

Along Walton Road

Sterling - Betty Walton
House

2006



7215 Walton Road
owned by nephew
William Stanton
and his wife Joyce
(as of 3/2011)

Coryell House
7095 Walton Rd
(2006)



Along Walton Road

Totoggen Run
Strimas Hill
7156 Walton
7156 (6-2006)



NW corner
Alexandria/Walton Rd
Rick Wolinsky -
Marathon
(2006)



Betty Walton wrote this in 1985

HISTORY OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO

(1985)

Will and Abner Walton came from England and pioneered here in the 1830's. At that time this area, as well as Bedford, was called Bedford Township. Most of this portion was farmland...the Waltons purchased 138 acres and settled here building log houses.

It is known that in the earlier days, most of the people living here were the Iroquois and Moravian Indians. They claim the Iroquois was the most savage. They lived here in the early 1600's.

As children were growing up and needed schooling, the Walton's donated a piece of their land for a country school to the Bedford Board Of Education. I have no idea when it was built, but it must have been built in the 1880's. Sterling Walton graduated from this school in 1913. I attended when I was 5 years old in 1911 and instead of calling it "Kindergarten", I was told it was called "primer". The teacher was Miss Alma G. Alber and she was from the Kitson family. I understand in the 1880's, Minnie Walton, a great aunt of Sterlings, taught there also.

When the Board of Education was no longer in need of this country school, the property was to revert back to the Waltons, but instead the building was sold for \$600. to people who lived there for some years and then re-sold to Helen & John Sopko who still live there...7307 Walton Road... still being kept nicely by them. Helen also attended Walton School and has a lot of memories when attending there as a little girl.

This acreage stayed in the Walton family..grandfather, father and brother and Aunt Maude until the 1930's, which was then acquired by the Connolly Realty and cut up into allotments and sold, forming the nucleus of what is now the Village Of Walton Hills.

In 1951, the villages of Bedford Hts., Oakwood and Walton Hills was formed.

The first mayor was Virgil D. Allen Jr., the first Chief was Sterling Walton and no one wanted the Clerks job, so I was it...for a dollar a year. But since I was working and we had just moved into our home on Walton Road, there was too much to do such as making trips to various suburbs to see how to start a village, etc, I couldn't take it, and being on the verge of a nervous breakdown, I resigned my dollar a year job. Mr. Bement was kind enough to take over.

The first members of council were Frank Wolf, Ray Brown, Howard Carey, George Graves, Paul Pojman and Otis Carmany. All served for a dollar a year.

We started business in a quonset building, when a father and son resident started to build a store on the corner of Alexander and Walton and because of a disagreement, separated and left the building unfinished. Seven of the residents, of which we were one, pitched in and purchased the unfinished building for \$17,500. Sterling was named expeditor and with volunteer workers Pete Scimoni, Jim Solomon and others it was accomplished. Those were the good-old days...

Mayor Young took over for umpteen years and here we are...

Good luck now, to Mayor Bosway....nice guy!

Bill Bosway
took over as Mayor of Walton Hills
on 1-1-1984
elected Mayor 11-1983

Betty Walton

Orchard Properties

(from the History of Old Northfield) "There were many farmers in the area in the early days and they kept horses and cows which required both a horse barn and a cow barn."

"Before the railroad came the farmers had no way of getting their milk to the Cleveland market so most of the milk was churned into butter or made into cheese. The churning was done by the housewife in her kitchen and cheese factories sprung up in several places in the township."

"At a big cheese factory, perhaps other farmers brought their milk to the factory in big cans on a milk wagon drawn by one or two horses."

Old timers of the area, such as Robert Whittacre (13518 Tinkers Creek Road) remember the Orchard cheese factory. That was in operation in the late 1800's until about 1920 or so.

1870 County Atlas shows a cheese factory with house and barn owned by Simon Orchard 77 acres

1875, 1878-1880 Richard Orchard: #85 south side 29 acres

1885 Jonathan Orchard #85 "

1895 no listing

1905-1910, 1915 Jonathan Orchard #85 "

1920 no listing

Simon and Rebecca Orchard were immigrants from England. They settled on land along Walton Road between Alexander and Sagamore Road. They had 6 children.

1. William

2. Martha (Mattie) was born in 1857, never married, taught school

1874 County Atlas shows cheese factory of Alden and Martha (Mattie) Orchard

Alden was a relative of Mattie's. Most old-time residents thought they were brother and sister. ??

**** Martha's house at 17609 Sagamore Road is torn down. It was built in 1854.

Martha worked for Charlie Fenten Lumber Company at Rt. 631/Rt. 82.

3. Richard

4. John had 2 children; Marian (she taught English and Social Studies for the Bedford Schools and Sterling; Sterling has 3 sons, John, Joe, Jim Sterling Orchard lives at 234 Logan, in Bedford

5. Simon married Rebecca, they had a son, John

Simon taught Walton School when he was 17. 1879-1880, for \$35.00 a month

6. Joe Joe had a farm on Dunham Road. He had a son, Dwight and a daughter who died.

George Nichols boarded at their house when he taught at Egypt School.

"Old Mr. Orchard had a cheese factory at Sagamore and Walton Road. His wife was dead in the 1920's. He worked on the roads for extra cash."

Bob Whittacre interview 7-23-1985

several old time residents also said this.

Marie Orchard lives in Bedford; she was a Bedford School Teacher.

notes

Richard Orchard - wife
an Orchard house
7715 Walton Rd

Another Orchard house:

John Bolasz married an Orchard. They bought the house that Kelly used to own. The Kelly Farm had been an Orchard farm.

In 1950 General Conelly purchased the Bolasz farm and added it to his Walton Hills Estates Development which was adjacent to it.

The farmhouse with 2 acres was purchased by Conelly's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carter

Orchard-Kelly-Bolasz Farm.

The Bolaszes moved there in 1949

The house is on Walton Road, on the west side, to the north of South Meadowpark.

Bolasz farmed the property. He sold milk to Mat Mathiesons and several other local residents.

The house was built c. 1915

1990 County Atlas: on Walton Road, west side corner of Alexander and Walton Roads.
house and 2 barns

1858 Atlas shows R. Orchard owned all that farm plus 80 acres on the east side of Walton Road, south of Alexander Road. He bought the land from the Walton family.

County Atlases show the Orchard family members owned acreage:

1858 and 1860: Richard Orchard 1880: Simon Orchard

1870 County Atlas:

The Orchard house on the north side of Sagamore Road, west of Walton Road was built in 1854. The Simon Orchards owned that property. The house was torn down in the 1980's and new houses are on that land.

John and Anna Sedensky 7500 Walton Road 232-3371

Archive Center conflicting data:

Harold and Anna Athey's house at 7570 Walton Rd. c. 1870 - newest archives record says c. 1838
2 cards say C. 1838, later remodeled

1838: 6.546 acres at \$350 an acres=\$2290.: buildings: chicken coop, 3 barns, shed

Archives show Anna Athey purchased property in 1941: had a barn and chicken shed on it.

House had an earthen floor.

The foundation was stone.

County Archive records show Stephen Tilden was the first to build a house on that land, probably in 1830.
By 1835 his house was assessed for property taxes.

The John Woolseys were the next family to live in the house. (1839-1853) In the mid 1840's the Woolseys might have replaced the house with a new one or greatly improved the existing house, because in 1847 there was an unusually large jump in the tax evaluation of the property.

The next owner was Josiah Ellett who lived in the house from 1855-until the 1890's.

The original basement floor is earthen and the foundation is made of sandstone blocks. The interior trim of the house is pine.

2/2/1986 interview:

1. Anna's son and his wife: John and Diane Sedensky live in Garrettsville. They own 95 acres there.
2. Louis Toth died in 1941 before Anna Athey bought/moved in

In 1924 Clara Toth and her son, Louis Toth who was a bachelor and a deaf mute, bought seven acres of the farm on the NW corner of Walton and Alexander Roads.

They moved into the old farm house (7570 Walton) and lived off their land.

Newest County archives record show the house was built c. 1838.

Toth's nephew, John Sedensky, lived in Cleveland when he was a boy, but he spent many weekends and summers with his grandmother and his uncle. He enjoyed the country atmosphere and he helped with the needed farm chores. He was appreciated by his grandmother and uncle.

John Sedensky's parents, John and Elizabeth Toth Sedensky, never moved here, but as an investment, they purchased twenty acres along the south side of Hicks Road west of Walton Rd. Their fields stood idle until L. S. Conelly purchased the land, cut Spanghurst Drive and sold lots.

John's uncle's farm meant so much to John, that when he married Anna, he bought adjacent acreage along Walton Road in 1937 and 1939 and then his parents' acreage in 1939. In 1941 John and Anna moved into the new house that they built for themselves next to the old farmhouse. Their house is 7500 Walton.

Anna Sedensky's parents purchased the corner NW lot Walton/Alexander, where the Sunoco Station is now. They intended to build a house for themselves on the lot, but later sold the lot.