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From the Indian Hill Historical Society



**Buckingham Lodge
1861**

Indian Hill Roads Reflect Area History



Varner Road

Martin Varner and his wife lived in a cottage located at the top of the curved road which ascends from Plainville up to Indian Hill. They owned 31 acres there. Their house was constructed by Varner himself, the original owner, in 1848. Because the couple were childless, they adopted George Nash and raised him as their own son. George later married and had two sons. Nash lived in the Varner house all his life, and he worked in a dry goods store in Madisonville. Martin Varner died of paralysis of the heart in 1888 at the age of 80. The cottage where he lived and where his adopted son lived later became part of the George Eustis estate. The house has since been razed. There are currently five residences on this scenic winding road, which happens to be one of the southernmost byways in the Village.



Algonquin Drive

The Algonquian peoples made up one of the eight principal Native American language groups in the United States. They occupied an area greater than any other related group of tribes in North America. In the Midwest, the Shawnee, Miami, and Delaware were part of this family. They ranged from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains and from northern Canada to the Carolinas. The tribe stayed mainly in small farming villages, and maize or corn was their most important crop. When growing food became difficult due to weather, the tribes traveled to fish, hunt, trap, and gather. The drive named for these people is loop shaped in form, and has both its entrance and exit on Graves Road. It was originally part of the subdivision named Al-Bar Acres, and is on the western side of the Village.



Voorhees Drive

Voorhees Drive is a newer road in Indian Hill. It was so named when the Tytus property was subdivided in 2015. The Tytus property was located on Indian Hill Road. The new drive abuts Radio Range Park and the historic home, Voorhees Vineyard. That original house was built around 1870. One of its inhabitants was Mr. Voorhees, who owned a machine shop in downtown Cincinnati. His property, then on Indian Hill Road, had the main house, a carriage house, where an employee (Henry Osterberger) resided, and a stone building which had a wine cellar and a workshop for woodworking. Mr. Voorhees commissioned Mr. Osterberger to make furniture, which he gave away to friends. Voorhees was single until he married late in life. He had a summer home in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. There are currently three recently built houses on the drive and more will undoubtedly be constructed.