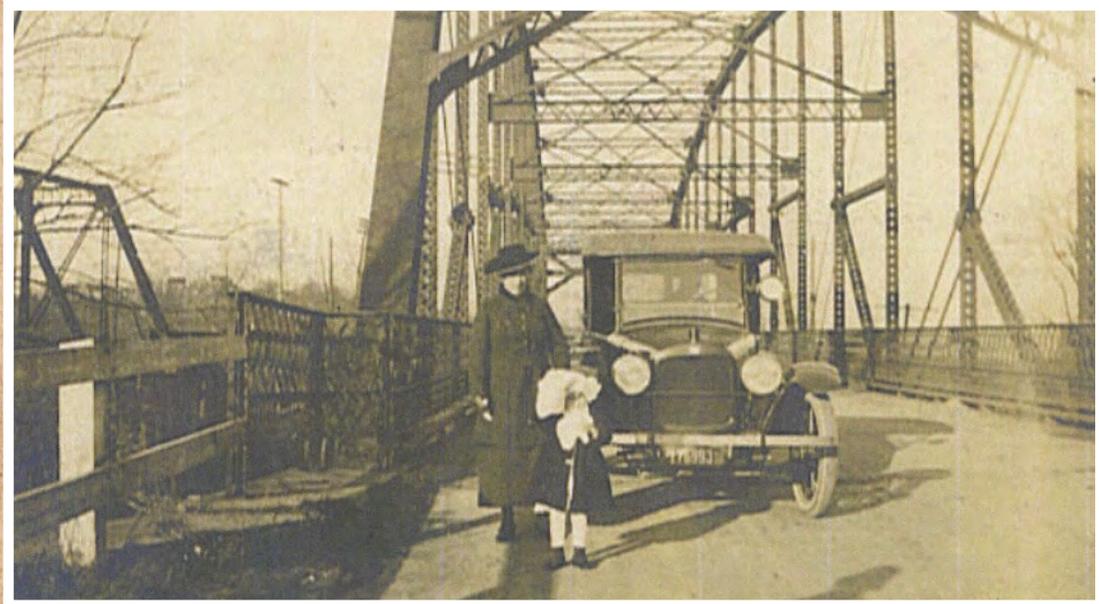
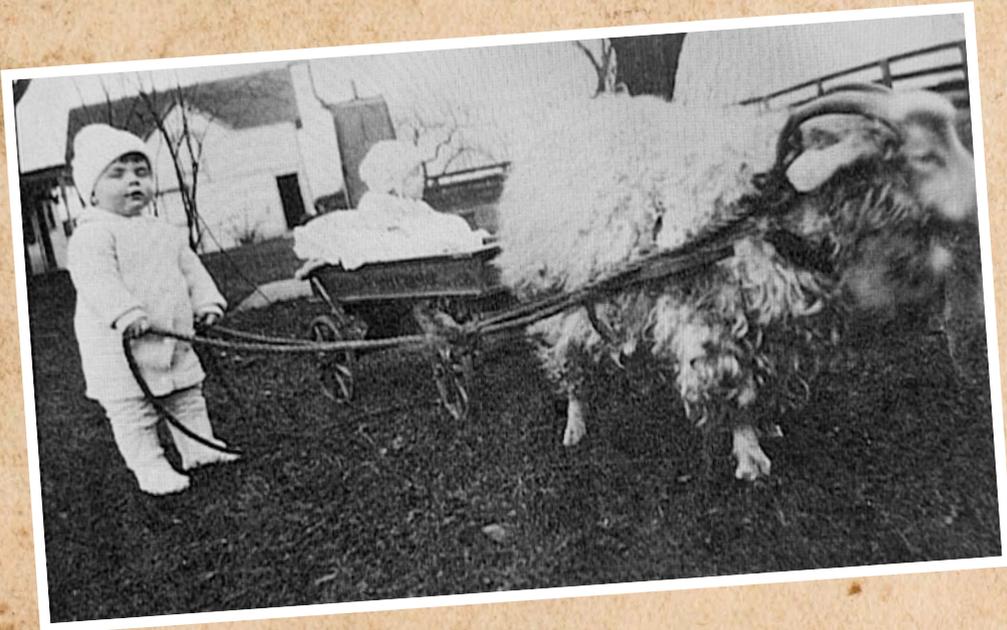
Frederick Hecker — Frederick and Eva came to America in July 1852 from Baden, which is now part of Germany. Fred was born in 1815 and Eva in 1820. Fred filed his naturalization papers on October 5, 1858 in Cleveland. They had seven children: Adam, Louisa Paskell, Frederick and Philipp (born in Baden); Catherine, Eva Shaffer and Henry (born in Cleveland). Fred worked for the post office; and was a gardener; and a realtor who developed the Hecker allotment. Adam Hecker was born August 8, 1842 in Baden and married Florence Drutty. She was born August 8, 1842 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Adam and Flora moved to Newburgh Hamlet about 1870. They had ten children: Henry and Adam, born in Cleveland; Flora Dell Knapp, Theresa, Lottie Bowen, Robert, Nellie James, Catherine, George and John, born in what is now Cuyahoga Heights. Adam worked as a brakeman, train yard master, and streetcar engineer between 1870 and 1900. He was a night watchman at the American Steel mill in 1910. Lottie and Nellie were the only children that have descendants living in the village.

Franz Reis — The Reis property totaled approximately 30 acres on the west side of East 49th Street and in the vicinity of Grant Avenue, south to the Ben Stawicki house. Franz Reis and his wife, Maria Meyer, were both born in 1821 in Darmstadt, Germany. They married in 1856 in Cleveland, Ohio. They had three children, all born in Cleveland: John, Mary who went on to wed Jacob Gallitz, and Joseph. Franz Reis died in 1891 in Cleveland.

Peter Schmit (later spelled Schmidt) — Peter Schmit was one of the first settlers in the Cuyahoga Heights area. His land in Cuyahoga Heights was on the west side of East 49th Street, north of Canal Road but south of the railroad tracks. He also had another plot between the Cuyahoga River and the Canal at the corner of East 49th Street. Later, he also owned some land at the northeast corner of Canal Road and East 49th Street. In 1918, he had a plot of land on the east side of East 49th Street, halfway between the railroad tracks and Grant Avenue. In 1918, he owned a total of 125 acres of land in Cuyahoga Heights. Peter was born in 1845 in Belgium or France. He married Mary Margaret Henninger in 1877 in Cleveland, Ohio, and they had nine children: William, Mary, Peter, Joseph, Andrew, Julius, Catherine, Margaret, and Mathilda. In 1920, the family was living at 4800 East 49th Street. Peter died in 1916 at the age of 71. His funeral was held at Holy Name Church. His wife died August 31, 1939. They are both buried at Calvary Cemetery.

John Dennis — John Dennis' property in Cuyahoga Heights was near Hillside Tavern on East 71st Street, totaling 10 acres. John was born in 1824 in England, and his wife was born in 1828 in Ireland. They had five children: Kate who married Thomas Palmer, a descendant of the Palmer Organ Factory family, Harriet, Charles, Mary, and William. The 1870 Census shows John as a clerk in a store. The 1880 Census shows he worked in a hardware store. John died in 1903, at the age of 79, at his family residence on Marcelline Avenue (East 71st Street). His wife Mary died in 1913. They are both buried in Harvard Grove Cemetery.

*John Rademaker and Alvena Gallitz at
the Gallitz property on Grant Avenue*



Brecksville Road Bridge

Members of the Gallitz family on the Brecksville Road Bridge, now known as
the East 71st Street Bridge, in the early 1900s.



*James House at 4893 East 71st Street
Built in 1894*



*Baur House at 5015 East 71st Street
The Original Hillside Tavern*

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Matthias Hubrath — Matthias Hubrath's property in Cuyahoga Heights was on the south side of Grant Avenue, approximately where I-77 is today, totaling about 10 acres. Matthias was born in 1829 in Rheinland-Pfalz, Prussia. He married Mary Theresa Pfaller, born 1836 in Baden, Germany. They had six children: John, Matthias, Alois, Theresa, Jane, and Sophie. The family lived in what is today Cuyahoga Heights from 1870 to 1900.

Joseph Kitson — Joseph Kitson's land in Cuyahoga Heights was near Chapek Grove/Klima Gardens on East 71st Street, totaling about five acres. Joseph was born in 1821 in England. He married Anna Eliza Speers, another early resident of this area. She was born 1827 in Rochester, New York. They had three children: Alice, Walter, and Albert. They lived in what is Cuyahoga Heights today from at least 1880 to 1900. Joseph died in 1901 and his wife in 1914. They are both buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery.

Henry Krapf — Henry Krapf's property in Cuyahoga Heights was on the west side of East 49th Street where Reliance Electric was located. He also had another plot of land on the west side of East 49th Street right at the corner of Canal Road and East 49th Street. The original red-brick farm house was built by Jacob Krapf Sr. in about 1860. Henry married Katherine Fubert. Henry was born 1839, and Katherine in 1845, both in Germany. They had six children: Dorothy, Conrad, Henry, William who married Bella Radway, Edith who married Clinton Gerdon, and Lizetta. Wife, Katherine, died in April of 1904. Henry took his own life just one month later on May 8, 1904, age 65 years. They are both buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery.

A newspaper article: *(note that Independence Road is what is today East 49th Street)*

Probably a Suicide

Henry Krapf, Whose Body was Found Yesterday, Had been Despondent over Wife's Death.

The body of Henry Krapf, a well-to-do farmer of Independence Road, was found yesterday morning in the Cuyahoga River at the pumping station of the American Steel & Wire Co. at Willow Station. Krapf had been missing since April 23. The police say that the man undoubtedly committed suicide. Krapf was one of the old residents of the neighborhood, having moved there with his parents from Germany, where he was born 65 years ago. A few weeks before his disappearance his wife died, and although several of his children lived at home with him, he became very despondent. About 7 o'clock on the morning of April 23 he left the house. That was the last seen of him. The countryside was thoroughly searched, and even the river dragged, but without success. The family hired several boys to constantly watch the river. It was one of these boys who yesterday morning discovered the body floating in the river. He, with the men at American Steel & Wire Company's pumping station, took the body out of the water. It was taken to Richards' morgue. Mr. Krapf leaves the following children: Jacob and William Krapf, and Miss Netty Krapf, who lived with him at their old home on Independence Road; Henry Krapf of 72 Claasen Avenue, Mrs. Edith Gardner, and Mrs. Dora Haberstroh of St. Clair Avenue.

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Jacob Gallitz — The Jacob Gallitz's farm in Cuyahoga Heights covered two acres at the northeast corner of Grant Avenue and I-77.

Jacob was born June 4, 1852 in Newburgh Township to Anton Ambrose Gallitz and Anna Margaretha Mary Hubrath. It was Anna who bought the land mentioned above. She purchased the two acres of land on Petre Plank Road, now Grant Avenue, for \$115 in 1859. The Gallitz family lived on the land until 1924 when the village bought it to build the first fire station. That land is now part of I-77. The village then used the house for a residence for the fire chief and either used the barn or built a garage to house the fire equipment. When the freeway came through, part of the purported deal was that the State of Ohio would build the village a new fire station, and that was built where the fire station stands today. The Gallitz house was then sold and moved over the open fields to East 49th Street. It became the O'Malley's house, next to Attewell, across the street from where Bob Mantell was raised. Bob said he was never in the house until Mrs. O'Malley died and it went up for sale. He went to an open house and later asked his mother what she remembered most, and she said without hesitation, the spiral staircase to the upper level. Jacob Gallitz and his wife, Mary, moved to 1717 Schaaf Road.

Across Grant Avenue was the 10-acre property of Matthias Hubrath of whom we have already spoken. Mary Margaretha Hubrath Gallitz was the sister of Matthias Hubrath. Jacob Gallitz married Mary V. Reis, daughter of Franz Reis and Maria Meyer. They had 12 children: John, Elizabeth, Christina, William, Frank, Catherine, Jacob, Charles, John, Jacob, Marie, and George who married Luella Root. They were the parents of George "Buster" Gallitz and Marian Gallitz Humphrey.

Jacob Gallitz died in 1934 and his wife, Mary, in 1940. They are both buried at Calvary Cemetery. Jacob worked as a wire drawer and later as a stationary engineer for American Steel and Wire. He ran the old pump house located along the Ohio Canal. His name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918, to separate from Newburgh Heights. Jacob's wife Mary's family owned 44 acres of land that ran from Independence Road, East 49th Street, to the center of the Cuyahoga River. In 1891, after the death of her father Franz Reis, she and her two brothers inherited and sold the property to United States Steel. Son, George, joined the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department on June 1, 1946. He became chief on March 1, 1967 and retired on January 5, 1981. George and wife, Mary, raised their family on East 49th Street.

Christian Huy — Christian Huy's land in Cuyahoga Heights was bounded by the Cuyahoga River on the west and south, Harvard Avenue on the north, and on the east by a north/south line approximately where the RTA is today. All this land encompassed approximately 100 acres and today is home to ArcelorMittal and Arconic. The Huy's lived on this farm in 1861. Their farm on Harvard hill was one of the last farms in the area and was in existence yet in 1916. Christian Huy was born in 1834 in France, and his wife, Wilhelmina Klinge, was born in 1841 in Germany. They had five children: Caroline, Henry, Wilhelmina, Christian, and Phillip. Matilda Henry, mother of Kenneth, Eugene, and Ronald Henry, was the daughter of Phillip Huy and Minnie Krause. Phillip Huy was the son of Christian Huy and Wilhelmina Klinge, making Matilda Henry their granddaughter. Wilhelmina died in 1918, and Christian in 1924 at 1808 Harvard Avenue. They are both buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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Ethel Decker, Mae Wacks, Norma Weider, Mae Bletch, Bess Shatto and Helen Bletch.
Sarah Bletch on porch. January 21, 1905.



*Albert Bletch House at 4935 East 71st Street
Yesterday and Today*

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*Crooks House at 7127 Marcelline Court
Built in 1909*



Albert Shatto House at 4919 East 71st Street

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Thomas James — Thomas James was born in England about 1835, and Caroline Margaret Griffin in Wales about 1835. Thomas and Margaret had five children: Thomas, James, Celina, all born in Wales; Sarah born in England; and Ebenezer born in Newburgh Township. Thomas came to America about 1867. Margaret and the four older children came January 1, 1868 on the ship *Minnesota*. Thomas married Charlotte Towner after his first wife's death, and they had a daughter, Caroline. Thomas James was killed in a train yard accident. Daughter, Sarah James, married Albert Bletch. He was born in Springfield, Illinois, and both of his parents were from Baden. When he married, Albert moved from Independence Township, now Canal Road in Valley View, where he worked for Mr. Fosdick as a servant and milk peddler. Albert and Sarah lived with his stepmother until they could buy about nine acres next to her and built their Victorian house on East 71st Street. He was a farmer and a Newburgh Heights councilman in 1910 to 1911. Sarah and Albert Bletch had three children: Mae, Walter and Helen. Helen married Quin Jones and had two sons with him. After Quin's death, Helen married Dr. Oscar Dustheimer.

Helen was one of the two ladies removed from council in February 1922. The other lady was Helen Pierce. Mayor Joseph Schmidt and some other men were questioning their eligibility to run for council, saying that they had not taken up residence in the village one year prior to the election. Since they had not lived in the village one year before the election, they were not seated on Council.

Descendents of the Bletch family no longer reside in Cuyahoga Heights. Their nine acres is now the Bletch Court and East 72nd Place section of the village.

Frederick Klaas — Frederick Klaas' property in Cuyahoga Heights was on the southeast corner of Grant Avenue and East 49th Street, totaling 18 acres. Frederick was born in 1854 in Baden, Germany. He married Eva Gehring, who was born 1863 in Germany. They had five children: Ida, Emma, Edwin, Albert, and Ernest. Frederick arrived in the United States in 1872. He was naturalized in 1897. Frederick died in 1923, and his wife died in 1950. They are both buried at Brookmere Cemetery in Cleveland. His name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights. He was living at 4303 East 49th Street.

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Albert Bletch — Albert Bletch's land in Cuyahoga Heights was on the east side of East 71st Street where Bletch Court is located, totaling about nine acres. Their house was built about 1895. It is currently the home of Sandra Waldemarson. Albert Bletch was born in 1857 in Springfield, Illinois. He married Sarah James, daughter of Thomas James and Caroline Margaret Griffin in 1883 in Cleveland, Ohio. Albert and Sarah had three children: Mae who married Orlando Carse, Walter, and Helen who married Quin Jones and later Oscar Dustheimer.

In 1880, Albert was living in Independence Township with Frank and Eva Fosdick. He was working as a servant and milk peddler. Later in his life, Albert was a blacksmith. The 1900 Census shows Albert and Sarah's family together in Newburgh Township on East 71st Street. From 1910 to 1911, Albert was a councilman for Newburgh Heights. In 1920, Albert and Sarah are shown in the census living at 4935 East 71st Street with their daughter, Mae, and her husband, Orlando Carse. By 1930, Albert and Sarah were living alone in that big old house. Albert died in 1938 and Sarah in 1948. They are both buried at Highland Park Cemetery. The funeral for Albert was held in the home at 4935 East 71st Street. Albert's name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights.

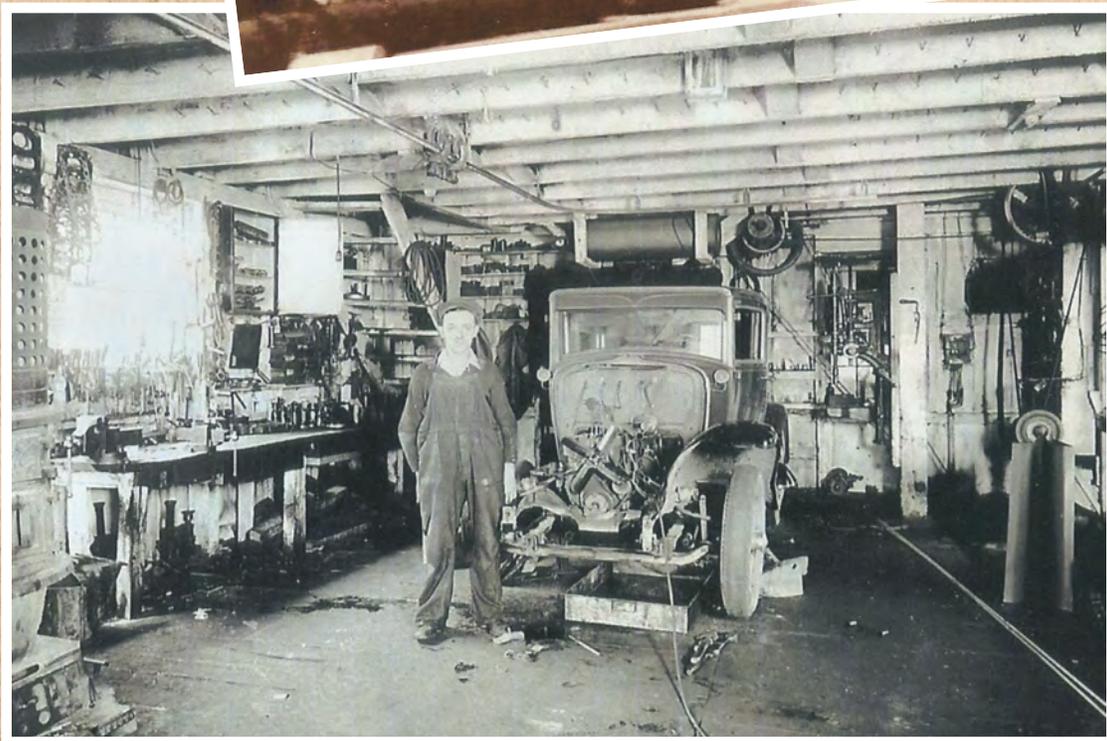
Charles Dressler — Charles Dressler's property in Cuyahoga Heights was on the east side of East 71st Street where Dressler Court is today, totaling about 16 acres. Charles was born in 1837 in Wurttemberg, Germany. He married Sophia Egetenmeyer, who died in the early 1880s. He had two more wives after her. Charles did not move into the Cuyahoga Heights area until about 1900. The 1900 Census shows the couple with no children, and Charles was a farmer. Charles died in 1907 in Bedford and is buried at Woodland Cemetery.

Charles Evarts — Charles Evarts' land in Cuyahoga Heights was just north of the Peter H. Brown land on East 71st Street, approximately where the railroad tracks are now, totaling about seven acres. Charles was born in 1847 in Jamaica. He married Josephine Brown, daughter of Peter Brown and Mary Ureland, who were mentioned earlier. They had two children, Frank and May. Charles died in 1911, and his wife, in 1929. They are both buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland.

Franz Jermann — Franz Jermann's property in Cuyahoga Heights was near the Hillside Tavern and totaled 12.5 acres. Franz was born in 1845 in Switzerland. The 1880 Census shows Franz as a boatman living on a boat with his entire family. We assume they were canal workers. The 1900 Census shows that Franz is a saloon keeper.

Edward Baur — Edward Baur lived at 5015 East 71st Street. He was born in 1860 in Germany, and married Fredrika Bucher, who was born 1853 in Germany. They had five children: Henry, Edward, Philo, Gertrude, and William. Edward Baur was a worker for the Union Acid Company. Edward's name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights. He was living at 4571 East 71st Street. His next residence was 5015 East 71st Street. Edward died in 1930, and his wife in 1931. They are both buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery.

*Hirsch Garage in 1943
at 4952 East 71st Street*

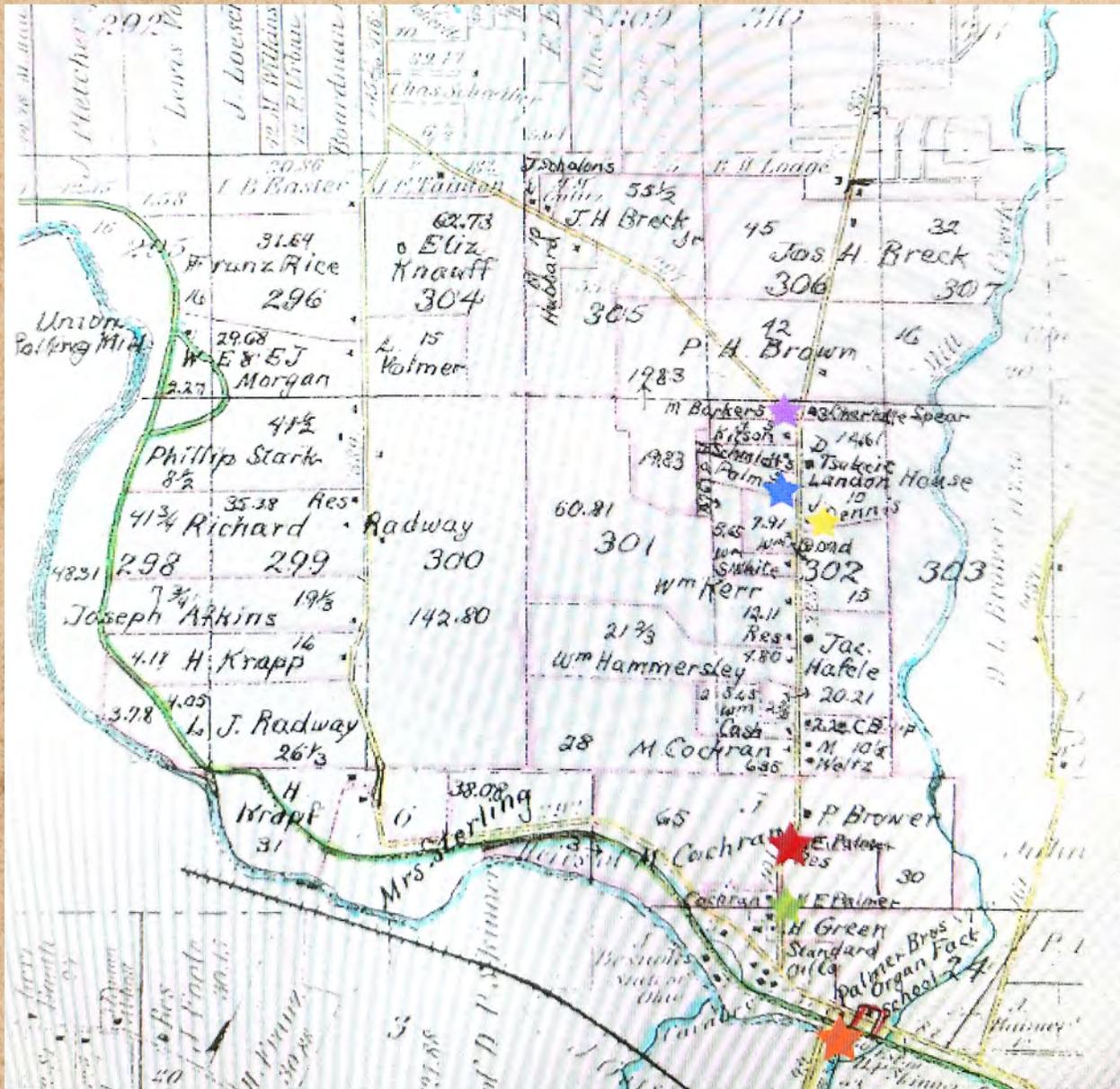


*Samuel Casavecchia working on a car in
Isaac Kennedy's Garage built in 1918*

*Kennedy House at 4860 East 71st Street
Across from Village Hall*

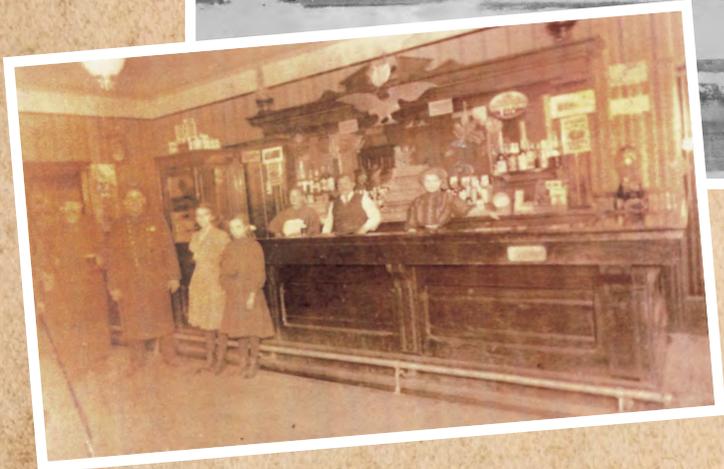


*Kennedy House at 4651 East 71st Street
Across from Klima Gardens*



Family Homes and School – 1874 Atlas

- Mary Ann Palmer Barker House (Purple Star)
- Chauncy Palmer Home (Blue Star)
- Kate Dennis childhood Home (Yellow Star)
- Charles H. and Lois Lucinda Chase-Palmer Home (Red Star)
- Michael Palmer Home (Green Star)
- 1800s School Location (Red Square)
- Palmer Brothers Organ Factory (Orange Star)



Built in 1869

Chapek's Willow House at 4646 East 71st Street

This was an early stagecoach stop. Meals were served in the rooms behind the tavern, horses were stabled in a barn behind the house and people rented rooms for the night in the family quarters upstairs.

People in the picture (left to right) include: unknown patron, Constable George Hecker, Louisa and Mary Chapek, unknown barmaid, Joseph Chapek and Antoinette Peterka Chapek.

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Ebenezer James — We've already spoken of Sarah James who married Albert Bletch. Sarah had a brother, Ebenezer James. He was born in 1870 in Newburgh Township, and married Nellie Hecker in 1896, daughter of Adam Hecker and Florence Drutty. On January 11, 1907, Eben and Nellie bought land from Charles and Ida Dressler and built their house on what is now the corner of East 71st Street and Dressler Court. Ebenezer and Nellie had two children: Florence and Walter. Walter married Alice Stophel and had three children: Richard, Donald and Dean. Ebenezer was a blacksmith at the garbage plant. Their address was 4893 East 71st Street. Ebenezer died in 1948, husband of the late Nellie. They are buried at Highland Park Cemetery. Ebenezer's name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights. He was living at 4517 East 71st Street.

Albert Shatto — Albert Shatto was born in 1874 in Ohio. He married Ethie May Kingsbury in 1896. From 1910 to 1911, Albert was the Clerk for Newburgh Heights. He was on the first council in Cuyahoga Heights. He and Ethie had three children: Lorna who married John Hanousek, Roy, and Ethie. He and his family lived at 4919 and 4973 East 71st Street over the years. His wife died in 1949, and he died in 1959 in Lakewood, Florida. They are both buried in Mapleshade Cemetery in Independence.

Obituary: A. W. Shatto Dies at 85 in Florida

Albert W. Shatto, former Cuyahoga Heights councilman and village clerk and member of an old Newburgh family, died late Friday in his home in Lakewood, Florida. Mr. Shatto, 85, was born in the area around East 71st Street and Broadway. His family operated a sawmill that provided wood for the plank roads that ran near the Ohio Canal. His home, originally part of the old Willow Township, was also the village post office and general store. A roller rink above the store was popular with the residents for many years. Mr. Shatto worked for 25 years as foreman at the Ohio Clay Company. He served as a village clerk and councilman from 1917 to 1924. His grandson, John L. Hanousek, is a Cuyahoga Heights Councilman. Mr. Shatto is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lorna Hrdlicka; a son, Roy K. Shatto; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Friends may call tomorrow at the Thomas Funeral Home, 12512 Miles Avenue, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Mapleshade Cemetery, Independence.

Edward Weidner — Edward Weidner's property in Cuyahoga Heights was on the east side of East 71st Street, just south of Bletch Court. He was born in 1866 in Independence, Ohio. He married Emma Diehl and they had two children, Royal E. Weidner and Harvey Charles Weidner. His address throughout the years was 7133 Marcelline. His name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights.

Vincent Crooks — Vincent Crooks was born in 1879 in what is Cuyahoga Heights today. He married Bessie Radaszewska in 1906 and had four children: John, Louise, Frank and Joseph. He appears in the same home in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 Census at 7127 Marcelline. He was a millwright for General Chemical Company and died in 1936 in Cuyahoga Heights. His wife, Bessie, died in 1963. They are both buried at Calvary Cemetery. The family home was sold in 2006 to John Chudzinski, the current owner.

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Clinton Gerdon — Clinton Gerdon's land in Cuyahoga Heights was formerly the Michael Pflug land on the west side of East 49th Street, north of the intersection of Canal Road and East 49th Street, about midway between the railroad tracks and Canal Road, totalling 20 acres. His name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights. He was living at 4824 East 49th Street. Clinton Gerdon was on the first council of Cuyahoga Heights. Clinton was born August 26, 1872 in Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania. He married Edith Eda Krapf in 1904 in Cleveland. She was born in 1877 in Cleveland. They had three children: Ralph, William who married Frances Wall, and Rhoda who married Harry Bricker. Son, William, was the third mayor of Cuyahoga Heights. The 1920 and 1930 Census show that Clinton Gerdon was a farmer at 4824 East 49th Street. Clinton died September 17, 1943 in Cuyahoga Heights, and his wife died in 1962. They are both buried at Fairview Cemetery in Richfield, Ohio.

Isaac "Ike" Garfield Kennedy — Isaac Garfield Kennedy was born April 15, 1880 in the Kinsman area of Cleveland, Ohio to Alexander Kennedy and Julia Bletch. His father was born in Ireland and came to Ohio sometime after 1845 with his parents and two brothers. His mother, Julia Bletch, was born in Illinois, and her parents came from Baden, Germany. They came to Cuyahoga County before 1855. Isaac's father, uncles, and brothers were all blacksmiths around the Kinsman Road area. Sometime between 1884 and 1900, Ike's father died and his mother moved the family to Brecksville and then Newburgh Heights. The 1910 Census shows that Isaac was a blacksmith in Newburgh Heights, Ohio. By 1918, he changed with the times from a blacksmith to a wagon maker, and later to an auto repairman. His name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights. At that time, he was living at 4858 East 71st Street. He was also on the first council of Cuyahoga Heights. The 1920 Census shows him living at the same address where he was a machinist in an auto shop. In 1930, we also find him at the same address, an auto mechanic in his own shop located at 4952 East 71st Street. It was also known as the Hirsch Garage. Today, it is *1 Bacci Place* and the home of Laura Bacci Merhaut and her husband, Norman.

Isaac Kennedy was married four times: first, to Charlotte Grenweldinger in 1904 (she died in 1926); second, to Gladys Herron in 1928 (they divorced); third, to Sarah Violet Walters in 1930 (she died in 1941). They had two daughters: Norma and Dorothy. Lastly, he married Lorna M. Shatto Hanousek about 1950 (she died in 1960 in Florida). Lorna was the previous wife of John Hanousek with whom she had a son, John Leroy Hanousek (born in 1918 and died in 2002).

Isaac Kennedy was the second mayor of Cuyahoga Heights from 1932 to 1945. He came to office during the Great Depression. His major task was providing jobs during this period of serious unemployment. He negotiated a contract with the City of Cleveland to guarantee employment for residents at the Southerly Sewage Plant. With the aid of H.R. Klepinger of the American Steel and Wire Company and other industrial leaders, the Cuyahoga Heights School District was created. The school opened in 1938. To meet social needs and public services, he was instrumental in building the present village hall in 1935 for \$135,000. It quickly became the center of community activities. The first village fire station was also built during the time he served as mayor.

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Isaac Kennedy first lived at 4958 East 71st Street. He sold that property to Emma Billi on March 3, 1939. However, before that, on October 1, 1937, he purchased the property at 4860 East 71st Street (right across from the village hall), from Frederick Green, a Trustee for the City of Cleveland. So, in effect, he purchased the property from the City of Cleveland. There were restrictions on what type of home could be built, so it's clear from the deed that Isaac Kennedy and his wife, Sarah, built the home, as there was no home there when he purchased the property. There are pictures of the current Kennedy House when it was located at 4860 East 71st Street, across from the village hall. In September of 1941, Isaac's wife Sarah died, and the house was quit-claimed to him in 1943. On April 26, 1946, Isaac sold that property to the Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education with the provision that he could occupy and use it until October 15, 1947. The actual deed transferred October 14, 1946. The house was moved to its current location at 4651 East 71st Street, probably in late October or November of 1947.

During his time as mayor, sewers were completed on Grant Avenue. In 1937, all the bonds inherited from Newburgh Heights that Cuyahoga Heights owed, were paid off. The village tax rate dropped from \$1.98 to \$1.34, the lowest in the state and 98% of the village revenue came from local industry. Mayor Kennedy had one of the highest salaries of any suburban mayors when he left office in 1945 at \$5,000 a year. He died in 1956 in Garfield Heights.

Joseph Chapek (Capek) — Joseph Chapek was first married to Barbara Piskula (Piskule). He had three daughters with Barbara: Louisa, Mary Mayme who married Charles Major, and another daughter. Wife, Barbara, died before 1905. The *1900 City Directory* shows Joseph living at 3 Sherwood Avenue in Cleveland. A 1903 map of what is the Village of Cuyahoga Heights today shows that J. Schmidt owned the land that the Willow House stood on, so Joseph Chapek did not own that property in 1903.

Joseph Chapek later married Antoinette Peterka Zeman. She had two daughters before she married Joseph Chapek. Joseph Chapek sold off his land in 1906 and 1909 on Sherwood Avenue. Sometime between 1909 to 1910 Joseph and family moved to what became the "Willow House" in Newburgh Hamlet, now Cuyahoga Heights. The 1910 Census shows Joseph as a saloon keeper, thus indicating that the Willow House existed as a bar before 1910. The address was 4646 East 71st Street.

Joseph's name was on the list of electors for the special election held on March 16, 1918 to separate from Newburgh Heights. The 1920 Census showed Joseph as a soft drink salesman at 4646 East 71st Street. Joseph died on August 6, 1929 in Cuyahoga Heights. His second wife, Antoinette, died June 4, 1943 in Cuyahoga Heights. They are both buried at Highland Park Cemetery.

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