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**Buckingham Lodge
1861**

Indian Hill Roads Reflect Area History



William Henry Harrison Lane

William Henry Harrison was the 9th President of the United States. The son of Benjamin Harrison (who signed the Declaration of Independence), he was a member of Virginia's planter aristocracy. Harrison was in the infantry of the Regular Army of the newly formed USA. He was assigned to the Northwest Territory, the area including the current states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. While there, he participated in conflicts with Native Americans, most notably the Battle of Fallen Timbers (1794) and the Battle of Tippecanoe (1811). Harrison was the first delegate to Congress from the Northwest Territory and served as Indiana territory's governor from 1801-1813. He was responsible for defending settlements and obtaining title to Indiana lands so new settlers could move to the wilderness. After the War of 1812, he was Ohio's representative to Congress and later to the U.S. Senate. He became the oldest person to be elected President of the United States. He caught a cold around the time of his inauguration, and succumbed to pneumonia in April 1841, becoming the first President to die in office. His was the shortest tenure in U.S. Presidential history, only 32 days.



Shawnee Run Road

The Shawnee Indians were living in the Ohio Valley as early as the late 1600s. They were fierce warriors and allies of the French until the French trading posts turned British. They fought with the British against the Americans in the Revolutionary War. Tecumseh, their renowned chief, hoped to unite all Indian peoples west of the Appalachian Mountains, but was unsuccessful. One legend is that the road name evolved after a battle between pioneers and Native Americans when the Shawnees retreated down the path which later became a byway. Another more plausible explanation is that "run" means small stream and the original path wound down the hill alongside a creek named Shawnee Run. Ohio has many water courses with similar names such as Salt Run, Dry Run and Pawpaw Run.



Weil Road

This road was named for its first residents. Known to have a hot temper, Jacob Weil had a disagreement with his German girlfriend, left his native land and immigrated to Cincinnati in the early nineteenth century. After a while, his anger subsided, he wrote Carolina and sent for her. She came; they were married in Ohio, and had 9 children. Their home was located on a 60 acre parcel. One descendant of the Weil family recalled that the family farm was "in the deep hills of the country... actually isolated because one had to cross a 10-12 foot creek that ran between the gravel road (Weil Rd.) and the home." When Carolina died, Lena, the oldest daughter, took on the housewife role for her siblings. Later Jacob married Wilhelmina Gerke, a widow with 4 children. The original Weil home, located on current day Fawnmeadow Lane, was razed in the early 21st century.