

A Tribute to Irma: The History of Bills Road (Part 1 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.

Additional information was compiled with help from long-time residents Norman Druschel and Inez (Welker) Ickewood 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 – South Side

- 7/684 Al and Betty Kunzer and children Jeff, Robert, Gay, Susan, Guy and Amy. Then John and Marilyn Wilson and children John and Marilyn.
- 11/676 Ida and George Druschel. Then Fay and Louise Druschel and children Norman and Marilyn. Now vacant but owned by Norman and Rita Druschel.
- 27/650 Gordon and Blanche Anthony and daughters Nancy and Karen. George died in approximately 1967. Blanche then married George Westerman. The house has recently been sold to James Speranza.
- 29/644 Mrs. Edna Jacobs, a piano teacher from Penfield, rented ½ house to various people including Mary Jane and Arnold Devlin and John and Joan Rodas. Mrs. Jacobs then sold property to Donald and Beverly Evankovich. David and Helen Devlin then purchased it and lived there with their children Martin and Suzanne. Now owned by Gerard Fly, Jr.
- 33/634 Owned by Fay and Louise Druschel. House was vacant for a number of years and since has been torn down and replaced with a new home which is owned by James and Tanya LaForty, grandson of Fay and Louise Druschel.
- 43/616 Owned by Rogers family before Johnny and Alvina Kent and their children. Now owned by Steven Philp.
- 45/612 Clarence and Elfleda Druschel (brother and sister); now owned by David Amish.
- 49/600 Glenn and Agatha Bills and children Charles, Marvin, Donald, Esther, Elizabeth, Harvey and Howard. Their daughter Elizabeth and her husband Gerald DeMoff then lived there with their children. Glenn was a school bus driver for Walworth High School. Now owned by Wendy Updyke. Bills Road was named for the Bills family.
- 590 Elizabeth Jones: no house, property only.
- 588 Kim Greenberg.
- 580 Keith Ludwig.
- 572 David Bradstreet.
- 71/564 Richard and Katherine Zingler.
- 554 Built as a handicap-accessible home for Charles Bills, who was injured in a swimming accident in 1957, son of Glenn and Agatha Bills. Now owned by Steven Schnepf.
- 83/544 Stanley and Sharon Burke; then Jennifer Smith.
- 87/534 Terill and Diane MacAuley; then Joseph Lynch.
- 91/526 Robert and Sharon Lemmey.
- 516 Terry Hadley.
- 506 Craig Sadvik.
- 107/494 Donald and Patricia Palermo; she passed away in 2004 or 2005. Now owned by James Knieser.
- 111/486 Frank and Rosemary Sgabellone.
- 115/478 Edward and Laureen Williams; now owned by Charlene Benner.
- 121/470 Robert and Barbara Dewey; now owned by Randy Watkins.
- 125/454 Fred Richberg; sold to Carroll and Joan Fulton and their daughter Gail. Now William Flick lives there.
- 424 Steven and Debbie Philp and sons Jason, Scott, and Steven.

420 Gordon and Betty Nenno.
139/412 Kenneth and Jean Marie Albert; now owned by David Staerr.
143/404 Michael and Bertha Drojak, Frank Lana.
147/396 Robert and Marie Foltz; then James Schmitt.
151/388 Frank and Greta Karpinski (both deceased); sold to Jo Ann Colburn.
155/380 Richard and Linda Maus.
159/372 Lawrence and Pearl LaRue; then Mark Bakuzonis.
203/300 Homer and Evelyn Gath and children Linda and Robert; now Christopher Ecker.
223/264 Frank and Bertha Anders and son Graydon. They sold to Charles Catalano and his wife, who sold to Jerry and Suzanne Briggs and their children Michael, Matt, and Marcie; now David Parods.
254 New home: Mark Pieroni.
244 William Walters.
230 Frank Svatek.
210 Dan Lettro.
261/200 Leo and Mary Lou Kennerson; then Linda Martin, Robert Jacobs; now Earl DeLong.
273/170 Lynn and Dorothy Amsler and children Debbie and Steven; now Robert Sure.

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