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Buckingham Lodge-1861

Indian Hill Roads Commemorate Esteemed Residents



Walter Welty Clippinger was born in 1865 in Monrovia, Indiana. After graduating, he became a teacher, janitor and principal at his high school, McCutchanville School. One summer, while working as a desk clerk at a Hot Springs, Virginia Hotel, he met the John Glidden family. Mr. Glidden invited W. W. to Cincinnati where he enrolled in Cincinnati Law School and worked as an apprentice in Glidden's law firm. He married Helen Louise Glidden in 1894. In 1895 the young couple moved to Drake Road in Indian Hill, where they raised four children. They had a second home in Madisonville. W.W. owned the first car "on the hill", a Stanley Steamer. He accumulated farmland throughout the village, eventually owning 500 acres. W.W. persuaded prominent residents of Walnut Hills and downtown Cincinnati to relocate to Indian Hill between 1923- 1930. He was the first Mayor of Indian Hill in 1941.



A self-made man, Bernard Kroger was raised in Cincinnati when it was known as Porkopolis. Born in 1860, he worked in a drugstore, as a door to door salesman, a farmhand, and a peddler before starting his own business at age 23. By age 25, Kroger had four stores in Cincinnati. He introduced mass marketing, quality control, and meat markets to the grocery business. He built the Kroger Company into a million dollar business, and expanded it throughout the Midwest, operating 5000 stores by 1928. Known for his individual initiative and hard work, Barney Kroger purchased over 150 acres in Indian Hill in 1928 along both sides of what is now Cunningham Road. Five houses were built on this land by his five married children. Hereford cattle were raised on the property by his son Chester. The area – a family compound – became known as Kroger Farm.



Born in Cincinnati in 1880, William Albers worked in the grocery business from the age of 22. He resigned as President of the Kroger Company after differences with the Board of Directors in 1930. In 1933 he founded Albers Super Markets, Inc. Some of the innovations in his stores were grocery carts for customers, wide aisles, a choice of nationally recognized brands, and cash registers with one-half cent keys. The chain of stores was a phenomenal success. Mr. & Mrs. Albers resided at their majestic estate, Alberly Manor, a Tudor house with 23 rooms located on a 100 acre parcel on Shawnee Run Road. A civic-minded citizen, he served on numerous local Boards, organizations, and committees, and he was known as "Mr. Supermarket".