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# WILLOW HOUSE TIMES

## Cuyahoga Hts. Historical Archive

Kennedy House (picture above)  
4651 E. 71st St.  
Home of the Historical Committee  
and Boy Scout Troop 28

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[sites.google.com/site/cuyahogahtshistorical](https://sites.google.com/site/cuyahogahtshistorical)  
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### Facebook Group:

[facebook.com/groups/132447953512779](https://facebook.com/groups/132447953512779)  
(Many have shared their own pictures to this Facebook group).

### 2017 Meetings at the Kennedy House:

10 a.m. - Noon  
April 1  
May 6  
August 5  
October 7  
May 29th Memorial Day Open House 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

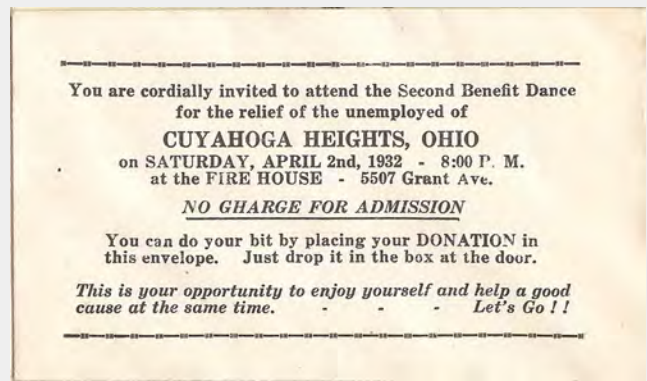
Stop by and visit! We'd love to see you! Our website shown above shows some of our holdings. Please consider bringing any photos or artifacts that you might have pertaining to the Village.. We have a scanner onsite and can scan and save them while you visit!

The Historical Committee's next meeting will be on Oct. 7, 2017 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting or look at the displays in the Kennedy House. You can also schedule a special time to visit by contacting any committee member or the Village Hall. We welcome out-of-town families, seniors groups, school classes, or anyone interested in seeing our holdings.

THE HISTORIC WILLOW HOUSE (demolished 2015)



We hope you enjoy the newsletter - we are changing to a quarterly newsletter beginning this year, rather than a monthly one. They will be sent out in January, April, July, and October.



The Village held dances to benefit the unemployed in 1932!!



*Miscellaneous Home being Moved*

Today we see houses and buildings being torn down all over Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. However, back in the day, that wasn't the case in our Village! People **MOVED** their houses!! And we have quite the lengthy list!

First, we'll start with the homes that were located where the Cemetery, High School, and Elementary Schools are today. As we know today, the first house on the north end of the Cemetery is 4712 E. 71st. The last house on the south end of the Elementary School (Irma Schab's home) is 4912 E. 71st. In between these two homes there were at least 11 addresses/homes that are no longer there! Some were moved, which we'll cover in this newsletter, and some we have no idea what happened to them!

**4726 E. 71st** was owned by the Hecker family. They appear there in the 1920-1940 census. I do not know what happened to this home.

## Houses Moving all over the Village!



*4730 E. 71st originally, now at 4704 E. 71st*

**4730 E. 71st** was occupied by the Eichler family in 1930 and the Kruzel family in 1940. It was moved to 4704 E. 71st and then completely renovated by James Henley. Today it looks like the home in the picture above.

**4760 E. 71st** was occupied by the Galda family in 1920, the Ratajczak family in 1930, and the Czechowski family in 1940. I do not know what happened to this home.

**4792 E. 71st** was occupied by the Andrew Monsinski family in 1930 and 1940. I do not know what happened to this home.



*Top is 4794 E. 71st, The Willow Manor Tea Room. Bottom is the same home when moved to 4801 E. 71st - the Contipelli Home*

**4794 E. 71st** was originally where the School parking lot is today. Ralph Contipelli related to us that this home was at one point in time the Willow Manor Tea Room. It was moved across the street to 4801 E. 71st.

**4820 E. 71st** sat right where the north end of the high school is today. I don't know what became of the house, but it was in the location of the current high school in 1940.



## MORE HOMES ON THE MOVE!!

**4834 E. 71st** was owned by Robert Kerr in 1930 and 1940. I do not know what became of this home.

**4854 E. 71st** was the Louis Farrar Dairy from at least 1910-1930. It was moved to 4795 E. 71st, the home most of us know as the Larry Mack Home.



In the images above, you see the house where it originally stood and the new location!

**4858 E. 71st** was occupied by Isaac Kennedy (one time Mayor of the Village) in 1930, and Fernando Farrar in 1940. It was moved to 4651 E. 71st and currently houses the Historical Committee. The pictures below show the old and new locations:



Below: A miscellaneous house moving OOPS moment!!



**4860 E. 71st** was occupied by Isaac Kennedy in 1940 and was moved to 7130 Bletch Court, the home most of us know as the Wencke home.



Above: 7130 Bletch Court

**4882 E. 71st** was occupied by Pharmacist George Vocke in 1910, and by Pharmacist Curtis Phillips in 1920. This was the old Village Drugstore. It was torn down to make way for the school. You can see it in the picture below.



**GEORGE W. VOCKE**  
George W. Vocke, 62, former justice of the peace in Brooklyn Heights, died yesterday after a long illness.  
Mr. Vocke was the son of the late Dr. George A. Vocke, a physician here. For many years he operated a drugstore on E. 71st Street in Cuyahoga Heights, where he served as justice of the peace for 21 years. Later he was postmaster of old Willow, O.  
He moved to Brooklyn Heights 30 years ago. He was justice of the peace there for several years and later taught citizenship classes under Works Progress Administration. A 32d-degree Mason, he had been a member of Brooklyn Masonic Lodge.  
Mr. Vocke lived at 1705 Schaaf Road, Brooklyn Heights. Surviving him are his wife, Helen G., and a sister, Mrs. Eda Batt. Services will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Howard A. Edwards funeral home, 13145 Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland.

6-22-1947 Obit for George Vocke



**4900 E. 71st** - In 1910 and 1920, the Novacki family lived here. In 1930 and 1940 it was the Kalfas Family and the Kalfas Dairy! Mr. Kalfas died in 1943 in this home. The house was moved further back by the current playground and was to be used as a residence for single female teachers. Below are a few images of the backyard of that property.



Lastly, we are back to a house that still stands at the south end - the longtime home of Irma Schab at 4912 E. 71st. It was owned by the Rady family in 1920, and Joseph Evans family in 1930 and 1940.

### OTHER HOMES THAT WERE MOVED IN THE VILLAGE!!

**4935 E. 71st** - The Bletch House Barn - It was moved to 7149 Bletch Court, the current home of Connie Angiocchi and previous home of the Hess Family.



Above: The old Bletch house and barn.



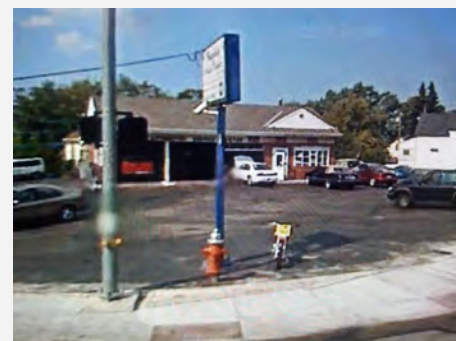
Above: 7149 Bletch Court

**4605 E. 49th** is the current location of what we know as the Attewell home. It originally stood at the corner of E. 49th and Grant Avenue. Mr. Attewell bought it from CEI for \$1 and moved it with all the contents in it!



Above: 4605 E. 49th

**4380 E. 71st** was the original location of Patty Smosarski's Home which now stands at 6926 Grant Avenue! From what we can gather, it stood right in the parking lot of the Beaulieu Auto Shop!



**7142 Bletch Court** - This home was originally a goat barn on E. 71st Street, south of Bletch Court, on the east side of the street, though I don't know exactly where it was located. It was moved to the 7142 Bletch Court location and was originally the home of Casimiro Pallini and Iacopo Angiocchi.



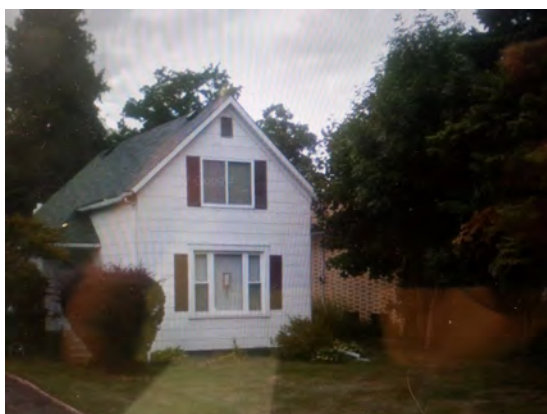
This ends the “moving mayhem!!” How fortunate are we that our ancestors had the “preservation gene!”

If you know of other homes and/or buildings that were in a different location than they currently are, please contact me (Laura Hine) by email at [genealogygal2@juno.com](mailto:genealogygal2@juno.com).

### DID YOU KNOW?

The cost of moving a house starts at about \$12-\$16 per square foot, but the pricetag goes up steeply if the home is heavier, bigger, has a long distance to go, or there are a lot of obstacles (wires, utility poles, etc.) that must be moved. Moving a large home can cost about \$150,000 - \$200,000

The corner of Warner & Canal Roads was the original location of the Henry home. (Purchased from the City of Cleveland in 1943.)



Stop by and visit us at the Annual Corn Roast, October 14, 2017, at Bacci Park!! The event opens at 4:00 p.m.!



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