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**Buckingham Lodge
1861**

Roads Recall Past Residents



Originally called Earhart Road, this street was renamed when the Earharts either departed or died. George Brill owned a 97-acre farm there. He was a member of the Business Men's Club and secretary of the Magnolia Mutual Aid Society. By occupation, Brill was a grocer and had a chain of 21 Blue Front Grocery Stores located from Kentucky to Norwood and Madisonville. Advertisements in local newspapers offered a pound of coffee for 25 cents, a barrel of flour for \$4.40, and pretzels for 7 cents a pound. Brill went bankrupt in 1907, but Anna Brill (perhaps his wife) maintained substantial Indian Hill acreage until at least 1914.



Early residents Frank P. Hoffman and his wife Lizzie Hinghaus Hoffman used the addresses Bloom Road and Cooper Road when referring to their home. The Hoffmans owned a little more than 49 acres in a rectangular lot. Throughout the early 20th century, they were socially active and hosted guests and held dinner parties for their friends. Mrs. Hoffman was a member of the Quadrille Club (which held dances) and the What Not Club. Mr. Hoffman was considered for the Executive Board of the National Association of Post Office Clerks. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1927. Their grandchildren spent the summer months with them. A 1928 advertisement in the Enquirer read "Fruit - Apples, Peaches, Plums. Bring baskets. Hoffman Farm. Bloom Rd. Montgomery, Ohio." Mr. Hoffman died in 1937.



A private lane with six homes, Rettig Lane is located north of DeMar Road, and east of Crabtree Lane. It is named for its developer, Charles Rettig, who built two houses there in 1952. His family resided in one. Other lots were sold to George Mossman and Donald Krueger. Charles' career is unknown, but his wife, Vera, was associated with Cline Realtors as an agent. The family worshipped at St. Gertrude Church, where two of their daughters were married. Mrs. Rettig lived until the age of 96 and had 19 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.