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# WILLOW HOUSE TIMES - 100th Anniversary editions all year long!

## Cuyahoga Hts. Historical Archive

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

## Historical Committee Members

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### Website:

[sites.google.com/site/cuyahogahtshistorical](https://sites.google.com/site/cuyahogahtshistorical)  
Webmaster: Laura Hine

### Facebook Group:

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

### 2018 Meetings at the Kennedy House:

10 a.m. - Noon  
April 7  
May 5  
August 10-11 (times to be announced - 100 year celebration)  
October 6  
May 28th 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!

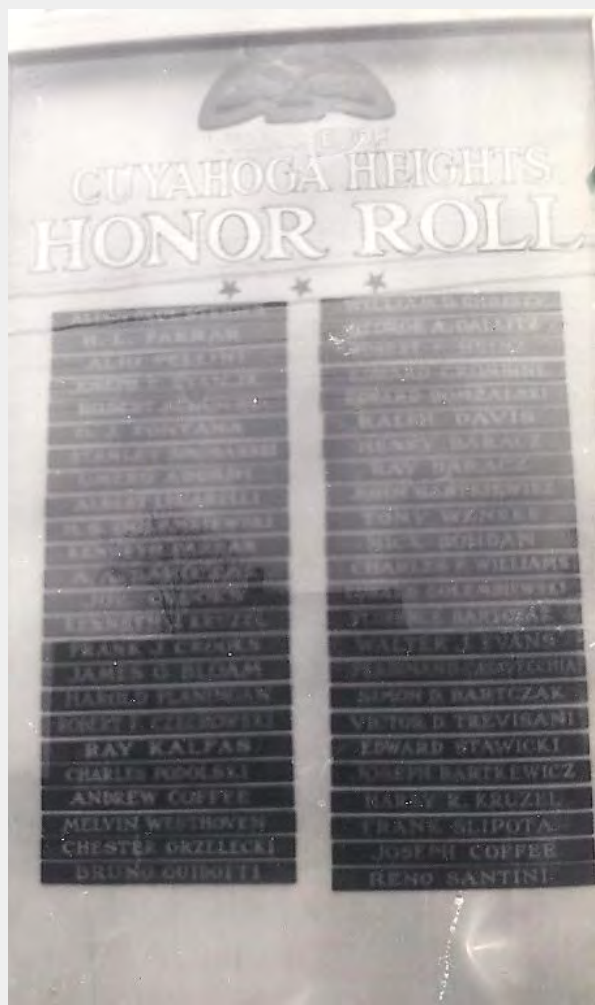
The Historical Committee's next meeting will be on Apr. 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting or look at the displays in the Kennedy House. You can also schedule a special time to visit by contacting any committee member or the Village Hall. We welcome out-of-town families, seniors groups, school classes, or anyone interested in seeing our holdings.

THE HISTORIC WILLOW HOUSE (demolished 2015)



We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Newsletters are produced in January, April, July, and October.

## Remembering those who served!



The first Cuyahoga Heights War Memorial in 1944.



The current War Memorial. Notice the Kennedy House in the background. The Kennedy house was built in 1937 and moved to its current location at 4651 E. 71st in 1947 to make way for the school.

The men and women of Cuyahoga Heights answered the call to arms. During World War I, many of the men volunteered and responded to the draft to serve. Many who were immigrants were given citizenship upon entering the service. In 1947, the first veterans organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6566 was organized and given quarters at the village-owned facility at 4646 E. 71st St., which was the old Willow House, which is now but a memory. The marble memorial at the Village Hall was dedicated in 1948 in tribute to all village men and women who served in the military. It is the scene of the annual Memorial Day services.



This is the second War Memorial in 1947 - Lee Billi is pictured.



This picture shows the old Drugstore on E. 71st.



*Lee Billi sitting on the cannon that was, at one time, in front of the Village Hall.*



1943  
Left Wing is New Jail; Right is New Fire Department

Cuyahoga Heights Jail and Fire Department in 1943.

### List of Cuyahoga Heights Police Chiefs:

George Hecker, Constable, 1910  
Bernard Kaczmarek, Constable, late 1920's  
Delbert L. Davis, Marshal, 1918-1931  
William Baur, Chief, 1932-1960  
Frank Bartczak, Chief, 1960-1967  
George Gallitz, Chief, 1967-1981  
Reno Santini, Chief, 1981-1983  
Lawrence Mack, Chief, 1984-1991  
Richard Unger, Chief, 1991-2003  
Douglas Pallini, Chief, 2003-2014  
Brian Sturgill, Chief, 2014-present



William Baur



Bernard Kaczmarek



*The new Police Station in 1962*



William Baur



William Baur in the 1940s



Frank Bartczak and Frank Feuerstein 1960



Reno Santini



Douglas Pallini



Frank Feuerstein, Don Kaminski, Boing, Frank Bartczak, Robert Hine, LarryMack



Lawrence Mack



George Gallitz



Richard Unger



Brian Sturgill



Cuyahoga Hts. PD 1980



Cuyahoga Heights Police Dept. 2002



Some of our first village firemen



Kaczmarek, Wasky, Guidotti, Henry, Preisendorf, Koran, Baracz, Adorni



Gerald McCandless



Paul Koran



Ray Wasky

### List of Cuyahoga Heights Fire Chiefs:

Thomas Gough 1924-1928  
 Delbert Davis 1928-1931  
 Bernard Scott 1932-1943  
 William Saunders 1944-1964  
 Walter Kaczmarek 1964-1968  
 Paul Koran 1968-1970  
 Ray Wasky 1970-1978  
 Lester Davis 1978-1984  
 James Bloam 1984-1985  
 Kenneth Nichols 1985-1996  
 James Mantell 1996-2003  
 Lee Zmija 2003-  
 Neal Cash



William Saunders retirement



Walter Kaczmarek



James Bloam



Lee Zmija



Zmija, Cash, Tucholski, Bloam, Pallini,  
Bacci, Suhy, Selig, Waldemarson, Mantell



Neil Cash



1908 Fire Hose Cart



Unk., Kaczmarek, Unk., Contipelli,  
O'Malley



James Mantell



Zmija, Lipiec, Waldemarson, Dorris,  
Billi, Guilfoyle, Trevisani, Fontana



Rick Waldemarson, Marty Malek,  
Harry Blue



1942 World War II Blood Drive

Early police protection was provided by an elected marshal and constables. The marshal was also authorized to appoint deputies to assist at special events, strikes, traffic work, etc. The laws of state and local ordinances were enforced in the Mayor's Court and before the elected justice of the peace. The justice of the peace also performed marriages, and during the Prohibition era, handled the illegal liquor and bootlegging violations. Several village homes actually served as bootlegging operations, and had tunnels built under the houses leading out behind garages to avoid the long arm of the law. The Justice of the Peace post in the township was held by Joseph Hanousek Sr., who also had an office on old Ontario Street in Cleveland. He and another J.P. Myron Penty performed thousands of civil marriage ceremonies. The senior Hanousek served until his death and was replaced by his son Joseph Jr., who was the last Justice of the Peace to serve, since the posts were abolished by the state legislature. Constables served as the enforcement officers of the law. Local constables that served were George Hecker and Bernie Kaczmarek. Delbert Davis was the first elected marshal and was replaced by William Baur when the Isaac Kennedy administration took office in 1932. Five deputies, namely Ernest Knaack, Howard Westhaven, Bill Gerdon, Franklin Hess, and Frank Bartczak joined the force.



Early fire protection was provided by volunteers and agreements with the City of Cleveland. Sheet metal sheds on East 71st and East 49th Street housed hand-hose carts that were hauled to the fire scenes by volunteer residents. Cleveland firemen were called for major fires. The full-time fire service was started here in 1924 with a force of four men. Equipment was stored in the garage at the Brodhead-Garrett Co. until the first firehouse was built on Grant Avenue.

The fire department was one of the first to institute emergency ambulance service to the area in the 1930s. Jake Gallitz, Frank Kreiger and Ernie Knaack were among the first to serve on the fire force. The early department was directed by Frank Gaul and Marshall Del Davis. After the first fire house was built on the south side of Grant Ave., trained men from Cleveland, namely Bernie Scott and William Saunders took over the department as chiefs. Walter Kaczmarek, who was a member of the fire force from 1930-1968, became the first local resident to become chief.



## CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

**We are looking for the branch of military service for those below. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines? If you know of any, please email Laura at [lauraannhine@gmail.com](mailto:lauraannhine@gmail.com)**

William Christy  
 Andrew Coffee  
 Charles Connors  
 Joseph J. Conte  
 Edward Crombine  
 Alonzo Darling  
 Frank From  
 Frank Gallitz  
 Chester Grzelecki Jr.  
 Vincent Guidotti Jr.  
 Renato Iacopucci  
 Donald Krusinski  
 Robert Kruzell  
 Joe Laskowsky  
 Joe Miller  
 John Miller  
 Emiglio Nobili  
 Stanley P. Owens  
 Arthur Perry  
 F.E. Peterson  
 John Pytel  
 Peter Reali  
 Julius Schmidt  
 William J. Simer  
 Stanley L. Smith  
 Stanley Smolira  
 Arthur Steiger  
 Lewis Steiger  
 Paul Steiger  
 William Sweeney  
 Emigio Talani  
 Harold Travers  
 Attilio Vincenti  
 Max Wawszymak  
 Theodore Wawszymak  
 Harvey Weidner  
 Charles Williams  
 Carl Wlotzko  
 Joe Zgrabik