

A Tribute to Irma: The History of Bills Road (Part 2 of 2)

Prior to her passing last year, Irma (Barmaster) Wyse and her friend Mary Jane Devlin enjoyed memorable times together. Their conversations frequently included memories of West Walworth and Bills Road, resulting in this list of former and current residents. Irma lived on Bills Road her entire life except for a short period of time. (Part 1 of this history of Bills Road was published in the July WHS Newsletter.)

Additional information was compiled with help from long-time residents Norman Druschel, Inez (Welker) Ikewood, and many others. Our thanks to everyone who helped. If you have memories of Bills Road that you would like to add to this file, please contact anyone listed on the front of this newsletter.

Note: In the early 1970's the numbering system was changed. The first number is the old number and the second number is the new address. If there is only one number, the house was built after the new numbering system started.

Starting at West Walworth Road - North Side

- 76/557 Lonnie and Jean Loncasty and son, Peter. Then Raymond and Dorothy Welker and children Larry, Kevin, and Thomas.
- 102/511 Thomas and Jeanette Hook and children Donald and Cheryl; now Tim Sergeant.
- 114/487 Peter and Mary Cefarilli; now James Dawson.
- 120/475 Richard and Marilyn Junot; now owned by Robert Thorp.

Intersection at Cream Ridge Road

- 136/435 Michael and Evelyn Thornton; now Clinton Ludwig.
- 140/427 Alton and Nancy Fox; now Paul Finnity.
- 144/419 William and Lois Maloney; now Louis and Darlene Martino and children Jack and Gregory.
- 148/411 Raymond and Elizabeth Thompson; now Timothy Beck.

Intersection at Hillside Drive

- 154/389 Fred & wife Frey and daughter Onalee; then Monaghan from Penfield; then Benny and Mary LaLoggia; now Dean Carlson.
- 379 Bradley La Berge.
- 367 Todd Russell.
- 212/281 Raymond and Florence Tuhro, original owners, built for them; then James Purdy (great-nephew of Raymond) and Laura.
- 275 Wallace W. and Margaret Wyse and Eric.
- 216/271 William and Helen Barmaster and daughters Irma and Arlene, now owned by Wallace W. Wyse and rented.
- 222/265 Wallace C. and Irma B. Wyse (built by them) and children Wallace, Mark, and Robyn.
- 238/233 Robert and Charlene Anderson and children; then Dennis and Carol Derkits.
- 111 Robert Schreiber.
- 310/95 Stephen and Virginia Gorski.
Bill Laird, wife and children, including Michael.

June 1, 1961.....The main business section of Walworth was threatened with serious fire loss as fireman battled a roof blaze in the Walworth Grange Hall building that also houses the Post Office, feed and grain store, barber shop and apartment. Estimated damage about \$2,000.

January 24, 1962...Mr. & Mrs. Theron Hack celebrate 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Hack was a dairy farmer until his retirement in 1950.

January 16, 1964...Walworth's 1st supermarket opens at 2263 Walworth-Marion Road. Don Brockman, owner of Don's IGA, has set 8:00 AM to let the first customer into the new store. The store was built by Norman Soucy.

March 26, 1964....Mr & Mrs. David Payne of Walworth became parents of triplets (Lori, David, and Lesa). The Payne's also have a 6-year old daughter.

1965....Dr. Albert Schweitzer dies at age 90. He was called the "great white doctor". He was buried on the red African soil near the jungle hospital to which he devoted most of his long life.

January 1965...First commercial jet lands at Rochester-Monroe County Airport. The American Airlines Boeing 727 astrojet touches down at 12:35 pm.

January 24, 1965...Sir Winston Churchill dies.

August 1965...RG&E to build atomic plant in Wayne County. RG&E decided to build a nuclear power plant on Lake Ontario, 18 miles east of Rochester. Robert Ginna, Chairman of the Board, said the plant would cost more than 50 million dollars and will be built by Westinghouse Electric Co. Expected completion and in operation by early 1969.

June 1966....Mary Ellen Taber, who just completed first grade, named Rose Princess.

August 1966...Lincoln Baptist Church celebrates 150-year anniversary.

August 1, 1967....Thomas C. Armstrong, Superintendent of Wayne Central School District, resigns. In 1953 he was named High School Principal and in 1956 assumed the position of superintendent. (In April of 1968 the Middle School was dedicated to Mr. Armstrong).

January 16, 1968...."The Smallest 'Town' Secedes". Greenview has seceded from the Town of Walworth to become Wayne County's 16th town, albeit very unofficial. Founded in 1963, seceded in 1968. Population 24 adults, 31 children and 14 dogs. No one knows who, under the cover of night, put up the neatly stenciled sign.

August 31, 1968....Walworth Post Office moved from the present location in the Grange building to the remodeled building across the street at 3720 Main Street. Postmistress is Mrs. Peter VanHaneghem.

1969....The 1.9 million dollar water system is now operational.

August 24, 1969....Mr & Mrs. Harold Reynolds celebrate 50th wedding anniversary.