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Buckingham Lodge-1861

Indian Hill Roads Commemorate Earlier Residents



David B. Walton was the earliest settler on Walton Creek Road. His home was high on the hill overlooking the stream known as Walton Creek, which meanders down a steep ravine and is a tributary of the Little Miami River. In early Columbia Township records, his name appears on a list of fifty six registrations in 1806 by the early pioneers of the ear markings of their cattle. These marks enabled straying cattle to be returned to their rightful owner. David Walton's mark was "a half crop the upper side of the left ear and half penny the upper side of the right, and half crop the under-side of the same." Perhaps other family members lived nearby, as there is a record of Bill Walton paying taxes (squirrel scalps) in 1808.



Eustisfarm was created in 1963, when the former Breezy Hill Farm was subdivided. In 1924, the original farm consisted of 110 acres, which was purchased by Helen White Eustis, a young widow who developed the property into a dairy farm which received national acclaim. It is said that she wanted to provide fresh milk for her two young sons. Mrs. Eustis purchased her dairy stock direct from the Isle of Jersey. She became an expert in Registered Jersey Cows and bred them. Her farm had the first automatic milking machine in Ohio, and her dairy managers shared knowledge and techniques with many others, including Ohio State agricultural students. The farm was a tourist attraction and was listed in a guidebook to Cincinnati published in 1943. The acreage which served as pasture for the Jersey cows now comprises thirteen residences. Initially it was going to be called Crooked Ridge Lane.



Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wyman lived on a farm of about 100 acres where current day Wyman Lane and Miralake Drive exist. Named Sleepy Hollow, the property was the site of much merriment over the decades. Mrs. Wyman, known as "Aunt Fran", was an energetic horsewoman, who often rode side saddle. She and three lady friends played polo at the Cincinnati Riding Club before moving to Indian Hill. Mr. Wyman, Vice-President of the Baldwin Piano Company, was President of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. The couple became very involved in the arts, and invited guests to elegant soirees where talented opera singers performed at a stage in the woods. Their front lawn was expansive, and once, Mrs. Wyman's son landed an airplane in the yard. In 1961, their property was developed, and the lane that bears their name is a tribute to the civically minded couple.