Historic Homes and Properties



Generations of Village Families

This 1923 photograph shows Joseph Evans, Sr., Emil Evans, Louise Evans, Walter Evans, Pauline Evans and grandma Evans in back of their house at 4912 East 71st Street.



#1 - 7134 Bletch Court



#2 - 7142 Bletch Court

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While a lot of things have changed over the past 100 years, the Village of Cuyahoga Heights takes pride in the number of century homes, historic buildings and properties that still exist from the days of our founding.

#1 | 7134 Bletch Court | Built in 1914

In 1930, this was the home of Harry Henry. In 1940 to 1959, it was owned by John and Margaret Bloam and then by the Suhy family. It is currently owned by the Alan M. Kalish Trust.

#2 | 7142 Bletch Court | Built in 1894

This home was originally a horse barn on Albert Bletch's farm and moved to this location. Iacopo Angiocchi and Casimiro Pallini bought and shared this home when they first came to the United States from Italy. Iacopo eventually bought out Casimiro's half and added on the front sun porch area in 1949. He and his wife, Maryanna, had fruit trees and a huge garden on this property. The Angiocchi family owned the property until his death when his daughter, Julia, took ownership. Later occupants were Robert Pravda, Millie Yarmesch, Mark, Iacopo's grandson, and Laura Hine.

7142 Bletch Court Deeds:

- 1851 | George and Rachel Hooker and Joseph H. Brick (Breck) sell to Lyman Hammond.
- 1853 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliot Hammond.
- 1866 | Elliot Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1867 | Thomas Cash sells to Matthew Weitz.
- 1869 | Matthew Weitz sells to Constantine Bopp.
- 1877 | Constantine Bopp sells to Margaret Bopp (upon death of Constantine).
- 1880 | Margaret Bopp sells to Michael and John Bertsch.
- 1885 | Michael and John Bertsch sell to Frank Fosdick.
- 1889 | Frank Fosdick sells to Albert Bletch.
- 1924 | Albert Bletch sells to Iacopo Angiocchi and Casimiro Pallini.
- 1944 | Casimiro Pallini half sells to Iacopo Angiocchi.
- 1974 | Iacopo Angiocchi sells to Robert and Julia Hine.
- 1985 | Julia Hine sells to nephew Michael Angiocchi, son of Lidio and Connie Angiocchi.
- 2018 | Currently owned by Steve Rizzo.

#3 | 7120 Dressler Court | Built around 1882 to 1883

An old tax map book showed a blacksmith shop and stable in this area in the 1800s. This home sits northeast of the rear home at 7123 Marcelline Court, the Davis property. Speculation was that the blacksmith shop was either this home at 7120 Dressler Court or the rear home at 7123 Marcelline Court. However, deed research did not bear this theory out. It is highly likely that the rear home at 7123 Marcelline Court was the blacksmith shop and stable. This home at 7120 Dressler Court was John Polcen's home from 1917 to 1956. John Polcen was one of the men who signed the petition to secede from Newburgh Heights. Jaklina Toth lives there now.

7120 Dressler Court Deeds:

- 1846 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliot Hammond.
- 1866 | Lyman Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1869 | Thomas Cash sells to Jacob and Regina Haefele.
- 1881 | Jacob and Regina Haefele sell to Charles Dressler.
- (The house was probably built by Charles Dressler about 1882 or 1883).
- 1904 | Charles G. and Ida Dressler sell to John A. Neville.
- (Deed states no liqueurs can ever be made or sold on this property.)
- 1913 | Ralph and Lucille Helm sell to John Mason. (missing deeds here)
- 1917 | John Mason sells to John and Lizzie Polcen.
- 1956 | John and Lizzie Polcen sell to Casimir Dunajski.
- 1990 | Casimir and Lillian Elizabeth Dunajski sell to Mark Davis and Jaklina Pavlovic.
- 1998 | Jaklina Davis owns the property.
- 2005 | Jaklina Toth and Robert L. Toth own the property.

#4 | 4129 East 49th Street | Cricket Tavern | Built in 1910

#5 | East 49th Street Playground | Nicholas Reis Property

The village leased this area for \$1 a year from American Steel & Wire. Prior to this time, it was the summer cottage of Cleveland Mayor Thomas L. Johnson and the location of the George Munz Trout Farm. The 1874 map shows property owners I.B. Easter, Franz Rice, and W.E. and E.J. Morgan. The Morgan home still stands at 4526 East 49th Street. However, the Easter and Rice homes are gone now. They were in the area that is now the entrance to the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Isaac B. Easter was born 1827 in England and married Harriet Julia Willis. They had three children: William, Mary, and Isaac Bellamy Easter. All of these Easters are buried at Harvard Grove Cemetery. They were living on this property as early as 1860. Nicholas Reis was born 1794 in Darmstadt, Germany. He died in 1867 in Cleveland, Ohio. His son was Franz Reis. Although the name is spelled Rice on the 1912 map, their actual name was Reis. Franz Reis and his wife, Maria Meyer Reis, were both born in 1821 in Darmstadt, Germany. They had three children: John, Joseph, and Mary. Mary wedded Jacob Gallitz in 1880.

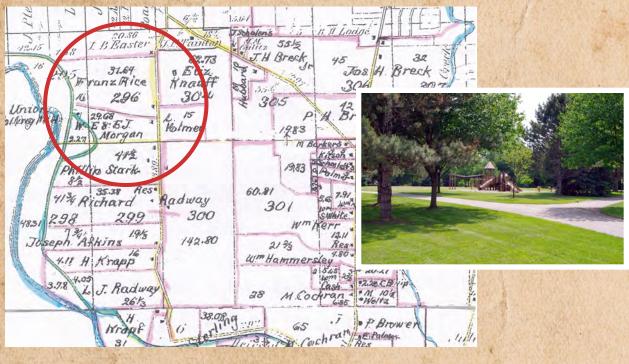
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#3-7120 Dressler Court



#4 - 4129 East 49th Street



#5 - East 49th Street Playground

1874 map shows locations of the I.B. Easter, Franz Rice, and W.E. & E.J. Morgan properties.



#6 - 4507 East 49th Street

Nicholas Reis Property Deeds:

- 1848 | Stewart Rathburn sells to Nicholas Reis and Jacob Engert.
- 1858 | Nicholas Rice sells land to Jacob Engert.
- 1867 | Nicholas Rice's land passed to his son, Franz through inheritance.
- 1891 | Franz Reis died and his land passes to his children.
- 1891 | Jacob and Mary Reis Gallitz sell the land to Mary's brothers, John and Joseph to continue farming.

#6 | 4507 East 49th Street | Built around 1898 to 1912

The Frederick and Eva Klaas home was originally located at 4303 East 49th Street right on the northeast corner of East 49th Street and Grant Avenue. The house was moved in 1933 by Edwin O. Klaas, son of Frederick and Eva Klaas, to 4507 East 49th Street. It is currently the Tritsarolis home.

4507 East 49th Street Deeds: (Knauf and Lerche/Prehn property ran all the way from Millipore Sigma to this home which was moved here.)

1852 | This land belonged to Philip J. Knauf.

1870 | Philip J. Knauf died. Land transferred to his wife, Elizabeth, with a small portion to Gustavus Volmer.

1883 | Gustavus Volmer's portion was sold by him to Hercules Powder Company.

1896 | Elizabeth Knauf's portion transfers to Amelia Lerche and Augusta Prehn, Elizabeth's daughters.

1933 | Edwin O. Klaas obtains a permit to move the home at 4303 East 49th Street to this property.

1934 | Amelia Lerche sells to Edwin O. and Edna Klaas.

- 1946 | Edwin Klaas sells to Arnes Klaas.
- 1951 | Joseph and Arnes Klaas Page sell to Harry and Geraldine Schuman.
- 1989 | Harry and Geraldine Schuman sell to Dennis and Vaso Tritsarolis.

#7 | 4526 East 49th Street | Built before 1874

The William E. and Esther Jane Morgan home was on the 1874 map shown on page 133. Earl Patton was living here in 1930; and Fred Patton in 1940. Robert Schuschu bought it in 1946.

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4526 East 49th Street Deeds:

- 1853 | Samuel and Mary Williamson sell to Nicholas Reis and Jacob Engert.
- 1858 | Nicholas Reis sells to Jacob Engert.
- 1865 | Jacob Engert sells to William E. and Esther Jane Morgan.
- (Esther Morgan sold the back of this land in 1872, 1901, and 1907 to the Cleveland Rolling Mill.)
- 1920 | Esther Jane Morgan sells to Grant Morgan.
- 1920 | Grant Morgan sells to F. Bauder.
- 1921 | F. Bauder sells to Roy Black.
- 1943 | Roy Black sells to Fred Patton.
- 1946 | Fred Patton sells to Robert Schuschu.
- 2009 | Robert Schuschu sells to Matthew and Mary Schoeffler.

#8 | East 49th Street | Phillip Stark Farm | A Huge Sale of Land

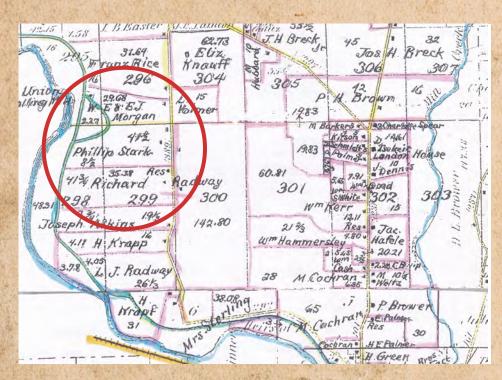
The 1874 map shows Phillip Stark owned 41.5 acres on the west side of East 49th Street. This land ran from 4560 East 49th Street south to the railroad overpass. There were two Phillip Starks, father and son. The father was born in 1803 in Hoffenheim, Germany, and he married Margaretha Lewis about 1833 in Bobstadt, Germany. They had six children, one of them being Phillip Jr., born 1839 in Bobstadt, Germany. The father died in 1872, and his heirs transferred the land to Phillip Stark Jr. Phillip Jr. died in 1908. The land transferred to his wife, Anna Maria Schwartz Stark in 1908. Anna sold the land to John Singleton in 1920. In 1921, John Singleton sold to Roy Black, and that's when things really took off! Roy Black is the man who subdivided the Stark farm for all the homes that lay between 4560 East 49th Street south to the railroad overpass.

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#7 - 4526 East 49th Street



#8 - Phillip Stark Farm - 1874 Map



#9 - 4560 East 49th Street



#10 - 4561 East 49th Street

East 49th Street Deeds:

These properties transferred numerous times over the years, to many family names that are familiar to current residents. For greater detail, please contact the Historical Committee for a master copy.

- 1930 | Roy Black sells 4570 East 49th Street to Florence Radloff.
- 1932 | Roy Black sells a large piece of the original property to Westland Steamship Company.
- 1937 | Roy Black sells 4560 and 4562 East 49th Street to Clinton Gerdon.
- (Gerdon moved a house from 4341 East 49th Street to 4560 East 49th Street in 1938.)
- 1939 | Roy Black sells 4600 East 49th Street to Clinton Gerdon.
- 1939 | Roy Black sells 4610 East 49th Street to Mike Nowak who built a house in 1940.
- 1939 | Roy Black sells 4604 East 49th Street to Charles Fait who built a house in 1940.
- 1940 | Roy Black sells 4612 and 4616 East 49th Street to Edward Flowers who built a house.
- 1940 | William Flowers built a house on 4616 East 49th Street.
- 1940 | Westland Steamship Company sells 4586 East 49th Street to Mike Klepacki who built a house.
- 1956 | Mike Klepacki sells 4590 East 49th Street to Joseph Andrews, who built a house.
- 1940 | Roy Black sells 4620, 4624, 4628 and 4638 East 49th Street to Maryanne Forbes.
- 1946 | Roy Black sells 4656 East 49th Street to Eugene Crombine.
- 1947 | Roy Black and Westland Steamship Company sell 4580 and 4644 East 49th Street to Lucian Anielski.
- 1947 | Westland Steamship Company sells 4594 East 49th Street to Henry and Josephine Olsen.
- 1947 | Westland Steamship Company sells 4566 East 49th Street to John C. Bloam.
- 1947 | Westland Steamship Company sells 4574 East 49th Street to Victoria Chott.
- 1947 | Westland Steamship Company sells 4564 East 49th Street to James Bloam.
- 1948 | Lucian Anielski built a house at 4644 East 49th Street.
- 1949 | Lucian Anielski built another home at 4580 East 49th Street.

#9 | 4560 East 49th Street | Built in 1907 |

In 1938, C.M. Gerdon filed a permit to move this house from its original location at 4341 East 49th Street, southeast corner of East 49th Street and Grant Avenue, to this location. In the 1940 census, this was the home of William Gerdon. In 1959, A. Dworznik was living here. Emil Marcelline lived here, and Matthew and Vicky Sokolich own it today.

A Whole Lot of Houses in One Fell Swoop!

Deeds were difficult, but sometime between 1903 to 1918, Peter Schmidt purchased 15 acres of land on the east side of East 49th Street which was previously owned by the Richard Radway family. This land passed to his son, Joseph Schmit. From 1943 to 1948, Joseph Schmidt decided to subdivide this land into seven lots and sell it off—and sell, he did!

East 49th Street Land Sales:

1943 | 4511 East 49th Street sells to Leo Stawicki.
1946 | 4523 East 49th Street sells to Anne Lynch.
1946 | 4547 East 49th Street sells to William Randle.
1947 | 4549 East 49th Street sells to Bernard Stawicki.
1947 | 4561 East 49th Street sells to Rudolph Fess.
1948 | 4551 East 49th Street sells to Edward Stawicki.
1948 | 4553 East 49th Street sells to Attilio Vincenti.

#10 | 4561 East 49th Street | Built in 1910

This is the Schmidt house that stood on the American Steel and Wire property at 4278 East 49th Street, at the northwest corner of East 49th Street and Grant Avenue. It was moved on September 30, 1940, with Margaret Schmidt taking out the permit to move it. In 1959, L.F. Russell lived here. Later, it was the Albert Fess house. Thomas Kekelis owns it today.

#11 | 4567 East 49th Street

While not a Century home, this was the home of Carl Colombi, one of the founders of Chef Boyardee. The Chef Boyardee plant was on Harvard Avenue. He also lived at 7144 Marcelline Court.

#12 | 4569 East 49th Street | Built in 1902 by Amaziah Radway

Henry Meyer lived here from at least 1918 to 1959. Henry was one of the men who signed the petition to secede from Newburgh Heights. Henry J. Meyer was born in 1853 in Bulsten, Germany and came to America in 1872. His wife, Louisa Maag was also born in Bulsten in 1867 and she came here in 1889. He worked in one of the brickyards in the Garfield and Valley View area for over 30 years. Daughter, Helen Meyer, lived in this home for many years as well. Shireen Borowy Patterson Mitchell lives there today.

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#11 - 4567 East 49th Street



#12 - 4569 East 49th Street



#13 - 4570 East 49th Street



#14 - 4595 East 49th Street

4569 East 49th Street Deeds:

- 1903 | A.L. and M.L. Radway sell to Elizabeth Beeser.
- 1916 | Valentine Beeser sells to James and Joseph Hodous.
- 1917 | James, Joseph, Anna, and Kate Hodous sell to Henry and Louisa Meyer.
- 1941 | Louisa Meyer sells to Helen M. Meyer.
- 1973 | Helen M. Meyer sells to Henry Meyer and Marilyn Montesanto.
- 1975 | Don and Marilyn Montesanto and Henry and Leslie Meyer sell to Pete Boyas.
- 1975 | Pete Boyas sells to Gilbert and Shireen Patterson.
- 1981 | Gilbert Patterson sells to Shireen Patterson.

#13 | 4570 East 49th Street | Built in 1910

George Stark lived here from 1918 to 1920. He was one of the men that signed the petition to secede from Newburgh Heights. William Morgan lived here in 1921; William Roche in 1930; James Chott from 1933 to 1959; followed by the Klirs, Paul Woloszyek and the Barretts.

#14 | 4595 East 49th Street | Built in 1915

In 1921, Harold and Joseph Traverse lived here. In 1930, it was the home of George Hollerau. Around 1959, it became the home of Kenneth and Barbara Nichols. Today, Susan Romano and Shaylynn Chancey own it.

#15 | 4603/4605 East 49th Street | Built around 1890

This was the Walter Attewell two-family home. He paid \$1 for the house and moved it with the furniture in place and dishes in the cabinets. Later, it was the home of Dale Jeanguenat and Frank and Kim Jeanguenat Schoeffler. The photo shown was taken in 1951 and shows the house being moved from the corner of Grant Avenue and East 49th Street. Current owners are Mathew and Mary Schoeffler.

4603/4605 East 49th Street Deeds:

- 1904 | A. Radway sells to Joseph Francis Traverse.
- 1949 | Joseph sells to J. Traverse.
- 1951 | J. Traverse sells to Walter Attewell.
- 1957 | Walter Attewell sells to Kenneth Jeanguenat.
- 2018 | Deed progression not readily available.

#16 | 4615 East 49th Street | Built between 1859 to 1874

This was originally the home of Jacob and Mary Gallitz located at 5507 Grant Avenue. Due to the construction of the Willow Freeway (I-77), this lot became the northbound entrance ramp. In 1943, James Joseph O'Malley moved this house to 4615 East 49th Street. Current owner is JJM Investments, LLC.

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4615 East 49th Street Deeds:

- 1909 | Amaziah Radway sells to son, Henry A. Radway.
- 1910 | Henry A. Radway trades land with brother, Richard Radway.
- 1913 | Richard A. Radway died, and widow, Bessie Jane Radway, owns the land.
- 1923 | Bessie Radway sells to Maurice and Frances O'Malley.
- 1940 | Widow Frances C. O'Malley sells half the property to James and Agnes O'Malley.
- 1943 | It becomes 4615 East 49th Street.
- 1992 | Agnes O'Malley sells to Russell Palinkas.

#17 | 4619 East 49th Street | Built in 1905

People who have lived here include: Al Reiger (1920), Bessie Radway (1921), Thomas O'Malley (1925), Charles Sweeney (1930), James O'Malley (1940), Alexander Smith (1959) and Joseph Nagy (as early as 1975). The Nagy's son, Jerry, lives here today.

4619 East 49th Street Deeds:

1909 | Amaziah Radway sells to son, Henry A. Radway.

- 1910 | Henry A. Radway trades land with brother, Richard A. Radway.
- 1913 | Richard A. Radway died, and widow, Bessie Jane Radway, owns the land.
- 1923 | Bessie J. Radway sells to Maurice and Frances C. O'Malley.
- 1941 | Frances C. O'Malley sells to Alexander Smith.
- 1973 | Alexander Smith gives the land to his wife, Ann Smith.
- 1974 | Ann Smith sells the land to Joseph and Mary Nagy.
- 2018 | Deed progression not readily available.

#18 | 4884 East 49th Street | Built in the 1800s

The original Clinton Gerdon homestead. Clinton Gerdon and his family originally lived at 4824 East 49th Street from at least 1908 to 1943. William R. Gerdon, his son, filed for a permit to move the home on July 12, 1954 and moved 4824 East 49th Street to 4884 East 49th Street. 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, for a total of 20 acres.

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#15 - 4603 & 4605 East 49th Street

In 1951, this house was moved to this location from the corner of Grant Avenue and East 49th Street.



#16 - 4615 East 49th Street



#17 - 4619 East 49th Street



#18 - 4884 East 49th Street

4884 East 49th Street Deeds:

- 1855 | Andrew Andrews sells to Franklin Andrews.
- 1857 | Franklin Andrews sells to David Heller.
- 1864 | David Heller sells to Jacob Krapf.
- 1872 | Jacob Krapf sells to Henry Krapf.
- 1879 | Henry Krapf sells to Michael Pflug.
- 1908 | Michael Pflug sells to Clinton Gerdon.
- 1944 | Clinton Gerdon sells to Eda Gerdon.
- 1944 | Eda to William Gerdon.
- 1968 | William Randolph Gerdon deceased transfers to William C. Gerdon.
- 1968 | William C. Gerdon transfers to Frances C. Gerdon.

1970 | Frances Gerdon sells to Chuck and Linda Rini, who deeded the property to their children. Dana Rini lives here today.

#19 | 4888 East 49th Street | Built in 1903

This was the home of George MacWherty in 1930, and then Joseph Wallace in 1940. It was built in 1903 by the Gerdon family and was a Sears-Roebuck home. Ralph and Eda Gerdon, William R. Gerdon, and Rhoda Bricker sell the house to Dan and Anna Marek in 1944. Anna Marek deeded it to Lois Henley in 1981. Lois Henley still lives here.

4888 East 49th Street Deeds:

- 1855 | Andrew Andrews sells to Franklin Andrews.
- 1857 | Franklin Andrews sells to David Heller.
- 1864 | David Heller sells to Jacob Krapf.
- 1872 | Jacob Krapf sells to Henry Krapf.
- 1879 | Henry Krapf sells to Michael Pflug.
- 1908 | Michael Pflug sells to Clinton Gerdon.
- 1944 | Clinton Gerdon sells to Eda Gerdon.
- 1944 | Eda Gerdon sells to Dan Marek.

#20 | 4894 East 49th Street | Leavitt Radway Farm

If they were still standing, the houses on these two farms would be among the oldest homes in the village. They were both built before 1858. The Radway family owned the most land in the entire village!

#21 | 4857 East 49th Street | Richard Radway Farm

The farm house was located on the east side of East 49th Street, just north of the railroad overpass at approximately the location of the second Preisendorf home at 4657 East 49th Street.

#22 | 4390 East 71st Street | Kaminski Tavern and Restaurant | Built before 1912

(At the corner of Grant Avenue and East 71st Street)

Way back in 1906, John and Josephine Ksiaszkowski Kaminski decided to open a tavern. The location they picked was at the corner of East 71st Street and Grant Avenue, the Benjamin-Moore parking lot. There, they had a four-family home adjacent to the tavern on Grant Avenue. Per great grandson, Wesley Klir, John was known as the "Penny Millionaire," because of John's ability to make meager substrate into substantial profit. The 1910 Census showed John as a saloon keeper at 4390 East 71st Street.

They were living in the same location in 1920. As industry encroached on Cuyahoga Heights, so came pollution. Josephine developed a medical problem which her doctor attributed to the pollution, and the family moved to a four-acre farm in Brecksville for a healthier environment. John died in 1926, and daughter, Viola, kept the tavern going, while Josephine lived with her sister for a short time after John's death. But, Josephine returned to her home at the corner of East 71st Street and Grant Avenue. She was known for her Polish pastries and liked by many residents of the village.

Many stories have been told about this tavern during Prohibition—how there was plenty of bathtub gin and bootlegging going on, as was the case in most prior taverns and even homes. The 1940 Census showed that Josephine and some of her children lived in this location, along with Walter Attewell (a restaurant owner and bar keeper) and his wife, Alice, and their children. Danny Schoeffler stated that his great-grandfather, Walter Attewell, operated the tavern during World War II. Walter owned five other taverns over the years, but only this one in Cuyahoga Heights. The others were: Trucker's Tavern, Ohio Raceway, Cherrio Club, Wander INN, and the Venetian Gardens. In 1948, a *Plain Dealer* article showed that Mike Ginino's Tavern at 4390 East 71st Street was robbed.

Josephine Kaminski died in 1956, and at that time the property transferred to Donald and Adeline Grajek. The last mention of the address 4390 East 71st Street was in 1966, when a young man who was living there won a photo contest. In 1966, the Grajek family sold the property to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. In 1967, the village sold it to Benjamin-Moore.

4390 East 71st Street Deeds and Information:

- 1944 | Josephine Kaminski sells to Walter and Anna Kaminski.
- 1948 | Mike Ginino's tavern was robbed at this address.
- 1949 | Anna Kaminski sells to Walter Attewell.
- 1953 | Walter Attewell sells to Anna Kaminski.
- 1956 | Anna Kaminski sells to Donald and Adeline Grajek.
- 1966 | Charles Dillman won a photo contest and lived here.
- 1966 | Donald and Adeline Grajek sell to Cuyahoga Heights.
- 1967 | Cuyahoga Heights sells to Benjamin-Moore Paint.
- 2002 | Benjamin Moore sells to Abe Investment, Incorporated.

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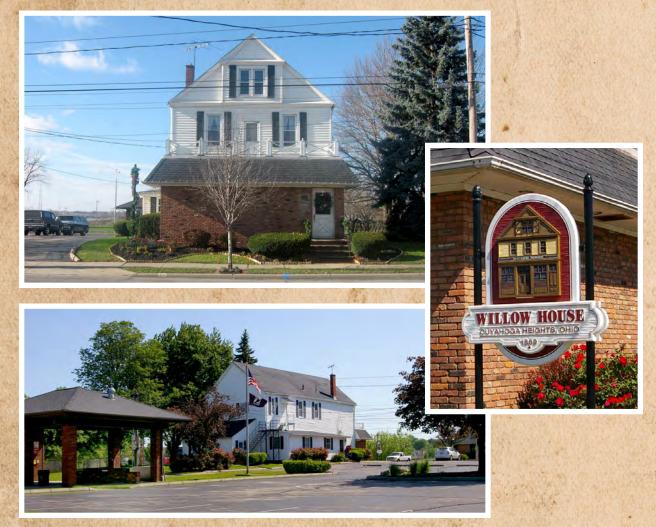
#20 #21 - Radway Farmy - 1874 Map



#22 - 4390 East 71st Street



#27 - 4646 East 71st Street



The Willow House - Razed in 2015

#23 | East 71st Street and Grant Avenue Train Trestle | (razed)

It's not only homes that have disappeared, but also this train trestle that went across the valley on the north end of East 71st Street. It was torn down in the 1970s due to a fire.

#24 | 4579 East 71st Street | Built in 1874 | (razed)

This was the Newburgh Heights Village Hall. When Cuyahoga Heights was founded, the building was on land in the newly created village, so it became the first Cuyahoga Heights Town Hall. An internet website states it was built in 1871. The property card from the archive shows it was built in 1874. The real estate appraisal record of 1959 shows it was built in 1874 and remodeled in 1939. This structure was torn down in 2016. The current village hall was built in 1935.

Cheryl Harris noted that she has the distinction of being the only village resident to live in both town halls. She resided in the original Newburgh Town Hall after her grandfather, Casimiro Pallini acquired it and turned it into a double home for his family and Cheryl's parents. Later, after marrying Tim Harris, the couple served as custodians at the current village hall, 4863 East 71 Street. Cheryl's family also had five generations living in the village at one time: great-grandma, Domenica Pallini; grandmother, Jennie Billi; mother, Cheryl Billi Harris; daughter, Kelly Harris; and granddaughter, Ashley Sammons.

4579 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1834 | David Clark and Margaret Clark Norton sell to William Rogers.
- 1836 | William Rogers sells to Gustavus Foster.
- 1838 | Gustavus Foster sells to Wareham Warner.
- 1853 | Wareham Warner sells to Maria Jane Davidson.
- 1893 | Maria Jane Davidson sells to Peter Brown.
- 1905 | Peter Brown sells to Newburgh Heights for their town hall.
- 1918 | Cuyahoga Heights takes control of the building during secession.
- 1932 | Cuyahoga Heights finally gets the deed to this property after lengthy court battles.
- 1939 | Cuyahoga Heights sells to Casimiro Pallini.
- After 1939 | Property transfers from Casimiro Pallini to his son John Pallini.
- 2002 | John Pallini died and the property transfers to his sons: David, Donald, and Doug Pallini.
- 2015 | The Pallini boys and Elizabeth Yarmesch sell the property to Cuyahoga Heights.
- 2016 | Cuyahoga Heights razed the structure.

4579 East 71st Street Tax Duplicates and Maps:

1859 | Owner William Davidson.

(Small building on property with no value shown on the building, but the land was worth \$579.)

1868 | Owner William Davidson. (30/100 of an acre valued at \$371.)

1874 | This building was most likely built.

1878 | Charles Evarts sells to Peter Brown. Peter Brown was a farmer and milk peddler. His son-in-law, Charles Evarts, was a banker as noted in the 1900 Census, living in Cleveland. He, too, owned land in Cuyahoga Heights. Perhaps this building was originally a bank.

1904 | Newburgh Heights came into existence.

1905 | Peter Brown sells the property to Newburgh Heights.

1918 | Cuyahoga Heights seceded from Newburgh Heights and received the village hall after court proceedings.

1932 | Newburgh Heights turns over actual deed to Cuyahoga Heights.

#25 | **4589 East 71st Street** | **The Speers House** | **Built before 1874** | (shown on 1874 map) (demolished) James Speers was born in Buffalo, New York on February 2, 1843. He married Charlotte Davidson, who was born October 28, 1851 in Ohio. They had three daughters: Henrietta (born 1874), Clara (born 1877) and Edith (born 1879). James Speers' land totaled six acres and was between 4585 East 71st Street (the brick home) and 4617 East 71st Street (Hillside Party Center).

Cheryl Harris noted that while living at the old village hall, 4579 East 71 Street, there was a beautiful home to the south. It was owned by the Speers sisters who were spinsters and school teachers. The house was clad in gray shingles and had a large, lovely porch...there were two huge weeping willows under which the children loved to play house. They set up boards and boxes as tables and chairs, playing for hours with tea sets. There was also a small man-made pond from which the kids caught tadpoles. If the children found an injured animal, they took it to the sisters who nursed it back to health. Cheryl remembered a parlor with numerous rocking chairs and a television that was turned on only for the day's news—Dorothy Fuldheim. The home, according to Cheryl was ornate reminding her of a turn of the century home occupied by refined, turn of the century ladies.

Michelle Mack McManus also remembers the house, abandoned, as found by her father. After some research, he determined that there had been three Speers sisters. He and another person purchased the contents of the home. Angell Nail bought the house and property. Michelle's dad sold, gave away or kept some of the items. Michelle thought her brother might have some photos of the teachers who were living in Florida...based on contents, they seemed to have had an interest in music.

#26 | 4616 East 71st Street | Built before 1858 | (shown on 1858 and 1874 maps)

This house is most likely the original home of Mary Ann Barker. Charles Yarmesch was born October 7, 1896. He married Mildred Walczak, born October 8, 1914. There were five children in the family: Ruth, Ronald, Dennis, Charlene, and Alan. This was the location of Charles Yarmesch's bar called Tidy's Bar. Cheryl Harris recalls that the bar was in front but the Yarmesch family lived in the attached house. She recalls many times taking a dime and buying a soda pop and a bag of chips from "Mr. Tidy". Charlene Yarmesch would let the kids know when they could run into the bar and buy their refreshments, because the kids weren't allowed to go into the bar if there were patrons—the Mom's didn't think it was proper. Tidy's Bar was still standing as late as 1949 to 1950. Per Dan Tucholski, between the Yarmesch home and Chapek's was another house right where Chapek's Parkway now sits. This home was occupied by a man named Vitczek. He drove a horse and wagon and also had a farm on Canal Road.

4616 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1865 | N. and Lucie Sherwin sells to Joseph Kitson.
- 1906 | Anne Kitson sells to Michael and Martha Lanigan.
- 1906 | Michael and Martha Lanigan sell to Diebolt Brewing Company.
- 1946 | Diebolt Brewing Company sells to Charles Yarmesch and Charles Podolski.
- 1968 | Charles Yarmesch sells to Mildred Yarmesch.
- 1970 | Mildred Yarmesch sells to Louis Bacci and Richard Mikolajczyk.
- (Bacci demolished the structure and stored equipment on the property.)
- 1989 | Louis Bacci and Richard Mikolajczyk sell the property to Ashland Oil Company.

#27 | **4646 East 71st Street** | **Willow House/Chapek's Grove** | **Built before 1858** | (shown on 1858 map) Joseph Chapek was living here in 1918 and was one of the original men who signed the petition to secede from Newburgh Heights. The Willow House was a stagecoach stop and meals were served in what later became the apartment behind the tavern. Horses were stabled in a barn behind the house and people rented rooms for the night in the family quarters upstairs. There was a water trough in front to allow the visitors to water their horses. This building later became the home to the VFW Post 6566 and the Cuyahoga Heights Historical Committee.

Chapek's Grove (the land behind the Willow House) was named after the Chapek family when the village acquired the land in 1944. During the 1920s, there was a dance hall and picnic area, plus a barn for horses. The Cuyahoga Heights Historical Committee has a picture of the dance hall showing a large group of Italian men from the village in front of the dance hall. A number of people were not happy when the village changed the name from Chapek's Grove to Klima Gardens in the 1970s. They thought only the new shelter was to be named for Mayor Klima. There are still some who call it Chapek's Grove.

The real estate appraisal record does not give an exact year that the Willow House was built, however, the 1850 Census for Newburgh (Cuyahoga Heights was part of Newburgh Township earlier) shows the following families living in the immediate area of the land that now holds the Willow House: Cash, Hammersley, and Kerr families. All these families were farmers. This shows us that there was no saloon in this area in 1850. The 1860 Census for Newburgh showed that Mathew Barker, age 30, a farmer was living on the property with his wife Mary Ann Barker. Again, still no saloon on the property.

4646 East 71st Street Tax Duplicates and Maps:

1854 | Joseph Breck sells 3.76 acres to Andrew Andrews.

1856-1857 | There was a jump in value which indicates the Willow House could have been built at this time.

1859 | Map shows two buildings. Andrew Andrews sells to William Green.

1861 | William Green sells to Sarah Beakle.

1865 | Sarah Beakle sells to Harriett Hale.

(Andrews and Hales were all grocers. Perhaps the Willow House was a grocery store and tavern/saloon.) 1869 | L.A. Hale sells to J.W. and E. R. Beck.

The 1870 Census for Newburgh is where the building first showed up as a saloon. Jacob Beck and his wife Emma were living there with Jacob listed as a saloon keeper. In 1871, the Becks sold the property to Jacob Schmidt for \$6,000. The 1880 Census for Newburgh showed the Schmidt family living there, with Jacob as a saloon keeper. In the 1900 Census, the Jacob Schmidt family are still residing there, and did so until 1904 when they sold the property to James V. Peterka. James was a relative of Antoinette Peterka, the second wife of Joseph Chapek. In 1909, James Peterka sold the property to Joseph and Antoinette Chapek, and this is where the name Chapek's Grove came into being. Capek was the Czech spelling and Chapek was the Americanized version. From 1929 to 1944, the property transferred a few times from one Chapek family member to another, until finally on November 15, 1944, it was sold to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for \$15,000.

July 16, 1883—Beer and Blood—The Horrible Sunday Riot at the Willow House What an Eyewitness Saw—Particular of the Terrible Affair

Out on the road to Brecksville, about half a mile beyond the city limits, is a picnic resort known as the Willow House. It is a pleasant place and much frequented by pleasure parties. Yesterday the House was neat and clean and orderly, surrounded by a green lawn and plats of flowers. Today, when a *Plain Dealer* reporter visited the spot, he found everything in the direst confusion. The house was a wreck, the windows shattered, doors splintered, fences torn down, the lawn covered with debris, the flower beds trampled into hopeless ruin and a general appearance that a pitched battle had been fought prevailed. And so there was. Yesterday a party of picnickers from the Eighteenth Ward went out to the Willow House to spend the day. They were mostly Germans with their wives, children, and sweethearts. There was music and feasting and a general pleasant time all day long. The people in attendance were peaceful, quiet people and there would have been no disorder if they had been left unmolested.

But a gang of hoodlums and rowdies gathered and went out to the Willow House with intent to make trouble. They made themselves unpleasant all afternoon, conducted themselves boisterously and swaggered about. They made rough jokes, and insulted women. They threatened and made all the trouble they could. Bad feeling was worked up and a storm cloud gathered which soon burst.

A young German sat with a lady at a table drinking beer. One of the bullies came along and leered at the lady. Then he reached out his cane and deliberately upset the beer. "What did you do that for?" asked the young German, with a dangerous gleam in his eyes. "What will you do about it?" asked the ruffian tauntingly, at the same time calling him a vile name and hitting him on the face. The room was crowded and the blow on the face of the young man was the signal for a general melee.

"It was awful," said a gentleman who was present to the *Plain Dealer* reporter. "Yells and curses in German resounded on all sides. I never heard such an infernal din. The glasses on the bar flew over the room and were smashed. The bottles were broken over the heads of the combatants. Men picked up chairs, tables, anything they could get their hands on and banged away at each other's heads. Here two men would be seen clinched together. There a man was knocked down and the rest tramped on him. Blood began to be sprinkled over everything and the floor to get slippery. The bar was broken down and all the bottles and dishes were turned into weapons. Pictures were crashed over the heads of the fighters. I saw one man with his coat torn to strings and wearing the rim of a looking glass around his neck. Men swore and raved and women screamed. I tell you it was a dreadful scene."

After fighting a while in the house, the mob went out into the grounds and resumed the battle. Fences were torn down and the pickets used for weapons. Women participated in the fray and tore each other's hair. Knives were used freely and several persons were severely cut. Several women were knocked down and trampled upon. One woman had her dress entirely torn from her body, while the clothing of many more was reduced to tatters. The green grass of the lawn was stained with blood. The fight lasted about twenty minutes and would have continued with probably fatal results to some of the combatants if a cry of "police" had not been raised. There were no police but the false alarm stopped the fight. When the police did get there, all parties engaged in the riot had gone, taking their wounded with them. Nothing but the wreck and debris of the battlefield remained.

So far as can be learned forty or fifty people were injured in the riot, some of them quite seriously. Some were cut by knives, some by beer glasses and dishes, some were pounded with clubs and some were knocked down and trampled upon. The wonder is that some were not killed.

#28 | **4661 East 71st Street** | **Built 1876–1879** | (called D. Isekeit Landon House on the 1874 map) At one time, it was a stagecoach stop and tavern. Early on, East 71st Street was called Plank Road because of the planks of wood sitting on top of the muddy road. It was also known as Marcelline Avenue and Brecksville Road. This is the longtime home of the Kreger and Suchocki families. Kristina Morgan shared that this home was a one-room saloon. The front living room was the tavern.

4661 East 71st Street Deeds:

1798–1835 | Owned by various members of the Breck family. In 1852 they sell to George Corbet.

1865 | John and James Corbet and Murdoch McLeod sell the property to John Davidson.

1866 | John Davidson sells to John and Hannah Goodfellow.

1870 | The Goodfellows sell to Daniel (stonemason) and Caroline Isekeit.

May 27, 1876 Cleveland Leader:

"The London House, near the Eight Mile Lock, was burned yesterday, but no particulars could be learned."

1879 | Daniel Isekeit died and had already rebuilt the home. Elizabeth Isekeit married Richard Keil.

1888 | Richard and Elizabeth Keil sell to Franz Jermann.

1899 | Franz Jermann sells to Anton Diebolt, who records it as the Diebolt Brewing Company.

1900–1909 | Michael and Martha Lanigan rented the property.

1910 | Anton and Frances Kreger lived here. He was listed as a saloonkeeper in the 1910 Census.

1914 | Diebolt Brewing Company sells the property to Frances Kreger, who got a liquor license in 1913.

1963 | Frances Kreger died and Geraldine Kreger-Suchocki purchased the home.

2010 | Geraldine Kreger Suchocki died and her descendants inherited the property and still own it.

#29 | 4668 East 71st Street | Built before 1858 (shown on 1858 and 1874 maps)

People who have lived here include: the Degenek family, 1920; the Zielinski family, 1921; the Szczerbicki family, 1930; the Frank Domzalski family, 1940 to 1981. Cheryl Baumann is the current owner.

4668 East 71st Street Deeds:

1851 | George Hooker sells to Andrew Andrews.

1854 | Andrew Andrews sells to Mary Ann Barker.

1865 | Mary Ann Barker sells to Chauncey Palmer.

1889 | Chauncey D. and Lucinda Palmer sell to Margaret Palmer, wife of their son, James C. Palmer.

1920 | Margaret Palmer, widow of James C. Palmer, sells to her children, Anna Aschenbach,

Charles H.A. Palmer and William Palmer.

1944 | C.H. and Ruth Palmer and William and Hephzibah Palmer sell to brother and sister,

Henry and Sadia Eugena Domzalski.

- 1949 | Henry John Domzalski sells to Frank Domzalski.
- 1981 | Frank and Florence Domzalski sell to Robert and William Baumann
- 2018 | Deed progression not readily available.



#28 - 4661 East 71st Street



#29 - 4668 East 71st Street



#30 - 4708 East 71st Street



#31 - 4712 East 71st Street

#30 | 4708 East 71st Street | Built in 1915

This is the second house north of the cemetery. In 1947, St. Mary's Cemetery moved this house from its original location at 4726 East 71st Street. Families who have lived here include: Lipiec, Chase, Andrews, Stalzkowski, and Fellenstein.

#31 | 4712 East 71st Street | Built in 1915

This is the first house north of the cemetery. In 1947, St. Mary's Cemetery moved this house from its original location at 4760 East 71st Street. Families who have lived here include: Jakosh, Chase, and Wojciechowski.

#32 | 4795 East 71st Street | Built in 1937

This home was the Louis Farrar Dairy home at 4856 East 71st Street (the elementary school parking lot today.) The Farrars bought the land in 1937 from Frederick Green, who was the Trustee for the City of Cleveland. The house construction was begun in 1937 per a building permit at the village hall. *Trulia* and the Cuyahoga County Auditor websites show the home was built in 1937. There was a notice on June 9, 1939 in *The Comet*, the Cuyahoga Heights School newspaper, that this home was going up for sale. Evidently, no one bought it, because Louis and Emma Farrar sold the land to the Board of Education of Cuyahoga Heights on May 12, 1939. The home was moved to 4795 East 71st Street on March 2, 1951 by Peter Reali, per a building permit at the village hall to move the home, to make way for the new elementary school.

4795 East 71st Street Deeds | Two Parcels:

1927 | Albert Bletch sells one parcel to Peter Reali.

- 1949 | Ferdinando Iacopucci sells the other parcel to Peter Reali.
- 1952 | Peter Reali sells to Francis "Bronco" and Olga Byrne, who combined the two parcels.
- 1967 | Francis Byrne sells to Olga Byrne.
- 1975 | Olga Byrne sells to Lawrence and Mary Mack.
- 1988 | Lawrence Mack and Mary Mack sell to Lawrence Mack.
- 1999 | Lawrence Mack sells to Stanley Centa and Noel Anne Wisniewski, who live here today.

#33 | 4801 East 71st Street | Built between 1859 to 1874 (shown on 1874 map)

This house was originally the Weist home and Willow Manor Tea Room. It contained nine rooms. The first floor had knotty pine paneling. It was originally located at 4794 East 71st Street, where the old tennis courts were are at the school. On June 9, 1939, there was a notice in *The Comet*, Cuyahoga Heights School news-paper, that this home was going up for sale. In 1939, Elia Contipelli bought the land at 4801 East 71st Street from Howard Klepinger. He then moved the house to the east side of East 71st Street. Ralph Contipelli shared that Elia and his friends detached six rooms and moved the sections on rollers. Elia applied for a permit on March 12, 1940 to restructure the house. Elia Contipelli lived in this home in 1959. Ralph and Rita Contipelli were the owners in 1975 and sold it to Ken LaBella in 2016.

(#33 Deeds are on the following text page)

4801 East 71st Street Deeds:

(The following deeds are for 4794 East 71st Street, the lot this house was on before it was moved.)

- 1850 | Lyman Hammond sells to William Kerr.
- 1897 | William Kerr sells to Jennie Cochran.
- 1915 | Jennie Cochran sells to Carl Schaefer.
- 1920 | Carl Schaefer sells to Elfred Norris.
- 1924 | Elfred and Carrie M. Norris sell to Jacob and Clara Wojciechowski.

1932 | Jacob and Clara Wojciechowski lose the home in a judgment, and Fred C. Alber, Sheriff, transfers the property to Provident Building & Loan Association.

- 1937 | Provident Building & Loan Association sells to Mabel S. Wiest.
- 1939 | Mabel S. Wiest sells to Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education.

It is still not clear which owner operated the Willow Manor and Tea Room. Further research is needed. Mabel Wiest appears in some of the society pages in the *Plain Dealer*, so it is suspected that it may have been Mabel who operated the Willow Manor and Tea Room. Jennie Billi at one time had a history of the Willow Manor and Tea Room, but it is unknown what became of the document.

#34 | 4805 East 71st Street | Built in 1883

Frank E. Hanousek lived here from at least 1918 to 1940. He was one of the original men who voted to secede from Newburgh Heights. In 1959, the Vincent Wesley family lived here. Robert Wesley sold the home to Robert Unger in 1999. Al Baracz lived here for a time as well.

4805 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1846 | Lyman Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1869 | Thomas Cash sells to Jakob Haefele.
- 1881 | Jakob Haefele sells to Charles Dressler.
- 1896 | Charles Dressler sells to James Pocta.
- 1905 | James Pocta sells to Dallas Davis.
- 1915 | Dallas Davis sells to Mary Davis.
- 1916 | Mary Davis sells to Margaret Hanousek.
- 1956 | Margaret Hanousek sells to Vince Wesley.
- 1999 | Vince Wesley sells to Robert Wesley.
- 1999 | Robert Wesley sells to Robert Unger.



#32 - 4795 East 71st Street



#33 - 4801 East 71st Street



#34 - 4805 East 71st Street



#35 - 4833 East 71st Street

#35 | 4833 East 71st Street | Built in 1890

Sue Pellini shared that this house was built in 1890. Her grandparents purchased the home in 1941, which included the two lots on either side. They sold the property on the south side to Sue's parents, Alio and Donna, and the property on the north side to her aunt and uncle, Harry and Rose Pellini.

4833 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1926 | Joseph and Stella Piorkowski sell to John Krepela.
- 1932 | John Krepela sells to E. Aleperk.
- 1934 | E. Aleperk sells to Anna Kozelka.
- 1941 | Anna Kozelka sells to Elsie Velisek.
- 1941 | Elsie Velisek sells to Guiseppe and Rose Pellini.
- 1965 | Guiseppe Pellini sells to his daughter, Alice Scheman.
- 1971 | Alice Scheman sells to Louis and Lillian Bacci.
- 1974| Property transfered to daughter-in-law, Katherine Bacci Unger, who lives here today.

#36 | 4893 East 71st Street | Built in 1894

William Weitz, one of the original men who voted to secede from Newburgh Heights, lived here in 1918. Charles Dressler sold it to Ebenezer James in 1907. It was the home of the Dean James family in 1920 and 1930, and then Ebenezer James sold it to Dean and Noreen James in 1960. Noreen sold it to Nancy McAleer in 1993, who still lives here.

#37 | 4897 East 71st Street | Built after 1898

This house is not on the 1898 map, but would have been built shortly thereafter. John Gallitz purchased this home in 1915 from Effie Shatto. This was the home of John Gallitz in 1920, and the home of Mary Gallitz in 1940. They took out a permit in 1932 to enclose the porch. The Gallitz family sold the home to James Harvey Bloam in 1944. James Harvey Bloam, wife Alice and son, Earl moved to Cuyahoga Heights from Ridgway, Pennsylvania, in 1940 joining brothers Johnny and Margret Bloam, William Alvin and Florence Bloam who already lived there. Harvey, Alice and Earl moved into the rear house owned by Johnny and Margaret Bloam on 7134 Bletch Court and lived there until moving into the East 71st Street house in 1945.

Harvey and Alice built the rear house at 4895 East 71st Street in the early 50s and the family moved into it. Daughter, Debbie still resides in the home. Late 50s, Harvey had the entire front house rolled to the curb, put in a full basement, (originally a partial dirt basement), rolled it back on the new foundation, completely gutted it, reshaped and rebuilt it, doing almost all work himself. In 1990, Todd and his new bride, Cindy, moved into the house in front at 4897 East 71st Street. At some point in the early 2000s, Earl sold his interest in the property to his son, Todd Bloam. On March 6, 2003, Todd received the zoning variances and proceeded to rebuild and remodel the house to its present state. Members of the James Harvey Bloam family have lived on this property over 73 years and remain here today. Active in the community, Todd is a member of village council and coaches the marching band drum corps of the Cuyahoga Heights High School.

#38 | 4901 East 71st Street | Built before 1898 | (shown on 1898 map)

People who have lived here include: Paul Steiger, 1920; Charles Ditmar, 1930; Joe Biniak, 1940; Everett and Fonda Weitz, 1959; and William Vokac, 1985.

#39 | 4905 East 71st Street | Built before 1898 | (shown on 1898 map)

There is the possibility that this home could be older.

4905 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1922 | Wladyslaw and Mary May sell to Andrew Kruzel.
- 1974 | Andrew Kruzel sells to Henry and Florence Chimielewski.
- 1974 | Florence Chimielewski sells to Barbara Bartczak.
- 1986 | Barbara Bartczak sells to Clarence and Barbara Knapik, who live here today.

#40 | 4909 East 71st Street | Built 1909 | (shown on 1898 map)

F.E. Farrar lived here from at least 1918 to 1932. He was one of those who voted to secede from Newburgh Heights. In 1932, he took out a permit for home renovations. In 1940, it was the home of Ernest Knaack. From 1959 to 2005, the Lloyd Wey family lived here. They sold it in 2005 to Sven and Maricel Endrekson. Endrekson's sold to Dennis and Doreen Bruncak in 2007. Bruncaks sold to Alfredo Sonny Garcia in 2008.

#41 | 4912 East 71st Street | Built before 1898 | (shown on 1898 map)

Stanley Rody lived here in 1920. Joseph Evans lived here in 1930 to 1940. By the early 1950s, Lino and Antonette Billi lived here. The home transferred to their children in 1992, and eventually it became Irma Schab's home. It remains in the family today, as grandson, Michael Cimperman, lives here.

4912 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1850 | Lyman Hammond sells to Marvin Cochran.
- 1853 | Marvin and Lura Cochran sell to William Cash.
- 1886 | Maggie and Hannah Cash as heirs of William Cash, sell to Charles Dressler.
- 1889 | Charles Dressler sells to Julius and Sophia Buddenhagen.
- 1919 | Barbara Buddenhagen sells to Mary Rody.
- 1921 | Stanislaw and Mary Rody sell to Josef Przybylski.
- 1922 | Jozef and Jozefa Przybylski sell to Joseph and Pauline Evans.
- 1946 | Joseph and Pauline Evans sell to Leo and Bertha Umerley.
- 1958 | Thaddeus Umerley sells to Lino and Antonette Billi.
- 1980 | Lino Billi deceased sells to Antonette Billi.
- 1992 | Antonette Billi sells to Rita Larkin.
- 2002 | Rita Larkin sells to Irma Schab.
- 2016 | Irma Schab sells to Lee Ann Schoeffler and Stanley Schab.
- 2018 | Lee Ann Schoeffler and Stanley Schab sell to Michael Cimperman.

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#38 - 4901 East 71st Street



#39 - 4905 East 71st Street



#40 - 4909 East 71st Street



#41 - 4912 East 71st Street



#42 - 4913 East 71st Street



#43 - 4918 East 71st Street

#42 | 4913 East 71st Street | Built before 1898 | (shown on 1898 map)

In 1920, Loretta Winter lived here. From 1930 to 1959, it was the home of William Baur. In 1932, he took out a permit to enclose the porch. Ralph and Helen Baur DeSantis lived here for many years. Then it became the Pete Kawczynski and Beverly Chudzinski home.

#43 | 4918 East 71st Street | Built around 1900

This was Charles Major's original home. He lived there from 1919 to 1940. In 1933, he took out a permit to make renovations.

4918 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1919 | Mary Rody sells to Charles and Marie Major.
- 1956 | Marie Major (deceased) transfers to Mary Chapek Major.
- 1956 | Mary Chapek Major sells to Richard Crooks.
- 1961 | Richard Crooks sells to Schieda.
- 1967 | Anthony Schieda sells to Charles Podolski.
- 1980 | Charles Podolski sells to Louis and Colleen Franko.

#44 | 4919 East 71st Street | Built before 1898 | (shown on 1898 map)

This home was built by John L. Kingsbury, who was the postmaster in 1875. In 1920, Al Shatto lived here. In 1921, Kingsbury lived here. In 1930, Al Shatto and Lorna Kingsbury lived here. In 1974, Valenty and Victoria Staron were the owners and in 1983 sold it to Richard and Mary Ann Cockrell who live here today.

#45 | 4928 East 71st Street | Built before 1898 | (shown on 1898 map)

Families who have lived here include: Delbert Davis (1920), Ernest Knaack (1930), Edward Coe (1940), and Carl and Mary Casavecchia. The property remains in the Casavecchia family today.

#46 | 4929 East 71st Street | Built before 1858

This home appears on the 1858 map and on the 1874 map as J. Hafele. Eleanor Koran once shared that every time a Koran got married, the family added on to this house. The additions took place in five different stages. They started on the first floor and basement, then the front second floor, then the middle first floor, then the back first floor, and finally the upper middle and back second floor. This home is so unique inside—a sight to see—with all sorts of twists and turns and interesting architecture!

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4929 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1851 | George and Rachel Hooker and J.H. Breck sell to Lyman Hammond.
- 1853 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliott Hammond.
- 1866 | Elliott Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1867 | Thomas Cash sells to Martha Weitz.
- 1869 | Martha Weitz sells to Constantine Bopp.
- 1877 | Constantine Bopp died and his wife Margaret now owns the home.
- ? | Margaret Bopp sells to Michael and John Bertsch.
- 1885 | Michael and John Bertsch sell to Frank Fosdick.
- 1889 | Eliza Fosdick sells to Albert Bletch.
- 1909 | Albert Bletch sells to Louisa Geisendorfer.
- 1919 | Louisa Geisendorfer sells to Paul Kornowski (Koran).
- 1948 | Paul Koran sells to Andrew and Lillian Sowinski.
- 1974 | Andrew and Lillian Sowinski sell to Gary and Kathy Swartout.
- 2015 | Gary and Kathy Swartout sell to Victoria Zink.

#47 | 4935 East 71st Street | Built 1894

This home was built by Albert Bletch. The Bletch family and J.C. Pfaff were living there in 1918 and were two of the men who voted to secede from Newburgh Heights. In 1921, O.M. Carse was living here with Albert Bletch. In 1939, Sarah Bletch sold the property to Helen Jones. In 1959, W.E. Bletch and Oscar Dustheimer lived here. In 1971, Helen Jones Dustheimer sold it to Sandy Waldemarson who lives there today.

#48 | 4940 East 71st Street | Built between 1859 to 1874

This was the original Hammersley house and property, 21.66 acres, shown on the 1874 map. William Hammersley was the person who rallied the farmers to vote for secession. He was living in this home from the time he arrived in the area until 1943.

4940 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1835 | Aaron Olmsted of East Hartford, Connecticut sells land to Lyman and Sabrina Hammond.
- 1848 | Lyman and Sabrina Hammond sell to William and Hannah Cash Hammersley.
- 1943 | Wilbur Hammersley sells the house and lot to Joseph and Frances Boing.
- 1987 | Frances Boing sells to Frank and Rita Schoeffler.
- 1992 | Frank and Rita Schoeffler sell to son, Frank Schoeffler and wife, Kim, who live here today.

#49 | 4952 East 71st Street | Parcel #1 | Built before 1918

This house sits in front of 4954 East 71st Street, which is Parcel #2.

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#44 - 4919 East 71st Street



#45 - 4928 East 71st Street



#46 - 4929 East 71st Street



#47 - 4935 East 71st Street



#48 - 4940 East 71st Street



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#50 - 4953 East 71st Street



#51 - 4954 East 71st Street

4952 East 71st Street Deeds:

1886 | County to Francis Bramley for unpaid taxes.
1907 | Francis Bramley sells to Sarah and Albert Bletch.
1911 | Sarah and Albert Bletch sell to brothers, Isaac G. and Louis A. Kennedy.
1927 | Louis A. Kennedy sells his half to brother, Isaac G. Kennedy.
It is believed that this was Isaac Kennedy's blacksmith shop.
1946 | Isaac and Gladys M. Kennedy sell to Edward J. and Maud E. Hirsch, who operated Hirsch Garage and Gulf Gas Station.
1956 | Leonard P. Franks, executor for Maud E. Hirsch, sells property to Ralph J. and Helen DeSantis. (During this ownership, there was a Custom King hot rod shop.)

1975 | Ralph J. and Helen DeSantis sell to Steve Nagy who emigrated from Hungary and operated Steve's Auto Body.

2007 | James E. Spitz, guardian for Steve Nagy, sells to Jack M. Bacci and sister, Laura Bacci Merhaut.

#50 | 4953 East 71st Street | Built in 1914

Families who have lived here include: Elia Contipelli (1930), and Harry Randall (1940).

4953 East 71st Street Deeds:

1939 | Cleveland Trust Company sells to Howard Klepinger.

(It was most likely a foreclosure that led to Cleveland Trust being the owner.)

1940 | Howard Klepinger sells to Dominic and Anna Salatti.

1947 | Dominic and Anna Salatti sell to Raymondo and Edith Fazio.

1951 | Raymondo and Edith Fazio sell to Peter Reali.

1975 | Peter Reali sells to Guiseppe L. and Roma Lovisa, with the stipulation that Peter Reali and his sister-in-law, Catherina Reali could live in the lower floor for the rest of their lives.

1994 | Guiseppe and Roma Lovisa sell to Roma Lovisa.

2004 | Roma Lovisa sells to son, Luigino Lovisa.

2006 | Luigino Lovisa sells to James Fonte.

#51 | 4954 East 71st Street | Parcel #2 | Built between 1859-1874 (shown on 1874 map)

This house sits behind 4952 East 71st Street, and is probably the old Cochran home. Kathy Swartout's son, Greg, would go there to see friends. He said it was a very old house, as old or older than the Swartout home.

(#51 Deeds are on the following text page)

4954 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1886 | County sells to Francis Bramley for unpaid taxes.
- 1907 | Francis Bramley sells to Sarah and Albert Bletch.
- 1911 | Sarah and Albert Bletch sell to brothers, Isaac G. and Louis A. Kennedy.
- 1927 | Louis A. Kennedy sells his half to brother, Isaac G. Kennedy.
- 1946 | Isaac G. and Gladys M. Kennedy sell to Vincent and Margaret L. Guidotti.
- 1976 | Vincent and Margaret L. Guidotti sell to Renato Guidotti.
- 1986 | Cathleen Taylor, Renato's daughter and executor, sells to Roman Burzynski.
- 2007 | Roman and Trina Burzynski sell to Edward and Donna Pritchard.
- 2018 | Edward and Donna Pritchard sell to Jason and Maria Pflug.

#52 | 4957 East 71st Street | Built before 1858 | (shown on 1858 map)

In 1920, Joseph Davis lived here. From 1930 to 1978, the Roy and Regina Shatto family lived here. It was sold in 1978 to James Fonte. James Fonte and Debbie Namy live here today.

4957 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1851 | George and Rachel Hooker and J. Hunt Breck sell to Lyman Hammond.
- 1853 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliott Hammond.
- 1866 | Elliott Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1867 | Thomas Cash sells to Martha Weitz.
- 1869 | Martha Weitz sells to Constantine Bopp.
- 1877 | Constantine Bopp died and his wife Margaret now owns the home.
 - ? | (Break in the deeds.)
- 1939 | Josie and Luther Davis sell to Roy and Regina Shatto.
- 1977 | Roy and Regina Shatto sell to James Fonte.

#53 | 4958 East 71st Street | Built in 1900

Isaac Kennedy lived here from 1921 to 1937. In 1937, Isaac Kennedy filed a permit to brick up the garage and applied for a permit to convert the frame stable building to a residence. From 1940 to 1959, Ottavio Billi was living there. In the mid 1970s, it became the home of Eufemia Casavecchia until she sold it to Miroslau and Barbara Sokolowski in 2001.

Judy Casavecchia Marik shared the following: "The 4958 East 71st Street house was purchased by my mom after my Dad passed away, mid 70s, after Emma Billi passed away. No major changes to this house, basically just painting, wallpaper, etc. When the Billi family lived there, the house was converted from a single to a double, and their children lived upstairs. The Doskey and then the Traffis family lived here. Leo Billi did most of the work with his father, Ottavio. From what I hear, the people that purchased it from us have changed it back to a single."



#52 - 4957 East 71st Street



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#54 - 4963 East 71st Street



#55 - 4965 East 71st Street

#54 | 4963 East 71st Street | Built before 1874 | (shown on 1874 map)

This was a grocery/general store for many, many years. Ethie and John Kingsbury bought it in 1881. John Kingsbury was the postmaster in 1875. John and Ethie decided they wanted to add a second floor to the building and have an entertainment hall there. The building was balloon construction and could not support another floor, so John jacked it up and built a new first floor under it. This became known as "Kingsbury Hall." Dances and roller skating were held there. John and Ethie actually lived at 4919 East 71st Street in a home which they built in 1903.

4963 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1881 | Perry Brown sells to Ethie Kingsbury.
- 1920 | Ethie Kingsbury sells to Frank and Pia Fontana.
- 1948 | Pia Fontana sells to Sisto, Jim and Guido Fontana, Irma Pallini and Josephine Contipelli.
- 1959 | Sisto, Jim and Guido Fontana, Irma Pallini and Josephine Contipelli sell to Ottavio and Livia Pallini.
- 1959 | Listed as the Marion Prenzlow grocery store.
- 1972 | Ottavio Pallini sells to Livia Pallini.
- 2005 | Livia Pallini sells to Rita Contipelli, Gilbert Pallini, Anna Lovisa and Olivo Pallini.
- 2015 | Contipelli family sells to Nina Maalouf and Billy Masek.

When Chester Suchocki remodeled his house in the 1960s, he found stuck behind the door jamb an old invitation to a New Year's social dance in the village on December 31, 1886 at Kingsbury Hall. The invitation reads: "Wishing you all a Happy New Year. I cordially invite you to attend a social dance at Kingsbury Hall, Friday evening, December 31, 1886. Music by Ames & Alger's orchestra. Floor Managers: Albert Bletch and George Shatto. Tickets; fifty cents. Proprietor, John L. Kingsbury." Interestingly, John L. Kingsbury was the grandson of James L. Kingsbury, better known as "Old Squire" Kingsbury. He is famous in Cleveland history as the founder of Newburgh Township. He came with the first surveying party with Moses Cleaveland.

December 21, 1904 Plain Dealer Obituary:

Descendant of Pioneer. John L., Grandson of "Old Squire" Kingsbury, Dies After a Protracted Illness.

After a protracted and very painful illness, John L. Kingsbury died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Shatto, in Bainbridge, Monday night. Mr. Kingsbury was born in Warrensville township March 10, 1850. In 1872, he was married to Miss Ethie J. Coe of Newburgh. Beginning without means, he built up a very successful business at Willow, where he kept a grocery and general store and post office for many years. Failing health forced him to retire from business nearly a year ago, since which time he and Mrs. Kingsbury have resided with their daughter, at whose home he died. Mr. Kingsbury is of the old family of Kingsburys, the earliest pioneers of Cleveland.

His grandfather, James Kingsbury, better known in local history as "Old Squire" Kingsbury, came to Cleveland with the first surveying party sent out by the Connecticut Land Company and led by General Moses

Cleaveland, and was one of those who remained to make the wilderness their home. He purchased a large tract of land near what is now Woodland Hills. He served in the Ohio Legislature and as a judge of the "quarter sessions," a court nearly equivalent to our common pleas court. He is remembered by the older residents as one of the best known and most respected of Cleveland pioneers. John L. Kingsbury was a member of the Maccabees, the Royal Arcanum and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He was a man of immovable integrity and marked purity of life. Funeral services will be held in the Willow Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.

#55 | 4965 East 71st Street | Built around 1864 | Old Willow Post Office

This house was probably built around 1864 and turned into a post office in 1878. *The Story of Independence* says: A second post office was opened at the Acid Works in 1878, and called Willow. It was remodeled in 1935. Ernesto and Elisa Venchi owned it in 1975. In 2015, they sold it to Virginia Hess.

4965 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1851 | George and Rachel Hooker and Joseph H. Brick (Breck) sell to Lyman Hammond.
- 1853 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliot Hammond.
- 1866 | Elliot Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1867 | Thomas Cash sells to Matthew Weitz.
- 1869 | Matthew Weitz sells to Constantine Bopp.
- 1877 | Constantine Bopp sells to Margaret Bopp. (upon death of Constantine)
- 1880 | Margaret Bopp sells to Michael and John Bertsch.
- 1885 | Michael and John Bertsch sell to Frank Fosdick.
- 1889 | Eliza Fosdick sells to Albert Bletch.
- 1908 | Albert Bletch sells to Ethie Kingsbury.
- 1920 | Ethie Kingsbury sells to Silvio Casavecchia.

Information Regarding the following East 71st Street Homes: #4972, #4982, #4986, #4992, #5002

In 1943, these five homes, noted as company homes, were purchased from the City of Cleveland. The Cuyahoga Heights Historical Committee had a hard time following the deed history, but what is noted covers property on the west side of East 71 Street. The Trevisani home was a larger farmhouse.

The Grasselli Chemical Company, also known as the Acid works, was located on the hill at the southern end of East 71 Street—Acid Hill. Defining the area more clearly, it is where the I-77 Willow Freeway and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Southerly Plant is today. The company built the homes in a similar style and both Grasselli and the City of Cleveland allowed their workers to live in these homes. The Newburgh Reduction Company, a trash incineration company, operating on land that is the current village service center property, later owned these homes.

#56 | Century Property | 4972 East 71st Street

This property was the site of the Willow Baptist Church. The church building later became the original Toscana Club, which burned down in 1972. The Toscana Hall, Fraternal Order of Police, and George Murray Lodge No. 67 building is currently located on the property.

4972 East 71st Street Deeds:

1877 | Frank Clermont sells some land to Catharine Cochran.

- 1882 | Henry and Julia Carter sell to George Wallace Cochran and Cora B. Cochran Adams.
- 1882 | George Cochran sells some land to Marsh Harwood Company and Grasselli Chemical Company.
- 1883 | George Cochran sells another section of the land to David Clark.
- 1887 | Frank Clermont sells some land to American Chemical & Manufacturing Company.
- 1887 | David Clark sells some land to American Chemical & Manufacturing Company.
- 1892 | American Chemical & Manufacturing Company sells land to Grasselli Chemical Company.
- 1896 | George Cochran sells another section of the land to Willow Chemical.
- 1913 | Grasselli Chemical Company sells land to the City of Cleveland.

#57 | 4982 East 71st Street | Built in 1880 | (razed)

The 1858 map shows that there was a house on this property with the name William Cash. It must have been torn down. The current house, built in 1880 at the old location on Granger Road and Canal Road, was moved here. In 1920, Romaldo Amari lived here. In 1930 to 1943, Oliver and Louisa Vaccher lived here. In 1940, Oliver Vaccher filed for a permit to connect to the sewer and build an addition. By 2008, the home had fallen into disrepair. Water pipes had broken, retired long-time school guard Jodie Hanousek was in a nursing home, and the village assisted in demolishing the home.

4982 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1943 | Purchased from the City of Cleveland by Rayno Antognozzi.
- 1943 | Rayno Antognozzi sells to Oliver Vaccher.
- 1948 | Oliver Vaccher sells to Joseph and Josephine Hanousek.
- 2011 | Hanousek heirs sell to Fraternal Order of Police and George Murray Lodge No. 67.

#58 | 4986 East 71st Street | Built around 1890 | (razed)

4986 East 71st Street Deeds:

1943 | Purchased from the City of Cleveland by Frank Cuffaro.

1959 | Frank Cuffaro sells to Guido and Teresa Panizzutti.

1961 | Guido and Teresa Panizzutti razed the home and built a completely new house which still stands today.

#59 | 4992 East 71st Street | Built around 1890

The home was originally located at the corner of Granger and Canal Roads.

4992 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1943 | City of Cleveland sells to Harry Henry.
- 2009 | Ron or Brian Henry sell to Michael and Sandra Fouts.

#60 | 4996 East 71st Street | Built in 1890 | (razed)

4996 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1943 | Purchased from the City of Cleveland by Martin Kaczmarek.
- 1946 | Martin Kaczmarek sells to Bernard and Sophie Kaczmarek.
- 1967 | Bernard Kaczmarek transfers to Sophie Kaczmarek.
- 1991 | Sophie Kaczmarek sells to son, David Kaczmarek.
- 1999 | David Kaczmarek sells to GT Transfer & Exchange.
- 1999 | GT Transfer & Exchange sells to Albert Dworznik.
- 2008 | Albert Dworznik sells to Randall Dworznik.
- 2009 | Randall Dworznik sells to Brian Henry, who razes the house and builds a new one.
- 2015 | Brian Henry sells to Ken and Karen Bozikis.

#61 | 5002 East 71st Street | Built before 1858 | (original Trevisani home) (demolished)

Unlike the other four houses, the Trevisani home was not moved from the area of Granger and Canal Roads. It stood at this location and mostly likely was the original Marvin Cochran farmhouse which appears on the 1858 map. Luigi Trevisani purchased the home from the City of Cleveland in 1943. The original home was demolished and the new Trevisani house was built in 1946. Delia said their backyard was very large, with enough land for farming and raising their pigs and chickens. This was all before I-77 was built.

#62 | 5005 East 71st Street | Built before 1860 | Charles H. Palmer/Eliason House

In the 1870 Census, Charles Palmer was listed as a melodeon maker, and his brother, Michael, as a melodeon tuner. They were the proprietors of the Palmer Organ Factory on Canal Road. Sue Eliason lives here today.

(#62 Deeds are on the following text page)



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#62 - 5005 East 71st Street



#63 - 5015 East 71st Street

5005 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1852 | John Raymer owned the property.
- Before 1860 | Raymer sells to Perry Brower.
- 1876 | Perry Brower sells to Charles and Lois Palmer.
- 1915 | Charles and Lois Palmer property transfers to Erwin Becker.
- 1922 | Erwin Becker sells to Joseph and Nettie Carruozzo.
- 1962 | Joseph and Nettie Carruozzo property transfers to daughters, Marie Carroll and Angela Schaeffer.
- 1966 | Marie Carroll and Angela Schaeffer sell to Ron and Antoinette (Sue) Eliason.
- 2018 | Deed progression is not readily available.

#63 | 5015 East 71st Street | Built in 1894 | The Original Hillside Tavern

William Baur lived here from 1918 to 1940. He was one of the men who voted to secede from Newburgh Heights. In 1940, Rayno Antognozzi lived here, who was the proprietor of the original Hillside Tavern.

5015 East 71st Street Deeds:

- 1881 | Perry Brower sells to Lois Palmer.
- 1900 | Lois Palmer sells to Edward Baur.
- 1933 | Philo Baur, executor for Edward Baur's estate, sells to Rayno Antognozzi.
- 1974 | Rayno Antognozzi sells to daughter, Augustina Mallos.

The village recently acquired properties #64 and #65 to create a pedestrian walkway to Bacci Park.

#64 | 5037 East 71st Street | Built around 1900 | (razed)

This was the longtime home of Domenic and Falia Casavecchia. Judy Casavecchia Marik shared the following: "My parents bought the house when my sisters were little, maybe late 30s? My sisters remember living in the boarding house on Canal Road under the Valley View bridge. I had a picture of that house. Moving to 5037 East 71st Street, they remember some interesting stories when living there. The house did not have a bathroom. My father did major renovations. The north rooms of the house were not there. He added that area and it became a sitting room and kitchen, along with two bathrooms. They paid \$2,500 for the house. My father also built the huge garage and my sisters helped him, by handing him the blocks." Keith Lorring owned this home from 1975 until 1995. He sold to Lidio Collecchi in 1995. Mike Mallos purchased it in 2014.

#65 | 5045 East 71st Street | Built in 1915 | (razed)

Families who have lived here include: Charles Eglish (1920), Rayno Antognozzi (1930), Bartolomeo Ciola (1940), Theodore Nobili (1959), Dennis and Nancy Suhy (1975), John and Mary Sirey (1991), Mary Sirey (2002), and Tina Adams (2003). Theodore Nobili had the nickname of "Carbone." Iacopo Angiocchi would visit there to drink wine. Carbone and Domenic Casavecchia made wine and they both had grapes growing in the backyards. Carbone had a lot more vines than the Casavecchias.

#66 | 5047 East 71st Street | Built in 1905

James Bloam lived here at one time. The home is currently owned by Frank and Carol Stepanski Trusso.

#67 | Brecksville Road Bridge | At the Bottom of East 71st Street | Built prior 1903

At the bottom of East 71st Street hill was the Brecksville Road bridge. The 1903 map shows how East 71st Street, which was also known as Brecksville Road, made a jog there to the bridge. Back in the 1950s, at the location of the lawn and driveway of the Service Department today, was a home occupied by Geremia "Jerry" Adorni and his family. This home had no indoor plumbing. It was located near Mill Creek and a small bridge.

#68 | 6914 Grant Avenue | Built in 1915

There are four apartments in this building, which is known as the Woodrick Apartments. It is owned today by Roylene Woodrick Sample.

#69 | 6926 Grant Avenue | Built in 1903

In 1930, the Freda, Golembiewski and Zgrabik families lived here. In 1940, the Golembiewski and Smosarski families lived here. In 1959, the Smosarski family lived here. Karen Smosarski, daughter-in-law of Ray and Patty Smosarski, told us that this house was moved to this location at 6926 Grant Avenue. She also said that Patty was told by Clara Stawicki that the house originally had a bar in the lower level and a dance hall in the upper level. Clara Stawicki lived at 7207 Deveny when she was growing up, so she could have had knowledge of this dance hall. There are very wide, worn stairs going upstairs, and that could be indicative of a dance hall upstairs. However, we don't know when the home had the bar and dance hall—whether it was when the home stood elsewhere, or when it stood on Grant Street. Karen also said that Patty said that her mother's parents owned a bar in Cleveland on East 80th Street, near Broadway. However, evidence bears out that it was Patty's father's family who were in the saloon business.

This part of Grant Avenue that the house sits on was originally part of the Breck farm and wasn't a street in earlier years. There were quite a few buildings on the Breck farm. Grant Avenue was called Grant Street when it was laid out. The street does not appear in the 1898 map, so it didn't exist, nor did the houses on it. In the 1912 map, the street does appear. The 6926 Grant Street house does not appear in this location until the 1912 map. So, the house was either built or moved sometime before 1912. There were a few possibilities of where this house could have been located previously but they have been ruled out. Although some thought it may have been moved from the Beaulieu property across Grant Avenue, it was determined that Patty Swiatkowski Smosarski's family home, when she was a child, was located on the current Beaulieu Auto Repair site. Son, Ray, remembers that home being torn down and his mom, Patty, and his Aunt Theresa, were crying.

(#69 Deeds are on the following text page)



#66 - 5047 East 71st Street



#68 - 6914 Grant Avenue

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#69 - 6926 Grant Avenue



#70 - 6930 Grant Avenue

6926 Grant Avenue Deeds:

Sometime before 1906, the Breck family sold their entire farm to Real Estate Building Company and left it to them to lay out the streets and subdivide it. Real Estate Building Company started selling many lots on Grant Street in 1899 to 1908.

1906 | Real Estate and Building Company sells to Paulina Pawlak.

1941 | Paulina Pawlak (nee Rosinski) sells to her daughter Martha Golubski.

1946 | Joseph and Martha Golubski sell to Jozef and Helen Smosarski. Helen lived on the lower level.

1969 | Thomas O'Malley administrator for estate of Joseph Smosarski, sells the house to Helen Smosarski.

1969 | Helen Smosarski sells to Ray and Patty Smosarski.

#70 | 6930 Grant Avenue | Built in 1903

This house once belonged to John Stawicki.

6930 Grant Avenue Deeds:

1939 | Bank of Cleveland sells to John and Mary Stawicki.

- 1947 | John and Mary Stawicki sell to daughter, Marie Schreiber.
- 1957 | Marie Schreiber sells to Joseph Stawicki.
- 1957 | Joseph Stawicki sells to Marie Schreiber.
- 1987 | Gustav Schreiber sells to Stella Vitanza.
- 2001 | Stella Vitanza Scafaro sells to a trust.
- 2002 | Stella Scafaro sells to Chris Smosarski

Paul Stawicki shared years ago that there were two more houses on the corner of East 71st Street and Grant Avenue where the Benjamin Moore parking lot is today. Paul watched them being torn down in the 1960s. Linda Kukoleck lived in one of those homes. Paul also said Pat Smosarski's sister Regina had a husband who worked for the railroad. Paul said that in this house, there is a cavalry sword inside one of the walls. Paul's grandfather, John Stawicki, was having an argument with his son, Leo, one day and went after him with the sword. John's wife grabbed it and threw it down between the studs so that John couldn't hurt Leo with it.

#71 | 7004 Grant Avenue | Built in 1910 | (razed)

The Baracz family lived here in 1920 to 2009 when it was sold to Zoltan Kassai. In 2013, Wells Fargo Bank took it over, and then it passed to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation in 2014. The property was transferred to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights in 2015 and this home was demolished.

#72 | 7123 Marcelline Court | Front Home | Built in 1905

Built by Albert Bletch.

#73 | 7123 Marcelline Court | Rear Home | Built between 1881 to 1882

Built by Michael and Joseph Adam Bertsch. We suspect that the green home in the rear of this property was a blacksmith shop that appears on an 1800 tax map at the Cuyahoga County archive. This was Delbert Davis' car repair shop and gas station. Records at the village hall show that D.L. Davis had a 3,000-gallon gas tank on the property in 1931. Paul and Anne Koran lived right behind the home at 4929 East 71st Street. Anne told Kathy Swartout that a brick alley went from Bletch Court, through their property, and was connected to the wide brick drive heading to the 7123 Marcelline Court barn in back.

A few ladies from the village shared the same story, and said they remembered the alley that ran behind Sandy Waldemarson's big garage at 4935 East 71st Street. The alley must have started at East 71st Street and came at an angle to Sandy's little garage adjacent to 7125 Bletch Court and traveled to where the Davis barn is today. Kathy Swartout, former resident and Historical Committee member, wondered if this was where the Kennedy brothers had their blacksmith shop that appears in records as being in Newburgh. Kathy could never figure out how Kennedy built wagons and barrels for the gas and chemical businesses in the small garage. She speculates that perhaps Kennedy rented the Davis barn. Therefore, the rear home/barn was probably built around 1881 to 1882 by Michael and John Adam Bertsch. We believe that it is this timeframe when the blacksmith shop was in the rear house at this address. Albert Bletch was in a homebuilding mode between 1901 to 1905 and never built houses that he actually lived in, except for Sandy Waldemarson's house at 4935 East 71st Street. He probably built three Marcelline Court homes: 7123 (front), 7127 and 7133.

7123 Marcelline Court Deeds:

1835 | Aaron Olmsted, Levi Goodwin and Ward Woodbridge of the Hartford Land Company sell to Lyman Hammond.

- 1858 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliot Hammond.
- 1866 | Elliot B. Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1867 | Thomas Cash sells to Mathew Weitz.
- 1868 | Mathew and Mary Weitz sell to Constantine Bopp.
- 1877 | Constantine Bopp died and Margaretha Bopp was not in the will.
- 1880 | Margaretha Bopp sells to Michael and John Adam Bertsch.
- 1885 | Michael, Kathrina, J. Adam and Louisa Bertsch sell to Frank Fosdick.
- 1889 | Frank and Eliza Fosdick sell to Albert Bletch.
- 1920 | Albert and Sara Bletch sell to John and Mary Matilda Conners.
- 1924 | John H. Conners sells to Delbert L. Della L., Cristopher M. and Anna E. Davis.
- 1960 | Delbert and Della give half to son, Lester, and Lois Davis and half to daughter, Florence E. Pennington.
- 1962 | Florence Pennington sells her half to brother, Lester and Lois Davis.
- 1991 | Lester and Lois Davis sell to daughter, Lisa A. Davis and Jude M. Kaliszewski.
- 2011 | Lisa A. Davis and Jude M. Kaliszewski sell to James Bartlett.



#72 - 7123 Marcelline Court



#73 - 7123 Marcelline Court

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#74 - 7127 Marcelline Court



#75 - 7133 Marcelline Court

#74 | 7127 Marcelline Court | Built around 1906

John P. Walsh lived here in 1918. He was one of the men that voted to secede from Newburgh Heights. Vincent and Joe Crooks lived here from 1918 to 2006 when it was sold to John Chudzinski, the current owner.

7127 Marcelline Court Deeds: (unable to find deeds before 1910)

1910 | George E. and Lura E. Cochran Shatto were living in the area in the census.

- 1918 | George and Lura Shatto sell to Vincent John Crooks, Bessie Crooks, and Mary Crooks.
- 1920 | Mary Crooks wills the property to son, Vincent John Crooks.
- 1936 | Vincent John Crooks wills property to wife, Bessie Crooks.

#75 | 7133 Marcelline Court | Built in 1901

This was the first, and oldest home on the street. Edward Weidner lived here from 1918 to 1930. He was one of the men who voted to secede from Newburgh Heights. In 1940, Frank Palagi lived here. Later, it became the John F. Jackson home until 1995 when the property was sold to Jacquelyn Smith and Anna Brown. This may have been the first home Albert Bletch built.

7133 Marcelline Court Deeds:

1835 | Aaron Olmsted, Levi Goodwin and Ward Woodbridge of the Hartford Land Company

sell to Lyman Hammond.

- 1858 | Lyman Hammond sells to Elliot Hammond.
- 1866 | Elliot B. Hammond sells to Thomas Cash.
- 1867 | Thomas Cash sells to Mathew Weitz.
- 1868 | Mathew and Mary Weitz sell to Constantine Bopp.
- 1877 | Constantine Bopp died and wife, Margaretha, is not in his will.

(Executor, George Wickerling states she can buy for 2/3 value. She paid \$1,500 for the property.)

- 1880 | Margaretha Bopp sold to Michael and John Adam Bertsch.
- 1885 | Michael, Kathrina, J. Adam and Louisa Bertsch sell to Frank Fosdick.
- 1889 | Frank and Eliza Fosdick sell to Albert Bletch.
- 1903 | Albert and Sara Bletch sell to Edward and Emma Weidner.
- 1938 | Edward and Emma Weidner sell to Mary Palagi.
- 1948 | Mary Palagi sells to John F. and Ellen M. Jackson.
- 1992 | Robert John Jackson sells his share to brother John Joseph Jackson.
- 1995 | John Joseph Jackson sells to Jacquelyn L. Smith and Anne A. Brown.

#76 | 5101 Canal Road at East 49th Street | Canal Road All-Weather Drive-In Theatre

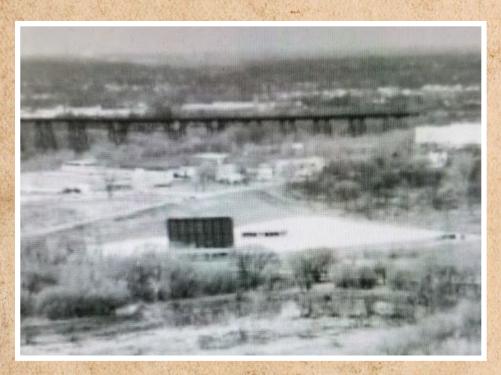
The Canal Road Drive-In Theatre operated from 1963 to 1976. Mayor Gerdon, who lived on East 49th Street high above the drive-in, had speakers installed in his yard at home so he could watch and "listen" to the movies playing on the screen!

#77 | Harvard Avenue | Christian Huy Farm

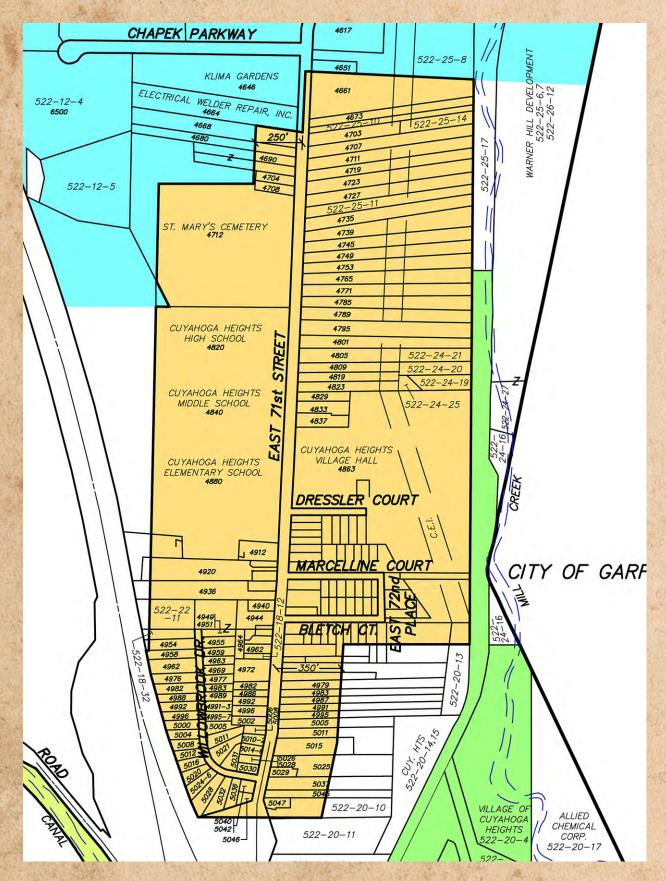
The Christian Huy farm in Cuyahoga Heights was bounded by the Cuyahoga River on the west and south, Harvard Avenue on the north, and on the east by a north/south line approximately where the RTA is today. All this land encompassed approximately 100 acres and today it is home to ArcelorMittal and Arconic. The Huy farm on Harvard Hill was one of the last farms in the area and was still in existence in 1916. The 1903 map shows the C. Huy farm in the upper left corner. Retired Assistant Fire Chief Ron Henry is the son of Mathilda "Tilly" Henry, who was a decendent of Christian Huy.



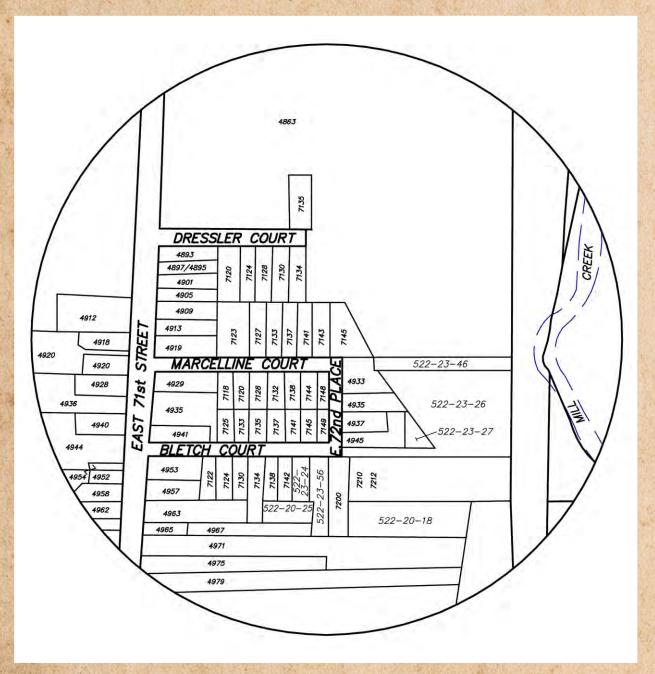
#76 - 5101 Canal Road Canal Road Drive-in Theatre location



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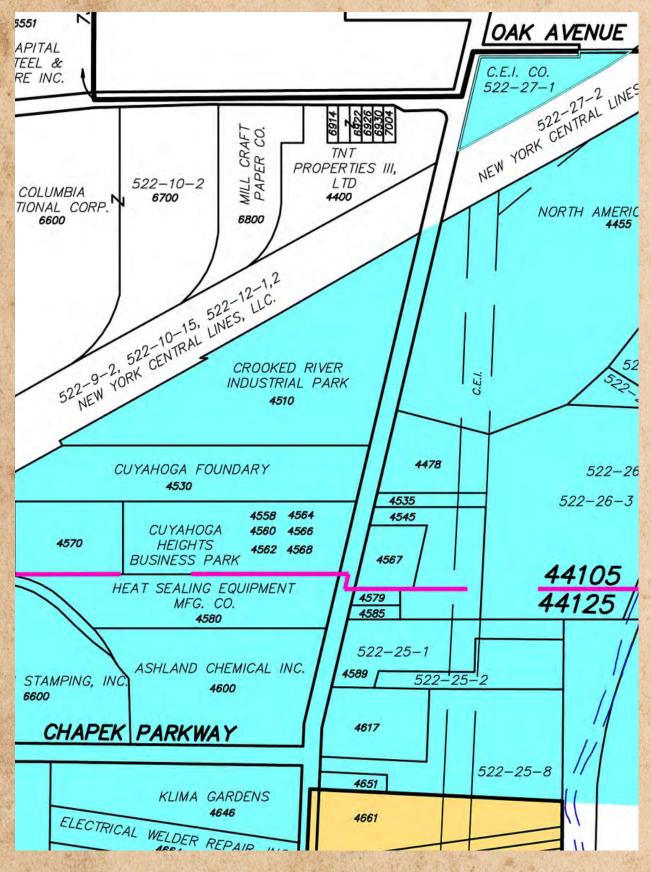


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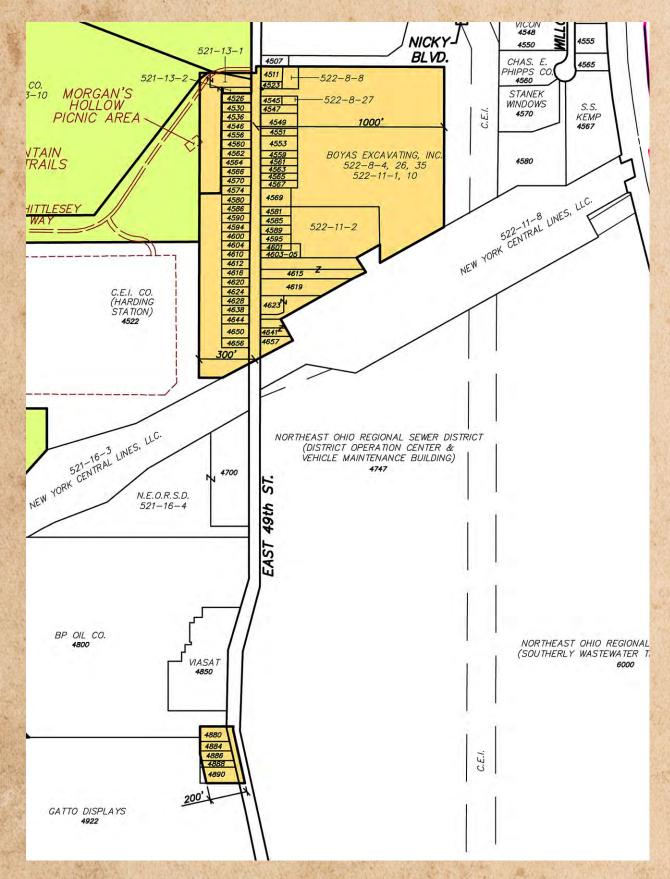
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