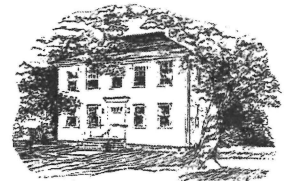


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Indian Hill Roads Commemorate Early Pioneers



David (1799 – 1864) and Harriet (1796 – 1856) Muchmore emigrated from New Jersey in the early nineteenth century, traveling by oxcart to Ohio. They purchased 300 acres encompassing the property around the road that bears their name. First they built a simple frame house. Next they constructed a barn, then a brick kiln. Homemade bricks were used to build a more substantial and elegant abode. The area they inhabited was nicknamed *Hard Scrabble*. The Muchmores had 4 sons and 2 daughters, many of whom eventually settled on Indian Hill. The family raised berries and small fruits, which they sold at the Sixth Street Market in downtown Cincinnati. The Muchmores are buried in Madisonville's Laurel Cemetery.



James Given (1808 – 1881) was born in Belmont County, Ohio, just west of Wheeling, West Virginia. He moved to southwest Ohio in 1830. Employed as a surveyor and civil engineer, he worked on the Cincinnati-Columbus- Wooster Turnpike. He also worked as an architect and builder. In 1831 he married Sarah Waldschmidt, daughter of Christian Waldschmidt (pioneer who settled in Camp Dennison in 1796). Together they had 8 children, though one daughter died in infancy. James developed plans and started constructing an elaborate house near the intersection of today's Given and Kugler Mill Roads. He sold the house before its completion. Sarah died in 1852. James was the treasurer of the Montgomery and Clarksville Turnpike. He moved to the Pendleton area of Cincinnati from Indian Hill, and then later to Clermont County, where he farmed and did surveying for individuals until his death. He kept a diary from 1859-1872.



William Thorndike Keller (1818 – 1892) married Mary Jane Kennedy (1824 – 1877). Thorndike, as he was called, was raised in present day Montgomery, and Mary Jane was from downtown Cincinnati. They lived on a 106 acre farm, in a substantial brick home (circa 1850), which was located near the corner of Given and Keller Roads. He was a successful farmer and fruit grower and had an extensive vineyard. They had 11 children, one of whom died after 10 months. The Kellers conveyed 3 acres to the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company for the construction of a railroad which now runs parallel to Loveland-Madeira Road. W.T. Keller was responsible for the planning and construction of the Little Red Schoolhouse in 1873, and served on its Board of Directors.