

A Journey Down Penfield Road (Part 2)

(by Jay Taber and Friends)

Part Two: Jay continues his narrative from the March newsletter and heads west on Walworth-Penfield Road. If anyone can add other names and dates to the story let us know.

NOTE: House numbers throughout Wayne County were changed in the mid 1970's for simplification and emergency response purposes. The numbers in parentheses are the original numbers that are no longer used. The road was originally called Rochester Street.

2193 – (18): Charles and Vivian Buckley lived in the next house with their son Aschel and daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Wally Joslin and daughter Mary Ellen. Charlie and Vivian had operated the Walworth Hardware in the south half of Marlene Hall's store. If I remember correctly, they also sold some groceries and there were gasoline pumps before the Post Office was moved there. The Post Office was located in the back of the store; Jean was the postmistress. It was a store where one bought a few things and sat around and talked for 20 minutes to an hour. But by 1955 they had long since sold the store (to Jack and Blanche Wick, I think. Blanche was Howard Triou's sister.)

Earl and Bev Stauring and their three children lived in the Buckley house for several years after Vivian and the Joslins moved. Then Leighton and Nancy Bel moved back to Walworth and lived there with their four children – Lee, Dee, Lori, and Terri. Years later, after Lee Bel had decided not to continue in the Air Force, he and Katie bought the house from his parents in July 1988 and are still living there today with daughters Samantha and Sabrina.

2179 – (22): Melba Smith had lived in the house next to the Buckley-Stauring-Bel house since I can remember. She was a retired district school teacher and lived there with her mother and later alone after her mother's death. By the time we moved into our house, she had become the local eccentric, who really didn't mix with the people in the community much at all. She died at the time the Staurings were living next door. Russell and Barb Kuelling purchased the property in 1971. Daughter Kelly moved there with her parents; Kevin was born in 1974. The Kuellings are now empty nesters.

2175 – (26): Next to Melba's was a vacant lot. This was eventually sold to a DeMay family who moved a pre-built home in two halves onto the cellar wall in 1965. This was quite an event and the neighbors all came together to witness this novel way of "building" a

house. The DeMays lived there only a short time before Roger and Dottie DeMay (no relation, I believe, to the previous owner) bought it in 1969. Their two sons, Brian and Bruce, are now adults and no longer live at home.

2167 – (30): Miss Ella Ebert and her brother George lived in the next house in the '40's. Ella died in 1946, her brother pre-deceased her. When Erwin and Coral Ebert and children Cathy and Bob purchased the house, Erwin made the upstairs into an apartment for his mother, Anna Ebert. After they moved, several people lived there before the present occupants, the Andrew Britts purchased the house in November 2003.

2159 – (34): This house was built in 1865. Cliff and Bernice Nortier and daughters Nancy and Sally lived there from the late 1930's until 1949; Cliff worked for George Wignall. Pete Cauwels and his wife, Esther, and children, Mary Jane and Stanley, also lived there. Pete worked for Bob Wignall and had a meat slaughtering business as well. After they moved out, many people lived there including Marty and Eugene Davis and three children Don, Steve, and Scott. Later the house was divided into two apartments.

Current owners Janice Filion and Paul Korolko share the house with their daughter, Annabelle Korolko. Since purchasing it in December 2001, they have been converting it from apartments to a single home.

2151/2153 – (36/38): The next house is the one that we always referred to as "the duplex," a place where people moved in for a couple of years until they could afford to buy their own home. It was built in the late 1960's by Harold and Richard Schultz.

But before it was built, a small two story house had to be torn down. That is where the Pardees lived with their large family in the late 1930's, and later Tony and Mammie Vasseur lived there with their son Myndert; Tony worked for George Wignall. Pat and Minnie Curran and three sons Donald, Bernard and Harvey also lived there. We called it the tenant house. It was purchased in December 1998 by Matthew Juby.

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