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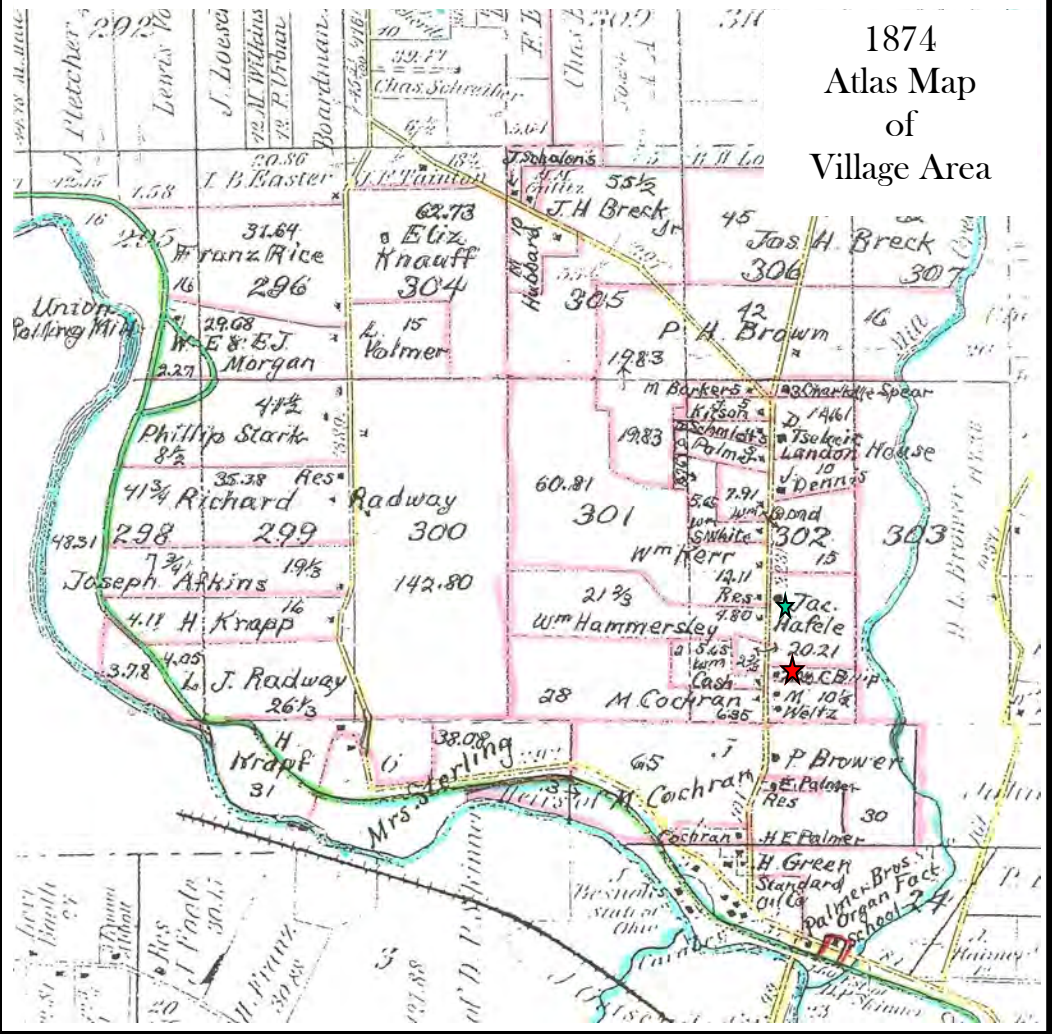
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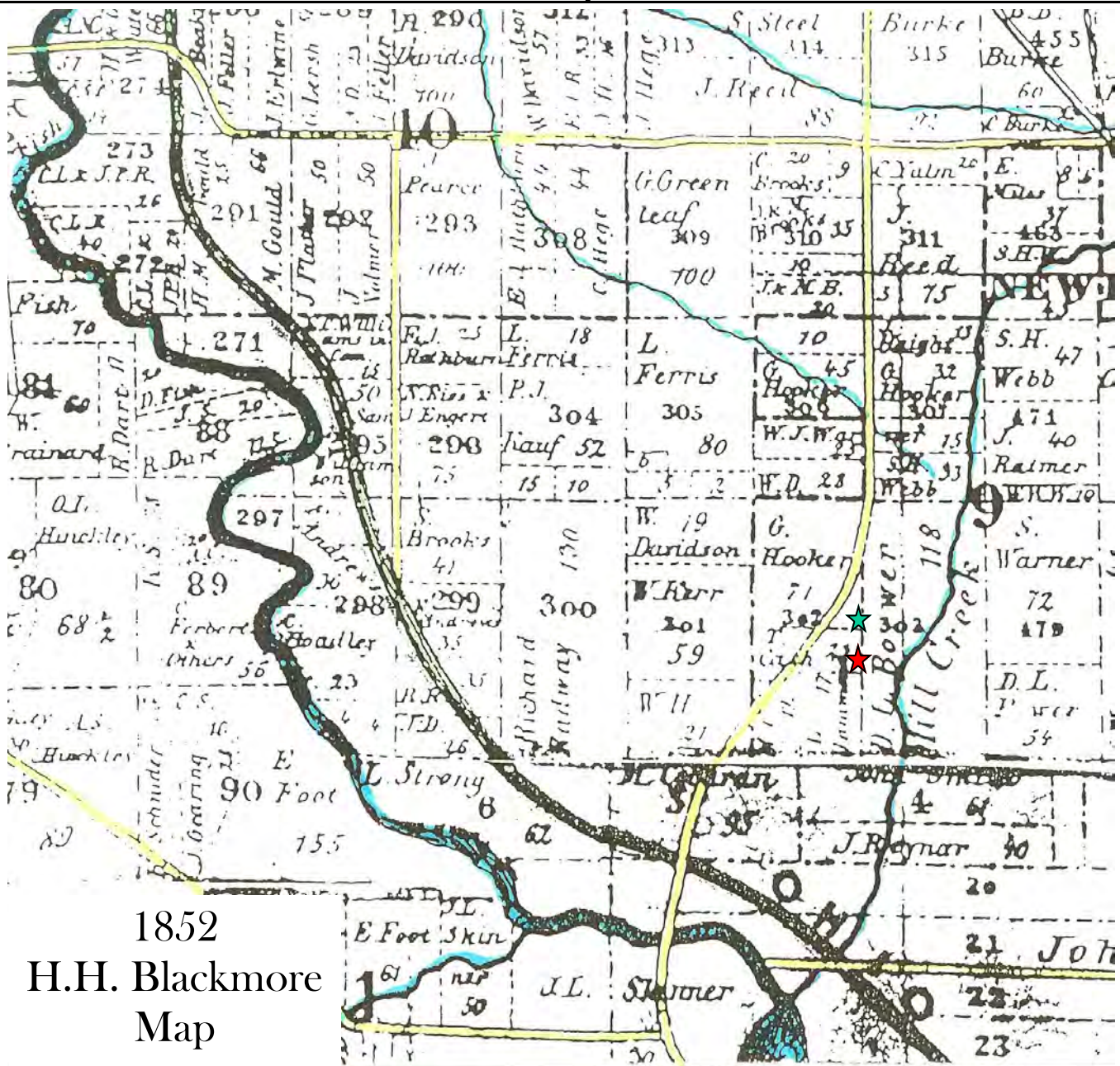
Kennedy House
4651 E 71st Street
Home of
Historical Committee
&
Boy Scout Troop 28



This issue is about the **Bopp House** north of the Kingsbury Hall / Store. This home is still in the area of the village that was sometimes known as South Newburgh in Independence township. A section of the title records are missing, this could be because the people's last names are misspelled; lands were traded without a deed; a title was never filed or it was lost. The **Weidner House** appears to not be in Independence township but in Newburgh township. The house is at the corner of E 71st Street & Marcelline Court. The other house in this area still standing is the Hammersley House. It was featured in the Willow House Times in July 2014. You can find this newsletter at the Historical Committee's web page listed on the back page of this newsletter.



Village



1852

H.H. Blackmore
Map

Bopp House 1851 - George & Rachel Hooker & Joseph Hunt Breck of Northampton, MA. sold land to Lyman Hammond; 1853 - Lyman Hammond sold to Elliot Hammond; 1866 - Elliot sells to Thomas Cash; 1867 - Cash sells to Matthew Weitz; 1869 - Weitz sells to Constantine Bopp; 1877- Constantine Bopp dies his wife Margaret now owns the property; After 1874 we find no title records until 1939 when Josie & Luther Davis sell the land to Roy & Regina Shatto; 1977 Regina Shatto sells to James Fonte who still owns it.

Weidner House 1851 - George & Rachel Hooker & Joseph Hunt Breck of Northampton, MA. sold land to Lyman Hammond; 1853 - Lyman Hammond sold to Elliot Hammond; 1866 - Elliot sells to Thomas Cash; 1867 - Cash sells to Matthew Weitz; 1869 - Weitz sells to Constantine Bopp; 1877- Constantine Bopp dies his wife Margaret now owns the property; Margaret Bopp sells to Michael & John Bertsch; 1885 - Michael & John sell to Frank Fosdick; 1889 - Eliza Fosdick sold to Albert Bletch; 1909 - Albert & Sarah Bletch sell to Louisa Geisendorfer; 1919 she sells to Paul Kornowski-Koran; 1948 he sells to Andrew & Lillian Sowinski; 1974 Lillian sells to Gary & Katherine Swartout; 2015 They sell to Victoria Zink



Above left: the house to the left in the picture is the Bopp House. Above Right: This picture shows how both the house & Kingsbury Hall/Store look today. The outside of the house looks almost like it would have when built except for the picture window where there would have been 2 window like the upper windows.



Left picture: the one story house to the left is now the house above. Albert & Sarah Bletch lived there with his step mother for many years. Their children were born in this home.

Above picture: In the 2015 picture the 1st floor in the front is the old house. Eleanor Koran said every time a Koran got married they added on to the house. The house was built in 5 stages, front 1st floor & basement; front 2nd floor; middle 1st floor; back 1st floor & last the upper middle & back 2nd floor. Eleanor talked about

how after WW II her husband Edward, his brother Paul & brother-in-law Jack Klima decided to make a basement under the back 2/3s of the house. Over a great many weekends, many friend's help & lots of beer they had hand dug the new basement & moved by wheelbarrow all the dirt across 71st street & dumped it over the hill.

Sources:

Cuyahoga County Archives & Auditor's website; Ancestry.com; Delia Trevisani; Kathy Swartout; & Sandy Waldemarson;

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2016 Meetings

10 AM - Noon

April 2nd

May 7th

May 30th Memorial Day

Open House 9 AM –1PM

August 6th

October 1st

at

Kennedy House

4561 E. 71st Street

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Do You Know?

That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.



This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design. A flag of this design was first carried into battle on September 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine. The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels on February 14, 1778, when the Ranger, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Captain Paul Jones, arrived in a French port. The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort. Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however. Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag Day, all but one took place more than an entire century after the flag's adoption in 1777. The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the first summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

Committee News

There will be NO July issue of the Willow House Times

The Historical Committee's next meeting will be August 6, 2016 from 10 AM till 12 noon. All meeting dates for 2016 are listed to the left. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, or look at the displays at the Kennedy House. You can also schedule a time to visit by contacting any committee member or the village hall. We have had out of town families, senior groups, 3rd grade classes, groups from the park systems & former residents back for reunions ask to visit.

The committee wishes to thank everyone that went on the tour to Calvary Cemetery. Everyone that went enjoyed the tour & Mark's box lunches. We also hope everyone that came to the Memorial Day Open House learned something they didn't know about the village's history.