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FOREWORD

The mid-west American tavern and its successor, the hotel, can claim a significant place in the story of the life of a growing nation. There the travel-worn stranger--the settler on his way to a new home in the West, the emissary of trade or of religion, the politician on the hustings, or the European visitor seeking out the new and strange sights of the interior--found a night's rest from the hardships of the road or made headquarters for a few days sojourn.

On this part of Erie's shore at least, the tavern represented the comforts, if not the luxuries, of contemporary travel. As a bustling community developed around the mouth of the Cuyahoga the hostelry became the center of an important social life. Often this could be achieved only when the original institution was replaced by one--and later others--offering new and larger accommodations. In a few cases the tavern represented social stability and continuity of service rather than growth, and so has survived as an original landmark.

The entries in this calendar, gleaned from the local records, from the public prints, or from accounts that reflect the wide range of historical sources, tell the story of the changes wrought in four score years of the community's history. At times they indicate the routine of commercial transactions; at others they reflect the throbbing currents of life for which the tavern or hotel was often the vital center. Presented in this form they either tell their own story or challenge the reader--and more particularly the student of local history--to try his hand at putting together the mosaic for which the entries offer the necessary units of material.

Arthur C. Cole

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration began operation in Ohio in February 1936. The Project was organized and operated by the district supervisors of the Writers' Project until November 1936 when it became an independent part of Federal Project No. I. With the termination of the Federal Projects in September 1939, the Ohio unit became the Ohio Historical Records Survey Project, sponsored by the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society. On August 3, 1941, the Ohio Historical Records Survey Project became a unit of the Consolidated Records Assistance Project in Ohio sponsored by the Ohio State University.

This publication, *Historic Sites of Cleveland: Hotels and Taverns*, was prepared and published by the Historic Sites Survey, a section of the Historical Records Survey which operated only in Cuyahoga County. The Survey of Historic Sites was inaugurated in January 1940 although the Historical Records Survey functioned in the county from the time of the initiation of the Federal Project in 1936.

The Historic Sites Survey was planned and developed under the supervision of Lillian Kessler with the assistance of Sarah Siegel and Virginia Massey. The volume was copyread and printed under the supervision of Grace Clift. Other persons in a supervisory position who assisted in the preparation of the volume were Ruth Sloan, Leon Hymes, and Hazel Fetzer. The enthusiasm and interest of the project employees in obtaining the data and checking for historical accuracy are to be commended.

We are especially grateful to the County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County who have supplied the materials and equipment for the publication of this volume and, in particular, to Donald Lybarger, County Recorder and sponsor representative, who gave generously of his time and made many helpful suggestions. We are also grateful to the many citizens of Cleveland who because of their keen interest in the history of that community cooperated with the project in the search for historical data and in the planning of the survey.

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INTRODUCTION

This publication of the Ohio Historical Records Survey is a product of one of the many unique and outstanding history projects developed in Cleveland under the inspiration and guidance of the late Robert C. Binkley, Professor of History at Western Reserve University. No one individual can claim sole authorship of the idea that led to this comprehensive survey of the historic sites of Cleveland and this volume on Cleveland's hotels and taverns during the first century of its growth. Historians, amateur scholars, teachers, and librarians became aware of the growing demand for local history information and a few visualized the possibility of employing WPA white collar workers to correlate such data. Some suggested a survey of place names, others a bibliography of sources for students of local history, and still others a survey of historic buildings or a history of transportation portrayed in a series of map studies.

Out of this spontaneous flow of suggestions came this survey resulting in an accumulation of thousands of abstracts of pertinent information contained in local governmental records, newspapers, periodicals, city directories, atlases and maps, and county and city histories. These forms, which have been arranged chronologically for each site and filed in jackets, have been deposited with the Western Reserve Historical Society where they will be accessible for general use.

Many persons interested in various phases of Cleveland history have been helpful and cooperative in the planning and development of the survey. The original coordinating and detailed planning was done by Dr. Binkley who, as a historian of vision, could integrate conflicting and varied suggestions into a workable pattern of operation. Clarence Hutchinson, Assistant County Engineer, and Elmer B. Wight, engineer, were most helpful in planning work pertaining to the development of roads in the Western Reserve. John Love, Business Editor of the *Cleveland Press*, and Rose Vormelker, Director of the Business Information Bureau of the Cleveland Public Library, were helpful in planning the work pertaining to old Cleveland business concerns. Arthur C. Cole, Professor of History at Western Reserve University, made many valuable suggestions concerning source material and editorial style. The Committee on Private Research of Western Reserve University was often helpful. The Cleveland Public Library, the Western Reserve University Library, and Case Library were generous in their loan of books, periodicals, and newspapers. The survey was ably directed by the Work Projects Administration under the supervision of Lillian Kessler who worked closely with Dr. Binkley in the original planning of the survey.

This volume is presented in calendar rather than in narrative style so that the reader is led to the original sources from which the facts have been obtained. Hotels and taverns have been arranged alphabetically according to the last known name. The table of contents lists all previous names with the corresponding dates. The index contains reference to all names by which the hotels and taverns were known and the names of persons closely associated

with the site. The photographs reproduced in this volume were selected by Mr. Louis Baus, *Cleveland Plain Dealer* photographer, from his rare collection of photographs of historic sites in Cleveland.

It is my earnest hope, and the desire of all who have been closely associated with the Historic Sites Survey in an advisory capacity, that this publication will inspire others in the countless communities of our vast nation to delve into the original records which tell the story of America.

Donald F. Lybarger

Cleveland, Ohio
August 15, 1942

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AMERICAN HOUSE
Superior Avenue, between Prospect and Huron

For nearly a century--from 1837 to 1925--the American House, Cleveland's first large hotel, stood on the south side of Superior Avenue, on the site of Original Lot 75. It was first housed in the upper floors of the Kellogg Block at what was then 42 Superior Street. Known locally during its first ten years as "the world's greatest hotel," the American House was the scene of all the town's important balls; the visiting great spoke from its iron-railed balcony. The earlier hotels of Cleveland had started off with more fanciful names; the American House was one of a different, or patriotic line, which included a Washington House and a Franklin House.

Even after its fame had been eclipsed by the opening of the Weddell House in 1847, the American House remained for years the chief gathering place of politicians and maintained its standing as a leading hotel until the latter part of the century. In 1920 the Van Sweringen interests acquired the hotel, and its life span ended five years later. Soon afterward even the site was swallowed up in the Union Terminal development. *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 446, and III, 741; *Cuyahoga County Plat Book*, 1870; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 277, 430; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1925; *ibid.*, April 6, 1937; *News*, July 8, 1925, Scrapbook V; *Press*, Dec. 16, 1925.

1797 The second surveying party of the Connecticut Land Company built a log store on Original Lot 75, later the site of the American House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 446; Spafford, *Map of 1801*; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, opp. 174; *Cuyahoga County Plat Book*, 1870.

1802 Samuel Huntington, later governor of Ohio, entered into negotiations with the Connecticut Land Company for a large tract of land including the site of the American House. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 57, 58; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 234, 235, 430; *Settlers Annals*, IV, 495; *ibid.*, V, No. 4, 353; *ibid.*, V, No. 5, 446.

1802
Mar. 28 The property acquired from the Connecticut Land Company by Samuel Huntington was deeded to him. Trumbull County Deeds, D, 434, 435; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 57; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 446.

1810 Nov. 29 Cleveland land, including the American House site, was traded by Samuel Huntington to Robert B. Parkman for land at Painesville, Ohio. John Walworth was agent for Parkman, and his Painesville farm was included in the trade. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 703; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 57, 58; Cuyahoga County Deeds, C-3, 382, 384.

1819 June 4 The agreement exchange negotiated by John Walworth, as agent for R. B. Parkman, for certain of the Huntington properties, was legally ratified. Cuyahoga County Deeds, C-3, 383, 384.

1819 June 10 The American House site was included in property sold by Robert B. Parkman to David Long for $2500. Cuyahoga County Deeds, C-3, 387, 388.

1828 Mar. 31 Dr. Long sold Leonard Case the site of the American House. Ten dollars cash and other considerations were named in the deed as the purchase price. Cuyahoga County Deeds, G-7, 389-390.

1830 Sept. 22 The American House site was acquired from Leonard Case and his wife by James Kellogg, a contractor and paper manufacturer, who had come that year from Northfield, Conn. Cuyahoga County Deeds, I-9, 188; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 69.

1835 The Kellogg Block, the upper floors of which were subsequently occupied by the American House, was in process of erection. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 356, 357; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 69.

1835 July 15 James Kellogg and wife mortgaged to the State of Connecticut, for $8000, that portion of Lot 75 on which the Kellogg Block was being built. Cuyahoga County Deeds, S-17, 179-180.

1835 July 29 A disastrous fire, the largest in Cleveland to that date, swept the south side of Superior Street and threatened the Kellogg Block. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 486; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 159.

1836 April 29 "Lost - A portfolio containing a draft or plan of Kellogg's brick block, now in progress of building in this city. It is hoped that any person having it in his possession will return it to the book store of J. Kellogg without delay." *Herald*, Apr. 29, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 193.

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1836 Sept. 15 James Kellogg leased the cellar and the first floor of the Kellogg Block to William E. Gold for five years at $600 a year. *Court Records*, I, 69.

1836 Nov. 1 William E. Gold's storeroom on the first floor of the Kellogg building was completed. Gold later averred that James Kellogg had told him that a tavern would be opened on this date, and that Gold would not be charged rent until the remodeling of the building for this purpose was complete. *Court Records*, I, 69.

1836 Nov. 17 "The store rooms in the extensive block of brick buildings on Superior Street, erected by Mr. Kellogg, have been completed and all are occupied, save one." *Herald*, Nov. 17, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 147.

1837 The American House was built by Warham J. Warner, carpenter, mason, and contractor who later helped build some of the homes which made Euclid Avenue famous. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 436; *Plain Dealer*, July 11, 1925, Cleveland Public Library Clipping File; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 28, 1934.

1837 "The American House, 42 Superior Street, occupies the whole of the upper stories of that splendid building recently erected by our enterprising fellow citizen, James Kellogg, Esq., and known as Kellogg's Block. It is decidedly one of the most magnificent establishments in the United States." *Directory of the Cities of Cleveland and Ohio*, 1837-1838 (compiled by J. P. B. MacCabe), 110.

1837 Daniel Webster was a fleeting visitor at the American House, remaining only an hour, but long enough, tradition has it, to patronize its bar. *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369; Hutchinson, Hutchinson's Notes (Cleveland), I; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428-430; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 309.

1837 Moses G. Younglove and Edward P. Wetmore opened a wholesale and retail book and stationery store at No. 40 Superior Street, in the American House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 502.

1837
May 18 Issac Newton, lessor of the American House, purchased $272 worth of furniture for the hotel from Robert Nunns, Clark and Company, in New York City, to whom he gave a four-month note in payment. The note was secured on a letter of credit signed by Thomas M. Kelley, James Kellogg, Richard Hilliard, John Deane, Edmund Clark, and Truman P. Handy and deposited with John Ward and Company, New York City brokers. *Court Records*, I, 48, 49.

1837
Aug. 14 The American House opened. The first landlord was Issac Newton and the lessees were Norton and Canfield. *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 447-450; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430.

1837
Aug. 15 "The American House was opened yesterday. It is furnished in a style of substantial comfort and luxury. The opening dinner was superb. We believe every one of the numerous guests was satisfied that the American would deserve success, and succeed." *Herald & Gazette*, Aug. 15, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 142; *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 1921, Scrapbook IV.

1837
Aug. 15 "Wanted. - Six wash women. Inquire at the American House between the hours of 8 & 12 A. M." *Herald & Gazette*, Aug. 15, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 95..

1837
Aug. 17 "Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed petition in the city clerk's office for a license to keep a Tavern in Kellogg's Building, Superior St. Isaac Newton." *Herald & Gazette*, Aug. 17, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 143.

1837
Sept. 7 "Doctor S. Inglehart has removed his office to Superior st., two doors west of the Post Office, where he will be found at all hours of the day - and at his room, No. 77, at the American House, during the night, and will attend to all calls in his profession. References - Hon. J. W. Willey, John Barr, Esq., Isaac Newton, Esq., Doct. J. Mills, Doct. A. D. Smith, Doct. G. Mendenhall." *Herald & Gazette*, Sept. 7, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 181.

1837
Sept. 18 Isaac Newton, unable to meet a note to New York furniture dealers, sold the American House furniture to the building owner, Kellogg, for $1000. Kellogg paid with a note signed by himself, Kelley, and E. Clark, who agreed to discharge Newton's debts. *Court Records*, I, 48-49.

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1837
Nov. 7 "At a meeting of citizens favorable to a Phrenological society, held at the American House, Dr. A. D. Smith presided. The following resolution was offered by Mr. C. Bradburn: That it be expedient and practicable to form a phrenological society in this city and county for the better promotion of the science of phrenology, and the further dissemination of its knowledge and utility." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 7, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 229.

1837
Nov. 17 About 150 Whigs met at the American House to celebrate the glorious triumph in New York state -- the late downfall of Locofocoism. At 7 o'clock they sat down to a feast prepared by Mr. Newton. At the table, when the covers were removed, three pigeons bearing appropriate messages from the Regency, the Kitchen and Tammany Hall were discovered in the room. One of the messages was as follows: "Albany Friday evening, Nov. 17, 1837. The Regency to all the faithful: Greeting, Ichabod! Thy Glory is departed." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 18, 1837, (2 entries), *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 260, 261.

1837
Dec. 4 Council approved a petition for a cross walk opposite the American. *Herald & Gazette*, Dec. 5, 1937, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 69.

1838
Jan. 5 "Mr. Newton, of the American House, desires it stated for the information of the public, that he has lately built a large and commodious barn and stables adjacent to the Hotel. Travellers stopping at the American House will be able to see that their horses are well cared for, and the inconvenience arising from the want of stabling adjacent to the hotel will no longer be felt." *Herald & Gazette*, Jan. 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 160.

1838
Jan. 30 "At a meeting held at the American House, 60 persons were appointed Managers for a Ball in commemoration of Washington's Birthday, to be held on the 22nd of Feb., 1838. J. A. Vincent, was called to the chair, and J. R. St. John, was appointed secretary. Tickets of admission for the Ball can be secured at the Bar." *Herald & Gazette*, Jan. 30, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 6.

1838
Feb. 15 "Green's Patent Straw Cutter. - The subscribers have on hand a number of the above valuable articles, manufactured by C. G. Jones, of Lockport, N. Y. The manufacturer is desirous of introducing the article in the state of Ohio, believing it superior to anything of the kind now in use. He would invite the attention of farmers and others, as by their use a great saving can be made in the article of fodder.

"The machines can be seen at their warehouse on the River, or at the American House, where one of them can be seen in operation. G. C. Davies & Co." *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 15, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 106.

1838
Feb. 19 "Gentlemen who attend the Ball on the 22nd are requested to take their tickets at the office of the American House on the day of the Ball, and previous to the time of its commencement, as it will prevent much delay and confusion. Tickets five dollars." *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 19, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 6.

1838
Feb. 22 "One of the prettiest fancy articles we ever saw is a miniature ship, the George Washington, now at the American House.

"We understand that it is the work of Captain Nickerson of Lake Erie, who has wrought it in the intervals of several years when navigation upon the Lake was closed." *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 22, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 174, 175.

1838
Mar. 27 "Barkeeper Wanted. - An active young man from 16 to 18 years of age, with good recommendations, will find a good situation by applying at the American House." *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 27, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 98.

1838
Apr. 30 Nunns and Clark, New York furniture dealers to whom Isaac Newton had given a four-month note in 1837, filed suit against Newton in common pleas court and later were given a judgment of $284.21. *Court Records*, I, 48, 49.

1838
May 2 At the regular city council meeting the committee on licenses reported a $40 license issued to the American House. *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 54; Council Journal "A" (1836-1838), 349.

1838
June 14 "Strayed or stolen, from the subscriber at the center of Independence, on the 14th inst., two cows. Whoever will return them to the American House in Cleveland or give me such information that I can find them, shall be satisfactorily rewarded. John Logan." *Herald & Gazette*, June 19, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 104.

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1838 June 14 "Escaped. From the stables of the American House, in this city, about two o'clock this morning, a bay horse.

"Whoever will give information of said horse shall be liberally rewarded. Isaac Newton." *Herald & Gazette*, June 14, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 104.

1838 July 25 "Davenport's Electro Magnetic Engine. Will be exhibited for a few days at the American House, Cleveland, commencing this afternoon at 4 o'clock. H. Bissell. Admission 25 cents, tickets to be had at the Bar, American and Franklin House." *Herald & Gazette*, July 25, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 100.

1838 Aug. 7 "The Hon. R. A. Menifee, member of Congress from Kentucky, arrived in this city today and took lodgings at the American House." *Herald & Gazette*, Aug. 7, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 215.

1838 Sept. 14 "The following new music just received at Brainard's Piano Forte and Music Store, under the American House: *Again and Again*, by C. E. Hora, *Blow Gentle Gales*, by Bishop, *In Silence to His Memory*, by King." *Herald & Gazette*, Sept. 14, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 186.

1838 Dec. 4 "Great Novelty and Unprecedented Attraction. At the American House on Dec. 5th, 6th, and 7th. Just arrived from England the celebrated Albino Lady and the Irish Giant; also Mr. Davidson, fancy Glass Worker. Admittance 25c." *Herald & Gazette*, Dec. 4, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 101.

1839 Jan. 21 James Kellogg sued William E. Gold in common pleas court for $2000 damages growing out of nonpayment of rent by Gold. The suit charged that Kellogg leased the cellar and first floor of the building housing the American hotel to Gold for five years from September 15, 1836; that Gold was in the possession of the property until July 13, 1838, and at the end of that time owed him $2000 for rent and other accounts.

Gold countered by alleging in part, that until the first floor of the building was remodeled as Kellogg had promised, and other improvements made, Kellogg had agreed not to charge rental: that the building was in bad condition in that water seeped into the cellar damaging his goods, that Kellogg owed him $2000 for work done for Kellogg, $2000 for goods sold to Kellogg, $4000 for money loaned to Kellogg, and $3000 on other accounts. *Court Records*, I, 69.

1839 Jan. 23 The American House was the scene of the first military ball in Cleveland. The ballroom was handsomely decorated. Gentlemen attached to the Military appeared in uniform. *Plain Dealer*, July 11, 1925; *Herald & Gazette*, Jan. 1, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 140.

1839 June 12 "The subscriber has returned to the American House, where he will be happy to shave his old friends and customers and all who wear beards. Make trial at the American House. P. Kolb." *Herald & Gazette*, June 12, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 15.

1839 Oct. 23 Having failed to collect a judgment of $284.21 against Isaac Newton for furniture bought for the American House in 1837 the company of Nunns and Clark sued the signers of the letter of credit. The case was dismissed for lack of evidence. *Court Records*, I, 48-49.

1839 Dec. 30 "Mr. P. M'Cauley of Willoughby will open a dancing school in the American House, this city, on December 12." *Herald*, Dec. 30, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 46.

1839 In the December term the court gave judgment in the sum of $437.69 in favor of James Kellogg, owner of the building which housed the American House, for rent and other accounts unpaid by William E. Gold. *Court Records*, I, 69.

1840 Jan. 30 The second annual ball of the Cleveland Grays was held at the American House. *Herald*, Jan. 31, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 167.

1840 Feb. 20 "Mr. Vandusen, a blind gentleman ... will give a concert of vocal and instrumental music on February 21st at the American House. He will perform a number of celebrated pieces of music on the piano forte. Tickets fifty cents." *Herald*, Feb. 20, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 151.

1840 Feb. 20 "Sheriff's Sale - In obedience to the command of an execution issued out of court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county I have levied upon and shall expose to sale at the American House, on Mar. 2, one pair sorrel horses, one double harness, and two horse blankets. S. S. Henderson, Sheriff." *Herald*, Feb. 20, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 240.

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1840 Feb. 24 — "'Swarry' Jonathan Slick - The citizens of Cleveland are respectfully informed that this gentleman is in town and will receive his friends at the American House tomorrow evening. Mr. Slick will relate various amusing delineations during the course of the evening. Tickets 50 cents." *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 86.

1840 Apr. 9 — "Fare Reduced - The Eagle coach leaves Cleveland for Columbus daily at eight a.m. The fare has been reduced to five dollars. A guard accompanies this line, and it is the intention of the proprietors to give entire satisfaction to the travelling public. The fare has also been reduced on the Pioneer line from Cleveland to Erie to three dollars. The latter leaves Cleveland daily at eight o'clock a.m. Offices under the Franklin House and at the American. Neil, Moore and Company, proprietors." *Herald*, Apr. 9, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 31.

1840 June 13 — William Henry Harrison stayed at the American House on his campaign visit to Cleveland. He arrived at Cleveland on the steamer *Sandusky* insisted on walking from the dock to the hotel in order to demonstrate his physical fitness for the presidency despite his advanced age, and spoke to a crowd of not less than three thousand people from the hotel balcony. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 277; *Settlers Annals*, III, 741, 742; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 58, 60; *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1925; *Herald*, June 13, 16, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 212; Cleveland *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook II.

1840 June 18 — "Globes - Celestial and terrestrial, for sale at Younglove's Book store, under American." *Herald*, June 18, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 27.

1840 July 6 — "July Fourth - the 64th anniversary of American independence was not forgotten in this city. The glorious day was ushered in by the ringing of bells and a national salute. At half past ten o'clock a procession was formed in front of the American House under the direction of Marshal Milford, which, led by Captain Monroe's U. S. artillery and Captain Hayard's guards, moved through the principal streets to the Baptist church. Here the services were appropriate and impressive." *Herald*, July 6, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 116.

1840 Aug. 26 "The 25th of August 1840 will long be remembered by the people of Cuyahoga...

"At an early hour yesterday morning citizens on horseback and in wagons went out to meet Thomas Corwin, Whig candidate for governor of Ohio, four miles from the city, and escort and welcome him to our town...

"At half past 11 o'clock, Mr. Corwin received his fellow citizens at the American. All were desirous to shake the hand of one who is so justly and deservedly popular with the Whigs of the Buckeye state.

"At two o'clock p. m. in the yard in front of the Log Cabin on the vacant lot adjoining the American House, Messrs. Corwin and Ewing and the Hon. Francis Granger were introduced to the assembled multitude by our fellow citizen, the Hon. J. W. Allen. Mr. Corwin took the stand and for two hours and 20 minutes he spoke in such a manner, with such energy and eloquence and effect, as must have convinced everyone who listened to him, that he is one of the most intellectual men in our land." *Herald*, Aug. 26, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 196; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 277, 278.

1840 Dec. 17 "Cotillion Parties - The above parties will commence on Dec. 30, and will be held semimonthly at the American House until further notice. Tickets, two dollars, to be had at the office. Carriages will be in readiness at five o'clock." *Herald*, Dec. 17, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 60.

1840 Dec. 18 C. S. Butts, "late of the Oswego Hotel, N. Y. has taken the American of this city, where he will be in readiness to wait on those who will favor him with a call." *Herald*, Dec. 18, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 119.

1840 Dec. 21 "Carriages in readiness to convey passengers to and from the boats free of expense. C. S. Butts, Cleveland, Dec. 21, 1840." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1841.

1841 Feb. 17 "The Fire Department of the City of Cleveland respectfully give notice that they will give a ball for the benefit of the 'Firemen's General Association Fund for the relief of disabled Firemen' on Monday, Feb. 22, 1841, at the American House."

Tickets $3.50 to be had at the office of the American House. J. L. Weatherly, Chief Engineer.

"As there are many persons who feel disposed to contribute to the fund and who may be unable to attend the ball, the managers have appointed the following committee to receive their contributions, viz: M. M. Spangler, E. St. John Bermis, J. O. Brown, Samuel W. Morse, and T. Ingraham, Cleveland, February 12, 1841." *Herald*, Feb. 17, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 87.

1841 June 22 "Do not forget the Ladies Fair (given by the ladies of the Episcopal Church and Society) at the American tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. A general attendance of bachelors is expected, as a rare chance is offered for them to make fair selections, at fair prices, of fair articles." *Herald*, June 22, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 43.

1842 Jan. 3 "Mr. T. H. Stevenson would inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleveland and its vicinity that he has removed from the American Hotel to No. 19 Water Street, next door to I. F. Benedict's, (Justice of the Peace) where he will continue to paint miniatures and give instructions in the various branches of Water Color Drawing." *Herald*, Jan. 3, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 12.

1842 Feb 5 "Doct. Terry has removed from his residence on the Public Square, to the American House." *Herald*, Feb. 5, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 192.

1842 Mar. 26 "The Ladies of the Foreign Missionary Society would acknowledge the liberality of the citizens of Cleveland in the receipt of one hundred and ninety-three dollars at their fair on the evening of the 24th inst. Thirty-three dollars of the above were used in defraying incidental expenses and outstanding bills. They would also tender their grateful thanks to Mrs. Butts (in the absence of Mr. Butts) for the gratuitous use of rooms at the American House. S. B. Gaylord, Sec'y." *Herald*, Mar. 26, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 64.

1842 Apr. 20 "We had the pleasure of witnessing an operation by Dr. Durant yesterday afternoon at the American. The patient, a young man whose right eye had been cocked across the bridge of his nose so long that the sight was nearly gone, was in the hands of the skilful operator and it was but a few moments before it was 'eyes front!' and no mistake. Dr. D. assured his patient that the loss of sight

was owing to non-usage, and that in less than six months he would be able to ogle the ladies equally well with right or left orb, or with both *ad libitum*." *Herald*, Apr. 21, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 233.

1842 July 12 Martin Van Buren stayed at the American House. He was escorted from the boat to the hotel by the Cleveland Grays. From the hotel balcony he addressed a crowd of fuzzy-hatted men and crinolined women, after which general handshaking ensued. In the evening he held a reception for the ladies, and he left Cleveland for Buffalo at 11 P. M. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 475; *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1925; Cleveland *News*, July 8, 1925; *Settlers Annals*, III, 745, 746; *Herald*, July 12, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 247, and 326, 327.

1842 July 26 "Those Parasols, about which so many interesting enquiries have been made, have at length arrived, and as fine an assortment as one would wish to find. Those wishing to purchase had better call soon while the assortment is full, at No. 48, American House. Jas. H. Kelley." *Herald*, July 26, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 361.

1842 Oct. 24 "Grand Concert of our vocal and instrumental music. Signor Martinez, respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleveland that he will give his farewell Concert on Tuesday Evening, Oct. 26, at the American House." *Herald*, Oct. 24, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 220.

1842 Dec. 27 "The fifth annual ball of the Grays was held at the American on the evening of Dec. 23. The spacious hall was elegantly decorated and a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen convened at the bidding of this model corps of citizen soldiers. As pleasant anniversaries to the Grays and their worthy host for a hundred years to come!" *Herald*, Dec. 27, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 240.

1843 Jan. 3 "Fashionable Dancing. Mr. Yeo begs to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleveland that he has taken Rooms in the American House to give lessons in Quadrille, Gallopades, Waltzes, Mazourkas, Spanish and Swedish Contra Dancing, &c. &c. Evenings of attendance, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8 till 10 o'clock - to commence on Friday the 9th of Dec. 1842. All persons wishing to take lessons will please call on Mr. Yeo at the Franklin House, where terms of subscription can be known.

"Mr. Yeo begs particularly to recommend his Waltz Quadrille to the Ladies of Cleveland, being quite new and not generally known on the continent." *Herald*, Jan. 3, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 64.

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1843 Feb. 15 "Washington's Birthday. Mr. Ballou (dancing instructor) would inform the citizens of Cleveland and vicinity, that his last assembly will be given on Wednesday Evening, February 22, at the American House. Tickets, to suit the times, $1.50; to be had at the office." *Herald*, Feb. 15, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 125.

1843 May 10 "M. DeFleur, last Pianist and Inspector General of Military Music to the Emperor of Russia, would respectfully inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleveland, that he intends giving a Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert on the evening of the 11th inst. at Concert Hall to commence at half past 7 o'clock precisely, on which occasion he will be assisted by the Cleveland Quartette Clubs and Messrs. Mould, Long, and Brainard. Tickets 50 cents; to be had at Brainard's Music Store, and at the American," where he has taken rooms. *Herald*, May 10, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 179.

1843 July 1 "Lake Erie Broke Open! James H. Kelley has just returned by steamboat this morning direct from New York, and has brought with him a few choice and well selected goods. A small fractional part (including Silk Fringes, Cloths & Cassimeres; French, English and American Prints, and Muslin De Laines) of his large and extensive stock, which will probably arrive in the course of this week.

"Call and see what I have got, at No. 48, under the American House." *Herald*, July 1, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 83.

1843 July 1 "Taylor and Ely, horse and carriage dealers, have received a new supply of stock that sell at a low price. Their entrance is on Superior street - stables in rear of American House." *Herald*, July 1, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 156.

1843 July 6 "The merchants, forwarders, and produce dealers are requested to meet at the American House this evening to take measures to organize a Board of Trade." *Herald*, July 6, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 54.

1843 July 24 "A correspondent (Rover) of the Buffalo Commercial writing from Cleveland says: - 'The American House, which is the principal hotel, is a very expensive structure and is second only to our American, which I often heard remarked is the best house in America.'

"Our American is a good house, but we are not so green as to consider it the second best in America, 'Rover' to the contrary notwithstanding." *Herald*, July 24, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 133.

1843
Aug 2

"We attended Bannister's Olio (Grand Declamatory and Musical Olio) at the American last evening. The audience was small, owing probably to the numberless concerts with which our citizens have been entertained. Messrs. De Fleur and Thier undoubtedly are good musicians and perform well, but we think their taste in selections does not accord with that of the public.

"The eloquence of Messrs. Bannister and Lyne is probably suited to the present condition of the stage, but ... a fault-finding person might call it rant." *Herald*, Aug. 2, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 87.

1843
Oct. 12

"The merchants of this city, and others interested, are requested to meet at the American House this evening to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for a commercial association." *Herald*, Oct. 12, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 54.

1844
Jan. 17

"Card. Mr. Ballou would respectfully inform the public that his next party will be given on Wednesday, the 24th inst., for the benefit of Phoenix Engine Company, No. 4 (for the purpose of liquidating a debt accumulated by erecting their new house). Tickets $2. to be had at the office of the American House." *Herald*, Jan. 17, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 472-473.

1845

Boarding at the American House were the following: G. P. Campbell, clerk; C. Aikin, clerk; Edward Beardsley, clerk; Attorney J. E. Cary, whose office was at 1 Hancock Block; M. P. Bond, grocer, whose firm Bond & Co. was located at 143 Superior St.; Clifford Belden, inspector of Customs; S. R. Beardsley, of New York, produce dealer; and S. Babcock, druggist and grocer, and member of the firm of Fleming and Babcock.

Employees were C. S. Butts, keeper; B. Butts, clerk; Andrew Melling, bartender; S. Krecher, pastry cook; F. Hudson, head waiter; James Kiley, ostler; and John King, porter.

The hotel was kept by C. S. Butts; James Kellogg was proprietor, with residence at 105 Bank St. At the rear of the American House was the livery stable of William Adams, whose residence was at 123 Bank St. *Peet's General Business Directory of the Cities of Cleveland and Ohio* (City) for the year 1845-1846, 23, 33, 35, 37, 38, 42, 43, 65, 68, 70, 74.

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1845 Mar. 27 Parts of Lot 75, the northeast part of which was the site of the American House, and of Lot 76, were sold to Truman P. Handy, Trustee, by James S. Clark and others, per Master Commissioner in Chancery. The consideration was $467. County Deeds, 35, 327-333.

1845 Nov. 7 "The Last Dinner. The boarders at the American dined for the last time today with their old and obliging host, Mr. C. S. Butts, the former keeper, whose lease has just expired and who gives place to Mr. Kellogg, the proprietor, today, who will in future wait attendance on the traveling public.

"We part with Mr. and Mrs. Butts with regret. They have been connected with the American for years, and have done the honors of this, one of our best public houses, in a manner highly creditable to themselves and to the city. Our best wishes go with them." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 7, 1845.

1845 Nov. 19 "Dancing Academy. Messrs. Leland and Ballou would inform the citizens of Cleveland that they will open an Academy for dancing, at the American House to commence Dec. 1, 1845. They will teach the most fashionable dances, viz: Waltzes, Waltz Quadrilles, Gallopades, Spanish Quadrilles, and so forth." *Herald*, Nov. 19, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 80; *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 15, 1845.

1845 Dec. 20 "J. M. Leland would inform that he has organized a Cotillion band, which includes the following instruments: violin, flute, cello, clarinet, post horn, violin-cello.

"Any number of musicians furnished for balls, parties, serenades, ... by applying to J. M. Leland at No. 56 Seneca st., or L. V. Ballou, at the American Hotel." *Herald*, Dec. 20, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 177.

1846 The proprietors of the American House, No. 42 Superior Street, were Messrs. J. and E. T. Kellogg. *Peet's General Business Directory of the City of Cleveland*, 1846-47, 157; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1847.

1846 Jan. 24 "The American House of this city is now kept on strictly Temperance Principles; and we have come to the determination, though it may be, as it already has been, at much sacrifice, that it shall be so continued. J. & E. T. Kellogg."

"We are truly happy to see the above announcement. The American House, of this city, has long been deservedly classed among the very first of the Splendid Hotels of Cleveland and of the western country and since it is now conducted on strictly temperance principles, we earnestly hope that the travelling temperance community, will evince the strength of their principles, by giving it a generous support. Elisha Taylor, John A. Foot, J. G. McCurdy, Harmon Kingsbury." *Herald*, Jan. 24, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 118.

1846 Apr. 17 "American House. The Messrs. Kellogg have spared no pains or expense in putting up this establishment in the very best style; indeed they have added some attractions which must commend it more than ever to the travelling public. Besides the new carpets and furniture, we find an excellent Reading Room in the rear of the gentlemen's parlor comprising many of the best newspapers of the day. Spiritous liquors are banished from the house, and in their place will be found a beautiful grapevine arbor in the rear of the building, which in summer will afford a retreat, richer by far than all the treats which the old 'whiskey cupboard' could ever afford." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 17, 1846.

1846 Oct. 26 The first meeting in connection with the organization of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was held at the American House. Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, II, 152; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 352.

1847 Feb. 20 "Hall of the American. The Messrs. Kellogg's have turned the old hall of the American into a marble palace. They have removed partitions so as to widen it for two rows of tables or two sets of cotillions, and have rewalled it with the finest marble finished paper. It is now one of the most elegant halls in the West. It will be re-dedicated on Monday evening, the 22d, by one of the most brilliant assemblies of the season -- Washington's birthday Ball -- given by the Cleveland Light Artillery -- we expect then --

'Bright the lamps will shine
O'er fair women and brave men.'"

Plain Dealer, Feb. 20, 1847.

1847 Feb. 22 The Cleveland Light Artillery gave a ball at the American House at 6 o'clock in the evening. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 11, 23, 1847; *Herald*, Feb. 17, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 87; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 448.

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1847 Mar. 17 "Patrick Farley, porter at the American House, and his two brothers, have sent $150 to Ireland.

"'We hope all travelers will remember "Patrick" with an extra quarter this season.'" *Weekly Herald*, Mar. 17, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 264.

1847 June 19 "Ladies Fair & Entertainment. The Ladies of St. Paul's Church announce to the citizens of Cleveland and vicinity that they propose having a Fair and Entertainment At the American House, on Tuesday Evening Next, June 22, 1847." *Plain Dealer*, June 19, 1847.

1847 Nov. 27 "The American House. We note a marked improvement in this -- our House. It is a new set of colored waiters. They are just the thing -- and make up the only deficiency that this always popular House of the traveling community was ever charged with." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 27, 1847.

1848 Bennett Smith was the landlord, and the Messrs. J. and E. T. Kellogg were the proprietors of the American House. It was a Temperance House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430; *Business Directory* (1848-1849), 159, 204; Kelly, *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 19, 1941.

1848 Oct. 16 "The Cleveland Hibernian guards respectfully announce their first annual ball at the American House, to be held on Oct. 25. Tickets can be had at the principal hotels, bookstores, and at the door." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 16, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 86.

1848 Dec. 18 "We have seen two dwarfs at the American which are curiosities in that way. They are brothers, 17 and 19 years of age, and very diminutive. We believe they are to be exhibited before leaving town." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 18, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 39.

1849 Jan. 27 "D. Jones, No. 48, American House, has just received a large stock of looking-glasses of the very best quality. They can be bought 20 percent cheaper here then elsewhere." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 27, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 108.

1849 July 3 — "(Henry) Bingham, well known in connection with the New England Hotel of this city, will become proprietor of the American House saloon. As a caterer he has few equals and no superiors." *Daily True Democrat*, July 3, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 23.

1849 — "The Society of St. Andrew and their numerous guests and friends sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by Smith, the host of the American House, at nine o'clock, the evening of Nov. 30, on the occasion of the celebration of St. Andrews Day. . . .

"The festival, a cold water feast, was one of unalloyed good feeling; sentiment, songs, speeches, music, and dancing ruled the hour. . . .

"Thus wore away the feast till the sma' hours, when after singing the good song of Auld Lang Syne by the whole company, parting hands were heartily shaken with the universal wish for many equally happy St. Andrew reunions." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 5, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 103, 104.

1850 — Bennett Smith was the proprietor of the American House, on Superior Street opposite the Post Office. *Snead & Cowles' General Business Directory for the City of Cleveland*, 1850-1851, 135; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850.

1850 — Low rates on the trains increased traffic and great crowds visited Cleveland on holidays. Often two hundred or more country visitors took dinner at the American. Kirkpatrick, Harry M., Transportation and Cleveland (Western Reserve University thesis), 90.

1850 Jan. 16 — "We have taken a peep at the American House Hall, fitted up for the Hibernian's ball tomorrow night. It is grand and militaire, festooned, bannered and pictured equal to the rooms of the American Art Union. A fine time is anticipated." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1850.

1850 Feb. 1 — "Do you imbibe? Henry Bingham offers at his saloon under the American House, a choice lot of liquors, and Cigars, for consumption on the premises, or for family use, in lots to suit purchasers..." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850.

1850 Feb. 1 — "Grand Ball of The Cleveland Yagers, on the 22d February, 1850, at the American House -- 7 o'clock." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850.

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1850 Feb. 4 "Fifteen guests of the American House and the help at the Franklin House became sick after eating horseradish yesterday." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 4, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 106.

1850 Apr. 18 "Spiritualist meetings are now being held at Bingham's under the American House. Last night many of our citizens heard and witnessed strange communications, under circumstances which must have removed all doubts from the minds of the most skeptical as to the existence of any collusion between the operator and the spirit." *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 18, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 437.

1850 June 19 James Kellogg and wife sold John C. Wright the west portion of Lot 75, adjoining the American House site, beginning at the northwest corner and including the south part. The consideration was $40,000. County Deeds, 44, 833, 834.

1850 July 22 "The celebration of the Odd Fellows on July 19 was closed by a supper at the American House. ... A detail of the occasion is useless. The spirit of such an hour cannot be caught up or described." *Daily True Democrat*, July 22, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 190.

1850 July 23 "E. L. Evans of Philadelphia has just obtained a patent for the invention for trimming vessels. He is at the American House with a model of it, which he is desirous of showing to the commercial men of Cleveland." *Daily True Democrat*, July 23, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 372.

1850 Dec. 23 "The Forest City section of the Cadets of Temperance propose holding a fair and a supper at the American House on Dec. 30, to defray the expenses of the society. The committee is composed of E. N. Crittenden, A. C. Gorham, W. Dockstader, A. Chidgey, N. B. Tindall, and C. F. Robinson. ...

"Give the generous youth a generous patronage." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 23, Dec. 30, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 452.

1851 When Bennett Smith was succeeded by William Milford as proprietor of the American House, the hotel was remodeled to include a portion of the first floor, finished as a reading room and lobby; and a veranda two stories high, supported by iron columns and pilasters, was placed at the entrance. A fifth story, a tower and a flagstaff were added.

Milford was an Irishman of polished manners and striking appearance, who was active in promoting the betterment of the town. He assisted in organizing the first board of trade, and in 1840 was president of the council. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430, 431; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 538.

1851 Feb. 17 "John H. Greavely has become the successor of H. Bingham, Esq., the popular host of the American Saloon. Mr. Greavely has served in the same capacity at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 17, 1851.

1851 Mar. 17 "The American House, built by Mr. Kellogg, opened by Isaac Newton in 1837, and severally kept by Messrs. Kellogg, Butts and Smith, was closed this day by the present proprietors, Messrs. Perkins, Hitchcock and Andrews, for the purpose of repairs. It is to be remodeled and material alterations made, new furniture, etc., etc. .... It will probably be some months before it is opened again." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 17, 1851.

1851 Mar. 24 "Hotel Changes. Wm. Milford, Esq., takes the American as soon as the same is remodeled, and B. Smith, Esq., the late host of the American, takes the Merchants Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 24, 1851.

1851 May 9 "We shall soon have plenty of bathing houses. Those already in operation are as follows: Stanard's on Stockly's (sic) pier; White's on Champlain St.; and Gordon's, under the American House." *Daily True Democrat*, May 9, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 327.

1851 May 22 "The proprietors of the American House intend to build verandahs for each story upon the front side of the house. They will be five feet wide and firmly supported by iron pillars." *Plain Dealer*, May 22, 1851.

1851 July 15 "The verandah upon the American House is rapidly mounting up. It will be one of the most attractive features of the new Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1851.

1851 July 18 "The Proprietor having made ample expenditures in altering and improving the building, externally and internally, the under-signed has leased it and furnished it throughout with new furniture and will open it for the accommodation of the public on or about the first of August next.

"The Drawing Rooms, Chambers, Bedding, Table, Bar and Baths will not be excelled by the best Hotels in the Atlantic Cities and the subscriber will endeavor to make his House in every department satisfactory to his guest. William Milford." *Plain Dealer, July 18,* 1851.

1851 July 19 "R. B. Bailey's grocery store, under the American House, is convenient for persons living up town. Mr. Bailey will deliver purchases to the house and the purchaser may ride home." *Daily True Democrat,* July 19, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 119.

1851 July 26 "Mr. Milford, on July 26, received from Newark, N. J., a very beautiful omnibus for his American hotel, which opens on Aug. 5." *Daily True Democrat,* July 28, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 127.

1851 Aug. 8 "The American Hotel is now ready for the reception of guests. Mr. Milford is the proprietor and Geo. H. Benham is the clerk and bookkeeper." *Daily True Democrat,* Aug. 8, 1851, *Newspaper Annals* XXXIV, 128.

1851 Oct. 2 "A meeting of the Chess club and of those wishing to join it will be held at the American House tomorrow evening at seven o'clock." *Daily True Democrat,* Oct. 2, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 110.

1852 Jan. 2 "Never was a finer party assembled in Cleveland than at the American last night. The people were not only fine, but they were in fine feeling. The music was excellent, which inspired the dancers with an unusual flow of spirits.

"The American and its admirable host answered every expectation of their friends, and the party were quite as well pleased with their entertainment as with one another. The crowd was large, mostly married people, but enough of the un-married, the jilted and the engaged to make it spicy and agreeable. About 10 o'clock we noticed the tall form of the 'old chief' (Gov. Reuben Wood) among them. He was accompanied by his family, Mr. Merwin and lady, and the Hon. Harvey Rice, Senator elect, and lady. There was a large gathering of the old citizens as well as the new, and altogether a most joyous commingling of the people, old and young, rich and poor. We hope often to witness such democratic assemblages." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 2, 1852.

1852 Jan. 9 "Hiram Griswold, Esq., is now fairly located in our city. No lawyer in the state is more generally and favorably known to people of Ohio than he. His office is in Kellogg's block, opposite the Weddell House. He resides at the American House." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 9, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 165.

1852 Jan. 20 "Last evening a sleighing party numbering about 30 couple, came out from Elyria and had a fine supper and dance at the American." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 20, 1852.

1852 Feb. 2 Mayor Case gave the welcoming address at 11 a. m. to men of the Reserve and of Cleveland gathered in front of the American, from the balcony of which Kossuth was to speak. *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 3, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 355, 356; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 71; *A Chronicle of Cleveland*, (Compiled and Published for the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce), 7.

1852 Mar. 1 "We have not suffered so severe a gale in twenty years as that of Saturday night. Serious apprehensions were felt about roofs, chimneys and liberty poles, and in many cases, fears were realized. About 8 o'clock, the quiet denizens of the American House were startled by a tremendous crash overhead. The house appeared to be slumping in. Four chimney stacks on the roof towards Superior street had been upset. They fell through the first floor below, doing very considerable damage (say $500) to the furniture, carpeting and beds. Three servants were sleeping there at the time." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1852.

1852 Mar. 31 "Marshal McGibbony of Mobile came here to arrest a Mr. Crist. While here he lodged with Mr. Fuller, clerk of the Weddell House. Both had several drinks. In the middle of the night shots were heard and Mr. Fuller was found wounded and bleeding. Mr. McGibbony was bound over in the sum of $1000 to appear in court." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 31, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 412.

1852 Apr. 23 "St George's Benevolent Society. Will hold their Annual Festival, at the American, this evening. The Cross, and Stars and Stripes, are waving today from the balconies, and the Lion and the Lamb, we suppose, will sup together." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 23, 1852.

1852 May 3 "The Northerner will leave tonight for Saut St. Marie. Mr. Charles D. Newcombe, late of the American House, in this city, goes out in her to superintend the refitting of St. Mary's Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, May 3, 1852.

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1852 May 24 "Hon. H. C. Seymour, late State Engineer of New York, was at the American on Saturday. He is enroute for Cincinnati to enter upon the contract which he has recently taken to build the Cincinnati and St. Louis Road. We learn that $9,000,000 is the estimate." *Plain Dealer*, May 24, 1852.

1852 June 1 "Two marriages were solemnized at the American today. Weddings at popular hotels are getting fashionable." *Plain Dealer*, June 1, 1852.

1852 June 15 "Milford entertained 457 strangers at the American House between June 9 and June 12. This proves the daily stoppage of travelers at Cleveland to be immense." *Daily True Democrat*, June 15, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 141.

1852 June 22 "Judge Leavitt of Steubenville, and William H. Cochran, editor of the Mount Vernon (O.) *Times*, are at the American House." *Daily True Democrat*, June 22, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 141.

1852 July 1 "J. B. Cobb & Co. (Late M. C. Younglove & Co.), 46 Superior st., American hotel, offers: *Life of Gen. Franklin Pierce, the Granite Statesman*, with a biographical sketch by the Hon. William Rufus King; *Dollars and Cents* by Avery Lathrop; *The Solar System* - a descriptive treatise upon the sun, moon, and planets, including an account of all the recent discoveries, by J. Russell Hind, foreign secretary of the Royal Astronomical society of London." *Daily True Democrat*, July 1, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 24.

1852 July 5 "Mr. White, editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette, who recently spent a few days at the American House, Cleveland, says: 'I am making my home here at the American, where everything is so agreeable, that it enables me to bear the annoyance of my unexpected detention with a good deal of philosophy. Mr. Milford keeps a splendid house and we commend him to the public as a prince of landlords.'" *Daily True Democrat*, July 5, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 141.

1852 July 6 "The remains of Henry Clay will arrive tomorrow morning on the *Buckeye State*. The firing of minute guns and the tolling of the bells will announce when the Steamer is within five miles of the Port of Cleveland. ...

"The general committee of thirty, on behalf of the City Council, and of the citizens will meet at the American House. B. Stedman, W. Case, J. G. Vaughan, B. White, D. M. Marshall; Committee of Arrangements." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1852.

1852 July 7 "To the Trade, Scotts new plate of Summer Fashions just received at H. Seaman's, No. 40 American Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 7, 1852.

1852 July 19 "Thomas Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury, arrived in town on Saturday evening and stops at the American." *Plain Dealer*, July 19, 1852.

1852 Aug. 17 "We learn from the *Herald* that the arrival of guests at the American House, from August 5 of last year, to August 1, 1852 ...numbered 22,590.... The proprietor has leased the third and fourth stories of the Merchants' Exchange, which will be divided into neat and commodious apartments, adding some fifty new rooms to the hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 17, 1852.

1852 Aug. 23 "Mr. Hurlbert will open his banking house in the American House this morning." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 23, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 10.

1852 Aug. 25 "An interesting youth...calling himself M. Bradley, and claiming to be the son of a wealthy East India Merchant in Boston, has been diddling the American Hotel and M. Althen and Co., clothing dealers, out of their rightful dues. The former was drawn in for some thirty or forty dollars.... He spent about a week at the American and then disappeared." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 25, 1852.

1852 Sept. 15 "The Ohio state fair ball is to be held tomorrow at the American hotel. Among the six acting managers are William Walworth, C. F. Bradburn, and W. H. Sholl." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 15, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 456.

1852 Sept. 20 General Winfield Scott, campaigning against Pierce, came to Cleveland and was escorted to the American House by the Light Artillery, the Hibernians, the German City Guard and the Yagers. Later the general spoke from the balcony of the hotel. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 279; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 83; *Plain Dealer*, June 9, 1920.

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1852 Sept. 10 A great dinner to John P. Hale of New Hampshire, brought to the American House a crowd of celebrities, the speakers including Salmon P. Chase and Joshua R. Giddings.

Women were permitted and liquor was forbidden which prompted Hale to say that it was the first time he had been at a dinner "where the bottles were discharged and the ladies admitted." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1925; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430; Cleveland *News*, July 8, 1925; *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 10, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 310.

1853 William Milford was proprietor of the American Hotel, 42 Superior Street. E. H. Knight & Co. and Parson & Company, *Business Directory of the City of Cleveland* (1852-1853), 286.

1853 Feb. 4 "The American Hotel pays the heaviest gas bill in the city." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 4, 1853.

1853 Feb. 7 "In a letter to the editor, 'Junior,' says: that the bachelor's party held last evening at the American House came off in grand style. The Hall was literally jammed with talent, old and young, grave, gay, pretty, comely, fashionable and unfashionable, married and single. All went home delighted, pleased and instructed." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 7, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 494.

1853 Feb. 25 "The new addition to the American comprises 43 beautiful rooms which are large, airy, and well finished. They are situated in the two highest stories of the adjacent Merchants' Exchange Building, at 50-58 Superior Street ... and from their pleasant position and excellent finish, are considered the best in the house." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 25, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 197, 198.

1853 Mar. 4 "The Odd Fellows' festival at the American Hotel was held last night. The reception of the order by Professor Gatchell was well attended and enjoyed by all." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 4, 1853.

1853 Mar. 5 "The Ball last night in honor of the Inauguration of Frank Pierce was attended by about 100 couples .... During the night, Leland favored the resting dancers with a solo on the bugle, executed in his brilliant style, which but few can equal, none surpass. Prof. Bingham sang the *Bould Soger Boy* to the infinite amusement of the company." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 5, 1853.

1853
Mar. 21

"Lucian Phillips, ... an unequalled server up of the good things of life, today takes the position of Steward at the American Hotel in place of Mr. Wells, resigned." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 21, 1853.

1853
Apr. 26

"The St. George's supper which took place at the American House on Apr. 23, was an excellent entertainment. We had written a full account of it but, by one of those accidents which occur in every printing office, we found it was not in our paper of yesterday. Much to our vexation, the copy had been lost." *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 26, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 495.

1853
May 10

"The Franklin House, the New England hotel, the American hotel, the Weddell House, and the Forest City House in this city have mutually agreed that in the future they will not send any agents or runners to any steamboats or railroad depots to solicit passengers for their houses." *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853
June 4

"The American and the Weddell Houses have determined to keep their bars shut on the Sabbath.

"This reflects much credit upon the proprietors, and we wish they had done it before. We hope the other hotels will follow suit." *Daily True Democrat*, June 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853
July 2

"The editor of the *Token*, an Odd Fellows' Journal, was lately a sojourner in Cleveland. He compliments a brace of officials at the American House:

"'From the moment when the stranger, weary with travel, meets the bland and open countenance of William Milford, at the door, to the period of his reluctant departure, he is made to feel a perfect at-home sensation, really delightful to experience.'" *Daily True Democrat*, July 2, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 199.

1853
July 4

"The light artillery companies of Cleveland, encamped on Pittsburgh st., will fire a grand federal salute at sunrise today. At ten they will march to the Public Square and form in order for the parade. Marshal of the day is J. E. Fitch. Exercises will consist of music and the reading of the declaration of independence.

"Numerous bands will participate in a concert to be held on the balconies of the Weddell, Forest City and American Houses." *Daily True Democrat*, July 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 190.

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1853 July 11 "Mr. Newcombe, who has been assisting at the American House to the great satisfaction of his guests, took up his line of march July 8 for the 'Saut', where he has a fine hotel, in company with Henry Smith, also a Clevelander. Newcombe leaves troops of friends behind, some of whom, by the way, will not stay behind long, but hope ere long to inhale the exhilarating breezes and revel in the ten thousand glories of the 'Saut.' (You will observe, old fellow, that we have hinted nothing about fish.)" *Daily True Democrat*, July 11, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 199.

1853 Aug. 2 "Last evening the members of the (American Association for the Advancement of Science) convention, with other invited guests, met at the American Hotel. Leland's band added fine music to the feast." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 2, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 449.

1853 Aug. 5 "Miss Catherine Fox, (spiritualist) and her mother are stopping at the American. They have created little or no excitement notwithstanding the fact that they are the 'original rappers.'" *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 5, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 496.

1853 Oct. 4 "There were over 2,800 arrivals at the American hotel in this city between Sept. 13 and Oct. 1; an average of about 156 per day." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 200.

1854 Jan. 3 "The American Hotel is the model House of the West. Travellers will do well to make it their 'Home' while sojourning in our beautiful Forest City. The House can accommodate several hundred guests in the very best style. Recollect the American, Superior street, right hand side going up." *Plain Dealer*, Jan 3, 1854.

1854 Jan. 4 "Notice is hereby given to the Subscribers to the Capital Stock of The Cleveland and New York Railroad Company, to meet at the American Hotel, in the City of Cleveland on Friday, the 3d day of February, 1854, for the purposes of electing seven directors, and to appoint the time for holding the annual election of Directors thereafter. Frederick Carlisle, William W. Branch, Harvey Cram, Selah Chamberlain, Henry W. Clark, Jesse H. Morley, Ellery G. Williams, corporators." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 4, 1854.

1854 Mar. 17 "A man stopping at the American House paid his bill with a $20 note which had been altered from a one dollar note. He was traced to Pittsburgh, where he was arrested with a Mr. Leonard, who is suspected of being an accomplice." *Leader*, Mar. 17, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 50.

1854 Sept. 12 "Quite a crowd gathered yesterday in front of the American House to look at a caravan composed of two wagons, horses, buffalo, fawns, and elks. This caravan has been giving shows in the rural dis-tricts for the last three months, since its departure from Iowa. The owner, tired of his business, wants to sell the wagon, horses, and all for $3000." *Leader*, Sept. 12, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 110.

1854 Nov. 17 "William Milford, (former landlord of the American House) is no more. He suffered an attack of congestion of the brain on Nov. 12. In 1851 he opened the present American hotel in this city. The flags of the hotels were appropriately displayed at half mast in token of the gloom so sadly and suddenly cast upon our city. A good man has departed." *Leader*, Nov. 17, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 224.

1855 In 1856 (1855) A. P. Winslow...became landlord of the hotel and changed its name to the American Hotel, giving as his reason that a new American House had started on Pearl Street just off Detroit. Stagecoaches had vanished. Passengers from the old Union Station near the river mouth drew up before the hotel in hacks and omnibuses and alighted under the iron pillared, two-story portico that had been extended to the curb. Kelly, S. J., "Cleveland's Early Hotels," *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 19, 1941.

1855 Jan. 1 The American hotel opened under the management of A. T. Winslow, *Leader*, Jan. 3, 1854 (1855), *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 152.

1855 Jan. 2 "Messrs. Winslow, as proprietors of this popular establishment, enter upon the undertaking with the fairest prospects of success." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1855.

1855 Jan. 3 "Mr. A. T. Winslow has charge of the American House now. On Monday Mr. W. gave a 'house warming' -- and a very good one it was -- merry and joyous. He was a very popular landlord in Zanesville, and, we doubt not, will be equally popular here. Success to the American." *Leader*, Jan. 3, 1855.

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1855 Jan. 23 "From all parts of the country, the American hotel is receiving substantial compliments. The proprietor, Mr. Winslow, is placed in a proud position by both the public and press." *Leader*, Jan. 23, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 203.

1855 Jan. 29 "An unsigned letter to the editor says: Who would have expected one short month ago to see all the public houses of Cleveland yielding obedience to the anti-liquor law of last session? Honor to them for doing it. Who would have expected to see a card from the proprietors of the Angier, Weddell, and American hotels stating that they would submit to all the provisions of the law?

"Clevelanders have now more reason to be proud of them than ever. Cleveland sellers submit to it, and quietness, and peace is the consequence. Those in Cincinnati are in open rebellion to the law. A word to the wise is sufficient." *Leader*, Jan. 29, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 11.

1855 Mar. 14 "The Messrs. Winslow are laying a new floor in the office of the American. The improvement will add much to the appearance of this popular and well known hotel." *Leader*, Mar. 14, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 204.

1855 Mar. 21 "Dr. H. Tubbs, noted analytic physician, will be at the American House today and tomorrow." *Leader*, Mar. 21, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 255.

1855 July 13 "Oliver P. Myers, who for nearly four years has discharged the duties of clerk of the American House, has gone to Chicago. He is understood to have bright prospects there. He was a universal favorite in Cleveland, and we regret to part with one so worthy and estimable." *Leader*, July 13, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 319.

1855 Aug. 2 "On July 30 a horse and buggy were left standing in front of the American House entrance. They were first seen the morning of July 31, and since that time no owner has appeared for it." *Leader*, Aug. 2, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 240.

1855 Oct 15 "J. & H. Mahoney have opened a first class barber shop under No. 48 American House, Superior st., where tonsorial operations will be dispensed, a la mode, to all who may favor them with their patronage." *Leader*, Oct. 15, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 240.

1855
Nov. 26

"That long-contemplated (Main Street) bridge across the Cuyahoga just below Sheppard and Company's chair factory, is nearly completed. Over the structure the dirt is to be conveyed to fill in that low spot on Scranton's flats, opposite Ransom and Cobb's planing mills. The time is not far distant when that colossal embankment in the rear of the American House, Gaylord's block, and Lowman's carriage manufactory, will be transferred to that triangular portion of Scranton's flats.

"This work will be for the purpose of making a foundation on which new railroad buildings can be erected next summer. The contracts have been made for immediate removal of the earth. The project will give employment to a number of men and teams during the coming winter." *Leader*, Nov. 26, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 48.

1855
Dec. 6

"The installation of the Masonic officers took place yesterday at the Melodeon hall. The interesting ceremony was followed by an elegant repast spread at the American House. The entertainment was concluded by a brilliant ball." *Leader*, Dec. 6, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 303.

1856

"This House (American) has long enjoyed the confidence, if not the preference, of the traveling public, and it will be the earnest endeavor of its present Proprietor to merit this continuance of public favor. It has already undergone considerable repairs, refitting, papering and additional furniture. Its apartments and appointments are such as cannot fail to make it the home of all who may favor it with their patronage. Respectfully Yours. &c., A. P. Winslow, Late Winslow House, Zanesville, O." *Spear, Denison & Co.'s Cleveland Directory*, 1856, 136.

1856
Jan. 7

At a meeting of typographers planning a celebration to honor Benjamin Franklin on his birthday, Jan. 17, the secretary was instructed to send invitations to editors of all the German newspapers in the city and the committee on printing was to procure 250 cards of admission. *Leader*, Jan. 7, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 380.

1856
Jan. 18

"Printers and their families filled the dining-room of the American House last night and, after a delicious meal, the first toast was drunk to Franklin.

"The time is not far distant when Franklin's birthday will be an established holiday among printers." *Leader*, Jan. 18, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 381.

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1856 Apr. 1 "The Reverend Knight and his two daughters from Kansas were at the American House yesterday and left this morning for the west. He was sent there by the Home missionary society. He is an Englishman by birth. When he went to Kansas, he was a peace man, but is no longer non-resistant. He believes eight out of every ten inhabitants are free state men. He believes the country to be a virgin paradise." *Leader*, Apr. 1, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 38.

1856 Apr. 19 Hester McGowan was fined $20 and costs and sentenced to ten days in county jail, to be fed on bread and water, on Apr. 19, for stealing spoons from the American hotel. *Leader*, Apr. 21, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 150.

1856 May 5 "At three a.m. on May 3 George R. Bronson discovered a man in his room at the American House. After the intruder fired several shots, none of which hit their mark, Bronson captured him. He deserves much praise for his courage." *Leader*, May 5, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 23.

1856 Nov. 4 "Democratic orators preach ignorance to the heathen. Last night there was a fine exhibition of this very thing in our city. The substratum of the Irish Catholic population were gathered in front of the American House and then preached to by the Democratic orators. Orators? Bah!" *Leader*, Nov. 4, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 330.

1856 Nov. 8 "The members of the national guards, Companies A and B, will hold their first annual festival on Nov. 14 at Gray's armory. Tickets are $2 a couple. Supper will be served at the American Hotel. All military gentlemen are requested to appear in uniforms." *Leader*, Nov. 8, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 226.

1856 Nov. 8 "Dr. Wickoff will give treatments for the cure of stuttering and stammering at the American hotel, Nov. 17 to 21." *Leader*, Nov. 8, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 174.

1856 Nov. 26 "Our Democratic friends had a jolly time last night, celebrating the James Buchanan victory at the American House, and if good entertainment provided by mine host could make them feel good, they had no reason to be sad. We like to see folks happy, but should like it better in a better cause." *Leader*, Nov. 26, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 357.

1856 Dec. 13 "The officers and employes of numerous railroads centering here have prepared for a grand ball and supper at the American House on Dec. 18." *Leader*, Dec. 13, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 392.

1857 Jan. 8 The Cleveland Grays, at a meeting held at the Armory on their return from Columbus, approved the following resolution:

"We accord A. P. Winslow, Esq., of the American House of Cleveland, a double meed of praise and thanks for the banquet he gave us on our return." *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 195.

1857 Jan. 11 "The American House was the scene of a very interesting and pleasant incident Jan. 10. The employees, including waiters, chamber-maids, and bell boys, presented to the popular landlady a beautiful set of silver service valued at $100.

"Gathering in the dining room at nine o'clock, they sent for Mrs. Winslow, who was so affected by this unexpected demonstration of affection from her 'boys' and 'girls' that she could not control her emotions. Unable to express her thanks, she turned to her brother, Ossian E. Dodge, and begged him to express in her behalf her gratitude and appreciation of this gift. The evening was ended with a dance, the boarders of the house also taking part." *Leader*, Jan. 11, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 138.

1857 Jan. 18 The coldest night of the winter was Sunday, Jan. 18. The thermoneter (sic) registered 14 degrees below zero downtown, and eight degrees below at the American House at ten p.m. *Leader*, Jan. 20, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 382.

1857 Feb. 11 The Lake underwriters held a three-day convention at the American House.

The rates of the preceding year were adopted with a slight modification on tonnage and limits in insurance on steam vessels favorable to owners. *Leader*, Feb. 11, 13, and 14, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 145.

1857 Feb. 23 The ball of the Cataract engine company No. 5 at Gray's armory Feb. 23 was among the happiest of the season. Mr. Winslow of the American prepared one of his most successful suppers. *Leader*, Feb. 25, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 103.

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1857 Mar. 17 The Hibernian guards held their tenth annual festival at the American House. Professor Fitzgerald presided. *Leader*, Mar. 18, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 195.

1857 Apr. 2 "W. E. Cornwall, a man well known to most of our citizens, has been arrested in Boston on the requisition of Governor Chase on a charge of obtaining $400 from A. P. Winslow of the American under false pretenses." *Leader*, Apr. 2, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 118.

1857 July 23 The Hon. Thomas Ewing, his wife and daughter, arrived at the American hotel. *Leader*, July 24, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 207.

1857 Oct. 1 "A complimentary supper was given at the American House last night by the employes of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad in honor of John Durand, superintendent of the road, who is leaving to secure a position in Cincinnati. George A. Benedict made the presentation speech.

"The employes presented Mr. Durand with a beautiful eight piece scrolled silver set. Mr. Durand made a brief speech of appreciation and farewell ...

"Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Durand, and the company dispersed." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 269.

1857 Oct. 29 "New discovery has been found for failing eyesight. Morris Franklin, optician, 36 Superior st., under the American House, is the sole agent in the west for the newly invented pantoscopic glasses approved by many European and American scientific institutes. Testimonials follow." *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 194.

1857 Nov. 12 "The Republican jubilee at the American House yesterday was a brilliant success. After a short season (sic) of reunion at Gray's armory, all adjourned to the dining room of the American to partake of the creature comforts prepared by 'mine host.' The Hon. R. P. Spaulding, president of the evening, made a speech. Governor Chase of Ohio was present and made an interesting speech. He said he was happy to see so many ladies present... Speeches were made by George Bradburn of Massachusetts and others. After reading of the toasts, the guests adjourned to the armory." *Leader*, Nov. 12, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 248.

1858 Jan. 23 "Alsten and Brown have fitted up an establishment in the basement of the American House, 48 Superior st., in superb style; and are prepared to do shaving, shampooing, hair cutting, and dyeing." *Leader*, Jan. 23, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 16.

1858 Mar. 16 "We urge action by the corporation to remove the mud from the streets. We cite an attempt yesterday by the proprietor of the American hotel, who employed four men for three hours to dig a cross walk through to Superior st. Two of them who were overcome were revived by the administration of chloroform. A diving bell was used to rescue a small boy who slipped off the cross walk opposite Bank St." *Leader*, Mar. 16, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 535.

1858 May 11 "Messrs. W. K. Adams & Company have recently purchased a new barouche at a cost of $1000 for the use of their livery stable in the rear of the American House." *Leader*, May 11, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 45.

1858 July 2 "L. B. Lent's mammoth national circus will come to Cleveland for three performances July 3 and July 5.

"The circus, which is billed as the largest and most completely equipped equestrian establishment in the world, will exhibit on Champlain st. in the rear of the American hotel." *Leader*, July 2, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 75.

1858 July 10 William Lounsberry, resident of Elmira, N.Y., staying at the American House, was arrested and committed on a charge of lunacy after he had hired two men and a dray for the purpose of removing his luggage,--a hat box. *Leader*, July 10, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 292.

1858 Sept. 7 "'The undersigned were bald on the tops of their heads and the hair was loose and rapidly growing thin all over their heads, when Mr. Henderson, the Barber, under the American House, applied his justly celebrated Hair Restorative, and in a short time the loss of hair was stopped and new hair began to grow, and now the place on our heads that was entirely bald is covered with a fine coat of hair. We cordially recommend Mr. Henderson's Restorative, believing it to be the best article of the kind in the market.' Lewis Dodge, M. D.; D. H. Eddy." *Leader*, Sept. 7, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 121.

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1858 Sept. 15 — "Edward Myers, a deserving young fellow, has fitted up a neat little news stand in the reading room of the American House. Give Ed a call." *Leader*, Sept. 15, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 319.

1858 Sept. 15 — "E. Anglim, under the American House, has for sale specimens of the Atlantic cable. These souvenirs of the greatest scientific triumph of the 19th century are all the rage. Anglim can supply all." *Leader*, Sept. 15, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 44.

1858 Nov. 8 — "The boys at the American House will give their eighth annual ball Nov. 10. Be assured, the boys will make the coming festival one of the pleasantest." *Leader*, Nov. 8, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 528.

1858 Nov. 22 — "Henry Kidd, porter at the American House, has 'come out' with a handsome vehicle for the purpose of conveying transient guests to any part of town at reasonable rates." *Leader*, Nov. 22, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 45.

1858 Dec. 1 — "The annual anniversary supper of the St. Andrew's society was celebrated last evening at the American. After the meeting and exchange of greetings, the company, numbering 250, sat down to a sumptuous supper which was good ... enough for the queen of Scotland herself. Later the hall was cleared for dancing." *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 167.

1859 Jan. 13 — A grand promenade concert, to be given January 13, at the American by Hecker's brass band and Van Olker's orchestra for the benefit of Alert Hose Company No. 1, was advertised. *Leader*, Dec. 21, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 157; *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 145.

1859 Jan. 17 — The Cleveland "typos" again met to do honor to the birthday of their patron saint, Benjamin Franklin, with a festival at the American House.

Among the toasts was one to the host of the American House which read: "Our host, Winslow; as edition after edition of young Winslows are issued, may each follow copy."

H. M. Allardt proposed the following toast: "May every gent who has a sweetheart be a *Plain Dealer* in his affections, and speedily *Lead'er* to the altar, and annually thereafter *Herald* his patriotism to his country in small Caps." *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 38, 39; *Leader*, Dec. 22, 31, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 7, 8.

1859
Feb. 24

"The grand ball of the fire department of Cleveland for the benefit of the general association fund, and the relief of firemen injured or disabled while on duty, will be held at the American House and Gray's armory on Mar. 3. Tickets are $1, and admit a gentleman and lady." *Leader*, Feb. 24, 26, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 146, 147.

1859
Nov. 1

"The American. Mr. A. P. Winslow retired from this well known hotel last night. It will be closed about the first of January for repairs, when it will be opened by Mr. John Ensign, a gentleman who has had considerable experience as a landlord in Connecticut, and who will undoubtedly make the American a first class popular hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1859.

1860
Jan. 5

"The American Hotel was formally re-opened today by J. A. Ensign, Esq., who signalized the occasion by an Editors and Publishers Dinner and about all the newspaper folks in town were present. The American House has been entirely renovated and comfortably and indeed elegantly furnished. ... Mr. Ensign has a valuable assistant in the person of Geo. W. Graham, Esq., who has had extensive hotel experience and who will bring to his post a thorough knowledge of its manifold duties." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1860.

1860
Jan. 21

"The American at Columbus, like the American at Cleveland, has opened out with new and ambitious proprietors... Haden & Emery of the American at Columbus have got a big job on hand to improve upon Kelsey, but as Mose says, they are ' bound to dew it.'

Ensign means to make the Cleveland American *the* American. This is a big job too and he is bound to dew it." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1860.

1860
Feb. 28

"Sale. - Judge Andrews sold one-fourth of the American House recently to C. W. Noble, Esq., for about $25,000." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1860.

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1860 May 8 "Miss Maggie Mitchell, the beautiful and talented comedienne, is at the American." *Plain Dealer*, May 8, 1860.

1860 May 10 "Levi Morton, Esq., the senior member of the extensive importing house of Morton, Grinnel & Co., New York, has been stopping at the American House for the past few days." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1860.

1860 July 23 "To be Indicted. Every evening there may be seen parties of men in human form smoking five-cent segars in front of the Weddell, American, Johnson and Angier taverns. This smoke is very offensive to certain property-holders within a few miles of the Rolling Mill, and we are glad to hear that the Grand Jury will instantly indict these taverns!" *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1860.

1860 July 28 Superior street was densely thronged with people from the Atwater Building to the Weddell House to witness M. Solomon's feat of walking on a rope from the top of the American House to the top of the Johnson House. At half-past 10 M. Solomon appeared on the top of the Johnson, dressed in tights and spangles, and mounted the rope. He walked across and then returned. He moved cautiously and slowly and there was little of the daredevil and dash about the performance, though the feat was certainly a perilous one. On his return M. Solomon halted midway of the rope and indulged in a few cautious gymnastic performances. He took up a collection for himself by passing the hat upon the completion of his stunts. *Leader*, July 30, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 103; *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 28, 1860.

1860 July 31 "Several bachelor boarders at the Weddell, American, Angier and Johnson made their appearance at the breakfast table during the last few mornings, with tar on their coats. The tar style promises to have a greater run than the garrote collar." *Plain Dealer*, July 31, 1860.

1860 Sept. 1 "J. B. COBB & CO., Booksellers and Stationers, American Hotel, No. 136 Superior Street, Cleveland, O. *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Pictorial Edition* - 1500 Illustrations." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 1, 1860.

1860 Sept. 1 "Watches, jewelry, silverware, plated ware and Fancy Goods. Prices as low as any place in the Union. . . . N. E. Crittenden's, 127 Superior St., opposite American Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 1, 1860.

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1860 Sept. 8 — "Dr. Vinton and wife arrived here from Brooklyn last evening, and are stopping at the American. Mrs. Vinton is the only surviving daughter of Commodore Perry. ... The monument (Perry's) will be unboxed today, though the Statue will remain covered until the signal is given on Monday for its unveiling. The weight of the monument and Statue is 34 tons." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1860.

1860 Oct. 18 — "Forty-eight members of the Philadelphia board of trade arrived in Cleveland yesterday by special train from Pittsburgh. The delegation is to be received at 10 a.m. today by the Cleveland board of trade at their rooms in the American House." *Leader*, Oct. 18, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 62.

1861 — J. A. Ensign was proprietor of the American House. *Loomis and Talbott's Cleveland City Directory*, 1861-1862.

1861 Feb. 9 — "Cincinnati, O., *The Enquirer* says: 'Capt. A. S. Shepherd's new steamer *Lexington*, passed down the river yesterday, bound for New Orleans. Among her passengers were Mr. J. Ensign, of the American Hotel, Cleveland, and Mr. E. C. Bacon, of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh R. R., on a trip for business and pleasure for New Orleans'." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 9, 1861.

1861 July 1 — "Hair Dressing and Shaving Institution. Wm. E. Ambush, at his rooms under the American, is prepared to accommodate all customers with prompt attention from able workmen. A separate room for ladies." *Leader*, July 1, 1861.

1861 Aug. 6 — "The American Billiard Hall is the coolest and most agreeable room in the city, with five splendid slate bed tables. If there is any one who don't know O. B. Adams, we would enquire, where was you educated?" *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 6, 1861.

1861 Sept. 4 — "We reported yesterday morning that a Negro by the name of Laberdy had been accused of attempting rape upon the person of a 12-year-old west side girl.

"Laberdy was tried yesterday afternoon before Judge Allen and bound over. ... When the trial was over, the Negro, in charge of two constables, was taken out and started up Superior st. toward the jail. The crowd immediately rushed for the object of their indignation. ... Laberdy sought refuge in a shop in the American House. He was terrified to such a degree that he seemed to have been bleached." *Leader*, Sept. 4, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 470, 471.

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1861 Oct. 20 The Hon. Schuyler Colfax of Indiana, later vice president, stayed at the American House overnight. *Leader*, Oct. 21, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 385.

1862 Jan. 10 "The last chance to get into Col. Barnett's Artillery. - Lieutenant T. C. Floyd will be at the American House until Monday next to enlist twenty men to fill out Col. Barnett's regiment. Any one wishing to send anything to Camp Dennison can leave it at the American House by Monday next." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1862.

1862 Jan. 11 "Lieutenant C. Floyd wants 20 men to fill up Col. Barnett's regiment. He can be found at the American House for a few days. Pay, board, clothing, etc., commence from time of enlistment." *Leader*, Jan. 11, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 98.

1862 Apr. 3 "We have already called the attention of the traveling public to the fact that Mr. T. B. Brockway has leased the American House for a term of years. We would now say that Mr. B. has possession, and is putting the house thoroughly in repair, his intention being to make it unexceptionable in appearance as well as in its accommodations and table.

"From our knowledge of Mr. B. as a hotel keeper, we can most cordially commend the American House to the traveling public." *Leader*, Apr. 3, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 390-91.

1862 May 3 "Thirty-five representatives to the grand encampment of the I.O.O.F. which assembles here today, are stopping at the American House." *Leader*, May 3, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 479.

1862 May 19 "James Anderson of this city met with a severe accident in the American hotel May 15. A loaded pistol fell from the pocket of a colored porter and, upon striking the floor, was discharged. The ball entered Mr. Anderson's thigh." *Leader*, May 19, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 3.

1862 June 6 "T. B. Brockway, the proprietor of the American House, spread his tables with an entirely new outfit yesterday. For this inauguration he invited in to dinner a score or two of his many friends." *Leader*, June 6, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 391.

1862
July 1

"T. B. Brockway wishes to announce that he has taken a long term lease of the American House, which is to be operated in connection with his farm. The farm will supply all food stuffs for the hostelry." *Leader*, July 1, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 391.

1862
July 31

"The military committees of the counties comprising the recruiting district for the 105th regiment met at the American House July 29, to nominate regimental officers." *Leader*, July 31, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 216.

1862
Aug. 7

"Dr. C. F. Basford, Manufacturer of the popular medicine known as the Home Guard Immediate Relief, which took so many premiums at the different Fairs last fall is at the American House." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 7, 1862.

1862
Sept. 15

"William E. Ambush has remodeled his barber shop under the American House and fitted up a separate room for the ladies who wish to have their hair cut or dressed." *Leader*, Sept. 15, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 23.

1862
Nov. 26

"The 'ghost' has again become the exciting topic. All agree that if he isn't a ghost, he ought to be. A party well armed with clubs and revolvers patrolled Erie (E. 9th) st., and vicinity last night. The 'ghost' didn't walk, owing probably to the inclemency of the weather.

"The 'ghost' has heretofore confined his pranks to the vicinity of Erie st., but last night we heard that he has been as far down as the American House. John Brown, the barber, was dozing in a chair at Ambush's barber shop when he first felt the touch of the clammy hand of the ghost. The barber got out of the shop very suddenly.

"It was doubtless a joke on the part of some one about the American to frighten Brown. Viewed in that light, it was abundantly successful." *Leader*, Nov. 26, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 300, 301.

1862
Dec. 1

"Sarget, the lock picker, is stopping at the American House. We understand he is ready for a trial on any of the Lillie's Locks, old or new, in this city." *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 419.

1862
Dec. 1

The 17th anniversary supper and festival of St. Andrew's society was held at the American. *Leader*, Dec. 2, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 481.

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1863
Jan. 2 "Dr. Wadsworth's Uterine Elevators. For Sale Wholesale and Retail by C. S. Mackenzie, Below American." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1863.

1863
Jan. 15 "Professor O. S. Fowler of New York will make phrenological examinations at the American House, Jan. 21. He has 30 years experience as a student and a practitioner. Along with analysis of character, he gives advice on health, avocation, marriage, and management of children." *Leader*, Jan. 15, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 345.

1863
Jan. 17 "Private lectures to men only. At 7½ o'clock, Manhood, its Decline and Restoration. To ladies only, At 2½ o'clock, Maternity and Female Reflection. By Prof. O. S. Fowler of New York, at Brainard's Hall. ... The Professor remains at the American House 'til Tuesday morning only." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1863.

1863
Jan. 22 "Mr. Brockway, proprietor of the American House, has just completed the erection of an ice house in the rear of his hotel, capable of containing 100 cords of ice. The walls are 16 inches thick and filled with sawdust. The walls of an ordinary ice house are eight to ten inches thick." *Leader*, Jan. 22, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 266.

1863
Feb. 2 Dr. Wadsworth's celebrated "Dry Up," speedy cure for catarrh, was for sale by C. S. Mackenzie, below the American. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 2, 1863.

1863
Apr. 26 The complimentary dinner tendered by the Cleveland board of trade to J. L. Weatherly, Esq., (former fire chief) was held Apr. 26, at the American Hotel. One hundred and fifty gentlemen, representing various professions and branches of trade in the city were present. M. B. Scott presided and Leland's band was in attendance.

Mr. Scott toasted Mr. Weatherly, saying, "We part with him with regret and congratulate the Queen City of the Lake (Buffalo) upon such an acquisition." B. F. Piexotte spoke in behalf of the commercial men of the Great Lakes. T. S. Walton's speech was mingled with the sentiment and humor for which his after-dinner speeches are celebrated. The Hon. A. G. Riddle spoke in behalf of the board of trade. John Brough, Esq., made a patriotic speech, and spoke of the folly of peace until the 'Rebellion' is overthrown. John W. Allen, Esq., related some interesting incidents of Cleveland's early history. Mayor Masters also thanked Mr. Weatherly. S. S. Coe presented a silver service in behalf of the board of underwriters.

"Mr. Weatherly ... expressed his sorrow at leaving his friends, many of them of 25 years standing." *Leader*, Apr. 27, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 343, 344.

1863 July 1 — "Marshall S. Castle. Attorney, Counsellor and Proctor in Admiralty. First door below American House." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863.

1863 July 21 — "Johnson, formerly clerk of the American Hotel, has leased the Bar of the latter which he will henceforth run on his own account." *Plain Dealer*, July 21, 1863.

1863 July 22 — "Lieutenant Colonel Gould, 5th Michigan, and Doctor E. F. Carell, and Lieutenant L. B. Smith, 3d. Michigan, are stopping at the American House. The latter is crowded night and day with guests, which fact speaks volumes in praise of Mr. Brockway's management." *Plain Dealer*, July 22, 1863.

1863 Aug. 19 — "The roof of the American House, which was blown off by the late terrible gale, has been thoroughly repaired and is now in better condition than ever." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1863.

1863 Sept. 7 — "The American House, which is one of the best hotels in the State, is making unusual preparations to accommodate the immense crowd that will surely claim its hospitality during the State Fair. We would say to our country readers and others that the American will furnish comfortable lodgings and the best fare the market affords, to all who may visit it during the latter period. We cordially recommend it to all." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 7, 1863.

1863 Sept. 12 — "Among the arrivals of the American Hotel today are Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton, S. W. Gilson, C. A. White, T. J. Kenney; W. H. Jones, Cincinnati; Geo. W. Pites, New York; E. C. Frost and family; Plenia H. Hobart and wife, East Bridgeport, Mass.; Samuel Little, Birmingham, Conn; E. A. Day, S. J. Harrison and S. G. Damon, Boston; Geo. M. and P. B. Ayer, Chicago; W. H. Jones, Cincinnati; A. W. Gates and family, East Saginaw." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 12, 1863.

1863 Sept. 21 — "There were between 800 and 900 persons at the American House from Sept. 14 until Sept. 19. This includes merely those who lodged at the hotel -- and all, or nearly all, of those who merely took meals there, bought tickets without registering their names." *Leader*, Sept. 21, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 267.

1863 Sept 21 "The *Leader* says that the American House accommodated 'between eight and nine hundred' registered guests during last week. This compliment is good so far as it goes; but it does not go far enough. We learn from the most trustworthy authority that the American entertained over fifteen hundred visitors during the State Fair week. This was owing to the splendid capacity of the house, and to the available and deserved reputation it possesses, throughout the country." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1863.

1864 William Wallace Ludlow was engaged in the hotel business, being connected with the American hotel. Orth, *Cleveland*, II, 282.

1864 Jan. 1 "One fourth of the American House property at Cleveland is for sale. It has four fronts; one on Superior st., two on Long st., and one on Champlain st. This is the most central business location in the city." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 239.

1864 Jan. 15 Dr. Lawrence, of New York, skilled oculist and aurist, staying at the American House was working "miracles" in restoring lost and injured sight and hearing. *Leader*, Jan. 15, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 151; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1864.

1864 Jan. 25 "The few soldiers left in the 25th regiment arrived in Cleveland. They marched from the Atlantic and Great Western station to Camp Cleveland, where quarters were assigned. They then marched to the armory (old Center st. theatre). The American, the Angier, and the Weddell Houses opened their doors to the soldiers.

"Two hundred and fifty men were in the regiment. It was organized in Camp Chase in June, 1861. Mr. Gillmore is now in command." *Leader*, Jan. 25, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 337, 338.

1864 Jan. 29 "Dr. J. F. Lawrence whose large advertisement appeared in the *Leader*, and who made so many promises as the 'eminent oculist and aurist' skedalled from the American House, cheating patients, landlord, and advertisers of $800." *Leader*, Jan. 29, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 152.

1864 Apr. 22 C. N. Noble, Esq., sold his one-fourth interest in the American House for $18,000. *Leader*, Apr. 22, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 131.

1864 May 27 A boiler in the kitchen of the American House exploded, bursting the brick wall on Long st. A woman servant was injured. *Leader*, May 28, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 47.

1864 June 6 Franklin T. Backus and Jesse P. Bishop gave to Reuben Hitchcock a quit claim deed for an undivided 1/12 interest in the west part of lot 75, adjoining the American House site and totaling 114 feet x 21 rods, 2 feet. County Deeds, 124, 544, 545.

1864 June 6 "Sam Sharpley and his minstrels are stopping at the American House. They will give entertainments at Brainard's hall for five consecutive nights beginning tonight." *Leader*, June 6, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 87.

1864 July 1 "'A good tree is known by the fruit, so is a good Physician by his successful work.'
'The roots and the leaves will be for the healing of the nations.' Bible.
Appointments for May and June
Prof. R. J. Lyons,
Physician of the Throat, Lungs, and Chest, generally known all over the country as the celebrated Indian Herb Doctor, can be consulted at the following places every month during 1864-1865; Cleveland-Office at the American Hotel - each month, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 15th, 16th, and 17th. Hillsdale, Mich., Hillsdale House, each month, 27th." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1864.

1864 Aug. 4 Detective Sheriff Whitney assisted in the arrest of George Munson (Mason) and William Harris Aug. 4. They were charged with taking a quantity of silver plate from the American House. *Leader*, Aug. 6, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 15.

1865 "The article on the American House continues to arouse old time patrons of the ancient hostelry. Here is, reader, W. W. Ludlow of this city, who recalls with enduring pleasures his experiences there close to sixty years ago. 'It was almost home,' he says, and adds: 'In those days many persons made the hotels a permanent residence for the whole family. All of the large hotels, save the Kennard, were operated above the ground floor. People didn't mind climbing stairs in those days.

"The billiard and bar rooms were on the ground floor, an arrangement that kept the hotel proper and its bar well separated. In that primitive day the hotel porter, a man of mightly muscles, would shoulder the longest Saratoga and carry it up as many flights as were necessary. Yes, and no tips were expected.

"The front rooms of the American had marble mantels and fire places with open grates. Fires were built for the guests who desired them. Bear in mind there were no other heating devices. For lights there were plain gas jets. In the inner and rear rooms half of a candle in a candlestick furnished both light and heat. The occupants of these rear rooms did not linger there in wintery weather...

"Our correspondent recalls the 'dining room was manned by colored men, and that they were corking good fellows, respected by the guests for their general all-around ability and their characteristic good nature. As far as the inner man went he was taken better care of in those days than in many of the bigger hotels of today (1925) with all their boast of modern service. And for the wine list on the back of every bill of fare, many a man would today exchange all his present privileges gladly.

"In those days a guest wanting service pulled the bell rope in his room. The room was connected by wire to the office register. The register indicated the room number and the 'original bell boy' was dispatched to find out what the guest wanted. This meant two trips, and the little climbers nearly wore their short legs off before graduating to some other line of work." *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1925.

1865 Jan. 27 "Judge Hitchcock had his overcoat stolen, while at dinner in the American House, yesterday, having left it on a what-not in the hall." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 27, 1865.

1865 Feb. 25 "CHARLESTON IN FLAMES ! AND A. KLINE & CO., SELLING OUT AT COST (as they are going to change Business, Apr. 1) of a very large stock of Ladies Hoop Skirts, Misses Hoop Skirts, Children's Hoop Skirts, French Corsets, American Corsets and Spring Pads, No. 128 Superior Street, under the American House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 25, 1865.

1865 Feb. 28 "B. K. Johnston, Esq., has retired from the management of the American House Saloon. By his native urbanity and honorable actions, Mr. Johnston has made many friends among the traveling and commercial public, to whom, with his friends in this city, his retirement will bring general regret. We hear it rumored, however, that on the

first of next April, he will become proprietor of the Johnson House, having purchased Mr. Melsheimer's interest in that establishment. Under the efficient management of Mr. Johnston, that hotel will doubtless enjoy as much of prosperity as did the 'St. Charles' of Pittsburgh, during the ten years Mr. Johnston was the proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1865.

1865 Apr. 10 "The barn of the American House, in the rear of the *Leader* office, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. All the horses were rescued. The loss was $400; there was no insurance. This must have been the work of an incendiary." *Leader*, Apr. 10, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 148.

1865 Apr. 15 "When the remains of Abraham Lincoln was lying in state, or just before they brought him here, on the morning after Lincoln was assassinated, J. J. Husband, in front of the old American House, said, 'I am glad that Lincoln is assassinated. I am glad he is dead and out of the way,' and the crowd chased him ... They got Husband down in the basement, but the crowd pressed. Then they got him on top of the court house, and finally spirited him away, and we have not seen Mr. Husband since." *Settlers Annals*, X, No.4, 16.

1865 June 21 "Jacob Frank, manufacturer and importer of French and American Corsets. Having removed from his old stand on Water Street to a large and commodious establishment, No. 128 Superior Street (under the American Hotel)." *Plain Dealer*, June 21. 1865.

1865 Nov. 23 "While Major Goodspeed was eating dinner at the American House yesterday, his overcoat, valued at $50, was stolen from the hat table in the dining room. We hear of many cases of theft in the halls of private homes." *Leader*, Nov, 23, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 190.

1866 Jan. 24 F. T. Backus with a final payment of $2,007.33 cancelled the mortgage on the American House site obtained by James Kellogg from the state of Connecticut. County Deeds, S-17, 179, 180.

1866 Feb. 19 "T. B. Brockway, present landlord of the American House, has sold his unexpired lease to stockholders in the building. They intend to refit the house from top to bottom. The purchasers hope to make it a first class hotel like the Weddell House and the Kennard House." *Leader*, Feb. 19, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 239.

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1866 Mar. 1 — "L. H. Solomonson, Practical and Scientific Optician - Go to Solomonson (Make no Mistake) 130 Superior street, under the American and there you will find the best kind of spectacles adapted to your sight.

"Artificial Eyes inserted without pain, as perfect as Natural. Office 120 Superior street." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1866.

1866 Mar. 2 — Col. J. P. Ross, former landlord of the Angier House and of the Weddell House succeeded T. B. Brockway as host of The American House. He announced he would take possession and completely renovate the hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 2, 16, 1866; *Leader*, Mar. 2, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 239.

1866 Mar. 6-10 — --- Meetings to discuss the State Fair matter were held at the American House parlors. It was found that the sum required by the State Board -- five thousand dollars -- had been nearly raised, and that the proper fair grounds had been secured. Gen. Fitch and Col. Harris were to leave for Columbus to lay before the State Board the proposition from this city. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 1866.

1866 Mar. 7 — "Col. Ross is energetically going about the work of improving the American. The house will be overhauled from cellar to garrett, and everything put in the most complete order. When the American is fully repaired and renovated, Cleveland will be second to no western city in the first class hotels." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 7, 1866.

1866 Apr. 16 — "American House, Cleveland, Ohio, J. P. Ross... Proprietor. (Formerly of Weddell and Angier)." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 16, 1866.

1866 May 5 — "Here you are !! First, last and all the Time! Go and Buy your Hoop Skirts & Corsets at the manufactory of Jacob Frank, 128 Superior St., under the American, and save a second profit." *Plain Dealer*, May 5, 1866.

1866 Aug. 1 — Justice Beavis fined Willie Hickey five dollars and costs for brutally assaulting John Sweeney, an employee of the American House. *Leader*, Aug. 1, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 721.

1866
Aug. 7 "A committee appointed sometime since, at Washington, to make arrangements for a re-union of the Seventh Ohio Regiment met last evening, at the American House, at General Tyler's room. The 10th of September has been selected as the day upon which to hold the affair. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to secure a hall and make other necessary arrangements. Major E. J. Kreitger, Lieut. E. Bohm and Lieut. F. Dutton. A call will be issued in a few days." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 7, 1866.

1866
Aug. 9 "The following meterological record is daily reported for the *Plain Dealer* by L. H. Solomonson, Optician under the American House, No. 130 Superior street. Aug. 9th - Thermometer 8 A.M. 65 deg. Aug. 9th - Thermometer 12 M. 68 deg. Barometer 29:42." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 9, 1866.

1866
Aug. 16 "Doctor Dodge called upon us this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Emma Holness, of Euclid, who previous to two operations upon her, by the Doctor, had not spoken for three years. She is now able to converse with perfect freedom. This is a remarkable cure, and its truth can be verified, by calling upon Mrs. Holness, at No. 35 Jay Street. Dr. Dodge's headquarters are at the American." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 16, 1866.

1866
Aug. 20 "Tickets for the great Horse Fair can be had at the offices of the Kennard, Weddell, American, City, Russell and New England Hotels. To avoid the great rush at the gates, purchase your tickets before you start." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 20, 1866.

1866
Sept. 7 "The Chicago *Journal* says that the girl 'Mollie,' who shot a man named Trussell at Chicago, was formerly a chamber-maid at the American House in this city." *Leader*, Sept. 7, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 234.

1866
Sept. 11 "On the anniversary of Perry's glorious victory on Lake Erie, the surviving members and officers of the gallant 7th regiment held their reunion at Garrett's hall. ...

"At ten p.m. about one hundred members of the 7th had supper at the American House." *Leader*, Sept. 11, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 823, 824.

1866
Sept. 17

"The convention of Union soldiers and sailors who sustain the President's policy is to be held in this city today. The principal hotels are filled, but as yet there is no crowding. A mammoth pavilion, under which the convention will be held, has been erected in Monument park (Public Square), west of the Perry monument."

The delegation from Buffalo to the convention, about eighty in number, arrived by boat and was escorted to the American House by Papworth's band. *Leader*, Sept. 17 and 18, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 826.

1866
Sept. 20

A banquet was given at the American House for a group of distinguished "Southern Loyalists." The visitors included Gov. (Parson) Brownlow of Tennessee, Governor Hamilton of Texas, Colonel Stokes and Gen. H. Thomas of Tennessee, and Judge Paschall of Louisiana. A crowd of five hundred persons escorted the visitors from the depot.

The Hon. R. C. Parsons spoke from the balcony of the American House, formally welcoming the guests. Chinese lanterns were stretched from the *Leader* office to the Weddell, and in front of the *Leader* office were displayed the words, "Welcome to Southern Loyalists."

After the ten o'clock supper Mayor Chapin rose and proposed the health of "Southern Loyalists." Governor Brownlow spoke briefly saying, "There can be but two parties in the country, one loyal party, the other Copperhead-conservative-Democratic, born of an old South Carolina harlot." *Leader*, Sept. 20, 21, 1866; *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 526, 527; Robinson, *Cleveland* I, 113.

1866
Dec. 8

"A gentleman lost about $1,000 on Dec. 5 while in the American House billiard room. He either dropped it from his pocket or it was 'lifted' from him. Two men named Snyder and Williams were arrested on suspicion and heard before Judge Abbey this morning. Williams was discharged; Snyder is out on $1,000 bail." *Leader*, Dec. 8, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 257.

1866
Dec. 15

"The preliminary meeting of the members of the 2nd Ohio cavalry was held today at 11 a.m., and a temporary organization was effected. The program adopted for the day includes a meeting at two p.m. to hear the oration of General Nettleton and a supper and good time at the American House this evening." *Leader*, Dec. 15, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 834.

1866 Dec. 31 "One of the most disastrous fires that has visited our city for years occurred last night at the large crockery warehouse of N. O. Fansler on River st. The steamers responded almost immediately, yet for a while it was feared that the entire block would be destroyed. Fansler's loss is very heavy, although a large portion of his $75,000 stock was covered by insurance.

"After the fire has been subdued, Fansler and a Mr. Bradburn showed their appreciation of the labors of the firemen and police by inviting them to supper at the American House, which is owned by Colonel Ross." *Leader*, Dec. 31, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 173.

1867 Jan. 1 Jacob Frank, Superior st., under the American, advertised hoop skirts and corsets. *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 103.

1867 Jan. 12 H. H. Solomonson, an optician, took meteorological observations under the American House Jan. 12. At seven a.m. it was six degrees and at seven p.m. it was 25 degrees. *Leader*, Jan. 14, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 755.

1867 Jan. 19 "American House, Cleveland, O.
On and after January 15th, 1867, Board Reduced to $2.50 per day.
Charges for less than one day will be for

Breakfast	75 cents
Dinner	75 cents
Tea	75 cents
Lodging	75 cents

J. P. Ross, Proprietor."
Plain Dealer, Jan. 19, 1867.

1867 Mar. 25 "The seventh regiment association met at Kelly's hall Mar. 23, about 120 members of this gallant old regiment being present. There were clasping of hands and heartfelt words of greeting as the war-worn veterans, who side by side had breasted many a storm of battle, met once more face to face. The meeting was called to order by Gen. J. S. Casement of Omaha, Neb., who, upon taking the chair, expressed, in a few happy remarks, the pleasure he felt at seeing again the faces of the 'Old Seventh.'" ... The report of the banquet committee that the supper be held at the American House at 8 p.m. was presented and accepted.

"About seventy members of the regiment with a large number of their lady friends met and had a very nice banquet." *Leader*, Mar. 25, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 749, 750.

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1867 Aug. 8 The Salem Cornet band gave a serenade at the American House. *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 363.

1867 Sept. 12 The second annual reunion of the second Ohio cavalry regiment, together with the 25th battery, was held in this city.

At three p.m. the banquet was held at the American House. Among the resolutions adopted was one giving approval to the action of Congress upon the justice of reconstruction. Another resolution sustained Sheridan in his "noble efforts to fasten the principles of Republican liberty above the records of traitors and their friends." *Leader*, Sept. 13, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 750, 751.

1867 Oct. 8 "There was a large attendance to hear the Hon. J. W. Patterson, U. S. Senator from New Hampshire, address the last grand Union rally. Senator Patterson spoke from the balcony of the American House for an hour and a half. His ideas on reconstruction and equal suffrage were clear and convincing." *Leader*, Oct. 8, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 476.

1867 Nov. 1 "N. H. Solomonson, Practical and Scientific Optician, keeps the largest assortment of the most approved kinds of spectacles, which are ground under his inspection so as to suit the eyes, in all cases curing weakness, dizziness or inflammation of the eyes, and imparting strength for long reading or fine sewing. Also a splendid assortment of spy glasses and microscopes kept on hand. Artificial eyes inserted without pain, as perfect as natural. Office, 130 Superior Street (under the American House). Beware of imposters claiming to be Mr. Solomonson or his agents." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1867.

1867 Nov. 2 A large meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland Skating rink was held Nov. 2 at the American House parlor. Nine directors were chosen. At a meeting of the directors, the following officers were chosen: President, Amos Townsend; vice president, L. A. Pierce; secretary and treasurer, G. E. Armstrong. *Leader*, Nov. 4, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 231; *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 2, 1867.

1868 "American House, Superior Street, Ross & Ludlow, Proprietors." *Cleveland Leader's Annual City Directory*, 33, 64, 1868-1870.

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1868 May 1 — Lizetta Peak of Medford, Mass., died at the American House of typhoid fever. She had been appearing with the "Peak Family, Swiss Bell Ringers," at Cleveland's Case hall. *Leader*, May 2, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 412.

1868 May 16 — "Colonel John P. Ross, proprietor of the American House, has purchased the Cleveland riding park, which is three miles from the Public Square, on Kinsman rd. This park is a credit to Cleveland and Clevelanders." *Leader*, May 16, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 224.

1868 June 2 — "The reunion of the 10th O.V.C. (Ohio Volunteer Cavalry) will be held at Mansfield tomorrow. A number of the members met at the American House on May 31 to make arrangements." *Leader*, June 2, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 789.

1868 July 3 — "The horse races in the park for the Fourth of July have been arranged by Col. J. P. Ross, landlord of the American House.

"A handicap race for $100 between J. Bennett's Laura, and L. Hancock's Cuyahoga Maid; a $50 race between Kitty and Bennett's Frank; a $50 race between F. Kimberley's Lady Ella and Rattler has been arranged." *Leader*, July 3, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 225.

1868 Nov. 24 — "The Atlantic and Pacific telegraph office will be moved to the American House about Dec. 1." *Leader*, Nov. 24, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 774.

1868 Dec. 2 — "The second annual meeting of the National Manufacturers' association will be held Dec. 16 in New York City. A meeting of the manufacturers of Cleveland will be held at the parlors of the American House today for the purpose of appointing one or more delegates to the New York meeting." *Leader*, Dec. 2, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 323.

1868 Dec. 12 — "James A. Estell, probate judge of Holmes county for whom a warrant was issued sometime ago charging him with election frauds, was arrested in the American House yesterday, and put under $1,000 bail to appear for trial on Jan. 19." *Leader*, Dec. 12, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 438.

1869 Jan. 29 "William Hart, late principal of Hart, Malone and Company, on the occasion of his retirement gave a supper last night for the employees of his firm at the American House." *Leader*, Jan. 29, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 177.

1869 July 3 "The committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of American independence on Monday, July 5, assembled at the American House parlors yesterday at ten a.m. Thomas Jones was appointed chairman; J. P. Parsons, secretary; and Colonel Ross, marshal of the day.

"The meeting resolved to raise $1,500 for the expenses of the celebration." *Leader*, July 3, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 203.

1869 Oct. 20 "The Olmstead brothers who run the American House newsstand sent us the *Atlantic* for November. They have their counters filled with all the late and choice literature of the day besides a fine stock of cigars, stationery, etc." *Leader*, Oct. 20, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 322.

1869 Oct. 26 The city council resolved that the committee on gas and light be authorized and requested to place a lamp post on Superior Street near the American House. Cleveland Council Proceedings, IV, 1867-68-69, 517.

1870 Perkins, Hitchcock & Backus paid the tax on the American House building which was assessed at $35,000. The tax value of the land was placed at $63,066. The property had a frontage of 114 2/3 feet on Superior Street and extended south to Long Street. *County Plat Book*, 1870, Ward I.

1870 Jan. 3 "The New Year's day calling custom was observed. No carriages were seen on the carriage stands at nine o'clock. Buggies were seen in front of the houses or driving rapidly from door to door. Now and then a velocipede was seen struggling over the road.

"Gentlemen friends of the police department offered dinner to members and friends at the American House. William Heisley, Esq., made the first toast to Mayor Buhrer, who made several suggestions for the government of the police force. Samuel Starkweather recalled that when he was mayor, the police department consisted of one man, a Mr. Abbey, who was armed only with a big cane. The policeman went through the streets, upholding the law and maintaining order. ...

"A carriage brought to this country from England by William Penn and now owned by Capt. L. A. Pierce was brought out by E. S. Flint of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati railroad, S. S. Coe, and Mr. Pierce. A pair of fine horses drew it through the principal streets of the city. ...

"Considering the fact that it was Saturday, New Year's night, too, the number of arrests was very small." *Leader*, Jan. 3, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 364.

1870 Feb. 11 "A meeting of the Forest City Baseball club was held yesterday at the American House. A committee was appointed to prepare a program for a skating carnival at the central rink next week. The carnival will be held for the benefit of the ball club." *Leader*, Feb. 11, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 330.

1870 Feb. 26 The refusal of the state board to have the state fair held in Cleveland for the next two years seemed to indicate that it would be to the interest of the community to plan a fair of its own. This, like the celebrated St. Louis fair, might be held every two years.

A group of citizens who favored organizing a fair met in the parlors of the American House on Feb. 26. The Hon. D. A. Dangler, chairman, explained the advantages of the position enjoyed by Cleveland. He thought there would be no trouble raising the required $300,000 for a Northern Ohio fair. In four hours, on a rainy day, $10,000 was collected. *Leader*, Feb. 19, 21, 28, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 253.

1870 Apr. 6 The annual election of the Forest City Baseball club took place at the American House. The following officers were elected: President, Charles B. Pettengill; vice president, J. W. Cross; recording secretary, Frank Collins; and financial and corresponding secretary, J. Ford Evans. *Leader*, Apr. 7, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 330.

1870 May 3 The corporators of the Northern Ohio Fair association held a meeting at the American House. The chairman was Dr. J. P. Robinson; secretary, Alton Pope. The committee on location reported favorably on the purchase of the Sprague property. Chairman Amasa Stone was then authorized to make the purchase. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws for the association. *Leader*, May 4, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 254.

1870
Sept. 10

"The third annual reunion of the 19th Ohio battery was held in this city yesterday. Following an excellent dinner served at the Rocky River House, the members assembled for the business of re-electing the committee of arrangements. The men shortly afterward 'fell in' to rank and were reviewed by Capt. Frank Wilson, commander.

"The party then returned to the city and to the American House where a sumptuous supper was served. Later in the evening a ball was held at the Central rink, with Papworth's band officiating." *Leader*, Sept. 10, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 803.

1870
Oct. 20

"The members of the 41st Ohio volunteers infantry met yesterday at the armory for their annual reunion. About 160 veterans were in attendance. At 8:15 p.m. the members of the regiment met at the armory and with Papworth's band leading the way, marched to the American House where the tables had been laid, preparatory to the grand dinner." *Leader*, Oct. 20, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 803.

1870
Dec. 12

A large meeting of the Cleveland Horticultural society was held in the parlors of the American House. Alexander McIntosh acted as president, and F. R. Elliott as secretary.

Mr. L. F. Mellen reported that he had a number of grafts of apple trees from Russia, which were sent to him while he was a commissioner from Ohio to the Universal exposition in Paris in 1867. He said the apples would grow very well in northern Ohio, and requested F. R. Elliott to distribute them. *Leader*, Dec. 13, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 379, 380.

1871
Jan. 4

"The new year was ushered in with the explosion of firecrackers and the firing of pistols and revolvers.

"New Years day, Jan. 1, was quite the reverse. The members of the police department, Mayor Buhrer, Gen. W. B. Hazen, Amos Townsend, president of the city council, and the members of the council, enjoyed a quiet dinner at the American House." *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 333, 490, 491.

1871
June 22

Two o'clock in the morning compositors of the *Leader* discovered a fire in the upper part of the American House. The fire, which was in the room of one of the hired girls, was put out without using the hose. Many of the boarders, warned by the cry of fire, left with their baggage. *Leader*, June 22, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 242.

1871
Aug. 15 — The centennial anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott was celebrated by a banquet in the American House. Mr. Hogg sang a comic song entitled *The Jolly Old Farmer*. The Rev. E. B. Raffensperger gave the principal address commemorating the great writer, and the Cleveland Grays band furnished the music. *Leader*, July 7, 31, and Aug. 16, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 100.

1872
Sept. 20 — Hiram Collins, former American House proprietor, who was thrown from his buggy was in critical condition. He was unconscious and only a slight hope was held for his recovery. *Leader*, Sept. 24, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 5.

1873
Jan. 1 — Mr. E. D. Knapp, proprietor of The American House, was presented with a silver-headed cane on New Years by the boarders of the hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 4, 1873.

1875 — E. D. Knapp was proprietor of the American House. Robison, Savage & Co.'s *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-1876, 35.

1875
Mar. 8 — "Elecutionary (sic) Readings. Professor Leighton will read selections, and give lessons in the magnificent art to students. $1 each. American House, Superior St." *Leader*, Mar. 8, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 161.

1875
Oct. 21 — The American House was reopened for the accommodation of the public by A. J. Jones, a former merchant of Rochester, O., who became proprietor in the preceding June when this property changed hands. The new landlord remodeled the building at a cost of $20,000. Two hundred prominent citizens of the city had dinner in the hotel and looked over the building. *Leader*, Oct. 22, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 262; *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-1875; Howe, *Historical Collections*, I, 508; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated* (1876), 39.

1876 — "The American House, A. Jones proprietor, is situated on the south side of Superior street between Bank and South Water streets, occupying the numbers from 128 to 138. This hotel is one of the old landmarks of the city, having for many years held its position as one of the leading hotels of the lake region. Under it's present ownership, extensive additions and improvements have been made. The whole building has been remodeled, refitted, and refurnished. Two additions, forty feet square, have been erected. Modern improvements have been introduced in every part. Over thirty-five thousand dollars have been expended in repairs and furnishing.

Bath rooms for ladies and gentlemen, hot and cold water on every floor except the upper, and every convenience desirable are now to be found in the building. The furniture, carpets, and fittings are all of the very best, no money or labor being spared in the work of making the American at least equal to the best hotels in the city. The sleeping accommodations cannot be excelled in cleanliness and comfort. The table is abundantly supplied with the best and most wholesome food...Street car lines for all parts of the east and west sides start from the door...Prices from $2.00 to $2.50 per day." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 39.

1885 June 24 — L. M. H. Morley and George W. Morley, trustees and executors, and Peter M. and Sarah W. Hitchcock, trustees and executors of Reuben Hitchcock, sold to Sheldon H. Tolles an undivided ½ interest in a part of lot 75 beginning at the northwest corner near the American House, and other properties. County Deeds, 388, 373-374.

1885 July 29 — Sheldon H. Tolles deeded to Peter M. Hitchcock and George W. Morley, Trustees for Helen F. H. Morley, 27/200 interest in lot 75, totaling 114 2/3 feet x 352 feet, together with other parcels of land. County Deeds, 388, 374-376.

1885 July 29 — Sheldon H. Tolles deeded to Peter M. Hitchcock, 28/200 interest in lot 75, totaling 114 2/3 feet x 352 feet, together with other parcels of land. County Deeds, 388, 377, 378.

1885 July 29 — Sheldon H. Tolles deeded to L. M. H. Morley, 28/200 interest in part of lot 75, together with other parcels. County Deeds, 388, 378-380.

1885 July 29 — Sheldon H. Tolles, deeded to Peter M. Hitchcock and George W. Morley, Trustees for Edward M. Hitchcock et al, 17/200 interest in lot 75, together with other parcels of land. County Deeds, 388, 376, 377.

1892 June 27 — For a consideration of $280,000, Lizzie M. H. Morley and George W. Morley deeded to Chas. F. Brush part of lot 75 beginning at the northwest corner of the lot, with 114 feet, 8 inches frontage on Superior Street, and extending south to the north side of Long Street. Other parcels of land were included in the sale. County Deeds, 517, 555-557.

Hotels and Taverns
American House

1893 One of the principal hotels of the city was the American House. *Visitor's Directory*, 83.

1894 Aug. 6 The City Council adopted a resolution proposed by Mr. Hardenbergh, to grant permission to Isaac Reynolds, manager of the American House, to place a sign in front of his place of business "at the said American House on Superior street." Council Proceedings, XXVII, 1894-1895, 109.

1898 The American House in Cleveland was centrally located on Superior Avenue just west of the Public Square, and was well patronized by Commercial Travellers of the late 90's. Rows of nineteen windows interspersed the entire brick front of each of the four upper service floors of the building while the first floor was divided into various small stores. The main central entrance to the hotel was beneath an iron railed portico, and on the extreme left of the facade three windows on each floor gave access to a large iron fire escape. A cornice of simple design finished the flat topped roof, above which rose the unornamented elevator shaft.

The building was about 50 feet high and seems to have been about 100-120 feet long. The name of the House - "American" - was placed between the second and third stories in the center of the building. It was repeated in large, widely-spaced letters just below the roof.

Among the occupants of the first floor stores the following signs were legible in the photograph, namely, an Ice Cream Parlor, Rathbone and Sard Co., together with the Acorn Store Co., a barber shop noted by its pole directly beside a shop advertising "Eats" and the American Pawn Shop. The hotel property extended 150 feet south to Long Street. *McMichael, Collection of Cleveland Pictures; Cleveland Atlas*, 1898.

1910 "It (American House) is still in use, the oldest 'tavern' in Cleveland." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430.

1925 The building remained the well remembered "American House" until it was razed by the Van Sweringen terminal changes. Kelly, *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 19, 1941.

1925 July 8 "Its iron balcony, weatherbeaten and worn and many times repainted, is still in evidence." *News*, July 8, 1925, Scrapbook V.

1925 Dec. 16 "The American House...is passing into history.

"Its famed furnishings are being boxed and crated and removed to second-hand shops. Collectors are buying the odds and ends as antiques.

"Gone is the old bar and the famous lunch counter over which thousands were served the 'finest sandwiches' in the world.

"Upstairs Room 108 of the old hostelry on W. Superior Avenue is empty. It was once the finest room in the house and harbored presidents and other celebrities who visited the city." *Press*, Dec. 16, 1925.

AMERICAN HOUSE
Cleveland West Side Flats
(Corner Main and Elm Streets, Ohio City)

Little is known of "the other American House" in Cleveland which apparently existed even before the better known hotel of that name was completed. One reference is to 1836, at which time the more famed American House on Superior Street was being built and a year before it opened.

The more obscure American House was in Ohio City, at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, in the section now called the Flats. It did not attain a listing in the city directories until 1856. *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1937; Spear, Denison and Co., Cleveland *Directory*, 1856.

1836 "Over in Ohio City, which ran west from the river to what is now W. 65, and from the lake to Walworth Run, and which claimed 2,400 inhabitants, the busy workers dined at the Ohio City Exchange at the corner of Main and Center; the Jefferson House on Terrance Street; the other American House on Main Street and Elm, the Pearl Street House, or at Powell's at the corner of Detroit and Washington." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1937.

1837 The operator of the American House was George W. Freeman. Hutchinson, Notes.

1856 The American House was located at Main and Elm Streets. Spear, Denison & Co., Cleveland *Directory*, 1856.

1857 The American House, Main and Elm Streets, was listed in the advertising section of the business directory for 1857-1858. Berry, Marriot and Bartlett, Cleveland *Directory*, 1857-1858.

1871 Charles A. Wallace was the proprietor of the American House at Main and Elm Streets from 1871 to 1875. Robison, Cleveland *Directories*, 1871; 1874-75; 1875-76.

ARCADE HOTEL
(No address given)

1846 "The Arcade is conducted on a plan similar to that now extensively and successfully in vogue in the Eastern cities. Day and night boarders will find at the Arcade pleasant and airy apartments. The Choicest Delicacies of the season will be sought for, and served up at all hours." Peet's Cleveland *Directory*, 1846-1847.

ATKINSON HOTEL
58 St. Clair Street

1878 The Atkinson House was located at 58 St. Clair Street.* Cleveland *Directory*, 1878-1879.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN HOTEL
206 Seneca Street (West Third Street)

A hotel of the 1860's and 1870's was known as the Atlantic and Great Western and was apparently owned by the railroad of the same name. It may have been in the class of semi-hotel and semi-boarding house. Thr Atlantic and Great Western Hotel was at 206 Seneca (West Third) at the corner of narrow Howe Street. A different street number -194- is listed in an 1872 directory, but this may be no conflict as the building extended a distance north from the corner along Seneca. The north side of the hotel was almost directly in back of the Striebinger House, which faced on Michigan (now Prospect Avenue extended to Superior).

*This is the same address as that formerly given for the Fisher Hotel.

A railroad curving with the canal came near enough to the Atlantic and Great Western so that "sparks from a locomotive" might have reached it as happened in the fire which caused a $500 damage in 1870. The site of the hotel is now lost in the union terminal development. Robison, Cleveland *Directory*, 1871-1872; Titus, Simmons and Titus, Cuyahoga County *Atlas*, 1874; *Leader*, Aug. 20, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, Part I, 280.

1866 Aug. 13 "Two men named Maloney and Bone were seriously injured last night in a row at the Atlantic and Great Western House on the west side." *Leader*, Aug. 13, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 26.

1870 Aug. 20 "A frame boarding house owned by the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad caught fire from sparks from a locomotive. The house was occupied by John Shanley. The loss is estimated at $500." *Leader*, Aug. 20, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 280.

1871 John A. Hoffman was proprietor of the Atlantic and Great Western Hotel, 194 Seneca Street. Robison, Cleveland *Directory*, 1871-1872.

1874 "Fred Altman, proprietor of the Atlantic and Great Western Hotel. Good accommodations for traveling public. 206 Seneca Street." Titus, Simmons and Titus, Cuyahoga County *Atlas*, 1874, 99.

1874 The Atlantic and Great Western Hotel, 206 Seneca Street, extended along Seneca north from the corner of Howe. It was almost directly in back of the Striebinger House which fronted on Michigan, one block north of Howe, at the corner of Seneca. The Striebinger House was not quite as close to the corner as the Atlantic. Titus, Simmons and Titus, Cuyahoga County *Atlas*, 1874.

BATES TAVERN

1820 July 18 (Adv) "By virtue of several executions issued out of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga County, and to me directed, I have levied upon and shall expose for sale, one horse, at N. Bates Tavern, in Newburgh, on July 29. Seth Doan, Sheriff, James S. Clarke, Dept." *Herald*, July 18, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 74.

Hotels and Taverns
Bates Tavern

1821 Jan. 17 (Adv) "Taken Up, By Nehemiah Wallis, of Newburgh, an estray Heifer, mostly red, with white belly and tail, no artificial mark perceivable, supposed to be one year old last spring. Appraised by us at nine dollars. Ephraim Hubbel, Noble Bates, Appraisers. Newburgh, January 17, 1821.

"I certify the above to be a true copy from my estray book. Peter Robinson, J. P." *Herald*, Jan. 30, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 107.

1822 Feb. 19 (Adv) "For Rent, The commodious stand for a tavern, in Newburgh, at present occupied by Messrs. Bates and Shepherd. There are 30 acres of land, the house is large and convenient, and good water on the premises. It will be rented on advantageous terms, for from one to five years, and possession given on the 1st of May next. Daniel Miles. Newburgh, February 19, 1822." *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 232.

1830 Apr. 29 "Sheriff's Sale - By virtue of sundry Writs of Execution to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga county, there will be offered for sale at public auction .... at the Tavern of Noble Bates in Newburgh, 1 two horse wagon, and harness for 2 horses, 1 cherry bureau, 1 clock. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, Apr. 29, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 97.

1831 Apr. 7 (Adv) "The subscriber has taken for this season Harmon Kingsbury's celebrated Horses, Bucephalus and Sanus Messenger, which will stand at his stable in Cleveland, on the Troscott Farm, every day in the week except Tuesdays (when they will be at the stable of Noble Bates in Newburgh) and Thursdays (when they will be at the Stable of Welch in Euclid) at the low rate of $5 the season. Grain will be received in payment if delivered by the 18th of February at either of the stands above mentioned. Phillip C. Fenn." *Herald*, Apr. 7, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 201.

1833 Jan. 16 "By virtue of an execution to me directed from the court of common pleas of Geauga County, I have levied on and shall expose to public sale at the tavern house of Noble Bates, in the township of Newburgh, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January instant between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and four o'clock, p.m., the following described property, to wit: - three yoke of oxen, two ox waggons, two ox yokes, one mow of hay, one brown mare, one two-year old colt, two cows, one young colt, one stone boat.

"On January 15, there will be sold, two yoke of oxen, eleven hives of bees, one fanning mill, one bay mare, one potash kettle, one cow, a quantity of hay in the mow, a quantity of oats in the sheaf, a quantity of wheat in the sheaf. John Barr, sheriff." *Herald*, Jan. 5, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 133.

BEAUMONT HOUSE
Northeast Corner Ontario and Prospect Streets

The Beaumont House on the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets (northeast corner where Bailey Company now stands) was taken over by Stephen Sherman in 1850. He was well liked on the Reserve and his hotel was patronized by his many friends. In 1851 Mr. Larned became co-partner with Mr. Sherman in the proprietorship of the hotel.

When a "well" was dug in the rear of the Beaumont House human bones were found. Considerable excitement resulted until it was established that the plot was the city burial ground before 1832. No mention is found of this House after 1852. *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 5, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 123; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 17, 1851; *ibid.*, Nov. 20, 1851; *ibid.*, Nov. 28, 1851.

1850
Dec. 5 "Stephen Sherman has taken the Beaumont House at the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets. ... He is well known on the Reserve and his old friends will be glad to patronize him." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 5, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 123.

1851
Sept. 17 "Beaumont House -
Persons in want of good board can find it in its largest and best sense, under the hospitable roof of Messrs. Sherman & Larned. The house is eligibly situated on the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets, is well furnished, and is managed in a neat and liberal manner." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 17, 1851.

1851
Nov. 18 "Relics -
While digging a well on Tuesday last, (Nov. 18) in the rear of the Beaumont House, the workmen found a few odds and ends of frail mortality, in the way of skulls, ribs, etc. Conjecture was at once rife with murder, or, at the very least, Indian massacre, but it was soon cooled upon learning that the spot was formerly -- in 1832, we believe -- the city burying ground." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 20, 1851.

1851 Nov. 28 "Our friends at the Beaumont House set a magnificent dinner yesterday. We do not know whether such is the general custom among Hotel-keepers in this city; but, if not, it would be well for landlords to adopt it. Such extra attentions to one's guests always meet with a proper reward. The 'Beaumont' cannot be distanced in the race of hospitality." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 28, 1851.

1852 Mar. 20 "Mr. Sherman is burnishing the Beaumont House for the Spring business. Success will always follow enterprise." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 20, 1852.

1852 Mar. 28 As the Beaumont House carriage was passing down River Street, it ran against a piece of timber lying in the middle of the street, and was upset, sustaining considerable damage. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 29, 1852.

1852 Aug. 24 Mention of the possible location of a reservoir on Ontario Street in front of the Beaumont House was made in a resolution presented in the council. Cleveland Council *Journal* "F", Aug. 24, 1852.

1852 Sept. 23 "Wanted - Edmund Malone, who works for John J. Welsh, Cleveland, is informed that his two sisters and mother are now in this city at the Beaumont House, Corner Ontario and Prospect Streets, and are very anxious to see him." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1852.

BENDER'S HOTEL

1864 "Old-timers in the neighborhood think the building (Clark &) Rockefeller (produce and commission merchants, 32 River Street) used (1858-1864) was torn down to make room for the four-story brick building (now 1047-1059 West 11th Street) erected first as a hotel, operated either as Luke's (later moved to the Haymarket district) or Bender's (later moved to Addison Street)." *Press*, Section Page, 10/10/32.

1932 At the front of the four-story brick building at 32 River Street (W. 11th Street) may be dimly discerned the legend, "Woolen Rags - Bags." Below that may be still more dimly discerned the legend, "Hotel". *Press*, Section Page, 10/10/32

BERGEN'S HOTEL

1855 Nov. 22 "The village of Newburgh contains a population of six hundred inhabitants - three years ago it had less than three hundred. It has three churches, a hotel, built and owned by Mr. Bergen, which, when finished will cost $11,000; a flour mill, a chair factory, a new school house, and the Northern Ohio Lunatic Asylum. The hotel will be opened with a grand ball, November 22.

"The chair factory employs about fifty men. The town is also supplied with fine water power, there being a perpendicular fall of nearly thirty feet in Mill Creek a few rods from Bergen's Hotel. A short distance further down the stream is one of the best free stone quarries in Ohio.

"Altogether, Newburgh is one of the neatest, healthiest, and most enterprising towns in the Reserve. In 1860 it will contain a population of fifteen hundred." *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 95, *Leader*, Nov. 14, 1855.

1858 July 1 B. H. Norton, president of the Butcher's Association, requests members to meet at Bergen's Hotel on Pittsburgh Street to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July. *Leader*, July 1, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 37.

BERTSCHE'S TAVERN

1853 June 28 W. Bertsche, keeper of an emigrant tavern, was "fatally" injured while riding down Bath Street. His horse became frightened at the sound of a train, jolted the wagon, and caused him to be thrown to the ground, where he struck his head on a rail. *Daily True Democrat*, June 29, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 109.

1853 Aug. 6 Mr. Bertsche, severely injured a few weeks before by being thrown from his buggy upon the railroad tracks, had entirely recovered. *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 6, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 109.

BIRCH HOUSE
42 Water Street (West Ninth St.)

The Birch House retained its name throughout its existence. Previous to 1856 the site was occupied by a Mrs. M. Brooks' boarding house. As time passed the number was changed to 124 Water Street; today Water Street is known as West Ninth. Two groups of persons ran the house, Herman Birch and John M. Gillett, from 1856 to 1871, and L. D. Hunt and H. S. Hunt from 1871 until about 1878. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 514; *Settlers Annals*, VI, No. I, 30; Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51; *Morning Leader*, July 1, 1862; Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-69; Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

1851 Mrs. M. Brooks, Boarding-House, 42 Water Street, Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51.

1856 Birch & Co., Boarding, 42 Water, Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

1857 Birch, H., & Co. (Herman Birch & John M. Gillett) 42 Water St. Berry, Marriot & Bartlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-1858.

1859 Birch H. & Co., Boarding, 124 Water St. (Birch House). Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-1860.

1861 Birch & Co., proprs. of Birch House, Birch, Herman, firm H. Birch & Co., 125 Water St. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-1862.

1862 July 1 "Birch House - 124 Water St., Cleveland, Ohio. This House is now open for the reception of Guests and the Traveling Public generally. It is convenient to the depots, in the center of business and easy of access every way.

"Strangers will find it a quiet House at the very low price of One Dollar per day." H. Birch & Co., Proprietor. *Morning Leader*, July 1, 1862.

1862 July 1 "C. L. Latimer, Attorney-at-law. - Offers his services in the business of his profession. During business hours he may be found at the office of Joseph Perkins. At other hours at the Birch House." *Leader*, July 1, 1862.

Hotels and Taverns
Birch House

1863 — Birch House, H. Birch & Co., 124 Water St. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-1864.

1863 Jan. 1 — "C. L. Latimer, Attorney-at-law. Offers his services in the business of his profession. During business hours he may be found at the office of Joseph Perkins. At other hours at the Birch House." *Morning Leader*, Jan. 1, 1863.

1863 Jan. 3 — "Birch House - 124 Water St., Cleveland, Ohio. This House is now open for the reception of Guests and the Traveling Public generally. It is convenient to the Depots, in the center of business and easy of access every way. Strangers will find it a quiet House at the very low price of one Dollar per day. H. Birch & Co., Proprietors." *Morning Leader*, Jan. 3, 1863.

1863 Jan. 8 — "Birch House, 124 Water Street, is convenient to depots, in the center of business and easy of access in every way. Rooms $1 a day. H. Birch & Co., Props." *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 266.

1863 Feb. 2 — "C. L. Latimer, Attorney-at-law. - Offers his services in the business of his profession. During business hours he may be found at the office of Joseph Perkins. At other hours at the Birch House." *Morning Leader*, Feb. 2, 1863.

1863 Oct. 2 — "Wanted - Fifteen Ship Carpenters - wages $3.00 per day; also, fifty carpenters, wages $2.00 per day, for government employ. Tools and rations besides. Apply immediately to John Gair, Birch House, Water Street." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 2, 1863.

1864 Jan. 1 — "Birch House - 124 Water St., Cleveland, Ohio. This house is ... . convenient to the Depots, in the center of business and easy of access every way... H. Birch & Co., Proprietors." *Morning Leader*, Jan. 1, 1864.

1865 — "Birch House, No. 124 Water Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Heman Birch and J. M. Gillett, proprietors." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 102.

1866 — Birch House, Birch & Gillett, Proprs., 124 Water St. Leader *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-1866.

1866 Mar. 21 "A forger by the name of James R. Smith, was arrested last evening, at the instance of Mr. Gillett, Keeper of the Birch House, and lodged at the Central Police Station. He had been boarding at the Birch House for a couple of weeks, and last evening offered in payment therefor, a draft purporting to be drawn on the First National Bank, of this city, by W. W. Hunt, of Ravenna. The draft proved to be a forgery, and Smith was soon afterwards arrested. He came here some two weeks ago, and, at that time represented himself at the police station as a detective, in the employ of the Treasury Department at Washington. He has been constantly viewed with suspicion, however." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 21, 1866.

1866 Mar. 23 "James Smith, alias H. J. McKenzie, whose arrest for presenting a forged check to the proprietor of the Birch House, we have already noticed, was examined in the Municipal Court this morning, and bound over for trial, at the next term of the Common Pleas Court, in the sum of $1,000. In default of bail he was recommitted to jail." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 23, 1866.

1866 Apr. 9 "Mr. J. A. Nettleton, for a long time clerk of the Birch House, closed his connection with that institution this morning. Mr. Nettleton has become well and favorably known throughout this section, from his connection with the house in question; and we hope that good fortune may follow him, wherever he may go." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1866.

1867 Birch House -- H. Birch & Co., 124 Water St. *Cleveland Directory*, 1866-1867.

1867 May 17 The Birch House and the City Hotel were being painted. *Leader*, May 17, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 268.

1868 Jan. 31 W. H. Birney of New York and his wife recently put at the Birch House on Water St. After a few days Mr. Birney suddenly left the city, and his wife heard nothing of him. It was discovered that he had stolen two valuable dresses and a cloak from her wardrobe. Amasa Stone, president of the Lake Shore railroad, donated free tickets to Mrs. Birney so she could return to her mother in Buffalo. *Leader*, Jan. 31, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 144.

1869 "Birch House - Water Street, Birch & Gillett, Proprietors." Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-69, 32.

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Birch House

1870 "Birch House - Water St., H. Birch & J. M. Gillett, Proprietors." Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 33.

1871 "Birch House, 124 Water St., Cleveland, O. Near the R. R. Depot and in the Center of Business. L. D. Hunt, H. S. Hunt, Proprietors." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72, 19.

1872 "Birch House, L. D. & H. S. Hunt, proprs., 122 & 124 Water St." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-1873.

1873 "Birch House, L. D. & H. S. Hunt, proprs., 124-126 Water St." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1873-1874.

1873 "Meeting of Commercial Travelers.
Jan. 22 "An informal meeting was held this day in the parlors of the Birch House, we the undersigned propose to the commercial travelers of Cleveland to meet on Monday, January 28, 1873, at three o'clock p.m. at the parlors of the Kennard house for the purpose of forming an organization having for its object mutual protection and insurance. Frank Randall, Chairman. J. S. Gerson, Secretary, Cleveland, Jan. 21, 1873. James L. Thayer, Louis T. Wilenis, W. H. McKinney, J. Shrier, C. F. Thompson, J. S. Franz, G. Boosey, Henry Koch, J. F. Knapp, C. C. Williams, B. C. Burgess, A. J. Weidenkopf, B. McGrath, Fred Leek, Al. Liebenthal, W. F. Goodspeed." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1873.

1873 "Sometime ago an individual registered at the Weddell House under
Dec. 3 the name T. H. S. Boyd and posed as a business agent for a directory under his name. Feeling somewhat of the royal class, and more or less without funds, he felt he could either crash the gates or should be admitted to whatever he felt he wanted, by merely mentioning his name or stating where he lived. Being unable to pay his obligations to the Weddell, he was ordered out. He then moved to the Kennard House and tried the same thing, which finally transferred him to the Birch House, where he met W. P. Ambler, a man of similar tastes. Later, after a heated argument with the Birch House proprietor concerning overdue hotel bills, the pair were arrested and their royal reception ended as they were placed in jail." *Leader*, Dec. 3, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 250-251.

1874 Birch House second lot north of Frankfort St. on Water Street. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, (1874).

1874 Nov. 20 — James Wylie, champion draught or checker player, arrived here yesterday and will play his first game today at the Birch House where he is stopping. Since coming to this country some months ago, he has had games with the best players of New York, Detroit, Boston, and the principal cities of Canada. *Leader*, Nov. 20, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 254.

1875 — "Birch House, 122 and 124 Water, L. D. Hunt & Co., Proprs." Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-1876.

1875 Jan. 18 — "Nicholas Reutz -- yesterday fell through the ice -- and was drowned --. He had a business connection with the Birch House." *Leader*, Jan. 18, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 2.

1875 Jan. 24 — Herman Birch, for whom the Birch House was named, died in Elyria, aged ninety-nine. Burial was to be in Cleveland's Woodland cemetery. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1875.

1876 — "L. D. Hunt & Co., Proprietors. Birch House, 122 and 124 Water Street." Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 71, 1876-77.

1876 — "The Birch House, on Water street, between St. Clair and Frankfort streets, is a comfortable family hotel which admits transient guests." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 41.

1877 — Birch House, 122 and 124 Water St., L. D. Hunt & Co., proprs. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78.

BIXBY'S HOTEL

1873 Aug. 25 — Mentioned as posting place of bulletin. Calling for election September 20, to raise Glenville from "Village Incorporated For Special Purposes" to "Incorporated Village." Glenville Council Record Ordinance, 1873-1882, 305.

Hotels and Taverns
John Blaim Tavern - Boyd House
Brainard's Tavern

JOHN BLAIM TAVERN
Water Street

1844 Feb. 12 The gardeners, F. Schwartz and J. M. Sieglack, informed the public that they had arrived with a full assortment of flowers; roses, tulips, etc. They would stay only a few days at John Blaim's Tavern, on Water Street. *Herald*, Feb. 12, 1844.

1845 John Blim (sic) kept a tavern at 27 Water Street. *Business Directory*, 1845-1846.

BOYD HOUSE

1857 The Boyd House was at 40 Ontario street, no proprietor listed. Berry, Mariott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-1858.

1858 The Boyd House was at 40 Ontario Street, no proprietor listed. Boyd's Cleveland *Directory*, 1857-1858.

BRAINARD'S TAVERN

1825 Asa Brainard raised the first frame barn and built the first brick house in the old township of Brooklyn, in 1825, at the corner of Columbus Street and Scranton Road. *Settlers Annals*, X, No. 3, 31, VI, No. 2, 59.

1830 June 3 (Adv) "Notice. By virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County, the administrators of Jacob Goff deceased, will sell fifty acres of land, belonging to said estate, being part of lot No. 60 in Brooklyn, at the house of Asa Brainard, in said Brooklyn, on Monday the 5th day of July next. Stephen Brainard - Sally Daggett. Adm'rs." *Annals*, XIII, 116, *Herald*, June 3, 1830.

1832 The Kyser family - eleven children - came to Cleveland from Geneva, New York, in the winter of 1832-1833. They came in two wagons - shipping most of their goods by schooner from Buffalo. James was the 10th child. They stayed in Brainard's Tavern 4 miles out on the old Wooster Pike for some time. *Settlers Annals*, IV, p. 285.

1837 June 30 (Adv) "Believing that the Declaration of July 4, 1776, which led to the redemption of three millions of people from British thraldom, cannot be more appropriately commemorated than by exertions to rescue three millions of the present generation frombond - friends of Universal Liberty, in Cuyahoga County, to meet at Cleveland, on the Fourth of July next, to assist in organizing a County Anti-Slavery Society. Addresses, etc. may be expected.

"It is proposed to organize at the Stone Church at 11 o'clock a.m. for business; and at 2 o'clock an adjourned meeting will be held, when addresses will be delivered. R. Stone, M. A. Sharp, L. Sterling, L A. Moody, A. Brainard." *Herald and Gazette*, June 30, 1837. *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 391.

BRIGGS HOUSE

1877 Charles C. Briggs was proprietor of the Briggs House, 2591 Broadway. *Business Directory*, 1877-78.

1878 Jan. 4 "Charity Balls. Two charity balls have been given at the Briggs house for the benefit of the poor of the Eighteenth ward. The first was given last week Friday evening, when the rush was so great that another was given last evening which was also an immense success. A handsome sum has been realized. Messrs. Joseph Turney, W. E. Way and Benjamin Sawyer are the committee to distribute the fund among the deserving and needy, of whom there are a great many in the ward." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1878.

1880 Charles Briggs was listed as proprietor of the Brigg's House, through 1880. Cleveland *Directory*, 1879-1880.

BROOKLYN HOUSE

1858 Mar. 5 H. McCoy, proprietor of the Brooklyn House on Detroit Street, gave another of a series of dances... . The next was to be held on March 20. *Leader*, Mar. 7, 1858. *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 105.

1858 Mar. 20 "The last cotillion party of the season at the Brooklyn House, Detroit Street, will be held March 23." *Leader*, Mar. 20, 1858. *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 105.

1858 Apr. 21 — Due to the repairing of damages caused by "an incendiary fire," the dance to have taken place at the Brooklyn House was postponed. *Leader*, Apr. 21, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 159.

1859 Feb. 9 — "A cotillion party will be given at the Brooklyn House on the evening of February 11. Tickets are $1.50. Good music will be in attendance. B. Freeman is the proprietor." *Leader*, Feb. 9, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 90.

1859 Feb. 17 — "Mr Huy, a crippled man who resided at Dr. Kirtland's for several years, had an accident at Brooklyn House, in Rockport. A gun loaded with buck shot was accidentally knocked down, showering Mr. Huy with shot in his hand, legs, chest and throat. His crutch was shot to pieces. A Mrs. Davis, who was with Mr. Huy at the time, was also injured." *Leader*, Feb. 17, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 92.

BROWN'S HOTEL
Northwest corner, Ontario & Prospect Streets

This early hotel was a picturesque country tavern, a little back from the street. It had a long verandah reached by a flight of steps extending the entire width. In front was a watering trough sheltered by a wide-spreading elm. One of the more modest hostelries of a young community, it was popular and served a need in the increased travel from canal building and stage lines.

First known as Abbey's Tavern, its original keeper was Seth A. Abbey, later election judge, constable and sheriff, who came from Watertown, New York, in 1830. The tavern was established by 1832.

In June, 1832, the *Henry Clay*, troop ship in the Black Hawk war, docked at Cleveland with cases of cholera on board. The authorities tried to care for the stricken men but also safeguard the panicky community. It was not known until later that the captain entered the town and stayed a short while at Abbey's Tavern.

The tavern was the scene of the first vaudeville performance, when a pair of stranded troupers, Mr. and Mrs. Mestayer, earned their fares back to Boston by "comic shows." These involved the stage debut of Dan Marble, famed comedian.

During the 1830's the hotel was usually known as Abbey's Coffee House, though it was listed in the business directory for 1836 as the Farmers' and Mechanics' Hotel. It is not clear exactly when Seth Abbey left the hotel business, but in a letter to a newspaper in 1841 he wrote as if his hotel years were recent.

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Brown's Hotel

Seth Abbey was "a large, genial, florid-faced man, whom everybody liked." When he was sheriff, 1852 to 1854, the jail came to be known as "Abbey's Castle," and in his later years he was called Judge. He died in 1880.

Today the massive Higbee store covers the site of this country tavern of the thirties. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 235, 241, 245, 268; Wickham, *Pioneer Families* I, 160, 359; Orth, *Cleveland*, 108, 436; *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 4, 1851 *Annals*, XXXIV, 6; *Settlers Annals*, 23.

1830 "Among the arrivals of 1830, were Seth A. Abbey, who served for a number of terms as city marshal, and later as judge of the police court." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 235.

1830 "This tavern was renamed two or three times according to the taste or ambition of its changing landlords. 'Farmers' and Mechanics' Hotel' was the one by which it was known when Seth A. Abbey and his wife had charge of it." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 359.

1832 "The (Reeves) family stopped first at Abbey's Coffee House, corner of Ontario and Michigan (Prospect) streets. To my (Reeves) memory there were but few houses beyond that point." *Settlers Annals*, IV, 18.

1832 "When the *Henry Clay* came in here on her way back from carrying troops up to the Black Hawk War, she had a number of cases (of cholera) on board. There was great excitement, and many declared she should not remain, some wishing to go down and burn her. Her captain came up town in disguise, and stopped for a time at the tavern kept by Mr. Abbey. I (Capt. Lewis Dibble) entered the place once and saw him, but before I spoke to him, he gave me a look that explained the situation and led me to hold my peace." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 245-246.

1832 May 15 "Pasturing. Horses & Cattle will now be received to pasture, on the peninsula, known as Case's Point, in the immediate vicinity of this village, at the following prices:

Horses, per week, $1.00
Horned Cattle " " 37½

It will be so arranged and laid out in lots, that fresh feed may be had at all times. Enquire of S. A. Abbey." *Herald*, May 15, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 19.

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1833
July 20 "A Bargain. For Sale A House & Lot in the village of Brooklyn the lot is 50 feet front on the main-street, and 200 feet from front to rear - the House is 20 feet by 30, two stories high. For particulars enquire at the Western Reserve Hotel, Brooklyn, or at Abbey's Coffee-House, Cleveland. James O. Dell." *Herald*, July 20, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 126.

1834
Nov. 26 "New Store, and New Goods. Just received, and for sale at the New Store, on the corner of Michigan and Ontario Sts. directly opposite Abbey's Coffee House, a general assortment of Dry Goods and Groceries, which will be sold unusually low for cash. Brainard & Tracy." *Whig*, Nov. 26, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 241.

1835
July 1 "A Fourth of July celebration will be held in this village in honor of the 50th year of Independence. There will be a march to the Episcopal church and then a short program. At the close of the program the celebrants will march to the corner of Ontario and Prospect sts. where a dinner will be given by Col. Seth A. Abbey. Officers of the day are: Col. Jona Williams, marshal; Charles M. Giddings, Esq., president; T. M. Kelley, and S. Starkweather, vice presidents." *Whig*, July 1, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 30.

1836
"The Farmers' and Mechanics' Hotel, by George Sanford, corner of Ontario and Michigan Streets." Akers, *Early Settlers*, Vol. V, No. 4, 369.

1836
"'Biography of Seth A. Abbey' by Philo Junior. . . . In 1836 Mr. Abbey was elected constable, which he has been ever since (to date 1851). At that time, this city was infested by a gang of counterfeiters, who became, as occasion directed, horse thieves, murderers, house-breakers, and forgers. At length, the colonel (Abbey) arrested old Van Valkenburgh, who, with several others of his associates, was sent to state prison. By this means the gang was broken up.

"Mr. Abbey established a police office on River St. from whence his eagle eye could scan every part of Cleveland, from the five points to the lake." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 4, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 6.

1836
Mar. 21 "The final meeting of the trustees of the incorporated Village of Cleveland was held on the 21st of March, 1836. . . ." The judges and clerks of said election were appointed as follows: "First ward Judges, Richard Winslow, Seth A. Abbey, Edward Clark. Clerks, Thomas Bolton, Henry H. Dodge." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 267.

1836 Mar. 29 — At a meeting of the electors of the first ward at Abbey's Coffee House, John R. St. John, Morris Hepburn, and William V. Craw were nominated for councilmen. The meeting approved John W. Willey for mayor, and Harvey Rice, N. Dockstader, and Richard Hilliard, for aldermen. *Whig* Apr. 1, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 223.

1836 Apr. 5 — Among persons elected in the township for the ensuing year were: constables, Alman Burgess, Seth A. Abbey, Dennis Eddy. *Whig*, Apr. 6, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 223.

1836 May 9 — "Came to the stable of the subscriber, on the eighth instant, a dark grey stud colt, about three years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away." *Herald*, May 9, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 179.

1836 May 14 — "In obedience to the command of three writs issued from the court of common pleas, for the county of Cuyahoga, they (sic) shall be exposed to public sale, at Abbey's Coffee House, in Cleveland, on May 14. The following property to wit: two pairs of bay horses, two two-horse wagons, and two sets of double harness. A. S. Barnum, Sheriff, per E. A. Ward, Deputy." *Herald*, Apr. 30, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 257.

1836 July 2 — The Council License Committee at a meeting held on July 2, 1836, granted S. A. Abbey a tavern license; fee $30. (No location given.) Council Journal "A", 1836-38, 51.

1836 Sept. 10 — The sheriff announced a public sale at Seth A. Abbey's Coffee House, which would include one horse sleigh, part of set of double harness, part set of single harness, one saddle, one cart saddle, one cart body, and running gears for one horse wagon. *Herald*, Aug. 30, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 257-58.

1836 Nov. 7 — "Stolen. Or left on board the steamboat *Jefferson*, on Thursday night last at the wharf in Cleveland, one black travelling Trunk, marked 'R. M. Hart, Edinburgh, Ohio,' on a card fastened to the leather that covers the lock. Also, a band Box, about the size of the trunk, marked the same, with red chalk on the top, containing the wearing apparel of a young lady. A suitable reward will be paid for the above named property delivered at Abbey's Coffee House in Cleveland. R. M. Hart." *Herald*, Nov. 7, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 194.

Hotels and Taverns
Brown's Hotel

1837 — Principal Hotels and Coffee Houses, the "Farmers and Mechanics Hotel," George W. Sanford, proprietor, Ontario Street, corner Michigan Street. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; *Hutchison's Notes, Cleveland Directory*, 1837-38, 110; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Scrapbook, Vol. V, W. D. Rose, July 9, 1925, *Plain Dealer*.

1837 — Seth Abbey lived on Lake street, between Bank and Seneca streets. *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-1838, 66.

1837 Jan. 3 — "New Store - D. Shaw has opened a Grocery and Provision in Farmer's Block, corner of Ontario and Prospect sts., near Abbey's Coffee House, where he will keep constantly on hand a choice and well selected assortment of Groceries which will be sold at wholesale or retail, at a small advance for cash." *Herald*, Jan. 3, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 133.

1837 Apr. 7 — An advertisement advised Clevelanders that Miss E. Johnson was receiving applications, at the Abbey Coffee House, for her "School for Misses." *Daily Advertiser*, Apr. 7, 1837.

1837 Apr. 8 — A Piano Forte was for sale cheap, terms of payment easy. Inquiry to be made at Gardner & Cornwell, opposite Abbey's Coffee House. *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 8, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 196.

1837 Dec. 4 — The Street Commissioner was directed to build a cross-walk from the Farmer's block to the Coffee House on Ontario Street. Council Journal "A", 1836-1838.

1838 Feb. 14 — At a meeting of the electors of the 1st Ward, at Abbey's Coffee House, three men were nominated as councilmen. Those nominated were George C. Dodge, Jas. A. Craw and Moses A. Eldridge. *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 14, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 220.

1838 Mar. 31 — "The following officers for Cleveland Township were elected on Mar. 31: Trustees N. H. Dodge, J. A. Vincent, T. H. Watkins; Clerk, Henry Sexton; Constable L. Dibble, H. Morgan, E. Peet, A. Burgess, S. A. Abbey, S. M. Billings; Overseers of the Poor, R. Dunham and M. L. Hewitt; Fence Viewers, R. Dunham, S. W. Baldwin, L. Billings." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 4, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 224.

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1839 "Beginning in the late '30's, for nearly 20 years, Gennet Overacher was landlord of a hotel on Ontario street, corner of Michigan street. Part of the time he was located where Seth Abbey had once 'kept tavern,' and later he managed the Farmers' Hotel on the opposite corner." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 622.

1840 Dec. 9 "Three men have recently been arrested in New Orleans for passing spurious $100 bills on the Commercial Bank of Lake Erie. Colonel Abbey has just recently returned from that city, and we find that it was he who was responsible for their capture. He had trailed them from Cincinnati to Louisville to Natchez and finally to New Orleans.

"Col. A is much surer of his game when tracking a rogue, than one of Van Buren's 'long tailed soldiers' on the trail of a Seminole." *Herald*, Dec. 9, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 56.

1841 Feb. 20 "In a letter to the editor, Seth A. Abbey of Cleveland says: I was called upon one day last week, by an individual who resides in an adjoining township, with a request to have a little conversation with me. The purport of which was that some years past, while I was keeping a tavern in this city, he had sold me a quantity of butter, and in the payment of which he had cheated me out of a small sum of money. He handed me the sum of money and asked me to forgive him.

"Of course I most cheerfully forgave him, and he went away apparently with a light heart. I hope this may not be a solitary example of the good effects of 'revival.'" *Herald*, Feb. 20, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 59.

1842 Apr. 6 "Notice - Strayed from the subscriber on the 6th of April, a small black Cow, described as follows: - She is a new milch, has a slit in the left ear, white bag, and the bush of her tail cut off. Any person who will return said cow or give information where she may be found shall be liberally rewarded. G. Overrocker, (proprietor of Farmers' Exchange)." *Herald*, April 12, 1842.

1844 "Gentlemen friends of the police department offered dinner to members and friends at the American House (on New Year's Day, 1870). Many toasts were offered. William Heisley, Esq., made the first to Mayor Buhrer. . . . The next toast was offered by Samuel Starkweather who spoke on the present and past of Cleveland, recalling that when

he was mayor, the police department consisted of one man, a Mr. Abbey, who was armed only with a big cane. The policeman went through the streets, upholding the law and maintaining order." *Leader*, Jan. 3, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 364.

1845 The Farmer's Exchange, G. Overrocker proprietor, at Nos. 26, 28, 30, Ontario street, s (south). Cleveland *Directory*, 1845-1846.

1846 "A little son of Col. Seth A. Abbey, aged about nine years, fell from the top of a tall tulip tree near the market on Friday, and although taken up for dead, he slowly revived and is likely to recover. He fell some 30 feet, and barely missed striking a plank. No bones were broken." *Herald*, June 1, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 1.

1846 "FARMER'S EXCHANGE BY G. OVERROCKER, No. 26, 28, & 30 Ontario Street, near the City Market, CLEVELAND, OHIO." Cleveland *Directory*, 1846-1847, 175.

1847 "Farmer's Exchange, 26, 28, & 30 Ontario st. s (south), kept by G. Overrocker." Cleveland *Directory*, 1846-1847, 44.

1848 "Wm. H. Stillman Hotel, No. 26, 28, & 30 Ontario St. South near City Market, Cleveland, Ohio." Cleveland *Directory*, 1848-1849, 177.

1850 "Stillman's Exchange, W. H. Stillman, cor. Ontario and Michigan sts." Cleveland *Directory*, 1850-1851, 181.

1851 Feb. 4 "Biography of Seth A. Abbey by Philo Junior. ...

"The colonel (Seth A. Abbey) is about five feet ten in height and has a full chest. He is fond of good living and philosophy; he belongs to the school of Epicurus. As a police officer, he is the best we ever had; and as a citizen, he is respected by all who know him, except thieves, to whom he is an object of hatred and dread. His integrity is proverbial." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 4, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 6-7.

1852 "A business directory of 1852-3 states. . . .; 'Our numerous and excellent hotels are constantly filled to overflowing.'

"Among the hotels referred to was 'Stillman's,' on the corner of Ontario and Michigan Streets." Urann, *Cleveland*, 78-79.

1853 "Stillman's Hotel, Wm. H. Stillman, corner Ontario and Michigan streets." Cleveland *Directory*, 1853, 286.

1855 Sept. 4 "Yesterday a fire broke out in a stable belonging to Brown's hotel, at the corner of Ontario and Michigan sts. The building was destroyed. We judge the loss to be between $300 and $500." *Herald*, Sept. 4, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 161.

1856 William Brown was listed as living at 28 Ontario street, where he kept a hotel. Cleveland *Directory*, 1855, 23.

BROWN'S HOTEL
Detroit Street

1872 July 25 Republicans of West Cleveland "crowded" Brown's Hotel to form a Grant and Wilson Club. *Leader*, July 27, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 515.

1872 July 27 A meeting of the Grant and Wilson Club was announced, to be held at Brown's Hotel, by order of the executive committee. L. H. Ware, secretary." *Leader*, July 27, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 515.

1874 J. Brown was proprietor of Brown's Hotel, Detroit Street, West Cleveland. Titus, Simons and Titus, *Cuyahoga Co. Atlas*, 1874, 99.

1880 Jan. 3 "On Monday evening last, Professor John Thorpe was besieged by about thirty gentlemen, comprising most of the professional florists and gentlemen gardeners in the city, who came to wish him good-bye ere his departure for his future home in Queen, Long Island. Baskets and parcels containing the good things of this life were brought in without number, until it became necessary to seek more room and more convenience than could be found in Mr. Thorpe's house. This was soon found in the parlors and dining room of Mrs. Brown, of the well known hostlery (sic) on Detroit Street, who generously threw open her rooms to the gentlemen and did all that was possible to make a happy time; and a happier company never assembled than was to be found that night. It had got into the 'wee sma' hours when the last adieus were said, with the best wishes and a Happy New Year for the departing florist." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1880.

THE BUCKEYE HOUSE
Woodhill Road and Buckeye

Rudolphus Edwards came to Cleveland first as a member of a surveying party. He returned in 1798 with his family. In 1800 he bought the Buckeye House site, part of a 500-acre farm formerly known as Butternut Ridge and later as Woodland Hills. It was in Newburgh township at the east end of what is now Woodland Avenue, and it extended north and east to Fairmount Street. Besides farming this land the owner engaged in the sale of produce, livestock, and real estate, and he had a double log cabin in which he lived and kept tavern. This inn accommodated the traveling public going to townships south and east of Newburgh and provided a place for pioneers to tell their experiences over cider-flip.

In 1811 Edwards had Levi Johnson build a frame structure on his property where Woodhill Road now meets Buckeye, and the Buckeye House was a favorite place for dances for two generations. It was struck by lightning in 1824, but, although members of the family were stunned, no damage was suffered.

In the years following Edward's death, in 1840, there was still a "Dolph Edwards" place. In 1883 the Buckeye House was converted into a dwelling by Rudolphus Edwards, Jr. It was still standing in 1893 and was a landmark many years. Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 267; *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 6, 50; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 37; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 39; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 232; *Herald*, May 9, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 51.

1798 Son of Adonijah and Polly, Edwards came to Cleveland in the fall of 1798 from Chenango, New York. He had been engaged in surveying wild lands for six years before his arrival, and the compass used by him during that period is preserved in the Historical Society.

He built a log cabin at the foot of Superior Street and a few feet south of it. The family occupied it for two years. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 36-7; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 38.

1798 Edwards arrived at Cleveland, together with Nathaniel Dan (Doan), wife, one son and three daughters, Samuel Dodge, father of the late Henry Dodge, Nathan Chapman, Stephen Gilbert and Joseph Landon. These eleven persons were the total permanent additions to the population of Cleveland during 1798. Edwards was a man of intelligence and great good sense. He was chairman of the first town meeting in Cleveland, April 5, 1802, at the house of James Kingsbury. The branch of the family from which Edwards was descended was prominent in Connecticut. Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 267; *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 6, 50, II, No. 2, 465-6.

Hotels and Taverns
The Buckeye House

1798 — At the Buckeye House Edwards kept tavern and cared for his farm and made occasional ox-team trips to Pittsburgh for needed supplies, frequently taking with him a load of wild honey as a medium of exchange. He became one of the most familiar figures in the country. *Plain Dealer*, (N.D.), Scrapbook III.

1802 Apr. 5 — In January, 1802, the last session of the territorial legislature passed a law permitting townships to elect their trustees, supervisors of highways, fence viewers, overseers of the poor, and constables. The quarter sessions at the February term ordered an election in "Cleaveland, Trumbull County," to be held in the house of James Kingsbury.

The record of this first election in Cleveland reads: "Agreeably to order of the Court of General Quarter Sessions the inhabitants of the town of Cleaveland, met at the house of James Kingsbury, Esq., the 5th day of April A. D. 1802 for a town meeting and chose Chairman, Rudolphus Edwards." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 232; Robinson, *Cleveland*, 23; *Officeholders*, 102; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 60, 475; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 385.

1803 Apr. 4 — On April 4, 1803, Rudolphus Edwards was chosen fence viewer and constable at a Cleveland Township meeting. *Officeholders*, 102; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 63.

1804 — Rudolphus Edwards signed, with others, a petition to General Wadsworth protesting the conduct of a militia election held May 4, and the election of Lorenzo Carter as captain. *Officeholders*, 103; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 121; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 399.

1804 Oct. 9 — Edwards was appointed judge of elections at a Cleveland Township meeting. *Officeholders*, 103.

1805 May 20 — Edwards served as clerk of the militia election in the Seventh Company, Second Battalion, First Regiment, Fourth Division of Ohio Militia. *Officeholders*, 103; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 69; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 405.

1806 Apr. 8 — Edwards was named chairman and elected supervisor of highways at a Cleveland Township meeting. *Officeholders*, 103.

Hotels and Taverns
The Buckeye House

1811 "About 1811, he (Levi Johnson) finished for Rudolphus Edwards, the long famous 'Buckeye House' that stood at what is now (1918) the intersection of Woodhill and Buckeye roads."

The timbers of the tavern were hewed and the boards were sawed by hand. Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 39, 79.

1811 In the winter Edwards often drove his slow-moving ox-team as far south as Pittsburgh and made trips to Detroit, carrying hay and other commodities to the garrison established there before 1812.

In later years, when his age began to tell, he gave his whole attention to his farm and tavern. It was said that, "Rain or snow, hot or cold, as regularly as Saturday came around, Uncle Dolph, as he was affectionately called, with his old horse, Dobbin, old-time carryall, and big brindle dog seated bolt upright on the seat by the side of his master, would make his appearance in town for the purchase of supplies for the following week." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 37.

1811 "Anna Merrill Edwards was a woman of uncommon good sense and judgment. If Uncle Dolph kept too many irons in the fire, Aunt Dolph had as many more. Six children were added to the two brought from Holland, all born in the old tavern. Besides family cares, and the uncertain traveling public to entertain, there were spinning, weaving, soap-making, candle-dipping, and numberless other things on her hands, and she performed these tasks faithfully and as a matter of course." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 37.

1811 "Uncle Dolph would drive up to a post in front of a certain store, and gather up his jugs to be filled with molasses, vinegar and other liquids for his traveling customers. He would have them filled and make purchases of other articles, and having safely stowed them away in his wagon, would leave his dog on guard while he visited his friends. When ready to return home it would sometimes happen, especially in very hot weather, that by the time he got comfortably seated in the carryall he would drop into a doze. Old Dobbin would trot homewards all the same, while Old Brindle would sit as solemn as a judge and keep faithful vigil over both master and horse." *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 4, 47-8.

1812 "Edwards owned a vacant double log house that stood back from the road, and we obtained possession of that. I (Captain Lewis Dibble) can fix only one date just here. Father drew up a paper dated

September 1, 1812, in which those signing agreed to go as scouts or spies against the Indians. The company to which my older brother belonged was marched off toward Dayton before being disbanded, and he was obliged to go through a spell of sickness before he could come home. When he reached here he rode up to the house. A little daughter of Rudolphus Edwards was there at the time, and when she saw a man with a sword and pistol on, and saw the tears of my older sister who was overjoyed to see him, she thought something terrible had happened, and ran home as fast as her legs would carry her." *Settlers Annals*, II, No. 7, 49.

1812 Aug. Edwards enlisted as a private in Captain Elisha Dibble's Company of the Ohio Militia. *Officeholders*, 103.

1814 Rudolphus Edwards' home is on Road No. 123. *Cuyahoga County Road Records*, A, 1810-1829, 40-41.

1814 Oct. 15 "The township of Newburgh was organized, and embraced within its limits the residences of such important citizens as ... Rudolphus Edwards." Upton, *Western Reserve*, I, 473.

1819 Apr 13 "Fear Not.
Will stand for mares the present season, at the house of R. Edwards, in Newburgh, and every Tuesday at the stable of Dr. M'Intosh in Cleveland --- Fear Not is 16 hands high --- his colour is a dark bay -- he is stout built and active. It is unnecessary to give a history of his pedigree as his figure and movements will sufficiently recommend him.

Fear Not will be let to mares at the following prices:

Single Leap	$3.00
Season	5.00
Ensurance	8.00

R. Edwards."* *Cleveland Register*, Apr. 13, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 478.

1820 May 9 "The elegant Horse Fearnought.
Will stand at the stable of the subscriber, the ensuing season and will be put to mares at $3 the leap, $5 the season, and $8 to insure a foal. Fearnought is a dark bay, nearly eighteen hands high and well proportioned. He was sired by the imported horse Old Fearnought; his dam the Messinger. All kinds of produce taken in payment, if

*Missing from Newspaper file.

delivered by the first day of January next. Every attention will be paid to mares, but the subscriber will not hold himself accountable for accidents. R. Edwards." *Herald*, May 9, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 51.

1822 Sept. 5 — The Sheriff announced a public sale of seventy-five acres of the south part of lots No. 424, 425, and 426 in the township of Newburgh, at the suit of Turhand Kirtland against Rudolphus Edwards; a part of the lots No. 424, 425, 426 in township of Newburgh, at the suit of Lemuel Brooks against Rudolphus Edwards. *Herald*, Sept. 5, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 243, 244.

1823 Feb. 13 — The sheriff announced a sale of 75 acres of lots No. 424, 425, and 426 in Newburgh Township at the suit of Turhand Kirtland vs. Rudolphus Edwards; also 61-7/8 acres of said lots adjoining at the suit of Lemuel Brooks vs. Rudolphus Edwards. *Herald*, Feb. 13, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 60.

1824 Feb. 6 — The sheriff announced a public sale of one parcel of land in the township of Newburgh, beginning on the east line of Lot No. 426, seventy-three rods from the south-east corner thereof - running thence west to the west line of Lot No. 424 - then north along said west line 17-½ rods, thence east to the east line of Lot No. 426, thence south to the place of beginning, containing thirty-two acres and fifty-five rods more or less - at the suit of Lemuel Brooks vs. Rudolphus Edwards. *Herald*, Feb. 6, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 145.

1824 Apr. 30 — The sheriff announced a public sale, one parcel of land in the township of Newburgh, containing thirty-two acres fifty-five rods, more or less - at the suit of Lemuel Brooks vs. Rudolphus Edwards. Jas. S. Clarke, Sheriff. *Herald*, Apr. 30, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 145.

1824 June 6 — During the night a thunder and lightning storm of unusual severity occurred. A vast quantity of rain swelled the streams and carried off many small bridges. The house of Rudolphus Edwards, Esq., was struck by lightning. Some of the family were stunned but experienced no further injury. The "war of elements" was "awfully grand and sublime." *Herald*, June 11, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 152.

1824
Sept. 10 The sheriff announced a public sale of one piece of land, in the township of Newburgh, a part of lots No. 424, 425 and 426, containing within said lines 26-½ acres, more or less - at the suit of Lemuel Brooks vs. Rudolphus Edwards. *Herald*, Sept. 10, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 146.

1828
Apr. 11 "Administrator's Notice. - All persons having claims against the estate of Lyman Rhodes, late of Newburgh, are hereby notified to present them within one year from this date; those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Rudolphus Edwards, Adm'r." *Herald*, Apr. 11, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 185.

1830
Apr. 29 "Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of sundry writs of execution ... there will be offered for sale at public auction at the dwelling house of R. Edwards in Newburgh, twenty barrels of Whiskey, forty head neat cattle and four horses. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, Apr. 29, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 97.

1831 Adonijah Edwards, father of Rudolphus, and a soldier of the American Revolution, and his wife, Polly, had come to Cleveland to live with their son. Adonijah died in 1831, aged 90, and Polly Edwards only a year later, aged 88. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 37.

1833
June 22 Died, on Wednesday last, Mrs. Anne Edwards, consort of Mr. Rudolphus Edwards, aged 54 years. *Herald*, June 22, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 69.

1838
Apr. 7 "Sheriff's Sale. In obedience to the command of a writ of fi fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga County, I have levied upon and shall expose to sale at the Inn of Rudolphus Edwards, on April 17, next, two yoke of oxen, three horses, one set of double harness, and two lumber wagons. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 7, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 340.

1839
June 11 "A farm of seventy-eight acres, being a part of lot 436 in Newburgh, three-fourths of a mile east of the tavern of Rudolphus Edwards. The owner is anxious to sell this farm, and it can be bought at much less than its value for cash. For terms apply to J. W. Allen." *Herald & Gazette*, June 11, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 215.

1840 Rudolphus Edwards died in 1840.

"All the members of the Edwards family who died in Cleveland were buried in a small cemetery in the rear of the old Congregational Church, north-west corner of Euclid Avenue and Doan Street. It was then called the East Cleveland burying-ground. The entrance was from Doan Street. The largest and the finest monument in it, and, eventually, the last one, was that of the Edwards family, and, finally, when all the bodies had been removed from the cemetery, this, with other Edwards' grave-stones, remained standing until the old church was razed." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 37, 38.

1845 The school house was just where the Warrensville Road crossed the road from Doan's Corners, passing "Dolf" Edwards' place. *Settlers Annals*, IV, 24.

1853 Dec. 28 It was charged that William Walker, a Negro, entered the dwelling of N. Baldwin, Kinsman Road, and began searching for things. Mr. Baldwin's hired man heard him, and when he entered the room he clinched with the Negro who finally escaped. He then entered the residence of Rudolphus Edwards, but also escaped when he heard Mr. Edwards approaching. A party of twenty men pursued him and he was found asleep in a haystack. *Forest City Democrat*, Dec. 28, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 43.

1858 In a letter written by John Harmon of Ravenna in 1858 to an unnamed Clevelander, he says: "My first votes were cast when Cleveland included Newburgh and all the world west of Euclid. In 1810 the election was held in Newburgh Village. I first knew that place in August, 1806, when Judge Huntington (afterwards governor) lived there and owned the mills. On the street that ran north from the village was the residence of Mr. Gunn, and then Samuel Jones where Captain Allen Gaylord afterwards lived. Widow Hamilton, the mother of Chester and Justus, James Hamilton, Mr. Kilborn, William W. Williams, and Mr. Thorp were farther north; then Judge Kingsbury, and next to him was Rudolphus Edwards, who I believe, were all the inhabitants on that street." *Leader*, July 12, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 71.

1858 Oct. 21 At the Cuyahoga County Historical Society celebration, next in interest to the exchange of greetings was the examination by the pioneers and their progeny of the humorous relics of the past which the occasion had brought out from dusty receptacles.

One of the most interesting on the platform was brought in by R. Edwards of Newburgh. It was the surveyor's compass of his father, Rudolphus, used by him in 1798 in running the first road from Pennsylvania to Cleveland. *Leader*, Oct 21, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 209.

1864 July 14 A "terrible realization of the tale of Ginevra" was discovered in the township of Newburgh. A man named Schoger, living near the Buckeye House (better known as Edwards' Tavern) on Kinsman Road, left the house with his wife to go into the field to work. Their four children, aged from two to ten years, remained at home. On returning, the parents sought in vain for their children... Yesterday morning, in an old German chest, the children were found, smothered to death, their faces black from suffocation. *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1864.

1883 This old house (Buckeye) is still (1883) standing, having been converted into a private residence, and is now occupied by Rudolphus Edwards, Jr., who himself is well advanced in years. *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 4, 47.

1893 "Coming over to Woodland Avenue we came to the Stewart House, which was right where the reservoir is now (1893), and then to the old Buckeye House." *Settlers Annals*, No. 5, 493.

BUCKEYE HOUSE
(West Side)
West River Street

The Buckeye House achieved notoriety through the reputation of its proprietor, G. L. Bartlett. The hotel was vacant the greater part of 1859, owing to Bartlett having been thrust into jail "for picking a guest's pocket, or some such trifling eccentricity." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 30, 1859.

1814 In the Winter of 1814 (Elijah Russell) father's sister, Aunt Jerusha Deming, started to return home from Rudolphus Edwards, where she had been spinning, a distance of two miles through the woods, lost her way in a snow-path and was out all night, and the next day until evening, when she was found. Her feet were badly frozen, and she was thoroughly chilled she could not have lived much longer; a long illness ensued. *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 4, 67.

1859 Feb. 14 Charles Shriebe, an old man from Crawford County, Penna., was robbed of $50 on February 11. He charged G. L. Bartlett, proprietor of the Buckeye Hotel on River Street, and W. Mulley with the crime. They were brought before Esquire Miller on February 12. Mr. Bartlett was bound over under $500 bail while Mr. Mulley was committed to jail in default of $300 bail. "The Buckeye Hotel is one of those miserable dens which should be torn down and pulled up, root and branch." *Leader*, Feb. 14, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 8.

1859 Mar. 3 In Common Pleas Court G. L. Bartlett, proprietor of the Buckeye House, was found guilty on two counts, petit larceny and concealing stolen goods. On the former he was fined $25 and costs. The latter carried a penalty of $50 and costs. *Leader*, Mar. 3, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 80.

1859 Sept. 30 "A scene for Several Painters. A scene occurred at a River Street 'Hotel' yesterday afternoon which almost equaled in point of exciting and grotesque tableaux, the late Heenan-Wood demonstration at the Syracuse Convention of Hards and Softs ('Goodness' knows they are all hard enough) and which -- we mean the River Street affair -- was not only a scene for one painter but for several of them. The hotel formerly occupied by Mr. G. Bartlett has been for sometime vacant, owing to his being thrust into the County Jail for picking a guest's pocket. One Driscoll thought the business lately abandoned by Bartlett might be profitable and accordingly leased the premises of that individual. The same thought suddenly occurred to one Quinlan, who leased the premises of the owner, Bartlett being merely a lessee.

"Yesterday afternoon, Driscoll with his family and things, and Quinlan with his family and things, took possession of the house at about the same time. Quinlan, however, got into the house first, and as fast as Driscoll put his things into the front door Quinlan would thrust them violently out at the back door. Driscoll's women folks, seeing this, ran to the back door and brought the things round to the front, when Driscoll would shove them in again, when Quinlan would throw them out again, when the women would carry them round again, when Driscoll would shove them in again. This manoeuvering and counter-manoeuvering continued for nearly an hour, until all the parties perspired and panted like used-up horses. Once Quinlan left off throwing out furniture to throw out Driscoll's children, who annoyed him considerably by running in between his legs and endeavoring in various ways to upset him.

"The stalwart form of Officer McIlrath rolled in among the excited people and an armistice was declared. Driscoll and Quinlan went off to consult lawyers, leaving the women to watch furniture and things. Officer McIlrath describes the scene as 'gay'." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 30, 1859.

BUFFALO HOUSE

1845 R. Hawkins was proprietor of the Buffalo House during the years 1845 to 1849. Cleveland *Directory*, 1845-6, 30, 61; 1846-7, 44; 1848-9, 204.

BURCH HOUSE
Next to Vincent & Strum's Building.

1867 Apr. 26 "On April 29, Judge Abbey will hear the case of Henry Beauregard of Girard who was arrested yesterday at the Burch House on a charge of attempting an outrage there on a young woman from Geneva." *Leader*, Apr. 27, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 595.

1867 May 6 The excavation for Vincent and Strum's new building endangered the safety of Burch House adjoining. Workmen propped up the building to prevent damage. *Leader*, May 6, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 63.

DAVID BUNNELL'S TAVERN

1812 The first tavern in East Cleveland was kept by David Bunnell. It was opened before the War of 1812, and was southwest of the site of Collamer. Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 286.

BURK TAVERN

Sylvanus Burk and his wife, Achsa, came to Ohio about 1804. Their home on Broadway was known as "Burk Tavern." Mr. Burk was elected ensign of the first military company organized on May 7, 1804. In 1812 Mr. Y. L. Morgan recalls the names of Sylvanus Burk and his six sons, of whom three he mentions, B. B. Burk, Gaius, and Erectus, lived in Newburgh. In 1816 Burk's Tavern was considered a most desirable place to stay. Gaius Burk held many offices in the county government aside from keeping his tavern. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 76; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 303-304, 103-104; *Settlers Annals*, II, 277.

1805 — In 1805 officers were elected of "The Seventh Company of the Second Battalion of the First Regiment of the Fourth Division of the Ohio Militia," as follows: captain, Nathaniel Doan; lieutenant, Samuel Jones; ensign, Sylvanus Burk. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 303-304.

1806 May — The annual military election was held with Lorenzo Carter, William W. Williams, and William Erwin as judges, and Rudolphus Edwards as clerk. Thirty votes were cast; Nathaniel Doan as captain, Samuel Jones as "lauftenant," and Sylvanus Burk as ensign. The captain and the lieutenant received twenty-nine votes each and the ensign twenty-four. Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 69-70; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 126.

1811 — In each Newburgh family were several sons; Sylvanus Burk had six. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 103-104.

1816 — Samuel McConoughey said, that Cleveland never would amount to anything. He paid sixteen dollars for a barrel of salt in Cleveland and returned to Burk's Tavern, at Newburgh, to spend the night, because it was the most desirable place for man and beast. *Settlers Annals*, vol. II, 277.

1819 Aug. 10 — "The subscriber having been appointed collector of the resident tax of Cuyahoga County, hereby notifies all those who have not seen the laws of the last session of the general assembly, that it is now the duty of every person from whom either a land or chattel tax may be due, to attend (on notice of the collector) at the usual place of holding elections in his or her township or election district, and pay the same. ...

Hotels and Taverns
Burk Tavern

"He will attend the village of Cleveland, on Saturday the 23rd of October next, and on Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th, in order to give all an opportunity to call and pay their taxes -- The paper only of such banks as redeem their notes with specie, will be received in payment of taxes. No notes under a dollar will be received.

"Newburgh, Aug. 7, 1819 GAIUS BURK,

COLLECTOR."

Cleveland Register, Aug. 10, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 696, 697.

1820 Jan. 25 Gaius Burk assumed the responsibility of carrying the mail between Cleveland and Columbus. He died in 1865, aged 74. Gaius and Sophia Taylor were married in 1820. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 76; *Herald*, Jan. 25, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 53.

1820 Sept. 25 "In pursuance of the 'act levying a tax on land', passed February 8, 1820, ...
"I shall commence the collection of state and county taxes on the 15th instant: and shall also attend at the Commercial Coffee House in Cleveland, between the 1st and 20th of November next, to receive taxes on both resident and nonresident proprietors who shall neglect to pay the same previous to that period... G. Burk, Collector of Cuyahoga County." *Herald*, Sept. 25, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 80.

1821 July 10 "Notice, that I have received the duplicate of land road tax for Cuyahoga County, for the year 1821, and that I will commence the collection thereof by the 15th day of August next. Gaius Burk, Collector of Cuyahoga County." *Herald*, July 10, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 148.

1821 Aug. 21 "We are requested to state that Gaius Burk is a candidate for the office of coroner of this county." *Herald*, Aug. 21, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 122.

1821 Oct. 16 Official return of the votes given in Cuyahoga County on the 9th inst.

For Coroner,
Gaius Burk, 384; Eben Hosmer, 280.

Herald, Oct. 16, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 126.

Hotels and Taverns
Burk Tavern

1822
Aug. 1

"I, Gaius Burk, have been appointed Collector of Taxes charged on land in Cuyahoga County - I have received a duplicate thereof, and shall commence the collection the 2d day of September next. I will attend at the county seat. All certificates of road work must be obtained and ready by the 1st day of September.

"I have likewise been appointed Collector of County Taxes; and all persons will do well to hold themselves in readiness to make payment at the same time that the State Tax is demanded, as a second call cannot be made without a levy and legal fees. (signed) Gaius Burk." *Herald*, Aug. 1, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 253.

1822
Aug. 22

"Mr. Printer,

Please to insert the following, as candidates at our next election and you will oblige a friend: William Coleman, Representative; Gaius Burk, Sheriff." *Herald*, Aug. 22, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 204.

1822
Sept. 5

"Cuyahoga County nominations. The following are the candidates put in nomination in this county, to be supported at the ensuing election: For Governor, Jeremiah Morrow, Allen Trimble; Congress, Alfred Kelley; Assembly, Josiah Barber, William Coleman, Elias Lee, Reuben Wood; Auditor, Leonard Case; Sheriff, William Bliss, Gaius Burk, James S. Clarke, Eleazer Waterman, Thomas O. Young; Commissioner, Lemuel Hoadley, Datus Kelley." *Herald*, Sept. 5, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 205.

1822
Oct. 3

In a letter to the editor, "One of the Electors" says: "The day of election is not far distant, and I have a few words to say relative to the sheriff's office - or rather the candidates; therefore.... In the first place, the electors ought to be satisfied that the candidate possesses the qualifications requisite, before conferring so important an office - which may be comprised in two words - 'honesty and capability...'. Now, fellow-citizens, apply these principles to the candidates Mr. Burk and Mr. Clarke, and I think you, with me, will be decidedly in favor of the election of Mr. Burk." *Herald*, Oct. 3, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 206.

1822
Oct. 8

Official returns of the votes in the Cuyahoga County election were: Sheriff, J. S. Clarke, 522; and Gaius Burk, 425. *Herald*, Oct. 17, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 206.

Hotels and Taverns
Burk Tavern

1823
Aug. 28

"Mr. Willes - By inserting the following nominations for the ensuing Election, you will confer a favor upon Many Electors: State Legislature: Josiah Barber, Senator; Elias Lee, Representative; County Officers: Gaius Burk, Coroner; John W. Willey, Auditor; Samuel M'Illrath, Commissioner." *Herald*, Aug. 28, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 43.

1823
Sept. 4

In a letter to the editor, Gaius Burk said: "My name has been inserted in your paper as a candidate for coroner, without my knowledge or consent. I am not a candidate for that office." *Herald*, Sept. 4, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 44.

1824
Aug. 20

"I, Gaius Burk, have been appointed collector of taxes charged on lands in Cuyahoga County. I have received a duplicate thereof, and shall commence the collection thereof, the fifteenth day of September next. The rates are as follows:

State -	1st rate	$1.25	Road -	1st rate	$0.50
	2nd do	.87½		2nd do	0.37½
	3rd do	.56		3rd do	0.25

for each one hundred acres. I will attend at the house of Gaius Boughton, in the village of Cleveland, from the first to the thirty-first day of December next, for the purpose of receiving taxes not before paid. Gaius Burk, Collector of Cuyahoga County." *Herald*, Aug. 20, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 149.

1825
Aug. 5

"Collector's Notice. I, Gaius Burk, have been appointed collector of taxes charged on lands in Cuyahoga County. I shall commence the collection thereof the first day of September next. I have also been appointed collector of county taxes; and all persons interested will do well to hold themselves in readiness to make payment at the same time the state tax is demanded. August 5, 1825 (signed) Gaius Burk, Collector of Cuyahoga County." *Herald*, Aug. 5, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 238.

1826
Feb. 17

"Found - In opening the mail a short time since, a large bundle of depreciated paper, mostly on the banks of Cincinnati, some on Urbanna (sic) and Wooster, and a little counterfeit. The bundle has no direction except "Depreciated Paper," but the counterfeit are enclosed in a receipt given by Gaius Burk, collector, to Abraham Skinner. Also, in the western way-mail, a bundle of woolen stocking yarn. The postmaster to the west of this who mailed it can have the yarn by calling the postoffice in Cleveland and paying charges. Irad Kelley." *Herald*, Feb. 17, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 55.

Hotels and Taverns
Burk Tavern

1826 Aug. 18 "Mr Willes - Please to insert the following Ticket, to be supported at the ensuing Election: Governor - Allen Trimble. Congress - Mordecai Bartley. Assembly - Leonard Case. Sheriff - Gaius Burk. Commissioner - Simeon Fuller. Auditor - John W. Willey." *Herald*, Aug. 18, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 45.

1827 Aug. 31 "Mr Prime: Please insert the following, as candidates at the ensuing election: Reuben Wood, Senator; John W. Willey, Representative; Philo Scovil, County Commissioner; Wileman White, County Treasurer; Datus Kelley, County Assessor; Orlando Cutter, County Auditor; Gaius Burk, Coroner." *Herald*, Aug. 31, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 133.

1827 Sept. 7 "Mr Prime: Please insert in your paper the name of Gaius Burk, as candidate for County Treasurer at the ensuing election, and oblige - Many Voters." *Herald*, Sept. 7, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 133.

1827 Sept. 14 "Candidates for the next October election: For senate - Reuben Wood; for representative - John W. Willey, Seth Doan, James Kingsbury; for commissioner - Philo Scovil; for assessor - Lewis Peet; for treasurer - Daniel Kelley, Wileman White, Josiah Barber, Gaius Burk; for coroner - Daniel Worley." *Herald*, Sept. 14 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 132.

1827 Oct. 19 Official returns of the election held in Cuyahoga County, October 9, 1827 included: For coroner - Gaius Boughton, 181; Daniel Worley, 627. For treasurer - Gaius Burk, 483; Josiah Barber, 231; Daniel Kelley, 31; John Brooks, 105. *Herald*, Oct. 19, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 132.

1828 Aug. 15 "Public Notice - Is hereby given, that the Tax levied on the taxable property in the County of Cuyahoga, the current year, for State, Canal, County, Road and School purposes, is ninety-five cents on one hundred dollars, and in addition there is levied for township uses: Dover, twenty-five cents; Cleveland, twenty cents; Euclid, fifteen cents; Brooklyn, ten cents; Newburgh, five cents; Lenox, Rockport, Independence, Brecksville, Mayfield and Orange, 3½ on the hundred dollars. The Road Tax is thirty cents on one hundred dollars. All taxes not paid by the first of December are subjected to ten percent penalty, or other extra expenses of collection. Gaius Burk, County Treasurer." *Herald*, Aug. 15, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 233.

1829 Aug. 20 "Mr. St. John: Will you please insert the following names of gentlemen who will be supported for the offices to which they are respectively appended, by Many Electors. For the Assembly, John W. Willey, Esq.; for County Treasurer, Gaius Burk; for County Assessor, General Lewis Peet; for County Commissioner, Timothy Clark." *Herald*, Aug. 20, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 60.

1829 Aug. 20 "To Correspondents. We have received several cards from different towns, from equally respectable gentlemen, nominating Mr. Willey; and hope we shall not be thought partial in selecting the one given, as its connexion with others suits our convenience. We have also received several nominations of Gaius Burk for Treasurer." *Herald*, Aug. 20, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 60.

BURTON HOUSE
Corner Pearl and Detroit Streets

1833 Thomas Burnham also arrived in 1833. He was a native of Saratoga County, New York, came to Cleveland with a young bride and became a school teacher on the west side, in a little schoolhouse on the corner of Washington and Pearl streets. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 109.

1834 Burnham was one of the proprietors of the Burton House, at the corner of Pearl and Detroit streets. *Settlers Annals*, IV, 69.

1834 An acquaintance from the east named Hiram Morgan arrived in Cleveland, and it was in company with him that Burnham leased the Burton House, corner of Pearl and Detroit streets, where the offices of the Woodland and West Side street railroad were in 1886. *Magazine of Western History*, III, 428.

CALIFORNIA HOTEL
44 River Street

In a busy section of River Street the California Hotel functioned for a decade, following its opening in 1869.

Listings in the Cleveland directories give the managers of the hotel as John Sheehan, Nicholas Sheehan, and J. N. Sheehan -- perhaps the same person.

1869 John Sheehan was proprietor when the California House opened. Cleveland *Directory*, 1869-70, 266.

1871 J. N. Sheehan was manager of the California Hotel, 44 River Street. Cleveland *Directory*, 1871-72.

1874 Mar. 10 At the council meeting it was proposed that permission be granted to Henry Ruthlidge to erect a barber's pole on the curb stone opposite the California Hotel, River Street. Council Proceedings, 1764, VII, 44.

1878 Nicholas Sheehan was proprietor of the California House. Cleveland *Directory*, 1878-79.

CARTER'S TAVERN
1797-1814

"Under the hill near St. Clair Lane, between River Street and Mandrake Lane." (log cabin, 1797 to 1802)
"On the bank, near the junction of Superior and Union Lanes." (hewn logs, boarded over on the outside)

Carter's Tavern was the log home of Lorenzo Carter and his family, the first permanent residents of early Cleveland, the families preceding them having retreated to the hills after a fruitless struggle with fever and ague. The cabin was hardly large enough for the pioneer's family, but the wayfarer was always welcome to a meal, a bed and a drink of good New England rum. From the first, the Carter cabin was the center of many pioneer activities, as well as a store and Indian trading-post. The larger house, near Superior Street, held an increasingly important position in community affairs, serving as jail, postoffice, store and church, as well as tavern, and headquarters of the village. Although Phineas Shepard became proprietor after Carter's death, the tavern was always known as Carter's. *Settlers Annals*, III, 353; Urann, *Centennial History*, 16, *Board of Trade* (1871), 4.

1796 In the fall of 1796, when Lorenzo Carter and Ezekiel Hawley, his brother-in-law, with their families, arrived in Buffalo on their way from Rutland, Vermont, to Cleveland, Ohio, they concluded to tarry in that vicinity and rest from their tedious journey... . When they resumed their travels and reached their destination, the following May, the Carters were accompanied by a maid servant by the name of Chloe Inches. ... *Settlers Annals*, IV, 590; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 17; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 2.

1797 A land contract between Lorenzo Carter and the Rev. Seth Hart, Moses Cleveland's successor as agent, or superintendent, of the Connecticut Land Company contracted for "Lot No. 199, containing one acre and forty-four rods of land, as per the surveyor's full notes, abutting east on Water Street, west on the Cuyahoga River, and intersected by Mandrake Lane." The conditions of sale were as follows:- "Said Carter having already built a tenable log house on said lot and cleared and improved part thereof, is to clear the remaining part of said lot in the course of the next spring and summer, and sow the same to wheat or cultivate it to some purpose, and have a family residing in said house; and he, the said Carter, is to pay at the rate of $25 per acre, making for said lot the full sum of $47.50, which said Carter is to pay by the 1st of September 1798, unto Oliver Phelps, Henry Champion, Moses Cleveland, Samuel Mathews, Esq., the board of directors for said company, or their successors in office, or to their agent in the said city of Cleveland, with one year's interest on the same at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum. Now, if the said Carter shall fulfil and perform the foregoing conditions, etc., then the said Hart, on behalf of himself, empowered as aforesaid, and in behalf of said board of directors, promises and engages to procure a good and authentic deed.

(Signed) "Lorenzo Carter.
"Seth Hart.

(Witnesses)
"Theodore Shepherd.
"Amzi Atwater."

The contract was endorsed "S. Hart's contract with Lorenzo Carter, 1797." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 71; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 18; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, II, No. 1, 26; *Western Reserve Historical Society Tracts*, 80, 96; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 39; *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 1, 55.

1797 There has been diversity of opinion as to where Lorenzo Carter's first building was located, some insisting it was south of St. Clair Street, about midway between that street and Superior. Lorenzo's son said "My father came here on May 2, 1797. We built a log cabin under the hill, five or six rods from the river and about twenty rods north of St. Clair Street." *Settlers Annals*, III, 358; Urann, *Centennial History*, 16.

1797 Carter was Cleveland's first settler. Upon lot 199 he built a log house, containing two rooms with rough puncheon floors. The Board of Trade Publication of 1871 described it as being "under the hill between River Street and Mandrake Lane, near St. Clair Lane."

One pioneer describes it as being "ten rods below the old Indian Trail crossing of the Cuyahoga, also known as the 'lower landing,' and about two or three rods back from the river bank."

A fine spring flowed from the hillside near the cabin, which was on "the first high bank and solid ground on the east side of the Cuyahoga above its mouth." *Settlers Annals*, III, 355, 358, 359, 768-9; V, 346-7; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 12, 18; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 37, 220; *Industries of Cleveland*, (compiled by the *Cleveland Board of Trade*, 1879), 4; Urann, *Centennial History*, 16; Rice, *Western Life*, 30, 39; Wallen, *Golden Story*, 10; Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 1893, 42; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 134, 427; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 56; Upton, *Western Reserve*, 475; *Council Journal*, 226.

1797 "It is claimed that Lorenzo Carter and his family were the earliest on the ground (Cleveland) in the spring of 1797. The Hawley descendants say that the Carters were accompanied by Ezekiel Hawley, his wife and child. ... Elijah Gun and his wife. ... It is the opinion of the wife that the Carters, Hawleys and Guns all came on together from Conneaut, and were established here by the time the second surveying party reached Cleveland." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 12.

1797 The surveyors had erected, in 1796, two or three cabins, the nucleus of the future city, but the cabin built by Lorenzo Carter was much more pretentious in size and style of architecture. Rice, *Western Life*, 32; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 399-400.

1797 The active Lorenzo soon made himself a conspicuous figure in the pioneer community. While (his brother-in-law, Ezekiel) Hawley, decided to make his home back upon the elevated land, Carter preferred to remain in the very center of events - and there he hung on, faithful to his first choice, while malaria and ague drove his neighbors out to the more healthful ridge. He built a boat, and established a ferry at the foot of Superior Street. He kept a small stock of goods for trade with the Indians. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 71-72; Wallen, *Golden Story*, 52.

1797 "Carter's cabin was a little below where the Detroit steamers now (1892) land, and was the first high bank and solid ground on the east side of the Cuyahoga above its mouth, all the margin of the river between the landing and the 'point' or lake beach having been swamps until about 1840." *Settlers Annals*, III, 769.

1797 The Carter house was the first hotel, or tavern, in Cuyahoga County. Here the family lived, and here guests slept, ate and drank. It was also an Indian trading-post, store and headquarters for all the settlement.

Here Cleveland's first pioneer, Lorenzo Carter, lived six years, giving, to all who came, meals and lodging, and rum, of which it was said he always had a supply. *Settlers Annals*, V, 436; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 18; Council Journal, 42; Upton, *Western Reserve*, I, 468; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 24, 1938; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*.

1797 A couple of acres given to corn on Water Street (now West Ninth) showed the agricultural activity of Carter. Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 39.

1797 "In the Carter House there were no porters, bell boys, or chamber maids. No one said, 'Give me a room with a bath,' and there was no bell-ringing for ice water. The most certain question to come from a traveler was, 'Have you any good New England rum?' and the answer was pretty sure to be in the affirmative. The jug in which the liquor was kept, had its place under a bed in one corner of the room." *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 436.

1797 Carter's house served as a hotel for strangers and he kept a small stock of goods and hunting supplies for sale. *Settlers Annals*, 1937-38, 50

1797 Carter was a "mighty hunter and the terror of the bear." It was his prowess that kept the pioneers supplied with meat that first terrible winter. *Settlers Annals*, IV, 494; *ibid*, I, No. 1, 33; Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 45.

1797 "The sight of weakness and oppression could draw iron tears down Carter's cheek, and the fugitive from slavery, on his way to the land of promise beyond the lake, felt his helping hand. His maxim was, not to give an insult, but when he received one, the giver usually bowed beneath his sturdy stroke. His influence with the Indian was unbounded, for he was known always to do justice to him." *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 1, 33.

1797 "Laura Carter, oldest daughter of Lorenzo and Rebecca, was a tall, straight, black-eyed girl. Her remembrance of the long journey from Vermont was slight, but some recollections of later events remained vivid through her life, especially that of Indians crowding into their cabin.

At first they peered curiously around, handled all articles that amused or puzzled them, and showed particular interest in Mrs. Carter's cooking. Bread baking was a wonderful mystery. When she placed the bread dough near the fire they would watch the gradual rising upward, shaking their heads, mutter bad spirit, and edge to a distant corner.

Laura learned she could protect her timid mother from such invasions. She knew the Indians respected and feared her father. She would glance out of the window, call, Father is coming! The Indians would take to the woods." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 22.

1797
July 4

The log cabin of Carter immediately became the general meeting place of the pioneer community and, on July 4th, a short two months after its erection, was the scene of Cleveland's first patriotic and social event - the wedding of Chloe Inches, who had come west with the Carters to help with their children, and William Clement, from Canada.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Job Phelps Stiles; Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. James Kingsbury; the two young men of the town - Edward Paine and Pierre Maloch--; and the minister, Rev. Seth Hart, superintendent of the Connecticut Land Company. The ten children of the settlement were almost certainly present. The bride wore a gown of bright-colored domestic cotton, and the bridegroom a new suit of homespun sheep's gray. *Plain Dealer*, Scrapbook V; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 420; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 32-33; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 72; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 37; *Settlers Annals*, IV, 496; *ibid*, V, 346-347; *ibid*, 1937-1938, 50; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 3.

1798

The summer of 1798 found the small settlement devastated by malaria. Later Nathaniel Doan, the blacksmith, and Mr. Hawley removed to the more healthful region of the ridge near Newburgh, where they had been preceded by James Kingsbury. This reduced the population of Cleveland to two families -- Carter's and Spafford's. The major and the ex-surveyor kept tavern, dickered with the Indians, and cultivated the soil of their city lots. Robison, *Cleveland*, 18-19; Avery *Cleveland*, I, 42, 43.

1799

John Walworth made a tour of this country, and at Cleveland he stayed two weeks with Major Carter, in his log house in the northern angle formed by the Cuyahoga river and Union lane Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 1893, 21.

1799 About the 28th of May, Judge Tappan arrived at the mouth of the Cuyahoga, and found there one log hut, "a sort of Indian hostelry" kept by Lorenzo Carter. *Daily True Democrat*, July 12, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 43.

1800 The city increased but slowly in numbers. The rival settlement on the ridge - Newburgh - had the great advantage of a healthful location. This was sufficient, till the period of canals and traffic, to secure it dominant influence. Such arrivals as there were, were accommodated at the taverns of Major Carter and Amos Spafford, who soon after obtained regular hotel licenses from the Court of Quarter Sessions. Robison, *Cleveland*, 21; *Trump of Fame*, Dec. 6, 1812.

1800 Aug. At the first meeting of the court at Warren, the township divisions having been determined, an appointment of constables was made for each township. Those for Cleveland were Lorenzo Carter and Stephen Gilbert. The constabulary formed the first civil list of the Western Reserve. The major and his associates had charge of a territory of 2,300 square miles.

It was a common saying that Major Carter was all the law Cleveland had. Strangers who had heard of his success in whipping his man thought they might gain laurels by having it said that they whipped him. "I never heard it asserted by anyone that such an act had been performed."

Carter once came near losing his life at the Indians' hands. A chief was killed in battle, and at his burial his weapons were placed beside him. His rifle was stolen from the grave, and the Indians suspected Carter. They followed him about for some time but before they could waylay him they found the rifle elsewhere. Robison, *Cleveland*, 21; *Settlers Annals*, II, 39.

1801 In 1801 Carter added more city property to his possessions. This land began at the northwest corner of Water (West 9th) and Superior streets, and embraced all the lots between that and lot 199 - the one he was occupying. Upon the corner he built a large frame house - the first in the settlement - which, when nearly finished, was set on fire by children playing with dry shavings.

The oldest son, thirteen at the time, said the house, as rebuilt after the fire, was finished in 1803. It had a large living room, kitchen and two bedrooms on the ground floor, and several small rooms in the half-story above.

The kitchen fire-place had an iron crane, upon which Mrs. Carter hung venison, wild turkey, etc. to roast. The few vegetables obtainable were cooked either in hot ashes or iron pots and skillets set close to the fire, and required continual turning. The baking-oven was built in the chimney.

Strangers constantly arrived to inspect the new settlement, with a view to joining it, and they were freely and generously invited to partake of the hospitality of the Carter home. When it became apparent that a public inn was necessary, Mr. Carter made his new log house into a tavern. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 19, 20, 109; *Settlers Annals*, II, 39, 58; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, I, 287.

1801 "Major Carter owned a great deal of property around the hill at the top of which the Bethel now (1886) stands, and also all of the 'Flats' near what is now Whiskey Island. The hill was very steep, and no one ever pretended to use it." *Settlers Annals*, II, 39.

1801 July 4 The first dance was held in Lorenzo Carter's cabin and tavern. Ten women and fifteen or twenty men danced all night in the frontier room, decorated with skins and deer's antlers. Refreshments, served at midnight, were pork and beans, maple syrup, plum pudding.

The attire of Gil Bryant of Newburgh added greatly to the colorful quality of the festivity. Gil, who accompanied Nancy Doan, Timothy Doan's fifteen-year old daughter, wore a gingham suit, and his hair, queued, was tied with a yard and a half of black ribbon. It had been greased and sprinkled with flour. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, 18; Post, *Doans Corners*, 43; Urann, *Centennial History*, 19, 20.

1801 Aug. Carter was granted a license to keep tavern, on paying into the county treasury the sum of four dollars.

Tavern-keeping in those days was comparatively simple. A few staple food products and a good deal of whiskey were the chief features; but on the whole it was reckoned a good business, likely to insure a cash income, which was so rare. At the low prices of ham, eggs, chickens, turkeys, game, potatoes, corn and wheat bread, maple sugar and molasses, there was considerable profit in it. The cooking was as good as the tea and coffee were bad. The taverns were small but frequent, because night overtook travelers at all places. They seldom wanted to travel through forest after dark. World, *Cleveland*, 47; Rice, *Western Life*, 36; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 400, 427; *Settlers Annals*, 1937-1938, 50; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 71, 72.

1801 Dec. 8 — Carter purchased lots 25 to 30, 54, and 197 to 205. Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 388; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 92.

1802 — "The Carter building of 1797 was used as a school house, the teacher being Anna Spafford. This was the first school in the 'village'." *Settlers Annals*, III, 360; Alburn, II, 949; Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 223; Sugar, *Women of Western Reserve*, 56; *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society*, XLVI, 56.

CATARACT HOUSE
8820 Broadway, Southeast

The first Cataract House was run by William Bergin, and its name was taken from the fall in the creek known as Burk Branch. When his frame house burned down in 1852 the town gave Bergin enough money to rebuild. The next proprietor, a Mr. Edson, announced that he would entertain with a ball at the rebuilt hotel on November 21, 1855, and those coming by train from Cleveland might return the same evening or the next morning. After 1860 a bus ran from the "Dummy" station to the hotel.

In 1863 Edson sold the hotel to Solomon Thomas. It had several owners before 1866, when A. J. Spencer, a school teacher active in the organization of the county teachers' association, bought it; he ran it as the Spencer House for ten years. Jonas Roe, the next owner, managed the Cataract House as hotel and restaurant for nineteen years.

The Pennsylvania Railroad bought the site in 1905, for its right-of-way. In 1917 the walls of the old building were torn out and new braces put in to prepare it for the occupancy of the South End Motor Sales Company. The hotel was razed in 1931, by order of the health department. *Settlers Annals*, X, No. 2, 16; Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, 218, 282; *Leader*, Nov. 19, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 205; *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863; *ibid*, Feb. 14, 1917; *ibid*, Mar. 30, 1931.

1799 — It was some time before 1799 that David Bryant and his son, Gilman, first came to Newburgh from the Vermillion river, where they had been quarrying grindstone. They quarried about half a mile north of Mill Creek Falls, later the site of the Cataract House. Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, 281.



Cataract House

c. 1869

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1840 The Cataract House took its name from a nearby fall in the creek. There had been a grist mill there which ground grain for the pioneers. The four tracks on the Pennsylvania railroad later crossed where the mill stood.

The house was on the opposite side of present Broadway. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1917; Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, 281.

1852 "Edson Healy, 87, of Healy Bros., 8800 Miles Park Avenue, S.E. just across Broadway, heard of the order to raze the Cataract House with regrets. The old gentleman's world is falling all about him...

"The original Cataract House, said the spry, white-bearded Healy, as he sat beside the stove in his shop, was run by Proprietor Bergin. It was wooden, and burned down in 1852. The town next day held a rally and gave Bergin money enough to rebuild. A three-story brick structure with iron balcony over the central door soon appeared. The house got its name from the 30-foot cataract in Mill Creek that even today spreads its white veil over the end of the sandstone ledge." Crawford, *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 30, 1931.

1855 Nov. 19 "The Cataract House at Newburgh is nearly completed (rebuilt) and will be opened in a few weeks. We were in error in stating, a few days since, that it would be opened on Nov. 21. The proprietor gives, upon that evening, an entertainment to his friends at home and in Cleveland.

"The Cataract House will be a delightful place to resort from the dusty city during the summer months. It is a large and commodious building, built with all the modern improvements. Those desiring to attend the ball on the evening of Nov. 21 can take the 6:15 p.m. train and return the same evening at nine p.m., or early the next morning." *Leader*, Nov. 19, 1855, *Newspaper Annals* XXXVIII, 205.

1856 Apr. 15 The second semiannual report of the meeting of the Cuyahoga County Teachers' association, held at Newburgh Apr. 9, and signed A. J. Spencer, secretary, (later proprietor of the Cataract House), closes by saying: "The ball has been put in motion, and let every one give it a push, until it shall roll with such rapidity as to sweep from the county all those who teach merely to pass away the time." *Leader*, Apr. 15, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 418.

1857 July 5 "One old gentleman told of coming home to Cleveland very early on the morning of July 5, 1857, after attending a ball at the Cataract House in Newburgh." Post, *Doan's Corners*, 96.

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1858 Apr. 22 — In a letter to the editor, J. B. Aylesworth says: "I have disposed of my entire interest in the Cleveland cattle market to William Bergin, formerly of the Cataract House, Newburgh." *Leader*, Apr. 22, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 271.

1858 Oct. 1 — "A pioneer meeting to celebrate the first settlement of Cuyahoga county will be held at Newburgh on Oct. 20. Ossian E. Dodge, Esq., will be on hand with his music mill to grind out pioneer songs peculiar to those times of trial, patience, fortitude, and perseverance." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 209.

1858 Oct. 20 — At the Historical Society's annual meeting at the Cataract House, October 20 - "The dinner so bounteously provided by the citizens of Newburgh, and added somewhat thereto by the well-filled baskets brought in from other townships, was a very gratifying feature.

The call to dinner was a blast from the old oxhorn, used when Judge Kingsbury was called from labor to repasts in his cabin; the pioneers knew the sound. There were no printed bills of fare, but the table literally groaned with pioneer-blessed baked pork and beans. Here was a feast fit 'to set before a king', partaken of by a nobler race than kings.

"William Coleman, Esq., the old Euclid justice of the peace said, in substance, that he came into the wilderness in April, 1804, and settled where he now lives. The first settlers were often put to sore straits for the necessaries of life, and for meat had to depend entirely upon that caught in the woods. Elisha Taylor of this city was next called for, and he contrasted Newburgh with Cleveland 40 years ago, the former then being the town of importance. It had the most people and the most influence and had the mill. They looked to Newburgh for butter and other necessities, and for female help to administer to the sick. The festivities closed in the evening with a pioneer ball at the capital Cataract House. Mr. Vinton's admirable cotillion band furnished just the music called for by the occasion." *Leader*, Oct. 23, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 210, 211.

1858 Oct. 20 — "Irad Kelly, in his speech at the Historical Society held at the Cataract House on Oct. 20, said, 'I settled permanently in Cleveland in February, 1813, and commenced trading in the firm of J. R. and I. Kelly, who has continued in business as a merchant. These are the only two men living here now who were living in Cleveland when I first came.' In the summer of 1814, F. (sic) R. and I constructed the first brick building in the city." *Leader*, Oct. 28, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 211.

1858 Oct. 20 — All kinds of relics and mementoes were exhibited at the Historical Society's celebration. Prominent among these was a leather valise, mailed by pony express in 1811 from Granville, Mass.

Captain A Gaylord, 81, of Newburgh exhibited a pair of old-fashioned steel-yards 125 years old. *Leader*, Oct. 22, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 210.

1863 July 1 — "Cataract House - The Subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Cuyahoga County and vicinity that he has purchased the Cataract House, in Newburgh, and has fitted it up in good style, and is now fully prepared to wait upon all who may favor him with a call in a manner that will be satisfactory in every particular. S. Thomas." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863.

1864 Aug. 24 — "The friends of the 150th Regiment O. N. G. residing in Newburgh propose giving a Social Dance at the Cataract House tomorrow evening to welcome home the boys. Keating's string band will be in attendance." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 24, 1864.

1865 Oct. 12 — Solomon Thomas sold the Cataract House to Isaac S. Levy and John H. Rose. (Dr. Edmunds) Hunter then purchased the hotel from Levy and Rose, paying $1,500 down. Carrie Hunter claimed she took in boarders and in this way helped to pay for the hotel.

Robert Wenham, E. P. Wolcott, William P. Cain and James Lovidery contested Hunter's right to the hotel and claimed that on Oct. 12, 1865, Levy and Rose had assigned the property to Gilbert Doolittle, who turned it over to them. Thomas Cree, administrator of Thomas' estate, and Thomas' heirs corroborated the claim. *Court Records*, V, 37.

1866 — "A. J. Spencer (proprietor of the Cataract House) was a school teacher in Newburgh for many years and in the days when going to Cleveland was an all-day trip. At one time he ran a bus from Newburgh to Cleveland in day trips. If persons wished to go to Cleveland to the theater or any evening performance it was necessary to make up a party sufficient to make the trip pay. He managed the Spencer House for some years, and was a very popular landlord." Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, 282.

1866 Oct. 2 — "The death of T. Doolittle at the Cataract House was rendered particularly sad by the fact that he was soon to be married. He died from cholera. The deceased had been in good circumstances,

being the proprietor of a stone saw mill doing good business. He died at ten p.m. yesterday and was buried at midnight." *Leader*, Oct. 2, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 131.

1866 Nov. "In November 1866 the Cleveland and Newburgh Railroad Company was organized for the purpose of constructing and operating a railroad from the point of intersection of the Kinsman Street Railroad with the eastern limits of Cleveland to the point where the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad crossed the old Cleveland and Bedford Road, near the Cataract House in the Village of Newburgh." *Court Records*, VI, 113, 114.

1867 Announcement was made of a meeting of stockholders of the Cleveland and Newburgh Railroad, S. M. Cady, president, at the Cataract House on January 17 to elect seven directors. *Leader*, Jan. 14, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 588.

1867 Jan. 18 "A grand masquerade takes place at the Cataract House in Newburgh, this evening." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 18, 1867.

1867 July 6 "A few days since, a negro at the 'Cataract House', Newburgh, cut his throat with a razor, and afterwards jumped from an upper window. Neither attempt at self-destruction, however, was successful, and the melancholy 'nig' is getting well." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1867.

1868 Jan. Augustus Edmunds, Hunter's brother, deposed that Hunter turned the property (Cataract House) over to him on January 20, 1868, in Syracuse, New York. Attorneys deposed they witnessed the assignment.

In January, 1868, Hunter died and the administrator of his estate found that the hotel would have to be sold to cover liabilities. On April 2, 1868, suit was filed in the Court of Common Pleas, and the Court ruled in favor of Augustus, and Carrie Hunter. The district court reversed the decision on the apportionment of the estate, and ordered the hotel sold and the proceeds divided in accordance with its findings. *Court Records*, V, 37.

1868 Dec. 9 "The street cars coming from Newburgh yesterday came near being blown up by a torpedo that some malicious person had placed on the track after the train had gone to the Cataract House. No one was seriously injured." *Leader*, Dec. 9, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 15.

1868 Dec. 23 — Two horses owned by R. G. Wenham and valued at $200 were stolen from the Cataract House stable. *Leader*, Dec. 23, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 306.

1869 Dec. 27 — On Dec. 27 newly elected officers of the Newburgh Lodge, 379 F. and A. M.; were installed, and at the close of the ceremony the assembly adjourned to the Cataract House. *Leader*, Dec. 29, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 312.

1870 — Horse-drawn street cars ran from the Cataract House to where South High School later stood. *Settlers Annals*, 1930, 10.

1870 May 7 — "Alexander Hoge, residing on the outskirts of Newburgh, came to that village on May 5 and seated himself in a chair in Peet's store. Those in the store, noticing that he seemed to be acting strangely, escorted the man to the Cataract House where he was permitted to stay. During the night a terrific noise was heard and he was found covered with blood, beating his head against the wall, and smashing everything in the room. After a terrific struggle, six men bound him with strong ropes, and he was taken to the asylum for safe keeping. He is said to be subject to fits. Everything in the office was broken to pieces, and he was very badly injured." *Leader*, May 7, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 453.

1871 Jan. 19 — "S. M. Cady, president of the Cleveland and Newburgh railroad, has called a meeting of all the stockholders at the Cataract House, Jan. 26 to elect directors for the ensuing year." *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 773.

1871 Mar. 10 — "Yesterday the ladies of the Women's Temperance league of the iron ward assembled at the Presbyterian church, where devotional exercises were held.

"The ladies then advanced upon the Cataract House. The proprietor would not close unless he was bought out." The band then marched to the other saloons. *Leader*, Mar. 10, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 815.

1871 Mar. 30 — C. F. Emery, secretary of the Chagrin Falls and Cleveland Plank Road Co. announced a stockholders' meeting to be held at the Cataract House. *Leader*, Mar. 30, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 718.

1871
May 3 "On Apr. 29, about 100 friends of D. J. Jones, of the Newburgh Rolling Mill co., met at the Cataract House to pay him their respects on his departure for Europe, where he intends to spend the coming summer on business.

A supper was served and Mr. Anderson, the chairman, made a few brief remarks. Mr. Turney presented him with a gold mounted cane and Reverend Lewis gave him a pair of gold spectacles. Mr. Jones then made a brief speech thanking his many friends." *Leader*, May 3, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 481.

1871
Aug. 14 Newburgh planned a Sir Walter Scott centennial with processions in the streets during the day, respresentations of the characters to be given, orations delivered, and a concert in the town hall, followed by a banquet and dance at the Cataract House. *Leader*, Aug. 14, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 100.

1872
Sept. 25 Henry Schiedler, barber at the Cataract House, suffered burns on face, body and legs. He was at the Northern Ohio lunatic asylum when it was razed by fire, causing the death of about five employees and probable death of several other persons, visitors, "as they have never been heard from since." *Leader*, Sept. 27, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 145.

1872
Oct. 4 The court of inquest in the asylum fire resumed its session at the Cataract House. The testimony of F. K. Reed, engineer, and others proved conclusively that the old building and the water tanks were good traps for killing people. *Leader*, Oct. 5, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 147.

1872
Nov. 29 Calvin Coolidge of Newburgh was presented with a set of furniture for the office in his new livery stable. After the speeches, refreshments were served at the Cataract House. *Leader*, Dec. 3, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 45.

1873
Jan. 13 "Excellent sleighing conditions have kept Newburgh streets alive with a merry tintinnabulation of bells. Balls given at the Cataract House have attracted people nightly from Bedford, East Cleveland, Chagrin Falls and Solon." *Leader*, Jan. 13, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 267.

1873
Jan. 16 Friends of Mr. Spencer, proprietor of the Cataract House, presented him with a set of silver service. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 18, 1873.

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Cataract House

1873 June 21 — "Mr. Spencer and his estimable lady were splendid hosts to a number of guests and friends assembled at the Cataract House in Newburgh on June 19. Everyone who attended reported a fine, enjoyable evening." *Leader*, June 21, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 605.

1873 Oct. 28 — Three men quarrelled over a sum of money in front of the Cataract House. "Under the influence of liquor, they pitched into each other with pails snatched from a nearby grocery platform." Two suffered severe head injuries, the other escaping unscathed. Their names were Reese, Rockingham and Leland. *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 65.

1874 — "This house is large, good sample rooms and good barn in connection with house. Cataract House, A. J. Spencer, Propr." Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 97, 98.

1874 — Cataract House is in the south part of the 18th ward, on Broadway, next to the C. & N. Depot and almost opposite Mechanic Street. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1874 Mar. 7 — "Yesterday the women opened the temperance campaign by visiting in a body a number of saloons. The women then went to church and received the blessing of God, which gave them strength to persevere in the great work before them. After attending church the ladies went to the Cataract House where they prayed and sang and asked the proprietor if he would abstain from selling intoxicating liquors ... They went to Leopold's saloon, whose front door was instantly fastened and a rush was made for the rear doors and windows. The ladies, finding they could not gain admittance, sang and prayed out on the sidewalks. They then visited Dan Kane's saloon; he stated that he would not quit the business unless bought out and was unwilling to allow the ladies to pray and sing. They left him and made their last and most successful call, C. O. Osborne's saloon. There the women prayed and sang and asked God for his forgiveness. He bent his head and cried and the victory was won. He promised to seal his stock as soon as possible and quit the business...

"The Roman Catholic priest, Father Gallagher, endorsed the movement and wishes it all success." *Leader*, Mar. 7, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 750.

1874 June 5 — The saloonkeepers and brewers met at Stein's hall, and formed an association for mutual protection and assistance. Elected directors were A. Schwarts, J. J. Weideman, Hazen Hughs, Leonard Slaughter,

A. J. Spencer (of Cataract House), Jacob Striebinger, H. O. Price, Frederick Diebold and Bernard McCarthy. *Leader*, June 8, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 681.

1874 June 16 — A man entered the Cataract House and stole cigars and whiskey valued at eight dollars. He was arrested and the property recovered by Officer McIlrath. *Leader*, June 17, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 338.

1875 — The last lessee was Jonas Roe, who operated the Spencer house for nineteen years as a hotel and restaurant. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1917.

1875 Feb. 15 — A farewell surprise party was given Mr. Spencer of the Cataract House on Feb. 15 by "the old folks" of the 18th ward. *Leader*, Feb. 17, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 261.

1875 Oct. 14 — The first reunion of the old employees of the Northern Ohio lunatic asylum took place at the Cataract House. It was decided to hold the next reunion at Troy, O. *Leader*, Oct. 15, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 318.

1876 Jan. 4 — A charity ball was announced for Thursday evening at the Cataract House, Eighteenth ward. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 4, 1876.

1876 Jan. 22 — "BRIGGS HOUSE
(LATE CATARACT).
Newburgh, O.

This House has been renovated, refitted and refurnished and possesses every facility for the proper accommodation of the public. C. C. Briggs, Proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1876.

1876 Jan. 22 — "The hotel known as the Cataract House, Newburgh, has changed hands, Mr. C. C. Briggs of the West Side, becoming proprietor. The name has been changed to the Briggs house, and the house itself has been thoroughly renovated, refitted, refinished and otherwise improved. The new proprietor is in every way qualified to make a success of this new venture, and we assure future patrons that their comfort will be his prime object." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1876.

1878 "Briggs, C. C., propr. Briggs House, 2591 Broadway." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 80.

1878 A. J. Spencer, who came to Cleveland in 1853, had been clerk of the fire board two years, in 1878. Robison, *Cleveland*, Appendix, XXII.

1878
Aug. 13 "Personal.
Mr. A. J. Spencer, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, has resumed the proprietorship of the Cataract House, the well known hostelry in the Eighteenth Ward." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 13, 1878.

1878
Aug. 13 "Summer Resorts.

CATARACT HOUSE,
Broadway, 18th Ward.
A. J. Spencer, Proprietor.
L. A. DeCelle, Clerk.

This great place of resort is now ready for the accommodation of all those who may become hungry or thirsty, and everything guaranteed at lowest market prices. Amazement! Meals at 25 cents. Clean and wholesome food! Christopher Born, one of the best cooks in Northern Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 13, 1878.

1884
July 7 Council decided to request the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company to repair the planking along the outside of their rails between Hughes street and the Cataract House. *Council Proceedings*, XVII, 50.

1893 "Then we come to Newburg to the old Pittsburg House out on Broadway; then to the Cody House, kept by relatives of Cody of Buffalo Bill fame; then...to the Charter Oak House; beyond the Charter Oak House was the Cataract House." *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 493.

1896 "M. T. Moses, another veteran of the district, recalled that McKinley and Bryan were scheduled to talk at the Cataract House in 1896 when they 'were squabbling' over the Free Silver issue. Such a large crowd turned out that the meeting was held in a tent. Bryan did not show up." *Press*, Mar. 30, 1931.

1905 "Newburg's Council was petitioned by the Pennsy to permit the laying of a second track through the main street. Newburg, having smelt train smoke enough, rose in wrath and, after a hot fight, killed the move."

The Pennsylvania was obliged to buy tracts 300 feet south and routed its new line straight through the stable of the Cataract House. The railroad was forced to move Mill Creek's bed south and to buy the old hotel for the track's right-of-way. It has owned the hotel ever since. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 30, 1931.

1917
Feb. 14 "Where once young Cleveland danced and drank, where weary passengers climbed from rude stage coaches to stretch their legs and sample the fare before renewing their journey Clevelandward, automobiles are to sputter and grease to drip henceforth. The Spencer House, that was the Cataract House before Newburg was a part of Cleveland, is undergoing its last transformation....

"For more than half a century the old three-story brick building on Broadway, just west of the Warner Road intersection, has been the South End's favorite landmark. It was the center of Newburg when Newburg was a dangerous business rival of the young city at the mouth of the Cuyahoga. From its erection until less than a month ago it was a hostelry. Now workmen are tearing out the old walls, putting in new braces to support the floors where, for decades, Cleveland sleigh parties danced. The South End Motor Sales Co. is to occupy it as a sales room and service station for Ford automobiles." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1917.

1931 "The Newburg district's 80-year old Cataract House, 8820 Broadway S. E., is to be razed. City health authorities have ordered the Pennsylvania Railroad, its owners, to remove it as a public menace.

"With its destruction, southeast Cleveland will lose its once famous hotel, town meeting hall, social center and horse car terminal. Recently it housed an auto agency. Rats and a peddler live in it now. Laundry dangled across the stately dining room windows, where Cuyahoga's great men were want to discuss the 'chances in Newburg' with their henchmen.

"Edson Healy, 87, of Healy Bros., 8800 Miles Park Avenue, S.E., just across Broadway, heard of the order with regrets. Healy has been selling groceries and wall paper at the same place for 67 years....

"The Pennsylvania Railroad ran through with a single track in the old days. Healy went to school to A. J. Spencer, who later became proprietor of the Cataract House. ... In 1861 Healy and Spencer, pupil and teacher, joined the Seventh Ohio Infantry, in the War of the Rebellion. They fought in the Shenandoah Valley, at Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 30, 1931.

CHARTER OAK HOUSE
Broadway, near Aetna Street

The Charter Oak House, situated on what was then Newburgh Road (Broadway) near the intersection of Aetna Street, appears to have been in existence between the years 1865 and 1881, and perhaps later. It was one of the several taverns identified with the flourishing growth of Newburgh, along with the old Pittsburgh House on Broadway, and the Cody House, kept by relatives of Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill). Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 1908, 493; *Leader*, Jan. 21, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 188-189.

1865 Jan. 21 — "On Jan. 18, two drunken men entered the Charter Oak tavern, Newburgh rd., ordered drinks, and paid for them with a $20 bill. Receiving their change, they claimed to be cheated, snatched the $20 bill from the landlord, and fled." *Leader*, Jan. 21, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 188-189.

1874 — William Stewart was proprietor of the Charter Oak House on the west side of Broadway, near Aetna, in the 18th ward. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99; *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-1875.

1874 Mar. 18 — "At the shooting match held at Charter Oak House on Newburgh road by the Central Shooting Club yesterday, the scores were: Jones, 9; McVean, 7; Menkin, 6. Eight others participated." *Leader*, Mar. 18, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 257.

1875 — William Stewart was proprietor of the Charter Oak House, 2073 Broadway from 1875 to 1882. *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76, 1876-77, 1877-78, 1879, 1880-81, 1881-82.

1875 Jan. 12 — "City Council Proceedings. Regular meeting, Monday evening, January 11th, 1875. Petition of property owners, to have gas pipe laid in Broadway between the Charter Oak House and the dumby (sic) station. Referred to the committee on gas." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1875.

1880 — A dwelling was located on the Charter Oak House site. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1880.

1891 — H. H. Rice was proprietor of the Charter Oak House at 1946 Broadway. *Cleveland Directory*, 1891.

CITY HOTEL
62 Seneca (West Third) Street

First mention of the City Hotel, a house popular with farmers and traveling men, was an advertisement in April, 1836, over the name of E. Millard & Co. In June of that year council issued a tavern license to Perry Allen, and it is with his name that the hotel's early history is chiefly associated.

Rated as a principal hotel in 1837, the City's plain, comfortable appointments were not far behind those of the Franklin House.

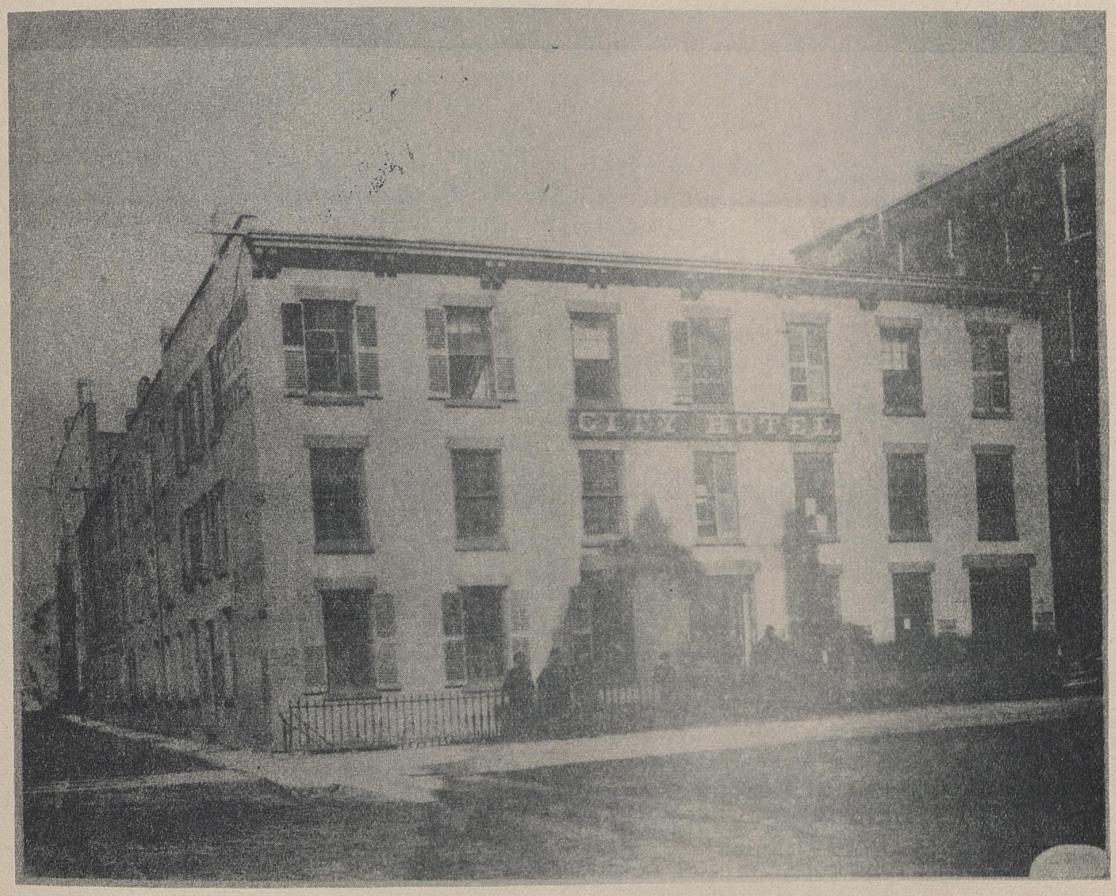
Shortly after the death of Allen in 1840, the hotel was sold to J. E. Lockwood, who refurnished it and built new livery barns. William H. Stillman had charge in 1845-1846; then the enterprising H. B. Harris took over. T. B. Brockway, who became proprietor in 1857, remodeled and improved the hotel to meet more exacting standards. David R. Hawley bought it in 1879 as a proving ground for his abilities, before he bought the Hawley House, in 1882. In July, 1880, H. B. West purchased the City Hotel from Hawley, but before the directory of 1883 came out it had disappeared. In that year the stationers, Forman, Bassett, and Hatch, occupied the site. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433; *ibid* II, 66; *Herald*, Mar. 6, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 224, 285; Peet *Cleveland Directory*, 1845, 93; *Cleveland Directory*, 1882; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 41; *Settlers Annals*, 1933, 52; *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1880.

1836 "The first market, on River st. was built in an early day and served the purpose until 1831-32, when another building was erected by private enterprise on Bank st., within 22 feet of Superior st. Several persons occupied the market on Bank st., among whom was Perry Allen, afterwards well known to our citizens as the landlord (1836) of the City hotel." *Leader*, May 19, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 285.

1836 In 1836 the City Hotel was kept by Perry Allen, on Seneca St., on the subsequent (1907) site of the Foreman-Bassett & Hatch Printing House. *Settlers Annals*, IV, No. 4, 369.

1836 "Perry Allen was landlord in 1836 of the City Hotel on West 3rd Street, where the courthouse now (1914) stands." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 369.

1836 At a Second Ward meeting at the City Hotel the following were nominated: For mayor, John W. Willey; for alderman, N. Dockstader; for the common council, A. Haydn, W. H. Otis, G. Fitch; for treasurer, Daniel Worley; for marshal, Elijah Peet. *Whig*, Apr. 1, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 223.



City Hotel c. 1856

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1836 Apr. 16 — "City Hotel. The subscribers respectfully announce to the public that they have opened a house of public entertainment on Seneca street, a few doors north of Superior street, where they will be happy to wait upon all who may favor them with their custom. E. Millard & Co." *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1836 June 22 — The council license committee granted Perry Allen a tavern license. The fee was $30. Council Journal, "A" (1836-1838) 48.

1837 — One of the principal hotels and coffee houses in Cleveland was the City Hotel on Seneca street, operated by Perry Allen. Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; Hutchinson, *Notes*; Scrapbook V, 285, July 9, 1925; MacCabe's *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-38, 110; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 400-403.

1837 May 17 — Perry Allen petitioned the city council for a grocery license which was granted him on May 24. Council Journal, "A" (1836-1838) 166-170.

1838 Feb. 16 — At a meeting of citizens of Ward 2 at the City Hotel the following were nominated for councilmen: Leonard Case, Benjamin Andrews, and Henry Blair. *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 17, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 221.

1838 Mar. 2 — The Whigs of the Second Ward were requested to meet at the City Hotel, to nominate councilmen for the ensuing election. *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 2, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 223.

1838 May 30 — The committee on licenses reported in favor of granting a grocery license to Perry Allen. The fee was $30. Council agreed. Council Journal, "A" (1836-1838) 359.

1839 Mar. 1 — "Mr. Harris: - Please announce the name of C. M. Gidings, for councilman in the second ward, at the ensuing election, in obedience to the nomination made at the City Hotel, Saturday evening, 23d ult., and oblige many voters of the second ward." *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 1, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 153.

1840 — The City Hotel was sold in 1840 to J. E. Lockwood. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1840 Feb. 18 — William Smyth, Jefferson Thomas, and R. Sheldon were nominated for councilmen in Ward 2 at a meeting of the electors held at the City Hotel. *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 179.

1840 Feb. 24 — At a meeting held at the City Hotel, W. J. Warner was named as a candidate for councilman. *Herald*, Feb. 25, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 181.

1840 Mar. 24 — "Strayed from the City Hotel, Cleveland (Mar. 8)... a brindle-sided cow; also a red cow belonging to J. A. Foot, Esq., is supposed to be with her. Any person giving such information as shall lead to the recovery of said cows shall be paid all reasonable charges. William Wells." *Herald*, Mar. 24, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 89.

1840 Mar. 25 — "City Hotel, 62 Seneca St., near Superior, Cleveland - The subscriber wishes through this medium to inform the friends and old customers of Perry Allen, deceased, and the traveling community in general, that the tavern is carried on as usual for the benefit of the widow and a large family, and pledges himself that every attention will be paid to the comfort of the traveling community; and that the stables will be under good regulation so that the best care will be taken of man and his beast. And furthermore, the charges shall be as reasonable as any other tavern. William Wells, administrator." *Herald*, Mar. 25, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 118-119.

1840 May 6 — "The electors of the 2d ward are requested to meet at the City Hotel in Seneca st., Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a councilman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of D. Allen, Esq." *Herald*, May 6, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 189.

1840 Aug. 15 — "By virtue of power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Perry Allen, late of Cleveland, deceased, there will be sold at auction at the City hotel in Cleveland on Aug. 31, all right and interest accruing under a certain lease held by Simon Perkins, to sub-division of city lots 55, 56, and 57, now occupied by the City hotel building. J. C. Fairchild, auctioneer." *Herald*, Aug. 15, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 257.

1842 — "William H. Stillman...conducted one of the first hotels under the name of the City Hotel, located on the present (1910) site of the Forman-Bassett-Hatch Company. He was one of the pioneer hotel men of the city and was widely and favorably known." Orth, *Cleveland*, II, 66.

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1845 William H. Stillman was the keeper of the City Hotel, 24 Seneca St. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 93.

1845 Jacob Arnold was an hostler at the City Hotel. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 35.

1845 T. B. Brown, laborer, boarded at the City Hotel. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 41.

1846 "City Hotel, by H. B. Harris, 22, 24, 26 Seneca St. North. Passengers and Baggage carried to and from the House free of expense." *Herald*, Mar. 6, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 118.

1846 Joseph Adams, attorney and counsellor at law, boarded at the City Hotel. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 132.

1847 July 28 "One more prize for Farmers. The subscriber has concluded to give the farmers of Ohio one more chance for raising a $200 colt by standing the well known trotting horse 'Blucher' a fall season, at the stable of Samuel White in the rear of the City Hotel, commencing Aug. 1, ending Nov. 1. The terms are nominal; $5 the leap, $10 ensurance. E. Adams." *Herald*, July 28, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 90.

1847 Aug. 5 "Burglars, Last night the rascals were out. They entered the bar of the City Hotel, and robbed it of a box of cents - some two hundred, a decanter of brandy, one of gin, and one of rum - and the dinner-bell." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 5, 1847.

1847 Aug. 11 "A few days ago a paragraph was published from an eastern paper to the effect that a large number of accomplished 'cracksmen' were making a professional tour westward. During the last week a small dealer in cutlery and notions, on the dock, had his stock in trade stolen. The City hotel was entered and robbed of a few dollars and some liquor, and an attempt was made to break into Cowles' jewelry shop, but the scoundrels were driven off.

"We hope our officers will be on the alert and if possible cage some of these birds." *Herald*, Aug. 11, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 22.

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1848 "City Hotel, by H. B. Harris, Nos. 22, 24, & 26 Seneca street, north. Board 75 cents per day - 25 cents per meal. Good stabling." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 97.

1850 Mr. H. B. Harris was the proprietor of the City Hotel, No. 22, 24, and 26 Seneca Street, North. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 119.

1850 The City Hotel was on Seneca street (now West 3) at the southeast corner of Frankfort avenue. The flat roofed, three-story brick building was approximately 35 feet high and had a frontage of twice that amount. Having been built to within a few feet of the sidewalk's edge, an iron picket fence extended from its severely plain entrance to the street corner to protect the front stairways leading to the basement. Seven huge small-paned windows provided with wooden shutters and placed between stone slabs and sills interspersed the second and third floors of the front of the hotel. The first floor had only five windows, but the remaining space was broken up by a central and a side entrance whose contour was identical with the windows, although slightly larger, and held double doors. McMichael, *Collection of Cleveland Pictures*.

1850 Aug. 1 "We are something of a farmer and an admirer of good stock. A gentleman, a fine farmer from New York state, is now at the City hotel exhibiting a pair of the best sheep we have ever seen. They are of the Bakewell breed. They are a sample of a flock of 200 on his farm. His object is to sell the sheep on his farm to Ohio wool growers." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 1, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 137.

1851 Mar. 1 The stable of Mr. Marsh, attached to the City Hotel, was destroyed by fire. The loss was $3,500. *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 1, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 100.

1852 July 2 "The 'Cleveland and Euclid Express' will run between Cleveland and Collamer, for the accommodation of those who may wish to attend the Festival, as follows: Leave Cleveland at 8 o'clock A. M., and 1, 5, and 8½ o'clock, P. M. on Monday. Returning, will leave Collamer at 11 o'clock A. M. and 3, 7 and 11 o'clock P. M. The Express will start from the 'City Hotel.' Fare 25 cents." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1852.

1852 Sept. 20 — A valise owned by William Caven, of Pittsburgh, was stolen from the City Hotel. It was recovered by Officer Warren, rifled of a portion of its contents - a shirt and a pair of boots. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1852.

1853 — H. B. Harris was proprietor of the City Hotel, white frame building with green lattice work, at 24, 26 Seneca Street, North. Knight and Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853; 285; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 181.

1853 July 16 — A span of iron gray horses was found in the streets at one A. M. They were taken to the City Hotel. *Daily True Democrat*, July 18, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, MXXVI, 229.

1857 — T. B. Brockway petitioned council for permission to raise the roof of the frame building connected to the main building of the City Hotel, and it was granted. Council Journal, "I," (1857-58), 14.

1857 Nov. 14 — A fire broke out in the frame barn behind the City Hotel, owned by Mrs. Harris and occupied by T. B. Brockway. Valued at $90, the barn was a total loss; stock valued at $200 was also destroyed. No insurance was carried on the building. *Leader*, Nov. 16, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 113.

1857 Nov. 24 — A resolution was offered in Council regarding the construction of a sewer from the lake to the City Hotel. Council Journal, "I," (1857-1858), 36.

1858 Apr. 20 — T. B. Brockway, proprietor of the City hotel, was in the process of remodeling and improving it. *Leader*, Apr. 20, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 224; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1858 June 21 — "While passing the City Hotel, our attention was called to a new agricultural implement called 'Piccincott's Corn Planter and Coverer.' The inventor claims one man can furrow, plant, and cover ten acres of corn per day." *Leader*, June 21, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 143.

1858 Oct. 29 — "A woman who registered her name at the City hotel as Mrs. Randall deserted her four-month-old baby. It was taken to the orphan asylum where it is doing nicely and is highly prized." *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 56.

1859
Mar. 1

"The *Plain Dealer* reported that some important movements were going on north of City hotel, and on inquiry, we were surprised to learn that the city had not secured continuation of Rockwell st. past the court house and jail, to Seneca st.

"A business man from the east is at work and has agreed to put up next to the hotel a large brick block, which of course precludes opening of the street. It is very important that this situation be attended to at once by the city fathers, or opening of the street hereafter will be attended with great and unnecessary expense." *Leader*, Mar. 1, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 455.

1859
Oct. 6

"Wanted - a Father. On Monday afternoon a young and fine looking woman with a healthy male infant in her arms registered her name at the City Hotel and was shown to a room. On Tuesday afternoon a young man called on the young woman. He remained about an hour, and shortly after his departure the girl went to the Mahoning Depot, where her baggage had previously been sent. The child was found lying on the bed during the afternoon....Last evening the girl unexpectedly appeared at the City Hotel and demanded her child. It had been given to W. J. Warner, who in his official capacity as Infirmary Director fathers all the infants that are found lying around loose, but it was returned to her. She then went away." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 6, 1859.

1859
Nov. 16

At a meeting of the executive board of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural society at the City hotel the following premiums were awarded: Mrs. Scoville, Cleveland, on a specimen of fancy knitting, one dollar; Miss Louisa Burger, Cleveland, on a knit hood, one dollar; Miss N. S. Cozad, East Cleveland, on a specimen of fancy knitting, one dollar; and 47 other prizes. *Leader*, Nov. 28, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 186; *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 28, 1859.

1859
Nov. 18

"Miss Sarah Hubbard was arrested yesterday on the charge of shooting Mr. Richard Moore with intent to kill. The trial is set for Nov. 21.

"Both Miss Hubbard and Mr. Moore were employed as compositors by the *Plain Dealer* until Miss Hubbard quit recently because of slanderous remarks made about her. Miss Hubbard demanded a retraction from Mr. Moore. He failed to retract the statements and, instead, continued making them.

"Miss Hubbard obtained a pistol yesterday and met Mr. Moore in front of the City hotel. She demanded a retraction. When he failed to comply, she fired at him but missed. He wrenched the pistol from her and left. Last evening, Miss Hubbard fired at him again in the hall of his boarding house on Champlain st., but again missed.

"It is to be regretted that the girl who was so brave in the defence of her honor, was not more successful in her object, but we much mistake if her cowardly calumniator finds this town a safe vineyard to labor in." *Leader*, Nov. 18, 19, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 9.

1860 Sept. 8 Hotels recommended to visitors on the occasion of the unveiling of Perry's monument included the City Hotel.

"The dining room of the Johnson has been enlarged so that it can seat 350 people. Then good accommodations can be obtained at the City Hotel, the New England Hotel, Commercial and Bennett Houses, and numerous other orderly and well conducted public houses." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1860.

1861 "City Hotel, Seneca Street, T. B. Brockway, proprietor. This Hotel has lately been enlarged and re-furnished. The rooms are large and well ventilated, the beds new and good, and the table always supplied with all the market affords. The Omnibus office is kept at this Hotel. Also connected, a Fire-Proof Brick stable, considered by all to be the only safe stable in the city." Loomis & Talbott, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62, 34.

1861 Mar. 13 "Re - Silverthornes Maple Sugar Parties. Parties will be furnished on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Also on the intervening days by leaving word at the City Hotel, with the Rocky River Omnibus Line." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 13, 1861.

1861 Mar. 23 "A New Thing Under the Sun. An invention to attach a horse to a buggy without tugs or whiffletree is on exhibition at the City Hotel. Horse men and carriage makers would do well to call and see it." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 23, 1861.

1861 Sept. 9 "A CITIZEN OF WILLOUGHBY MISSING. Samuel H. Goodhue, a farmer, who resides in the South part of Willoughby Township, has been absent from his home since Thursday, Aug. 29th. On that day he came to Cleveland, stopped over night at the City Hotel, paid for his bill the next morning, and went to James Latimer's Box Manufactory in the Centre Block, to transact some business. He left there at 11 o'clock A. M. and said he was going back home - since that time nothing has been heard from him.

"Mr. Goodhue has been subject to attacks of mental derangement, and was at one time an inmate of an Insane Asylum in Michigan. He has had three attacks of lunacy. On the breaking out of the

war he became greatly excited, so much so that his friends feared a relapse of insanity. In his younger days he fought the Indians in Oregon. It is thought he may have enlisted, but as he was much attached to his family his friends think that he would not have joined the volunteers without informing them of it unless he did it in a fit of derangement - He is 50 years of age, 6 feet in height, very straight, has blue eyes, light complexion, prominent nose, high forehead, short cheek whiskers, sprinkled with grey, and a few grey hairs in his head. He wore a black broadcloth frock coat, black soft wool hat, dark Satin vest, pants dark, with brown bars running up and down. Recruiting Officers and Commanders of Camps are requested to look out for him, and other papers will do a favor to an afflicted family by noticing the above." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 9, 1861.

1861
Oct. 1

"H. H. and H. C. Brockway have assumed management of the City hotel. T. B. Brockway has retired. In addition to every convenience and comfort in the hotel, there are splendid stables in connection." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 313.

1861
Nov. 22

"Some difficulty occurred between the proprietor of the City hotel and a recruit from a military company quartered in this city. The recruit was put out of the house but returned with other soldiers. Some serious threats have resulted." *Leader*, Nov. 22, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 232.

1862
Jan. 3

"G. T. Gilbert, now at the City hotel, is offering for sale a very convenient and useful instrument for sharpening all kinds of house-knives, shears, and scissors. It will be found invaluable in hotels, saloons, shops, and kitchens." *Leader*, Jan. 3, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 381.

1863
Jan. 2

"100 Horses. - We Wish To Purchase 100 good Gelding Horses from 5 to 9 years old, sound and free from all defects, and from 15 to 16 hands high, suitable for Cavalry or Artillery.

"We will be at the City Hotel, Cleveland, until January 3, 1863. Those having Horses answering the above description will fetch them in, and we will pay the highest market price.

Brainerds & Dodge."

Plain Dealer, Jan. 2, 1863.

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1863
Jan. 13 "Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society. - The annual election of officers of the above society will be held at the City Hotel on Saturday next, Jan. 17th at 11 o'clock A. M. A full attendance of members is desired. Benj. H. Stair, Sec'y." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1863.

1863
Feb. 2 "Wanted Immediately - A Good Farm On Shares, by a practical Farmer. Apply both personally or by letter, to R. G., City Hotel, Cleveland." *Morning Leader*, Feb. 2, 1863.

1863
July 1 "VICKSBURG TAKEN, I hope, with 20,000 rebels. And I have taken off 40,000 Corns and Bunions for the citizens of Cleveland, and given general satisfaction. Having been absent a month this is to notify the citizens of Cleveland that I have returned to my old place of business at the City Hotel, Seneca Street, where I will EXTRACT CORNS AND BUNIONS Without Pain or Lameness to the patient. Ingrowing Nails cured, and Neuralgia in the Head and Toothache relieved in a few minutes. The best of City reference given. All orders left at the City Hotel promptly attended to. Wm. S. Wadhams, Corn Doct." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863.

1863
July 1 "Many efforts have been made to procure an oil that will not explode and may be burned in a lamp without a chimney. We were shown this morning, a common lamp, in which petroleum oil was burning in open air, like common whale oil or burning fluid, the wick being a plain, round one, regulated by a convenient screw instead of picked up and down by a pin or knitting needle, as was usually done in our younger days.

"The oil burned without smoke or odor, with a brilliant and steady flame, while its non-explosive character was proved by trial. The cost, we are told, but slightly exceeds that burned in chimney lamps. The proprietor, Mr. Turner, formerly of the United States Patent office, is now at the City Hotel, for the purpose of selling licenses for the sale of this oil for this and other counties, the oil being patented." *Morning Leader*, July 1, 1863.

1863
July 13 "Accident to an Actress. Yesterday evening, a member of Hamblin's Troupe, named Miss Fielding, in returning from a horseback ride, was thrown from her horse - the animal itself falling - near the City Hotel, striking against the corner of the building. Miss Fielding was not seriously injured." *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1863.

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1863 July 30 — George Schleet, of the City hotel stables, sustained a fractured leg when he was thrown from a horse. *Leader*, July 31, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 4.

1863 Aug. 11 — Scott and Charles H. Churchill, alleged counterfeiters arrested at the City hotel, were sent to Richfield, Summit county. *Leader*, Aug. 13, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 205.

1863 Sept. 14 — "Corns, Bunions, etc. - If you wish to get your corns, bunions and ingrowing nails cured without pain or lameness call on Dr. Wadhams, at the City Hotel, Seneca Street." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 14, 1863.

1864 — "The Omnibus Line leaves for Chagrin Falls at 3 P.M. from City Hotel. W. Richards, Proprietor." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-1865, 30.

1864 Jan. 8 — "A speck of war appeared this morning at the City Hotel. A crowd of soldiers with more liquor in them than they were fairly able to carry, raised quite a row, and, when the Police interferred to quiet them became quite obstreperous in condemning the whole police force of our city to lower and hotter regions. A slight manifestation of activity on the part of the police soon brought them to their senses." *Morning Leader*, Jan. 8, 1864.

1864 Jan. 8 — The election of officers of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society was announced for the 16th inst. at 10-½ o'clock A. M. at the City Hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1864; *Morning Leader*, Jan. 8, 1864.

1864 Mar. 10 — "A Resurrectionary Incident. About two months ago, a Mr. P. came to this city with a young child, and made his abode at the City Hotel. He stated that he left Nashua, New Hampshire, some weeks before, with his wife and the child above-mentioned; that he had got as far as Albany, on his way west, when his wife was taken sick with diphtheria, which soon after resulted fatally. He had seen her buried, and then departed with his daughter from the place. He finally reached Cleveland, nearly penniless, and in a very low state of mind consequent on his recent afflictions and worked upon the sympathy of Mr. Brockway, who introduced him to others, and by the exertions of friends he was secured work in the city at his trade - cabinet making...

"One evening while he was engaged in things spiritual, his temporal fate was destined to receive an abrupt shock. The 'dear, departed' appeared upon the stage, and in a moment all the air of mourning and dejection which had characterized the man's action for weeks past, were discovered to have been as skillfully 'put on' as ever presented in the mimic drama; by adroit and talented votaries of Thespis. Mr. P had simply deserted his wife, and stolen the child away. He was forced to make a clean breast of the whole affair, which he did to Mr. Brockway and others cognizant of his actions." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 10, 1864.

1864
Aug. 10 — Two men were arrested at the City Hotel, on suspicion of being horse thieves. Following their arrest a telegram was received from Chicago describing them, stating they had stolen a horse, near Miles, Michigan. They were held in city prison. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 11, 1864.

1864
Sept. 6 — Mademoiselle Arabella Hunter, planet reader and doctress, was at City hotel for a short time. *Leader*, Sept. 6, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 117.

1864
Sept. 10 — "Taken - From the City Hotel, September 10, 1864, a Top Buggy, Plated Black, silver plated feather top, made by Oviatt & Speavy, Tallmadge, Ohio. The gentleman that took the above described buggy is well known. He is requested to return it and take his own, which is now in my possession. H. & H. C. Brockway, Cleveland, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1864.

1865
July 13 — The City Hotel passed from the ownership of J. B. Brockway to his brother, H. C. Brockway. *Leader*, July 13, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 179; *ibid*, July 20, 1865.

1865
July 26 — "City Brevities. Judge Abbey this morning decided that the City Hotel Stables, although kept as well as stables are usually kept, is a public nuisance, and fined the keepers the cost." *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 1865.

1866
Jan. 20 — "Rockwell and Hurlburt's free exhibition of trained horses, driven with a carriage without reins or traces, will be given in front of the postoffice Jan. 23 and 24, at one p.m. A school of instruction will be held at the City hotel stable each afternoon." *Leader*, Jan. 20, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 236.

1866 Jan. 20 — At the annual meeting of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society at the City hotel, C. S. Gates of Brooklyn was elected president, and J. J. Bigelow of Parma, vice president. *Leader*, Jan. 22, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 3, 156.

1866 Mar. 6 — The Board of Agriculture met at the City Hotel, to discuss the report of a committee to select a suitable site for the County Fair. As the committee did not report, the meeting adjourned till the 20th. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 7, 1866.

1866 May 31 — Mrs. W. E. Greenwood and Mrs. Daily of Olmsted Falls were being cared for at City Hotel, after being injured in a railroad accident. *Plain Dealer*, June 1, 1866.

1866 Oct. 17 — Many horses were sold at auction at the City hotel stables. *Leader*, Oct. 18, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 236.

1867 Feb. 9 — The Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society met at the City Hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 9, 1867.

1867 Feb. 9 — "A meeting of the Wool growers is being held at the City Hotel today." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 9, 1867.

1867 May 29 — "The great French 'electrotician' at the City hotel has a new mode of galvanic treatment. The new modus operandi enables the blind to see, the dumb to talk, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk. The electro doctor cures when all others fail. He uses no drugs to poison the system." *Leader*, May 29, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 341.

1867 June 17 — The City hotel was being painted. *Leader*, June 17, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 268.

1867 Nov. 1 — "Wanted. - Agents - $50 to $100 per day easily made, with an article indispensable to business men. Apply to Robert Wray, City Hotel, between 11 and 2 o clock and 4 and (?) P. M." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1867.

1868 — H. C. Brockway was proprietor of the City Hotel, Seneca Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-69, 32.

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1869 — Hiram C. Brockway was proprietor of the City Hotel, 112 and 114 Seneca Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-1870, 85.

1869 Jan. 28 — Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Cuyahoga County Agriculture society at City Hotel were: President, M. Hickox of Solon; vice president, D. L. Wightman of Warrensville; secretary, A. B. Chamberlain of Solon; treasurer, B. H. Stair of Cleveland. *Leader*, Jan. 29, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 9.

1869 Mar. 9 — A meeting of the Cuyahoga Agricultural society was held yesterday at City Hotel. The motion that a premium of five dollars be paid for the best essay on the mode of conducting a farm was carried. In fine arts, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and vegetables, the premium for the next fair was two dollars. After much discussion it was decided to exclude all running races and races against time. It was moved that the premium list for trotting be the same as last year, excluding all running races. Premiums were reduced one-half. A velocipede race was entered upon the list, ten dollars for the best two in three, five dollars for the second best. A motion was adopted excluding the sale of whiskey, ale, beer, cider, and all intoxicating drinks. *Leader*, Mar. 10, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 135.

1869 Sept. 25 — A. B. Chamberlain, secretary of the County Agricultural society, was to be at the City Hotel to receive entries for the fair. *Leader*, Sept. 22, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 135.

1870 Jan. 14 — At a meeting of bee keepers at the City Hotel, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Dr. J. P. Kirtland of Cleveland; vice president, J. T. Merriman of Geauga county; and secretary-treasurer, E. J. Sturtevant of East Cleveland. This was the first meeting since the war, as activities had been suspended during that period. Several members addressed the meeting on the care and cultivation of bees, the production of honey, and other topics relevant to the industry. *Leader*, Jan. 17, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 33.

1870 Feb. 3 — "At a recent meeting of the directors of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural society held at the City Hotel, the following officers were elected: H. B. Stair, treasurer; and B. B. Chamberlin, secretary." *Leader*, Feb. 3, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 16.

1870 Dec. 21 — A horse and buggy left by S. N. Sanford in front of a store on Ontario st. were stolen. Later they were found at the City Hotel. *Leader*, Dec. 22, 1870. *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 425.

1871 Jan. 21 — At a meeting in the City Hotel the County Agricultural society elected D. L. Wightman president. *Leader*, Jan. 24, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 26.

1871 Feb. 4 — The executive board of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural association met at the City Hotel and elected B. H. Stair treasurer, and A. B. Chamberlain secretary. A committee appointed to lease grounds consisted of C. P. Jewett, D. L. Wightman, W. H. Brown. *Leader*, Feb. 7, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 222.

1871 Apr. 27 — John F. Kennedy of Solon, alleged to have killed his father Apr. 27, was brought to Cleveland where he stayed at the City Hotel. He was brought before Justice Payne and several persons from neighboring counties offered to go bail. Their offers were refused as they lived out of the county. Kennedy was finally released on a $10,000 bond, arranged by H. C. Baldwin and James Ward, to appear before the grand jury on May 8. *Leader*, Apr. 29, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 346.

1871 May 12 — In the case of John Kennedy of Solon who had stayed at the City Hotel after the shooting, in April, of his father, the grand jury returned a "no bill" and he was discharged from custody. *Leader*, May 12, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 348.

1871 July 1 — When William Houston was arrested on Ontario st., he had towels from the City Hotel, envelopes from the Weddell House, and various other articles in his possession. *Leader*, July 3, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 385.

1871 Dec. 20 — "A young girl boarded a cab on the corner of Euclid ave. and Erie st. on the night of Dec. 18 and told the hackman she wanted to go to the Weddell House. The hackman drove her around for about an hour, and, instead of taking her there, drove eastward on Euclid ave. The timely appearance of an officer gave the young lady great relief and she was by his order driven to the City Hotel. The driver might have been on his was to a house of prostitution with her when stopped by the officer. He should be arrested at once. The girl said her name was Carrie Peffer." *Leader*, Dec. 20, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 416.

1872
July 4 — H. C. Brockway of the City Hotel set up a "spread" for the firemen and officers of Mazeppa hook and ladder company and steamer No. 1 after the procession on the Fourth. *Leader*, July 6, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 136.

1873
Jan. 6 — All persons interested in the location of the County Fair Grounds were asked to attend a meeting at the City Hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1873; *Leader*, Jan. 6, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 209.

1873
Jan. 8 — A meeting of the county agricultural society was held at the City Hotel, Councilman, A. A. Jewett in the chair. Present were: A. A. Jewett, C. S. Gates, J. Flick, J. H. Slawson, E. S. Willard, D. L. Wightman, J. M. Curtiss, D. McClintock, L. M. Charlton of the society, besides J. M. Hickox of Solon and J. N. Warner and Hutchins of Chagrin Falls. The committee appointed to select a location for the county fairs was discharged. Matters pertaining to closing up affairs at the present location of the fair grounds in this city were discussed at great length. Messrs. Gates, Flick and Jewett were appointed to confer with the owner of the grounds in reference to the unexpired lease. A committee was appointed to meet with the Chagrin Falls association and prepare a suitable contract to be submitted at the annual meeting. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 9, 1873.

1873
Jan. 18 — At the annual meeting of the agricultural society at the City Hotel the following were elected: President, J. M. Hickox of Solon; and vice president, C. S. Gates of Brooklyn.

Eleven board members were held over and 12 new board members elected. *Leader*, Jan. 20, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 28.

1874
June 27 — "A fire broke out last evening in a room at the City hotel. It was caused by the upsetting of a vessel containing benzine. A servant girl in the room at the time was severely burned. The loss amounted to $300." *Leader*, June 27, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 227.

1874
July 13 — "Persons desiring to rent spaces for stands, etc., on the Northern Ohio fair grounds during the coming races should apply to Mr. H. C. Brockway at the City Hotel at once." *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1874.

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1874 Sept. 28 — Hiram C. Brockway, proprietor of the City Hotel, died of typhoid fever. He was 43. He was a member of Oriental Commandery, Knights Templar. *Leader*, Sept. 29, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 418.

1875 Jan. 5 — "W. C. Fair, Veterinary Surgeon, Member of the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada. Office and Residence City Hotel, Seneca street." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1875.

1875 June 19 — "The new four story building of Sloss Brothers is to be constructed as soon as the tearing down of the old City hotel stable is finished. The building is to be 190 by 135 feet. There will be two entrances to the building; one on Superior st. and one on Seneca st." *Leader*, June 19, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 57-58.

1876 — "The City Hotel, on Seneca street corner of Rockwell street, has for many years enjoyed a reputation as a good plain hotel." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 41.

1876 Oct. 27 — "The case of Mary Brazely or Brazill, as her mother spells it, charged with incorrigible conduct, came up in police court yesterday. Miss Brazill pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Brazill denied having used any violence on the girl, and testified that when at home the child had not been unmanageable. The girl when arrested last week on a complaint of her mother, gave her name as Mary Brazely, 16. The girl had left home and was working in a barber shop under the City hotel, and would not return home. Court was opened by Sergeant Lipps, Judge Peter Funk did not appear until later. Mr. Coates acted for the prisoner; Mr. Foran was the police prosecutor." *Leader*, Oct. 27, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, part 2, LIX, 1156.

1876 Oct. 30 — "On Saturday evening, Oct. 28, Mary O'Malia who lives at the City Hotel was seriously burned while cleaning gloves with gasoline. Her face and hands are severely burned, though not so as to leave permanent disfigurement." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 30, 1876.

1876 Nov. 24 — Detective Hulligan returned from Cincinnati bringing William M. Wilcox, arrested there for forgery, and wanted in Cleveland on the same charge. James Curren of the City Hotel swore out the warrant. *Leader*, Nov. 25, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1288.

1877 — "James Current, propr. City Hotel, Seneca cor. Rockwell." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-1878, 120.

1877 Jan. 9 — William Heisley, city solicitor, reporting to council on the question whether the City Hotel property encroached upon the south side of Rockwell street, replied that he had no means of knowing. The question was referred back to him. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1877.

1878 — "City Hotel, Seneca, cor. Rockwell. D. R. Hawley, propr." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-1879.

1878 — "In 1879 (1878) David R. Hawley bought the City Hotel, selling it a year later." *Settlers Annals*, 1933, 52.

1878 July 13 — "At the City Hotel: R. B. Linderman, Rochester, New York; N. W. Cole, Columbia, Ohio; O. P. Warren, Collinwood, Ohio; O. J. Whapin, Columbia, Ohio; E. Ross and wife, Vermillion, Ohio; Samuel De Forest, F. A. Mangold, Columbus, Ohio; P. W. Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George R. Shime and wife, Chicago; Lee Spencer, Rockport; John Cummings, Edensburgh, Pa.; A. B. Cole, New Bedford, Pa." *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1878.

1878 July 16 — "At the City Hotel: A. S. Shafer, Oberlin; H. C. Currier, C. M. Currier, Independence; H. Rickard, West View; P. Warren, Collinwood; J. W. Dorman, Geneva; William Nye, Buffalo; Alfred Whitaker, Bedford; Thomas Phillips, Oberlin; John H. Darker, Liverpool; H. Andres, Chicago." *Plain Dealer*, July 16, 1878.

1878 Aug. 13 — "Dr. Marvin McDonald. The Wonderful Indian Doctor, Can be consulted free at the City Hotel for ten days. The Doctor treats all chronic diseases of long standing. Deafness treated free. Female diseases a speciality. Office hours from 9 to 12 A. M. and from 1 to 5 P. M. Room A City Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 13, 1878.

1878 Aug. 19 — "An effort is being made to substantially rebuild the City Hotel a foot or two out on the sidewalk of Rockwell street by putting up a new brick side wall, under a permit to put in a store and glass first story front on that street." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1878.

1878 Aug. 19 — A fire in room 22 of the City Hotel did slight damage. It was believed the bell boy had been smoking in the room and accidentally set the fire. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1878.

1880 David R. Hawley sold the City Hotel, which he had purchased in 1878, in order that he might lease the Striebinger House on Michigan street. *Press*, June 2, 1919; *Settlers Annals*, 1933, 52.

1880 July 1 "The City Hotel. - Mr. H. B. West, for many years the proprietor of the Put-in-Bay House and the West House of Sandusky has purchased the City Hotel, on Seneca street, and will take possession of the same to-day. Mr. West is well known as a thorough hotel man and will keep his house in good style. His old friends will not forget him in his new location. He invites the commercial travelers who want low rates and fair accommodations to call and see him." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1880.

CLARENDON HOTEL
Corner St. Clair & Ontario

1870 John Barr, attorney and notary, was proprietor of the St. Clair Place Hotel during the year 1870-1871. Mr. Barr's office was in the Richardson Block, and he resided at 17 Oak Place. Wiggins & Weaver, *Cleveland Directory*, 1870-71.

1872 John Barr, notary and proprietor of the St. Clair Place Hotel in the year 1872-1873, boarded at the hotel during that time. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-1873.

1873 John Barr, attorney and notary, managed the St. Clair Place Hotel during the years 1873-1875. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1873-74, 1874-75.

1875 P. W. Buer was proprietor of the St. Clair Place Hotel, Ontario corner of St. Clair Street. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

1876 "St. Clair Place, on the corner of Ontario and St. Clair Streets, has been enlarged, refitted and under its present management, opened as a general hotel, as well as a first class boarding establishment.... The location is good being midway between Monumental Park and Lake View Park. The rooms are numerous and comfortably furnished and the table well kept." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 1876, 41.

1877 M. Kessler managed the St. Clair Place Hotel during the period from 1877 to 1880. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78; *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79.

1880 Mrs. M. Kessler became proprietress of the St. Clair Place House. *Cleveland Directory*, 1880-81.

1881 The name of the St. Clair Place Hotel was changed in 1881 to the Clarendon House. Mrs. M. Kessler managed the hostelry. *Cleveland Directory*, 1881-82.

1886 Mrs. M. Kessler's Clarendon House was listed at 149 St. Clair, corner of Ontario, from 1886 to 1890. *Cleveland Directory*, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890-91.

1893 The street number of the Clarendon House was again changed in 1893 to 251 St. Clair Street. Mrs. Kessler remained as proprietress. *Cleveland Directory*, 1893.

1894 Laertes Minor, a carpenter living at 46 Ontario Street, assumed the management of the Clarendon House in 1894. *Cleveland Directory*, 1894.

1898 Allen S. Wood, a conductor living at 2211 Prospect Street, became proprietor of the Clarendon House in 1898. *Cleveland Directory*, 1898-1899.

1899 Allen S. Wood was the proprietor of the Clarendon House from 1899 to 1908, when W. J. Troy took over the duties as proprietor. The address of the hotel was changed in 1905 from 251 St. Clair Street to 3 St. Clair Avenue, N.E. *Cleveland Directory*, 1899-1900, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908.

1909 The Clarendon Hotel, located at 3 St. Clair Avenue, N. E., changed its name in 1909, and was called the Troy Hotel. W. J. Troy was the proprietor from 1909 until 1914. *Cleveland Directory*, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914.

1915 In 1915 the Troy Hotel, located at 3 St. Clair Avenue, N. E., changed its name back to the Clarendon Hotel. Frank M. Hawley became the

proprietor in 1915 and continued in that capacity until 1938, according to the directory listings. *Cleveland Directory*, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938.

1941 The Clarendon Hotel at 3 St. Clair Avenue, N.E., was managed by Fred J. Woods from 1934 to 1941. *Cleveland Directory*, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941.

CLEVELAND CENTER HOUSE
Cleveland Flats

The main interest attaching to the Cleveland Center House lies in its having been a part of the famous development known as the "Center Allotment." This tract, coinciding in general with the "Flats," lay east of the river, within the encirclement of the great bend whose northern limit reaches a point about half a mile west of the Public Square. The promoters of the Center Allotment were William Hilliard, Edmund Clark and James S. Clark. After subdividing the land in December, 1833, they laid it out "with beautiful precision, into radiating streets, with cross streets at regular intervals." At the north end of Columbus street, apparently at its intersection with Division, James S. Clark built the large Center Block, of which the Cleveland Center House was a part. The site of the Block has been variously stated -- some authorities referring to it as Columbus and Division streets, and others as Columbus and Center. This would not seem to be a contradiction. Though Center and Division streets were on opposite sides of the river, the two, with bridge connection, made practically one continuous street. Hence, it is a natural inference that Division street east of the river was sometimes referred to as Center street.

The hotel itself has been described as a building of three stories, with six front windows on each floor. Available data do not make clear whether this denotes the hotel structure itself, as distinct from the rest of the Center Block, or simply the general architecture of the block itself.

Though, according to some statements, the Cleveland Center House existed as early as 1836, the dates of its completion and full operation as a hotel are uncertain. The first city directory (1837-1838) listed it among the principal hotels, yet referred to it as not yet completed. A reasonable deduction is that while the Cleveland Center House may have been open at that time on some limited scale, its operation was still short of what the owners were hoping and planning. In its location near the steamboat landings and canal transportation and as part of a major building and land development, it was meant to become one of the leading hotels of the West; but available facts do not indicate the

extent to which the ambitions of its promoters were realized. Orth, I, *Cleveland*, 45-46, 64, 429; Avery, *Cleveland*, 197; MacCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-1838, 110; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 294; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369; Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-1846, 29; *Leader*, July 18, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 48; Map, Cleveland, 1835; Alburn, I, 400-403; Hutchinson, Notes.

1833 Dec. "In December, 1833, all the land in the first big bend of the river, was subdivided by William Hilliard, Edmund Clark, and James S. Clark. This was called the 'Center Allotment.' It was laid out with beautiful precision into radiating streets, with cross streets at regular intervals. The place where all the radii met was pretentiously named 'Gravity Place.' Three of its streets became important; Columbus street the great thoroughfare between the east and west side before the building of the Superior street viaduct, Merwin street bordering the river and before the '60's an important shipping and warehouse street, and Commercial street which later gave its name to 'Commercial street Hill.'" Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 45.

1837 The Cleveland Center House was in the Center Block at the north end of Columbus Road at Division Street which was a continuation of Center Street from the other side of the river. It was three stories high and had six windows on each floor front. MacCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-1838, 110; Hutchinson, Notes; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 285, 400-403; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 45, 46, 429; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 294, 295; *Leader*, July 16, 1864.

1845 The Cleveland Center Block was at the corner of Division (later Center) and Columbus streets. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-1846, 29.

1849 June The entire third story of the Cleveland Center Block was whitewashed and fitted up with beds, nurses, etc., for a cholera hospital, when the epidemic occurred in Cleveland. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 195.

1864 July 16 The south portion of the Center Block, Center and Columbus sts., owned by Ransom and Cobb, and used for a sash and blind factory, fell in. *Leader*, July 18, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 48.

1865 Jan. 21 "The Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati Railroad Co.'s carpenter shop at the foot of depot hill has been moved to the building formerly called Cleveland Center. The old building will be removed to make way for an additional track." *Leader*, Jan. 21, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 257.

CLEVELAND EXCHANGE
Near corner of Superior and Merwin Streets

1838
Apr. 9 "Mr. Brockway of Brockport, N. Y., left his wallet containing $1,270 in his lodging room at the Cleveland Exchange on the morning of Saturday (Apr. 7) which was soon pocketed by some person other than the rightful owner. Mr. B. made a thorough search, and finally recovered the money. The bar-keeper, and a colored servant have been arrested on the charge of theft, and the latter fully committed for trial." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 9, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 22.

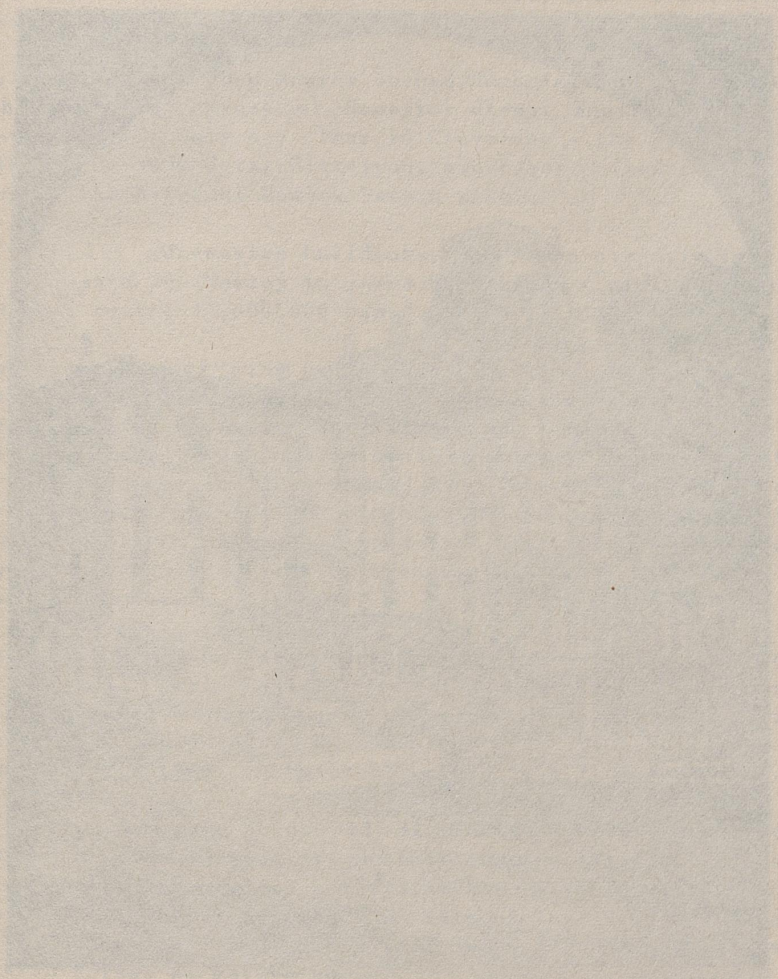
1840
Aug. 7 "About half past ten o'clock last evening a fire broke out in the basement of the Cleveland Exchange near the corner of Superior and Merwin Sts. The building was soon enveloped in flames, which spread to the large four-story brick hotel erected last fall by the Merwin estate and destroyed it. Three wooden buildings south of the exchange, extending on Merwin St. to an alley were also destroyed.

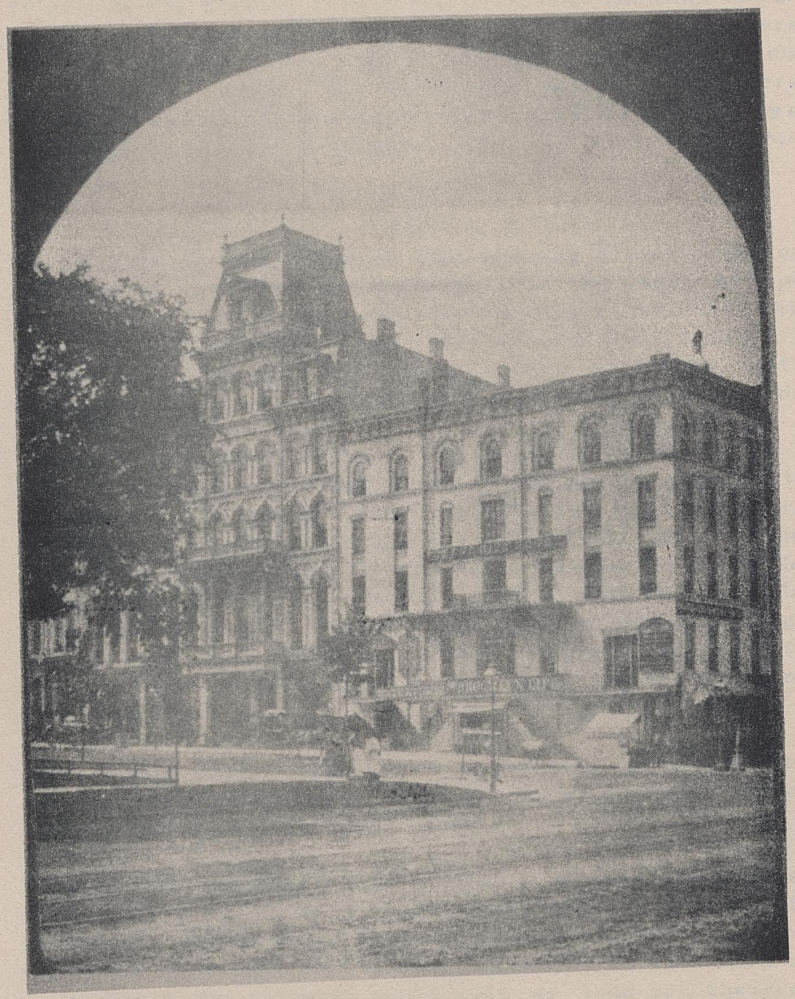
"The following is as correct a list of the losses as we have been able to obtain: New brick hotel belonging to the Merwin estate, $15,000, no insurance; Cleveland Exchange, occupied by Mrs. Foote, furniture &c., mostly destroyed, building fully insured; the building owned by R. Champion valued at $1,000, insured for $500; the Tremont House, occupied by Mrs. Thompson and owned by the McGarphy estate, building valued at $1,000, no insurance. The other building destroyed was occupied by C. Bradburn, grocer, damage to goods $600, insured for $1,500; building worth $1,000, owned by Benedict and Baxter, no insurance.

"The several fire companies were promptly on the ground, worked incessantly and with great spirit, and with as much effect as their engines and apparatus would allow.

"Better and more powerful engines are absolutely necessary for the security of our city, though judging from the inactivity and reluctance of some of our citizens, property holders too, in rendering aid at the fire last night, a portion would as soon burn up as not, or at least our citizens would just as soon see their neighbor's property given to the devouring element. Such reluctance on the part of citizens to take hold of the brakes, or even to guard property imminently exposed, we hope never to see again on a similar occasion.

"Our Ohio City neighbors with their engine did good service, and the soldiers from the barracks set our citizens an example they will do well to remember." *Herald*, Aug. 7, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 96.





Forest City House c. 1874

CLEVELAND HOTEL
Southwest corner Superior and Public Square

Even before the guns of Commodore Perry's ships were booming out their victory over the British fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie, weary travellers were being "put up" at Pliny Mowrey's little tavern here.

Continuously since 1812, when Mowrey opened the primitive slab inn to the meager public, the southwest corner of Superior Street and Public Square has been the site of a hotel. Only one other in Cleveland - the Fenway - has a longer career. The 1,000-room Hotel Cleveland, successor of five earlier structures, today occupies the original Mowrey Tavern site.

The site, with its successive buildings, has seen steadily increasing value from the $100 paid by Mowrey to James Huntington (plus about $250 for the slab building) to the $3,000,000 named in the last transfer in 1916.

In the long procession of "mine hosts" has been more than twenty-five persons. Some of these, such as Dr. McIntosh, one of the settlement's earlier physicians; Lorenzo Kelsey, later mayor of the city; Almon Kingsbury, Mathew Cozzens and W. J. (Billy) Akers have been prominent and colorful members of the community. These men were of every inclination and the tone of the tavern has reflected their attitudes; bars opened and closed with the ebb and flow of temperance sentiment and conduct of the house ranged from puritanical to liberal. During the last quarter century of its existence, the Forest City bar probably was the city's most popular rendezvous.

Originally considered too far "uptown," the growing city soon overtook its location; and for a half century it was the center of business activity. Meanwhile, its steadily increasing patronage made necessary the endless additions, extensions and new buildings. One of the early frame buildings was burned to the foundation in 1845. A brick structure rose from the ashes.

The early tavern had some points of distinction: The slab building erected in the rear, facing the Square, was the settlement's first public hall in which was given its first theatrical entertainment. Later converted into a livery for the hotel, it finally assumed the role of the "downtown" station of the Cleveland & Newburgh Railroad, whose rails were logs over which were dragged the cars, with horses as motive power.

Its cuisine long was a notable feature of the hotel's service. Over the dining room presided "Jerry," the snowytopped ex-slave known from one end of the country to the other. In this famous dining room Mark Hanna rose from a banquet to announce the candidacy of William McKinley for the presidency of the United States. Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, 36; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135, 136, 280; *Settlers Annals*, Vols. 3 and 5, Nos. 443 and 506; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 430, 1, 2; Kirkpatrick, *Transportation*, 89; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 11, 1941; Avery, *Cleveland*, 53.

1801 Samuel Huntington, adopted heir and protege of Governor Huntington of Connecticut, came to Cleveland with his wife, two sons and a nurse. He was admittedly the wealthiest member of the tiny settlement.

Huntington at once entered into negotiations with the Connecticut Land Company for a great tract of land--roughly, all of the surveyed town site lying east of the Cuyahoga River, south of Superior Street, and West of Ontario Street and Public Square.

This tract included Original Town Lot 82, site of the Mowrey tavern, and later, of the Cleveland Hotel. *Settlers Annals*, III, 359; *Press*, Scrapbook, Vol. 2; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 97.

1802 The Connecticut Land Company deeded to Samuel Huntington, under original partition of the Cleveland survey, land which included Original Lot 82 -- site of the Mowrey tavern. *Trumbull County Deeds*, 434-5.

1808 Reuben Mowrey of Hartford, Conn., brought his wife and their ten children to the Western Reserve in 1808. The family settled in Gustavus, Trumbull County. Family tradition has it that the father was a Revolutionary War veteran; and that a family treasure was the rifle, with his name carved on the stock, which he carried in the war for independence.

Pliny (sometimes incorrectly designated as Phinny) was the eldest son. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 136.

1811 In this year (or the year following) Pliny Mowrey left his home in Gustavus, Trumbull County, and came to the new settlement at Cleveland. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6.

1815 May 10 Samuel Huntington and his wife deeded to Pliny (spelling on deed) Mowrey the northeast corner of Original Lot 82; being a plot of approximately one-half acre, fronting 66 feet on Superior Street and 330 feet on Public Square. The consideration was given in the deed as $100. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, B-2, 43-4.

1816 Dec. 3 Pliny Mowrey was married to Rhoda Curtis, believed to have been the daughter of a tanner of the name of Curtis, who lived on Euclid Avenue near Giddings Avenue, (now East 71st Street). Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6.

1817 — About this time (date uncertain) Mowrey purportedly repaid a loan of $230.63 made by Nathan Perry, either to build the tavern or to furnish it. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6.

1818 — A new owner, Donald McIntosh, took possession of Mowrey tavern, sometime late in the year.

This new landlord was a person of considerable notoriety in the settlement. Doctor by profession, he mixed the practice of medicine with tavern keeping. He was a good patron of his own bar, a fancier of horses and dogs, played the violin and, altogether, was immensely popular. Orth, *Cleveland*, 432; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 136; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 400.

1818 Feb. 23 — Hosea Mowrey, younger brother of Pliny, came to Cleveland with his wife.

His advent marked the beginning of a series of financial operations, the details of which are not clear; but which resulted finally in reducing Pliny Mowrey to bankruptcy.

The first step seems to have been the deeding of the tavern by Pliny and his wife to Hosea for a consideration of $4,500. This deed is dated Feb. 23, 1818.

This money was used to enlarge the hotel and to erect in the rear an annex known as "Mowrey's Hall"; also, to provide added stabling for horses of the guests. Alburn, *Cleveland*, II, 873; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6; *County Deeds*, C-3, 85-6; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 11, 1941.

1818 May 5 — Ninety days after getting the hotel in his name, Hosea Mowrey and his wife deeded it to Donald McIntosh. The same $4,500 consideration was named in this deed as in the transfer from Pliny to Hosea. *County Deeds*, C-3, 16-7.

1818 Aug. 11 — "By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, to me directed, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Cuyahoga, against the goods and chattels and, for the want thereof, the lands and tenements of Pliney Mowrey. I have taken a lot of land known as part of Lot 82 of the town plot of Cleaveland which I shall expose to sale at public vendue on the 15th day of September next, at one o'clock, p.m., of that day, at the court house in Cleaveland, in and for said county. S. Doan, Coroner." *Register*, Aug. 11, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 35.

1818 Sept. 29 — Public sale of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of Pliney Mowrey, set for this date, was postponed by S. Doan, Coroner, until the following, Tuesday, Oct. 4. *Register*, Sept. 29, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 140.

1819 May 25 — Dr. McIntosh appeared for the first time in the contemporary newspapers as owner and proprietor of the Mowrey Tavern, in an advertisement setting forth that a large collection of wax figures of famous characters would be on exhibition "at the ball room of Dr. McIntosh." *Register*, May 25, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 558.

1819 Aug. 24 — "The persons who stole EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS out of the pocket-book, at the new frame building opposite Doctor McIntosh's tavern, on Superior Street, Cleaveland, will please to return the same to Doctor McIntosh immediately, or a writ will be served on them, which will cause them trouble and expense. On condition the money is returned, the names of the persons taking it shall be kept a secret; but otherwise the perpetrators of the crime shall suffer the penalty of the law." *Register*, Aug. 24, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 723, 724.

1820 Jan. 18 — Pliny (signed Plinny) Mowrey, appeared as attorney for Hosea Mowrey in giving a quit claim deed to Donald McIntosh for the Mowrey property. The same $4,500 consideration was named in this deed. *County Deeds*, C-3, 512.

1820 Jan. 25 — Donald McIntosh and his wife and Pliny Mowrey and his wife jointly gave a quit claim deed of the Mowrey property to Leonard Case as trustee for Joseph T. Boyd. The consideration in this deed was $1200.

This transfer is believed to have been the final chapter in the Mowrey financial tangle. *County Deeds*, C-3, 516-7; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6.

1820 May 23 — What is believed to have been the first theatrical performance held in the little settlement was in the hall (the recently constructed annex) of the Mowrey tavern.

No advertisement is to be found announcing the first performance but on May 30 the following appeared in the *Herald:*

"THEATRE -- AT Mawry's (Mowrey's) Hall, Cleveland
(Being Positively the Last Night)
Mr. Blanchard, feeling indebted to the citizens of Cleaveland for their kind and liberal reception of his endeavors to please, returns them his sincere thanks.

He also begs to inform them that he will offer for their satisfaction and amusement on Wednesday evening, May 31, the entire play of THE MOUNTAINEERS, with Songs, Duets, etc. (Cast of characters follows), after which the following songs: The duet of "*Blue Eyed Mary*" by Mr. and Miss Blanchard; A song by Mrs. Green; Comic song *The Cobbler*, by Mr. W. Blanchard. By particular desire, will be repeated the laughable farce of THE VILLAGE LAWYER. The whole will conclude with a favorite comic song by Mr. W. Blanchard. The doors will be opened at early candlelight."

Families came from as far as Doan's Corners and from Newburgh to witness these performances. *Settlers Annals*, II, 409; *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook II; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432, 435; *Plain Dealer*, 1920, Scrapbook V; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 426; Alburn, *Cleveland*, II, 1139.

1820 Aug. 15 "Miss Lucy Ann Coon was married to Almon Kingsbury on Aug. 6, in Newburgh." *Herald*, Aug. 15, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 54.

1821 May 8 "There will be a Concert of Sacred Music at Mr. P. Mowrey's assembly room, on Friday evening, next, May 10, to commence at 7 o'clock precisely. A general invitation is given to those who are desirous of witnessing the performance." *Herald*, May 8, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 114.

1821 June 26 "Caution! All persons are cautioned against purchasing or receiving the following described notes of hand, viz: One of one hundred dollars, in favor of O. Cutter & Co., and payable in eleven months; One of thirty-five dollars payable in horses or cattle; One of thirty-seven dollars payable in cash.

The above notes were unlawfully taken from the subscriber and payment on any of them will not be made. Plinney Mowrey." *Herald*, June 26, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 90.

1822 Jan. 1 "A. Kingsbury respectfully informs his friends and the public in general that he has opened a house of entertainment in the village of Cleveland, at the stand lately occupied by P. Mowrey on the Public square, where he will at all times hold himself in readiness to accomodate (sic) customers. He flatters himself that his preparation, assiduous attention and reasonable charges will secure him a share of patronage." *Herald*, Jan. 1, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 182.

1822 June 27 — The committee on arrangements for the coming Independence Day celebration in the court house announced that those who wished to partake of a public dinner to be served by Mr. Kingsbury should leave their names at the hotel bar. *Herald*, June 27, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 180.

1822 July 11 — "The 46th anniversary of our national independence was celebrated by the citisens (sic) of this village and vicinity....At 2 p.m. a respectable number repaired to Mr. Kingsbury's inn, and partook of an excellent dinner, prepared for the occasion." *Herald*, July 11, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 181.

1822 Oct. 26 — Leonard Case and his wife deeded the Mowrey Tavern property to Thomas Hartford for a named consideration of $810. *County Deeds*, D-4, 397-8.

1822 Dec. 26 — "Militia Notice. The Commissioned officers of the 1st Regiment, 2nd Brigade, and 9th division of the Ohio Militia, are requested to convene at the house of Almon Kingsbury, in the village of Cleaveland, on the twenty-first day of January next, at the usual hours appointed by law, for the purpose of electing one Major for said regiment. P. Baldwin, Colonel, 1st R. 2B. 9th D. O. M. Cleaveland, Dec. 24." *Herald*, Dec. 26, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 189.

1823 July 24 — "Philosophical AMUSEMENT! Mr. Beecher would respectfully announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleveland that he intends offering for their amusement, this evening, at the house of Mr. Kingsbury, an Exhibition of interesting Chemical Experiments; in addition to which will be exhibited the powerful and astonishing effects of Nitrous Oxide, or Exhilarating Gas, which will afford sensations of pleasure and delight to those who breath (sic) it." *Herald*, July 24, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 23.

1823 July 24 — "Military Notice. The members of the 1st Cavalry Company, 1st Reg., 2d Brig., 9th Div. of the Ohio Militia, are requested to meet at the house of Almon Kingsbury, in the Village of Cleveland, on Saturday, the 26th inst.... G. L. Chapman, Captain." *Herald*, July 24, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 35.

1823 Oct. 16 — "An elegant Museum of Wax-works. Mr. Bates respectfully acquaints the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleaveland and vicinity that he will

open on the 21st at the house of Mr. Kingsbury a large and elegant collection of Wax Figures, As Large As Life...." *Herald*, Oct. 16, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 36.

1823 Nov. 6 — "Stray chest. Left at the tavern of the subscriber in Cleveland, a Chest containing sundry articles of a domestic nature, such as Leather, Books, Clothing, etc. Said chest was brought from the wharves with goods from the schooner *Eclipse* and no person claims it. The owner can have same by paying storage and for this advertisement. A. Kingsbury." *Herald*, Nov. 6, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 31.

1823 Dec. 18 — "Lost, on the 11th inst. in the village of Cleaveland, a small red change pocket-book, containing one two-dollar bill and two one-dollar bills on the Western Reserve Bank. Whoever has found said pocket-book shall be handsomely rewarded by leaving the same ... with the subscriber. Almon Kingsbury." *Herald*, Dec. 18, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 31.

1824 — Pliny Mowrey left Cleveland and went to some other settlement "up the river." Misfortune is said to have continued to pursue him; and not long afterward he disappeared. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 135-6.

1824 July 16 — "Reuben Wood vs. Pliney Mowrey, in attachment. Notice to all concerned is hereby given that on my application, Eleazer Watterman issued a writ of attachment against the goods, chattels, of the said Mowrey, an absent debtor, in my favor, on the 12th inst. R. Wood." *Herald*, July 16, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 85.

1824 Nov. 12 — "Almon Kingsbury informs his friends and the public generally that he has returned to his old stand on the Public Square in Cleaveland, where he intends keeping a house of Public Entertainment. Having spacious accomodations (sic), and having furnished himself with a stock of Liquors and other necessities, he hopes to make his house agreeable to all who may please to give him a call." *Herald*, Nov. 12, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 144.

1825 July 8 — "A Grand Caravan of Living Animals Will be exhibited in this Village during the ensuing week, at Kingsbury's Tavern." *Herald*, July 8, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 191.

Hotels and Taverns
Cleveland Hotel

1825 Sept. 2 "Military Notice! The qualified electors of the 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, 9th Division of Ohio Militia, are requested to meet at the house of A. Kingsbury, in the village of Cleaveland on the 19th inst. for the purpose of electing a Lieutenant-Colonel...and to fill such other vacancies as may occur." *Herald*, Sept. 2, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 201.

1825 Sept. 23 "Dancing School. Fall Quarter. Mr. E. R. Hull informs those ladies and gentlemen who may wish to embrace the opportunity of improving in the Art of Dancing that he intends opening a School for their instruction on the 7th of November, next, at Mr. Kingsbury's Hall." *Herald*, Sept. 23, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 182.

1826 Jan. 6 "New Store. Almon Kingsbury (at the corner of Superior Street and the Public Square) has just received a handsome assortment of... goods, Which he offers for sale, wholesale and retail, at the lowest prices, for cash." *Herald*, Jan. 6, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 57.

1826 Oct. 13 "Notice. Written proposals will be received by the Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, at Kingsbury's Inn, in Cleaveland, on Nov. 1, for furnishing the stone that will be wanted in building a Court House in Cleaveland. Proposals will also be received for furnishing the necessary square oak timber, joists and scantling, white oak and white wood boards. The above articles to be paid for, one half in cash on delivery and the other half on the first of January, following. Simeon Fuller, Jonathan Fisher, David Long, County Commissioners." *Herald*, Oct. 13, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 2.

1827 Gurdon Fitch, of Lebanon, Conn., was the son of the (Reverend) James Fitch. He married Hannah Peck of Franklin, Conn., about 1815. Eleven years later Fitch, with his wife and family of five children, moved to Cleveland, where he ran a tavern on the old Mowrey site. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 306; *Settlers Annals*, II, 361.

1827 Apr. 27 "Notice. The subscribers will be at G. (Gurdon) Fitch's Tavern on the 5th of May, for the purpose of contracting for the sand, scaffold poles, withes for the Court House. George G. Hills, Henry L. Dibble." *Herald*, Apr. 27, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 79.

1827
July 20 "Military Order. The first, second, third and fourth Rifle Companies now attached to the First Regiment, Second Brigade, Ninth Division Ohio Militia, are organized into a Battalion, being the First Rifle Battalion of said Brigade; and the commissioned officers of said Battalion will meet at the house of G. Fitch, Innkeeper, in Cleveland, on the 4th day of August next; and then and there elect a Lieutenant Colonel and Major, as the law directs.... John W. Willey, aid-de-camp." *Herald*, July 20, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 123.

1828
July 4 "By virtue of an execution to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County, I shall expose to public sale at the house of Gurdon Fitch, in the village of Cleaveland, on Thursday, July 15, one Clock and 18 narrow axes. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, July 4, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 241.

1828
Sept. 26 "A letter to the Editor, signed 'Some Plain Sort of Folks' says: Please to insert the name of Gurdon Fitch of Cleveland, as candidate for the office of Auditor." (Fitch was defeated for the office by Orville B. Skinner by 607 votes). *Herald*, Sept. 26, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 215.

1829
Sept. 24 "You are authorized...to announce Gurdon Fitch for Treasurer." *Herald*, Sept. 24, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 61.

1829
Oct. 8 "The members of the Cleaveland branch of the Friendly Botanic Society, will meet at G. Fitch's Inn, in Cleaveland, on Friday the 16th day of October, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Edwin Foote, Secretary." *Herald*, Oct. 8, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 6.

1829
Oct. 15 "Members of the First Cavalry Co., First Regiment, Second Brigade, Ninth Division of Ohio Militia,...are ordered to meet at the house of Gurdon Fitch,...Oct. 24, to elect a captain." *Herald*, Oct. 15, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 39.

1830 Mathew Cozzens and his wife, Susan, came from England about 1812 and settled in Cazenovia, N.Y., where their family was born. They came to Cleveland in the 1820's, and Cozzens, in 1830, became proprietor of the former Mowrey Tavern. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 358.

1830 Mar. 11 — "The meeting of the Cuyahoga Friendly Botanic Society will meet at G. Fitch's Inn, Cleaveland, on Thursday the 25th day of March inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. A general attendance is requested. Edwin Foote, Secretary." *Herald*, Mar. 11, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 142.

1830 Mar. 18 — In the following newspaper announcement, Mathew Cozzens first appears as proprietor of the former Mowrey tavern:

"Dr. Weldon... will in a few days, commence boarding with Mathew Cozzens at the tavern lately occupied by G. Fitch...." *Herald*, Mar. 18, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 132, 133.

1830 May 13 — "Strayed or Stolen, a dark bay mare...from the shed of M. Cozzens Tavern in the village of Cleaveland on May 11...Aaron Hubbard." *Herald*, May 13, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 123.

1830 July 17 — To satisfy a mortgage judgement, Thomas Hartford and his wife gave a quit claim deed of the Mowrey tavern property to James Clark for a stated consideration of $1800. *County Deeds*, 1-9, 219-20.

1830 Sept. 23 — "By virtue of an execution to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County,...at the house of Mathew Cozzens in Cleaveland...there will be offered for sale one two-horse wagon, harness and one chaise or gig. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 23, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 98.

1831 Mar. 12 — "By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed from the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga County, I shall expose for sale at public vendue at the tavern house of M. Cozzens in Cleaveland, on Mar. 12, five horses, four wagons, one chaise, and 3 sets of harness.- John Barr, Sheriff." *Herald*, Mar. 12, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 240.

1831 June 9 — "Commissioned officers of the First Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade, Ninth Division, Ohio Militia, are hereby notified to meet at the tavern of M. Cozzens...on the 21st day of June...for the purpose of electing a Brigadier General...J. L. Conger, Aid-de-Camp." *Herald*, June 9, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 209.

1831 Sept. 12 — "Lost...Near the tavern of M. Cozzens in Cleaveland an account book. Any person who may find said book and will leave same at the *Herald* office shall be reasonably rewarded for his trouble. H. A. Gleason." *Herald*, Sept. 12, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 204.

1831 Nov. 15 "Strayed or Stolen from the stable of M. Cozzen's Tavern in the village of Cleaveland, on the 15th. or 16th. of October, a dark brown mare." *Herald*, Nov. 15, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 201.

1832 Several months of 1832 were consumed by James S. Clark in razing the earlier hostelry and constructing a new and, for that time, large and modern hotel building on the original Mowrey Tavern site.

A lithograph of the Public Square as it appeared in 1833 shows the new hotel building, designated "Cleveland Hotel and Livery Barns." It is pictured as a frame structure, three stories in height. A broad terrace spans the Public Square front. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 114; Scrapbook, Vol. 2; C.P.L. Photo File (under "Public Square"); Clipping File, March 19, 1915.

1832 May 15 When James S. Clark razed the old Mowrey tavern preparatory to building a new hotel building, Mathew Cozzens took the management of the Eagle Tavern at St. Clair and Water streets.

On the above date, the following advertisement appeared in the *Herald* announcing his new proprietorship:

"Eagle Tavern. M. Cozzens takes this opportunity of tendering to his friends and the public his thanks for the liberal support he has hitherto received and, also, of informing them that he has recently rented for a term of years the wellknown tavern stand on the corner of St. Clair and Water streets lately occupied by Gaius Boughton, where he is prepared to accomodate (sic) travellers and boarders." *Herald*, May 15, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 3, 4.

1833 Jan. 5 The new hotel probably was completed in the Fall of 1832; because this advertisement appeared in January of the following year:

"S. Smart requests the attention of the public to his small store (if they want bargains) opposite the mammoth Tavern called the Cleveland House, corner of Superior street and the Square. I will sell cheap for cash, Butter, Eggs, etc." *Herald*, Jan. 5, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 127.

1834 The former barn in the rear of the Cleveland House served as the downtown depot of the Cleveland & Newburgh Railroad, whose wooden rails stretched out Euclid Street to stone quarries near the site of the (1914) Case and Western Reserve colleges. The cars, which

hauled freight only, were drawn by two horses, driven tandem. *Settlers Annals*, I, 51; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 124; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 385; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, II, 85; *Plain Dealer*, March 19, 1915; Chamber of Commerce, *Chronicle*, 3.

1834 Jan. 4 — "Notice is hereby given that I shall present a petition to the President, Trustees and Recorder of the Village of Cleveland, requesting them to grant me a license to keep a grocery in the building occupied by me on Superior Street. M. Cozzens." *Herald*, Jan. 4, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 182.

1834 Apr. 5 — "Robert Hicks, Surgeon and Physician, having determined to settle himself and family in Cleveland, may be found at his Room No. 13, Cleveland House, by those who wish to consult him in his profession." *Herald*, April 5, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 197.

1834 May 10 — "The large and commodious Cleveland House, erected at great expense by our enterprising citizens, James S. Clarke, Esq., has recently been opened by Matthew Cozzens. The building is three stories high, pleasantly located on Public Square, and commands a fine view of the lake." *Herald*, May 10, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 187.

1834 June 14 — "Caleb Atwater, Esq., author of a work on the antiquities of the western country, is at the Cleveland House, and will remain there for a few days." *Herald*, June 14, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 186.

1834 Aug. 30 — "The 'Post Office Party' have given notice of a meeting of friends of the administration (Andrew Jackson) in the Cleveland House on Sept. 6." *Herald*, Aug. 30, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 211.

1835 Jan. 5 — "An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Cleveland was held at the Cleveland House on Monday evening last to adopt and recommend measures in reference to the contemplated improvement to connect the Ohio and the Pennsylvania canals." *Herald*, Jan. 5, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 7.

1835 July 29 — "We accepted the invitation of Mr. Chandler to visit last evening his exhibition, just opened at the Cleveland House, of Four Egyptian Mummies, purported to have been obtained from Thebes." *Herald*, July 29, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 21.

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1835 July 30 — "The Gentlemen of this village, who are in favor of forming a Bachelors' Society for literary purposes, are requested to meet at the 'Cleveland House' ... on the 30th inst." *Herald*, July 30, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 42.

1835 Dec. 9 — "Notice is hereby given that the books for subscription to the capital stock of the Bedford Railroad co. will be opened on Jan. 4 next at ten o'clock in the forenoon as follows: At the Cleveland House in the village of Cleveland, and at the Inn kept by Silas Gray in the village of Bedford. Hezekiah Dunham, Amos Belding, Seth A. Abbey, S. S. Handerson, A. S. Barnum, and E. Baldwin, commissioners under the charter." *Whig*, Dec. 9, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 94-95.

1836 Feb. 10 — "Married at the Cleveland House in this village last evening by Rev. Mr. Seward, of Aurora: Mr. Gilman T. Chadwick, of Cuyahoga Falls, to Miss Lois C. Gaylord, of Hudson." *Whig*, Feb. 10, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 196.

1836 Apr. 16 — "Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland Warren railroad at the Cleveland House on May 12 next for the purpose of electing directors." *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 260.

1836 May 14 — "At a meeting of the directors of the Cleveland and Warren Railroad Co., held at Cleveland on May 12, John W. Willey was unanimously appointed president of the board. Charles Whittlesey was appointed secretary and Edmund Clark was appointed treasurer." *Herald*, May 14, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 261.

1836 June 9 — "M. Cozzens has filed with the City Clerk a petition for a license to keep a Tavern at the stand known as the Cleveland House." *Herald*, June 9, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1836 June 22 — The city council committee on licenses granted Mathew Cozzens a tavern license, for the fee of $40. *Council Journal* "A," 48.

1836 Oct. 18 — "The subscribers have this day filed their petition with the City Clerk for a license to keep a grocery at their stand under the Cleveland House. Alfred Cozzens (son of Mathew) & Company." *Herald*, Oct. 18, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 173.

1837

In 1837 the hotel (Cleveland House) was kept by Ascher Selover, who had lately come from New York City. The hotel had connected with it on the south, a barn and livery stable, which fronted the Public Square. *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 442; Avery, *Cleveland*, 197; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432; MacCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 400-403; Hutchinson, Notes, 1, "Hotels"; C. P. L. *Scrapbook*, Vol. V, July 9, 1925.

1837
May

John Pierce filed suit in the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga County for collection of a debt against Mathew Cozzens, in May, 1837. He was awarded a judgement for $321.20 and costs of $9.96. Executions were issued and numerous hearings held in the following 21 months; but the judgement remained unsatisfied. Finally, the case was dismissed at Pierce's costs. *Court Records*, I, 3.

1837
June 7

"Those who delight in beholding the Wonder of Nature, may have an opportunity of viewing one of her choicest specimens of workmanship in the persons of Mr. & Mrs. Booth. Mr. Booth is now 40 years of age, well formed, in good health, and but 40 inches high. Mrs. Booth is about 30 years of age, has a good countenance, has had three children, and is only 30 inches high. They are in reduced circumstances, and have resorted to this method to procure a livelihood. They will be at the Cleveland House for a few days. Price of Admittance is 12½ cents." *Herald*, June 7, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 127.

1837
July 22

When Mathew Cozzens temporarily gave up management of the Cleveland House, he was succeeded by Ascher Selover.

The following advertisement appeared in the *Herald* July 22, 1837:

"I have levied upon and will expose to sale at A. Selover's in the city of Cleveland on Aug. 4, between 10 o'clock a.m. and 1 o'clock p.m., the following goods and chattels: one brown mare five years old, one yearling colt. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff, by H. Beebee, Deputy." *Herald*, July 22, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 341; Orth, *Cleveland*, III, 703; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369.

1837
Sept. 14

"I shall expose to public sale at the Cleveland House... on Sept. 28 ... one span of mares, one sucking colt, one three-year old colt and one two-horse wagon. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 14, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 344.

1838 Lorenzo Alson Kelsey was one of Cleveland's distinguished citizens, who left his impress on the latter day city.

Descended of a colonial governor and married to the grand-daughter of Hezekiah Huntington, Revolutionary War general, he was a wealthy and cultured man when he and his wife came to Cleveland in 1837 to assume charge of the real estate development known then as "Cleveland Exchange" on the "flats."

That project failed, however, before he was able to identify himself with it. So, he managed the Cleveland House for James S. Clark for a few months. Followed a short career as a lake captain; then he became proprietor of the New England House.

He was mayor of Cleveland in 1848 and 1849. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 434.

1838 Apr. 12 At a special meeting of the City Council, the petition of Lorenzo A. Kelsey for permission to keep a tavern (Cleveland House) was presented. *Herald*, Apr. 12, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 47.

1838 May 7 "Cleveland Theater Monday evening May 7th, will be presented the splendid drama of VALENTINE AND ORSON, OR THE WILD MAN OF THE WOODS. 'Orson,' (the wild man) Mr. Marble; 'Song,' Mrs. Kore.

The whole to conclude with the Drama of THE SEVEN CLERKS. 'Claude Dermand,' Mr. Marble.

Price of admission, Box 75 cents, Pit 50 cents. Tickets to be had at the American, Franklin, Cleveland and Washington Houses, City Coffee house and at the Box office. No money will be received at the door. Doors open at 6-½, performance at 7-½." *Herald*, May 7, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 404.

1838 May 9 City Council granted to Lorenzo Kelsey a license to keep a tavern (Cleveland House) for a fee of $40. *Council Journal* "A," 349.

1838 June 18 It was in the Cleveland House that a number of young men came together on June 18, 1838 - pursuant to a call issued by D. W. Cross - and perfected the organization of the Cleveland Grays, which has been by turns True Blues and City Guards. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 19, 1915, *Herald*, June 18, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 208.

1838 July 2 — "Tickets for the 4th of July dinner, can be had at the American, Franklin, Cleveland and Washington Houses, Cleveland Exchange, John Bennet's Coffee House, W. B. Bennet's Saloon, and Sanford & Lott's Book Store." *Herald*, July 2, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 136.

1838 Sept. 5 — "The steamboat CLEVELAND, A. E. Hart, master, will leave here on an excursion for the benefit of the fire department of Ohio City on Sept. 10. Tickets are one dollar for gentlemen: ladies free; to be had at the American, Franklin, and Cleveland Houses and at the bookstores. The boat leaves the dock at 9:30 a.m., and at ten a.m. from the foot of Main st., Ohio City." *Herald*, Sept. 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 109.

1838 Nov. 1 — "Lost. In or about the Cleveland House, about Oct. 25, a calfskin wallet containing notes and valuable receipts.... L. I. Bentley." *Herald*, Nov. 1, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 162.

1838 Nov. 12 — "Great Attraction. Statue of Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, has arrived in Cleveland, is now being exhibited at the Cleveland House...for a few days only, 9:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. Admittance 25¢. Season ticket 50¢." *Herald*, Nov. 12, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 182.

1839 — In the suit of John Pierce vs. Mathew Cozzens, Charles W. Cook and James S. Clark for satisfaction of judgement, Cozzens testified that he was a tenant of Clark, owner of the hotel property. Clark testified that the hotel building was leased to one Benjamin Ross, (husband of Cozzen's daughter, Mary) who had purchased the hotel furniture from him (Clark). Cozzens explained that Ross and himself had furnished Clark - in lieu of rental for the hotel - two rooms, light, fuel, refreshment for himself and friends, and care of one or more horses. *Court Records*, I, 4.

1839 Jan. 1 — "Cleveland Greys will hold first annual military ball on Jan. 23 at American House - Tickets for sale at the Cleveland House." *Herald*, Jan. 1, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 140.

1839 Feb. 26 — "A meeting of the voters of the First Ward will be held at the Cleveland House this evening for the nomination of suitable persons for City offices." *Herald*, Feb. 26, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 152.

1839 Apr. 3 — "Sheriff Sale... at the Cleveland House in the city of Cleveland on April 13... ." *Herald*, Apr. 3, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 209.

1839 July 22 — "Four keys lost - Finder to leave them at office of Herald-Gazette or with Mr. M'Intyre - bar keeper at Cleveland House." *Herald*, July 22, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 106.

1840 Mar. — In the suit of John Pierce vs. Mathew Cozzens, Charles W. Cook and James S. Clark for satisfaction of judgement, Clark testified that in March, 1840, Benjamin Ross withdrew from his partnership with Mathew Cozzens; and that Cozzens then became sole tenant of Clark, under the lease. *Court Records*, I, 4.

1840 Aug. 29 — "Notice - E. D. Cobb Recently from New York would give notice to the citizens of Cleveland and vicinity that he intends giving a course of lessons in mezzotinto and Chinese flower painting... at his rooms at the Cleveland house." *Herald*, Aug. 29, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 6.

1841 Apr. 24 — In the suit of John Pierce vs. Mathew Cozzens, Charles W. Cook and James S. Clark for satisfaction of judgement, Clark testified that he had obtained a loan of $300 from Cook, to secure which he (Clark) had transferred his interest in the furniture and other goods in the Cleveland House to Cook; and also had agreed to sell him the said furniture, etc., with the privilege of renting the tavern for a term of two years after the agreement of Clark and Cozzens had terminated. *Court Records*, I, 4.

1841 June 30 — The agreement for purchase of furniture and lease of the Cleveland House, between James S Clark and Charles W. Cook apparently was carried out. Permission was given by the City Council to Charles W. Cook of the Cleveland House "to set his tables at the approaching anniversary (Independence Day) in the Public Square." *Council Journal* "C," 91.

1841 Aug. 19 — "Commissioned and Staff officers of the 2nd Regiment, 1st Brigade of the 9th Division, Ohio Militia, are hereby ordered to meet at the Cleveland House on the 27th and 28th days of August next, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, armed and equipped as the law directs for drill and inspection." *Herald*, Aug. 19, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 301.

1842 Feb. 3 — James W. Cook, lessee and proprietor of the hotel, in response to the growing demand, banned the sale of liquors, and inserted the work "Temperance" in its title. The following notice appeared on the above date:

"The Cleveland Guards will have their annual parade on Feb. 22. An invitation is extended to the friends of the Company to join in the festivities of an anniversary dinner to be served by Mr. Cook at the Cleveland Temperance House." *Herald*, Feb. 3, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 154.

1842 Feb. 21 — "On Feb. 21, (1842) the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society held their Meeting at the Temperance House." *Herald*, Feb. 21, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 7.

1842 May 17 — By order of the Master Commissioner in Chancery, James S. Clark deeded to the Commercial Bank of Lake Erie, of Cleveland, the Mowrey tavern site for a consideration of $6,667.

The transfer record does not show whether this sale included the hotel building. *County Deeds*, 31, 297-8-9.

1842 Sept. 5 — Dr. M. Hart, from Philadelphia, advertised to do dental work of all kinds, including "toothache cured in five minutes (without extracting) free of charge" from his office in the Cleveland Temperance House. *Herald*, Sept. 5, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 98.

1842 Nov. 23 — "Private lessons in penmanship given at room No. 14, Cleveland Temperance House." *Herald*, Nov. 23, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 244.

1843 Feb. 3 — O. G. Darwin succeeded Charles W. Cook as proprietor of the Cleveland Temperance House. First notice of this change is given in the following advertisement on the above date:

"Owner wanted! A box marked 'J. Randolph' and supposed to contain property of value, has been lying in the storeroom at the Cleveland Temperance House for some months past. The owner is requested to pay charges and take it away. O. G. Darwin." *Herald*, Feb. 3, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 157.

1843 Apr. 22 — Mr. Nott introduced a resolution in Cleveland council directing the marshal to remove the portico in front of the Cleveland House. *Council Journal* "C," 260.

1843 Apr. 28 "Messrs. Clapp and Curtis of Painesville are stopping at the Temperance House.... displaying manufactured silk. They began the growing and manufacture of silk last season; their experiment has been crowned with success." *Herald*, Apr. 28, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 316.

1843 May 6 "J. B. Wigman, Chr. of the Committee on Streets, reported in favor of the Petition of sundry persons for removing the Portico of the Cleveland House. Amended by giving the owners six weeks notice to remove said Portico and in default thereof the Marshall was instructed to remove same." *Council Journal* "C," 262.

1843 June 22 "At the city council meeting last night, it was resolved that the owners of the Cleveland Temperance House be ordered to remove the filth in and about the several buildings and yards connected therewith." *Herald*, June 22, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 284.

1843 June 27 "Second Advent Camp Meeting. To commence on Wednesday, 28th Inst. in Warrensville, about seven miles from Cleveland, on Mr. Warren's farm. A barouch (sic) and wagon will start from the Cleveland Temperance House for the camp ground." *Herald*, June 27, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 41.

1843 July 19 "Petition of James S. Clark for continuing the Cleveland House Portico until Sept. next adopted." *Council Journal* "C," 286.

1843 Sept. 25 "Petition of O. G. Darwin, proprietor, asking an extension for removing the Cleveland House Piaza (Portico) until the first of June next, referred to the Committee on Streets." *Council Journal* "C," 283, 302.

1843 Nov. 1 "Petition of O. G. Darwin, proprietor, asking an extension of time in removing Cleveland House Portico. Adopted." *Council Journal* "C," 309.

1843 Nov. 17 "Petition of citizens for an extension of time in removing the Cleveland House Portico until the first of June next. Granted." *Council Journal* "C," 313.

1844 Mar. 23 "Besides all the business prosperity of Cleveland, and not the least of your blessings is it, you have a place and a house for the traveller and Sir, I found that place at the Temperance House kept by Mr. Darwin... It is worthy of patronage." *Herald*, Mar. 23, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 511.

1844
Apr. 10 — A petition to improve Superior Street in the vicinity of the Cleveland House was referred to the committee on streets. *Council Journal* "C," 353.

1844
July 8 — "Died: On Sunday morning, the 7th inst., at the Temperance House in this city, Jesse Shepard, Esq., of New Hartford, Conn., aged 67 years." *Herald*, July 8, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 580.

1845
Feb. 6 — At 4 A. M. of a bitterly cold morning, fire broke out in the kitchen of the Temperance House, and before the flames burned themselves out, the hotel and the building on Superior street adjoining on the west, were charred shells.

No lives are reported to have been lost.

Loss to contents of the hotel building, which was owned by the Commercial Bank of Lake Erie and under lease to O. G. Darwin, was relatively small, as much was removed before reached by the flames. Neither building nor contents were covered by insurance.

The basement stores were occupied by Kane, Selover & Hull, grocers; and Bell and Bowman, barbers. *Herald*, Feb. 6, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 621; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 12, 1845; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 443; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, 36; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432.

1845
June — Edward Dwight was given a deed to the Mowrey tavern site by Truman Handy, acting as trustee for the Commercial Bank of Lake Erie. *County Deeds*, 35, 687-690.

1848 — "Dunham House, Cor. Superior and Public Square, A. Nutting, Propr." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-1849.

1848
July 17 — "Dunham House will be open tomorrow July 18, 1848, for business, thus adding to the list of excellent public houses in Cleveland. *Daily True Democrat*, July 17, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 44.

1848
July 18 — Not long after the burning of the Cleveland House, the lease was acquired by David B. Dunham, of Bedford, who began construction of "a neat brick structure" of three stories and basement. The entrance was on the Public Square side; the stores were in the basement, facing Superior street. More than a year was required for its construction and furnishing. The building was opened July 18, 1848.

Herald, May 19 and Sept. 29, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 21 and 93; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 400; *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 19, 1915 and Dec. 15, 1918.

1848 Aug. 2 — "A meeting of the friends of Free Territory, Free Labor, and Free Men will be held tonight at the Dunham House." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 2, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 154.

1848 Aug. 4 — "Irad Kelley, chairman of the committee on steamers to accomodate (sic) delegates to the Buffalo convention (of the Friends of Free Territory, Free Labor and Free Men at Buffalo) requests all who intend going to register their names at the Dunham House as soon as possible." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 4, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 154.

1848 Aug. 8 — "Badges on which are inscribed the word Ohio, to be worn by the Ohio delegates to the Buffalo convention of the party of Free Territory, Free Labor and Free Men, can be had at the Dunham House." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 8, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 155.

1848 Oct. 16 — "John Allen, well-known lecturer on social wrongs and their remedy, is at the Dunham House here on a lecture tour." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 16, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 50.

1849 Nov. 19 — "Z. Pratt will hold a book auction tonight (Nov. 19) at the Dunham House." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 19, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 15.

1849 Nov. 22 — "The Hon. G. P. Rawley of Meadville, and a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, is in Cleveland. He is stopping at the Dunham House." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 22, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 204.

1850 — "Dunham House, T. B. & A. Nutting, Proprietors." Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-1851.

1850 Feb. 19 — "The Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society is to hold a meeting at the Dunham House, Feb. 26, 1850." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 19, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 1.

1850 Mar. 16 — "David B. Dunham is adding a wing to the Dunham House, fronting on the Square. It will be nearly as long as the original building." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 16, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 122.

1850 Mar. 22 — "Drs. Pratt and Howard of Boston are now at the Dunham House. They are the inventors of an apparatus by which persons afflicted with diseased lungs may inhale the strength of the medicine instead of taking it into the lungs." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 22, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 151.

1850 Mar. 26 — "Western college of Homeopathic Medicine of Cleveland will hold a meeting in the Dunham House Apr. 2." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 26, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 156.

1850 July 15 — A burglary was committed in one of the upper rooms of the Dunham, July 15. A gold watch, other jewelry, and $40 in cash were stolen. *Daily True Democrat*, July 17, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 21.

1850 Sept. 1 — The Dunham House was owned and operated by D. B. Dunham, W. S. Streator and H. Doolittle. *Court Records*, II, 181.

1850 Sept. 1 — "On Sept. 1, 1850 Alfred Cozzens, son of Mathew Cozzens, started to fit up the basement of the building (The Dunham House) as an eating and drinking establishment. . . . Cozzens opened his place of business and called it the 'Marble Hall.'" *Court Records*, II, 181.

1850 Oct. 19 — "Ex-governor Slade (of Ohio) is in the city and is stopping at the Dunham House." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 19, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 206.

1850 Oct. 19 — "John Dever, agent for the New York Albian is at the Dunham House and will be glad to receive new subscribers or settle with the old ones." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 19, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 202.

1850 Oct. 29 — "Mr. North from Boston has opened a daguerrean room in the Dunham House." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 29, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 207.

1850 Nov. 23 — "This is Pratt's last evening at the Dunham House. Mr. Pratt is an auctioneer of books and stationery." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 23, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 5.

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1850 Nov. 26 "A. Cozzens is soon to open a Splendid Restaurant under the Dunham House. This will be the up-town saloon." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 26, 1850.

1850 Dec. 4 "Friend Nutting of the Dunham House lost one of a fine span of horses yesterday when their driver backed them near the bank on Pittsburg St." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 4, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 77.

1851 Jan. 27 "Marble Hall Under Dunham House. The subscriber respectfully informs his old customers and the public, that this establishment is now open and ready to receive calls. Baltimore oysters received daily in cans and half cans, for sale by the dozen or can. Also Wild Game and eatables of every description, served to order. Supper or Dinner Parties can be accomodated (sic) with private rooms. . . . Lunch served every day from 11 to 12 o'clock. A. Cozzens." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 27, 1851.

1851 Feb. 21 "Marble Hall will be illuminated, and is a very good place to go 'Cozzening.'" *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 21, 1851.

1851 Apr. 17 "The Washington Union Insurance Co., with offices in the Dunham House on the Public Square, is a home company." *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 17, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 130.

1851 July 18 "Ohio City and Cleveland. The union of the cities, which has been so much desired, is now effected to a certain extent by Hourly Stage. It leaves Sheldon's Stables in Ohio City every morning at 7 o'clock, and performs its trips to and from the Dunham House each hour until 8 P. M. The arrangements of the coach seem to be very convenient and the horses are in good order. Such an enterprise should be well patronised (sic) in this hot weather. Fare 10 cents." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1851.

1851 July 21 "Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society.- The Executive Board and other officers of this society are requested to meet at the Dunham House in Cleveland on Saturday the 26th. inst., at 1½ P. M., to make arrangements for the County Fair. Chas. Whittlesey, Sec'y." *Plain Dealer*, July 21, 1851.

1851 Nov 1 — "Agricultural Meeting.-- The members of the Agricultural Society, are requested to meet at the Dunham House, in Cleveland, on Saturday Nov. 8th." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1851.

1852 Jan. 2 — "Holiday Gifts - Diamond and Opal Rings, Ruby Doublet, and a fine assortment of rich jewelry, some new patterns received this day at 168½ Dunham House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1852.

1852 Jan. 8 — "The venerable former governor and senator Morrow of Ohio, is now at the Dunham House... He is the president of the board of National Education (Association) convention, which holds its annual session this evening at the Stone church." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 8, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 85.

1852 Feb. 27 — The Dunham House was leased to W. A. Smith and its name changed to "Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6 and 27, 1852; *ibid*, Mar. 19, 1915; *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook 2.

1852 Mar. 17 — "Forest City House: late 'Dunham House', corner of Superior Street and Public Square, Wm. A. Smith, lessee. The undersigned is happy to inform the public that he has leased the above Stand for a term of years and is now ready to tender his professional services to the public. The House has been greatly enlarged and put in the nicest order, offering to Travellers or Boarders a delightful location, good fare, and cheap accommodations. By experience in the business and one determination to please, we hope to merit a share of the public patronage. Wm. A. Smith." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 17, 1852.

1852 Mar 17 — "The Forest City House is now being kept by W. A. Smith and is pleasing a great number of tourists." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 17, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 140.

1852 Apr. 13 — At a meeting of the Agricultural Society at the Forest City House, it was decided to hold a country fair here Oct. 1 and 2. *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 13, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 2.

1852 May — The newspapers seethed with the attack on and defense of the management of the Forest City House for alleged harsh treatment of Frederick Douglas, an escaped slave, a guest at the hotel.

The management stated Douglas had agreed to take his meals in his room, but that he violated his pledge by appearing in the public dining room, and that he would have been ejected, except for the presence of ladies.

The battle of words lasted for several days without settling the question. Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 110; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 442; *Daily True Democrat*, May 20 and 25, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 203; *Plain Dealer*, May 21 and Sept. 6, 1852.

1852 May 5 — "J. Hudson's New and splendid Billiard and Bowling Saloon, 158 Superior Street, Dunham House Block, Cleveland, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, May 5, 1852.

1852 May 31 — "The alarm of fire last evening was occasioned by the burning of a chimney in the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, May 31, 1852.

1852 July 1 — "The present proprietor of this large and commodious establishment having thoroughly repaired, renovated, and refurnished it throughout, is in readiness to receive and entertain his friends, and the traveling public in general. He ventures to assure those who may be inclined to favor him with their patronage, that his table will be well supplied with the best that the market affords, while neither pains nor expense will be spared to render the sojourn of his guests comfortable and agreeable.

"Gentlemen with their families, traveling on business or for pleasure, will find accomodations (sic) at the Forest City House equal to the best. A share of patronage is respectfully solicited.

"An Omnibus is always in readiness to convey passengers to and from the Depots and Steamboat Landings, free of charge. W. A. Smith." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1852.

1852 July 1 — "E. A. Payne & Co. 168 Superior st., under the Forest City House. Will open on the 5th of July, 1852, a large and splendid assortment of Musical Instruments and Fancy Goods." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1852.

1852 Aug. 21 — "Thos. H. Benton, of Missouri, arrived in this city last night, and took lodgings at the Forest City House. He left this morning for Washington. We shall publish his speech made since his election, in which he fore-shaddows (sic) his future policy, as soon as we can find room." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 21, 1852.

1852 Aug. 26 "The Deutsche Apotheke... is located under Forest City House. *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 26, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 84.

1852 Aug. 30 "Democratic Review. This excellent monthly ought to be in all Democratic hands. It is ably edited and is the only Standard work of the kind in the country. James J. Conway, the agent, is now in the city, stopping at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 30, 1852.

1852 Sept. 1 "Judge W. T. Smith, of California, is stopping at the Forest City House. He is a native of Salem, in this State." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 1, 1852.

1852 Sept. 5 General Sam Houston was a guest of the Forest City House.

He had been advertised to speak in Kelley's Hall; but the hall being too small to accommodate the crowd, the meeting was adjourned to the Public Square. There, from the balcony of the hotel, he was introduced by Mayor Brownell.

His speech, which brought rousing cheers, featured his famous statement: "With 787 men, I fought the battle of San Jacinto, putting the whole Mexican army to flight, capturing Santa Anna, and forcing the recognition of the independence of Texas."

He was the object of great interest, while in Cleveland. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 6, 1852 and Mar. 19, 1915; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 92-3; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 442; *News*, Dec. 15, 1918.

1852 Sept. 8 "Public speaking - Cass and Douglass. On Friday, the 10th inst., at two o'clock P. M. the Cleveland Light Artillery will fire a National Salute on the Public Square, as the signal for speaking to commence. Gen. Cass will make the opening speech, from the balustrade of the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1852.

1852 Sept. 14 "The Committee on Accommodations for the State Fair, have their rooms in the Forest City Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 14, 1852.

1852 Sept. 22 "Magic. - We saw a decrepit, aged looking man, of not more than thirty-three years, last night coming out of the dining-room of the Forest City House, where he had been partaking of one of the excellent suppers they serve up there. He began to look around for his hat, but it was not to be seen. The fellow was terribly

anxious about it, and was almost ready to give up the search, when he turned around, and lo! the hat was perched upon a chair immediately behind him, where no chair had before been. He pulled out his handkerchief to give the hat a gentle brushing, when six biscuits and two lumps of ice fell to the floor therefrom. He began to look alarmed - muttered something about the devil, imagined he smelt sulphur, and prepared to make tracks in short order, when he was stopped by a friend (who had been witnessing the fun), and was introduced to the great magician, Herr Alexander. The odor of sulphur no longer troubled his olfactory nerves." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 22, 1852.

1852 Sept. 23 — The Executors of the estate of Edmund Dwight deeded to a syndicate composed of Ahira Cobb, Worthy S. Streater and Henry Doolittle the Mowrey tavern site for a named consideration of $10,710. Cobb's interest amounted to one-half. *County Deeds*, 61, 191-2.

1852 Sept 24 — "Agricultural Meeting - A meeting of the Executive Officers of the Cuyahoga Co. Agricultural Society, will be held at the Forest City House, in Cleveland, on Saturday, September 25th, ... to make regulations for the annual Fair, which is to be held October 6th and 7th. A. A. Jewett, Sec'y." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 24, 1852.

1852 Sept. 24 — The Hon. Thomas H. Benton arrived in town yesterday (Sept. 24) and stopped at the Forest City House. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 25, 1852.

1852 Sept. 29 — "He is Coming! The Old and Original Magician, The Wizard of the world will display all his wonders in Magic on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29th. Herr Alexander will give a fine Gold Watch, worth $100 to the author of the best original conundrum. Hand your conundrums in at the Forest City House. September 24, (sic) 1852." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 29, 1852.

1852 Oct. 8 — Former governor Slade, stayed at the Forest City House. *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 9, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 870.

1852 Oct. 15 — "The Ear. - Dr. Smith, the Aurist, will remain in this city, at the Forest City House for a few days longer. Call soon." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 15, 1852.

1852 Dec. 17 — A chased silver wine stand was presented, Dec. 15, to W. C. Martin, clerk of the Forest City House by boarders there. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 17, 1852.

1853 — "Forest City House, W. A. & H. C. Smith, cor. Superior St. and Public Square." Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1853 — The Mercantile Library Association had rooms in the Forest City Block on Superior Street. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1852-1853, 87-88.

1853 Jan. 3 — "Forest City House. - The present proprietor of this large and commodious establishment, having thoroughly repaired, renovated and refinished it throughout, is in readiness to receive and entertain his friends and the traveling public in general. He ventures to assure those who may be inclined to favor him with their patronage, that his table will be well supplied with the best that the market affords, while neither pains nor expense will be spared to render the sojourn of his guests comfortable and agreeable. Gentlemen, with their families, traveling on business or for pleasure will find accommodations at the Forest City House equal to the best. A share of patronage is respectfully solicited. An Omnibus is always in readiness to convey passengers to and from the Depots and Steamboat Landings, free of charge. W. A. Smith." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1853.

1853 Jan. 26 — "A gentleman who stopped with his wife at the Forest City House a few days ago, died Jan. 22 as a result of consumption." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 26, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 537.

1853 Feb. 10 — "The Cleveland Hibernian Guards will celebrate their third annual festival of St. Patrick's day Mar. 17, at the Forest City Hotel." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 10, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 163.

1853 Mar. 7 — "Agricultural Notice. - A meeting will be held at the Forest City House on Saturday next, the 12th inst." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 7, 1853.

1853 Mar. 17 — More than 500 Irish of Cleveland and Ohio City attended the St. Patrick's Day festival banquet of the Hibernian Guards at the Forest City House. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 5, 16, 17 and 18, 1853.

1853 Apr. 19 "We announced some three or four months ago that the Hope Hose Company of Philadelphia, would visit this city, during the coming season....The proprietors of the Forest City House have received intimation that a suite of rooms will be required by the Hope boys at the time of their visit. The Messrs. Smith will make their best exertions to do full justice to them." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 19, 1853.

1853 Apr. 23 "Forest City House; Corner of Superior Street and Public Square; W. A. & H. C. Smith, Proprietors. The subscribers thankful for the patronage extended to them during the past season, would respectfully inform their friends and the traveling public generally, that they have recently erected a large addition to their hotel fitted up with all the modern improvements, and newly furnished throughout. Terms $1.50 per day.... The carriages of the Cleveland Omnibus Company are in readiness at all hours to convey passengers to and from the house. W. A. & H. C. Smith, Proprietors." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 23 and 26, 1853.

1853 May 5 The Hope Hose Company of Philadelphia arrived May 5. The company was escorted to the Forest City House where they took up their quarters and were entertained by the proprietors. The following morning, members of the company were escorted from the Forest City House to the cars in which they departed for Pittsburgh. There were 42 men in the company including the band. *Plain Dealer*, May 6, 1853.

1853 May 9 "It is a trite remark to assert that our Cleveland hotels are unequalled in their enterprise and accommodation to guests. But it is nevertheless true. Here we have the Forest City, Weddell, Franklin, American, and New England, first class hotels, and they cannot be excelled." *Plain Dealer*, May 9, 1853.

1853 May 10 "The Forest City House has agreed with other hotels not to send any runners to the depots to solicit business." *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853 June 17 "H. A. Smith, one of the well-known proprietors of the Forest City House, left our city a few days ago to sojourn in the East." *Daily True Democrat*, June 17, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 530.

1853 July 23 "Died yesterday morning of consumption, at the Forest City House, Hon. Thomas H. Cummings, G.W.P., of the Sons of Temperance in Ohio. His remains were taken to Leesburgh for burial." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1853.

1853 July 29 — "Mr. Sanford in the Forest City block has a knitting machine." *Daily True Democrat*, July 29, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 211.

1853 Sept. 3 — "Miss Zan, the clairvoyant, stopping at the Forest City House, has interviewed a great number of people, and would say that she is doing a good business." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 3, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 497.

1853 Dec. 5 — Henry Doolittle, Worthy Streater and their wives deeded the Mowrey tavern site and the westerly part of Lot 82 to the Dayton & Michigan Railroad Company for a consideration of $40,000. *County Deeds*, 59, 246-7-8.

1854 Jan. 3 — "MEADS & CO., Dealers in Watches, Jewelry, Silver Ware, Britannia Ware, Fancy Goods, &c., No. 168½ Superior Street, under Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1854.

1854 Jan. 7 — "Some hotel thief, prowling about the Forest City House, entered the room of a boarder and stole $40 worth of property, chiefly clothing. The rascal tried the doors of several other rooms. A sharp look-out must be kept by everyone. The city is full of these dissolute vagabonds, who lie about doggeries in the daytime like owls, and prowl about at night, stealing everything they can lay hands upon. Signed, Democrat." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1854; *Leader*, Jan. 7, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 24.

1854 Jan. 16 — "Post-Boxes for the reception of letters and Papers, for Post Office or City Delivery, will be found at Forest City Hotel. Henry S. Bishop, City. Post." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1854.

1854 Jan. 30 — "Grand Fancy Dress Ball at Ballou's Hall on Wednesday Evening, February 1st. The most splendid assortment of Ball costumes ever in this city, are ready for inspection, at the Forest City House, where Mr. Taylor from New York will be pleased to fit and hire them for the evening to those gentlemen intending to attend the Ball.

"No gentleman admitted except in costume. By order of the Committee." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 30, 1854.

1854 Feb. 8 — "Fancy Dress Ball, at the Melodeon, Tuesday Evening, February 14th, St. Valentine's Night. At the request of many gentlemen, one more Fancy Dress Ball will be given as above. Dresses can be secured on

Monday, the 13th, at the Forest City House. Music by Miner's Orchestra, Tickets $1.50. Carriages will be in attendance at the Door at 6 o'clock." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 8, 1854.

1854 Oct. 31 — The Dayton and Michigan Railroad Company deeded the Mowrey tavern site to the Miami County Branch of the State Bank of Ohio for a consideration of $20,000. *County Deeds*, 73, 549, 550.

1855 Jan. 2 — "The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Cleveland and Willoughby Plank Road Company will be held at the Chase House (Forest City House) in the City of Cleveland, on Monday, January 1st, 1855 at 2 o'clock, P. M. J. E. Waring, Sec'y." *Plain Dealer*,

1855 Jan. 30 — "Alfred Meads, watch and clock maker and jeweler, under the Chase House, Cleveland, begs most respectfully to return his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Cleveland and vicinity for the liberal patronage bestowed upon him during the past year.

"Observe the address, American Clock Emporium, under the Chase House (Forest City House) Public Square." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 30, 1855.

1855 Feb. 8 — "There will be a meeting of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society at the Chase House on Saturday, February 24th, P. M., to make out a list of Premiums, and transact other business. A full attendance of members is requested. Geo. E. Stedman, Secretary." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 8, 1855.

1855 Feb. 12 — H. T. Lawton and W. O. Nichols, agents for "Felton's Grist Mill" were staying at the Chase House. They advertised their machine in detail in the *Plain Dealer*. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 12, 1855.

1855 Feb. 20 — "The great Discussion at Chapin's Hall commences this evening at 7 o'clock.... Prof. Tehn, of Philadelphia, the champion of Spiritualism, has arrived... A. Jackson Davis, the celebrated author of *Nature's Divine Revelations;* Tiffany, the well known defender of the Spiritual faith; Finney, the bold and gifted advocate of the New Philosophy and others of that class are also in town. President Mahan has his quarters at the Chase House, and with his friends is ready for the contest." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 20, 1855.

1855 Apr. 10 — Under a verbal agreement with the owners, James Bennet, of Buffalo, became proprietor of the Forest City House.

He later changed the name to the Bennet House. *Court Records*, II, 259, 260.

1855 Apr. 18 — "The Chase House will change hands on May 1. H. A. Chase has sold his interest to Mr. Bennet of Buffalo. Mr. Chase intends to go to Chicago, where he will engage in other business." *Leader*, Apr. 18, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 204.

1855 July 2 — "BENNET HOUSE (FORMERLY FOREST CITY HOUSE) Conducted on strictly Temperance Principles. (James) Bennet, Proprietor (Late of Bennet's Temperance House, Buffalo). On the Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1855.

1855 Aug. 10 — "We went into the yard back of Bennett House where Boyer and Sawyer are making their new kind of brick called 'Artificial Sandstone.'" *Leader*, Aug. 11, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 45.

1856 — "As for myself I (Woodward Awl) came to Cleveland a boy in 1856.... I used to get water from a pump on the Public Square nearly opposite the Forest City House to sprinkle the floor of the store." Woodward Awl, 1904, *Settlers Annals*, V, 45, 46.

1856 Nov. 14 — The Miami County Branch of the State Bank of Ohio sold its half interest in the Mowrey property to Ahira Cobb and Alva Bradley for $20,000. Cobb already owned the other half interest. *County Deeds*, 86, 376, 7, 8.

1857 — "John Goodman, 170 Superior Street under the Bennett House." Berry, Marriott & Bartlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-1858, 25.

1857 Apr. 17 — James Bennet's strong prohibition convictions led him into a lawsuit filed by Alfred Cozzens, who operated the "Marble Hall" a saloon in the hotel basement.

Cozzens claimed an earlier lease had provided that a stairway leading from the hotel lobby above be kept open to give access to his establishment. Bennet claimed that his lease carried no such

provision, and that to protect his hotel and his family, who lived there, from Cozzen's "grog-shop" he had closed the door at the head of the stairs.

The case was settled at Bennet's costs. *Court Records*, II, 259.

1857 May 15 — "Colonel Benton arrived at the Bennett House yesterday and will lecture at Chapin's Hall, May 16, 1857. *Leader*, May 16, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 157.

1857 June 2 — "The ladies of Cleveland are invited to the parlor of the Bennett House tomorrow at 2 P. M. to examine a system for cutting and making dresses invented by S. F. Taylor, publisher of Le Bon Ton, 407 Broadway, New York." *Leader*, June 2, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 140.

1858 Jan. 8 — "John Weeks, editor of the Medina Gazette, is stopping at the Bennett House." *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 64.

1858 Nov. 19 — "James Bennet of the Bennet House has added a story to his hotel. Also, he has refinished, repainted and refurnished the House to make it one of the best in the city." *Leader*, Nov. 19, 1858.

1859 — "Bennett's Forest City House. Board $1.25 per day. Allen and Company, proprietors; corner of Superior and Public Square." Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-1860.

1859 — On the day of the execution of John Brown, a white banner bordered with black was stretched across Superior St. from the Bennett House with the words: "I do not think I can better serve the cause I love so much than to die for it." Orth, *Cleveland*, 295; *Leader*, Dec. 2, 1859.

1859 Feb. 19 — S. D. Allen, of the firm of Messrs. Allen & Co., who managed the Western Hotel in Buffalo, assumed proprietorship of the Bennet House on the Public Square. *Leader*, Feb. 19, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 185; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 26, 1859.

1859 July 21 — "W. W. Walcott, the artist, whose chiselling skill is to be applied to the Perry Statue, has arrived and taken rooms at the Bennett House." *Plain Dealer*, July 21, 1859.

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1859 Sept. 3 — "Bennett's Forest City House, corner Superior street and Public Square, Cleveland. S. D. Allen & Co. Proprietors." *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1859.

1859 Nov. 30 — "Keep warm - James V. Hackett, agent for the celebrated Dodge Patent Coal Grates, is in Town, stopping at the Bennett House. All who want to save fuel and keep warm at a slight expense will do well to call on him." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 30, 1859.

1860 Apr. 26 — "Forest City House - We notice that the proprietors of this House have reduced the price of Board to one dollar per day." *Leader*, Apr. 26, 1860.

1861 Jan. 5 — "Bennet's Forest City House; Corner Superior street and Public Square, Cleveland; S. D. Allen & Co. Proprietors. Board $1.00 per Day." *Leader*, Jan. 5, 1861.

1861 Jan. 9 — "A resident of Dover named Blackinaw, was run over on Ontario Street last evening (Jan. 8) by a runaway horse. He was taken to the Bennett House, and medical aid was called." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 9, 1861.

1861 Apr. 13 — "We noticed yesterday (Apr. 12) the arrest of two men for stealing a box of hats from Collins, Goodsell & Co. The names of the parties arrested are Ferdinand Diter and William Reeves. 'Scotty' Watson, who keeps a saloon on Pittsburg Street also, was arrested night before last (Apr. 11) by Constable Whitney, assisted by Wm. Champ and Jerry Coon. They found them in bed at the Bennett House. On entering the room only one of them was visible but the other was soon discovered under the bed. They made a fierce resistance when Whitney attempted to put the 'irons' on them. Diter was searched and a long knife, a candle and some burglar tools were taken from his pocket." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 13, 1861.

1861 May 20 — "There is no finer location or more inviting place for a public residence than the Forest City House. The '& Co.,' and the old furniture, carpets, &c., have left and Mr. Allen, now sole proprietor, has re-painted, refitted, re-carpeted and rejuvenated the house generally, and made it a very inviting place." *Plain Dealer*, May 20, 1861.

1862 Mar. 13 — "The present proprietor, S. D. Allen, has renewed his lease of this Hotel and will refit the house. He hopes by his close attention to business to merit the patronage of the traveling public. Two or three suites of rooms can be had by families wishing to furnish their own rooms." *Leader*, Mar. 13, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 390.

1862 May 15 — "I. Buckingham, Esq., has taken an office in the Bennett House." *Leader*, May 15, 1862.

1862 Sept. 4 — "Wanted Immediately- 6 House Carpenters. Apply to A. Bradley, Bennet House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 4, 1862.

1863 Jan. 1 — "Bennett's Forest City House, Corner of Superior Street and Public Square, Cleveland. S. D. Allen, Proprietor, $1.25 per day." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1863.

1863 Jan. 7 — "Children Singing School. Prof. Dunbar will meet the children and young ladies and gentlemen of the Class of Brainard's Hall to-morrow Saturday at 10 A. M., and 2 p.m. A class in vocal music will be organized to meet twice every Saturday. Those wishing to join either of the evening classes juvenile or adult or the Saturday classes can do so by calling at the Hall at time 9 A. M. Saturday, or on the Professor at the Bennett House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1863.

1864 — "(Omnibus Line for) Medina Leaves Russell's Forest City House at 8 A. M. D. D. Dowd, Proprietor." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-1865, 30.

1864 Jan. 26 — "Russell's Forest City House, with (Charles) Russell managing, has become a success." *Leader*, Jan. 26, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 130.

1864 June 14 — A new churn was exhibited at the Forest City House by the inventor. *Leader*, June 14, 1864.

1865 May 10 — "Clairvoyance - Mrs. Cora James, Independent and reliable Clairvoyant can be consulted at Room 75, Forest City House for the coming ten days, on all matters of the Past, Present and Future. Examinations

made and prescriptions warranted to cure chronic diseases of every nature can be obtained. Come immediately. Hours from 8 A. M to 6 P. M." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1865.

1865 May 13 — "During the last month the Forest City House has been undergoing repairs that have greatly improved its appearance. The entire building within has been repapered and repainted and a new Ladies Reception Room added. Under its present management with the gentlemanly and attentive Charles Russell as Chief Clerk, it has obtained an exceedingly liberal and respectable patronage. It is justly taking rank as one of the first hotels of the city." *Leader*, May 13, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 179.

1865 June 19 — "Dr. C. B. Lighthill, of New York City, will be...at Cleveland (Russell's Forest City House) from Monday, July 3rd, until Saturday July 8th, 1865, where he can be consulted on Deafness, Catarrh, and Discharge from the Ear." *Plain Dealer*, June 19, 1865.

1866 Feb. 20 — "The commencement exercises of the Western Homeopathic college will be held in Garrett's Hall tomorrow (Feb. 21)... The faculty will give the students a festival in the evening at Russell's Forest City House." *Leader*, Feb. 20, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 314.

1866 June 2 — "Dr C. B. Lighthill, the well known and successful physician for the treatment and cure of Deafness, Catarrh, and Discharges from the Ear, has lately returned from Europe and will now resume his professional visits to Cleveland. He will commence to practice at Russell's Forest City House, Cleveland on Monday next." *Plain Dealer*, June 2, 1866.

1866 Aug. 21 — "Tickets for the great Horse Fair can be had at the offices of the Kennard, Weddell, American, City, Russell and New England Hotels. To avoid the great rush at the gates, purchase your tickets before you start." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 21, 1866.

1866 Sept. 5 — One of the many street decorations on the occasion of the visit of President Andrew Johnson was a banner stretched across Superior Street from the Russell House to a building opposite. It bore this motto: "My Record: Treason must be made odious and traitors must be punished." *Leader*, Sept. 5, 1866.

1866 Oct. 20 "The Russell Forest City House is in excellent condition for the accommodation of the traveling public." *Leader*, Oct. 20, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 241.

1867 July 11 "The Russell House is being repainted, much to the improvement of its appearance." *Plain Dealer*, July 11, 1867.

1867 Aug. 19 "A couple who registered under the name of Armstrong at the Russell House were arrested Aug. 16, on a charge of stealing articles of clothing valued at $75 from N. B. Bailey who occupied an adjoining room." *Leader*, Aug. 19, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 297.

1868 "Russell House - Corner Superior street and Monumental Park; Charles Russell & Co. Proprietors." Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-1869, 32.

1869 "Terrill, William L., proprietor Forest City House, Superior cor. Public Square." Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 287.

1869 Apr. 17 "Boarders of the Russell House gathered in the parlors of the Hotel yesterday (Apr. 16) to give expressions of their appreciation of the landlords, who are about to retire and leave the city. Judge Giddings, in behalf of the boarders, presented Russell a very valuable, inscribed, gold headed cane. Russell responded by saying that he fully appreciated and reciprocated the friendship and interest extended to him and his family." *Leader*, Apr. 17, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 219.

1869 May 25 "Rev. Isaac George of Dunkirk, New York, has accepted a call from the Universalist Church in this city.... The pastor has rooms at the Forest City House." *Leader*, May 25, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 78.

1869 Nov. 24 "National Womans Suffrage Convention delegates meet today at Case Hall.... The headquarters of the delegates have been appointed at the Forest City House." *Leader*, Nov. 24, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 618.

1870 Jan. 1 "To all who are unable to pay, Dr. J. M. Stewart will be at the Forest City Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 3, for one day only, to cure chronic diseases." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1870.

1871 Jan. 21 — "A specimen of ore containing 82.05 per cent of lead was brought to the *Leader* office... by J. A. Stewart. He is anxious to form a (mining) company in this city. He may be reached at the Forest City House." *Leader*, Jan. 21, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 413.

1871 Sept. 18 — "About 40 employes of Bourne, Damon and Knowles were recipients of a grand supper at the Forest City House on Sept. 16. It was tendered by Damon, who has retired from the company to return to his old home in Massachusetts." *Leader*, Sept. 18, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 768.

1872 July 8 — "The news stand of A. F. Tame in the lobby of the Forest City House caught fire from a fire-cracker. The fire, which consumed all his stock, valued at $130, created considerable excitement among the hotel guests." *Leader*, July 8, 1872.

1872 Dec. 23 — "George Folwell, 30, of Painesville, O., committed suicide in a room of the Forest City House, December 21." *Leader*, Dec. 23, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 791.

1873 July 3 — "A meeting was held in the Forest City House last evening (July 2, 1873), to take steps to organize a council of the order of United American Mechanics." *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1873.

1874 Feb. 10 — "The business of the late firm H. P. & Co., will be continued by A. G. Hopkinson and T. C. Parsons at their Non-Borra Agency, No. 1 Forest City House, under the name of Hopkinson & Parsons." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 10, 1874.

1874 Feb. 12 — "Locomotive Engineers. Delegates representing odd numbered divisions will stop at the Weddell house; those from even numbered divisions will stop at the Forest City House. The convention will be held at Temperance Hall, No. 184 Superior street." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 12, 1874.

1875 Jan. 2 — "Mr. J. W. Myers, of the Mansfield Herald, is at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1875.

1875 Jan. 4 — "The outstanding entertainment of New Year's Day was the 'open house' at the Forest City House by Messrs. Terrill and Ingersoll. An elegant repast was spread for their guests." *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 242.

1875 Jan. 8 — "Mr. A. M. Cassidy of Denver is at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1875.

1875 Jan. 11 — "Mr. G. E. Blakelee, of Indianapolis, (editor of) *In Doors and Out*, but formerly of the *Ohio Farmer*, is at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1875.

1875 Jan. 11 — "Rev. James Flack, of Armagh, Ireland, is at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1875.

1875 Jan. 14 — "Dr. L. Firestone, of Wooster, is at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1875.

1875 Jan. 25 — "A. Bernard, mayor of Montreal, (Canada), is at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1875.

1875 Jan. 25 — "The headquarters of the state dairymen's Association, which convenes in the city, Wednesday (Jan. 27, 1875), will be at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1875.

1875 July 4 — The Telegraph Associations of Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland and Toledo celebrated the Fourth of July in this city. Their headquarters were at the Forest City House. *Plain Dealer*, July 3 and 6, 1875.

1875 July 4 — A party of twenty excursionists from London, Ontario, arrived in the city, July 4, and stopped at the Forest City House. *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1875.

1875 July 17 — A party of excursionists arrived from St. Thomas, Ontario, Saturday, July 17, stopping at the Forest City House over Sunday. *Plain Dealer*, July 19, 1875.

1875 July 20 — "A complimentary banquet was given at the Forest City House for its president, Col. N. H. Hand, by stockholders of the Hand Gold Mining Company." *Leader*, July 20, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 321.

1875 Aug. 25 "The seventh annual reunion of the Forty-second Ohio Infantry is to take place in this city to-day. General Garfield, General Morgan and several other prominent army officers,... will make their headquarters at the Forest City House." *Leader*, Aug. 25, 1875.

1875 Oct. 15 "For the first time in the history of the city, Orangemen paraded the streets with bands, banners and all the insignia of their ancient order.... The Orangemen marched to the Square, where they were addressed from the balcony of the Forest City House by the Rev. Oscar Hugo, famed advocate of civil and religious liberty." *Leader*, Oct. 15, 1875.

1875 Dec. 17 "One hundred delegates from Granges comprising the northeastern district met at the Forest City House to establish a Grange supply and distributing house." *Leader*, Dec. 17, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 16.

1876 Jan. 11 "Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, famed pulpit orator, who is to speak to-night on the question of 'Expulsion of the Bible from the Common Schools,' is to be tendered a complimentary supper at the Forest City hotel this evening after the lecture." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1876.

1876 Jan. 12 "After the close of the lecture last evening (Jan. 4, 1876), friends of the Rev. (T. DeWitt) Talmage assembled at the Forest City house on the occasion of a complimentary banquet to the Brooklyn clergyman. There were exactly forty-one persons present, a majority of them ladies. After the viands had been partly disposed of Mr. Hathaway, acting as master of ceremonies, called upon Rev. J. E. Twichell, who made a short address to the guest. He endorsed the lecture of Brother Talmage and said that Christians would never consent to have the Bible taken from the public schools." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1876.

1876 Jan. 26 "The Ohio Dairymen's Association... headquarters are at the Forest City House." *Leader*, Jan. 26, 1876.

1876 Feb. 4 "A meeting of graduates of Hiram College was held at the Forest City House to arrange for erection of a memorial building to Miss Almeda Booth, one of the college's early instructresses." *Leader*, Feb. 4, 1876.

1876 May 16 — "About sixty delegates to the National Prohibition Convention have arrived in the city and are quartered at the Forest City House." *Leader*, May 16, 1876.

1876 July 17 — "The executive committee of the Cuyahoga Teachers' Institute held a meeting at the Forest City House." *Leader*, July 17, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1106.

1876 Sept. 23 — With a band at their head, delegates from New York City to the Boys in Blue convention, marched to the Forest City House and serenaded Senator Edmunds. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1876.

1876 Nov. 8 — "Last evening as a lady who is a guest at the Forest City House went up to her room she was suprised to find it occupied by a colored man. With great presence of mind she quickly shut and locked the door and went and told the hotel proprietor. Accompanied by the proprietor, the room was entered again, when it was found that the thief had escaped through a window by jumping on an awning below. Later in the evening, the thief was caught at a corner of Seneca and Michigan streets. There was found in his pockets and under his arm a dozen and half of eggs, only one of which was broken. He denied being the same person that had been caught in the Hotel room. He was however, locked up on a charge of suspicion; as the lady claims to have lost $33, which she presumes the prisoner stole. Several persons who saw the man make his adventurous leap say that the prisoner is the person who jumped from the window." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 8, 1876.

1876 Nov. 20 — "Mrs. Chanfrau is a guest of the Forest City House. Mrs. Henrietta Chanfrau and troupe are registered at the Forest City House. Mr. H. R. Eno, a prominent New Yorker; and owner of the Fifth avenue hotel block in that city, is stopping at the Forest City." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 20, 1876.

1878 — "Burnham, S. B., dentist, room 1, 236 Superior, boards, Forest City House." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 91.

1878 — "Forest City House, Pub. Sqr. S. W. cor. Superior, Terrell & Ingersoll, proprietors." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 193.

Hotels and Taverns
Cleveland Hotel

1879 Jan. 6 — "Rev. Dr. C. W. Cushing will remain in the city during the week. He will make his headquarters at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1879.

1879 Jan. 10 — "The Western Sewer Pipe Association,... has been in session at the Forest City House for two days." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1879.

1879 Jan. 13 — "At the Forest City -- B. Kiralfy, Mrs. Kiralfy, and Mesdames De Rosa and Paglieri and A. Fruke, New York; J. M. Coleman, Louisville; P. Myers, Cincinnati; H. A. Jacobs, Boston; A. L. Field, Troy; H. R. Gordon, Rochester; G. B. Malorany, Defiance; J. C. Lee, Toledo; W. A. Caswell and H. G. Cleveland, Chicago." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1879.

1879 Jan. 14 — "At the Forest City - John Newell, Chicago; John F. Wille and J. Harris, Cincinnati, O.; Peter Van Schoack, Chicago; James Forsythe and John Crane, New York; William W. Murray, Buffalo; C. H. Eames, East Saginaw; F. B. Swayne, Toledo; W. S. Webb, Kelley's Island; F. W. and W. E. Aldrich, Painesville." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1879.

1880 — "The Forest City Hotel was considerably enlarged; also, was refurnished and refitted." Howe, *Historical Collections*, I, 508.

1880 July 1 — "D. M. Campbell, New York; A. E. Havens, Chicago; C. H. Harmon, Chicago; James B. Hand and wife, Louisville, Kentucky; James Abbott, Albany, New York; Professor W. H. Morton, Cincinnati; J. H. Bates, Wooster, Ohio; Professor G. W. Shurtliff, Oberlin; J. H. Wilson, New York; S. J. Kennedy, Troy, New York, are stopping at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1880.

1880 July 8 — "C. F. Shobur, N. A. Smith, Carrolton, Ontario; L. C. Jones, Warren, Ohio; D. E. Hill, Akron; N. D. Pratt, Chicago; H. Baker, Erie; Sidney Strong, Youngstown, are registered at the Forest City House." *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1880.

1888 — Seth T. Paine and William J. Akers purchased the Forest City House (building). They did not assume management until several years later. Orth, *Cleveland*, III, 148.

1891 July — The re-opening of the bar of the Forest City House- after having been closed for many years-- marked the assumption of proprietorship by Paine and Akers. For a quarter of a century it had been the best known bar in the city. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 10, 1915.

1893 Aug. 21 — A Resolution was introduced in City Council to compel the owner of the Forest City House to clean away old stone and rubbish in front of said property. *Council Proceedings*, XXVI, 109.

1895 — "In the great dining room (of Forest City House)... Marcus A. Hanna, on a memorable night in the winter of 1895, formally announced the presidential candidacy of William McKinley." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 19, 1915.

1915 Dec. 10 — The original Mowrey tavern site had been added to by Cobb and Bradley until it comprised the entire northerly part of Original Lot 82; fronting 132 feet on Superior Street and was 200 feet deep. The plot was sold to John Buggie, acting for the so-called Van Sweringen syndicate, for $700,000. He, in turn, transferred it to the Terminal Hotels Company for the nominal consideration of $10 and other considerations. The considerations were deeds of trust totalling $3,000,000. *County Deeds*, 1748, 270-1; *ibid*, 1817, 98.

1918 — The present 1,000-room, modern Hotel Cleveland was opened on the original Mowrey Tavern site, the first unit in what became the "Terminal Group." *News*, Dec. 15, 1918.

CLEVELAND HOTEL
Ontario and Prospect Streets

The Cleveland Hotel, the lesser one of that name, existed in the latter half of the nineteenth century at the northeast corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets, approximately where the Bailey Company is today. It appears first in 1858 under the proprietorship of Burnett and Tinker. John Tinker was known to be in the salt business about 1828 and much later was proprietor of the Prospect House on Ontario Street. From 1859 to 1867, the hotel was known as the Burnett House. It must have occupied the upper stories of the building, since there were numerous stores listed as "under the Burnett House." The name was changed to Cleveland Hotel in 1867 and remained so for a number of

years under a succession of proprietors. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 337; *Leader*, Mar. 28, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 141; *Leader*, Nov. 26, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 269.

1858
July 27 — At the Council meeting of July 27, 1858, a petition of Burnett & Tinker was presented, asking that the market clerk and police officers be required to prevent the market people gathering in front of their hotel at the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets. The petition was referred to the Committee on Markets. *Council Journal* I, 1857-1858, 395.

1859
Mar. 7 — "Some of the up town fire companies, while answering the alarm on Mar. 5, took the side walk as a running place. Company No. 2 went on Ontario st., notwithstanding the fact that it was market time, and sidewalks were consequently crowded and filled with passers. The firemen took their line of march at full speed down the side walk. A Mrs. Hamilton standing in front of the Burnet House, was struck by brakes, knocked down, and injured by the wheels. The engine was stopped and two 'tongue men' were arrested. An engine fire company has no right to run upon side walks, at any time." *Leader*, Mar. 7, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 147.

1859
Mar. 21 — "Volumes nine and ten of *Benton's Abridgements of the Debates in Congress*, have been received and are ready for distribution to subscribers by J. R. Cunningham, agent for this vicinity, who is stopping at the Burnet House. These volumes comprise the years from 1826 to 1830." *Leader*, Mar. 21, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 21.

1859
Mar. 28 — "The corn planter, coverer, and seed drill which is on exhibition on Prospect st., under the Burnett House, is an ingenious contrivance. ... By a simple contrivance the machine may be converted into a cultivator. Farmers and gardeners will do well to call and examine it." *Leader*, Mar. 28, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 141.

1860
Apr. 4 — "Thomas Heward, wealthy Clevelander, drank poison instead of brandy at A. W. Bock's drugstore under the Barnett House today. He had been in the habit of purchasing a drink of brandy at the store. He died in two hours." *Leader*, Apr. 4, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 88.

1860 Apr. 20 — The presidents of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati; Little Miami, Columbus and Xenia; Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton; Sandusky, Dayton, and Cincinnati; Dayton and Michigan; Central Ohio; and the Pittsburgh, Columbus and Cincinnati railroads, as well as other executives, met at the Burnett House on Apr. 20. These men were to serve as a permanent committee whose duty it was to be to establish rates for the transportation of property from Cincinnati to all common and competing points and between such other points as they might deem necessary or proper to protect the rates established.

The subject of half fares to religious conventions was brought up and discussed. The president of the Little Miami road moved that the resolution of the Columbus convention abolishing all half fares except to agricultural fairs be rescinded. After some discussion, however, it was resolved to adhere to the Columbus resolution. *Leader*, Apr. 23, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 398, 399.

1860 Apr. 25 — "H. M. Hall, who for a long time has conducted the grocery at the corner of Bank and Frankfort sts., has removed to the store under the Burnett house formerly occupied by the late Edward Kingsley." *Leader*, Apr. 25, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 137.

1860 Apr. 27 — "Miss Helena Burnett, daughter of V. Burnett, proprietor of the Burnett House, and Frank C. Crane of Geneva, Kane county, Ill., were married in Cleveland." *Leader*, Apr. 27, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 186.

1860 Sept. 4 — "A gardner (sic) by the name of Brown sent one of his employes to the city with produce to sell. He stationed himself in front of the Burnett House, but was ordered away by the lessee. He refused to go, so his produce was put into the street. Brown brought suit." *Leader*, Sept. 4, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 85.

1860 Dec. 14 — Advertisement dated December 14, 1860. "A beautiful holiday present, Do you wish to make a present to your wife, mother, sister, sweetheart, or friend, of something valuable and useful, something they really need, bywhich they will always remember you, if so Brown's suspension waist, and skirt supporter is just the thing. It will do them more good than any present you can make them. All waists that do not fit can be exchanged for those that will at - Mrs. H. M. Burnett, Burnett House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1861.

1861 "Burnett House, corner Ontario and Prospect Streets, has a No. 1 stable." Loomis & Talbott, *Cleveland City Directory*, 1861-62 212

1861 Jan. 1 "Freeman and Kellogg, 217 Superior st., and Mrs. H. M. Burnett, Burnett House, are retailers for the new Brown suspension waist. The most fashionable ladies in the country are wearing them." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 224.

1861 Jan. 7 "Mrs. Elizabeth Wood died in this city on Wednesday last, aged 79 years. Says the *Review*, 'Her father's family emigrated from Buffalo hither with Capt. Heman Oviatt in an open boat, called a lighter, before there was any sailing vessel on Lake Erie.

"'The city then consisted of two log houses, one situated where the American House now (1861) stands. The other is the location of the Burnett House (1861).'" *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1861.

1863 Mar. 23 "Dr. Beaumont's property on the corner of Ontario and Prospect st. (the Burnett House) sold for $14,000." *Leader*, Mar. 23, 1863. *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 447.

1863 Aug. 18 At the Council meeting a resolution was introduced by Mr. Rogers that the street commissioners be instructed to have removed the obstruction in front of the Burnett House, corner of Prospect and Ontario Streets. *Council Proceedings*, II, 141.

1864 "Burnett House, Z. P. Brinsmade, Proprietor, Corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets, Cleveland, O." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 102.

1866 July 10 Edward King was arrested on a charge of assaulting Harriet Angel at the Burnett House. *Leader*, July 12, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 656.

1866 July 14 "Intense indignation was manifested at the trial of Mary Sheafer and William King. The latter is accused of raping a mere child named Hattie Angel. According to the girl's story, Mary Sheafer met Hattie on a train bound for Ashtabula and conceived the fiendish idea of making money of the girl's virginity. She offered to pay Hattie's fare to Detroit (where the poor girl's sister resides)

and won her confidence. They arrived at the Burnet House in Cleveland, where Hattie retired, leaving Mary in the parlor with King. Soon after King appeared in the bedroom with Mary and, with her assistance, accomplished his purpose. They tried to hurry Hattie out of the city, but at the depot she ran to Officer Castor and told him the whole story.

"King and Mary Sheafer were then arrested. When Judge Abbey bound them over for trial at common pleas court in bail for $2000 each, a murmur of applause ran through the court. Hattie Angel, not yet 13 years old, is being taken care of by Mrs. Merrick of Prospect st., where she awaits the arrival of friends." *Leader*, July 14, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 656.

1866 Oct. 18 "A portion of the sidewalk has been removed and a large excavation made on Ontario st., opposite the Burnett House." *Leader*, Oct. 18, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 776.

1867 Apr. 20 "Miss Mary Sheafer, who was arrested here last summer and charged with complicity with the late William King in an outrage upon little Hattie Angel at the Burnett House, has been arrested in Detroit and charged with kidnapping a seven-year-old girl." *Leader*, Apr. 20, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 287.

1867 May 17 "The Burnett House has changed hands and is being overhauled." *Leader*, May 17, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 268.

1867 Nov. 26 "The hotel heretofore known as the Burnet House, situated at the corner of Prospect and Ontario sts., has undergone complete repairs and will be reopened under a new name, the Cleveland hotel." *Leader*, Nov. 26, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 269.

1868 J. Rieber was the proprietor of the Cleveland Hotel, corner Ontario and Prospect streets. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-69, 32.

1868 Nov. 24 "John C. Wilkinson has been convicted on maiming. He bit off the ear of a Mr. Gloucester, a barkeeper at the Cleveland hotel. He was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary yesterday." *Leader*, Nov. 24, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 720.

1868 Nov. 28 "Tom Allen will open a saloon today under the Cleveland hotel on Prospect st. at the corner of Ontario." *Leader*, Nov. 28, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 722.

1871 "So little has been heard of cricket that the sport was presumed to be dead. However, yesterday it became very much alive when the Forest City club of Cleveland defeated the Elyria team. Between the innings, the Elyria men went to lunch at the home of Daniel Reynolds. The final score was 93 to 86.

"Last night both teams dined together at the Cleveland hotel, located at the corner of Ontario and Prospect sts." *Leader*, Aug. 24, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 317.

1871 Nov. 25 "The 103rd Ohio regiment held its annual reunion yesterday in the room of the Grand Army of the Republic. About 75 veterans attended. After all the business of the year was transacted they decided to have dinner at Cleveland hotel, of this city." *Leader*, Nov. 25, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 851.

1872 R. A. Kirkwood managed the Cleveland Hotel, Ontario and Prospect Streets, in 1873. *Cleveland Directory*, 1872.

1873 E. R. Lewman was proprietor of the Cleveland Hotel, Ontario and Prospect Streets, in 1873. *Cleveland Directory*, 1873.

1874 A. L. and C. S. Teachout were proprietors of the Cleveland Hotel corner Ontario Street and Prospect Street. Titus, Simmons, & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99.

1874 Jan. 6 "Mr. William E. Caligan and Miss Sarah E. Burbank were married on the 4th of January, 1849, and, 'still clinging to each other, celebrated their silver wedding yesterday, January 5th, 1874, at the Cleveland hotel, the parlors of which were crowded by friends to witness the renewal of vows solemnly pledged a quarter of a century ago when in the very flush of youth and beauty. The occasion was a pleasant one. Friends showered upon them very elegant solid silver presents. Amongst them was a beautiful toilet set by Captain Caligan; card receivers by E. M. Flynt and Horace Seely; jewelry

box from Mr. and Mrs. T. Seely; jewelry box from Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lindsey; a set of dessert spoons from Mr. Chase, of Boston; twenty-five trade dollars from Messrs. Bury & Allen, of Gloversville, New York, and silver forks, thimbles, bouquet holders, napkin rings and other articles too numerous to specify.

"The wedding banquet was an elegant one, the tables being loaded with the choicest viands and was highly creditable to the catering abilities of the worthy hosts of the Cleveland Hotel - the Messrs. Teachout." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1874.

1875
July 1 "Strayed or Stolen from Pasture, Saturday night, the 19th of June, a Sorrel Mare, with a white stripe nearly the whole length of the forehead; no shoes on at the time; weight about 1000. Anyone giving information or delivering the mare at the Cleveland Hotel, corner of Prospect and Ontario streets, will be rewarded." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1875.

1876 "The Cleveland Hotel, corner of Ontario and Prospect streets, is a family and boarding hotel." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 41.

1876 James Cully managed the Cleveland Hotel, Ontario and Prospect Streets, in the year 1876-77. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77.

CLEVELAND HOUSE
65 Michigan Street
(Union Terminal Buildings)

1872 Barney Marks opened the Cleveland House, 65 Michigan Street, in 1872. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872.

1874 The Cleveland House, 65 Michigan Street, stood on the north side of Michigan Street, directly across from the popular Striebinger House. Titus, Simmons, & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1885 Barney Marks managed the Cleveland House from 1872 to 1885. *Cleveland Directory*, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885.

CLIFF HOUSE
Riverside Drive and Sloan and Edanola Avenues
Lakewood

From early times, the site of the Cliff House was considered ideal for a tavern. Like its competitor - Silverthorn's on the west bank - it was situated at the ferry landing which linked the east and west trail. It was the high point of the district and offered, so far as forests permitted, an uninterrupted view of the country for miles about.

In terms of the present, the site was just to the north of the eastern approach to the Rocky River bridge and at the junction of Riverside Drive, Sloan and Edanola Avenues.

It was chosen as a site for a tavern-home by Philo Taylor, who landed from a boat at Rocky River in 1808. Owners of the land, however, appreciated its value sufficiently to envision a town at the mouth of Rocky River rivaling the Cleveland settlement, and ordered Taylor to move on. The proposed town was never built.

In 1810, Daniel Miner contracted for the land, bought Taylor's log cabin and other improvements and set himself up as tavern-keeper and ferryman. He soon began to build the mill which gave the plot its local designation of "Mill Lot." Miner died before his plans were completed and his widow later assumed proprietorship of the tavern and mill. By 1820, the inn had gone into eclipse.

For about fifty years the site appears to have been abandoned for hotel purposes, though the mill was long a landmark. Then the Rocky River Railroad and the elaborate Cliff House were built as units in an ambitious plan to "boom" the Rocky River district as a real estate development -- a revival of the earlier scheme.

The hotel enjoyed wide popularity for several years. Then the sensational murder of its proprietor started it on the down grade. Under various managements, attempts were made, eventually with considerable success, to re-establish its reputation and popular appeal. Near the peak of this revival, in 1882, the hotel was swept by fire and so extensively damaged that it never was rebuilt.

The railroad was abandoned soon afterward, the Mill Lot was criss-crossed by streets, and the site eventually was swallowed by the rapidly-growing suburb of Lakewood. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 501-4; Officeholders, 194, 236; *Settlers Annals*, III, 780; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 2, 1896; Cuyahoga County Deeds, 151, 574-5; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 20, 49, 62, 63, 65, 97; *Picture Collection*, CPL; *Leader*, Dec. 28, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273; *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1874.

1808
Apr. 10 — Philo Taylor, from New York state, landed on the east bank of Rocky River, near the mouth, and built a log cabin which was later used as a tavern. It was built on or near the site of the Cliff House. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 501-4; *Officeholders*, 236.

1809 — Taylor was informed by Harmon Canfield, land agent, that the founding of a city near Rocky River was contemplated and that the land which he was occupying was to be used. Taylor, thereupon, sold his holdings, upon which some improvements had been made, and moved to Dover. The property was sold to Daniel Miner, of Homer, N.Y. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 501-4; *Officeholders*, 194; *Settlers Annals*, III, 780; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 20.

1810 — The Common Pleas Court of Cuyahoga County indicted Daniel Miner for operating a tavern without a license; and also, for selling liquors illegally. He pleaded guilty and was fined twenty-five cents. *Officeholders*, 195.

1811 — Daniel Miner kept a tavern and operated a ferry. The tavern was a log cabin 18 feet by 24 feet and stood on the east bank of the river near the end of the ridge. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 501-4.

1811
March — The first recorded license to keep a tavern in Rockport Township (Lakewood) was issued to Daniel Miner by the Common Pleas Court of Cuyahoga County in March, 1811. It was renewed in 1812. D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 79.

1811
Apr. 1 — Daniel Miner, tavernkeeper, was chosen highway supervisor for the Rocky River district at a Cleveland Township meeting. *Officeholders*, 195.

1812
Apr. 6 — Daniel Miner began construction of a mill on what was afterward called the mill lot, which was the site of both the tavern and the Cliff House. He died before it was completed. *Officeholders*, 195.

1812
Apr. 6 — Voters of the Tenth District, Cleveland Township, chose Daniel Miner, Tavern-keeper, as highway supervisor. *Officeholders*, 195.

1813 — Miner died in 1813. Moses Eldred then took over the tavern for a short time, and later Miner's widow resumed operations on her own account. *Settlers Annals*, III, 781; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 2, 1896; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 79; *Officeholders*, 195.

1813 March — John Turner was appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Miner. *Officeholders*, 195.

1815 Dec. 4 — Judson Canfield and his wife, Mabel, deeded to Daniel Miner (deceased), Olive Miner, Sally Miner and Daniel Miner's children and heirs parcels of property, totalling several hundred acres. Among these was the so called "Mill Lot," which was a 100-acre tract partitioned out of Section No. 23, the site of Miner's tavern.

The tract was described as: "Beginning at white oak trees near spring at top of bank of the river; Thence southerly to a small shrubby chestnut tree on top of wash bank of river until it strikes a line between the First and Second Ranges of sections from the lake; Thence west across the river to low bank of river on south side of river; Thence along the river bank until it strikes the wash bank; Thence under the wash bank by water's edge as river runs; Thence under wash bank in circular form until it strikes a stake on west side of river; Thence northeast to place of beginning." Cuyahoga County Deeds, 151, 574, 575.

1863 — In 1863, Ezra Nicholson, Daniel E. Rhodes and Elias Sims organized the Rocky River Railroad, familiarly referred to as the "Dummy Line." It operated six miles of single trackage from its station between Waverly Street and Bridge Street to its terminus at the intersection of Riverside Road and Railroad Street (now Edanola Avenue). It was built to provide transportation for West Siders to points in Rockport (later Lakewood) and particularly to serve as a feeder to the Cliff House, later located in a grove just south of its turntable at Rocky River. One narrow-gauge engine and car were operated with more or less regularity until after the Cliff House burned; then much of the right-of-way was sold to Nickel Plate Railroad. Loomis & Talbot, *Cleveland City Directory*, 1869-70; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 49, 62, 63, 65.

1868 Jan. 16 — After several changes in ownership, following its disposal by heirs of Daniel Miner, the "Mill Lot" was acquired by Thomas Dixon, acting as trustee for a syndicate composed of Daniel Rhodes, John H. Sargent,

Elias Sims, John Spalding, Ezra Nicholson, Joseph Barber, George Hartwell, George Washington Jones and himself. Consideration named in the deed was $17,500. Cuyahoga County Deeds, 151, 574, 575.

1868
Dec. 28 "About 150 people from this city boarded a special train on Dec. 24 at the Rocky River Railroad depot, at eight p.m. and rode to Rocky River to dedicate the Cliff House. The dedication was to be in the nature of a surprise party and the excursionists were to take the needed refreshments, this being necessary (sic) due to the unfinished condition of the house.

"This splendid new hotel is directly at the terminus of the railroad and was built by Capt. Elias Sims and D. P. Rhodes, two enterprising west side men. The building was commenced last spring and is now nearly constructed in a most thorough manner. L. S. Phillips, Esq., long known to the public, will be the host of the new hotel.

"Supper was served in the dining room about midnight, after which dancing was resumed until the 'wee' hours of the morning." *Leader*, Dec. 28, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273.

1869
Jan. 28 The formal opening to the public of Cliff House, a new hotel at Rocky River, took place Jan. 28.

Cliff House was situated in a grove covering the northerly half of the "Miner Mill Lot." Actual site of the hotel was just north of the present (1941) approach to the Rocky River bridge and close to the present junction of Riverside Drive, Sloan and Edanola Avenues.

The building, according to an old lithograph, was a large three-story frame structure of the summer hotel type characteristic of that period. The main section, 70 to 80 feet wide, lay with its length along the river bank. On the right, to the rear, protruded an ell whose width was about 20 feet and whose height equalled that of the main structure.

Around the main building was a low flight of steps which gave easy access to the railingless veranda. Posts rose from this veranda to support a railed superstructure. On the roof was an ornate "lookout" balcony, carrying a flag pole. The broad eaves were supported by ornate brackets, typical of the Victorian era of architecture.

The hotel contained an elaborate bar room. A number of cozy parlors for private parties were provided, as were, also, guest chambers for week-end visitors. The third floor housed what was claimed to be the most beautiful ball room anywhere about Cleveland. Excellent food was a feature of the hotel's attractions; its enormous dining room was elaborately equipped; "its tables were laden with appetizing delicacies."

To the north an uninterrupted view was had of the river mouth and Lake Erie. Picnic grounds surrounded the hotel. *Leader,* Jan. 29, 1869, *Newspaper Annals,* LII, 219; D.A.R., *Lakewood,* 28, 65, 81, 82.

1869
Apr. 26 "With the advent of warm weather comes the usual desire for rides, excursions, and outdoor parties. Nowhere in the vicinity of Cleveland are such attractions offered to pleasure seekers as at Rocky River. That elegant and commodious new hostelry, the Cliff House, is all that can be desired for accommodations of guests and parties.

"The summer arrangement of trains on the Rocky River Railroad has just gone into effect, affording ample opportunities for going and returning during the day and evening. With such facilities for outdoor enjoyment we shall expect to see Rocky River the Mecca of those who seek brief respite from the dust and heat of the city." *Leader,* Apr. 26, 1869, *Newspaper Annals,* LII, 92.

1869
June 28 "Gala Day at Rocky River. Grand opening, Cliff House, Thursday, June 28, 1869. L. S. Phillips & Co. will operate the new and finely furnished Cliff House. Full band of Music - Free. Lunch during the day and evening." *Leader,* June 28, 1869, *Newspaper Annals,* LII, 220, 221.

1869
July 3 "The Excursion of the Oil Men -- On Thursday forenoon July 1, 1869, a company consisting of some fifty representatives of the oil interests and their ladies and members of their families, collected and proceeded in carriages to Rocky River headed by the Germania band. The company arrived at their destination shortly after noon and as soon as possible thereafter the events of the day were inaugurated with a dance at the Cliff House." *Leader,* July 3, 1869.

1869
Oct. 12 Daniel P. Rhodes and Elias Sims owned the Cliff House, situated near the mouth of Rocky River, at the west terminus of the Rocky River Railroad in Rockport township.

Edward Fisk claimed that in the fall of 1869 Rhodes and Sims asked him to take charge of Cliff House. He informed them that neither he nor his wife had had any experience in the hotel business or in keeping a public house. Rhodes and Sims then represented that it was a fine location for a hotel and that it had a fine reputation. The hotel had a highly respectable and paying clientele and the receipts of the house for the previous 6 months had averaged from $300 to $400 a day, and on 1 or 2 days had run as high as $1,500. They thought that Fisk could make his fortune in 2 years. Having no other means of information in regard to the character and value of the house and relying upon these representations, Fisk agreed to lease the hotel for one year from October 12, 1869. The lease was renewable at his option.

Rhodes and Sims averred that the lease was not made until October 20, 1869, when they entered into a verbal contract with Edward Fisk and Julius, his brother, to lease the Cliff House to the Fisks from that date for an indeterminate period. It was agreed that the Fisks take immediate possession of the hotel and operate it as a first-class public house with a competent force of servants and with suitable accommodations for the entertainment of respectable guests. The Fisks also agreed to keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of the hotel and permit Rhodes and Sims access to the accounts at all times. Rhodes and Sims were to be paid 15% of the gross receipts monthly. Edward later denied that he and his brother entered into the lease, but asserted that he alone entered into the agreement with Rhodes and Sims. When he took possession of the hotel he found that it had a bad reputation and for a long time had been the resort of lewd persons who gathered there for immoral purposes. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1870
Feb. 15 Rhodes and Sims, owners of Cliff House, declared that on February 15, 1870, at the request of the Fisks, they agreed to construct a three-story addition 40 x 80 feet, to the Cliff House, provided the Fisks furnished it and kept it as part of the hotel. The addition was to be constructed according to the terms of the written contract and was to comply with all the terms and conditions of the verbal agreement. However, the written contract was later lost or mislaid. It was later asserted that Julius Fisk was merely surety for his brother in this case. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1870
Sept. 16 "One of the largest picnics of the season was held at Rocky River yesterday. Three bands were present. The morning was spent rowing on the lake and after speeches were made by J. H. Rhodes, Esq. and the Reverend Dr. Mayer, the party returned to the various amusements. In the evening there was a grand ball at the Cliff House." *Leader*, Sept. 16, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 250.

1870 Oct. — At the end of the first year of operating Cliff House, Edward Fisk's health failed him and he was anxious to give up the house, but at Rhodes' and Sims' urgent solicitation he consented to stay another year. During the winter months following he arranged to leave the house in Julius' care while he sought outdoor exercises because of his health. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1870 Dec. 28 — "There will be a meeting at the Cliff House tomorrow at one p.m. to consider the advantage of incorporating the territory between Cleveland and Rocky River and a line running east and west and 50 rods south of Madison Ave.

"All voters and property owners are invited to attend. The Rocky River Railroad will furnish free transportation from Bridge St." *Leader*, Dec. 28, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 768.

1870 Dec. 30 — "Seventy-five residents of the territory between Cleveland and Rocky River, north of an east and west line 50 rods south of Madison, met at the Cliff House, yesterday, listened to a lengthy discussion on the subject of a corporation. Mr. J. E. Elwell read the law on the case. Mr. J. A. Harris was chosen chairman and W. E. Clark secretary of the meeting.

"So much opposition was manifested by certain residents to being tacked on to Rockport, that the Brooklyn delegation, on motion, retired to another room. It was not considered best to ask the determinate voice of Rockport at that time and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to defray expenses. After the collection of a large sum, the meeting adjourned until Jan. 12, 1871. The Brooklyn people after much fruitless discussion adjourned till Jan. 3, 1871." *Leader*, Dec. 30, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 769.

1871 Feb. 17 — "Jenny Droz, 20, shot and killed Major Fisk at the Cliff House, Rocky River, last night as an act of vengeance. She was arrested in a room in the Cleveland hotel.

"At the central police station she said she had worked at the Cliff House over a year ago. Fisk used every artifice possible for a period of eight months and finally succeeded in seducing her. She caught a loathsome disease from him, which incapacitated her for any kind of work. She applied repeatedly to him for aid, and each time he refused to help her. Yesterday she paid her seducer a last visit. After he again refused to help her, she shot him.

"A *Leader* reporter asked her why she left his home. She replied that his sister-in-law discovered her conduct with him was not proper and had discharged her." *Leader*, Feb. 17, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 344.

1871
Feb. 18

"Yesterday morning Jenny Droz was visited by her lawyers, Samuel E. Adams and R. A. Davidson, in the city prison, and was taken to Rocky River for a coroner's inquest.

"Coronor Schenck held the inquest at the Cliff House, and the jury found that the deceased man died as a result of a pistol shot fired by Jenny Droz. A revolver was found in the trousers of Major Fisk. One bullet had been discharged, but the bullet found in Fisk's head was far too large to fit his revolver.

"Major Fisk was a bachelor and had hosts of friends.

"A reporter asked Jenny Droz to explain the fact that she caught the disease from Major Fisk, while the doctor's examination showed that he had no disease. She remarked that it was a lie, and that Major Fisk paid $25 a box for medicine, but was never cured. She also explained that if Fisk would have said one kind word to her, she would not have shot him." *Leader*, Feb. 18, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 344.

1871
Feb. 20

"Funeral services for Major Fisk held at the Cliff House at three p.m. yesterday, were conducted by Rev. James Irwin of Franklin St. Methodist Church, who selected a scriptural text for his sermon. In conclusion Reverend Irwin read a brief biography and eulogy of the deceased." *Leader*, Feb. 20, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 297.

1871
Feb. 24

On February 24, (sic) 1871, Julius Fisk died and Edward Fisk returned to take charge of the Cliff House. John B. Savage was later appointed administrator of Julius' estate. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1871
Apr. 5

John B. Savage, administrator of Julius Fisk's estate, paid Rhodes and Sims a sum of money and got their receipt in full satisfaction of all demands against Julius pertaining to the Cliff House. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1871
Apr. 7

Edward Fisk charged that on April 7, Sims, acting for himself and on behalf of Rhodes, forcibly ejected him from his occupancy of the hotel although he had the right to occupy it. He sustained

loss in the depreciation of his own furniture and in that formerly belonging to Julius. He also sustained loss of $5,000 on his leasehold. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1871 June 16 "St. Malachi's Library and Debating society enjoyed a picnic at the Cliff House grove yesterday. Music and feasting helped them pass a pleasant day." *Leader*, June 16, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 220.

1871 July 11 "Professor Jenkins will give exhibitions of various perilous feats of rope walking at Rocky River tomorrow morning and afternoon.

"A rope has been drawn across the river, 150 feet above the water and is 900 feet long.

"Railroad managers and the Cliff House proprietor have done many things for the comfort and convenience of spectators." *Leader*, July 11, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 192, 193.

1871 Aug. 14 "The Horticultural society took their annual excursion on Aug. 9 to inspect the vineyards along the lake shore of Cuyahoga County, extending from Euclid ridge to Dover bay.

"When the tour was completed, the group of about 100 persons went to the Cliff House in Rocky River, where a sumptuous entertainment was provided by the fruit growers and other citizens of Rockport township. A public meeting was conducted just before the dinner, and the vice president of the State Horticultural society, G. W. Campbell, Esq. presided." *Leader*, Aug. 14, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 353.

1871 Aug. 29 "Owners of land between Detroit St. and Lake Erie are requested to meet at the Cliff House tomorrow, to consult in reference to opening an avenue north of Detroit St." *Leader*, Aug. 29, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 776.

1872 Jan. 31 On January 31, 1872, Rhodes and Sims filed suit against Fisk and Savage in the Court of Common Pleas, asking damages totaling $5,000. Fisk countered for $10,000 damages.

Rhodes and Sims claimed that the Fisks did not perform their part of the verbal and written contracts, nor did they keep the house as a first-class hotel or provide a competent force of servants

or other suitable accommodations. They failed to keep an account of the receipts and disbursements and would not permit an examination of the accounts or pay 15% of the gross receipts. Edward Fisk declared that he paid 15% of the gross earnings and denied that he had failed to keep any of the terms of the contract.

Rhodes and Sims asserted that the Fisks quarreled with each other about the business and Edward Fisk finally abandoned it. Julius Fisk kept the hotel in an indecent manner and for lewd and illegal purposes. The house was closed for some time and Julius refused to give up possession of it. The reputation of the hotel was damaged. Edward claimed he made all possible efforts to improve the character of the hotel and to give it a better name, and in doing so he overworked and injured his health. He expended about $3,500 in furnishing the house, part of which money he had received from Julius. By the strenuous efforts of himself and his wife during the first year of his occupancy, Edward said, he succeeded in attracting respectable boarders.

Rhodes and Sims contended that their investment had been rendered unprofitable. They had received none of the large sums of money they should have received had the Fisks complied with the terms of the contracts.

The case was settled during the November term of court at Rhodes' and Sims' costs. *Court Records*, VIII, 236-8.

1872
Mar. 25 "Thomas Donahue is a champion walker. He will start from the corner of Pearl and Detroit Sts. on Mar. 29 and endeavor to walk to Cliff House, Rocky River, and back again within two hours. He will receive a purse of $50 if successful. The whole distance is 15 miles, an average of one mile in eight minutes." *Leader*, Mar. 25, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 196.

1873
Jan. 9 "Residents on Detroit St. and the west side participated in large numbers in the sociable at the Cliff House on Jan. 9. Music was furnished by Freeman's incomparable band. Host Jones set out an elegant spread and all went merry." *Leader*, Jan. 9, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 605.

1873
June 2 "Rocky River and its surroundings offer much for the amusement of her citizens. ... The Rocky River Railway has lately improved its runs.... Murch, manager of the Cliff House, attracts the traveler's attention and his hospitality is beyond reproach. Murch has made

several changes for the benefit of the summer boarders. He intends to change the name of his hotel from the Cliff House to the 'Murch House.'" *Leader*, June 2, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 140, 141.

1873 July 1 "A colored man named Jenkins, who handled a white-wash brush at the Murch House, Rocky River, presented a bill a few days since in the name of Jenkins' employer. Murch paid the bill and Jenkins receipted it, but forgot to pay the proceeds to his boss, who came to the Murch House for said amount. Jenkins was brought to the city and was arrested on the charge of embezzlement." *Leader*, July 1, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 166.

1873 Dec. 19 "The committee in charge of a very selected party yesterday at the Murch House consisted of D. P. Rhodes, Hiram Barrett, C. French and three more. The affair was well attended." *Leader*, Dec. 19, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 600.

1874 J. H. Murch is the proprietor of the Murch House, Rocky River. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 82.

1874 Jan. 7 "Another of these select parties will be given at the Murch House to-morrow evening, Jan. 8." *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1874.

1874 Apr. 8 Prior to 1874 a plank road had been cut through the "Mill Lot" from Detroit Road to the easterly approach of the Bridge across Rocky River.

On Apr. 8, 1874, Thomas Dixon, acting as trustee for a syndicate, sold to the Clifton Park Association that part of the "Mill Lot" lying north of the plank road, and including the Cliff House site together with other land. Cuyahoga County Deeds, 235, 213.

1874 June 30 "The second annual picnic given by a number of city papers for the newsboys and paper carriers of the city at Rocky River yesterday was a success throughout and was one of the most pleasant occasions of the kind ever held.

"At 8:30 a.m., a procession of 391 boys, headed by Professor Bendix's band marched down Superior St.

"In the paper-folding contest J. Richard won first prize, finishing in two minutes and 17 seconds. Ed. Hardy won second prize. When the contest was over, the 391 boys fell upon the table of food and soon demolished all. At the conclusion of the meal, Rev. W. E. McLaren, rector of Trinity Church, delivered a short address. Following this 110 boys participated in a running contest. The winner was declared champion 'Delivery Boy' for the coming year. Many more contests were staged and a great many prizes given.

"After the boys were cared for and off for play or home, a dinner was served at the Murch House, at which some 80 gentlemen were the guests of the publishers and printers of Cleveland." *Leader*, June 30, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 405.

1874
June 30 "The festival of the Rockport Methodist Episcopal Church, for the purpose of getting a library for its Sunday school, took place June 30 at the Murch House, and was a decided success socially and financially. Much thanks are due to Mr. Murch, who offered the use of his rooms for the occasion." *Leader*, June 30, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 107.

1874
July 20 "Everything is arranged for a fine time at the picnic of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Association, which will be held at the Murch House grove, Rocky River, on Thursday, July 22d. The members of the society invite their friends and will leave nothing undone to render the occasion pleasant and interesting. A good string band will furnish music for all who care to dance. Cars leave the Bridge street station at 9 o'clock A. M. and every half-hour thereafter." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1874.

1874
July 21 "The Buckeye shooting club of this city is to have a pigeon shooting tournament at the Murch House grounds, Rocky River, Aug. 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th." *Plain Dealer*, July 21, 1874.

1874
July 27 "There will be a promenade concert at the Murch House, Rocky River, on Wednesday evening, with fire works, music and a general good time. Special trains will run on the Rocky River Railway." *Plain Dealer*, July 27, 1874.

1874
July 29 "There will be a moonlight excursion to Rocky River and a promenade concert at Murch House this evening." *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1874.

1875 Jan. 11 "The masquerade which was to take place Thursday evening of this week at the Murch House has been postponed for one week." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1875.

1875 Jan. 23 "The Leader would have us to understand that Mr. J. H. Murch, the popular host of the Murch House, at Rocky River, is soon to be married." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 23, 1875.

1875 Apr. 30 "The Buckeye Shooting club is holding a pigeon shooting tournament on the Murch House grounds at Rocky River. Yesterday was the first day of the tournament, and it attracted quite a number of noted amateurs. The prizes offered today total $300 cash and will, undoubtedly, call together the crack shots of this section." *Leader*, Apr. 30, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 226.

1875 May 7 "A large number of property owners interested in quick transit between Rocky River and the business section of the city met last night at the Murch House to consider the project of constructing the new Cleveland and Rocky River Railroad. Every facility for the transaction of the business of the meeting was afforded by Joseph Murch, proprietor of the wellknown resort. The Cleveland and Rocky River Railroad is a new and distinct enterprise, having a separate charter and has no connection with the present Rocky River Railroad." *Leader*, May 7, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 641.

1875 July 2 "Rocky River was never so inviting as now. The Murch House is, of course, the first feature of the place. Numerous improvements have been made since last season. Water pipe has just been laid from a clear spring of water perhaps half a mile away. This will supply the house with pure drinking water and will also feed the beautiful fountain and basin. The grove is in fine trim for picnic parties, and those who seek exercise find plenty in the new and excellent bowling alleys. Bowling alleys are quite the fashion at Rocky River this season. There is a large house with four fine alleys in connection with the Murch House, and there are also bowling alleys at Raff's and Knoll's, built this year." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1875.

1875 July 3 The Cleveland Telegraph Association arranged to entertain the Buffalo, Toledo, and Erie telegraph associations with, among other events, a banquet at the Murch House on July 4, 1875. *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1875.

1877 — The Murch House assumed its original name of Cliff House. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 501-4; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 59.

1877 — The Rockport post office was established at the Cliff House, with William Hall as postmaster. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 501-4; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 59.

1877 — "Murch House was operated by James Starkweather, later by William Hall." D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 52.

1878 — "Murch House was operated by John Jones, later by A. T. Van Tassell." D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 82.

1878 July 2 — "Cliff House, Rocky River - This convenient summer resort has been thoroughly renovated and repaired under the management of Col. A. T. Van Tassel and is now open for guests. Every facility for the enjoyment of amusements such as billiards, ten pins, boating, fishing, etc.

"Families received at the most reasonable rates and railroad accommodations for reaching the city perfect. Special attention given to the entertainment of picnics and parties." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1878.

1878 July 3 — "On arriving at the River, the regiment formed in line and immediately marched into quarters... directly in front and a short walk to the north of the Cliff House. ... The long, one-story wooden building (barracks) built by Capt. Sims (part owner of the Cliff House) at his own expense is occupied by the men. ...

"It was three o'clock when the regiment arrived at the camp... and by five o'clock military life according to strict United States army regulations had been established.

"There will be a military hop at the Cliff House tonight." *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1878.

1878 July 10 — The Cliff House was mentioned as heading a group of inviting places at Rocky River, for the emjoyment of visiting conventions. *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1878.

1882 John A. Weber operated the Cliff House at the height of its popularity in 1882. In this year it burned, and was never rebuilt. C.P.L., Scrapbook, II, 91; D.A.R., *Lakewood*, 82; Brooks, *Memoirs*, 163.

1882 "Railroad called the Dummy Line puffed in the 1880's only to Rocky River and the Cliff House. The old Cliff House in the woods above the lake, once famous for its chicken dinners, had lately burned, and merely its blackened walls were left." Brooks, *Memoirs*, 163.

CLINTON HOTEL
Seneca (West Third) and Champlain (Columbia) Streets

When David Hawley, one of Cleveland's best known hotel keepers, first assumed joint proprietorship of the former Pritchard House at Seneca and Champlain Streets, he changed its name to the Clinton Hotel. By that name it was known till it gave way to a manufacturing building in the late 1880's.

There was little contemporary mention of the Clinton; but it is likely, from its location, that it catered chiefly to traders in produce and livestock, who sought the city's rapidly expanding markets. Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, II, 127-8; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 155.

1869 Morris Goodsell and Franklin G. Pritchard were the proprietors of the Pritchard House, Seneca corner Champlain, in 1869 and 1870. *Cleveland Leader Directory*, 1869-70, 144.

1870 Jan. 17 "A fire of undetermined origin was discovered in the Pritchard House, corner Champlain and Seneca Sts., on Jan. 17. The fire was put out, and very little damage was done." *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1870 *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 274.

1870 Dec. 24 "The Pritchard House was robbed Dec. 24 by a 'green, ungainly, ghastly, gaunt, dyspeptic looking thief.'

"Mrs. Pritchard discovered the loss some 20 minutes after the thief had retired to his room. While the family were at supper, her room had been entered, $80 in money and jewelry had been stolen, and the 'indisposed young man' was missing." *Leader*, Dec. 26, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 425.

1871 David R. Hawley, originally with the Weddell House, later for a short time with the City Hotel, formed a partnership with A. M. Lowe, formerly of Lauxe and Lowe, to operate the Clinton Hotel at Seneca and Champlain Streets. Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, II, 127, 128; *Settlers Annals*, 1933, 52; *Press*, June 2, 1919, Scrapbook, III; *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 357.

1871 Jan. 19 "Lauxe and Lowe have bought out Goodsell and Lowe. They will take over the Pritchard House and overhaul it." *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 357.

1872 Hawley and Teachout were proprietors of the Clinton Hotel on the southwest corner of Seneca and Champlain Streets. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-1873.

1873 Hawley and Langston were proprietors of the Clinton Hotel from 1873 to 1886. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1873-1874, 1875-1876, 1877-1878; *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-1879, 1880-1881, 1881-1882, 1882-1883, 1884-1885, 1885-1886; Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, 127, 128; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 155; Titus, Simmons, and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1876 Nov. 10 "The police yesterday reported finding five girls, ranging in ages from twelve to seventeen years, in a bin in company with the hostler of the Clinton House whose name is Franklin King. The whole party was locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 10, 1876.

1878 W. L. Belle, horse collar manufacturer at 65 Michigan St., boarded at the Clinton Hotel. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79.

CLINTON HOUSE
194-196 River Street

From 1845 to 1849, 194-196 River Street is listed in the city directory as the Buffalo House, with R. Hawkins as proprietor. In 1850 it was known as the Clinton House with Mr. Atkinson as proprietor.

1850 Clinton House was opposite Stedman, Savage & Co., near the Steam and Canal Boat Landing, River Street, Cleveland. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-1851, 89.

Hotels and Taverns
Clinton House, 194-196 River Street
Clinton House, St. Clair and Union Lane

1850 July 19 — "George Hatch, porter at the Clinton House, was killed at the packet landing yesterday morning. He fell against the sharp portion of a canal boat. His chest was pierced." *Daily True Democrat*, July 18, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 75.

1851 Sept. 27 — The barn of the Clinton Hotel, also known as Atkinson's Hotel, containing three horses and a supply of feed, burned down. The flames spread to the hotel and surrounding buildings causing damages of $5,000. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 27, 1851; *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 29, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 102.

CLINTON HOUSE
St. Clair and Union Lane
(southeast corner)

1836 Nov. 11 — "The undersigned has this day filed in the office of the City Clerk his petition for a license to keep a Tavern in his building called the Clinton House, on the corner of St. Clair St. and Union Lane, in the city of Cleveland. William Harland." *Herald*, Nov. 11, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 181.

1837 — William Harland was proprietor of the Clinton House at corner of Union Lane and St. Clair. It was considered one of the leading hotels of Cleveland. Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 285, 400-403; Avery, *Cleveland*, 197; C.P.L., Scrapbook V, July 9, 1925; Hutchinson, Notes; MacCabe, *Directory*, 1837-1838, 110; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369.

1837 July 14 — The interest of Thomas B. Woodbury in the property of "Union and St. Clair Lanes," known as the Clinton House, was advertised for sale by the sheriff. The sale was to take place Aug. 21, 1837. *Herald and Gazette*, July 14, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 340.

1840 Apr. 13 — At the council meeting of Apr. 13, 1840, a petition was presented in the name of William Harland, proprietor of the Clinton House, to grant him a license to keep a meat market at No. 10 on the dock. Petition was referred to Commission on Markets. *Cleveland Council Journal* "B," 1838-1840, 251.

1840 May 11 — At the council meeting of May 11, 1840, permission was granted to William Harland to sell meat on the dock. The license fee was $10. *Cleveland Council Journal* "B," 1838-1840, 278.

CLUB HOUSE
St. Clair Street

1875 Jan. 14 "Mr. H. O. Price has leased the Track House, next the Northern Ohio Fair race course on the east side, for a term of years. He will remodel the house." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1875.

1876 H. O. Price & Co. remodeled the Track House, "next the Northern Ohio Fair race course on the east side," and managed it under the name of "Club House" until 1878. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77, 1877-78.

1881 J. Stafford was the proprietor of the Club House, near the North Ohio Fair Grounds, in the years 1881 and 1882. *Cleveland Directory*, 1881-82.

1886 The Club House, on the south side of St. Clair Street, just east of the North Ohio Fair Grounds "trot course," was managed by W. B. Sheldon in 1886. *Cleveland Directory*, 1886.

COIT HOUSE
Lake Shore Boulevard

Daniel Lathrop Coit of Norwich, Conn., purchased several thousand acres of land in the Western Reserve; part was located in East Cleveland.

In 1828, his son, Col. Henry H. Coit, settled on this land. He cleared a large farm on which he lived until his death in 1870.

Following the colonel's death, his son, Charles B. Coit, converted the farm house to use as a summer hotel. Its extensive buildings, located on the shore of the lake at the foot of Coit Road in what now is Bratenahl, with facilities for swimming, boating and fishing, made it a popular resort.

It was operated for a number of years by Mr. Silverthorn and his wife. The geniality of the host and the fame of his wife's chicken and creamed potatoes brought the place a large following. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 52; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 196; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 335.

1872 Apr. 15 — Charles B. Coit owned a hotel in East Cleveland Township at the intersection of the road leading from Mr. Gunn's. Cuyahoga County Road Records, 468, 469, 470.

1874 — Coit House was on the lake shore, five miles from Cleveland. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 109.

1876 — "There is an elegant hotel (Coit's) on the bank of the lake, where the surroundings of pleasant walks and drives and facilities for rowing, fishing and boating, render it exceedingly attractive." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 32.

1878 July 10 — "Of suburban resorts, there are plenty, chief among them, J. M. Richards, Euclid Avenue House...Coit's, Taylor's and Benton's to the east of the city and the group of inviting places at Rocky River headed by the Cliff House." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1878.

COLUMBIANA HOUSE
135 Pittsburgh Street

Little contemporary mention is made of the Columbiana House, despite the fact its existence covered a period beginning in 1848 and extending to the Civil War period, or beyond.

This is undoubtedly because it was situated on Pittsburgh Street near Cross Street -- then considered the outskirts of the city.

Last newspaper mention of this hotel is as headquarters for an election of officers of the militia, during the latter period of the Civil War. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1854; *Leader*, Nov. 28, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 163, 164; *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 7, 1863.

1848 — D. A. Odell was proprietor of the Columbiana House at 135 Pittsburgh Street. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-1849, 204.

1852 Dec. 29 — Charles Spooner, of the Columbiana House, was arrested for assault and battery. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 30, 1852.

1854 Jan. 16 — Henry S. Bishop, postmaster-elect for Cleveland and Ohio City, announced that one of the post-boxes for reception of letters and papers would be placed in the Columbiana House on Pittsburgh Street. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1854.

1854 July 18 — "Estray - Came to my premises a Brown Mare, about 12 years old, with a scar on her right hind leg. D. Town, Columbiana House, Pittsburgh St." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1854.

1855 Nov. 27 — The store and dwelling at Pittsburgh St., owned and occupied by Jacob Arnstein and the stable of Columbiana House, 212 Pittsburgh St., owned by Daniel Odell, were damaged by fire. Nearly all the contents of the barn were consumed. *Leader*, Nov. 28, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 163, 164.

1856 June 11 — "Mr. Odell rebuilt his barn, which burned last winter, with one much superior." *Leader*, June 11, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 107.

1863 July 14 — "Notice to enrolled Militia. - Fourth Ward, Third District.

"You are hereby requested to meet for business purposes at the Columbiana House, Wednesday evening, July 15th, at 7½ P. E. (sic). Every one between the age of 18 and 45 should be present. By order of commandant." *Plain Dealer*, July 14, 1863.

1863 Oct. 7 — "Notice. - The enrolled militia of the 3d District, 4th Ward, are hereby notified that there will be an election held at the Columbiana House, Pittsburgh Street, Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 7½ o'clock P. M., to elect one Captain and two Lieutenants, per order. J. G. Mack, J. Hovey, Adj't. Colonel 2d Reg't, O.S.M." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 7, 1863.

COLUMBUS STREET HOUSE
185 Columbus Street

1872 — In 1872 the Columbus Street House was at 185 Columbus Street, no proprietor mentioned. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL
24 Seneca Street (West Third)
(now Union Terminal Development)

The Commercial House, orignally located at 24 Seneca Street was opened by Jonathan Fowler in 1841. Although there does seem to be some evidence that Fowler had a hotel in that location some years earlier, Fowler had been the last proprietor of the Spangler House on Superior Street, before it was razed to make way for a business building. The tavern was situated on the southwest corner of Seneca and Long Streets on the original Huntington tract. There is no record of a hotel occupying this site prior to the opening of the Commercial Hotel. It is likely Fowler himself had the tavern built on leased land, or the owners constructed it for lease to him.

Early settlers describe the tavern as a building far from elaborate; but a place which, due to its ample stables, was "comfortable for man or beast." Architecturally it followed the somewhat general pattern; a low-roofed, two-story structure of wood, with a broad "horse porch" extending across the entire front. It is reported to have been popular with cattlemen and farmers. If it entertained guests of distinction, they are not on record.

The hotel did, however, achieve an early fame as one of the first of the city's so-called "temperance houses." Its proprietor, Fowler, "signed the pledge" of total abstinence at a temperance rally here; and followed his conviction by "emptying his decanters, pouring out his liquors, and keeping a temperance house."

During its life, the Commercial House had many other proprietors, none of whom were outstanding. However, they did maintain the standard of the old tavern's unpretentious hospitality.

In the 1880's the Commercial House was razed to make way for the Severance Building, a commercial block which eventually housed Cleveland's German newspaper, Der Waechter und Anzeiger. In the 1920's, the site was swallowed up in the Union Terminal development. *Herald*, Dec. 17, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 298; *Cleveland Council Journal* "G," 1854-1855, 148, 149; Knight and Parson, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286; *Leader*, Nov. 30, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 113; *Court Records*, IV, 1861-1866, 86-87; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1860; *County Atlas*, 1880.

1837 John Stockly came to Cleveland in 1837 after the Canadian Rebellion. The first roof that sheltered his family was a tavern on Seneca street south of Superior, later the approximate location of the Commercial House. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 577.

1838 Apr. 18 — A petition for a tavern license was presented to Cleveland Council by J. Fowler, later proprietor of the Commercial House. *Herald & Gazette*, April 20, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 48, 49.

1838 May 9 — A license was granted to the Commercial House. The fee was $30. *Cleveland Council Journal*, 1836-38, 349; *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 54.

1841 Dec. 17 — "The meeting of the Washington Total Abstinence society, on Wednesday evening last (Dec. 15), was an interesting one. Fifty-one persons signed the pledge. Among this number was J. Fowler, who keeps the Commercial House on Seneca St. He has taken down his decanters, poured out his liquors, and now keeps a temperance house." *Herald*, Dec. 17, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 298.

1843 Feb. 3 — A meeting to organize the Washingtonian Temperance society in Cleveland, was held Feb. 3, at the Musical hall. William R. Richardson, former president of the Independent Washingtonian society, was unanimously elected president. Jonathan Fowler, proprietor of the Commercial House, Seneca Street, was elected first vice president. *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 334.

1844 Feb. 24 — "The subscriber respectfully requests all who want Trees, Ornamental Shrubs, Roses and other plants from him this morning, to send him their orders previous to the first of March. As the subscriber will probably remain here during the spring months, he offers his services in superintending the planting of trees and shrubbery. F. R. Elliott at the Commercial Hotel." *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 800.

1845 — J. Fowler was proprietor of the Commercial House, 24 Seneca Street, from 1845 to 1849. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 1846-47; Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49.

1845 — A man by the name of Donalson was barkeeper for Jonathan Fowler, proprietor of the Temperance House, as the Commercial House was called, 24 Seneca St., south. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 56.

1845 — "The only city officer then (1845) in commission in the capacity of a policeman, brought into court a German found in the gutter the night before - intoxicated. After the officer had made his

report of the finding, the judge asked if the prisoner had had his supper or breakfast, and being answered in the negative, the verdict in the case was that he be taken hence to the Commercial house and given a good breakfast, and then suffered to go on his way." *Settlers Annals*, III, 42, 43.

1846 "Commercial Temperance House, by J. Fowler, No. 24 Seneca St.

"Whoever wishes for a quiet resting place, and calls on friend Fowler, will find all the comforts of a well regulated Temperance House." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 156.

1847 Feb. 24 "A large bull of the Durham and Bakewell breed, weighing 4000 pounds is on exhibition at the Commercial hotel. It is owned by Hopson Hurd of Aurora." *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 106.

1849 May 22 Cleveland Council adopted a resolution permitting E. P. Henricks to erect a second floor over the stoop in front of the Commercial Hotel on Seneca Street. *Cleveland Council Journal*, 1848-52, 149.

1850 Lewis French was proprietor of the Commercial House, 24 and 26 Seneca St. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51.

1850 Apr. J. Fowler fitted up the Pavilion on Ontario Street and opened it as a public house. Fowler formerly was the proprietor of the Commercial House on Seneca Street. *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 18, 1850; *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 23, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 122.

1853 L. French was proprietor of the Commercial House at 24 and 26 Seneca Street. Knight and Parson, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1853 Aug. 3 Miss E. P. Ferry, and Hiram Sweet, both of Aurora, Ohio, were married at the Commercial House in Cleveland. *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 5, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 237.

1854 Jan. 16 "C. Welton has recently established an Omnibus Line running from this city to Collamer, Euclid and Willoughby. The 'bus leaves the Commercial House at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and Willoughby at five in the morning. Welton is a capital business man, and can be entrusted with any commission which city or country people may be pleased to entrust him with." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1854.

1854
Nov. 15 The petition of C. C. Carlton, asking that Lewis French be permitted to build and put up an addition to his Commercial House, in the process of erection, was referred to the council committee on fire and water. *Cleveland Council Journal* "G," 1854-55, 148, 149.

1855
Mar. 3 "We saw at the Commercial House yesterday a new invention of a curious kind. It is a Patent Candle Mould to make your own candles out of cold tallow. The principle of action is novel in its application, and ingenious. All you have to do is to pour your tallow into the machine; let it cool, and then turn a crank, and your candle is pushed out at any length you require. The wick is run into the candle from a spool at the bottom, as the candle is pushed out. It is claimed by the inventor that as the wick is not saturated with tallow, it must of a necessity draw the tallow round it as it burns, and thereby prevent the candle from running and wasting. If of no practical utility, it is certainly worthy of an examination, to see what Yankee ingenuity can do." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 3, 1855.

1855
Mar. 3 "On Monday evening, (Feb. 26) two farmers from Ashtabula County, who had come to the city to purchase corn, took lodgings at the Commercial House, sleeping in the same room. One had $90, and the other $380, which he placed under his pillow. On Tuesday morning, when purchasing corn, he discovered his money to be $115 short. Officers Lawrence and McKinstry were called in, and searched the parties, finding nothing. The farmers left for home, and probably arranged the affair." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 3, 1855.

1856 Lewis French managed the Commercial House, 24, 26, and 28 Seneca Street, in 1856 and 1857. Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856; Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857.

1857
Apr. 8 "Who ever has taken Judge Brown's barber pole from his shop at the Commercial House will confer a favor by returning it immediately, as the judge has concluded to remain in the business until next election." *Leader*, Apr. 8, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 10.

1857
Nov. 28 Two frame buildings on Seneca Street, occupied as a stable and barn by the Commercial hotel, were destroyed by fire Nov. 28. The horses, carriages and harnesses were saved. The loss of $600 was covered by insurance. *Leader*, Nov. 30, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 113.

1857 Dec. 9 — "Two weeks ago some one entered the office of the Commercial House and stole the money drawer. On Dec. 3, a Mr. French, paying his bill, gave the cashier a dollar on the Exchange Bank of Hartford. The clerk remembered having the bill at the time when the money drawer was stolen. After tracing the money back through three or four people, the police arrested Luther Loomis of Olmstead Falls and charged him with petit larceny. He pleaded guilty yesterday, and was placed on $700 bail for his appearance in a higher court." *Leader*, Dec. 9, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 155.

1858 Apr. 26 — "George Garzee and his employer, a blacksmith at Solon, O., registered at the Commercial House on Seneca St. Apr. 24 for the purpose of purchasing certain articles of hardware from George Worthington and Company. Mr. Garzee is accused of absconding with $70 given to him by his employer to make the purchase...He is being sought by the police." *Leader*, Apr. 26, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 106.

1859 Oct. 8 — "Change of Landlord. -- The Commercial House on Seneca Street has changed hands, and Messrs. Brockaway and Nettleton will hereafter officiate as landlords. The travelling community will always find at this house good accommodations and attention." *Leader*, Oct. 8, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 186.

1859 Dec. 23 — "Persons wishing dresses for the Masquerade can obtain them of L. B. Phillips, at the Commercial House on Saturday." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 23, 1859.

1860 July 9 — "B. A. Bragg has removed his horse-shoeing shop to Champlain St. ... in the rear of the Commercial House." *Plain Dealer*, July 9, 1860

1860 July 20 — "Jerry Wilson's shaving saloon, Commercial House, was broken into on Wednesday night and several razors, &c, were stolen. The articles have been recovered, and so has the thief who calls himself John Adams." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1860.

1860 Sept. 8 — The Commercial House was among the hotels of Cleveland which helped to care for the thousands of visitors who attended the Commodore Perry Celebration. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1860.

1860 Oct. 2 — A. Kline and George Gearhart, two men who had been staying at the Commercial House, were examined in police court for a swindle allegedly committed in Meadville, Pa. They were sent back to Meadville for trial. *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 2, 1860.

1860
Nov. 27 "Yesterday a poor woman lost $45 in New York bills. She went to the Leader's counting room and asked them to advertise for the money. She was referred to an advertisement just taken which stated that some money had been found by Andrew Parker, at the Commercial House. The woman went there and found that it was her money. Parker refused the reward she offered and she went on her way rejoicing." *Leader*, Nov. 27, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 180, 181.

1861
Jan. 26 "Arrival Extraordinary. Madam Williams, The Celebrated Astrologist; would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland and the Public generally, that she has arrived at the Commercial House, Seneca Street, where she can be consulted." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 26, 1861.

1861
Feb. 11 Catherine Cooney, white, and William, her husband, colored, both employes of the Commercial House, were arrested and accused of taking towels, lamps, and other articles for their own use. *Leader*, Feb. 11, 1861.

1861
Feb. 13 Catherine Cooney, for stealing lamps, towels, etc., from the Commercial House was sentenced to county jail for ten days. William Cooney, Catherine's husband, for concealing the goods stolen, was sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the county jail, on bread and water. *Leader*, Feb. 13, 1861.

1861
Mar. 29 "Cuyahoga County Teachers Institute will meet in Brooklyn Monday April 8, 1861. For the week an Omnibus will leave the Commercial Hotel twice a day during convention." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 29, 1861.

1862
May 22 Lewis French filed suit against the City of Cleveland, asking judgement of $2,000 for damages. His petition stated

In 1853 French owned property on the west side of Seneca Street, between Michigan (now Prospect Street) and Long Streets. The land and buildings were leased until May 1, 1867.

French claimed that the buildings -- the Commercial House, the Seneca Street House and several saloons and dwellings -- were very valuable and brought $3,800 in rentals each year

In 1858 the grade of Seneca Street north of Champlain Street was raised one foot. In August of that year, the City Council passed another ordinance to grade and improve Seneca Street between Superior Street and the Ohio Canal.

French claimed that within reasonable time, in September, 1858, he had filed with the Clerk of the City of Cleveland a claim for $1,000, the estimated damage his property would sustain from the proposed grading.

The City of Cleveland, in cross petition, stated: that due notice of the proposed improvement had been given all property-holders in the affected area; that the improvement, instead of damaging French's property, had enhanced its value; and that French had not filed claim with the City Clerk.

The case was set for hearing at the November, 1863, term of the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County. Before hearing, the case was settled out of court at the city's cost. *Court Records*, IV, 86, 87.

1862 Aug. 18 "For 4 days only, $200 bounty offered for sharpshooters of good character, robust and healthy. Apply to Milton B. Pierce, Commercial House, Cleveland, O." *Leader*, Aug. 18, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 116.

1862 Dec. 29 "E. N. Keyes, Esq., of Cleveland, has a contract for purchasing 1,200 horses for the 10th Ohio Cavalry. They will be purchased in Cleveland with headquarters at the Commercial hotel on Seneca st. The farmers are requested to take notice." *Leader*, Dec. 29, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 262.

1863 The Commercial House was located at Seneca Street, corner Champlain St. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64.

1863 Jan. 2 "1,200 Horses wanted for the 10th Ohio Cavalry by the undersigned, at the Commercial Hotel, in Cleveland, Ohio. A few good Mares will also be taken. Keyes & Fuller." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1863.

1863 Jan. 6 "Lost. - On the 5th Inst., an open faced gold watch and chain, between the Commercial House and Goodman's Jewelry Store, the cristal (sic) and one hand was broken. Anyone returning the same to the Commercial House will be liberally rewarded." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1863.

1864 "(Omnibus Line for) Newburgh. - Leaves Commercial Hotel at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. Cooledge, Proprietor." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 30.

1864 Jan. 1 — "A man who gave his name as Frederick Miller was caught by a Cleveland police officer four hours after the theft of a horse at Henrietta, Lorain County. The horse is owned by Anton Hasempfleg and valued at $200. Mr. Miller was seized on Seneca st., in front of the Commercial hotel where he had tried to sell the horse. A sorrel horse, not claimed as yet, was taken to Kimberly's stable." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 189.

1864 Aug. 13 — "$10 Reward - Lost - On the 12th, at or near the Commercial House, in Cleveland, a silver watch, maker Wm. Berzey, London, No. 10, 120. The finder, returning it to the Commercial House Office shall receive the above reward, or to Joseph Barber, Amherst, Lorain Co., O." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 13, 1864.

1864 Aug. 24 — "Another Company of about one hundred mechanics, of all kinds, left the Commercial Hotel last evening, enroute for Nashville. They go in the employ of the Government." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 24, 1864.

1865 Jan. 20 — "THE BEST CLOTHES WRINGERS now in use can be bought at the Commercial Hotel. Prices, $5 and $6." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 20, 1865.

1865 July 10 — A hotel thief entered the Commercial House and stole about $50 worth of clothing. *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1865.

1865 Aug. 8 — "Willie Nettleton, ten, was drowned while playing in the river. He could not swim, ventured out too far, and was caught in the current. He was the grandson of Mr. French, owner of the Commercial House." *Leader*, Aug. 8, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 108.

1867 Oct. 7 — A notice appeared in the *Leader* that L. French had sold his Commercial House to Messrs. Crampton and Johnson, from Geneva County, New York. *Leader*, Oct. 7, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 269.

1867 Nov. 1 — "A scrawny looking youth, named William Miller, was arraigned for grand larceny. The plaintiff was Mike Shay, whose overcoat Miller was accused of stealing at the Commercial House on the 27th ult. The overcoat was valued at $45. Case continued till the 4th instant, and defendant discharged on giving bail in the sum of $300 for his appearance at that time." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1867.

1867
Nov. 4 — William Miller, charged with having stolen an overcoat from a Mr. Shay at the Commercial House, was again arraigned before the police court, and was bound over to the court of common pleas in the sum of $300. *Leader*, Nov. 5, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 299.

1868 — Crampton and Johnson were proprietors of the Commercial House at Champlain and Seneca Streets from 1868 to 1870. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-69, 32; 1869-70.

1868
Jan. 27 — "Mrs. C. H. Smith was robbed of a coat valued at $30. It was taken from a room at the Commercial House." *Leader*, Jan. 27, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 67.

1868
June 18 — "Young Henry Mercer went into the bar room of the Commercial Hotel yesterday, bid 'good bye' to all, drew a gun from his pocket and shot himself in the forehead...No reason was given for the attempted suicide." *Leader*, June 18, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 768.

1868
June 22 — "Henry Mercer, the young man who, a few days ago, attempted to illuminate his brains with a pistol shot, is fully recovered." *Leader*, June 22, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 768.

1871 — W. Stone was proprietor of the Commercial House, 155 Seneca St. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

1871
Apr. 6 — "D. W. Menell of Painesville committed suicide in the Commercial House this morning by drinking laudanum. His wife and two children survive." *Leader*, Apr. 6, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 797.

1871
Aug. 12 — "About two weeks ago a party of five persons, two men, two women, and a girl arrived at the Commercial House and registered by the name of Ferguson, from Chicago. The men...were engaged in buying old paper which they sold to the paper mills. Meanwhile the women were soliciting old clothes and money for orphans. The superintendent of police had them trailed and found they were keeping what they solicited for themselves. They were arrested, then released and ordered to leave the city." *Leader*, Aug. 12, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 293.

1871 Sept. 5 — "There was a lamp explosion in the Commercial hotel yesterday. The blaze ignited a window curtain, which, together with a lady's hat and parasol, were 'burned to the ground.'" *Leader*, Sept. 5, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 245.

1872 — Hiram Ewell was proprietor of the Commercial House, 155 Seneca Street, during the years 1372 to 1875. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-1873, 1373-1874, 1874-1875.

1875 — The Commercial House, Seneca Street corner of Long Street (155 Seneca), was managed by A. Baldwin during the year 1875-1876. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-1876.

1875 Jan. 30 — "Found. - Strayed into my premises, about two weeks ago, a large bay Horse, with a long tail, and without shoes. The owner is requested to call for him. W. Baldwin, Commercial House, Seneca Street." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 30, 1875.

1880 — In the county atlas for 1880, the site of the former Commercial House was occupied by a commercial block labeled "Severance Building." *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1880.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL
Main Street, Ohio City

1841 June 23 — Mr. Russell presented a petition of E. Tisdale and others to Ohio City Council, requesting permission for H. A. Smith to keep a Tavern in the Brick building at the foot of Main Street. *City of Ohio Council Journal* "A," 224.

1841 Aug. 11 — Council refused to grant a license to H. A. Smith to keep a tavern in the Commercial Hotel. *City of Ohio Council Journal*, 1841-47, 219.

1845 — J. Barber, operated the Commercial Hotel, at the foot of Main St., Ohio City. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 135.

CONDIT HOUSE (FARMERS' INN)
Euclid Avenue, Euclid Township

Paul P. Condit, who was born in 1784 at Morristown, New Jersey, came to the Western Reserve in his young manhood and settled in Euclid. After purchasing eighty-five acres of land, he built and opened, at some undetermined time which would seem to lie within the years from 1814 to 1819, the "Farmers' Inn." It was the "first frame tavern in the Township." For more than thirty years Mr. Condit and his wife, before her marriage Miss Phoebe McIlrath of Euclid, carried on their inn which, in addition to the more familiar name, was also referred to on occasion as "Condit's Tavern," "Tavern House of P. P. Condit," "P. P. Condit's Inn" and "Condit House."

As mistress of the Farmers' Inn, Mrs. Condit did most of the housework, cooked for travelers, cared for her growing family of five children, and spun flax and wool to clothe the household. Often, especially in the evenings, she ran the spinning wheel with all the noisy speed possible, to drown the howlings of wolves and thus keep her children from being frightened.

In 1825, the Farmers' Inn acquired a sort of left-handed immortality as a point where De Witt Clinton, the famous Governor of New York, would have stopped on June 30 — if he had been travelling by stage. Cleveland was excited over his approaching visit, en route to Licking County to dig the first shovelful of earth in the excavating of the Ohio Canal, but it was not clear whether he was coming by stage or steamboat. George B. Merwin, destined to become a distinguished citizen but at that time a growing boy in Cleveland, was sent on horseback by his father to Condit's Tavern, where the stage horses were changed, to see if Governor Clinton were among the passengers. The stage soon came in, the distinguished gentleman was not on board, and young George Merwin galloped back to town with the information. Later in the day the Governor arrived in Cleveland by steamboat.

Paul P. Condit died in 1851, standing high in "the confidence of the public and the respect of his fellow citizens." Mrs. Condit, whose total life span covered nearly ninety years, was still living in 1884, and retained a keen memory of life in the old tavern.

The latest available mention of the inn sounded a note of gaiety reminiscent of the social gatherings held there in early times. A newspaper paragraph of Dec. 9, 1859, called upon "Beaux, Belles (sic), and Buffaloes" to take notice that Wallace McIlrath would entertain "a sleighing party at the 'Condit House'...with oysters, dancing, music and moonlight." Whether Wallace McIlrath was proprietor of the inn at the time, or acting as host in some capacity, is not clear. *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 5, 98, 99, 100, 101; *ibid*, I, No. 6, 38;

Hotels and Taverns
Condit House

Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 252, 258-259; *Herald*, Apr. 10, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 51; *Herald*, June 22, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 122; *Herald*, Oct. 12, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 117; *Herald*, Sept. 6, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 235; *Herald & Gazette*, Sept. 19, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 234-235; *Herald*, Dec. 13, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 186; *Herald*, Feb. 13, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 203; *Herald*, June 7, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 144; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 72; *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 9, 1859; Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, II, 351.

1814 "Shortly after 1814 Paul P. Condit opened a tavern in a frame house west of the present (1924) Village of Euclid. This was the first frame tavern in the Township. Abram Farr opened one at Euclid Creek shortly after Condit opened." Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 252.

1814 "In 1814, Paul P. Condit opened a tavern in a frame house one half mile west of the present (1924) village of Euclid. It was the first frame tavern in the township. Called the Farmers' Inn, it had a wide reputation for good cheer and ample fare, and had a liberal and profitable patronage. Mr. & Mrs. Condit conducted their tavern for 30 years, and it was a favorite resort not only of travelers, but of social parties from the region. Mrs. Condit lived to be nearly 90 years old. Besides being mistress of the inn, she raised five children, did nearly all her own housework, cooking, prepared meals for the travelers, and spun flax and wool." Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 252, 258-259.

1819 "In 1819 Mr. (Paul P.) Condit purchased 85 acres of land at $3 per acre, on which he erected the 'Farmers' Inn.'" *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 5, 99.

1820 May 26 "By virtue of several executions, issued out of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga County, and to me directed, I shall expose for sale, at public vendue,...at the house of P. P. Condit in Euclid, on the 26th of May next, One hundred Acres of land, it being part of a Thousand acre tract of No. 15, situated in said town of Euclid.

"At the house of Seth Doan in Euclid, on May 16: 1 Yoke of Oxen.

"Seth Doan, Sheriff, James S. Clark, Dep. Sheriff.'" *Herald*, Apr. 25, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 72-73.

1825
June 30

"He (Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York) wrote that he would arrive in Cleveland the last day of June (en route to Licking County to dig the first shovelful of dirt for the Ohio Canal).

"The *Superior* was due that day, but it was uncertain whether he would come on the steamboat or in the stage.

"My father sent me down to Condit's tavern in Euclid, where the stage horses were changed, to see if Governor Clinton was in the stage and told me to come home lively; in half an hour the stage arrived but that very distinguished gentleman was not among the passengers. (He arrived by steamboat later in the day)." *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 6, 38.

1834
Sept. 6

"By virtue of two executions from the court of common pleas, I have levied upon and will expose for sale at public vendue, at the house of Mark Boiel in Euclid township, on Sept. 17, 1834, the undivided half of two fields of standing corn. Also the same day at the tavern house of Paul P Condit, in said township, one yoke of oxen. John Barr, Sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 6, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 235.

1838

Chloe Howard (Mrs. William Apthorp) who was married in 1835, and came, in 1838, to Mayfield, ate the first meal and spent the first night at Condit's Tavern, Euclid Road. Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, II, 351.

1842
June 7

"In a letter to the editor, 'Euclid' says: 'The voters of Euclid were called together on the 28 ult. for the purpose of electing a justice of the peace, when a challenge was given and accepted for a squirrel hunt. Friday and Saturday (June 3 and 4) of last week were the days appointed to hunt on; 27 on a side was the number chosen (although all did not hunt); the stakes were the supper of the hunters. According to appointment they met at P. P. Condit's Inn on Saturday at 4 o'clock, P. M., and notwithstanding that Friday proved inauspicious for hunting on account of high wind, yet the number of scalps taken, amount to 2,451.'" *Herald*, June 7, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 144.

1851

Paul P. Condit died in 1851, at the age of 67 years. *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 5, 99.

1859 Dec. 9 "Beaux, Bells (sic) and Buffaloes. - Wallace McIlrath entertains a sleighing party at the 'Condit House,' tonight, with oysters, dancing, music, and moonlight. All aboard boys." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 9, 1859.

CUYAHOGA HOUSE
Near upper bridge, Ohio City
(West Side Flats)

1843 July 15 "The Fourth of July was gloriously celebrated by the Germans of this city. Under the direction of J. B. Wigman, marshal of the day, the procession marched to the Cuyahoga House, where John Umbstaetter read in the German language the Declaration of Independence. E. Hessenmueller, Esq., then delivered an oration which was listened to with interest.

"Schubert's band played several excellent tunes during the dinner which was given in honor of the holiday.

"At four p.m. the festivities of a happy and harmonious day ended." *Herald*, July 15, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 129.

1845 C. Sillburgh (Silberg) operated the Cuyahoga House at the upper bridge in Ohio City. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 135.

1845 May 29 "Cleveland German City Guards First annual Ball, for the benefit of the Company. The German City Guards will give a ball at the Cuyahoga House, on Friday, June 6, 1845, to commence at 4 o'clock, P. M. Tickets, $1.50." *Plain Dealer*, May 29, 1845.

1845 Oct. 24 "Benefit Ball, of the German Cleveland City Guards. The above Company will give a Ball at the Cuyahoga House, kept by C. Silberg, on Monday evening, Nov. 10, 1845, commencing at 6 o'clock. Tickets $1.50 each. The public are respectfully solicited to attend." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 24, 1845.

1846 May 21 "The friends of the German Cleveland City Guards are respectfully invited to attend the Ball of the Guards, on the 1st day of June, at the *Cuyahoga House*. Tickets - Music and supper for one gentleman and lady, $1.50 to be had to Silberg's, Mack's, Fretter's and at the door." *Herald*, May 21, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 84.

DALTON HOUSE
262 Pittsburgh Street

1861 F. Pott was the proprietor of the Dalton House at 262 Pittsburgh Street. He was also a commission merchant and owner of Cleveland Cattle Yards and Scales. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62.

DILLE HOUSE
St. Clair Ave. & Dille Rd.

1874 Dille House opened on the southeast corner of St. Clair Street and Dille Road as a large, newly furnished tavern with sample rooms on the first floor. It had a barn in connection and was owned by O. N. Dille. Titus, Simmons, & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

DOAN HOUSE
895 Euclid Ave.

1875 The Doan House was at 895 Euclid Avenue, Justin Snow, proprietor. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

DUNHAM TAVERN
6709 Euclid Ave.

Dunham Tavern, century-old inn, now a restored and reclaimed landmark, serves as a link with Cleveland's pioneer past. It is the oldest building standing on Euclid Avenue and is said to have been the first one built on that road east of 55th Street. Its past is a romantic one, for it was a tavern in the days of stage coaches and here travelers stopped for rest and refreshments.

The original owners of Dunham Tavern were Rufus and Jane Pratt Dunham who came to Cleveland in 1823. They purchased the 140-acre farm that stretched north from Euclid Road to what is now Hough Avenue. Here they lived in a small, rough log house which stood isolated in an unbroken forest.

The Dunhams suffered years of privation before they again enjoyed the comforts they left behind in Mansfield, Mass. But soon trees and stumps were replaced

by growing crops and in 1842 the Dunhams reaped the reward of their labors. The old log cabin gave way to the present two-story frame building which was used as a country tavern until a few years after the Civil War, probably until about 1870.

Since 1930 efforts were made to restore the old landmark and make it a permanent historic museum. In 1932 it was leased by A. Donald Gray, landscape architect, who endeavored to restore somewhat the original atmosphere, while using it partially as an office for his business and leasing the rest to others engaged in artistic pursuits. On January 27, 1941, the Society of Collectors, Inc., took over the responsibility of maintaining the historic tavern, which is now known as "The Museum of the Western Reserve." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 271; Frary, *Early Homes of Ohio*, 199, 200, 201; Wilson, *Old Euclid Avenue*, II, 209; Knittle, *Early Ohio Taverns*, 25, 26.

1823 Dunham Tavern on Euclid Avenue was the first one built on that road east of 55th Street. Its original owners were Rufus and Jane Pratt Dunham, who came in 1823 from Mansfield, Massachusetts, to the 140-acre farm that stretched north from Euclid Road to what later became Hough Avenue. Frary, *Early Homes of Ohio*, 199; Wilson, *Old Euclid Avenue*, II, 209; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 271.

1824 Dunham Tavern's builders, Rufus and Jane Pratt Dunham, came from New England in 1824 (sic) and paid $147 for 13¾ wooded acres north of Euclid Road. It was part of the Strong Forest tract of 100 acres. Kelly, *Plain Dealer*, June 29, 1939.

1824 May 14 The Dunham Tavern lot, situated on the North side of Euclid Avenue, about 250 feet east of the former Dunham Avenue, later called East 66th Street, was bought by Rufus Dunham of John H. Jones, May 14, 1824. Mr Dunham commenced building the rear portion of the home in 1824, and while building, he lived in a log house farther back on the lot. *Settlers Annals*, VI, No. 3, 67.

1829 Oct. 3 The State of Connecticut, on Oct. 3, 1829, deeded to Rufus Dunham parts of lots 337 and 338, consisting of approximately 5 acres, and the south end of lot 341 consisting of 11 acres, all situated on the south side of Euclid Avenue. *Court Records*, I, 183.

1832 The first log cabin on the Dunham Tavern site was built in 1832. Kelly, *Plain Dealer*, June 29, 1939.

1833 Nov. 23 — "Sportsmen Attend. On the 30th day of November, will be furnished a quantity of good fat Turkeys and other Poultry to the amount of 150, to be won by the best marksmen at the house of Rufus Dunham, 2-1/2 miles east of the Village of Cleveland. The match to commence at 8 o'clock. The Turkeys &c. to be furnished by D. Eddy, and S. Billings." *Herald*, Nov. 23, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 82.

1834 — The railroad from Shaker Mills to Public Square ran down the north side of Euclid Avenue until it reached the old Dunham Tavern, then it took the south side of the avenue as far as Lover's Lane, later Kennard street, then down the middle to the Square. *Settlers Annals*, III, 639.

1839 Jan. 12 — "Sheriff Sale...I have levied upon and shall expose to sale at the tavern stand of Rufus Dunham in the township of Cleveland, on Jan. 23, various dry goods and chattels, to wit: blankets, pillows, furniture, glass jars, tools, harness for horse, dry Barrets and other articles too numerous to mention. Taken at the suit Rufus Morley vs. Ezra Whitney and Augustus Skinner. S. S. Handerson; by H. Beebe, Deputy." *Herald & Gazette*, Jan. 12, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 203.

1841 Sept. 1 — Rufus Dunham sold five acres of his land on the south side of Euclid Avenue to William H. Willard for $700. *Court Records*, I, 183.

1842 — Dunham Tavern was one of the stops on the stage line from Painesville to Ohio City. *Plain Dealer*, May 16, 1920.

1842 — The Dunhams in 1842 replaced the old log house with a New England type frame building. The framework of the tavern is of heavy hewn timbers, put together with wooden pins and hand-wrought spikes. The first floor joists were also of hewn logs, and the rooms were separated by partitions of chestnut planks on which the plaster was laid over split lath.

A feature of the place was a water tank that was filled from an outside cistern by means of a force pump. Of even greater distinction was a lead bathtub.

Baking was done in a large brick oven in the kitchen, and three fireplaces did their best to heat at least a part of the lower floor.

The seven or eight bedrooms were connected with the office and kitchen by means of wires, fastened to bells that hung on spiral springs, a simple and admirable substitute for house phones.

In the rear of the house was a stone smokehouse which was used also for the storing of furs for the trappers who stayed overnight at the tavern.

The great barn where horses were stabled and where the drivers doubtless slept when the tavern was overcrowded, was forty by fifty feet in size, and had a remarkable framing of axe-hewn timber. Frary, *Early Homes*, 200, 202; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 272; Knittle, *Early Taverns*, 25, 26.

1843 Oct. 25 "At a meeting of the Whig electors held at R. Dunham's Inn in Cleveland township on the evening of the 20th of October, 1843, David Long was chairman and Ansel Young Secretary. The object of the meeting was to select a suitable candidate to be supported for justice of the peace to supply the place of John Gardner, Esq., whose term of office is about to expire, and they did by ballot declare Benjamin Crawford duly nominated. David Long, Ch'n. Ansel Young, Sec'y." *Herald*, Oct. 25, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 221-2.

1845 Captain R. Dunham kept a tavern three miles east of Cleveland. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 52.

1845 Apr. 4 "At a Public Meeting of the Whigs of East Cleveland, called at the house of Rufus Dunham, for the purpose of nominating a part of the officers for the Township of Cleveland. Irad Kelley was called to the Chair, and P. Dunn appointed Secretary. The following persons were unanimously nominated: B. Crawford, M. Spangler, and Horatio Rannly, Trustees; Ira Bristol, Constable, and Charles H. Dunham, Supervisor for Road District No. 2. I. Kelley, Ch'n. P. D. Dunn, Sec'y." *Herald*, Apr. 4, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 230.

1846 Mar. 25 "The Whigs of Cleveland township held a meeting at the house of R. Dunham for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported on Apr. 2. H. Ranney, M. M. Spangler, and C. H. Dunham were nominated for the office of trustee; B. S. Decker was nominated for assessor." *Herald*, Mar. 25, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 217.

1851 Apr. 21 "Rufus Dunham and his wife, Jane, owned 4 acres of land in East Cleveland Township. The tract was part of lot 338 and extended 14 rods on the north side of Euclid Avenue. There was a tavern on the Dunham lot as well as barns and sheds.

"The property with the appurtenances was leased to N. W. W. Moore on April 21, 1851." *Court Records*, II, 202.

1852 Jan. 21 "Heel and Toe - A Ball will be given this evening, by R. W. Moore, at the old stand of R. Dunham, in East Cleveland, where old and young are invited to attend. Mr. Moore has succeeded Mr. D. and is now Proprietor at the old stand." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1852.

1852 Feb. 11 "Tavern stand for Sale. We offer for sale, the well known Dunham House and 4 acres of land, 2½ miles, East of the Court House on Euclid street. House, barn, shed, etc., all in good order - if not sold by the 20th of Feb., will be for lease - enquire of R. Dunham, or of Garrett and Briggs." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 11, 1852.

1853 "In 1853 the stage coach inn (Dunham Tavern) with four acres was sold to Ben and John Welch. The former's son, James, married Caroline, daughter of the Dunhams, and was the last real tavern keeper." Kelly, *Plain Dealer*, June 29, 1939.

1853 Feb. 16 "Later (Feb. 16, 1853) Dunham and his wife sold the property for $6,000 to Benjamin S. Welch and John Welch, who were to hold the deed in trust for James B. Wilbur, his wife, Loretta, and their children. Title was given subject to the lease held by Moore.

"The deed stipulated that if Wilbur died, the Welshes were to hold the property in trust for the benefit of Mrs. Wilbur as long as she remained a widow. If she remarried or if she died, the property was to be held in trust for the benefit of Wilbur's children. If Wilbur outlived his wife, the property was to be held in trust for him. The deed guaranteed the title against all claims." *Court Records*, II, 203.

1853 May 11 "Valuable property for Sale - Known as the Welch Tavern stand, situated three miles from Cleveland on the Willoughby Plank Road. Two acres of land, with good buildings, and a beautiful place. Will be sold reasonable. Terms are half cash and balance in two years. Inquire on the premises. B. S. Welch." *Plain Dealer*, May 11, 1853.

1855
May 21

"Believing that Wilbur had a clear title, Samuel B. Kendig entered into a written contract on March 21, 1855 to purchase the tavern and the land upon which it stood. The price was $9,000 -- $3,000 cash; $1,000, July 1, 1855; $1,000 October 1, 1855; $2,000, January 1, 1856; and $2,000, April 1, 1856. It was agreed that Wilbur make out the deed dated April 1, 1855 and present it to Kendig on April 2. Kendig was to date his notes, and a mortgage on the land to secure the notes, the same date as the deed. The notes were to call for 6 per cent interest.

"A second written agreement of the same date stipulated that Kendig was to post $500 to guarantee fulfilment of the agreement. The money was to be left with Philo Chamberlain, and was to apply on the $3,000 cash payment due April 2, 1855. Kendig posted the money with Chamberlain on the same day he signed the contracts and received a receipt.

"Kendig learned that Wilbur did not have a clear title to the property and could not convey a good deed. Mrs. Wilbur and the minor children were still living and were legally unable to relinquish their interest in the property. Wilbur asserted that he was ready and expected to carry out his part of the contract." *Court Records*, II, 203.

1856
Jan. 14

"On January 14, 1856, (Samuel B.) Kendig filed suit against (James B.) Wilbur in the Court of Common Pleas for $500 with interest." Kendig complained that on March 31, 1855 Chamberlain, without his consent or knowledge, paid the posted $500 to Wilbur. Wilbur maintained that before April 2 Kendig declined to fulfil his part of the purchase agreement or to hold Wilbur to his part and that he ordered Chamberlain to pay the $500 as a forfeit. When Chamberlain paid the money, Wilbur stated, he was ready to carry out the contract.

"Kendig disclosed that he tendered the first payment on the property on April 2 together with the notes and the mortgage. Wilbur was unable to perform his part and tendered a deed, executed by himself and his wife and the Welshes as trustees, which deed did not convey a clear title. Kendig refused to accept it and declared the agreement canceled. He demanded the return of the $500 forfeit, but Wilbur refused to comply.

"The court awarded Kendig damages of $564 and costs. Wilbur appealed the case to the District Court. In the September 1860 term that court affirmed the decision of the lower court and set Kendig's damages of $663.75 and costs." *Court Record*, II, 203-4.

Hotels and Taverns
Dunham Tavern

1859
May 26

"Bold Theft. A young man who has been in the employ of Wm. Welsh, tavern keeper on the Euclid Road, about three miles from town, broke open a drawer in the house this morning and stole $15.00 in Money. He also stole a valuable rifle and fled." *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 1859.

1862
June 12

"Rufus Dunham, who was one of the oldest residents of East Cleveland, died suddenly yesterday morning. Mr. Dunham came to Cleveland in May, 1819 (sic). He was a native of Mansfield, Mass. For many years he was known as the proprietor of Dunham's tavern, situated in East Cleveland." *Leader*, June 13, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 474.

1884

In 1884 Dunham Tavern again changed hands. Dr. and Mrs. Stephens moved in. Leslie Raddatz, *Your Garden and Home*, Sept., 1938.

1896

In a letter to Charles Asa Post, Doctor James A. Stephens gave the following description of his home, which was originally Dunham Tavern:

"About my old home, there is much I have never been able to find out. It is nearly one hundred years old. Originally a tavern, built of hewn timbers and chestnut plank partition. The joists, also, on the first floor are hewn logs. It was put together with wooden pins and hand-made wrought iron spikes. It had a water tank connected with an outside cistern into which water was forced with a force pump, also a lead bath tub. Stage coaches drove up to the front door. The west room was used as a bar room, the middle room as office and general gathering place for travelers, connected with the bar room not only by door but also an opening through the partition, through which drink might be passed. The east room was for social gatherings...The plaster is laid on split lath. It originally had a large brick oven in the kitchen; an old stone structure in the rear of the house, still standing, was for smoking meats...Three broad fireplaces were doing their duty for heating purposes, later modernized and made smaller, and when tearing out one of them I found the original crane in one of the fireplaces. There were seven or eight sleeping rooms when I purchased it, all connected with the office and kitchen by wires with bells on spiral springs. Of course, we had modernized much of the interior, but not changing the general place of the structure.... It being the oldest house on Euclid Ave., east of 55th St." Post, *Doan's Corners*, 104-105.

1896 Mar. 5 — Martha C. Harvey sold the Dunham Tavern to Dr. and Mrs. James A. Stephens. *Settlers Annals*, VI, No. 3, 67.

1914 — Dunham Tavern, No. 6709 Euclid Avenue, was occupied as a private residence by Dr. J. A. Stephens. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 272; Wilson, *Old Euclid Avenue*, II, 209.

1917 — "That quaint yellow frame house on Euclid Ave. near E. 66th St. you've wondered about has a history. It's probably the oldest building on Euclid Ave. It was a tavern in the romantic days of stage coaches. Travelers stopped there for food and refreshments. It was known as Dunham tavern. Now (1917), it's the comfortable home of Dr. J. A. Stephens. The street number is 6709 Euclid Ave. The most authentic information Stephens can obtain indicates the house was built about 1826. This was when Euclid Ave. was a rough track thru wooded country land. There were only two or three houses between what is now Euclid Ave. and E. Ninth St. and Doan's corners, now E. 105th St. and Euclid Ave.

"The house continued to be used as a tavern until a few years after the civil war, probably until about 1870." *Press*, 1917, C.P.L. Scrapbook II.

1932 — "The old tavern was leased in 1932 by A. Donald Gray, landscape architect, who has endeavored to restore somewhat the original atmosphere, while using it partially as an office for his business and leasing the rest to others engaged in artistic pursuits." Frary, *Early Homes*, 200.

1939 June 29 — "I (S. J. Kelly) remember Dunham Tavern, in the dipped-candle days before East Cleveland knew a gas pipe. George Williams owned the place. The big entrance office faced the porch on the east. Right of the barn was a rustic summer house. Through an old gate, you entered an orchard on a hill extending toward Hough Avenue." Kelly, *Plain Dealer*, June 29, 1939.

1941 — Dunham Tavern, a landmark of early Cleveland, was used as a stopping place for travelers of the old stage coach days. Since 1930, efforts were made to restore the old landmark which had been used as a private home since its original purpose was discontinued, and to

make it a permanent historic museum. Facing south on Euclid Avenue, the two-story yellow clapboard structure nestles close to the ground and presents to-day (1941) an excellent example of the early American Colonial farm house. On the east side at the rear extends a two story ell whose roof line is at a lower level which corresponds to the adjoining west wing which was built flush with the main facade. Extending also along the east-side of the building and including a considerable portion of the ell is a broad porch enclosed by a wooden spindled railing which is intersected by five square columns supporting a similarly railed upper deck. The second story rooms in the west wing form a shelter for the recessed porch beneath and are additionally supported by four square columns.

Uniform windows composed of 24 small panes and flanked by dark stained wooden shutters are generously used throughout the building; beneath the five windows which break the facade on the second floor are a pair of windows placed at either side of the shuttered and panelled doorway which is protected by a gently sloping portico supported by two fluted round columns.

A cornice of simple design runs across the entire front, and is directly beneath the slate roof from which rises four large square brick chimneys. The chimney which accommodates the rear ell is finished with a pair of old fashioned chimney pots.

The photographic views were obtained from a southeast angle of Dunham Tavern. C.P.L., Cleveland Picture Collection.

1941 Jan. 28 "Dunham Tavern Turns Time Back.

"Scenes reminiscent of 100 years ago took place at Dunham Tavern last night as operation of the century-old stage coach inn, at 6709 Euclid Avenue, was turned over to the Society of Collectors, Inc." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 28, 1941.

EAGLE HOTEL
Columbus St. & Clark Ave.

1874 "Henry Knoedell, proprietor of Eagle Hotel, 655 Columbus Street, corner Clark Avenue." Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99.

EAGLE HOTEL
(Lighthouse Street)

1859 Sept. 29 "Dr. Banning, celebrated physician, is in town for a few days. He may be consulted at the Eagle hotel. Dr. Banning has had marked success in the treatment of spinal derangements, and brings many testimonials from the afflicted who have been cured." *Leader*, Sept. 29, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 236.

1861 In 1861-1862 the Eagle hotel was on Lighthouse street, no proprietor mentioned. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62.

EAGLE HOUSE
Detroit Street between State and Hanover Streets
(Detroit Ave. just west of W. 29th St.)

1874 The Eagle Hotel was on Detroit Street between State and Hanover Streets. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1879 Mrs. Valley was proprietor of the Eagle House, 202 Detroit Street, from 1879 to 1881. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879, 1880, 1881.

1881 G. R. Lesh was proprietor of the Eagle House, 202 Detroit Street from 1881 to 1883. *Cleveland Directory*, 1881, 1882, 1883.

1884 In 1884 the Eagle House, as "Eagle Hotel," was at 295 Detroit Street, M. Hodge, proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1884.

1885 Jefferson Baker was proprietor of the Eagle House at 295 Detroit Street from 1885 to 1887. *Cleveland Directory*, 1885, 1886; Marquis, *Cleveland Directory*, 1887-88.

1888 Mrs. Priscilla Baker was proprietor of the Eagle House at 293 Detroit Street from 1888 to 1889. Marquis, *Cleveland Directory*, 1888; *Cleveland Directory*, 1889.

1892 Wm. J. Squire was proprietor of the Eagle House, at 293 Detroit Street from 1892 to 1894. *Cleveland Directory*, 1892, 1893, 1894.

1895 In 1895 and 1896 the Eagle House was at 293 Detroit Street, Mrs. C. Landry, proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1895, 1896.

1897 In 1897 the Eagle House was at 292 Detroit Street, Mrs. E. Murphy, proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1897.

1898 In 1898 and 1899 the Eagle House was at 292 Detroit Street, no proprietor listed. *Cleveland Directory*, 1898, 1899.

EAGLE TAVERN
N.E. corner St. Clair & Water (W. 9) Sts.

Like most of the early taverns, the Eagle reflected the personality of its owner. Gaius Boughton was a rough and ready pioneer, immensely popular in the little settlement; his tavern shared his popularity.

Situated at the northeast corner of St. Clair and Water Streets, it bore over its door a sign emblazoned by a flaming red lion.

About 1830, Boughton was succeeded by M. Cozzens, who, in 1832, in turn, was succeeded in proprietorship of the inn by Richard Cook. Cozzens changed its name to the Eagle Tavern; Cook gave it a temperance status and called it the Eagle Temperance House.

Until 1855, when last reference is made to this famous tavern, its fortunes steadily declined. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 254; *Herald*, May 15, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 4.

1825 Aug. 5 "New Tavern, At the Sign of the Lion. The subscriber has opened a house of public entertainment, in Cleveland, on the corner of Water and St. Clair streets. His house is spacious and convenient. Ladies and Gentlemen can at all times be accommodated with separate rooms; and every attention will be paid to render the situation of visitors agreeable. His charges will be moderate. G. Boughton." *Herald*, Aug. 5, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 194.

1826 June 7 — Gaius Boughton purchased from James Root the southerly quarter of original town lot No. 25 for a reported consideration of $350. This site of the Eagle Tavern had frontages of 132 feet on both St. Clair and Water streets. *County Deeds*, E-5, 1826.

1826 Aug. 11 — "Saw-Mill For Sale. Situated on Otter Creek, Upper Canada. For particulars enquire, of J. Blair, or at Boughton's Tavern, Cleveland, Aug. 10, 1826." *Herald*, Aug. 11, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 33.

1826 Oct. 7 — The bar of Boughton's tavern was broken into on Tuesday night, Oct. 7. The thief was frightened away. *Herald*, Oct. 13, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 16.

1826 Oct. 20 — Sheriff Jas. S. Clark published a notice that he would conduct a sale of household goods at G. Boughton's Tavern on Oct. 30. *Herald*, Oct. 20, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 66.

1827 Oct. 9 — Official returns of the election held in Cuyahoga County, Oct. 9, 1827, showed: For coroner, Gaius Boughton, (prop. of Eagle Tavern) 181; Daniel Worley, 627. *Herald*, Oct. 19, 1827, *Newspaper Annals* X, 132.

1830 May 11 — A reward was offered by Aaron Hubbard for the return of a mare which had strayed or been taken from the shed of M. Cozzens' Tavern. *Herald*, May 13, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 123.

1831 Feb. 24 — Sheriff John Barr published a notice that he would conduct a public sale of 5 horses, 4 wagons, 1 chaise, and 3 sets of harness at Cozzens' Tavern on March 12. *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 240.

1831 June 9 — "General Orders. The commissioned officers of the First Infantry Regiment, in the 2d Brigade, 9th Division O.M. are hereby notified, to meet at the tavern of M. Cozzens in the village of Cleaveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on the 21st day of June, inst. for the purpose of electing a Brigadier General for said Brigade....By order of A. Brainard, Maj. General, 9th D.O.M., J. L. Conger, Aide-de-Camp. Headquarters, Chagrin." *Herald*, June 9, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 209.

1831
Nov. 3 "Strayed or Stolen from the stable of M. Cozzens' Tavern in the village of Cleaveland, on the 15th or 16th of October, a dark brown mare. A reasonable reward will be given for the return of said mare. W. Bartram." *Herald*, Nov. 3, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 201.

1832 Proprietorship of the Eagle Tavern was taken over by Richard Cook. *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook II.

1832
May 15 "Eagle Tavern - M. Cozzens takes this opportunity of tendering to his friends and the public his best thanks for the liberal support which he has hitherto received, and also, of informing them that he has recently rented for a term of years the well known tavern stand on the corner of St. Clair and Water sts., lately occupied by Gaius Boughton, where he is prepared to accommodate travelers and boarders.

"For the information of the traveling public he would add that the Western stage leaves his house at one o'clock A. M. every day, and stages for all other parts of the union from other stage offices in the village." *Herald*, May 15, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 4.

1834
Aug. 9 "For Sale. A portable flouring mill and dressing machine. Any person can learn easily to operate this mill. Calculated to clear $20 per week. May be seen at work at the Eagle tavern, Cleveland, O. Price $130. All letters must be post paid." *Herald*, Aug. 9, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 199.

1836 "Richard Cook, proprietor of Eagle Tavern, Water and St. Clair streets, in an advertisement 'respectfully returns his unfeigned thanks to the public for the liberal patronage he has received during the time he has kept the establishment (1836, now nearly four years) and he trusts that by his unremitting attention to the comforts and convenience of his friends and the general public, to merit a continuance of their patronage and support.'" *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook II.

1836 In 1836, the Eagle Tavern, Richard Cook, proprietor, was on Water St., near St. Clair. *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 4, 369; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1937.

1837 — In 1837, The Eagle Tavern, Richard Cook, proprietor, was on Water St., near St. Clair. Hutchinson, Notes; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 285, 400, 403; McCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 110; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 294; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429.

1837 Aug. 28 — Two couples were married by S. Underhill, Esq., at the Eagle Tavern. They were Aleran Bates to Lucretia Jane Jones, and Charles M. Bard to Ruth Ann Merriman, all of Cleveland. *Herald & Gazette*, Sept. 2, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 175.

1837 Nov. 7 — "Married at the Eagle Tavern, in this city, on the 2d inst., by Rev. Levi Tucker, were John Logan and Rose Otis, both of this city." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 7, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 177.

1841 July 6 — "After the interesting Fourth of July exercises in the Catholic Church, those of the assemblage who chose were escorted by the military to the bower on Public Square, to partake of an excellent dinner, provided by Cook of the Temperance House." *Herald*, July 6, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 121.

1845 Sept. 20 — "Mr. Peter Barnard landed here yesterday from Wisconsin, and put up at Cook's Temperance House." *Herald*, Sept. 20, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 346.

1855 Aug. 31 — "A correspondent says that there are two Irish groggeries on Water Street near the Bethel Church which the police, though just around the corner, seem bound, either from fear or bribe, to let disturb the neighbors with their midnight yells and nightly fights. On August 25, some dozen men and women went in for a pitched battle with cries of 'Murder.' On August 29, the Eagle Tavern - but for a woman - might have been a scene of murder, as revolvers were drawn and aimed." *Leader*, Aug. 31, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 511.

EDWARDS TAVERN
Kinsman Road, Newburgh

1838 Feb. 28 — Sheriff S. S. Handerson announced a public sale of one horse, one cow, one bureau, and one clock at Stark Edwards' Tavern in Newburgh. The sale was to be held March 12. *Herald & Gazette*, Feb., 28, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 333.

1838 May 26 — S. S. Handerson, sheriff, announced the sale of a black mare, to to be held at Stark Edwards' Tavern in Newburgh on June 5, 1838. *Herald & Gazette*, May 26, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 342.

1838 Nov. 14 — "Strayed or Stolen from a pasture on a farm of S. Edwards near Edwards' Tavern in Newburgh late Friday night or Saturday morning, 2d or 3d inst., a large bay horse, white star in forehead, white hind feet, switch tail, has a touch of heaves, and when lost had a shoe off left hind foot. Notify J. Houghton, Gen. Agent, or subscriber and receive reward and expenses. W. P. Williams." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 14, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 104.

1847 July 7 — "S. Edwards has established a temperance house at Warrensville. It is on the Kinsman rd. about six miles from the city. There will be a social gathering there in the near future." *Herald*, July 7, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 256.

EMPIRE HOUSE
36-38 Water Street
(West 9th St.)

The Empire House, 36-38 Water Street was listed in the City Directory from 1871-1900. Samuel H. Laman was its proprietor from 1871 to 1884; John Brennan from 1885 to 1891; Frederick Burns from 1891 to 1894; no proprietor listed in 1895; and Henry Gilbert from 1896 to 1900. *Cleveland Directory*, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1873-74, 1874-75, 1875-76, 1876, 1876-77, 1877, 1877-78, 1879, 1880, 1880-81, 1881, 1881-82, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890-91, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.

1871 March — "This hotel is situated at 36 and 38 Water Street, opposite the light-house, in close proximity to the depot, and only one hundred yards from it, is kept by Mr. S. H. Laman, and was opened by him in March, 1871. To-day, (1878) it ranks as one of the leading hotels of the city, advantages of location considered. The Empire is a substantial four story brick, containing about sixty rooms, and is fitted up with all the modern improvements. His annual business amounts to about $8,000." Cleveland Board of Trade, *Industries*, 159.

1873 Nov. 11 — "Ward Liston, who allegedly entered the room of Ben Graham at the Empire House on Water St. and stole $60 from the occupant's coat while Graham was sleeping last night, was captured in a freight

car near the Atlantic and Great Western station by a man sent by S. H. Laman, proprietor of the hotel. Liston, on being examined at the police station, made no denial of the theft." *Leader*, Nov. 11, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 74.

1875 "S. H. Laman, Propr. Empire House, 36 and 38 Water," Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

1875 July 20 "A man entered central police station in a breathless manner yesterday and informed officers that a murder had been committed in the dining room at the Empire House on Water St. Sergeants Madigan and Koch proceeded to the place to make the arrest. They met two officers who had just caught the man. They decided to investigate the affair, and learned that Charles Oliver, a Spaniard, 40 years of age, a cabinet-maker by trade, had become enraged because the waitress, who was his estranged wife, had refused to wait on him as promptly as he wished. He stabbed her in the neck with a table knife. The wound is a slight one. He was locked up on a charge of assault to kill. Judge Young will investigate the affair." *Leader*, July 20, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 715.

1877 "S. H. Laman, propr. Empire House, 36 and 38 Water." Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 187.

1878 "Empire House, 36 Water, S.H. Laman, propr." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 174.

1885 From 1885 to 1891 John Brennan was the proprietor of the Empire House. *Cleveland Directory*, 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, 1890-91.

1891 From 1891 to 1894 Frederick Burns was the proprietor of the Empire House. *Cleveland Directory*, 1891-92, 1892-93, 1893-94.

1896 Henry Gilbert was the proprietor of the Empire House during the years 1896 to 1900. *Cleveland Directory*, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1899-1900.

EUCLID AVENUE HOUSE
Euclid Ave., corner Holyoke, East Cleveland

1874 "Euclid Avenue House, Euclid Ave. N. E. corner Holyoke, East Cleveland, R. A. Gillette, Prop." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-75.

1874 May 1 "Ransome A. Gillette (later proprietor of the Euclid Avenue House) has sold out his interest in the Weddell House to C. H. Wesley and Sons of Indianapolis. The hotel has been Gillette's possession just five years and six months." *Leader*, May 1, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 290.

1874 May 9 "R. A. Gillette was surrounded by a number of gentlemen in the lobby at the Weddell House yesterday and presented with a cane of ebony having a heavy head of solid gold. Gillette is going to another city to manage a hotel there. The incident was very pleasing to him." *Leader*, May 9, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 290.

1874 Aug. 11 "James Ruckland, who fell from the balcony of Euclid Hotel on Aug. 8 and in whose possession a set of burglar tools was allegedly found, had an examination before Judge Abbey, and was arraigned on the charge of being a suspicious person. He was fined $50 and costs and sent to the workhouse for 30 days." *Leader*, Aug. 11, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 166.

1874 Aug. 31 "The Euclid Avenue house, of which Colonel R. A. Gillette, late of the Weddell House, is proprietor, is now completed and will be opened for the entertainment of guests on Thursday, September 3d. It is a pleasant drive along our beautiful Euclid Avenue to this magnificent house and we have no doubt the genial colonel will have hosts of visitors." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 31, 1874.

1874 Sept. 2 "A vase and fine piece of statuary were stolen from the grounds of R. A. Gillette's new hotel in East Cleveland yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 2, 1874.

1874 Sept. 3 "Euclid Avenue hotel is a new hotel recently erected and opened by Colonel Gillette, formerly popular landlord of the Weddell. Located three fourths of a mile beyond Lake View cemetery, the new hotel is the most elegant suburban house in the west and is

a credit to our city. It is an exclusively quiet and respectable hotel. Built of wood and surrounded by a broad balcony, the edifice presents a most airy and inviting appearance." *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 291.

1874 Sept. 18 "All persons who have visited the Euclid Avenue House will testify to its being the most delightful resort for those who desire to spend an hour or so after a pleasant drive on the pleasantest avenue out of the city, and they will further testify that it is there you can get the most delicious meal of any place either in or out of Cleveland. Don't fail to make it convenient to drive out there and see for yourself." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 18, 1874.

1874 Dec. 31 The East Cleveland Social club held a party at Gillette's hotel, Thursday evening, Dec. 31, 1874. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1875.

1875 J. M. Richard was the proprietor of the Euclid Avenue Hotel from 1875 to 1879. Robison, Savage, *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76; 1876-77; 1877-78; 1878-79.

1875 July 14 "G. C. Griswold has been appointed assignee of the estate of E. A. Gillette." *Leader*, July 14, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 134.

1875 July 29 Many members of the Knights of Pythias, headed by Grand Chancellor John Thompson of Columbus, and a LEADER representative, left Cleveland for Warren July 27, to institute Independence lodge No. 90 there.

Upon their arrival back in Cleveland yesterday the Knights accepted an invitation from Grand Chancellor Thompson and ate a splendid breakfast at Joe Richard's (Euclid Ave. House). *Leader*, July 29, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 384.

1877 Oct. "This popular resort was built four years ago (1874) and came into the possession of its present (1878) proprietor in October, 1877. It is located six miles from the Public Square on Euclid Avenue, and to reach it is one of the finest drives in the country." Cleveland Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 145.

1878 July 10 "Of suburban resorts, there are plenty, chief among them, J. M. Richard, Euclid Avenue House, the most superbly furnished and equipped road house in America." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1878.

1878
July 15 "Already some of the older citizens are planning for a grand clam bake early in September at the Euclid Avenue House, or rather in the grove in front.

"Elegant surroundings, plenty of shade, cool breezes, pure air, the best of order and nothing but good company at J. M. Richard's Euclid Avenue House seven days in the week." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1878.

EUCLID HOTEL
East 14th Street & Huron Road

A brief mention of the Euclid Avenue House places its beginning in 1874. A hotel of the same name which had been run by Anthony Carlin and son for 27 years was pulled down in the 1900's to make way for the widening of East 14th Street. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 4, 1874; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, II, 15.

1874 "L. Kerf owns the Euclid Hotel, which has first-class accommodations, and a good stable in connection with this house." Titus, Simmons and Titus. *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 120.

1875
Feb. 6 "Lost - Between Euclid Avenue Hotel and Brownell street, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 2nd., a black boa. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to No. 19 Rockwell street." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1875.

EUCLID PLACE HOTEL
Euclid Ave. & E. 9th St.

The property upon which the Euclid Place hotel stood was purchased by William Benedict Scofield in 1854. It was a part of a forest adjoining a swamp where the present Citizens Building now stands. Shortly after the purchase Mr. Scofield erected a three story apartment hotel on the Euclid Street frontage. The hotel building was of brick. The floor joists were made of the oak and black walnut trees on the property. The Euclid Street frontage was 39 feet and extended 85 feet on Erie Street. While the hotel did not cater to the travelling public, it was frequented by missionaries to the western Indian Tribes, attracted to it by the well known religious views of the Scofield family. Scofield, Sherman W., Letter.

Hotels and Taverns
Euclid Place Hotel

1854 "The space between the high school and the corner, now (1940) occupied by the Schofield Building, previously was occupied by a now long forgotten residence hotel built by William Benedict Schofield. His grandson, Sherman Scofield, now lives in the towering Schofield Building, almost directly above the spot, where he was born in the dwelling built by his father, the architect, Capt. Levi Schofield." *Press*, Sept. 3, 1940.

1859 Oct. 27 "Euclid Place. - The large Boarding House on the corner of Euclid and Erie Streets, is for rent. Apply to Wm. Scofield, 185 Erie St." *Leader*, Oct. 27, 1859.

1860 May 8 "Dr. Newton, a noted physician of Cincinnati, is in Cleveland at the Euclid place boarding house on the corner of Euclid and Erie St. where he is prepared to receive patients." *Leader*, May 8, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 190.

1862 Nov. 4 "William Scofield, boarding house keeper, increased the price of George T. McMurry's board. He claims that McMurry showed his resentment by assaulting him. Judge Daniel R. Tilden of probate court will render a decision today." *Leader*, Nov. 4, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 592.

1862 Nov. 5 "Judge Tilden decided yesterday that George T. McMurry was guilty of assault and battery upon the person of William Scofield. McMurry paid a $50 fine." *Leader*, Nov. 5, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 592.

1863 Apr. 4 William Scofield was appointed to the executive committee of a citizens' group which met to organize a Union League. *Leader*, Apr. 6, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 335.

1871 Sept. 2 "Lessons in Drawing and Painting from the cast, life and nature by Miss L. L. Fox Studio, Cleveland Academy, Huron St. Residence, Room 19 Euclid Place." *Leader*, Sept. 2, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 33.

1882 "It (Euclid Place hotel) was operated as a hotel until 1882 after which it was operated as a store and apartment building." Scofield, Sherman W., Letter.

1901 "In 1901, it (Euclid Place hotel) was torn down and the present SCHOFIELD BUILDING erected." Scofield, Sherman W., Letter.

EUROPEAN HOTEL
180 Seneca Street
(West 3rd St.)

1873 James B. Green was proprietor of the European House at 180 Seneca street from 1873 to 1878. *Cleveland Directory*, 1873-74, 1874-75, 1875-76, 1876-77, 1877-78; Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1879 From 1879 to 1882, the establishment at 180 Seneca street was listed as a saloon, Peter S. Lovely, proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879-80, 1880-81, 1881-82.

1882 From 1882 to 1884, the address, 180 Seneca street, was listed as a saloon, B. Grimley, proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1882, 1883, 1884.

1887 In 1887 the European House, under the name of "European Hotel," was at 180 Seneca street, Mrs. Mary A. Eyster, proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1887.

EUROPEAN HOUSE
Foot of St. Clair Street

1855 Feb. 28 "A man by the name of Thomas Baker committed suicide last night in the kitchen of the European House, foot of St. Clair street, by hanging himself. He tied two handkerchiefs together, fastened one end around his neck, then launched himself from a stand. When found, the body was dead and cold, and the feet touched the floor.

"The deceased was an Englishman. He had lately returned from England, where he had been trying to obtain a considerable amount of property that rightfully belonged to him, but by some quibble of the law his relations had cheated him out of it. He said he was tired of living and accordingly hung himself." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1855.

FARMERS' HOTEL
74 Michigan Street
(Terminal Development)

1869 William P. Luse was proprietor of the hotel at 74 Michigan Street, later known as the Farmers' Hotel. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 199.

1875 Thomas F. Andrews was proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel at 74 Michigan Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

1876 William F. Luse was proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel at 74 Michigan Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77.

1877 Daniel Wolf was proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel at 74 Michigan Street from 1877-1887. *Cleveland Directory*, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886, 1887.

1888 W. H. Shaw was proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel at 74 Michigan Street from 1888 to 1891. *Cleveland Directory*, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891.

1891 Daniel Wolf was proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel at 74 Michigan Street from 1891 to 1897. *Cleveland Directory*, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896.

1897 S. T. Wolf was proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel at 74 Michigan Street from 1897 to 1900. *Cleveland Directory*, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.

FARMERS HOTEL
River Street

The Farmers' Hotel, located at 178 River Street near the steamboat and packet landings in 1845, was operated by several landlords during its twenty years of existence. Sometimes this hotel was referred to as Barber's Tavern. It catered to those persons arriving and leaving by boat. Free conveyance was given to passengers going to and from the hotel. There was also a good stable and yards for the teams.

The last City Directory listing of the hotel was in 1865; whether it existed after this, is uncertain. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 1846-47; Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49; Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65.

1845 — The Farmers' Hotel at 178 River St. was kept by Abner Barber. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 30, 36.

1846 — "Farmers' Hotel, Nos. 178 and 180 River Street, near the steamboat and packing landings....This hotel has been repaired and put in order for the reception and entertainment of travellers, in the best possible manner." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 154.

1847 Jan. — A Barber advertised the Farmers' Hotel, near the steamboat landing on River Street. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, and 25, 1847.

1848 — "Farmers' Hotel, by Abner Barber, River st. near steamboat and canal landing. Good Stabling and yards for Teams. Passengers conveyed to and from Boats free of charge." Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 61, 204.

1850 — "Farmers' Hotel, 178 River St., Cleveland, Atkinson & Jepp, Proprs." Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51.

1850 June 18 — "Death has visited us again. Yesterday morning at four o'clock, some miles below Cleveland, the steamer G. P. GRIFFITH, Captain Roby, caught fire and burned to the water's edge. Mr. Atkinson, who keeps the Farmers' hotel, was aboard. By keeping to the windward of the fire, and cutting the rope of one of the fenders, he kept in the water, and thus saved himself. Of the 326 persons on board, it is feared that 200 have perished." *Daily True Democrat*, June 18, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 79-80.

1851 July 11 — "The horse of the omnibus of the Farmers' hotel backed into the river yesterday morning. Mrs. Bray and her two children, who were in the bus, were drowned. Mr. Bray escaped death." *Daily True Democrat*, July 11, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 73.

1852 Mar. 9 — "According to a report made by Coroner Schuh, George Clark, who was found dead in his bed at Farmers' hotel on Mar. 6, died of nervous prostration caused by financial trouble. Schuh held an inquest immediately following discovery of the body." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 9, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 69.

1853 "William Atkinson is the proprietor of the Farmers' Hotel, River Street." Knight and Parson, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 287.

1853 June 29 "Strayed or Stolen. - From the stable of the Farmers' Hotel, River street; a dark sorrel horse, about 15 or 16 hands high; he lost the half of a shoe on the near hind foot. Whoever will give information of the whereabouts of said horse to Wm. Atkinson, River street, will be handsomely rewarded. Wm. Atkinson." *Plain Dealer*, June 29, 1853.

1853 Sept. 8 "The richest joke of the season was perpetrated yesterday in the probate court. Mr. Atkinson, proprietor of the Farmers' hotel, together with some one whose name we did not learn, was arraigned on the charge of assault and battery. As there was no evidence against Mr. Atkinson his counsel moved that he be discharged, in order that he might be retained as a witness in the case of the other defendant. His honor assented, and thereupon directed the jury to bring in its verdict. The effect may be imagined when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 8, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 101.

1855 Sept. 12 "The *Plain Dealer* reports that two men attacked Alfred Barnes, whom they charged with having committed a robbery in Farmers' hotel. Mr. Barnes had the men arrested. In police court they were fined $10 each for promoting a disturbance. There was no plausibility in the charge of robbery against Mr. Barnes." *Leader*, Sept 12, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 508.

1856 "Farmers' Hotel, River n. Lighthouse, William Atkinson, Proo." Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

1857 "Farmers' Hotel, River nr. Steamboat Landing, J. Ragan, Propr." Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1857 Mar. 30 "John Ragan, manager of the Farmers' hotel, is accused of assaulting Depot Master Robinson on Mar. 28, when the former was ordered from the depot. Mr. Robinson claims that passengers who had just arrived were solicited by Mr. Ragan to patronize his hotel. This is contrary to a city ordinance." *Leader*, Mar. 30, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 285.

1859 "Farmers' Hotel, River Street." Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60.

1861 "Farmers' Hotel, River Street." Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62.

1862 Jan. 14 "Attention, Irishmen! The 50th Regiment O. V., located at Camp Becket, Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, wants a few men to fill up. This is exclusively an Irish Regiment. Stephen H. McGroaty, the Irish hero of Carnifix Ferry, is our Colonel. A chaplain is appointed to the regiment. Headquarters for Recruiting in the Atwater Building and at the Farmers' Hotel, River Street, where the subscriber will stop for a few days only. John Walsh, Lieut." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1862.

1863 July 2 "The Farmers' Hotel, situated at No. 110 River street, and kept by Mr. M. Barrett was burglariously entered last (July 1, 1863) night, and two trunks -- one of which belonged to a traveller -- stolen therefrom. The trunks were kept in the store room, the contents of which were guarded by a valuable watch dog, which was found dead this morning -- evidently having been poisoned. The trunks were carried to a lot in the rear of the house, where their contents were overhauled, and a portion of them taken away, including an insignificant amount of silver money, after they were left in the yard. No traces of the thieves have been obtained." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1863.

1864 "Farmers' Hotel, 110 River, M. Barritt, Prop." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65.

FARR'S TAVERN
St. Clair Road
Near Euclid Creek, Euclid

There is very little reliable data available on Farr's Tavern. It seems that Abram Farr started in business about 1837, somewhere near the Willoughby Road, but the tavern did not appear in the newspapers until 1868. Cuyahoga County Road Records, "C," 42, 43; Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 252; Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874; *Court Records*, VI, 91.

Hotels and Taverns - Farr's Tavern;
Fenway Hall

1868
Mar. 6 "A buffalo robe was stolen on Mar. 4 from C. S. Phillips of East Cleveland at Farr's tavern in Euclid. The robe had a square and compass marked upon it." *Leader*, Mar. 6, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 298.

1869
July 1 "July 1 Notice - The stockholders of the Collamer & St. Clair Street railroad are hereby notified to meet at A. Farr's Hotel, on St. Clair road, on Thursday evening, July 29, 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the election of seven directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them. By order of the committee." *Leader*, July 1, 1869.

FENWAY HALL
(DOAN TAVERN)
Euclid & E. 107th Street

The two-and-one-half acre plot of ground at the northwest corner of Euclid Avenue and Fairmount (East 107th) Street has been continuously a hotel site for 143 years - - - lacking only twelve years of being as old as the Republic itself.

When Nathaniel Doan moved into his log cabin-tavern, in January, 1799, the Constitution of the United States had been ratified but a scant dozen years. Ohio had not yet become a state. Cleveland was a settlement of about a half-dozen persons, when Doan moved his family five miles east on the then Buffalo Road to land he owned. The district came to be known as "Doan's Corners."

In all, four hostelries have occupied the site. Following the death of Doan, his son Job built a new and larger frame tavern. This little inn was under many managements during the next six decades - - - some of them members, by marriage, of the Doan family.

Then, in 1859, the tavern was bought by James Wright, a hotel keeper from "downtown," and was known for about fifteen years as the Wright House.

In 1874 the property was sold to a group headed by L. E. Holden, who moved the old Doan Tavern building to Cedar Avenue for use as a tenement. The former Wright House was succeeded by an ornate building of brick and stone called Fairmount Court; and was conducted on a new principle -- that of an apartment hotel. It was the fore-runner of many in the Doan's Corners district. In 1932, it finally was razed to make way for the modern Fenway Hall, a large and modern family hotel -- thus continuing the tradition of its predecessor.

1796 "In General Cleaveland's (surveying) party was my uncle, Nathaniel Doan, of Middle Haddam, Middlesex County, Conn., (where he was born, June 1, 1762). After spending two years, 1796 and 1797, in assisting to lay our roads and define the county and township limits in the howling wilderness of that day,...Nathaniel Doan decided to bring his family here and locate a home in the woods." *Settlers Annals,* (Statement of John Doan) I, No. 6, 51; see also Post, *Doan's Corners,* 41,42.

1798 "Extract from the minutes of the Connecticut Land Company: 'Whereas, the Directors have given to ... Nathaniel Doan (note spelling, some members of the family used a final "e") one city lot (two acres), he being obliged to reside thereon as a blacksmith, and all in the city and town of Cleaveland.'"

In the "Doan Family Book," as quoted by Post, it is stated that Nathaniel Doan "built a home on Superior Street opposite Bank Street" when he came to Cleaveland in 1798 with his family.

Whittlesey says: "Nathaniel Doan went at first into the cabin built by Stiles, and immediately put up a blacksmith shop on the south side of Superior Street, not far east of Bank Street." Post, *Doan's Corners,* 41, 42; Whittlesey, *Cleveland,* 355; Johnson, *Cuyahoga County,* 227; Kennedy, *Cleveland,* 52; Wickham, *Pioneer Families,* 65-6.

1798 Nathaniel Doan accepted the offer of the Connecticut Land Company and, in 1798, left Middle Haddam with his wife, the former Sarah Adams, then aged 27; four children, Job, Sarah, Delia and Mercy; and his nephew, Seth Doan.

Scarcely was the family settled in the hamlet before every member became ill of fever and ague. Seth, the 11-year old nephew, though suffering from the disease, had sufficient strength to make the long trip to Kingsbury's in Newburgh for corn; otherwise the stricken family was obliged to subsist on carrots from their tiny garden. Once in a while, Lorenzo Carter brought them a piece of venison. Post, *Doan's Corners,* 42, 43, 177; Wickham, *Pioneer Families,* 43, 44; *Settlers Annals,* 1937-1938; Robison, *Cleveland,* 18, 19.

1798 Apparently determined to be rid of Cleveland and its fever-laden marshes, Nathaniel Doan gave little attention to his blacksmith shop; instead, he devoted his energies, limited by fever, to felling trees and clearing a small area of a tract four miles east of the settlement on the Euclid Road.

This tract included all of Original 100-acre Lot 402; and upon it the pioneer constructed the rude log building which was to serve as home for himself and family and as a tavern to shelter wayfaring settlers.

This tract, known as "Doan's Hundred," is described, in terms of present-day streets and buildings, as follows: western boundary, East 105th Street; northern boundary, a line running through the Art Museum; eastern boundary, a line running through Severance Hall and ending where Stearns Road intersects Cedar Avenue; southern boundary, Cedar Avenue. University Circle is in approximately the center of the tract; and the Case and Reserve college campuses are included within it.

The land contract called for payment of $7.50 an acre, or $750 for the entire tract. The fact that a number of years were to elapse before Doan was able to pay for this land indicates the scarcity of money in the purses of the early settlers. *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1892, 9, 21; Cleveland City Street Map, 1900; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 42, 43, 51, 177.

1799 "When...Nathaniel Doan brought his ague-stricken family from near the Cuyahoga's marshy mouth out more than four miles...they found there what ... by comparison must have seemed a bit of paradise."

They had remained in the hamlet less than a year before moving out to the farm at what later became known as "Doan's Corners."

Doan built the log tavern on the northwest corner of Euclid Road and the Newburgh Road (later Fairmount Street, now E. 107th Street). Soon afterward he built a log store on the southwest corner; and before long a little factory for making "saleratus" (baking soda). This latter was a boon to housewives of the country for miles around, who had been obliged to makeshift by the use of lye in their cooking. Eventually, Doan added a blacksmith shop to his establishment.

The nearest neighbor of the Doans was Nathan Chapman, who had a small cabin in a little clearing on the Euclid Road near the intersection with (later) Willson Street. On the ridge in Newburgh (now Woodland Hills between the present Woodland and Kinsman Roads), were several families. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 43, 44, 45; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 44, 45; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 331, 357; Howe, *Historical Collections*, I, 496.

1800 The Doan tavern stood by the roadside, where all travel east and west between Detroit and Buffalo passed it. The little creek flowing through the woods just east (now Wade Park) attracted the large parties of pioneers who travelled in company from their New England homes with huge wagons, driving their cattle and other livestock. On the level stretch of ground now occupied by Adelbert College and Case School they would make a halt of a day or two to water their stock and to wash and rest themselves. As many as fifteen wagons are reported to have been there at a time.

The Doan tavern was patronized by these travellers. The borrower was abroad in the land; and everything from spoons to camp kettles was asked for and usually obtained; for the Doans were kind-hearted and sympathetic. Some of these were not returned until a year afterward.

Bears and wolves prowled the clearings about the little settlements. Even as late as 1820, travellers between Doan's Corners and Cleveland were reportedly "treed" by wolves. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 43, 44, 48; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 44, 45.

1802 Nathaniel Doan was chosen Township Clerk, also one of three supervisors of highways, at the first town meeting of the Township of Cleaveland authorized by the Court of General Quarter Sessions. The meeting was held April 5, 1802, in the home of James Kingsbury. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, III.

1803 Apr. 4 Nathaniel Doan was chosen town clerk for a second term at a meeting of the citizens of Cleveland Township on April 4, 1803. *Record of Cleveland Township Trustees*, 1803-1838; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 117, 118.

1804 Apr. 14 The trustees of the Township of Cleveland met at Nathl. Doan's (Doan Tavern) and divided the township into districts for the several supervisors. *Record of Cleveland Township Trustees*, 1803-1838; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 121, 122.

1804 May 2 Nathaniel Doan was made a lieutenant in the first militia company. Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 332; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 120.

1805 May 20 Nathaniel Doan was elected captain of the Second Battalion of the First Regiment of the Ohio Militia. Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 405.

1806 Aug. "We attended meetings in a log barn at Doan's Corners once or twice to hear the announcement of a new sect by one Daniel Parker, who preached what he called Halcyonism since, I believe, it has become extinct." Quoted from a letter of John Harmon, of Ravenna. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 130.

1808 The headquarters of Cleveland's first Militia Company was established at Doan's Tavern. Rice, *Pioneer of Western Reserve*, 86.

1809 Sept. 16 The Connecticut Land Company deeded the 100 acre lot known as Original Lot 402, Range 12, Township of Cleveland to Nathaniel Doan. The deed was recorded August 24, 1810. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, A-1, 11.

1810 "The county of Cuyahoga being organized, Nathan Perry, Sr. and Augustus E. Gilbert and Nathaniel Doan were elected Associate Judges, all residents of Cleveland Township as it then was." Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 426.

1811 "During the summer of 1811 a large ball was given at Seth (should be Nathaniel) Doane's Tavern, and people came from far and near to trip the light fantastic toe... . All was gayety under the tallow dip and spruce bough. Maple sugar, short cake, and homemade whiskey lightened the feet of the dancers.... Alas! a reckoning came on the Sabbath following the ball ... the minister sternly reproved such of his flock as had been participants." Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, I, 73.

1812 After the surrender of General Hull to the British near Detroit in 1812, some of his disbanded soldiers coming down the lake in boats were mistaken for British and Indians on their way to attack Cleveland. A courier scout sent here from Huron said that the British and Indian Allies would reach this city the next night. Major Samuel Jones, on horseback, carried the warning to all in the Cleveland-Newburgh territory, to go to Doan's Corners where they would be guarded. Valuables were buried and animals collected and soon many families were encamped for the night at the Corners. In the morning Captain Allen Gaylord rode out from Cleveland and informed the campers that the rumor of attack was false. *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 5, 26; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 48, 49.

1815 Nathaniel Doane (the final "e" appears in the name throughout the will and signature) made a will disposing of his property. The original document in the Cuyahoga County Court House is written in legible script but is entirely devoid of punctuation marks. The following excerpt is quoted verbatim:- "I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Doane the farm on which I now live lying in Cleveland Township as aforsaid with all the improvements made thereon during her natural life reserving the priviledge for my son Job Doane to make other improvements if he thinks proper for his own use ... I give also and bequeath to my son Job Doane his heirs and assignes after the decease of my Wife as aforsaid all the above mentioned farm with the appurtenences there unto belonging . . ."

Other property was bequeathed to his daughters but it seems clear that his intention was to give his wife a life interest in the Doan Tavern property which Job should manage. Job and Seth Doane were named in the will as executors. The document is dated Nov. 22, 1815 and "proved" March 5, 1816. *Common Pleas Court Docket* A, case 78.

1817 Seth Cogswell Baldwin of Ballston Springs, N. Y., brought his second wife, Abigail Kellog Baldwin, and his family, to Doan's Corners in 1817 and lived for a time at the Doan Tavern. Abigail died within a year. She left a son of nine years of age and a daughter, and a family of children whose care she had assumed at her marriage. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 190.

1818 Mar. 1 Ahimaaz Sherwin with his wife and daughter left Middlebury, Vermont, Feb. 10, 1818, to settle in the Western Reserve. They arrived in Cleveland March 1. Being unable to find a place to stop in Cleveland, they were obliged to go to Doan's Tavern at Doan's Corners, which at that time consisted of the Doan Hotel, kept by Job Doan, a log house opposite, and a one story house on the corner of Doan street and Euclid Avenue, occupied by Judge John M. Strong. *Settlers Annals*, I, No. 3, 62, 63; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 201.

1821 Sept. 25 "The electors of Cuyahoga county met at the home of Job Doan, Esq., on Sept. 22. Seth Baldwin was elected chairman, and Samuel M'Ilrath was made clerk." *Herald*, Sept. 25, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 122.

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1824 Sept 10 "By authority of sundry writs .... I shall expose to public sale at the door of the court house in Cleaveland, on Monday the 4th day of October next the following described real estate to wit: ...

"The right, title and interest of Job Doan and Seth Doan in and to a part of lot No. 402 in the township of Cleaveland, consisting of two acres or thereabouts, with a distillery and Ox Mill standing thereon, and upon which there is a durable and valuable spring of water, suitable for a distillery and other purposes - at the suit of Amos Fiskvs. Seth Doan and Job Doan. James S. Clarke, Sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 10, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 146.

1825 July 4 That all was not "hard work and coarse fare" in the little settlement east of Cleveland is shown by the description of one of many Fourth of July celebrations held in the orchard behind Doan's Tavern.

Tables and benches of rough boards were set under a bower of hemlock boughs; a Liberty pole was brought from the woods and raised; and other needful advance preparations were made.

Actual jollifications began following the raising of the American flag, with appropriate ceremonies. Baskets were brought and the tables loaded with the best the land then could afford, with roast pigs the chief table ornaments. Drinks were numerous and varied. "Everyone got mellow; it was one of the privileges of the day." After a round of patriotic speeches, the fiddles were brought out and the dancing began - - lasting all night. Orth, *Cleveland*, 422-3; *Settlers Annals*, II, No. 7, 16.

1826 Apr. 28 "By order of the court ... we shall proceed to sell at public vendue, at the house of Job Doan, on Saturday the 13th of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon, ... real estate of which John H. Strong, late of Euclid died seized." Signed by the administrators. *Herald*, Apr. 28, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 22.

1826 July 14 "The Fourth of July was celebrated by the citizens of Cleveland and the adjacent towns at Doan's Tavern, in a manner calculated to make a favorable impression on the minds of all who participated in the festivities of the occasion. After the dinner and the drinking of appropriate toasts the youth of the company retired to a spacious hall, where music and dancing and the presence of beauty completed the felicities of the day." *Herald*, July 14, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 28.

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1827 Oct. 7 — "By virtue of a writ issued by the court of common pleas as the result of a suit by Amos Fisk against Seth and Job Doan, I shall expose for sale a ... parcel of improved land in Cleaveland township, which land is subject to the claim of the widow of Nathaniel Doan, deceased, to the use thereof during her life." Signed by Edwin Baldwin, Sheriff. *Herald*, Sept. 7, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 142.

1828 Aug. — "Military Notice. The Commissioned and Staff officers of the 1st Rifle Battalion, 2nd Brig., 9th Div., O. M., are ordered to meet at the house of Job Doan, Esq., in Cleaveland on Aug. 28 and 29, armed and equipped for office muster. By order of A. Brainard, Brig. Gen." *Herald*, Aug. 1, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 199.

1829 — "Administrator's Sale. By virtue of an order from the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, I shall sell at public auction at the tavern of Job Doan, Esq., on May 2, at one o clock P. M. lots of land belonging to the estate of John Niles, late of Cleaveland. Terms made known at the time of sale. J. L. Conger, Atty. Francis Maine, Adm'r." *Herald*, Apr. 2, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 21-22.

1829 Apr. 23 — "Attention, First Rifle Co. of the First Battalion and Second Brigade of the 9th Div., Ohio Militia.

"The above company are notified to meet at Job Doan's tavern in Cleaveland, May 4, armed and equipped for Brigade inspection, and Company exercises. By order of E. Burton, Cap't." *Herald*, Apr. 23, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 38.

1829 June 18 — "Married in Euclid, on June 10, by J. (Job) Doan, Esq. (of Doan's Tavern) Jacob Husang, to Miss Rebecca Heston, both of Euclid." *Herald*, June 18, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 35.

1829 Sept. 24 — "Mr. St. John (Editor of the Herald): Please insert the name of Job Doan, Esq., for County Commissioner and oblige - A Voter." *Herald*, Sept. 24, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 61.

1829 Nov. 12 — "Job Doan and Harvey Rice were on Saturday last elected Justices of the Peace, for Cleaveland Township." *Herald*, Nov. 12, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 62.

1830 July 8 — "At the anniversary of the declaration of independence celebrated at the house of Job Doan, in this town, on July 5, a Revolutionary soldier by the name of Wheeler is supposed to have eaten so much as to cause his death, as he was found dead the next day." *Herald*, July 8, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 111.

1830 Oct. 12 — Job Doan, proprietor of Doan's Tavern, was chosen County Commissioner in an election held October 12, in which the national issues as advocated by the presidential candidates, Clay and Jackson, evidently influenced the choice of local politicians. Doan was described as a "Clay man." *Herald*, Oct. 14, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 147.

1831 June 28 — "Military Notice. The commissioned officers of the 1st Reg., 2nd Brig., 9th Div., Ohio Militia, are hereby ordered to meet for 'Officer Muster' on the 30th and 31st days of August next at the house of Job Doan, Esq., in Cleaveland armed and equipped as the law directs.

"The commissioned and staff officers of the Rifle Regiment of said Brigade, are also hereby notified to meet for the same object, at the same time and place." *Herald*, June 28, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 209.

1831 June 30 — "Military Notice. The members of the first cavalry company, first regiment, second brigade, ninth division, of the Ohio Militia, are hereby notified to meet at the house of Job Doan, in Cleaveland Township on Saturday the 9th day of July next (1831), at 9 o'clock A. M., armed and equipt as the law directs, for company exercise and inspection. Henry H. Dodge, Act. Com." *Herald*, June 30, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 209.

1831 Oct. 13 — Official returns of the election in Cuyahoga county showed Job Doan had been elected representative. *Herald*, Oct. 13, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 219.

1832 Mar. 8 — "Married at Doan's Corners, on Sunday morning last (March 7) by Job Doan, Esq., Mr. Valentine Dennick, to Miss Laura Killbury." *Herald*, Mar. 8, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 20.

1833 Mar 12 — "Sheriff's Sale. By virture of a writ of Alias Venditioni Exponas to me directed from common pleas court of Cuyahoga county, I shall expose to public sale at the court house April 20, lots No. 417 and

418 in Newburgh township, Cuyahoga county. Taken as the property of Job Doan, at the suit of Zalmon Fitch, Eleanor Mygatt and Elisha Whittlesey, executors of C. S. Mygatt, vs. Richard H. Blinn, Seth Doan, and Job Doan. Sheriff, John Barr." *Herald*, Mar. 12, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 134.

1833
Apr. 2 "At the annual Township election - - - the following gentlemen were chosen to fill the offices to which their names are annexed: Justice of the Peace. - Job Doan, ..." *Herald*, Apr. 2, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 115.

1833
Aug. 3 "The Commissioned and staff officers of the 1st Rifle Reg., 2nd Brig., 9th Div. of the Ohio Militia, are ordered to meet at the house of Job Doan (Doan's Tavern), in Cleveland on Friday and Saturday the 30th and 31st days of August next, for officer muster; agreeable to the 24th sec. of the Militia law of 1831. By order of the Brigadier General. Signed Henry Dodge, Col." *Herald*, Aug. 3, 1833.

1834 "Martin Gale, son of John and Betsey Herrick Gale, married Susan Walters, and they removed to Cleveland in 1834. Their journey ended as they drove up to Job Doan's tavern, corner of Euclid and Fairmount streets. There was no house to be had in Doan's Corners. He noticed a little building belonging to the Doans and - - - used to store corn. Mrs. Doan felt interested in the young couple .... 'If that corn were only out you might use the store,' she remarked. 'If that's all that hinders I can make short work of it,' replied Mr. Gale, and was as good as his word. Soon the little store was empty, swept and cleaned, and he was off to the steamboat docks for the limited but precious household goods they had brought with them from New York State." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 495.

1834
Mar. 22 "Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of 1st Reg't., 2 Brigade, 9th Div'n, O. M., to meet at Job Doan's, in Cleveland, to elect a colonel, in place of Col. John L. Green removed agreeably to the military law of Ohio. Ahaz Merchant, Brig. Genl." *Herald*, Mar. 22, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 199.

1834
June 7 "A new Post Office,... has been established at Doan's Corners, and Job Doan, Esq., appointed Post Master." *Herald*, June 7, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 232.

1834
Sept. 20 Job Doan died of cholera in 1834. He must have possessed lovable qualities that secured and kept for him many friends. When the news that he was stricken with the disease reached town, Capt. Lewis Dibble and Tom Calahan - - well-known Cleveland men - - at once set about procuring medical aid for him. Every doctor was busy or away, and the friends had to wait for some time before they succeeded. Finally, they intercepted two physicians who had just returned from other calls and prevailed upon them both to start out again at once, although there was a four miles drive between town and Doan's Corners. It was far in the night before they reached their destination, and when they arrived were unable to add anything to the treatment already given by the two friends whom they found with him. Within an hour death came to Mr. Doan and relieved his sufferings. Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, 45; *Whig*, Sept. 24, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 166.

1834
Sept. 20 Nathaniel A. Doan, son of Job Doan, inherited his father's interest in the Doan Tavern and the "Doan Hundred Acres" upon the death of his father Sept. 20, 1834. *Common Pleas Court Docket*, A, 397.

1837
Apr. 27 "Administrators Sale. By virtue of an order issued out of common pleas court, we shall offer for sale at public auction, on May 27, at the house of Charles Warner, 16 acres of land belonging to the estate of Job Doan, deceased. William Adams, E. Baldwin, Adm'rs." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 27, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 113.

1842
July 5 "Temperance House,* East Cleveland, Ohio. The subscriber informs his friends and the public generally, that he has taken the well known Tavern stand at Doan's Corners, four miles east of the city, and has opened a house of entertainment, which will be conducted on strict temperance principles; he hopes by strict attention to his guests to render his house a pleasant home to the traveler and an agreeable resting place to his friends who may patronize him from the city. E. S. Decker." *Herald*, July 5, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 162.

*This change in ownership of the old Doan Tavern was made while a great wave of temperance meetings was sweeping in the country, most of them being held or sponsored by the Washington Total Abstinence Society. It is not apparent whether the old Tavern took the name "Temperance House," or whether that was simply a descriptive phrase, as it was in the case of many hotels.

1842 Oct. 7 — "Places of Election. ... For the township, at B. S, Decker's (Doan) tavern." *Herald*, Oct. 7, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 258.

1843 Mar. 30 — Nathaniel A. Doan, son of Job Doan, transferred the title to the "Job Doan Tavern" and nine acres of land, part of the original lot No. 402, to Bartholomew S. Decker, for a consideration stated in the deed to be $800. This quit-claim deed was put on record May 26, 1843. The deed indicates the time of completion of payment as Decker had been in possession of the property for a year. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 32, 627, 628.

1843 May 26 — On the same day that the quit-claim deed from Nathaniel A. Doan to Bartholomew S. Decker was placed on record, B. S. Decker executed a quit-claim deed for the tavern and nine acres of land, to Robert Harlow. The consideration given in this deed was the same as in the former deed, $800. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 32, 628, 629.

1844 Oct. 5 — "The electors of Cleveland township are notified to meet on the 2nd Tuesday (Oct. 8) of the present month, ... and those residing in the township without the city at C. Cookeley's Tavern at the Corners."* *Herald*, Oct. 5, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 619.

1845 Apr. 4 — A meeting of the voters of East Cleveland was held at C. Coatley's (Coakley's) Inn, on the 1st day of April, 1845. *Herald*, Apr. 4, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 230.

1845 Oct. 4 — "The Ladies of East Cleveland, (formerly Doan's Corners) will hold a Fair, on Thursday, the 9th of October, in the afternoon and evening, at Mr. Coakly's Temperance House, where fancy articles and refreshments will be sold, the avails of which will be given to aid in the erection and furnishing of a Presbyterian house of worship." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 4, 1845; see also *Herald*, Oct. 6, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 51.

*The corners mentioned above undoubtedly refer to Doan's Corners, and as there was but one tavern there, C. Cookeley's Tavern must be the old Doan Tavern. The name C. Cookeley may refer to Harriet, (widow of Job) Doan's second husband, whom she married six years after Job's death in 1834, and whose name, according to Wickham, was Cornelius Coakley.

1849 Apr. 25 — Robert Harlow and wife deeded the tavern and 2.53 acres of land, part of Original Lot No. 402, on the north side of Euclid Road, to Sophia Billings. The consideration stated in the deed was $4,000. The deed was placed on record May 17, 1849. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 43, 785, 786.

1849 Apr. 25 — When Sophia Billings purchased the Doan Tavern property from Harlow she paid only part of the $4,000 consideration in cash and gave him a mortgage for $2,875 on the property, which was executed Apr. 25, 1849, and recorded May 16th, 1849. The records show that this mortgage was discharged Nov. 21, 1853. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 44, 890, 891.

1849 May 23 — "The corporators of the Plank Road co., convened at the Croton House (Doan Tavern) at East Cleveland, May 19, and passed a resolution instructing Charles M. Giddings to confer with the corporators of the different townships, for the purpose of opening the books for said company and receiving subscriptions for stock." *Daily True Democrat*, May 23, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 350.

1850 Aug. 20 — Sophia Billings transferred title to the Doan Tavern and 2.53 acres of land, to Catherine Ann Stephens. The consideration stated in the deed was $3500. The deed was recorded Sept. 12, 1850. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 48, 105, 106.

1850 Dec. 14 — The Doan Tavern with 2.53 acres of land was deeded to Asa Larned by Phillip Stephens and his wife Catherine. The consideration stated in the instrument was $1,100. The deed was filed for record Jan. 16, 1851. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 48, 598, 599.

1851 Jan. 11 — Asa Larned and his wife disposed of the Doan Tavern with 2.53 acres of land to Lydia, the wife of Abner Barber, by quit-claim deed in which $1 was stated as the consideration. The deed was dated Jan. 11, and executed Jan. 16, 1851. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 48, 599, 600.

1852 Jan. 24 — "A forty couple party, danced dull care away, at this favorite old stand (Croton House) on Friday night. Barber is a host and his house is just the place for a drive." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 24, 1852.

1852 Apr. 5

"About 12 o'clock last night (April 4) a thief entered the Croton House through a back window, unbolted the back-door so as to have a clear field for escape, went through the dining-room into a bed-room where Mr. Barber the Landlord, and wife were sleeping, took Barber's pantaloons from under his pillow, and in rifling the pockets accidently let a heavy wallet fall upon the floor, which awakened Mrs. Barber. She raised an alarm, Barber jumped to the floor, the thief put out, Barber after him, and they had a scrub race across the forty acre lot, the thief winning, time 2:40; Barber's bare feet and toe nails suffering considerably.

"It was a bold adventure. The thief after dropping the wallet, actually felt around on the floor until he found it, and then held on to Barber's breeches for the rest of the money, until he got out of the house. The wallet contained about $40. In the other pocket, not rifled, was some $70 more. The fellow had on a grey coat, and was rather tall. He was an excellent runner. He is supposed to have an accomplice. Barber had sold his place and was to have got his money on Saturday, but, luckily, the sale was not completed till today, April 5. The thief, of course, was knowing to the sale." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 5, 1852.

1852 Apr. 5

Abner Barber and wife Lydia deeded the Tavern with 2.53 acres to Oscar F. White for the consideration, stated in the deed, of $4,000; and subject to the mortgage which had been placed on the property in 1849. The deed was recorded Apr. 29, 1852. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 55, 463, 467.

1853 Sept. 27

"The Croton House, East Cleveland, has been disposed of by Mr. George (probably manager for Oscar F. White, owner) to two gentlemen of this city. They are engaged in refitting, renovating and refurnishing it, in order to make it a popular place of resort for persons taking a short drive out of the city. Every arrangement will be made by which the visitor can enjoy himself. The house is to be christened 'The Irving House.' Since penning the above, we learn that the gentlemen engaged in the above are Thomas Elwood, late of the Weddell House, and Sam'l Hoag, late of the Johnson House. They are both popular, and will soon make a large business for themselves. 'Tom' says he will attend to matters 'up to the handle.'" *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 27, 1853.

1853 Nov. 28

John P. Phillips acquired title to the Doan Tavern and 2.53 acres of land on this date, seven days after the mortgage which had been placed on the property in 1849 had been discharged by a

deed executed by Oscar F. White and wife Nov. 28, 1853, and recorded Dec. 24, 1853. The consideration stated in the deed was $5,500. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* 69, 208, 209.

1856 Jan. 18 "O. K. - The O. K. Club of this city had a sleigh ride, and afterwards a dance at the Croton House, East Cleveland, on Friday evening last. - It was one of the pleasantest affairs of the season. A friend who was present remarked that the sleigh-ride was O. K., the dance O. K., the music O. K., and the Oh! K. Dar can vouch for the supper." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 21, 1856.

1857 Mar 30 Title to the old Doan Tavern and the land on which it stood was publicly auctioned, by order of the Common Pleas Court, on the steps of the Cuyahoga County Court House, on March 30, 1857. This action was the result of a suit instituted against John P. Phillips owner of the tavern, by Elanson and Sophia (Billings) Lacey, former owners. Other former owners named as defendants were Oscar F. White, Robert Harlow, Catherine Ann Stevens (Stephens). Other defendants also named were James A. Briggs, Alexander Garrett, D. A. Eddy, I. N. Halliday, David Todd (Later Governor of Ohio), D. P. Rhodes, Crawford & Price, Eagle Insurance Company of Cincinnati and Thomas Weatherhead. Judgement against Phillips was given by the court on Nov. 17, 1856, and he was ordered to pay up in ten days. The public auction was held March 30, 1857, "at the door of the Court house in the City of Cleveland ... and Sophia Lacey then and there bidding twenty six hundred and fifty dollars for said premises and she being the highest and best bidder there for and that sum being more than two thirds of the appraisal value thereof the said premises were then and there publicly struck off, and sold by said Master (Seth Abbey) to the said Sophia Lacey..." The deed was executed Apr. 4, 1857, and recorded Apr. 16, 1857. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* 89, 184, 186.

1859 Feb. 12 The old Doan Tavern was involved in a divorce case, which resulted in a quit-claim deed to the tavern property being executed by Elanson H. Lacey to his wife Sophia Lacey for the consideration of "$1. and a divorce," on Feb. 12, 1859. In this deed the tavern is called the Croton House. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* 99, 459, 460.

1859 Mar. 8 Sophia Lacey deeded the "Croton" House, (former Doan Tavern) to James Wright. The consideration named in the deed was $2800. The amount of land was approximately two and one-half acres. The tavern was immediately called the Wright House or Wright Tavern. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* 99, 460, 461.

1859 Dec. 13 "East Cleveland Horse Railroad. - The permanent location of this road was commenced yesterday at the Croton House in East Cleveland - where the road is to start and stop." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 13, 1859.

1859 Dec. 27 "James Wright, of Ontario street ale house celebrity, has purchased the East Cleveland hotel property (~~former Doan Tavern~~) and fitted the establishment up in a style alike comfortable and elegant. He will make more improvements still by fitting up a neat billiard room. The parlors, dining and ball rooms, are spacious and tastily furnished, and an air of comfort, neatness and cheerfulness pervades the entire institution.

"Satisfied that Wright is all right, it gives us pleasure to write about him, and so we go right about it. He calls his inn The House of Malta,* and with an excellent landlord and an excellent landlady the 'House' must thrive apace. Mr. Wright, it should be added, will continue at the head of the well known ale House on Ontario street, and draw either in person or by proxy, lakes and indeed oceans of that 'twenty-one year old'" *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 27, 1859.

1860 The house kept by James Wright (~~former Doan Tavern~~) was famous for its "Southern mutton dinners."

At a fountain in front of the tavern, horses could slake their thirsts, while their owners were refreshing themselves inside.

Wright was a dapper Englishman, a former bugler in the English army, and very neat in his dress. He was a wit and story-teller; and was one of the picturesque characters of the city. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 67, 77 and 173; *Settlers Annals*, VI, No. 1, 31.

1860 "Jim Wright had a minor Zoo - all of his own. In it were a bear and two monkeys, an eagle, an owl, a raccoon and several other animals." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 2, 1925.

* "The House of Malta" as a name for the tavern was probably just a newspaperman's pun because of Wright's occupation as a purveyor of beverages made of malt. No other reference to this name has been found and many references indicate that the tavern was called the Wright House as soon as Wright took charge of it.

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1862
July 22 "The citizens of East Cleveland sponsored a meeting at the Croton House (at this date the Wright House) July 19, for the purpose of making arrangements with the East Cleveland Horse railroad to extend its track to the Croton House, a distance of two miles. ... Weather conditions prevented many prominent men from attending the meeting; however, a committee was appointed and authorized to receive subscription." *Leader*, July 22, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 645.

1862
Aug. 1 "Notice. - To Rail Road Contractors. East Cleveland Street Railroad. Sealed proposals will be received ... until Aug. 10, 1862, for the grading, masonry, laying the tiles, and iron, and ballasting of the Railroad from its present termination at Wilson Avenue, eastwardly to the Croton House, (Wright House) at Doan's Corners, a distance of about two miles." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 1, 1862.

1863
Aug. 19 "The Democracy of East Cleveland will meet at the Wright House Doan's Corners, on Thursday evening, Aug. 20th at 7½ o'clock P. M. for purpose of electing five delegates to the County Democratic Convention." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1863.

1863
Sept. 22 "The East Cleveland Democratic Club will meet at the Wright House (Doane's Corners) Wednesday evening Sept. 23 at 7½ o'clock, P. M. William Heisley, Esq., will address the meeting. Per order of Executive Committee." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 22, 1863.

1864 "A festival for the benefit of the sanitary commission was held (no date given) at the Wright house in East Cleveland. The proprietor of the hotel gave them the use of the dining room and kitchen. The ladies prepared a splendid supper. The entertainment succeeded both financially and socially." *Leader*, Feb. 6, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 348.

1864
Mar. 9 "On Thursday last, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, of the Wright House, East Cleveland, were presented with an elegant silver service, by a few of their numerous friends of this city. The occasion was a pleasant one, and wound-up with a dinner such as the Wrights know how to get up. As a convenient place of access, and a fine place for resort, the Wright House ranks A No. 1. It is but a short drive from the city, or if preferred, the street cars carry visitors to the spot. A splendid grapery, delightful grounds and shrubbery, fountains, &c., are concomitants of the establishment." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 9, 1864.

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1864 Mar. 17 "The Democracy of East Cleveland will meet at the Wright House, Doan's Corners, on Friday evening, March 18th, for the purpose of appointing five delegates to the County Democratic Convention." *Plain Dealer,* Mar. 17, 1864.

1864 Oct. 22 "The Democracy of East Cleveland will meet at Wright's tavern at Doan's corner, Saturday evening next, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., to organize." *Plain Dealer,* Oct. 22, 1864.

1865 June 5 "We are sorry to learn of the dangerous illness of Mr. (James) Wright, of the Wright House, East Cleveland. It was thought at one time yesterday (June 4) that he was dead, and the house was closed up under that belief; but through stimulants he was revived. He is still low." *Plain Dealer,* June 5, 1865.

1865 Oct. 2 "A very large and enthusiastic meeting of the East Cleveland Democracy was held at the Wright House on Saturday evening, Sept. 29th." *Plain Dealer,* Oct. 2, 1865.

1866 Mar. 3 "Mr. James Wright and lady, the host and hostess of the Wright House, East Cleveland, last night entertained in the most handsome manner, a party of their friends from the city. The gentlemen invited were engaged in various kinds of amusements, and making themselves extremely agreeable one to the other, when about 10 o'clock, they were 'suprised' by the entrance into the room of many of their wives. ... The supper was a splendid one, served up in true English style, and was such as is always spread before his guests by Mr. Wright. The music, by gentlemen of the party, was most excellent." *Plain Dealer,* Mar. 3, 1866.

1867 Jan. 21 The printers of the *Plain Dealer* office stopped twice at the Wright House during a sleigh ride arranged for them by the Omnibus line. They were warmed and entertained on the way out, and again on the way back, by Mr. Wright. *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 21, 1867; *ibid.,* Jan. 22, 1867.

1870 May 5 "A group of friends of Jimmy Wright of the Wright House, East Cleveland, met last night (May 4) to celebrate the 'Fifth annual slaughter of the stag.' The company went at once to the scene of the strife. Mr. Wright conducted each member of the hunt to his

place in the field. We cannot speak in high enough terms of the courteous manner in which the members of the hunt were entertained." *Leader*, Mar. 5, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 741.

1871 July 15 — "The Wright House, a popular resort in East Cleveland, kept by James Wright, was recently sold to J. Benton, formerly of this city, for the sum of $35,000. Mr. Wright and his lady contemplate a visit to Europe." *Leader*, July 15, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 357.

1871 Aug. 1 — After operating the tavern successfully for more than twelve years, James Wright sold the old Doan Tavern, then known as the Wright House, to John J. Benton, the consideration named in the deed was $35,000. The land sold with it approximated two and a half acres. The deed was recorded Aug. 16, 1871. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 192, 50, 51.

1872 — "In 1872 this same territory (Doan's Corners) was annexed to Cleveland City, becoming the 16th and 17th wards. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 179.

1873 — Following the sale of the Wright Tavern site by Benton, it was subdivided, being known as the Holden, Ford, Doan and Boise allotment. All but a plot fronting 93 feet on Euclid Avenue and 141 feet on Fairmount Avenue was sold to various parties. The Fairmount Court family hotel was built, later, on this plot. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 681, 23, 24.

1873 July 7 — After two years of ownership, John J. Benton sold the Wright House and the approximately two-and-one-half acres of land it occupied to a group of men composed of L. E. Holden, W. Halsey Doan (a descendant of the original owner, Nathaniel Doan), H.C. Ford and Otis Boise. The consideration stated in the deed was $35,000, of which $7,000 was paid in cash and the balance payable over a period of eight years with interest at six per cent.

Agreeable to a clause in the contract, Benton closed the bar of the hotel, as soon as the papers were passed. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 220, 224; *Plain Dealer*, July 7, 1873.

1874 Wright Tavern was still standing on its original site on the northwest corner of Euclid and Fairmount Avenues. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1874 Within a few years after 1874, the Wright tavern building was moved from its original site at Euclid Avenue and Fairmount Street to a location on the north side of Cedar Avenue, a few doors east of Streeter Avenue (East 100th Street). The building, on the rear of the lot, is used for tenements; two stores have been built in front. The numbers (1942) were 10011 to 10015 Cedar Avenue. *City of Cleveland, Dept. of Streets; Settlers Annals*, III, No. V, 638; *Cleveland Centennial Handbook*, 498.

1874 July 17 "Sunday afternoon July 19, 1874, the cars on the East Cleveland road will begin to run on the new track in Euclid Avenue beyond the Wright house, Doan's corners. The cars will hereafter run regular trips as far as the city limit, which is but a short distance west of Lake View Cemetery. The fare will not be increased." *Plain Dealer*, July 17, 1874.

1876 Following removal of the Wright Tavern to its site on Cedar Street, L. E. Holden began construction of a new hostelry on the old site to operate on what then was a new principle - - the family hotel. Instead of single rooms only, this new hotel provided suites of various sizes, particularly adapted to use of families. The hotel management, of course, offered dining facilities for its guests.

Fairmount Court Hotel - - or Fairmount Court, as it generally was known -- was the forerunner of more than a half-dozen of these family hotels, which since have been built on the original "Doan's Hundred." It was followed by a modern structure of the same type.

When completed, Fairmount Court was the most imposing structure in the district. Of brick, with stone trim, it towered three full stories and an attic under a mansard roof, with many dormer windows. The hotel fronted Fairmount Street, overlooking the grove which later became Wade Park. Its imposing entrance was on this front.

Many of the prominent families of the "East End" made their home at Fairmount Court during its heyday.

It occupied a site which had 93.75 feet on Euclid Avenue and 141 feet on Fairmount Street.

Its first proprietor was Samuel K. Davis. *Stanley L. McMichael Photo Collection;* Personal Interviews.

1898 In the years between 1898 and 1932 the tavern had numerous owners. Its price steadily mounted until a known top of $400,000 was reached. This latter deed designated the tract as "the Fairmount Court property." *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* Vol. 1061, 637-38; Vol. 2559, 385-86; Vol. 2507, 605; Vol. 2559, 387-88; Vol. 2507, 604; Vol. 4210, 245-46.

1898 There was indication that the Hollenden Hotel Company contemplated erection of a hotel on the site of Fairmount Court Hotel, when L. E. Holden and his wife sold the property to the Hollenden Company. The latter held it for eleven years, but failed to develop the hotel project. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* Vol. 681, 23, 24.

1900 By the turn of the century, Fairmount Court had lost much of its transient clientele to the downtown hotels. Gradually its strictly hotel services were curtailed and finally terminated. Some of its public rooms were converted to use as stores. Eventually, it assumed more the role of the family apartment than of the family hotel.

But despite its changed status, it continued to be the home of many of its early patrons, who stayed on despite competition of new family hotels in the district.

The foresight of those who built Fairmount Court was testified to by the choice of the site for the big, modern Fenway Hall Hotel. *Cleveland Public Library Clipping File;* Personal Interviews; *Cleveland Public Library Photo File.*

FISHER'S HOTEL
104 Water Street

1863 Fisher's Hotel was at the corner of St. Clair and Water Streets, with the entrance at 104 Water. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory,* 1863.

1871 Fisher's Hotel address was 58 St. Clair Street.* Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

FOREST CITY HOTEL
Seneca and Champlain Streets

1863 John Reynolds & Son were proprietors of the Forest City Hotel at the corner of Seneca and Champlain Streets. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64.

1864 Ed. Darragh was proprietor of the Forest City Hotel at Seneca and Champlain Streets from 1864 to 1867. Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65; Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-66, 1866-67.

1866 Mar. 28 "Large Sale at Auction at the Forest City Hotel on Seneca Street, Friday, March 30, at 10 A. M., consisting of Furniture, Beds and Beddings, Horses, Harness, Hacks, &c. Fred Kimberly, Auctioneer." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 28, 1866.

FOWLER'S COMMERCIAL HOUSE
414 Superior Ave. N. W.

Fowler's Commercial House started as the Spangler Tavern and was one of those early tavern which mirrored the personality of its owner. Its fortunes waxed under the ministrations of the genial German, Michael Spangler, and his good wife, Elizabeth; and waned after they retired to a farm in what then was East Cleveland.

The two-story frame tavern, with a porch its entire width, was erected by George Wallace, who had followed Major Amos Spafford as landlord of the second hotel in the Cleveland settlement. For this new public house, Wallace chose a site on the north side of Superior street about midway between what later were Seneca and Bank streets. This location was then considered more or less "uptown."

*This would place it on the opposite corner of Water Street from that given for the hotel in 1863.

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Michael Spangler came to Cleveland with his family in 1820. Soon thereafter he assumed proprietorship of the hostelry. The following year, Spangler acquired the land on which the tavern stood. For twelve years it held its popularity in competition with Merwin's Mansion House and Scovill's Franklin House.

Spangler retired to a farm in 1832 and management of the tavern was taken over by Benjamin S. Welch; he in turn passed it on to Jonathan Fowler. By 1836, it had become so far outmoded that it was torn down and a commercial building erected on its site. This building was known as the Miller Block.

The original tavern site (parts of Original Lots 54 and 55) now is occupied by the Century Building. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 114; *Magazine of Western History*, IV, 71; *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, B-2, 232; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 467; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 64 and no. 6, 58; Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 239; *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 1836-38; *Herald and Gazette*, Dec. 15, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 111.

1816 Darius Henderson and wife sold to George Wallace the easterly half of Original In-Lot 54 (one acre) having a frontage of 66 feet on the north side of Superior Street midway between Seneca and Bank Streets. Consideration was $2700. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, B-2, 232.

1816 George Wallace, who recently had sold the so-called Spafford Tavern on Superior street near Vineyard Lane to Noble Merwin, built a new tavern on the north side of Superior street midway between Bank and Seneca streets. This he named the Commercial House and was its proprietor for about four years.

It was a two-story frame building having a "wagon" porch along its entire front, with wide steps. It was one of six buildings on Superior street in 1816. Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 467; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 144; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 64 and no. 6, 58.

1818 Aug. 11 "Election notice. In order to prepare for the ensuing election it is requested that each town in the county will meet and elect a suitable number of delegates to represent each town. It is recommended that each town in the county elect two to meet in the county convention, which will be holden at the Commercial Coffee House on the 18th day of September next at 5 o'clock P. M." *Gazette & Commercial Register*, Aug. 11, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 44.

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1818 Sept. 22 "Delegate Nomination. At a meeting of the delegates from all the towns in the county of Cuyahoga in pursuance of previous notice given in the Gazette, in convention, met at the Commercial Coffee House, in the village of Cleaveland, on the 18th September, 1818, for the purpose of nominating suitable persons to be supported at the approaching general election." *Gazette & Commercial Register*, Sept. 22, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 117.

1818 Dec. 29 "John S. Mitchell, Attorney and Counsellor at Law. Having been regularly admitted to practise in this state, offers his services to the public. His present residence is at the Commercial Coffee House, Cleaveland." *Gazette & Commercial Register*, Dec. 29, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 278.

1819 Jan. 12 "A Liberal price in cash, will be given by the subscribers, for ...produce. ... They also intend appointing an agent at Painesville, or the mouth of the Grand river, to receive produce, and give receipts, which will be paid when presented to us, at our office, at the Commercial Coffee House in Cleveland. W. Hill, &Brothers, United States' Contractor." *Gazette & Commercial Register*, Jan. 12, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 304.

1819 Apr. 6 "Will be sold at public vendue on Saturday, the 17th April, inst., at the Commercial Coffee House, in the village of Cleaveland, one chest of carpenter's tools, a musket, 2 broad axes, and a variety of other articles too tedious to mention. -- Sale to begin at 12 o'clock on said day. John Aughenbaugh." *Gazette & Commercial Register*, Apr. 6, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 461.

1819 Dec. 7 "Militia Notice. The qualified electors of the first company in the first regiment, fourth brigade and fourth division of Ohio militia, will convene at the Commercial Coffee House, in the village of Cleaveland, on Thursday, the 23rd inst. at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a captain for said company, in place of J. R. Kelley, elected major. Daniel Miles, Colonel." *Herald*, Dec. 7, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 11.

1820 Michael Spangler (sometimes spelled Spaengler) came to Cleaveland about 1820 from Canton, Stark County, Ohio. With him came his wife Elizabeth and five children. It was the first German-speaking family in the settlement.

Later he bought, from George Wallace, the tavern on the north side of Superior Street, built by Wallace and known as the Commercial Coffee House. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 239; Scrapbook, IV, Oct. 20, 1920; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 241; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 125; *Settlers Annals*, I, 101.

1820 Apr. 25 "By virtue of an execution issued out of the court of common pleas of Stark county, and to me directed, I have taken and shall expose for sale at public vendue on the 15th day of May next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., at the house of M. Spaengler, in the village of Cleveland: Two Boxes Cotton Cards, containing 50 pairs, 24 axes, 1 one-horse sleigh, 1 horse, 8 pairs of Plough Irons, 2 Boxes Window Glass, 2 Kegs of Nails, containing 400 pounds, 35 Leno Shawls, and 10 bbls. Beer. Seth Doan, Sheriff." *Herald*, Apr. 25, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 72.

1821 June 15 George Wallace and his wife deeded to Michael Spaengler (spelling on deed) the site of the Commercial Hotel. The plot comprised the easterly half of Original Lot 54, having a frontage of 66 feet on Superior Street and a depth of approximately 150 feet. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 4-D, 119, 120.

1822 Mar. 12 "Attention: The members of the 1st Artillery Company, 1st Regt. 4th Brig. 4th Div. Ohio Militia, are requested to meet at the house of Mr. Spaengler, in the village of Cleaveland, on Saturday the 16th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M., to elect non-commissioned officers and transact other business relating to the company. (Signed) P. M. Waddell, Capt." *Herald*, Mar. 12, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 188.

1824 July 9 "It was with no small degree of astonishment that we understood there would be no celebration (on July 4th) by the inhabitants of Cleaveland. The lads of the town, therefore, agreed to do their utmost to wipe off the reproach. They accordingly appointed a committee under whose direction they met at sunrise on July 3 (sic) and fired a national salute. At 11 a. m. they repaired to the Academy, where the Declaration of Independence was read, after which they repaired to the house of Spangler and partook of an excellent dinner." *Herald*, July 9, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 93.

1824 Sept. "We (Harvey Rice and a young man from Baltimore) commenced our careers in Ohio as 'porters' by shouldering our trunks and groping our way up Union Lane to Superior street, where we espied a light at some distance. On reaching the light we found we had arrived at a tavern kept by Michael Spangler, a noble-hearted German.

"Five large Pennsylvania wagons covered with white canvas stood in front of the tavern with as many teams of gigantic horses feeding from cribs attached to the wagons.

"Entering the bar-room, which was lighted by a solitary candle, we stumbled over several teamsters, who lay fast asleep on the floor, laboriously engaged in complimenting the landlord with a nasal serenade. This was the first 'musical' concert that I attended in Cleveland.

"I remained a week at Spangler's tavern before commencing my academic labors. On leaving, I stepped up to the bar and asked the amount of my bill. 'Two fifty,' replied the landlord. I handed him my three-dollar bank note; he returned me a half dollar. I then engaged lodging at a private boarding house, opened my school, and commenced business based on a solid capital of fifty cents." *Settlers Annals*, II, no. 8, 110.

1824 Sept. 10 "At the suit of Jonathan Sidway vs. Philo Taylor and Michael Spangler, I have levied upon the following described property of said Spangler, to wit: 1 Bay Mare, 1 Cow, 25 Sheep, 2 Bureaus, 13 Chairs, 6 Tables, 1 large looking Glass, 10 Feather Beds and Bedding, and 1 One Horse Wagon, which I shall expose to sale, at said Spangler's tavern, in the village of Cleaveland, on Monday the 20th day of September inst. at 2 o'clock, p.m. James S. Clarke, Sheriff. All persons indebted to the subscriber, by Note or Book account, will please to call and settle off immediately. Michael Spangler." *Herald*, Sept. 10, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 146.

1826 Simon Perkins and wife deeded a lot on the north side of Superior Street to Michael Spangler. The lot had four feet of frontage on Superior and was 150 feet in depth. It bordered Lot 55. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, F-6, 269.

1826 Dec. 22 "For sale, a light Pennsylvania built, four horse Wagon, suitable for either road or plantation. Also, Harness for two horses. Enquire at Spangler's Tavern. Cleaveland, Dec. 21, 1826." *Herald*, Dec. 22, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 73.

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1827 Jan. 5 — "For sale, a light Pennsylvania built four horse wagon, suitable for either road or plantation, also Harness for two horses, and a good Jack Screw. Enquire at Spangler's Tavern." *Herald*, Jan. 5, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 112.

1827 Feb. 2 — "Musicians of the 1st Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 9th Division, Ohio Militia, are requested to meet Feb. 9 at the house of M. Spangler for the purpose of receiving instructions in camp duty. Asahel Brainard, Lieut. Col., Com'd." *Herald*, Feb. 2, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 122.

1828 Mar. 21 — "Military Notice. The qualified electors of the 1st R. (Reg.) 2nd B. (Brig.), and 9th D.O.M. (Div., Ohio Militia) are requested to meet at the house of Mr. Spangler in Cleaveland, April 10, for the purpose of electing a Lieutenant Colonel and Major in said Regiment. AsahelBrainard, Col. LaGrange, Mar. 14, 1828. 1st. R., 2nd B., 9th D.O.M." *Herald*, Mar. 21, 1828; *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 198.

1828 Mar. 21 — "The qualified electors of the 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade and 9th Division, Ohio Militia, are requested to meet at Spangler's Inn, Apr. 10, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing a Brigadier General." *Herald*, Mar. 21, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 198.

1828 July 4 — "The qualified electors of the 1st R. (Reg.), 2nd B. (Brig.), and 9th D.O.M. (Div., OhioMilitia) are requested to meet at the inn of Michael Spangler, inCleaveland, July 18, for the purpose of electing a Colonel. Asahel Brainard, Brig. Gen. of 2nd. Brig., 9th. D.O.M. (Div., OhioMilitia) Headquarters, Chagrin, July 1st, 1828." *Herald*, July 4, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 199.

1830 Mar. 18 — "Sheriff's Sale. By authority of an Execution to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga county, I have levied on 6 Feather Beds and Bedding; 4Cherry Tables; 2dozen Chairs; 3Looking Glasses; 3 Tea Trays; 2 pair Andirons; 1 Bureau; 1 Carpet; and 1 dozen Decanters; which I shall expose to sale at Public Vendue, at the tavern of Michael Spangler, in the village of Cleaveland, on Monday the 29th day of March instant, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock, P. M. of the said day. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, Mar. 18, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 97.

1830 Dec. 2 "At a meeting for organizing a society to prevent horse stealing, held in Spangler's Tavern, on the 23rd ult., (Nov.), the following gentlemen were instructed to draft a constitution; Daniel Warren, Esq., C. M. Giddings, -- Hamilton, Datus Kelley, and William Coleman. These gentlemen were instructed to present the same at the adjourned meeting, at the same place, on the 1st Monday of December, and the above committee requests the attendance of the Farmers of the county generally." *Herald*, Dec. 2, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 129.

1830 Dec. 6 The meeting of the Union Club for the Detection of Horse Thieves was held on Dec. 6 at M. Spangler's tavern in Cleaveland. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected to serve for the ensuing year: Charles M. Giddings, commandant, and Gordon Fitch, secretary. Committees were appointed to obtain subscribers in the different townships in the county. Datus Kelley was chairman of the meeting, and William Coleman, secretary. *Herald*, Dec. 16, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 129.

1831 Mr. and Mrs. Nathan C. Mills stayed at the tavern of Mr. Spangler. It was a two-story, white frame building. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 375.

1831 May 26 "The members of the Union Club of Cuyahoga county, organized for the detection of horse thieves and for reclaiming stolen property, are requested to meet at the house of Michael Spangler in Cleaveland on Tuesday, June 14, for the purpose of make (sic) such further arrangements as necessary for accomplishing their objects. G. Fitch, secretary." *Herald*, May 26, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 188.

1831 July 14 "The subscriber will pay Cash, and the highest prices for Fat Cattle, Calves, Sheep, &c., delivered at the tavern of M. Spangler, in this village, or at our slaughter house in Brooklyn. Breed & Co." *Herald*, July 14, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 204.

1831 Sept. 15 "Notice. Those of our citizens liable to do military duty are requested to meet at M. Spangler's Tavern in the village of Cleaveland, on Saturday evening next (Sept. 17) for the purpose of forming an independent company." *Herald*, Sept. 15, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 210.

1831 Sept. 15 "Notice is hereby given, to the commissioned officers of the 1st rifle Regiment, 2d Brigade, 9th Division, Ohio Militia, to meet at the tavern of M. Spangler, in Cleaveland, on Saturday the 23d inst., to elect a Lieutenant Colonel, and fill such other vacancies as may occur. By order of Elijah Burton, Colonel." *Herald*, Sept. 15, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 210.

1831 Dec. 15 "The annual meeting of the Union club of Cuyahoga county will be held on the first Monday of January next at one o'clock P. M. at the tavern of M. Spangler in the village of Cleaveland for the purpose of electing the officers and to transact other necessary business. C. M. Giddings." *Herald*, Dec. 15, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 188, 189.

1832 Michael Spangler left the hotel to live on a farm he had purchased of John Shenfelt. The farm house was situated at the corner of what later became East Madison and Hough Avenues. He died there in 1836. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 241.

1832 Benjamin S. Welch succeeded Spangler as landlord-lessee of the hotel; title did not change hands. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, 160, 161.

1832 "An amusing story is told of Mrs. Welch while landlady of the Spangler Tavern: During the cholera epidemic, the summer of 1832, she prepared a concoction, known only to herself, and required all her boarders to take a teaspoon full as they made their entrance to the dining room. Her husband was the only one who balked at her dose. Strange to relate, he was the only one at the tavern attacked by the disease. He lived through it, however, and concluding he had enough of town life, bought a farm just this side of Warrensville." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 160, 161.

1832 Jan. 5 "Stephen P. Hart will pay cash, and the highest prices for fat cattle, calves, sheep, delivered at his Slaughter House in Brooklyn, or at the Tavern of M. Spangler." *Herald*, Jan. 5, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 27.

1832 June 27 "Military Notice. The members of the 1st Cavalry Company attached to the first Rifle Regt. 2d Brigade, 9th Division of Ohio Militia, are hereby commanded to appear at E. S. Welch's tavern, Cleaveland,

on Monday July 2d next, armed and equipped for company exercises and inspection. Henry H. Dodge, Capt." *Herald*, June 27, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 22.

1833 July 27 — "Military Orders. The commissioned officers in the 1st R. (Reg.) 2nd B. (Brig.) 9th D. O. M. (Division, Ohio Militia) are hereby notified to meet at the inn of B. S. Welch, in the village of Cleveland, on the 30th and 31st days of August, next, armed and equipped as the law directs, for officer muster. By order of Ahaz Merchant, Brig. Gen., (and) John L. Greene, Col., Brooklyn, July 23." *Herald*, July 27, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 98.

1833 Dec. 11 — "The Opposition line of stages leaves B. Welch's Commercial Coffee House for Erie and Buffalo at four o'clock every morning until further notice." *Herald*, Dec. 11, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 54.

1833 Dec. 21 — "The Democratic citizens of Cuyahoga county, friendly to the present administration, are requested to meet at the house of Benj. S. Welch in Cleveland, on Tuesday the 24th inst. at one o'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the State convention to be holden at Columbus on the 8th Jan. next.... Central Committee." *Herald*, Dec. 21, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 118.

1834 Jan. 4 — "Opposition Line of Stages leave B. Welch's Commercial House for Erie and Buffalo every morning at four o'clock until further arrangements are made." *Herald*, Jan. 4, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 156.

1834 Nov. 8 — "At a meeting of journeymen printers of Cleveland held on Oct. 28 at the Commerciao Coffee house for the purpose of organizing themselves into an association for the protection of their rights and interests in matters of price and hours for labor, L. P. Lott was called to the chair and C. H. Sedgwick, appointed secretary.

"Resolutions were adopted forming the Cleveland Typographical Association, same to be auxiliary to the Columbus Typographical Society, and the New York Trades' Union.

"The following were elected as officers for the ensuing six months: L. P. Lott, president; L. D. Ross, vice president; B. B. Root, treasurer; and R. A. Brice, secretary." *Herald*, Nov. 8, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 191.

1835 Michael Spangler and wife deeded to Joseph K. Miller (their son-in-law) the easterly half of Lot 54 and four (4) feet (adjoining) of the westerly half of Lot 55; together being 70 feet frontage on the north side of Superior Street, site of the Spangler tavern. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 1835-1839, 57.

1836 Jonathan Fowler was the proprietor of a hotel on Superior Street. *Settlers Annals*, II, 168.

1836 June 13 "Jonathan Fowler has this day filed in the office of the city clerk, a petition for a license to keep a tavern at the stand known as the Commercial House, on Superior St." *Herald*, June 13, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 181.

1836 June 22 The council license committee granted J. Fowler a tavern license. The fee for the license was $35.00. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 48.

1836 Aug. 29 "Died, in this town, this morning, Michael Spangler, in the 63rd year of his age. The funeral will be attended at his residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock." *Herald*, Aug. 29, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 150.

1836 Sept. 17 "By virtue of a writ...issued by the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county, I have levied upon numerous household articles, which I shall expose to sale at the house of Jonathan Fowler, in Cleveland, on Oct. 1. A. S. Barnum, sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 17, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 258.

1836 OCT. 1 "By virtue of a writ... I shall expose to public sale at the Commercial Coffee House, in Cleveland, on Oct. 11, the following property, to wit: Two horses, 2 three year old colts, one pleasure carriage and harness, lumber wagon and harness, and one yoke of cattle. A. S. Barnum, Sheriff." *Herald*, Oct. 1, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 258.

1836 Nov. 1 "Notice is hereby given that all who are indebted to the estate of Michael Spangler, late of Cleveland, deceased, are hereby required to make immediate payment to the subscriber, and all having claims against said estate will present them for settlement within one year from this date. Joseph Miller, Adm'r." *Herald*, Nov. 1, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 161.

1837 The Spangler tavern was razed sometime in 1837; and Miller's Block was built on the site. The tavern was not listed in the city directory of 1838; tenants of the new building advertised themselves as in that location. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 375; MacCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 9, 1852; *Herald*, Dec. 15, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 111.

FRANKLIN HOUSE
14, 16 Pearl Street (W. 25th St.), Ohio City.

The Pearl Street House was built in 1836, the year the famous Columbus Street Bridge was built by Cleveland capitalists to deflect from Ohio City the traffic coming from the Medina and Wooster pike. In the face of a possible lack of patronage, the proprietor of the tavern went ahead confidently, assured by the ever growing suburbs along the lake shore west and the territory just south of it.

The location of the early tavern is given variously as "on top of the hill" on Detroit Street; "on Pearl Street between Church and Detroit Streets"; "14, 16 Pearl Street"; "Pearl Street corner Detroit Street."

The hotel reached its modest zenith in June, 1840, when it played host for a few hours to General William Henry Harrison, Whig nominee for president, and easily the most talked-of man in the country. Harrison had stopped off at Cleveland on his way home from the Whig celebration at Fort Meigs and on the morning he left the city for Akron he went across to the Pearl Street House in Ohio City to have breakfast with "most of the gentlemen" and to be introduced to a roomful of ladies who assembled at seven o'clock to pay homage to the distinguished visitor.

The tavern was destroyed by fire in 1855 and a new hotel, the Franklin House, was erected on the site, which served the public until its demolition in 1910. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 63, 277; *Atlas*, 1892, 118; *Leader*, Apr. 2, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 160; *Settlers Annals*, V, No. 5, 492; Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1836 "In 1836 the town had just become incorporated as the city of Cleveland. Over in Ohio City, which ran west from the river to what is now (1937) West 65th Street, and from the lake to Walworth Run, and which claimed 2,400 inhabitants, the busy workers dined at the Ohio City Exchange at the corner of Main and Center; the Jefferson House on Terrace Street; the other American House on Main street and Elm; the Pearl Street House; or at Powell's at the corner of Detroit and Washington." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1937.



Franklin House c. 1845

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1837 Dec. 30 — A notice was published of a sheriff sale that was to be held at the Pearl st. house in Ohio City on Jan. 10, 1838, at 2 o'clock p.m. The following property was put up for sale: one buggy and harness; one two-horse wagon and harness, one cutter and buffalo robe, one span bay horses, and a white horse. *Herald & Gazette,* Dec. 30, 1837, *Newspaper Annals,* XX, 351.

1838 Feb. 7 — "At a meeting of the citizens of the City of Ohio, held at the Pearl Street House on Feb. 5, to consider what measures ought to be taken to increase and improve the circulating medium of the state, the Hon. Josiah Barber was called to the chair and C. C. Waller was appointed Secretary." *Herald & Gazette,* Feb. 7, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 176.

1838 Feb. 28 — "Sheriff's Sale... I shall expose to sale at the Pearl Street House, in Ohio City, on Mar. 17 next, two turning lathes. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald & Gazette,* Feb. 28, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 334.

1838 Mar. 19 — "Sheriff's Sale...I shall expose to sale at the Pearl Street House, in Ohio City on Apr. 12 next, one tool chest and set of joiner's tools, one clock and one looking glass. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald & Gazette,* Mar. 19, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 337.

1838 Mar. 31 — A notice was published that a sheriff's sale was to be held at the Pearl Street House, Ohio City, on April 10. One span of horses, one wagon, two hundred gallons of linseed oil, one Fairbanks scales, and two thousand feet of glass were to be sold by S. S. Handerson, Sheriff. *Herald & Gazette,* Mar. 31, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 339.

1838 Apr. 18 — "At a meeting held on Apr. 18, 1838, the mayor (of Ohio City) directed and qualified voters of the second ward to vote in a special election to be held in the Pearl Street House, April 30, 1838, called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of assessor." *Ohio City Council Journal* "A," 105, 106.

1838 Oct. 2 — "The Whigs of Ohio City and Brooklyn met at the Pearl House on Monday evening the 1st inst. On motion, William Benton, Esq., was chosen chairman and B. F. Tyler, Secretary. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Lloyd, Briggs, and Foote." *Herald & Gazette,* Oct. 2, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 261.

1838
Oct. 24 "A lot of fine New York Oysters will be served in a variety of ways, at the Exchange Coffee House, Ohio City, tomorrow evening, at half past eight o'clock. Tickets $1, - to be had at the Franklin and American Houses, and at Sanford & Lott's Bookstore, Cleveland, and the Pearl Street House, and Exchange Coffee House, Ohio City." *Herald & Gazette*, Oct. 24, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 116.

1839
Apr. 8 S. S. Handerson, sheriff, advertised a public sale that was to be held at the Pearl Street House in Ohio City on Apr. 18. The following property was to be sold: furniture, silverware, washtubs, carpets, flower pots, state maps of Ohio, shovels and tongs, and various other household necessities. *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 8, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 209.

1840
Mar. 14 "A meeting of the Democratic Republican citizens of Ohio City was held at the Pearl Street House on Mar. 9 for the purpose of forming a Tippecanoe club. Captain A. White was named chairman and U. C. Hatch, jr., secretary. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of the club. The following were chosen as officers: F. A. Burrows, president, A. White, D. Griffith, and C. E. Hill, vice presidents; William Richards, recording secretary; William Fuller, corresponding secretary, and James Ray, treasurer." *Herald*, Mar. 14, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 206.

1840
Mar. 31 Voters of the second ward were notified at a meeting held on March 31, 1840, that their voting place in the next city election would be in the Pearl Street House. *Ohio City Council Journal* "A," 192.

1840
June 15 General Harrison had breakfast with his friends in Ohio City at the Pearl Street House on Monday morning, June 15. His reception was most cordial. A large number of Tippecanoes of Brooklyn gathered to meet him. At seven a number of ladies came to meet the general. At eight General Harrison left in a packet boat for the south. *Herald*, June 15, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 212.

1842
Mar. 9 Voters of the Second Ward were notified that their voting place in the annual city election would be the Pearl Street House. *Ohio City Council Journal* "A," 244.

1842 June 25 — "J. H. Sargent, Pearl Street House, Ohio City, is a Surveyor, Engineer, and Draftsman." *Herald*, June 25, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 118.

1843 — E. Briggs became the proprietor of the Pearl Street House, Pearl Street, Ohio City, in 1843, and continued to operate it until 1846. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17 and June 28, 1843; Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 135.

1846 Feb. 25 — Voters of the second ward were notified that their voting place in the annual elections would be the Pearl Street House. *Ohio City Council Journal*, 322.

1847 Mar. 15 — "Mrs. Stow and Miss Cary's Concert and Moral Attraction will take place at the Pearl Street House, Ohio City, this evening. Performances to commence at 7 o'clock. Admittance 20 cents.

"These Exhibitions will be transferred to this city the balance of the week." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 15, 1847.

1848 Aug. 31 — The Whigs of Brooklyn township met at the Pearl Street House in Ohio City on Aug. 31 to elect six delegates to the Whig county convention, to be held Sept. 2 at the court house. Diodate Clark, Benjamin Sawtell, Deming Brainard, E. L. Stevens, A. Turner, and Edwin Foote were elected delegates. *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 2, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 205.

1848 Dec. 29 — "The Ladies' Sewing society of the Presbyterian church, Ohio City, will hold its second annual fair on Jan. 6 at the Pearl Street House. Admission, 12½ cents, Supper tickets, 37½ cents." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 29, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 18.

1850 — "The first recollection I (Downie) have of Cleveland is a cold November day in the winter of 1850. Those were the days of hand fire engines and volunteer fire departments, when one of the leading hotels on the sunset side of the river was the Franklin, then called the Pearl Street House." *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 1, 36.

1850 — "As you went out Detroit street, right under the viaduct was the first one (hotel) called the Washington House. On top of the hill was the Pearl Street House, which is now (1908) the old Franklin House." *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 492.

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1851 — Capt. John N. Frazee arrived in Cleveland in 1851. He stayed at the Pearl Street House, later known as the Franklin House. Here for the sum of two dollars per week, he had two rooms and board. *Settlers Annals*, VI, no. 4, 52.

1851 Oct. 27 — "Pearl Street House. This popular Hotel, favorably located in Ohio City, has been recently taken by Messrs. Cady & Dorrence, repaired and newly furnished throughout, and is now ready for the most fastidious guests. Nothing will be wanting on the part of the hosts in any respects considered essential to a well kept House." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 27 and Nov. 28, 1851.

1851 Dec. 9 — "Levees at the Pearl Street House. Ohio City is to be honored by a series of levees at the Pearl Street House, given by Mr. Cloutier, an accomplished French Dancing master, and late from Boston. The first will take place on Thursday evening. A select company from this side of the river have engagements to attend." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 9, 1851.

1852 Aug. 10 — "At a meeting of Free Soil citizens of Brooklyn township held at the Pearl st. House in Ohio City Aug. 7, E. Rogers, Esq., was elected president and B. R. Beavis was elected secretary." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 10, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 334.

1853 Jan. 20 — "Mr. John Sergeant has assumed the proprietorship of the Pearl Street House, Ohio City. He is well qualified to make a popular house of it." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 20, 1853.

1853 July 2 — "David Orth (Late of Cleveland) Practical Barber & Hair Cutter Pearl Street House, Ohio City. Would respectfully inform the citizens of Ohio City that he has opened at the above place a Shaving and Hair Cutting Saloon, where he will be happy to wait upon those who may favor him with their patronage. He keeps on hand a well selected assortment of Perfumeries, genuine Bear Oil and all kinds of Brushes. David Orth, Practical Barber, Pearl Street Block, Ohio City." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1853.

1853 Sept. 30 — "The *Herald* says that a teamster stopping at the Pearl st. House, Ohio City, was robbed of $150 and a check for about the same amount." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 30, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 217.

1854 Jan. 26 — "TORRENT Fire Co., No. 2, of Ohio City, held their fair last night, Jan. 25. It was largely attended, and we are pleased to learn resulted in pecuniary benefit to this fine Company. Supper was taken at the Pearl Street House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 26, 1854.

1855 Apr. 2 — "Yesterday at about 7:30 p.m., a fire broke out in the Pearl Street House, near the corner of Detroit and Pearl St. Before it could be subdued, the entire two-story building had been destroyed. The building was only partly insured. The cause was a defective chimney." *Leader*, Apr. 2, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 160.

1855 July 2 — "E. W. Pindar & Co. have rebuilt and leased for a term of years the House recently burned, known as the Pearl Street House, and now open for company. This House has been thoroughly refurnished and will be kept in as good style as any one dollar a day House in the city." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1855.

1855 July 2 — "Fire Warden's Report for three months, ending June 30th, 1855: April 1, 7 o'clock P. M. - Pearl Street House (West Side); 3 story frame, partly destroyed; owned by H. L. Whitman; loss on building $1200; no insurance; occupied by John Sargent; loss on furniture $400; insured in Western Farmer's Co. for $500, D. W. Gage, agent; Origin of fire unknown." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1855.

1856 Feb. 15 — "Taken Up. - At the Franklin on the West Side, one bay and one white horse attached to a lumber sleigh. The owner is requested to call, pay charges and take them away." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 15, 1856.

1859 Feb. 12 — "A stable connected with the Franklin House on Pearl st. west side, was found to be on fire last evening. It was owned by H. L. Whitman. The damage was about $400, covered by insurance. The damage to the Franklin House was $150." *Leader*, Feb. 12, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 152.

1861 June 3 — "Mysterious Death on the West Side - - Suspicion of Poison - - Refusal of Coroner to Hold Inquest.

"Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock (a Mr. Till), a German, a traveller, died at the Franklin House, West Side, under circumstances that induced suspicion of foul play. The man arrived from Chicago

early Sunday morning, accompanied by a fellow countryman, on board the propeller, Winona. The deceased appeared quite unwell when they came to the hotel and was out of the head apparently. His companion said he was seized with the delirium tremens while coming down from Chicago and had not recovered from it.

"After the death of the man the people at the hotel became suspicious that all was not right and caused the arrest of the deceased's companion. Coroner Hartman was sent for but from some cause or another declined to hold an inquest on the body, giving as the reason that he saw deceased Sunday morning and knew all about the case - was satisfied there was no foul play.

"Our reporter saw the prisoner at the Johnson street Station House this morning and conversed with him. He says his name is Wm. Schroeder, a native of Luxumburg, Germany.

"William Schroeder says deceased drank brandy incessantly for the first day or two of their journey, and then had an attack resembling the delirium tremens, and he had a great deal of trouble with him all the way down, deceased becoming exceedingly violent at times, and force being necessary to restrain him. On landing here early yesterday morning, deceased conceived the idea that he was at home, ran in at a shanty, saying, 'this is my house - come in.' Schroeder took him to a German physician, who prescribed for him, and conducted him to the Franklin House, on Detroit street, where after a day of delirium, the man died.

"Many respectable residents on the West side are incensed at Coroner Hartmann for refusing to hold an inquest, and are determined to have an investigation before a justice. The body is still on the West side. The theory of some is that the prisoner and Till's wife had conspired against the life of Till for the purpose best known to themselves. A post mortem examination will undoubtedly be made, and if traces of poison are discovered, Marshal Minckley will send a man to Port Washington to arrest the wife of Till. In the mean time Schroeder will remain in close custody." *Plain Dealer,* June 3, 1861.

1862
Jan. 15 "A grand union ball will be given at Sanford's hall, west side, tomorrow evening. Those wishing carriages will register their names at the Franklin House, at Mr. Young's tobacco store, or with the committee on arrangements." *Leader,* Jan. 15, 1862, *Newspaper Annals,* XLV, 642.

1862
July 9 "William H. Baird, proprietor of the Franklin House, was arrested on charges of passing counterfeit notes of different denominations on the Bank of America, Rhode Island. In police court he was admitted to bail in the sum of $500 on each of two charges.

"Baird came to the city last winter and became proprietor of the Franklin House, and although the Franklin has not paid expenses and Baird was poor, he seemed to prosper rapidly.

"A considerable amount of the counterfeit money was put in circulation on the west side, but when operations were started on the east side, Baird was arrested." *Leader*, July 9, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 311.

1862
Nov. 7 "M. G. McLeese, a steward, and his little daughter were lost on the ill-fated BAY STATE. He was formerly associated in keeping the Franklin House on the west side." *Leader*, Nov. 7, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 7.

1864
Jan. 13 Mr. George Phillips, a resident of Fremont, was stopping at the Franklin House on the West Side. *Leader*, Jan. 13, 1864.

1865
Oct. 4 "A number of counterfeit hundred-dollar compound treasury notes have been put in circulation here. John Kaho and Jacob Ringer, two of the villains who had a hand in it, were arrested yesterday morning at the Franklin House on the west side. The latter is said to have passed a hundred-dollar note on a man Monday evening, receiving good change in return. None of the counterfeit notes were found in their possession. They are in the city prison awaiting examination." *Leader*, Oct. 4, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 55.

1865
Oct. 24 "William Birdsall, who was arrested at the Franklin House, west side, and charged with passing forged checks in this city, had been boarding at the hotel for some time with his wife. He admitted the forgeries and was bound over to the next term of court yesterday under $2,000 bond. There were four affidavits made against him." *Leader*, Oct. 24, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 159.

1867
Jan. 23 A notice was published that the following articles were to be sold at Public Auction at the Franklin House, West Side, on Monday, February 4: one mink muff and collar, one plaid worsted dress, two coats, one pair pants and vest and one leather trunk - contents unknown. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 23, 1867.

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1867
Feb. 8 "A very pleasant affair took place last Thursday evening at the Franklin House, West Side. Mr. Waring, with his usual liberality, took his friends and boarders by surprise by inviting them all to a splendid repast, which was followed with a very pleasant dance. Everyone had a good time, enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. Mr. Waring was ably assisted by the good lady." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 8, 1867.

1867
Feb. 27 "Surprise Masquerade. Last Evening (Feb. 26), the Franklin House, West Side, was again the scene of festivity. Mr. Waring the popular proprietor, instead of (as on former occasions) surprising his friends, was most unexpectedly surprised by them, who commenced flocking in and kept doing so until a late hour. At 12 o'clock the company unmasked and sat down to a sumptuous repast which was pronounced by every one present to be as near perfection as could be. Dancing was continued well on to the 'wee small hours ayont the twal,' and every one went home with only one complaint that they could not remain longer. As on a former occasion, Mr. Waring was ably assisted by his good lady, who though taken by surprise, was equal to the occasion, and satisfied every one present that she knows how to keep a hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 27, 1867.

1867
July 1 "Franklin House, No. 22 Pearl Street, West Side. Messrs. Goodsell & Prichard, Proprietors, have thoroughly renovated and furnished the house new throughout. No pains will be spared to make those who may favor us with a call comfortable and feel perfectly at home. Good yard and stabling attached. M. Goodsell & F. G. Pritchard." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1867.

1868
Jan. 7 "Epistolary. Anna Murray, who was arrested for breaking 20 or 30 panes of glass in Mr. Elsinger's house, on Wood street, has addressed the following note to that gentleman:

Jan. the 5 1868

Mister elstringer,
I take The opportunity of Writing to you Those few lines to let you know that I am in the land of the living yet if you will settle it on any terms come emmeditly to the franklin house West side no more at present from your enimy Anny Murry O I forgot Mr. Hellstringer my pen is poor my ink is pale and my hatred for you will never fail." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1868.

1868 Aug. 25 "On the evening of Aug. 22 a man entered the Franklin House, on the west side, and went into the room of Mr. Coffinberry. Not finding anything which he wished to steal, the robber started for another room. The chambermaid of the house saw him come out of the room, and asked him if that gentleman was in. He replied that he was not. The chambermaid went downstairs and informed the landlord of what was going on. He went upstairs and found the robber in one of the rooms, but the thief dodged, ran out of the house, and hurried up Pearl st., followed by a crowd of men and boys. At last he was caught and taken to the police station." *Leader*, Aug. 25, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 71.

1869 James Butler and his son, Patrick Butler were proprietors of the Franklin House on Pearl Street from 1869 to 1870. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 91.

1870 Feb. 21 "Constable Eager arrested John Butts at the Franklin House, west side, Feb. 19, on a charge of obtaining $300 from John Donoho under false pretenses." *Leader*, Feb. 21, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 323.

1874 In 1874 the Franklin House was located on Pearl Street between Church and Detroit Streets. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1878 Mr. J. B. Wells was proprietor of the Franklin House, on Pearl Street between Detroit and Church, from 1878 to 1879. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 196.

1910 In 1910, wreckers demolished the Franklin House, located on the west side of West 25th Street, formerly Pearl Street, near Detroit Avenue. In the early days, this hotel was the place where many famous persons who passed through Cleveland by coach stayed over night. Upton, *Western Reserve*, I, 469.

FRANKLIN HOUSE
25 Superior Street

The Franklin House was built to meet the demands of rapidly expanding stage coach travel. For many years, it was the depot for stage lines operating to Detroit, Buffalo, Columbus, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. For this reason it was

frequently called the "Stage House." Philo Scoville (later spelled Scovill) built the first hotel on land acquired from his father for $600. It was a modest frame building but was described at the time as a "magnificent structure." It was the first three-story building in the entire Western Reserve. At an early stage in the construction of the Franklin, Scovill, finding the cost greater than he had anticipated, offered to dispose of the undertaking for $300. However, he found no buyers.

Except for a five-year period, when it was under lease, Philo Scovill was the owner-manager for nearly twenty-five years. Due to the ministrations of his wife, the house gained a wide reputation for "neatness, good order and sumptuous fare." In 1844 the frame hotel was torn down and replaced by "one of the most extensive and elegant brick hotels in the West." But within the next decade, in spite of the personal popularity of Scovill, the quantity and quality of its patronage declined until it had become nothing more than a boarding house. In 1851 Scovill retired from its management.

Its lessees were unable to overcome the competition of newer and more modern structures and in 1855 it was finally closed as a hotel. Stores were added to the ground floor and the second story was converted into offices. A fire later demolished the top floor. In April, 1938, the building was razed and the historic plaque which had been affixed to its entrance was presented to the Western Reserve Historical Society. A parking lot now occupies the site of this once historic building. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428-29; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 2, 63; *ibid.*, III, 359; *ibid.*, IV, 473; *ibid.*, V, 440; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 282; *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, A-1, 413-14; Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 31, 32; *Plain Dealer*, Apr, 24, 1938; Upton, *Western Reserve*, 469.

1803
Dec. 31 — The Connecticut Land Company deeded to Elisha Norton Original Lots 49, 50 and 51 (which included the Franklin House site) for a consideration of $80. *Trumbull County Deeds*, H, 46.

1806
Sept. 15 — Elisha Norton deeded to Horace Perry Original Lots 49, 50 and 51 (which included the Franklin House site) for a consideration of $1,000. *Geauga County Deeds*, A & B, 74.

1813 — Philo Scovill came from Buffalo with his father, Timothy Scovill, bringing a stock of drugs and groceries. He became one of the settlement's earliest merchants in 1813, though scarcely out of his 'teens.

He disliked merchandizing; so, after a few years, he engaged in building. Among the buildings of his construction were the Mansion Hotel (except the brick walls and chimneys) for Noble Merwin, and later the Franklin House. Joblin, *Representative Men*, 33; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 286.

1813 Dec. 8 — Horace Perry deeded to Nathan Perry Original Lots 49 and 50 (which included the Franklin House site) for a consideration of $2000. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, A-1, 413-14.

1819 Feb. 16 — Philo Scovill married Jemima Beebe. Soon afterward he built a modest home on the north side of Superior street -- later the site of his hotel, the Franklin House. The House contained one large downstairs room which served as parlor, kitchen and dining room, and two small chambers. *Settlers Annals*, I, 63; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 33.

1820 June 26 — Nathan Perry deeded to Timothy Scovill (spelling according to deed) a parcel 50 feet by 198 feet, being the southeast corner of Original Lot 50, for a consideration of $600. This was the easterly section of the Franklin House site. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, C-3, 615.

1823 July 15 — Nathan Perry, Jr., deeded to Philo Scovill a parcel of land having 10 feet frontage on Superior street and a depth of 198 feet, west of the 50-foot parcel owned by his (Scovill's) father, Timothy, for a consideration of $100.

These two parcels comprised the site of the first Franklin House. It fronted 60 feet on the north side of Superior Street and had a depth of 198 feet. It was located near the center of the block between Bank and Water streets. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, M-12, 496, 497.

1825 — Philo Scovill's little home on the north side of Superior Street was removed to make way for the proposed hotel, the Franklin House. The dwelling was acquired by H. L. Noble, who moved it to a lot he owned on the north side of Public Square "between the savings institute and Ontario street." It was the first home on that side of the Square. *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 2, 63; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 175, 176, 286.

1826 — Many itinerant lawyers, following the courts from one county seat to another, made the Franklin House their stopping place, as did also many lake captains during the winter season. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429.

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Franklin House, 25 Superior Street

1826 July 21 — The Franklin House, named after Benjamin Franklin, was formally opened by Philo Scovill to public patronage on July 21, 1826. Little is known of this initial structure, except that it was a three-story frame building. It was the most pretentious building in the settlement, and the first three-story structure in the entire Western Reserve. "It is ... very spacious, finished in a style not surpassed in this part of the State. ... The bar will be furnished with the choicest liquors and the table with the best the market will afford." So stated Scovill's advertisement, adding that nothing would be wanting, on his part, to give perfect satisfaction to patrons. Scovill's young wife was mistress of the hotel; and much of its success was due to her ministrations. *Herald*, July 21, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 29; Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 31, 32; Upton, *Western Reserve*, I, 469; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428-29; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 2, 63; *ibid.*, I, no. 6, 58; *ibid.*, III, no. 3, 359; *ibid.*, V, no. 5, 440.

1826 July 21 — The first permanent guest of the new hotel, the Franklin House, was Dr. Hardyear, a dentist, who advertised he would perform all operations in dentistry at the hotel, *Herald*, July 21, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 20.

1826 July 28 — "The Franklin House will have a Museum of Natural Curiosities, and will be open to the public until August 5, 1826. This exhibit consists of Quadrupeds, Birds, Fishes, Insects, Minerals, Mussels, &c., from different parts of the Globe.

"Admittance 25 cents. Children half price. The Museum will be open from 2 to 5 P. M. 'Wanted, a full grown Bald Eagle, a Beaver, a Sea Gull, a Weazle (sic), and a Pelican. They must be in a state fit for preservation.'" *Herald*, July 28, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 35.

1826 Aug. 18 — "Collectors Notice. I shall commence the collection of taxes for the county of Cuyahoga on the first day of September next. I shall attend the county seat of said county (at the Franklin House, Cleaveland), from the 1st until the 20th of November next, for the purpose of receiving such taxes as may remain unpaid. Gaius Burk, Collector." *Herald*, Aug. 18, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 71.

1826 Oct. 20 — Philo Scovill, proprietor of the Franklin House, resigned his office of village coroner to accept the nomination for sheriff of the county. He was defeated in the county election held in October, 1826. *Herald*, Oct. 20, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 47.

1826
Nov. 3 "The French school is opened at the Franklin House.... Books and tuition, eight dollars, if 15 scholars are obtained." *Herald*, Nov. 3, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 64.

1827 The Franklin House was headquarters for the stage lines from Cleveland to other cities. Most of these lines were managed by Levi Sartwell, who had his office to the left of the front entrance to the hotel. Every morning, about 8:00 o'clock, there could be seen, in front of the hotel, several coaches with either four or six horses ready to go at the word of command. People would congregate, sometimes in considerable numbers, to see the start. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; Wallen, *Cleveland*, 24; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 440.

1827
Feb. 2 "The Commissioned officers of the 1st Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 9th Division Ohio Militia, are requested to meet on Feb. 9, at the house of P. Scovill (Franklin House)." *Herald*, Feb. 2, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 122.

1827
May 18 "Cleaveland and Buffalo Mail Line. Through in 40 hours, 200 miles Fare, six dollars.

"Elegant coaches leave ... the Franklin House, Cleaveland, every evening at nine o'clock. E. Harmon, proprietor from Cleaveland to Erie." *Herald*, May 18, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 80.

1827
July 4 The packet *State of Ohio*, bearing Governor Trimble and a large party, was the first boat to traverse the Erie and Ohio canal from Akron to Cleveland. The governor's party disembarked at the foot of Superior street, and marched to the Public Square. In the afternoon, a large number of the visitors dined at the Franklin House. Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 240; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1940.

1827
July 27 "Circus. An Equestrian performance at Mr. Scovill's (probably his farm on Kinsman Street), on Friday, Saturday and Monday (July 27, 28, 30,) evenings. Admission 25¢. Children half price. Tickets on sale at the Franklin House." *Herald*, July 27, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 87.

1827
Oct. 19 Philo Scovill, proprietor of the Franklin House, was chosen county commissioner at the election held October 9, 1827. He received 375 votes. David Long, his opponent, received 229 votes. *Herald*, Oct. 19, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 132.

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1827
Dec. 28 "Written Proposals will be received by the Commissioners of Cuyahoga County ... for the purpose of finishing the interior of the Court House erected for said County. Plans and specifications of the work may be seen at P. Scovill's (Franklin House) ... Simeon Fuller, Jonathan Fisher, Philo Scovill, Com's (Commissioners)." *Herald*, Dec. 28, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 80.

1828 The first experiment of using coal as fuel, in Cleveland, was made at the Franklin House by Philo Scovill. Henry Newberry shipped a quantity to Cleveland by canal and it was peddled all over the city but no buyers could be found. Late in the evening Philo Scovill was induced to try some of it at $2 a ton. He had a grate put in the barroom fireplace and burned the coal there. Many citizens protested the burning of coal would produce a pestilence. Some even urged a village law against its use. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 241; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 19; *Atlas*, 1892, 117, 118; *Press*, 1917, *Scrapbook* II; Cleveland Board of Trade, *Annual Reports*, 1865-1871, 25.

1828
Mar. 7 "Proposals will be received by P. Scovill on the 28 inst. for furnishing and fixing a lightning rod and spire for the Court House in Cleaveland. A description of the work may be seen at P. Scovill's, (Franklin House), Simeon Fuller, Jonathan Fisher, Philo Scovill, County Commissioners." *Herald*, Mar. 7, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 169.

1828
Mar. 28 "Military Notice. The qualified electors of the First Rifle Battalion, 2d B. 9th D. O. M. are hereby notified to meet at P. Scovill's Inn, (Franklin House) in Cleaveland, Apr. 10, to elect a Brigadier General according to law, in place of Lewis Peet, Esq., resigned. Ahaz Merchant, Maj." *Herald*, Mar. 28, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 198.

1828
May 9 "Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned named in the act incorporating the 'Cuyahoga Bridge Co.,' passed Feb. 4, 1828, will attend at the Franklin House, in Cleaveland, May 19, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions of stock, for erecting a Bridge according to the provisions of the said act. Josiah Barber, David Long, Thomas M. Kelley, Peter M. Weddell." *Herald*, May 9, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 169.

1828 June 6 — "Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Cuyahoga Bridge Company, that an election for the purpose of choosing Directors of said Company, will be held at the Franklin House, in Cleaveland, June 16, agreeable to the act of incorporation, passed Feb. 4, 1828." *Herald*, June 6, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 169.

1828 Aug. 8 — "A meeting of the citizens of Cleaveland and the vicinity friendly to the administration was held at P. Scovill's hotel (Franklin House) on Aug. 4 to consider the propriety of sending delegates to the convention at Norwalk, on Aug. 9, where a candidate for Congress from this district will be nominated." *Herald*, Aug. 8, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 226.

1828 Nov. 6 — "Notice. Proposals will be received by the Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, from this time to the first Monday in December, next, for 6 Dozen good substantial Windsor Chairs, for the Court House. Also for furnishing 4 suitable Stoves and necessary Pipe. Proposals may be left with P. Scovill (Franklin House), in Cleaveland; and for particulars enquire of him. (Signed) P. Scovill, S. Fuller, J. Fisher, Com'rs. (County Commissioners)." *Herald*, Nov. 6, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 170.

1829 June 11 — "We have been requested to give notice that a meeting is desired this evening at the Franklin House for taking measures to celebrate the approaching anniversary of American Independence. A general attendance is requested." *Herald*, June 11, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 27.

1830 — Captain Clifford Belden, who commanded the schooner *Minerva*, built by Noble Merwin in 1822, boarded at Scovill's Franklin House. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 269.

1830 Jan. 14 — "A meeting of the citizens will be held at the Inn of P. Scovill (Franklin House) on Saturday evening next (Jan 20) for the purpose of organizing a fire company." *Herald*, Jan. 14, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 117.

1830 May 13 — "Notice. Is hereby given that the members of the Medical society, of the 8th Medical District of Ohio, will meet in Cleaveland, at the House of Philo Scovill (Franklin House) on Tuesday the 25th inst. at two o'clock P. M." *Herald*, May 13, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 133.

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Franklin House, 25 Superior Street

1830 July 26 — Timothy Scovill executed a deed conveying title to the lot on Superior Street on which stood the Franklin Hotel, to his son Philo Scovill. The land deeded had a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 12 rods. The consideration given in the deed was $600. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 1-9, 260, 261.

1830 Sept. 9 — "Notice is hereby given to the members composing the 1st Rifle Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 9th Division Ohio Militia, that they are organized into a Regiment to be known as the 1st Rifle regiment in said brigade, therefore the qualified electors of said regiment are requested to meet at the Franklin House, in the village of Cleaveland, on Tuesday the 21st of next (sic) September to elect a Colonel agreeable to the Military Law of the State of Ohio. Ashel Brainard, Brig. Gen. 9th Div. O. M." *Herald*, Sept. 9, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 134.

1831 June 2 — "The 19th Medical District society, met ... at P. Scovill's on Thursday, 31st May. It was voted that this meeting be adjourned to be holden at P. Scovill's Inn. (Franklin House) on the last Tuesday of October next." *Herald*, June 2, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 208.

1831 June 30 — "During a thunder shower on Tuesday last (June 28) the Franklin House, ... was struck by lightning. A number of persons that were in the house at the time felt the shock very sensibly, and a black woman who was a servant in the house was knocked down, but was not, however, seriously injured. The injury done to the house was not very great, as the 'fluid' passed down the tin conductor and spent itself on the ground." *Herald*, June 30, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 181.

1832 — The cholera epidemic claimed two lives at the Franklin House. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 161.

1832 — Judge Samuel Cowles and Mrs. Cowles boarded at the Franklin House until their mansion on Euclid Avenue was completed. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 230.

1833 June 17 — Nathan Perry deeded to Philo Scovill a parcel of land 231 feet deep, fronting 18 feet on Superior Street. The rear of this parcel was 78 feet in width. This, with the two other parcels acquired

by Scovill, gave a plot fronting 78 feet on Superior Street and having a uniform depth of 231 feet. This was the final Franklin House site; and it remained unbroken until the death of Philo Scovill in the 70's. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, M-12, 495, 496.

1833 June 22 — "The Siamese Twin Brothers will be in town on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the 3rd, 4th, & 5th of July, on which days they will receive the visits of those Ladies and Gentlemen who have a desire to see them. The twins will stay at the Franklin House, and the hours of admission to their room will be from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, and from 7 to 9 in the evening. Admittance 25 cents for each person. Pamphlets containing an Historical Account, and also an engraved likeness of the Twins, can be had in their room only - price 25 cents each." *Herald*, June 22, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 77, 78.

1833 July 6 — "The 57th anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in Cleveland with more than the usual demonstration. ... At nine A. M., fifty-seven rounds were fired in honor of the fifty-seventh anniversary. At eleven a procession was formed at the Franklin House and marched to the court house." *Herald*, July 6, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 88.

1833 Dec. — Edward Lyons assumed the management of the Franklin House in December, 1833. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429.

1834 — "On one occasion (1834) water was wanted on Whiskey Island, and no one could be got to take it there. My vessel was at the foot of Superior Street. We took two casks to a spring near Superior street, filled them, and then rowed them down the river to the point of destination. Word came in from Doan's corners that Job Doan, the father of W. H. Doan, was down with it (Cholera) and needed help. A man named Thomas Coolihan and I (Capt. Lewis Dibble) agreed to go out and see him. We got a buggy and went to the Franklin House, where we waited a long time before a couple of doctors whom we expected came in. They then mounted another buggy and we drove out, the hour being quite late." *Settlers Annals*, II, no. 7, 57.

1834 — The Worthington brothers, George and Ralph who came to Cleveland and went into business in 1834, stayed at the Franklin House. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 456.

1834 Apr. 12 — "Notice is hereby given that a meeting of stockholders of the Bank of Cleveland will be held at the Franklin House on the first Monday of June next (June 2), for the purpose of electing 13 directors for said bank." *Herald*, Apr. 12, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 152.

1834 Apr. 26 — "A meeting of those who are friendly to the Celebration of the Victory which was achieved by the Whigs, at the late election in New York, are requested to meet at the Franklin House this evening, at 7 o'clock, to make arrangements for that purpose." *Herald*, Apr. 26, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 216.

1834 May 10 — "Died, in this village, on the 3rd instant, Mrs. Amoret M. Lyon, wife of Edward Lyon, of the Franklin House." *Herald*, May 10, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 165.

1834 May 10 — "While on the subject (of hotels), we mention the improvements which the Mansion and Franklin Houses have undergone within the last year. No efforts have been spared to increase, if possible, the good reputation of these hotels." *Herald*, May 10, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 187.

1834 Aug. 2 — "Notice is hereby given that agreeable to the act incorporating the Cleveland and Newburgh Rail Road Co., a meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Franklin House on Aug. 9, for the purpose of selecting nine directors." *Herald*, Aug. 2, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 236.

1834 Sept. — "Married - By Rev. John Keep, Edward Lyon of the Franklin House to Mrs. Myrette Price of Hudson, Ohio." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 467-68.

1834 Dec. — "'Died - Mrs. Myrette Lyon, at Franklin House, consort of Edward Lyon, and daughter of Dr. Hitchcock of Sandy Hill, N. Y., aged 34 years. Her funeral took place on Sunday (in December) attended

by a larger concourse of people than is often witnessed in this place. The marriage of the above couple was announced in our paper (Herald) as having taken place just three months previous to the day of her burial.'" Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 467, 468.

1835 — Benjamin Harrington and his wife, both from Vermont, were host and hostess of the Franklin House, 25 Superior street. They succeeded the Scovills when the latter gave up the hotel and moved to Kinsman Street and private life. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 560-61; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429.

1835 May 1 — Grading work, begun on Superior Street May 1, 1835, resulted, it was later claimed, in damage to the Franklin House, of which Edward Lyons was at that time manager. Philo Scovill, the owner of the property, subsequently sued the city for $3,000 damages but lost the case. *Court Records*, I, 23.

1836 — The Franklin House, Benj. Harrington, proprietor, was located on Superior St., near Water. It was used as the starting and ending point of the several stage lines. *Settlers Annals*, V, 369.

1836 Mar. 16 — "The passage of the city charter and the charters of the railroads from here to Cincinnati, Warren, and Pittsburgh was made the occasion for a celebration by the citizens yesterday at the Franklin House. A supper and toasts were the order of the evening. Anson Haydn and James S. Clarke presided." *Whig*, Mar. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 140.

1836 Apr. 21 — "Notice is hereby given, that I intend applying to the City Council of the City of Cleveland, for a license to keep a tavern at the stand known as the Franklin House, on Superior street. B. Harrington." *Herald*, Apr. 21, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1836 May 2 — "The members of the Neptune Fire Company, No. 5, tender their thanks to Mr. Harrington of the Franklin House, for the gratuitous entertainment they received, after their exertions at the fire, yesterday." *Herald*, May 2, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 163.

1836 May 16 — "Ten Dollars Reward! For information that will detect the villain who on Saturday night maliciously tore the lining out of a wagon at the Franklin House stable." *Herald*, May 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 289.

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1836 May 18 — The petition of Benjamin Harrington asking permission to retain the steps in the front of the Franklin House until the public convenience will permit their removal was read and referred to the committee on Streets. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 27.

1836 May 21 — The petition of N. E. Crittenden (a jeweler whose shop was next door, east, of the Franklin House) and others remonstrating against granting permission to B. Harrington to retain the steps in front of the Franklin House, was read and laid on the table. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 29.

1836 June 4 — An ordinance providing for the removal of the steps of the Franklin House was amended by the city council to allow the hotel proprietor, B. Harrington, eight months in which to remove them. *Cleveland Ordinance Book*, "A." 29.

1836 June 4 — Mr. Noble, of the Committee on Licenses, made a report to the city council in favor of granting B. Harrington's application for a $50 tavern license. The Council approved the report. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 39.

1836 July 1 — "Contest Fire Company, No. 3. The members of this company are requested to meet at the Franklin House, on Monday morning, July 4th, at 10 o'clock precisely, equipped in uniform." *Herald*, July 1, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 163, 164.

1836 July 2 — "The committee on arrangements are happy to announce to the citizens that the Fourth of July will be ushered in by the firing of 13 guns. A procession will be formed by the marshal, Samuel Cook, in front of the Franklin House at ten A. M., in the following order. The band of music, the fire companies, citizens, mayor and common council, committee of arrangements, orator and reader of the day, and clergy.

"While the procession is moving, minute guns will be fired. The celebration of the day will be concluded by the firing of 26 guns." *Herald*, July 2, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 178.

1836 Oct. 14 — Philo Scovill, owner of the Franklin House, was elected state representative in October. He ran for the office on the Whig ticket. *Herald*, Oct. 14, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 230.

Hotels and Taverns
Franklin House, 25 Superior Street

1837 The Franklin House, located at 25 Superior Street, was one of the principal hotels. Benjamin Harrington was the proprietor. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; MacCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837.

1837 John F. Warner, a bookkeeper for Ransome Baldwin & Co., was boarding at the Franklin House. Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, II, 433; MacCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837.

1837 Moses Kelly, who became one of Cleveland's leading lawyers, arrived in Cleveland and established his residence at the Franklin House. Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, II, 555.

1837 "One evening in the bar room of the Franklin House Dr. Moore and others were discussing the financial depression then prevalent, when a stranger spoke contemptuously of the duebills or script being circulated in place of money. Taking a roll of Dr. Moore's notes from his pocket, and not knowing Dr. Moore, the stranger lit his pipe with one of them. 'That's all these shin-plasters are good for,' he said. 'You're right,' promptly agreed Dr. Moore. 'Lets have a burning match. I've a lot of them and I will burn two for your one.' In a little while the doctor saw all of his notes, which the stranger held, go up in smoke and knew that he would never be called upon to redeem them, while his unused script which he had burned in competition with the stranger had cost him only the printing charge." Hodge, *Reminiscences*, II, 64, 65.

1837 Mar. 6 "Rufus P. Spaulding, of Warren, will henceforth attend upon the several Courts of Cuyahoga county, and transact all professional business which may be entrusted to him therein. He may be consulted at his chambers in the Franklin House, Cleveland." *Herald*, Mar. 6, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 160.

1837 Apr. 4 "Wanted. - At the Franklin House, an experienced Bar Keeper. One who can come well recommended will meet with good encouragement by applying soon." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 4, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 142.

1837 Apr. 7 "The sale of 51 acres of land and house, the property of S. Remington, is postponed until April 11, at the Franklin House." *Herald and Gazette*, Apr. 7, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 338.

1837 June 26 — Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for the concert of instrumental music, that was to be held Wednesday evening, June 28, at the "Musical Hall," Phoenix Building, by the Cleveland Harmonic Society. *Herald & Gazette,* June 26, 1837, *Newspaper Annals,* XX, 194.

1837 July 1 — "The committee appointed has made arrangements for celebrating the 61st anniversary of American independence in this city in an appropriate manner. The day will be ushered in by the firing of cannon. At nine o'clock the procession will be formed in front of the Franklin House, under direction of the marshals of the day." *Herald & Gazette,* July 1, 1837, *Newspaper Annals,* XX, 140.

1837 Sept. 11 — "Base imposition on travelers. The trunk of the subscriber, W. T. Howell, was taken from the steamboat *North America* at Cleveland, on Friday, Sept. 8, and found on Sept. 11 in possession of 'B. Harrington,' of the Franklin House, Cleveland.

"Being obliged to return from Manhattan to find my trunk, I asked Mr. Harrington for remuneration for the trouble and expense I had incurred. He gave me the very pleasing consolation that I 'might be thankful for finding it at all, and that I should attend to my baggage myself.'

"I am fully satisfied that if the travelers are to be subjected to expense and delay to find baggage taken from boats by runners of public houses, especially when the baggage is conspicuously labelled, a traveler may be thankful if he can retain the clothes he wears.

"The conduct of Mr. Harrington I deem sufficiently flagrant to call for this exposition, and to caution all travelers calling to beware of runners asking for baggage for the Franklin House." *Herald and Gazette,* Sept. 11, 1837, *Newspaper Annals,* XX, 143.

1837 Oct. 17 — "The first and second assistant engineers, the foreman and assistant foreman of each of the engine companies and hook and ladder company, are requested to meet at the Franklin House on Thursday evening next, 19th inst., precisely at 7 o'clock." *Herald & Gazette,* Oct. 17, 1837, *Newspaper Annals,* XX, 120.

1838 Jan. 20 — Tickets, at $3 each, were on sale at the Franklin House for the "Public Ball," that was to be given Jan. 24, at the City Assembly Rooms on Water Street. *Herald & Gazette,* Jan. 20, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 396.

1838 Feb. 14 — Tickets for the second Mozart Society concert, Feb. 16, at the Baptist church, were on sale at the Franklin House. *Herald and Gazette*, Feb. 14, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 187.

1838 Feb. 22 — A. B. Blakesley, a dentist from Utica, N. Y., advertised that he had taken rooms in the Franklin House where he would remain for a short time and would attend to all calls in his profession. *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 22, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 84.

1838 Mar. 2 — "The subscriber wishes to employ a man to take charge of the Dining Room of the Franklin House. A white man of good habits, experience, who can come well recommended, will receive good encouragement on application to B. Harrington." *Herald and Gazette*, Mar. 2, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 98.

1838 Apr. 11 — The petition of B. Harrington, of the Franklin House, for a tavern license was presented to the Council at its regular meeting. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 326; *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 13, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 45.

1838 May 1 — "Dental Surgery. J. A. May respectfully informs the citizens of Cleveland and vicinity that he has taken room No. 14 at the Franklin House, where he may be found at all times to receive calls in the line of his profession." *Herald & Gazette*, May 1, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 84.

1838 May 9 — The committee on licenses reported to the city council, at its regular meeting, that a license to keep a tavern had been granted to the Franklin House. The fee was $40. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 349; *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 54.

1838 May 9 — "Warm, Cold and Shower Baths. Springs Cottage, Clinton Park. The subscribers respectfully inform the ladies and gentlemen of Cleveland, that they have leased the above named establishment.

"N. B. A hack will be in readiness during the day and evening, to convey passengers to and from the garden. Fare each way 6½ cents. Applications for the Hack may be left at the Franklin House. S. F. Martin, J. R. Allen." *Herald & Gazette*, May 9, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 344.

1838 June — Philo Scovill sued the city for $3000, for damages which he claimed had been done to his hotel, the Franklin House, as a result of the grading work on Superior Street, begun in May, 1835. He lost the case when in June, 1838, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the city. *Court Records*, I, 23.

1838 July 4 — The sixty-third anniversary of the signing of the declaration of Independence was celebrated by citizens of Cleveland with a procession that formed in front of the Franklin House. *Herald & Gazette*, July 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 136.

1838 July 25 — Thomas Davenport, inventor of an electro-magnetic engine, exhibited his rotary motor at the Franklin House, charging 25¢ admission. His engine was seriously considered as a source of power for railroad transportation. *Herald & Gazette*, July 25, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 99, 100.

1838 Sept. 5 — Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for the excursion on the steamboat *Cleveland*, Sept. 10, for the benefit of the fire department of Ohio City. *Herald & Gazette*, Sept. 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 109.

1838 Nov. 23 — "At a meeting of the Emigrating Committee at the Franklin House on Jan. 5, (sic) it was resolved that this committee continue its organization." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 23, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 141.

1838 Dec. 19 — The Cleveland Council, at its regular meeting December 19, consented to the transfer of the Franklin House license from B. Harrington to Philo Scovill as of Nov. 1, 1838. Mr. Scovill again took charge of the hotel which he had leased to Mr. Harrington in 1835. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "B," 15; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 560.

1839 Mar. 6 — "H. W. Hewitt, late principal of the Collegiate Institute, Brunswick, N. Y., will commence a Select School for boys, on March 18. - The education will be Intellectual, Moral and Corporeal. The number of pupils will be limited to 25. Parents or guardians wishing to place their sons or wards in the School, will please to make immediate application to either of the following references, at the Franklin House. Thomas Bolton, Esq., George W. Stanley, Esq., John A. Foot, Esq., and S. S. Stone. H. W. Hewitt." *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 6, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 226.

1839 Mar. 7 — Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for the second of the season's oratorios which was to be given by the Mozart Society in the Stone Church, on March 14. Admission 25¢. *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 7, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 124.

1839 Mar. 20 — Sheriff S. S. Handerson advertised that six horses would be sold "at or near the Franklin House," on March 30, at a sheriff sale. *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 20, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 206.

1839 Mar. 29 — Mr. Bolton presented a petition to Cleveland City Council for the removal of the Franklin House steps. These steps were in front of the offices of Dr. Brayton and Dr. Gerry. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "B," 64.

1839 Apr. 10 — The city council granted to the owner of the Franklin House sixty days in which to remove the steps projecting from the front of the building, about which there had been a controversy for over a year. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "B," 73.

1839 May 22 — Philo Scovill entertained forty honorary members of the Greys, at the Franklin House. *Magazine of Western History*, VIII, 8.

1839 Sept. 12 — The office of the Columbus Insurance Company was moved to the basement of the Franklin House. *Herald*, Sept. 12, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 92.

1839 Dec. 13 — "The Cleveland Assemblies will commence at the Franklin House on Thursday evening, 19th inst.; and will be held throughout the season on Thursday evenings of every alternate week." *Herald*, Dec. 13, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 246.

1840 Jan. 29 — "The Cotillion parties heretofore held every two weeks at the Franklin House, are, on account of the Greys' ball, adjourned one week longer. The next assembly will be held Feb. 6. Carriages will call for the ladies at the usual time." *Herald*, Jan. 29, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 60.

1840 Mar. 4 — "The last Cotillion party of the season will be held at the Franklin House on March 5." *Herald*, Mar. 4, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 60.

1840 Apr. 9 "The Eagle coach leaves Cleveland for Columbus daily at eight a.m. The fare has been reduced to five dollars. Offices under the Franklin House. ... Neil, Moore and Company, proprietors." *Herald*, Apr. 9, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 31.

1840 May 19 "Dr. E. J. Greentree from Europe cures corns in the most scientific manner. ... Dr. Greentree will be happy to wait on ladies and gentlemen at their own residences. Orders left at his residence, the Franklin House, will be promptly attended to. His stay in Cleveland will be limited." *Herald*, May 19, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 143.

1840 July 17 "Notice To The Afflicted - Waterman Sweet, natural bone-setter of Florida, N. Y., has arrived in this city and will stop for a few days and give his attention to his profession. Any desirous of his aid may obtain it by calling on him at the Franklin House." *Herald*, July 17, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 143.

1841 Mar. 22 "Mr. Ballou respectfully gives notice that his last cotillion party will be given at the Franklin House tomorrow evening." *Herald*, Mar. 22, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 66.

1841 May 3 "David Wills, Jr. (successor to John Brown & Co.) Fashionable Hair Cutter and Barber, respectfully gives notice that he will continue business at the old stand under the Franklin House, where he will be very happy to wait upon (in his best style) all those who may be pleased to favor him with their patronage." *Herald*, May 3, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 25.

1841 May 31 Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for the Indian Exhibition to be held at the Musical Hall, June 1. Twelve Ottawa and Chippewa Indians were to give an exhibition of Indian ceremonies, their mode of worship, warfare, festivities and fasts, performed by dances, songs, speeches, etc. *Herald*, May 31, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 128.

1841 July 7 "New Invention. Optometer, or a new instrument for measuring the Human eye. J. Levy, German Optician, respectfully informs the public, that he now offers for sale at the Franklin House all kinds of Concave and Convex Spectacles, of crown, pebble, crystal and flint glasses, Telescopes, Microscopes and all kinds of optical instruments." *Herald*, July 7, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 182.

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1841 Sept. 9 "Directory of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, &c. - We are gratified to learn that this work is meeting with very good sale among our citizens. The agent can still furnish copies, and may be found at the Franklin House. Every business man at least should procure a copy." *Herald*, Sept. 9, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 249.

1842 Jan. 3 "Mr. Ballou would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland that his parties will commence at the Franklin House on Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, 1842, and continue semi-monthly until further notice." *Herald*, Jan. 3, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 95.

1842 Jan. 3 "H. F. Brayton & Co. Money & Exchange Brokers, under the Franklin House, Cleveland, Ohio. Gold, Silver, Eastern Funds, and uncurrent money bought and sold." *Herald*, Jan. 3, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 201.

1842 Feb. 22 "As usual, this (Washington's Birthday) is quite a gala day in our city. Salutes ushered in the anniversary. The stripes and stars are flying from the customs house, the Franklin House and ... the liberty pole." *Herald*, Feb. 22, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 155.

1842 Feb. 24 "The Greys, with 20 invited guests sat down (Feb. 22) to a dinner prepared by the host of the Franklin (House). Although he had but six hours notice, 'Uncle Philo' had spread the table with all the luxuries of the season. Colonel Ingraham presided and L. C. Turner gave the Washington Birthday oration." *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 239.

1842 May 11 "Every traveller from Main to Sabine knows Uncle Philo, the excellent host of the Franklin, has taken down his bar and put the 'critter' out of sight." *Herald*, May 11, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 417.

1842 July 14 "H. F. Brayton, Notary Public, office under the Franklin House." *Herald*, July 14, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 184.

1842 Aug. 5 "John H. Smith of New York city has a patent for a lard oil process and his agent, Crosby, is now in the city. Samples of this oil and candles made from it may be seen by calling on Mr. Crosby at the Franklin House." *Herald*, Aug. 5, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 189.

1842
Sept. 13 "Mrs. Talbot and her daughter arrived on the steamboat *Buffalo* on Aug. 27 from the east and stopped at the Franklin House. While they were at tea some person entered their room and stole all their money, amounting to $100. A young man in the adjoining room by the name of John A. Duff was suspected and, as he was about to make a hurried departure on the morning of Sept. 9 on the steamer *Indiana*, Officers Abbey and Craw took him ashore. Upon examining him, they found the identical money secreted in the lining of his cap.

"Great credit is due our worthy host of 'The Franklin,' for his judicious management in ferreting out this theft. The young man, of course, is cooped." *Herald*, Sept. 13, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 50.

1842
Oct. 21 "Mr. R. Yeo, Professor of Dancing, respectfully begs to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Cleveland his intention of giving lessons in the ... new and fashionable Dances. ... Terms can be known of Mr. Yeo at the Franklin House." *Herald*, Oct. 21, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 95.

1842
Nov. 3 "Phoenix fire co. No. 4 return their thanks to Messrs. Pease & Allen and B. F. Smith & Co. for the liberal entertainment given them at the Franklin House, last Evening." *Herald*, Nov. 3, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 126.

1843 Samuel Mather, an attorney, boarded at the Franklin House. *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1940.

1843
Jan. 9 "The Cleveland Lard Oil and Candle Company, having completed the enlargement of their works, are now ready to fill any orders for Winter Oil. It burns as long as the sperm, gives a clearer light, and is entirely free from either smoke or smell. For machinery it is equally superior to any other oil. For wool it is a better substitute of the Olive oil. For sale at the Company's warehouse under the Franklin House." *Herald*, Jan. 9, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 152.

1843
July 1 The office of H. F. Brayton, notary public, was located under the Franklin House. *Herald*, July 1, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 59.

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1843 Sept. 4 "Vocal Concert. Mr. Still, Vocalist, Ballad Composer, and Professor of Singing, ... informs the Ladies and gentlemen of Cleveland that he will give a Ballad Concert at Concert Hall Tuesday evening, September the 5th. ... Mr. S. has selected for this evening ten popular Ballads, which will be accompanied by himself on the Guitar. Tickets on sale at the Franklin House." *Herald*, Sept. 4, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 183, 184.

1843 Sept. 15 Mr. William R. Dempster, a favorite vocalist, arrived in Cleveland and took lodgings at the Franklin House. *Herald*, Sept. 15, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 184, 185.

1843 Dec. 26 Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for the New Year's Concert of the Cleveland Quartette Club, on January 2, at Apollo Hall. *Herald*, Dec. 26, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 186.

1844 Jan. 12 "The Buffalo Stage was upset in the vicinity of Willoughby yesterday morning, and one of the passengers, Mr. J. K. Hess of New York, was seriously injured. Mr. H. is at the Franklin House, and though some of his ribs were broken by the upset, we are gratified to learn that the injuries he received are not considered dangerous." *Herald*, Jan. 12, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 363.

1844 Mar. 4 Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for the performance of Christy's Original Band of Minstrels appearing at the Merchants Exchange, Friday and Saturday nights, March 8th and 9th. *Herald*, Mar. 4, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 463, 464.

1844 July 6 "Mr. Henry Russell respectfully announces his intention of giving one Vocal Entertainment in this city, on Monday Evening, July 8th, at the Appollo hall, ... Tickets on sale at the Franklin House." *Herald*, July 6, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 556.

1844 Sept. 9 "(David) Wills and George Smith, Barbers and Fashionable Hair Cutters, have, for the present, removed their establishment from their former place under the Franklin." *Herald*, Sept. 9, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 390.

1844 Sept. 10 "Superior Street Improvements. - The work of demolishing the old Franklin House is now going on, and the numerous friends and customers of Mr. Scovill in 'this extensive country' will be glad

to learn that Mr. S. will supply the place of the old Franklin this fall, with one of the most extensive and elegant brick hotels in the West." *Herald*, Sept. 10, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 400.

1844 Nov. 7 "The builders keep up a merry click of trowels on the new Franklin, which promises to be one of the tallest and most imposing piles in the city." *Herald*, Nov. 7, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 400.

1845 The Pittsburgh, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit and Buffalo stages arrived and departed daily, from the Franklin House, 25 Superior Street, during the years 1845 and 1846. Philo Scovill was the owner and manager. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 157.

1845 Feb. 21 A petition for crosswalk on Superior Street from the Franklin House to the Phoenix Building was laid on the table. *Cleveland Council Journal* (1840-1845), 431.

1845 Apr. 8 "Builders have started the work of removing the whole range of stores and offices... adjacent to Scovill's towering new Franklin House, ... to make way for the buildings to be erected by P. M. Weddell and Cap't. L. Johnson." *Herald*, Apr. 8, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 136.

1845 Apr. 18 "John Shelly has removed his stock of Clothes, Cassimeres, &c., to the 1st door west of N. E. Crittenden (in the new Franklin House)." *Herald*, Apr. 18, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 57.

1845 May 30 "The new house (New Franklin House) is the work of Cleveland mechanics throughout. Not an article in the house has been procured or manufactured from abroad, and the expenditure of thousands of dollars in its construction and furnishings has benefited many worthy members of the community. The excellent host and hostess of the Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Scoville, are generally and favorably known to the western traveling world. The troops of former friends and the scores of newcomers who daily need the refreshments of a caravansary, will find them like choice old wine, transferred to new and appropriate bottles. Here's to their good health and continued prosperity." *Herald*, May 30, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 137.

1845
May 31

Philo Scovill signalled the formal opening of his New Franklin House with a dinner to one hundred invited guests, on May 31, 1845. Nearly a year was required by the builders, George P. Smith and M. A. Elfdridge for construction of the new brick buildings. At the time of its completion, it was one of the most pretentious in the city. Its five-story front spread 78 feet on Superior Street. The building had two rear wings, each of four stories.

The ground floor was given over to stores; the second story, the chief hotel level, contained the lobby and other public rooms. The second and third floors had large porticos, supported by huge columns which framed the main entrance at the ground level. The public rooms had tessellated marble floors. The main dining room, which was 26 by 60 feet in size, was ample enough to seat 130 persons. About 120 sleeping rooms, private parlors, etc., were available for accommodation of up to 300 guests. Other features of the new hotel were "inside blinds," called a great improvement over the outside window shutters. A cistern in the attic provided "soft water for washing." The name "Franklin House" was displayed in large painted letters upon the front parapet and extended the entire width of the hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 8, 1845; *ibid.*, May 3 and May 31, 1845; *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook 2; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; Stanley McMichael Photo Collection.

1845
July 1

"Oh! My Corns. Radical cure for Corns without cutting or the least pain. Chiropodist - P. Franklin, from New Orleans, ... Ladies and Gentlemen can be waited on at their residence by leaving orders at my present residence, at the Franklin House." *Herald*, July 1, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 46.

1845
July 9

Tickets were on sale at the Franklin House for "Porteur's Grand Exhibition of Zoology at Apollo Hall." *Herald*, July 9, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 99.

1845
Aug. 19

"Brilliant Attraction. At the New and Splendid Empire Hall, on Wednesday Ev., Aug. 20. The Cleveland Brass Band, gives their first Public Quarterly Concert. Cards of Admission, 25¢, to be had at the Franklin." *Herald*, Aug. 19, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 181, 182.

1845
Nov. 19

"David Wills, Hair Cutter and Barber, is now holding forth with Messrs. Smith & Stevens, under the Franklin House, where he will remain through the winter." *Herald*, Nov. 19, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 31.

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1846 "Franklin House, P. Scovill. The Pittsburgh, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit and Buffalo Stages arrive and depart from this house daily." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 160.

1846 Jan. 4 A gentlemanly-appearing man of about 36 from New York stopped at the Franklin House, Jan. 4. During his stay he seemed quite insane. About four a.m., Jan. 8, he left his room and did not return. His trunk was marked 'S. J. Otis.' A few days later he was discovered at another hotel "safe and apparently tapering off a spree." *Herald*, Jan. 9 and Jan. 12, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 166.

1846 Jan. 23 "The one that exchanged plush caps last evening at the Franklin House, please call and swap back, 29 Superior St." *Herald*, Jan. 23, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 137.

1846 July 1 "William Williams, Dealer in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, No. 3 Superior st. (below the Franklin House), Cleveland, O." *Herald*, July 1, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 68.

1848 The office of the Ohio Stage Company was located at the Franklin House. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49.

1848 Nov. 22 "The Taylor Republicans had quite a glorification Monday evening (Nov. 20).... The wreaths and tricolored lights at the Franklin shone well around the portrait of the president elect. 'Mine Host' of the Franklin displayed more good taste in the illumination than was exhibited at Philadelphia in the selection of the illuminee." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 22, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 197.

1849 "Scovill's Hotel (New Franklin House) by P. Scovill, ... a four-story brick, was the Stage House. From this house every morning, the stage started for Columbus; and from this house, in 1849, the writer (N. A. Stimson), went by stage to Columbus." *Settlers Annals*, III, no. 4, 535.

1849 Jan. 16 "Soldier Land Warrants. For Sale. Warranted receivable at the Land Office for 169 Acres Soldiers' Bounty land. Three months extra pay, and pensions obtained. Inquire of E. B. Mastick, Franklin House." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 16, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 345.

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1849 Mar. 19 — "On March 17 three stage loads of soldiers, bound for Jefferson barracks, passed through this city. They were waited upon by the troops, ... and left the Franklin (House) surrounded by a large crowd of eager spectators." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 19, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 407.

1849 Nov. 21 — "David Christy of Oxford, O., well known as a geologist and philanthropist, is spending a few days in Cleveland ... at the Franklin House." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 21, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 203.

1849 Dec. 15 — "The fair held by the ladies of Trinity church at the Franklin House last evening was well attended; the proceeds amounting to $300." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 15, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 94.

1850 — "Captain Sartwell, 'ancient and everlasting' agent of the Ohio Stage Company, who had long been a fixture at the Franklin House, moved to Ashtabula to keep in the country of the stagecoach." Kirkpatrick, *Transportation*, 60.

1850 Feb. 3 — Fifteen guests of the American House and the help at the Franklin House became sick after eating horseradish. *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 4, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 106.

1850 Feb. 7 — "Julius Weed's 'patent buckeye machine' is exhibited at the Franklin House. Fruit gatherers and growers would do well to call and examine the model." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 7, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 111.

1850 June 4 — The citizens of Cleveland owning property on Superior Street met at Philo Scovill's hotel on the evening of June 4 to consider the improvement of Superior Street. *Daily True Democrat*, June 6, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 440.

1850 July 3 — "Judge Johnston of Cincinnati, Whig candidate for governor, is spending a few days in Cleveland ... at the Franklin (House)." *Daily True Democrat*, July 3, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 250.

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1850 Sept. 13 "The basement of the Franklin House has, under the direction of Mr. M. Cozzens, been fitted up, in the most expensive and tasty manner, for a saloon and eating establishment. It is to be called 'Cozzens' Exchange,' and will, no doubt, be a favorite place of resort. It opens tomorrow with a lunch of turtle soup, at 11 a.m." *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 13, 1850.

1850 Sept. 20 "Yesterday morning the Franklin House omnibus was backed off the pier. The horses were drowned. No other damage was done." *Daily True Democrat,* Sept. 20, 1850, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIII, 76.

1851 Apr. 21 "The office of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad has been moved from the Commercial Building to the Franklin House." *Daily True Democrat,* Apr. 21, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 336.

1851 June 23 "Cyrus Prentiss, Esq., president of the Anti-Slavery Convention (to be held at Ravenna, O.,) is at the Franklin House." *Daily True Democrat,* June 23, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 127.

1851 June 24 "The Hon. Orin Fowler of Massachusetts, the Hon. C. Delano and lady, Jesse B. Thomas of Mount Vernon, the Hon. Samuel Lewis of Cincinnati, and J. A. Giddings, Esq., of Jefferson, are stopping at the Franklin House." *Daily True Democrat,* June 24, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 127.

1851 July 9 "In a letter to the editor, Sabrina Elliot says: 'This is my first visit to Cleveland, the first time I was in such a large place, and I really did not know that a city could be so big. There was such a crowd of cabs and omnibuses down at the depot, and such a rushing around of porters, and shouting and calling about the Weddell House and the Franklin House, that I was frightened out of my senses.'" *Daily True Democrat,* July 9, 1851, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIV, 60.

1851 Dec. 15 "The Ladies of Trinity propose holding a fair at the Franklin House on Thursday Evening next." *Plain Dealer,* Dec. 15, 1851.

1852 Jan. 6 "We congratulate the traveling public upon the addition of Mr. Patrick to the list of the Hotel Keepers in our city. We yesterday took dinner at the Franklin (House), which is now under the sole direction of Messrs. Patrick & Son 'and a werry good thing it was

to,' what with nice and well cooked fare, clean table linen, attentive waiters, choice wine etc., we can assure our friends we fared remarkably well. The house is now undergoing a thorough repair and painting, and everything is being put in excellent condition preparatory to the traveling season." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1852.

1852 Jan. 7 — Philo Scovill rented the Franklin House to Messrs. Patrick & Sons. They came from Sandusky, where they had managed the Townsend House. *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 7, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 140; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429.

1852 Feb. 12 — "We see that Messrs. Patrick have just added to the Franklin House, a new and elegant Omnibus. Everything about the Franklin seems to be looking up, and the proprietors will spare no pains in making the house as comfortable and agreeable to the traveler, as any in our city." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 12, 1852.

1852 Feb. 14 — "We have been shown a new style of Grave Stone, made of cast iron, which Mr. Flinchbaugh is endeavoring to introduce to the favorable attention of the public. It may be seen at the Franklin House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1852.

1852 Apr. 12 — "The office of the Pittsburgh Rail Road Co. has been removed from the Franklin House to a room over the Merchants Bank," *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 12, 1852.

1852 May 4 — "W. W. Wright & Co. have opened an exchange office in the room at the Franklin House formerly occupied by the Cleveland and Wellesville Railroad office." *Plain Dealer*, May 4, 1852.

1852 June 22 — Charles Anthony of Springfield and Alfred Kelley of Columbus are at the Franklin House. *Daily True Democrat*, June 22, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 141.

1852 July 1 — "N. Y. Erie & Cincinnati Rail Road Line Steamer *Queen City*, Captain J. S. Richards, leaves Cleveland Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 o'clock, or on the arrival of the Express Train of cars from Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, connecting with the Morning

Express Train at Dunkirk at 6 o'clock A. M. arriving in New York the same evening without loss of sleep. ...

"For freight or passage, apply on board, or of A. Cable, Franklin House, Cleveland." *Plain Dealer,* July 1, 1852.

1852 July 2 "The subscribers tender their services as proprietors of the above (Franklin) popular Hotel, to its patrons, and the public generally. The House is undergoing thorough and extensive repairs, and additions of new furniture, &c., and the subscribers pledge themselves that no effort shall be wanting on their part, to render the Franklin a place where all the comforts of a first class Hotel can be found. C. Patrick & Son." *Plain Dealer,* July 2, 1852.

1852 Sept. 1 "The Messrs. Patricks are doing the honors at this popular old stand in the most acceptable style. House full, table well spread, boarders happy and travellers delighted." *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 1, 1852.

1852 Oct. 4 Colonel McCook arrived in Cleveland Oct. 4 and stayed at the Franklin House. *Plain Dealer,* Oct. 5, 1852.

1852 Nov. 13 "The Elyria *Courier* says that the Franklin House of Cleveland is now one of the best hotels in the west." *Daily True Democrat,* Nov. 13, 1852, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXV, 142.

1853 Feb. 1 "Not to be behind the times, Messrs. Patrick & Son are putting the Franklin in apple-pie order for the coming business season; getting new furniture throughout, painting and renovating generally." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 1, 1853.

1853 Apr. 26 "The Franklin House - The proprietors, Messrs. Patrick & Son, have been refitting this well known hotel, and have put everything into beautiful order for spring and summer business. They are popular landlords, and will ever exert themselves to retain their well earned reputation. No house in the west is better known, and it is needless for us to expatiate on its merits. We like the Franklin." *Plain Dealer,* Apr. 26, 1853.

1853 Apr. 28 "J. P. Draper has purchased the Franklin House barber establishment, and will continue business there." *Daily True Democrat,* Apr. 28, 1853, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXVI, 14.

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1853 May 10 — "The Franklin House has agreed with other Cleveland hotels not to send any runners to depots to solicit business." *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853 Aug. 22 — "One of the oldest and most reliable houses in our city is the Franklin. Although it does not employ as many ad captandum artificers and tricks to get notoriety as some houses we wot of, it has a steady and profitable business." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1853.

1853 Aug. 30 — "C. Patrick, Esq., of the Franklin House, left this morning for a summer tour to the east. We wish him a pleasant trip." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 30, 1853.

1854 Jan. 3 — "Oysters. - I am daily in receipt of fresh New York and Baltimore oysters by the keg, can, shell or dozen. Also Lobsters, Brook Trout, and all kinds of Game, which can be obtained at all hours at Myron Cozzen's Exchange, under the Franklin House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1854.

1854 Jan. 7 — "Henry Stewart, only authorized traveling agent for the sale of Dr. Guinon's Improved Non-Explosive Camphene Lamp, is in the city, stopping at the Franklin House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1854.

1854 Jan. 13 — "Mr. Coon, formerly agent of Dan Rice's Circus, now of Campbell's Minstrels, is in town, stopping at the Franklin." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1854.

1854 July 1 — "The Undersigned having been duly appointed and commissioned, by the Post Master General, to act as 'POST-MAN' for this and Ohio Cities, tender my services as such. ... Post-Boxes for the reception of Letters and papers, for Post-Office or City Delivery, will be found at Franklin House. Signed H. Bishop." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1854.

1855 Jan. 2 — "H. Redelsheimer, Practical Optician, ... I have stopped for eight days, at the Franklin House, with such an assortment of Optical Goods as cannot be found in America. ... I have Spectacle

Frames, of Gold, Silver, Shell, Wire and Steel with Crystal Glasses adapted to every eye, ... Launett's Microscopes and Telescopes, Spy Glasses. ...

"Please call at the Franklin House, No. 70, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 2, 1855.

1855 Feb. 27 — "The undersigned boarders at the Franklin House in this city, learn with extreme regret that the Messrs. Patrick & Son are about to retire from the house, and take this method to express our high esteem for them as Hotel Keepers, on account of their courteous and gentlemanly attentions toward all the guests of their house, which has deservedly won for them a host of friends among the travelling public, and to express our best wishes for their continued success in whatever business they may engage, whether in this city or elsewhere." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 27, 1855.

1855 Mar. 31 — The old Franklin House was closed on March 31, 1855, and the building converted into stores. The old hotel gradually had lost its status as a haven for travellers; it had become largely a boarding house for local guests. Orth, *Cleveland,* I, 429.

1855 Nov. 1 — "Philo Scoville has nearly completed two spacious storerooms in the old Franklin House, which will be 30½ by 124 feet. One is to be occupied by William Fiske, wholesale and retail druggist; the other by Mr. Collins, of New Haven, Conn., who will keep a large and fashionable stock of hats and caps." *Leader,* Nov. 1, 1855, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXVIII, 51.

1857 — Gennett Overrocker, who kept hotel at many stands about the city, was landlord of the boarding house, still known as the Franklin House. *Court Records,* III, 29, 30.

1858 Jan. 15 — Mary Overrocker brought suit on January 15, 1858, in the Court of Common Pleas against Amos Coe. She contended that she was the owner of a large quantity of household goods and property at the Franklin House, that her father, Gennett Overrocker, had sold all this for $1200, and that he had, without her consent, assigned to Coe all her interest in the contract for the sale. The case was finally dismissed at Mary's request. *Court Records,* III, 29, 30.

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1859
Jan. 20 "About half past 3 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the fifth story of the Old Franklin House building, on Superior street. The fifth story was burned off cleanly, at which point the flames were subdued by the herculean exertions of the firemen. The damage below was heavy, but it was caused by water instead of fire. The building is owned by Philo Scovill, whose loss is between $4000 and $5000. He was not insured.

"The second story was occupied by lawyers, Otis & Coffinberry. Their valuable papers were locked in their safe and escaped without injury. The ground floor was occupied by Butts, dealer in hats and caps; Fisk, druggist; and John Shelley, merchant tailor." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 20, 1859.

1910 The old building, at 25 Superior Street, the former New Franklin House, was still standing, a ragged remnant of its former fame. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; Upton, *Western Reserve*, I, 469.

1938
Apr. 24 "Anyone looking from a north or west window of Hotel Cleveland yesterday could have seen workmen razing an old brick building filling the space between 712 and 724 Superior Avenue, N. W. Just a dirty old building, thought those who, passing beneath the protective shoring over the sidewalk, heard old bricks rattling down to the dump trucks.

"Anyone looking into the dirty windows of the wine shop, the mission, the aviation store and the cash register store, all deserted now, could scarcely have been expected to see a vision of brightness and merriment and cheer. And indeed they didn't. Good riddance. Just another old building, getting what it had coming.

"And one, recalling a night spent in a 'flop-house,' looked at the wallpaper, and shuddered. ...

"The Corlett House Wrecking Co. purchased the old building from the Society for Savings. Its last years had been unhappy ones. It had slipped down to the 50-75-$1 classification -- just a grade above the flop-house.

"Razing started a month ago and will be completed in about three weeks. Nobody paid much attention to it. It was just an old building. But its bricks, the wrecking company reports, are very hard and of exceptionally good quality. Only 3 or 4 out of every 100 bricks are broken in removal.

"But the building will not be forgotten. A plaque, affixed in 1921, has been presented to the Western Reserve Historical Society." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 24, 1938.

GAIGE'S TAVERN
(no address given)

1829 Apr. 30 — "A. Gaige respectfully informs the inhabitants of Cleaveland, that he has taken the well known Tavern Stand (in the village of Cleaveland) formerly occupied by L. G. Tucker.

"His bar shall at all times be supplied with the best liquors, and his tables with the best the country produces." *Herald*, Apr. 30, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 87.

GALLAGHER'S HOTEL
Johnson St.

1862 Mar. 8 — "Gallagher's Hotel on Johnson st., partly we suppose, owing to the war pressure, is almost deserted." *Leader*, Mar. 8, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 586.

GAULT HOUSE
West River Street, corner Main Street

1856 — The Gault House was at West River Street, corner Main. Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

1860 — The Gault House was on W. River at the corner of Main. *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1937.

GERMAN CASTLE HOTEL
108 Water (W. 9th) Street

1863 — "Travellers will find at this Hotel the best accommodations, genuine German meals, good attention and reasonable prices. Fr. Bechtel, Proprietor." Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64.

GERMAN TAVERN
39 Seneca (W. 3rd) Street

1845 "Jacob Weitenkoph, Keeper of German Tavern, 39 Seneca St. N." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46.

GILBERT'S TAVERN
61 Lorain Street

1861 Apr. 23 "Information Wanted: Of the whereabouts of R. M. Montgomery, who left Gilbert's Tavern on the West Side, Thursday the 18th inst., since which time he has not been heard of. Any information relative to him will be thankfully received by his father. Address John Montgomery, River St. P. O." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 23, 1861.

1863 W. B. Gilbert was proprietor of the Gilbert House, 61 Lorain Street from 1863 to 1867. *Cleveland Directories*, 1863-1867.

GIRARD HOUSE
120 Superior Street

1864 The Girard House was located at 120 Superior Street. G. M. Bush, was proprietor. Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65.

1864 Aug. 29 "Girard House. Mr. Bush, at his saloon, No. 120 Superior Street, has just imported a fine lot of liquors from New York, including some capital old Bourbon. He will open an eating house for gentlemen, on the first of September, and will provide elegant cuisine for his patrons. We commend the house to public favor." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 29, 1864.

1864 Sept. 8 "A Cook Wanted -- Apply immediately at the Girard House, 120 Superior Street." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1864.

1864 Sept. 23 "First Ward Democratic Meeting. Rally! The Democracy of the first ward will assemble at 120 Superior St., Girard House, to transact

important business, on Saturday night at 7½ o'clock. . There will be good speaking. A band of music will be present. Don't fail to turn out." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1864.

1867 May 6 "A man...whose identity is undetermined, was found dead in a room at the Girard House May 4. Coroner Schenk...stated that the cause of death was due to apoplexy." *Leader*, May 6, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 146.

GLOBE TAVERN
Merwin Street

1833 Mar. 26 "A man named Carey has been confined to the Globe tavern here by indisposition. He attempted suicide Wednesday last (March 20) by cutting his throat with a razor. The unfortunate man is still living but is not, we understand, considered out of danger." *Herald*, Mar. 26, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 143.

1836 Isaac Van Valkenburgh was proprietor of the Globe Tavern on Merwin Street in 1836. *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 4, 369; *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1937.

1836 Apr. 16 "I shall expose to sale at public vendue at the Globe tavern on the 13th day of April inst., one Franklin stove, and one drum stove. A. S. Barnum, Sheriff." *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 256.

1836 June 13 "I. V. & J. Hood have filed with the city clerk, a petition for a license to keep a tavern, at the stand known as the Globe Tavern, on Merwin St." *Herald*, June 13, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1836 June 22 At a Council meeting, the License Committee granted to I. P. and J. Hood a tavern license, the fee being $30. No location was given. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 48.

1836 Sept. 21 At a Council meeting, the petition of Isaac Van Valkenburgh for leave to carry off the surplus water from the reservoir on Superior Lane, in logs or lead pipes, for the use of the Globe Tavern, was read and rejected. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 68.

1837 — Isaac Van Valkenburgh was the proprietor of the Globe Tavern on Merwin Street. McCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-38, 110; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 285, 400-403; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Hutchinson, Notes; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429.

1837 Oct. 4 — The petition of J. Van Valkenburgh for a tavern license was presented to Council and referred to the Committee on Licenses, which reported favorably. *Herald & Gazette*, Oct. 5, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 64; *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 239-40.

1837 Oct. 25 — "The Globe Tavern under the hill, was overhauled by officers of the law yesterday, and found to be a warehouse for stolen goods. A large quantity of goods reported stolen was found here. The property of a German stolen from the wharf was found and a part of that which was stolen from Justice Nuderhill.

"The tavern has been kept by Isaac Van Valkenburgh, who has absconded to escape an indictment for forgery which is pending against him." *Herald & Gazette*, Oct. 25, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 83.

1837 Nov. 1 — At a Council meeting the petition of H. Van Valkenburgh, for a tavern license, was referred to the Committee on Licenses. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 251.

1837 Nov. 8 — The Committee on Licenses reported unfavorably on the petition of H. Van Valkenburgh for a tavern license. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 251; *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 10, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 68.

1837 Nov. 14 — "Isaac Van Valkenburgh, the keeper of the Globe tavern under the hill, where stolen goods were found, was arrested at Portsmouth by Capt. C. Warren and Deputy-Sheriff Brooks of this city. He was returned here and lodged in the county mansion." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 14, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 84.

1840 May 19 — "In pursuance of a decretal order of the common pleas court, the subscriber will sell at public auction at the court house on April 20 (sic), the buildings and improvements in the city of Cleveland formerly known and occupied as the Globe Tavern, situated on land leased by the heirs of Noble H. Merwin to one James Sickner. F. W. Bingham, master commissioner in chancery." *Herald*, May 19, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 242.

1842
Mar. 1

"Another Jail Delivery! - Last Saturday night (Feb. 26) six prisoners escaped from the jail, some of them hard cases, Van Valkenburgh and Fuller being among them. They broke from the cells below by sawing off the fastenings of one door, wrenching the staples from another, and removing some of the bars in the grated outside window so that they could crawl through.

"Their plan of escape must have been well arranged and very adroitly executed, as the cells in which they were confined were considered about as secure as stone and iron could make them." *Herald*, Mar. 1, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 243.

1842
Mar. 2

"$265 Reward! - Escaped from the Jail of Cuyahoga county, on the night of Saturday, the 26th inst., Isaac Van Valkenburgh, Ashley Fuller, David Hastings, Richard Fuller, William Keeler, and Charles Mack. Said Van Valkenburgh is about 50 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, thick set, dark hair and a little grey; wore a black hat, black frock coat and pants, and is indicted for counterfeiting. Fifty dollars will be given for the delivery of either of the above named prisoners (except said Mack) at the jail of this county, or $25 for either of them if secured in any jail in the United States so that I can get them, and $15 for the delivery of said Mack. - M. Miller, Sheriff, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Feb. 27, 1842." *Herald*, Mar. 2, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 243.

1842
June 13

"Van, Van, a used up man. At the present term of the criminal court, Van Valkenburgh has been convicted of passing counterfeit money and sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years." *Herald*, June 13, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 88.

1843
Oct. 14

"Van At Large. - By a hand bill from the warden we learn that three prisoners escaped from Ohio penitentiary on the 11th inst. They were the notorious Isaac Van Valkenburgh, sent from county, Henry E. Smith, also sent from Cuyahoga, and Allen Clute, sent from Hamilton county. The manner of their escape not stated in the handbill. A reward of $300 is offered for the arrest of the rogues." *Herald*, Oct. 14, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 201.

GOLDEN EAGLE
Lighthouse and Spring Streets

1856

The Golden Eagle was located on Lighthouse Street north of the railroad tracks. Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

1857 L. Weber was the proprietor of the Golden Eagle which was located at the corner of Lighthouse and Spring Streets. Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1860 "The Golden Eagle was on Lighthouse Street north of the Lake Shore tracks." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1937.

GOLDSMITH'S TAVERN
Superior Lane

1836 Apr. 3 The Cleveland Council Committee on Licenses reported in favor of granting the petition of R. G. Goldsmith for a Tavern License - fee $30.00. Report was accepted by council. *Council Journal* "A," 59.

1836 July 14 "R. Goldsmith has this day filed with the City Clerk, his petition to keep a Tavern on Superior Lane." *Herald*, July 14, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 181.

GRANT HOUSE
N. E. Corner Belle and Detroit Avenues

The Grant House, located at what is now Detroit and Belle Avenues, stood on the site of the present Lakewood Hospital. At one time Grant House was known as the Kidney Tavern, due no doubt to the fact that a Mr. I. Kidney was the proprietor. As the Grant House, its reputation as an excellent tavern and a post house was firmly established. After having served for many years as a tavern, the establishment was purchased by Lawrence Johnson, and later was torn down. At one time in its history, Grant House was made into and used as a tenement house. Farmer, *Lakewood*, 81; *Settlers Annals*, V, 492.

1874 The Grant House was situated in the central part of section twenty-two of Rockport, Cuyahoga County. Later, this location was known as the northeast corner of Belle and Detroit Avenues. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

HAWLEY HOUSE
Southeast Corner of St. Clair and West 3rd Streets

The southeast corner of St. Clair and West 3rd Streets, the present location of the Hawley House, was originally the site of "Old Trinity," the first permanent church structure in the Cleveland settlement. The hotel was built sixty years ago, and is one of the few early hotel buildings still standing.

For a number of years, between the destruction of the Trinity Church by fire in 1854 and the building of the Hawley House in 1882, the site was occupied by a hotel of which there is little contemporary mention. In an atlas published by Titus, Simmons & Titus in 1874, the hotel is indicated under the name of the Union Hotel.

David R. Hawley operated many small hotels in Cleveland at various times. In 1882 he formed a company with his brother and a third partner for the purpose of constructing what was then a modern hotel. It was smaller than the Weddell or the Kennard hotels, but its appointments were rated as "up-to-the-minute." The Hawleys operated the hotel until about 1912. After their withdrawal, numerous changes in proprietorship occurred, but the hotel retained its original name. The hotel has been remodeled many times, but still continues to be an integral part of the city's life. About one-third of the guests are transients, the rest are permanent guests. *Plain Dealer*, June 11, 1939; *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 35, 71; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 351; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 69, 70; *ibid.*, V, no. 4, 371; *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 30, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 45.

1828 In 1828 the Trinity Church Society (Episcopal) was incorporated and a frame building in the Gothic style was erected on the southeast corner of St. Clair and Seneca streets (now West 3rd Street), the present site of the Hawley House. The little chapel cost about $3,000. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 351; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 69, 70; *ibid.*, V, no. 4, 371.

1845 Feb. 19 Trinity Church corporation was deeded the site for its church at St. Clair and Seneca streets from the estate of Simon Perkins. The site is described as being Sublot 17 and the north half of Sublot 18 in Simon Perkins allotment of Village Lots 55, 56 and 57. The plot was practically square, with a frontage of 84 feet on St. Clair Street and 82 feet, 7 3/4 inches on Seneca Street. Consideration was $250; about three dollars per St. Clair Street front foot. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 35, 171.

1852 The trustees of Trinity Church decided to build a larger church farther "uptown." Sale of the original property was negotiated, but was not completed. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 351; Robison, *Representative Men*, I, 368; *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 30, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 45.

1854 The petition of H. V. Willson, representing that the lot on the corner of Seneca and St. Clair streets (known as the Trinity Church lot), could be had at a reasonable price for the purpose of erecting a city hall was referred to special committee. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "C," 24-28.

1854 Mar. 31 "The home of Mr. Wells on Seneca st., and the Old Trinity church (later the site of the Hawley House) were both burned to the ground yesterday morning. The entire loss was $5000." *Leader*, Mar. 31, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 121.

1854 June 10 The Trinity Church corporation sold its original church site at St. Clair and Seneca streets to Elizabeth W. Nicholson. The consideration was $10,850. This was equal to about $130 per St. Clair Street front foot. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 70, 506.

1856 About 1856, the Union House was built on the site of the Trinity Church, on the southeast corner of St. Clair and Seneca St. *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 25, 1941.

1874 The Union Hotel occupied the site at the southeast corner of St. Clair and Seneca streets in 1874. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1882 The veteran hotel man, David R. Hawley, with his brother, Davis, and a friend, John Langton, formed a company and built a new hotel at St. Clair and Seneca streets. They called it the Hawley House. it was "up-to-the-minute" for its time; and for nearly a score of years was among the city's leading hostelries. David Hawley with his brother, Davis, ran the hotel for about 30 years. *Settlers Annals*, 1933, 52; *Press*, June 2, 1919.

1883 The Hawley House was owned and operated by David R. Hawley & Co. from 1883 to 1891. The hotel was located at the corner of St. Clair Avenue and Seneca Street. *Cleveland Directories*, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, 1890-91.

1891 — The Hawley Brothers were the sole owners of the Hawley House, St. Clair Avenue corner Seneca Street, from 1891 to 1900. *Cleveland Directories*, 1891-92, 1892-93, 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1899-1900.

1910 — "Among the hostelries that flourished in the later '60s, '70s and '80s may be mentioned the Hawley House, which is still (1910) receiving guests." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 434.

1935 Mar. 4 — "On March 3, 1935, about one hundred guests, including those who live at the hotel, helped to dedicate the new lounge which was opened to the public on March 4. The hostelry, which is more or less of a Cleveland landmark, has taken on a more modern aspect with burnished beer taps, modernistic decorations, and private dining rooms. Charles Goldberg is president and Daniel Lowy manager of the corporation in charge of the hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 4, 1935.

1939 June 11 — "The Hawley House is still doing business; but important civic gatherings no longer seek out the hotel at St. Clair Avenue and West 3rd Street...The Hawley, like the Weddell and Lincoln (Kennard) have been remodeled many times, but they continue to be an integral part of the city's life. The manager of one of these hotels estimates that only one-third of the guests of this type of house today are transients. The rest are permanent guests." *Plain Dealer*, June 11, 1939.

HEPBURN'S MANSION HOUSE
(no address given)

1830 Jan. 7 — "Sometime since a box without a mark of direction was left at the tavern of M. Hepburn (Mansion House) in Cleveland containing a variety of furniture of some value, some of which is crockery. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take it away." *Herald*, Jan. 7, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 131.

1830 May 6 — "Mr. Chapman will remain in this village a short time for the purpose of curing stammering .... Mr. Chapman will be found at Hepburn's Mansion House." *Herald*, May 6, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 133.

1830 May 13 "James Taylor, Surgeon Dentist, will be absent for a few days, after which he may be found at M. Hepburn's Mansion House." *Herald*, May 13, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 114.

HOTEL HOLLENDEN
Superior Avenue and Bond (E. 6th) Street

The initial unit of the Hotel Hollenden -- the first hotel for transients east of the Public Square -- was completed and opened in the summer of 1885. Its success was immediate; and was so pronounced that a stock company was formed a year later to carry the plans for the entire building to completion. This was an accomplished fact by the latter part of 1887. The finished hotel occupied a site on the southeast corner of Superior and Bond streets (now Superior Avenue and East 6th Street), with frontages of 134 feet on Superior and Vincent streets. The hotel extended the entire 260 feet on Bond Street between the two above streets.

A feature of its planning -- exclusive to itself so far as is known -- was its three sections: for transient guests, for permanent residents, and for services. The two classes of guests were provided for in the main section of the house; the services were housed in a separate building, thus segregating noise and odors from the living sections. The hotel was lighted entirely by electricity and had one hundred private bath-rooms, two features which gained its fame. Its massive interior fittings of redwood and mahogany, its exclusively designed furniture and its "crystal" dining room added to its reputation for sumptuousness.

So well had its architect and its owners anticipated future requirements that any general plan of modernization was not deemed necessary until 1925. In that year a $5,000,000 new construction and improvement program was begun, which added an annex to the east of the main building and modernized the rear section of the main building fronting on East 6th and Vincent streets. Future plans call for a 20-story building to replace the section on the Superior-East 6th corner. These would give a total of about 1500 guest rooms. Five presidents have been among the thousands of distinguished guests from every walk of life who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Hollenden. *Plain Dealer*, July 20 and 25, 1939; World, *Cleveland*, 170; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 288-9; Engineers Club, *Works and Industries*, 83; Post, *Those Were The Days*, II, 20, 80; Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 1888, 181-183.

1876 T. S. Beckwith, early partner in the firm of Sterling, Welch & Co., lived on the southeast corner of Superior Avenue and East 6th (Bond) Street until his death in 1876. A few years later the property was purchased by L. E. Holden for his Hotel Hollenden. World, *Cleveland*, 354; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, II, 13, 44; Post, *Doan's Corners*, II, 20, 80; Howe, *Ohio*, I, 508.

1879 — The site later occupied by the Hollenden hotel was known to early Clevelanders as the "Chamberlin and Sterling property." The plot had frontages of 134 feet on Superior Street and on Vincent Street, and included the entire 260 feet frontage on Bond Street between the former streets; thus giving the hotel three fronts for light. Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 1888, 181-183; Post, *Doan's Corners*, II, 20, 80; Howe, *Ohio*, I, 508.

1883 — "The Hollenden (hotel) was projected by L. E. Holden in the summer of 1883." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 1888, 181-183.

1884 — "Living in the old Sterling House next to the Hollenden in 1884, I (S. J. Kelly) watched the building (Hollenden) from its very long narrow foundations. The site of the first structure was the southeast corner of Superior and East 6th Streets. It had 73 feet frontage and extended along Bond to Vincent Street. Its eleven-story tower with its pointed roof was a striking feature as it is today. Liberty E. Holden, its promoter and principal owner, supervised its construction from the day the first spade was turned." *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1939.

1885 — "In the summer of 1885, the first section of the hotel was completed, occupying the rear 140 feet of the Bond Street frontage and part of the Vincent Street frontage.

"During the year nearly all of the rooms were occupied; and, so great was the encouragement that the proprietor was obliged to make arrangements to enlarge the building." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 1888, 181-183.

1885 May 1 — "Its (Hollenden Hotel) restaurant opened May 1 (1885); but rooms and stores in the south half were not completed until ... later." *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1939.

1885 June 7 — "'The Hollenden' was to open its doors Sunday, June 7, 1885. That was the name on the banner that proudly flew from the tower's flagstaff that day. It was also above the main entrance, though long since the name has been changed to 'Hotel Hollender,'" *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1939.

1886 "During the year of 1886 a stock company was organized for the purpose of building the hotel (the Hollenden) in its entirety, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Wade, William J. Gordon, C. H. Bulkley, Stevenson Burke and L. E. Holden." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland,* 1888, 181-183.

1887 "In the spring of 1887 contracts were left for completion of the structure, which, when completed, will be one of the best arranged and most thoroughly equipped hotel buildings on the continent. It will contain 420 rooms, all with outside light and ventilation; of which 100 will have private bath rooms....

"The work department... is a building by itself, fifty feet square and seven stories high.... There is no connection with the main building except by a covered gallery between kitchen and serving room, thus all noises and smells are separated entirely from the main house.

"The entire hotel is divided into three sections: ... for transients ... for permanent residents... and for service." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland,* 1888, 181-183.

1887 "Entering (The Hollenden, 1887), you found the same main office room as now (1939). Overhead was the same high beamed ceiling arching to the walls but the stretch to the end was paneled and molded cherry wood with high side wainscoting. At the far end opposite the entrance a clerk's massive redwood desk crossed the entire office, with a large matching clock on the south wall.

"You signed the big hotel register on the desk and the mustached clerk handed you a key from one of the redwood pigeon-holes, all in the old fashioned manner. The spacious lobby had no center enclosure but deep carpets and lounges along the paneled walls were the furnishings. This lofty reception hall of red wood, 36 feet wide and 69 feet long with a ceiling 28 feet high, was famous from coast to coast as one of the most inviting and impressive of hotel lobbies. It was without stores though a cigar counter stood at the Bond Street entrance while a writing room and library opened on the Superior corner.

"Dining rooms were on the ground floor but up the main stairway to the right was the banquet hall, 40 by 72 feet, with a 22 foot paneled ceiling beamed with mahogany. Now (1939) it is the assembly room.

Filled with guests in the '90s, with its dignified head waiters, its rows of small tables along the walls and its orchestra playing, it presented an inviting picture." *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1939.

1887 Sept. 12 "That permission is hereby granted to L. E. Holden, in the erection of his hotel on the corner of Superior street and Bond street, to occupy as an area a space not exceeding four feet and six inches on Superior street. Such area between building and sidewalk and on both sides of every flight of stairs descending from the sidewalk to the basement to be properly inclosed with a neat, substantial and suitable iron or brass railing at least three feet in height." *Cleveland Council Journal*, (1887), 41.

1888 "Among the new buildings changing Cleveland's sky line at this time is the Hollenden, not yet completed, and located at the corner of Superior and Bond Streets." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 27.

1889 "The Superior Street entrance (of the Hollenden) had no sidewalk shelter and not until 1889 was a stately stone portico built with an observation balcony, to be replaced later by the present structural canopy." *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1939.

1890 The Legislature adjourned soon after (about 1890) until the following winter. Just before it again assembled, I (O. J. Hodge) was invited to meet with a few Democrats, at the Hollenden. When ushered into a room, where I was to meet them, to my surprise I found twenty or more present. Messrs. Johnson, Holden, Lawrence, Human and other leading lights of Democracy, sat around in the room... I was asked to again introduce the Federal Plan bill, free from party bias. All agreed to play fair, and all did." Hodge, *Reminiscenses*, I, 179-80.

1893 One of the principal hotels of Cleveland in 1893 was the Hollenden, which was fire-proof. It was operated on both American and European plans. Engineers Club, *Works & Industries*, 83.

1893 July 3 The Cleveland Art Club cordially invited the Cleveland City Council to attend the reception given by the club at the Hollenden on Monday evening, July 3, in honor of Mlle. Rita Elandi. The invitation was accepted. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, XXVI, 68.

1894 May — The following invitation was tendered to C. A. Davidson, Esq., President of Common Council:

"In behalf of the Cleveland Gas Light & Coke Company and People's Gas Light Company, of this city, I respectfully invite yourself and the honorable Common Council to a dinner given on the evening of Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 P. M., at the Hollenden, to the Western Gas Association. Yours truly, M. S. Greenough." *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, XXVII, 21.

1896 Aug. 31 — William Jennings Bryan came to Cleveland. He spoke from the balcony of the Hollenden in the afternoon and in the Central armory in the evening. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 288-89.

1896 Sept. 10 — The closing act of the Centennial occurred in the evening, at a magnificent floral banquet at the Hollenden Hotel. Long wreaths of ivy and laurel, intertwined with gladioli, suspended an immense center piece of American beauty roses over the center of the hall. A floral piece, composed of two thousand asters, with a back ground of ivy leaves, reproduced the well known picture of Commodore Perry's leaving the flag ship. Horns of plenty, pouring their floral treasures into the lap of Cleveland, Colonial bows wreathed with laurels adorning the walls, contained the remembrances of the Centennial with the mottoes of 'Founder's Day,' 'Women's Day,' 'Yacht Regatta,' and the like. "Mayor McKisson declared the Centennial closed, tapping the table with a gavel made out of a log in the Log Cabin (on Public Square)." World, *Cleveland*, 170.

1899 July 17 — Cleveland City Council passed an ordinance granting the Hollenden Hotel Company the right to erect a covered entrance, on Superior St. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, XXXII, 97.

1901 — "Early in the century (1901) when inventor De Forest succeeded in talking by wireless from the Hollenden Hotel across the street (Superior) to the fourth floor of the old Plain Dealer building, the performance was considered a clever bit of scientific juggling." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 26, 1920.

1925 — "The first unit of a $5,250,000 building program started in 1925 by Theodore De Witt, manager of the Hollenden, replaced the old five-story building at 708-10 Superior Avenue with a twelve-story building which covered a tract 56 by 290 feet extending through to Vincent Avenue. The addition provided three additional shops

on Superior Avenue, a two hundred car garage in the rear with entrance from Vincent Avenue, and 250 more bedrooms. The unit also provides room for enlarging the Crystal room when necessary.

"The building program carries out the ideas of the late L. E. Holden, founder of the Hollenden, which was eventually to cover the entire property with fireproof buildings. A proposed $4,000,000 twenty-story unit to be built at Superior Avenue and East 6th Street will complete the program, provide five hundred additional rooms, and give the hotel 1400 guest rooms." *Plain Dealer,* June 20, 1939.

1939
June 20 "Room records of the first building are missing but today's hotel, with many hallways and added stories, numbers 1,050 guest rooms; and I (S. J. Kelly) counted thirteen floors on the curved Vincent corner where the original south end was but six stories.

"The old Hollenden with its towers stamping the architecture of the whole structure bespeaks the judgment of Mr. Holden and his architect, George Francis Hammond (of Boston). Cleveland's first fireproof hotel and the first for transients east of the Public Square, it remains one of the ornamental buildings of the city." *Plain Dealer,* June 20, 1939.

1939
July 25 "Five Presidents of the United States -- McKinley, Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, Wilson, and Harding -- have dined under the ornate chandeliers of its famed Crystal Room, as have world famous singers and actors. During the twenty-eight years that the distinguished room has been open, public dining has gone through all the stages from the champagne and lobster era to the inexpensive table-d'hote." *Plain Dealer,* July 25, 1939.

HOPKINS TAVERN
Detroit Street & Hopkins Ave.

Ingleside Cottage, later known as Hopkins Tavern, was one of the early taverns and stood on Detroit Avenue where Hopkins Avenue is now. It was a low rambling building, one part being a log house; the large public room was twenty by thirty feet. A man named Kelso kept the tavern; later a Mr. Greenhall became the proprietor. In 1876 Thomas Henry bought the property, remodeled the tavern and called it Hopkins Tavern. The name Ingleside Cottage was retained as the name of the stop on the Dummy Railroad after the house was no longer open to the public. Eventually Hopkins Tavern was again remodeled by Mr. Henry and became a private residence. Farmer, *Lakewood,* 54, 80.

1876 "Thomas Henry and his wife came to East Rockport in 1876, buying 'Ingleside Cottage Tavern' which they remodeled. When the tavern was opened, Mr. Henry named it the Hopkins Tavern." Farmer, *Lakewood*, 54, 80.

HOTEL DE EUROPE
St. Clair Avenue

1857 In 1857 and 1858 the Hotel De Europe was located on St. Clair Avenue. No proprietor was given in the directory listing. Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1859 In 1859 and until 1862 the Hotel De Europe was located at 206 St. Clair Avenue. The name of the proprietor was unknown. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60, 1861-62; *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1937.

HOWE'S INN
Under the hill on Union Lane

It has been said that previous to 1819 the father of E. D. Howe, publisher of the Cleveland *Herald* in 1819, kept a tavern under the hill on Union Lane, nearly in the rear of what is now William Edwards & Co.'s store but no printed mention is made of it. Mr. Howe, while giving a minute and interesting account of his journey here in 1819, says nothing about his father keeping a tavern. *Settlers Annals*, III, 358.

1818 Apr. 9 "I (Mr. Sprague) arrived in Cleveland April 9, 1818. Its population at that time was one hundred and seventy-two souls. I put up at Howe's Tavern on the corner of Water and Superior streets." *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 2, 74.

1820 Nov. 28 One hundred barrels of Detroit White Fish belonging to A. Sprague is now for sale. Apply at Howe's Inn. *Herald*, Nov. 28, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 40.

HUNT'S HOTEL
St. Clair at East 40th St.

1859 Feb. 8 "Hunt's Hotel three miles out of town (at East 40th) on the St. Clair street road (formerly Ingersoll's) is a first rate place to visit in these sleighing times. Hunt can get up as nice a supper as can be had in town, and on the shortest notice. Then he has a fine hall for dancing, and everything about the house has a cozy and inviting appearance. Town people must give Hunt a call and no mistake." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 8, 1859.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL
62 Center Street

1872 The International Hotel was located at 62 Center Street. Michael Carroll was the proprietor, from 1872 to 1875. Robison, *Cleveland Directories*, 1871-72, 1873-74, 1874-75.

IRVING HOUSE
Euclid Road

1851 Feb. 20 "Mr. Bingham has taken the Irving House, three miles on the Euclid Road, and will cater to the taste of travelers and visitors. He knows how to do all that." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 20, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 126.

1851 Feb. 20 "John H. Greave takes Bingham's place in the city. Hard to fill but he will do it: John will make any and everybody at home who chooses to be so in the right way." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 20, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 126.

1851 Mar. 29 "Henry Bingham has fitted up the Irving House in the neatest style, and is ready to receive his friends. He says whoever visits him once will do so again." *Daily True Democrat*, May 29, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 126.

1851 Apr. 11 "Bingham's Irving House by Henry Bingham, East Cleveland Three Miles from the Court House, on the Euclid Plank road." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 11, 1851.

1851 Oct. 23 "Great doings at the Irving House last night, Bingham has revived the good old days of husking-bees, and a dance in the barn to wind up." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 23, 1851.

1851 Nov. 15 "We are sorry to learn that friend Bingham is about to abandon his Irving House -- one that would lend inspiration to the great writer himself -- to the tender mercies of some private resident. Not only our citizens will feel the loss, but strangers, whose wont is to extol Cleveland as the queen of cities, will miss the chief inducement for a ride upon Euclid." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 15, 1851.

1854 Feb. 10 "A Cotillion Party comes off at the Irving House, East Cleveland, on Friday evening, the 10th instant. Dickinson's band will be present." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 2, 1854.

JACKSON HOUSE
Euclid Ave. & E. 77th St.

1860 "Welch's tavern, afterward known as the Jackson Tavern, and kept by William Jackson and wife. It was on the south side of Euclid near what was then Morse avenue (East 77th Street)." Scrapbook IV.

1864 Feb. 6 "A festival for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission was held at the Wright House in East Cleveland. The proprietor gave them (the Commission) the use of the dining room and kitchen. The ladies prepared a splendid supper. The entertainment succeeded both financially and socially. The next supper will be at the Jackson House." *Leader*, Feb. 6, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 348.

1864 Sept. 21 "Forty Horses at Auction, September 24th, 1864. The Cleveland Lightning Rod Company will close their season's business and sell Forty Good Young Horses at Auction at the Jackson House, one half mile east of Euclid Street Depot, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, 1864." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1864.

1867 May 15 "Jerome Jackson, East Cleveland hotel keeper, was found not guilty yesterday on a charge of selling liquor contrary to the law." *Leader*, May 15, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 21.

1867 Dec. 31, "A day or two ago a horse and a buggy belonging to Hugh Davis of East Cleveland were stolen from the Jackson House on Euclid." *Leader*, Dec. 31, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 301.

1869 Dec. 15 "I hereby certify that on the fifteenth day of December, 1869, I posted up a copy of the above ordinance ... in the Jackson House. E. Sturtevant, Recorder." *East Cleveland Council Journal*, 1866-72, 97.

JEFFERSON HOUSE
Terrace St.
(Now West 23rd Place)

1836 "Over in Ohio City ... the busy workers dined at the Ohio City Exchange at the corner of Main and Center; the Jefferson House on Terrace Street (now W. 23rd Place)." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1937.

1837 Chas. Murcott operated the Jefferson House. Hutchinson, Notes.

JOHNSON HOUSE
Superior Avenue near W. 6th St.

Occupying a strategic site between the Weddell and Franklin hotels, on lower Superior Street, the Johnson House was popular with the travelling public of the 1850's and 1860's, and was an important factor in the life of the community.

Like its neighbor across Superior Street - the American House - the Johnson occupied a building converted to hotel use. Erected by Captain Levi Johnson, it was known as "Johnson's Arcade Block" because of a broad central hall and circular stair hall, or "rotunda," which gave access to the post office and the Theater Comique on Centre Street (later Frankfort Street) in the rear of the Johnson Building.

John Surbrug, the first proprietor, brought many years of hotel experience, here and elsewhere, to the service he offered patrons. Under his direction and that of his successors, the hotel prospered for a number of years.

In 1868, it was closed "for lack of patronage," only to be reopened the following year. From 1873 to 1875 it was operated under the name of the "St. Charles Hotel."

As the "New Johnson House" of the late eighties the hotel achieved a popularity rivalling that of its predecessors. For a period in the nineties, it was known as the "Saunders Hotel."

The old hotel, known once more as the "Johnson House," went out of existence in 1910. At that time it was little better than a "flop house." The building was razed to make way for an addition to the Rockefeller Building. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 434; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1853; *Herald*, Apr. 30, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 69; *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1873; Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 146.

1808 Abram Hickox opened a smithy on the north side of Superior Street just west of Bank Street, where the Johnson House later stood. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, I, 136-7; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 447; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 628; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 173; Avery, *Cleveland*, 76.

1809 In 1809, when twenty-four years of age, Levi Johnson arrived in the settlement at Cleveland. He came from Herkimer, N. Y.

A carpenter and builder by trade, he was to erect a number of the more pretentious buildings of the growing city, and latterly was to become prominent in lake shipping.

He built an unpretentious home on Superior Street, just west of Bank Street, for his bride, the former Margaret Montier of Huron County. This later became the site of a commercial block, which was converted later into a hotel known for more than half a century as the Johnson House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 102; Avery, *Cleveland*, 78; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, I, 144-5; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 110.

1845 "Johnson's Block, 33, 35, 37 and 39 Superior Street." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46.

1845 Apr. Early in April the work of removing the buildings on the north side of Superior Street between Crittenden's store and Bank Street, and on the west side of Bank Street between Superior Street and Dr. Clerk's residence, was started in preparation for the construction of the Weddell House and the Johnson Building. The latter was to be a four story structure for stores and offices "with a postoffice attached." Capt. Levi Johnson was the builder and owner. His building was to be between the Franklin House and the Weddell House. *Herald*, Apr. 8, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 36, 136; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 29.

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Johnson House

1845 Aug. 30 "Workmen are putting the fourth and last story on this (Johnson's brick block) stupendous pile. It has 63½ feet front (on Superior Street) ... with a stone basement. ... It accommodates four stores on the first floor, with basement rooms. The second and third stories will be apportioned for offices, access to which will be had through the building to a winding stairway (in a rotunda) in the rear. The upper story will contain a public hall...

"An addition of brick ... two stories, is being built in the rear of the main building to accommodate the post office department. The entrance will be through the hall in the front building; and a back entrance for mails will be from Centre (later Frankfort) street." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 30, 1845.

1845 Nov. 12 "The under-signed being obliged to vacate his recent shop, in consequence of his lease having expired, will open a new shop, 'fresh and clean,' in about 10 days, in the Johnson's Block, where he will be happy to see his old customers. Robert Robison." *Herald*, Nov. 12, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 302.

1845 Dec. 17 "Removed -- W. Bingham & Co. have removed their hardware (store) to the west store in Johnson's Block, directly opposite the American House. *Herald*, Dec. 17, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 121.

1846 June 1 "Messrs. Fellows and Dewey have opened a newsroom in the Johnson Arcade." *Herald*, June 1, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 24.

1846 June 3 "The post office on Water street will be closed at two p.m., tomorrow (June 4) at which time the post office will commence moving to Johnson's Arcade Building on Superior street, where the business of receiving and dispatching the mails will be resumed on June 5 at seven o'clock.

"The new rooms are spacious, convenient and central. Colonel Spencer will have everything ready for the opening hour." *Herald*, June 3, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 248.

1847 Nov. 7 "Smith's at the (Johnson) Arcade is now receiving ... New Haven oysters." *Herald*, Nov. 7, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 79.

1849 Dec. 14 "The ladies of the African Methodist church will give a festival in Mr. Levi Johnson's building, over the post office, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The object is to obtain means to finish paying for the church." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 14, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 28.

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Johnson Hotel

1852 June 8 — Cleveland Democrats met in Johnson's hall to ratify the action of the Democratic National Convention in Baltimore in nominating Franklin R. Pierce of New Hampshire for president, and W. R. King of Alabama for vice president. The meeting was not an enthusiastic one and the hall was only half filled. After some "talk and considerable noise and confusion" the meeting adjourned to 7 p.m. June 9, in "Tammany Hall," as Johnson's Hall was called while the Democratic meetings were being held there. *Daily True Democrat*, June 9, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 276, 277, 278.

1852 Aug. 4 — "We understand that Mr. Smith of the Merchant's Hotel is about to be promoted to a new hotel upon the hill (Johnson House), about midway between the Franklin and Weddell houses." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 4, 1852.

1853 Apr. 9 — "Johnson House is the title of the new hotel which Mr. John Surbrug intends opening about the first of June. John gets between all the other houses, and 'kalkelates' to use them up. The new house will be a popular one." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1853.

1853 Apr. 9 — "Johnson House, Cleveland, O. This new Hotel, located on Superior street, opposite the American Hotel, and between the Franklin and Weddell Houses, will be opened for the reception of guests about the first of June. The Proprietor, having catered for the travelling public for the last eighteen years, at the Franklin and American Hotels of this place, being well known as 'John, of the Franklin,' promises to give perfect satisfaction in every department of his new House. J. R. Surbrug." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1853.

1853 June 6 — "We learn that John Surbrug has made arrangements with the patentees to furnish the upper stories of the Johnson House with Hill's safety ladders. This is certainly very liberal, and guests of the house will sleep sounder when they know that, in case of fire, the means of escape is at hand." *Plain Dealer*, June 6, 1853.

1853 June 7 — "We learn that the Johnson House will be opened in about two weeks." *Plain Dealer*, June 7, 1853.

1853 June 9 — "The Johnson House was lit up for the first time last night (June 8). It looks well." *Plain Dealer*, June 9, 1853.

1853 June 20

"In the matter of hotels, Cleveland long has occupied a pre-eminent rank; and, as we chronicle the opening of a new house, we may with truth remark that the Johnson House will add much to the reputation of the city, so far as hotels are concerned.

"This fine hotel was opened this morning under the supervision and control of John H. Surbrug, who has been long and popularly connected with several of the city's houses. Mr. Surbrug has spared neither time, pains or expense in fitting up the Johnson House in a style that will compare favorable with the best hotels in the West....

"In the office, F. S. Hoag (late of Saratoga Springs) presides as chief clerk, assisted by John Whitelaw.

"The House fronts 68 feet on Superior Street and is 140 feet in depth.... There are 40 single rooms and 20 suites of rooms. The Ladies' Parlor is very elegantly furnished and measures 17 by 37 feet. The Gentlemen's Parlor is 15 by 68 feet.

"The Dining Room is roomy and neat and the tables will easily seat more than 200. It is 15 by 70 feet. Here Michael Conner directs matters and things.... The Saloon is very neatly fitted up, the frescoes on the walls being painted in a very beautiful style....

"The number of help employed in the House is thirty.

"We hope the travelling public will remember the Johnson House and, our word for it, if they stop there, they will be satisfied." *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1853.

1853 June 21

"The Johnson House opened yesterday (June 20), John Surbrug is proprietor and F. S. Hoag, clerk. The hotel has 40 bed rooms and 20 private parlors. The furniture is of the best; no expense has been spared. The dining room is large and airy. There is a reading room and a ladies parlor." *Daily True Democrat*, June 21, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853 June 23

"The handsome flag which waves from the roof of the Johnson House is the handiwork of our fellow-citizen, Mr. Thompson, of River st." *Weekly True Democrat*, June 23, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 162.

1853 July 1

The Postoffice was moved from the Johnson Building, on Superior Street, to a new building on Water Street, on July 1, 1853. *Daily True Democrat*, July 2, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 380.

1853 July 2 — Reprint from the *Grand River Record*: "While in the city a few days since, we had occasion to visit this house, and were very much pleased with its appearance. It is neatly finished, and the tables loaded with the best that the season affords. The proprietor, John R. Surbrug, formerly of the Franklin and American houses, is well known throughout the Reserve, and needs no recommending. We would say to our friends of Painesville and vicinity, that when they visit the city, give 'John' a call. He will pay you every attention and make you feel perfectly at home." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1853.

1853 July 4 — "The Ogontz fire company of Sandusky arrived here on the (steamship) OHIO yesterday. They stopped at the Johnson House. They are accompanied by the Bay City brass band." *Daily True Democrat*, July 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 159.

1853 July 4 — "A lodger at the Johnson House was robbed of $40 by two men July 2. Marshal Michael Gallagher was notified. He was suspicious of two young men and on entering their room found them in possession of the same amount of money. He also found burglary tools of every description. Upon investigation Marshall Gallagher found the men to be from Cincinnati, with about a half dozen 'aliases.'" *Daily True Democrat*, July 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 42.

1853 July 7 — "The two young men who were arrested at the Johnson House on Sunday last, for entering a gentleman's room and taking some thirty or forty dollars were examined before the Police Court yesterday, and the amount stolen not appearing from the evidence to have been over twenty-four dollars, they were acquitted on the charge of grand larceny, and held for petty larceny only...." *Plain Dealer*, July 7, 1853.

1853 July 8 — "Mr. Barnum and his Troupe will arrive on Tuesday. We learn that rooms for twenty have been taken at the Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1853.

1853 July 11 — "The young men arrested for the robbery at Johnson House, and discharged for want of positive evidence of their guilt, are no doubt accomplished scoundrels. Before their visit to Cleveland they were arrested at Buffalo and warned to leave that place." *Daily True Democrat*, July 11, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 102.

1853 Sept. 15 — "The *Herald* justly remarked as follows: 'For a new hotel, perhaps none ever established in the city have been as prosperous as the

Johnson House. Surbrug's universal popularity alone can account for it.'" *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 15, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 200.

1853 Oct. 3 — "Our friend, Howells of the Ashtabula *Sentinel*, advises people visiting Cleveland who want to be well taken care of, well fed, and well lodged, that they need not hesitate stopping at the Johnson House, opened last July by John Surbrug." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 3, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 200.

1853 Oct. 7 — "The Johnson House, under the truly excellent management of the popular John Surbrug, is growing every day in the public estimation, and must ultimately do a big business." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 7, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 200.

1853 Dec. 26 — "A young girl travelling alone from the east to the home of her parents in Warren county, attracted the attention of a Mr. Hall. He offered to be her protector, which proposition she accepted. He took her to the Johnson House, where they registered as man and wife. Later in the evening, he went to her room where he attempted, by force, to commit a foul outrage upon this poor innocent girl. Her screams brought assistance, and her assailant fled from the House and left the city on the first train." *Forest City Democrat*, Dec. 26, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 438.

1854 Jan. 4 — "Grand Treaty And Festival. Ottawa Tribe, No. 8 I.O.R.M. (Independent Order of Red Men) will hold their first Annual Treaty with the Pale Faces of Cleveland at their new Wigwam in the Post Office Block, on Water Street, on the First Run, 11th Sun, Cold Moon; Grand Sun 5614 (January 11th, 1854, at 1 o'clock, P. M.), on which occasion the Great Council of the State of Ohio, and Brothers from different Tribes, in various parts of the country, will be present, and it is expected that an address will be delivered on the occasion by the Great Incohonee of the United States. At 2 o'clock a Procession will be formed, under the direction of the Marshal of the Day, on Water street, in front of the Post Office, headed by Leland's Brass Band; the procession will then move down Water street to Lake street, down Lake to Erie, up Erie to Prospect, down Prospect to Ontario, down Ontario to Superior, down Superior to Water and down Water to the Wigwam, where the appropriate ceremonies will take place. After which the procession will again form and march from the Wigwam along Water and Superior streets to the Johnson House.

"A recess will then be had to prepare for the Grand Festival at Ballou's Hall, on the south side of the Public Square. The Festival will commence at the 7th Run, 11th Sleep of the Cold Moon, Grand Sun 5614, (January 11th, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M.), ... Carriages will be in attendance to convey Ladies to and from the Festival, free of charge. Price of Tickets to the Festival (a Gentleman and Lady) Three Dollars. Tickets can be had at the Johnson House, and of the Committee of Arrangements." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 4, 1854.

1854 Jan. 7 — "John Surbrug gave a supper last night at the Johnson House for all his employes in recognition of their fidelity and good conduct." *Forest City Democrat*, Jan. 7, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 401.

1854 July 1 — The Johnson House was designated as among the hotels in which post boxes had been installed by the postmaster. *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1854.

1854 July 15 — Workmen were engaged in putting up a neat iron balcony on the front of the Johnson House. *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1854.

1854 Aug. 19 — "The Johnson House is doing a very handsome business. John is an excellent caterer, and his table is always supplied with the best the market affords. The Hotel, as now kept, must continue its prosperity." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1854.

1856 Oct. 7 — "The entrances to the Bethel church fair are through the Johnson house, Superior st., and by way of the old entrance on Frankfort st." *Leader*, Oct. 7, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX. 28.

1856 Nov. 8 — "White's Harp Band - Isaac White will furnish any number of musicians for dancing, on reasonable terms. Orders may be left at the music stores and the Johnson House." *Leader*, Nov. 8, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 206.

1857 — "Johnson House - John R. Surbrug, Proprietor; Superior street, Cleveland ---- Ohio; Terms $1.50 per day." Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58, 21.

1857 Jan. 15 — "W. H. Parker of the Johnson House is prepared to sell the right to manufacture a personal attachment, a head rest for railroad travelers." *Leader*, Jan. 15, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 271.

1857 Mar. 31 — "A married people's party is to be given at the Johnson House Apr. 3. The floor managers will be W. H. Haywood and J. T. Strong." *Leader*, Mar. 31, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 331.

1857 May 28 — "James J. Orr, a resident of Pittsburgh staying at the Johnson House, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. He nearly severed his windpipe, but is expected to recover." *Leader*, May 28, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 344.

1857 Aug. 29 — "A new and novel operation for restoration of eye-sight or bettering impaired vision is done by Dr. L. Tillotson. He can be reached at the Johnson House." *Leader*, Aug. 29, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 170.

1857 Dec. 15 — An invitation from Alert Hose Company No. 1 was presented to the City Council at the Dec. 15 meeting, to partake of a supper at the Johnson House, to be given by that company in celebration of the arrival of their new carriage. The invitation was accepted. *Cleveland Council Journal* "I," 53.

1858 Apr. 2 — "A fire in one of the chimneys in the Johnson House was extinguished yesterday without damage." *Leader*, Aug. 2, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 158.

1858 Aug. 2 — "J. C. Stoddard, located at the Johnson House, is agent for Wetherell's patent horse shoe." *Leader*, Aug. 2, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 144.

1858 Nov. 4 — "John Watson was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing a shawl from a Mr. Huntington, clerk at the Johnson House." *Leader*, Nov. 4, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 256.

1859 Jan. 26 — "On Jan. 26, the last of a series of popular dancing parties at the Johnson House will be held. The proceeds will be donated to the Orphan's asylum." *Leader*, Jan. 26, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 90.

1859 Mar. 22 — "John R. Surbrug, who for a number of years has rendered the Johnson House a pleasant, comfortable, and complete home for the travelers, is moving to New York, where he takes charge of the Johnson House on the corner of Chambers st. and College place. He has always been a favorite with Cleveland people and with the traveling public." *Leader*, Mar. 22, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 185.

1859 May 2 — "The undersigned, so long and favorably known as conductor on the Cleveland & Erie Railroad, has become proprietor of the Johnson House. The well merited reputation and popularity of the House acquired under the proprietorship of Mr. John R. Surbrug, will be fully sustained, and by constant efforts we hope to be materially increased .... C. E. Main, Proprietor. Geo. W. Graham, Superintendent, formerly of Cincinnati, and late of the Island House, Toledo, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, May 2, 1859.

1859 Aug. 17 — Reprint from the Mount Vernon, O., *Banner*: "During our recent protracted sojourn in Cleveland, we stopped at the Johnson House, and we would be unfaithful to our duty as a journalist, if we did not publicly express through our columns the high opinion we entertain of the admirable management of that deservedly popular public house. Although the Johnson, while under the management of Mr. Surbrug was a great favorite with the traveling public, we think, if anything, it has increased in popular favor under the supervision of its present energetic, affable, and whole souled proprietor, Mr. C. E. Main, and his prompt, attentive, and indefatigable assistant, Mr. G. W. Graham." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 17, 1859.

1859 Aug. 24 — "C. E. Main of the Johnson House and his new bride left last night for Lake Superior on the steamer, NORTHERN LIGHT." *Leader*, Aug. 24, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 231.

1859 Oct. 18 — "George Tufts, twenty-one, of Oregon Street, carrier for the *Herald*, was struck on the head yesterday (Oct. 17) by a 30 pound ornamental bracket which fell from the Johnson House on Superior Street. Dr. Weber trepanned the skull, removing a piece about the size of a quarter of a dollar." *Leader*, Oct. 18, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 95.

1859 Oct. 31 — Reprint from Galion, O. *Democrat*: "The Johnson House: - One of the objects most desired by the traveling public is to find good hotels for stopping places. For the benefit of such we would suggest the Johnson House at Cleveland. This is one of the first class hotels in the city, and Mr. Main, its gentlemanly proprietor, is still adding to its already widespread popularity. At the Johnson you will find everything in the shape of good living gotten up in the best of style, in short you will receive all the attention necessary to make you comfortable in every respect, and should any of our readers have occasion to visit Cleveland we would advise them to give the Johnson House a trial and we will guarantee satisfaction." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 31, 1859.

1859 Nov. — At a regular meeting of the Alert Hose Company, No. 1, resolutions were adopted commending, among other persons, C. E. Main, proprietor of the Johnson House, for the free use of a room in his hotel by Fireman George Tufts, struck on the head, October 17, by a falling piece of metal from the Johnson House balcony. *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 17, 1859; *ibid.*, Nov. 8, 1859; *Leader*, Nov. 18, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 95.

1859 Dec. 6 — "On Thursday evening (Dec. 8) the S. P. Chase Engine Company No. 3, will give their first annual Masquerade and Fancy Dress ball at the Johnson House.... Be on hand at the Johnson on Thursday evening." *Leader*, Dec. 5, 1859

1859 Dec. 9 — "The masquerade of S. P. Chase (fire engine) company at the Johnson House last night presented a gay and varied scene. A large number was present." *Leader*, Dec. 9, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 448.

1860 Jan. 5 — The Alert Hose Company made extensive preparations for their second annual promenade concert to be held in the refurnished and newly papered hall of the Johnson House, Jan. 5, 1860. All who expected to attend were urged to appear in citizen's dress. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 22, 1859; *ibid.*, Dec. 31, 1859; *Leader*, Jan. 2, 1860; *ibid.*, Jan. 4, 1860; *Leader*, Dec. 15, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 150; *Leader*, Jan. 2, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 114.

1860 Jan. 6 — "The annual Promenade Concert of Alert Hose Co. No. 1 passed off delightfully at the Johnson House last evening. The hall was finely decorated, the floor in admirable condition for dancing, and the music of the most inspiring order." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1860.

1860 Jan. 17 — The "printers' festival" honoring Benjamin Franklin was held at the Johnson House. Governor Chase of Ohio, who was present, asked to be excused from making a speech; but he complimented the printers on the excellent conduct of the festival. *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 384.

1860 Feb. 3 — "A large and brilliant company attended the Odd Fellows Festival (Erie Lodge) at the Johnson House lasr evening and gayety reigned supreme until 4 o'clock, this A. M. The spacious and elegant Johnson Hall was finely illuminated and decorated. ... Main prepared an excellent supper and exerted himself generally for the comfort of the company. It is a feather in Main's cap, by the way, that every festival held at his house this season has been a decided success..." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 3, 1860.

1860 Feb. 14 — "The firemen's relief fund benefit will be held tomorrow evening at the Johnson House. The money derived will be used for disabled and sick firemen." *Leader*, Feb. 14, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 114.

1860 Feb. 23 — "A large and brilliant company participated in Company A's (Light Artillery) ball at the Johnson House. The Hall was beautifully decorated with flags and paintings. Main and his thoroughly efficient assistant, Mr. Newcomb, spread an elegant supper ... Every festival at the Johnson puts an additional feather in Main's cap. Speaking of the beautiful decorations at the Johnson House, we must not forget to say that they were arranged by Capt. Thomas Craig and Capt. O. Halloran and they reflected great taste and skill of those gentlemen." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 23, 1860.

1860 Feb. 28 — "There is no city in the West that can boast of a more courteous and gentlemanly set of landlords and clerks than are to be found in the Forest City. The Johnson House is run by Ed. Main, Esq., who is well known to travelers as a popular landlord and accomplished gentleman. Cleveland ought to be proud of her hotels and landlords." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1860.

1860 Mar. 8 — "Mr. John R. Surbrug, formerly proprietor of the Johnson House in this city, has become the New York agent for the sale of the celebrated Chestnut Grove Whiskey." *Leader*, Mar. 8, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 4.

1860 Mar. 15 — "The Cleveland Grays will meet in full dress uniform today at their old armory, Johnson House." *Leader*, Mar. 15, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 230.

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1860 Mar. 16 — "The Cleveland Grays, taking their first drill in the new armory at the Johnson House, were surprised by ladies who surrounded the squad and demanded 'a surrender.' Captain Paddock yielded his men to the attacking party, who had brought all the requisites for a dance and supper." *Leader*, Mar. 16, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 488.

1860 Mar. 17 — "The Hibernian guards had a sumptuous supper with their friends at the Johnson House. Captain Sanford's Light Guards were among those assembled, and Leland's Band entertained with lively music." *Leader*, Mar. 17, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 141, 142.

1860 Mar. 21 — "Professor Cowper's fancy dress masquerade and calico dress party will be given Mar. 29 at the Johnson House. The regular Thursday evening party will also be given." *Leader*, Mar. 21, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 488.

1860 Apr. 20 — "The annual festival of the St. George's Benevolent Society of Cleveland will take place at the Johnson House on St. George's day, Apr. 23. Leland's brass and string band will be in attendance." *Leader*, Apr. 20, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 122.

1860 July 10 — "This old and popular hotel (Johnson House) is increasing every day in popularity under Ed Main, Esq., its gentlemanly proprietor. If any of our readers find the Johnson House crowded, when they hit Cleveland, as is altogether possible, we advise them to act under Ed's direction, and all will be right." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1860.

1860 July 18 — "June and July Appointments Prove All Things. Dr. H. W. Wadsworth, Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, Will Be At His Office in Cleveland, Johnson House, Sunday and Monday." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1860.

1860 July 23 — "Every evening there may be seen parties of men in human form smoking five-cent segars in front of the Weddell, American, Johnson and Angier taverns. This smoke is very offensive to certain property-holders within a few miles of the Rolling Mill, and we are glad to hear that the Grand Jury will instantly indict these taverns." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1860.

1860 July 23 "Accomplished At Last. Greatest Improvement Of The Age. Sharpe's Celebrated Patent Reverse bevel Boxes and Bearings for Carriage Wheels. This Patent was granted Feb. 28th, 1860, and for the short time it has been in use rivals everything of the kind ever before introduced to the public. The principle is reverse bevels or cones, causing the action of the wheels to seek the centre of the arm thereby removing the most of the friction as well as all vibrations of the wheel, and overcomes all inclination of the wheel to run off the axle, inclining it to track straight and runs at least one-third easier, and is more durable. It is used on wood or iron axles. The subscribers will dispose of the Right of this State or Counties, or otherwise, to suit purchasers. The model can be seen at the Johnson House, Cleveland, O., for three or four days. Mechanics and scientific men are invited to call and examine this great improvement. The Patentee will be happy to give all information desired. W. Sharp, Patentee. J C. Stoll, Gen. Agent." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1860.

1860 July 28 William L. Clark, editor of the Wellsville *Patriot*, Columbiana County, was a guest at the Johnson House while serving on the jury of the United States Court in Cleveland. *Plain Dealer*, July 28. 1860.

1860 July 29 "Blondinana. Superior Street was densely thronged with people from the Atwater Building to the Weddell House this morning to witness M. Solomon's feat of walking on a rope from the top of the American to the top of the Johnson House. At half-past 10, M. Solomon appeared on the top of the Johnson, dressed in tights and spangles, and mounted the rope. He walked across and then returned. He moved cautiously and slowly and there was little of the daredevil and dash about the performance, though the feat was certainly a perilous one. On his return, M. Solomon halted midway of the rope and indulged in a few cautious gymnastic performances." *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1860.

1860 July 31 "New Style. Several bachelor boarders at the Weddell, American, Angier and Johnson (Hotels) have made their appearance at the breakfast-table, during the last few mornings, with tar on their coats. The tar style promises to have a greater run than the garrote collar." *Plain Dealer*, July 31, 1860.

1860 Aug. 3 "August Appointments. Prove All Things. Dr. H. W. Wadsworth, Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, Will be at his office in Cleveland, Johnson House, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 15th and 16th.

"Consultation Free. The Mode of Examination pursued by Dr. Wadsworth is very simple and entirely new, and by it disease of any of the internal organs is in a very few minutes detected with facility and certainty, without asking the patient a question, or having the least previous knowledge of the case.

"Dr. W. gives his undivided attention to all forms of chronic disease, treating thousands of different cases every year, a large majority of whom have tried most other methods of cure without relief.

"Dr. W. wishes it distinctly understood that he makes no specialty of any one disease, but professes to understand the whole human system, and is constantly demonstrating this knowledge by describing to those who consult him, the location, nature and curability of their diseases, without asking any questions." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 3, 1860.

1860
Aug. 21 "The agent for Howard's Odomator bands can be seen this week at the Johnson House. These bands are the greatest improvement of the day for livery men and private gentlemen. They are being put on carriage wheels. They will give the exact distance from one-eighth of a mile to 50,000 miles." *Leader*, Aug. 21, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 36.

1860
Sept. 8 "In preparation for the thousands of visitors who are expected to come to Cleveland for the celebration of the unveiling of Perry's monument, September 10, the dining room of the Johnson House has been enlarged to seat 350 people." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1860.

1860
Oct. 5 "Johnson House, Cleveland - Reprint from Mahoning *Sentinel*: We desire to call particular attention to the card of the Johnson House in this day's paper. The proprietor, Mr. F. C. Maine, has lately made some very extensive improvements. The entrance in the first story has been largely increased in its capacity. This house is pre-eminently one of the people. Its proprietor takes as much pains to make his guests feel at home as could a private friend a visitor, while Newcomb, his gentlemanly clerk and right bower, is assiduous in every attention. Friends and fellow citizens, when you visit Cleveland stop at the Johnson House. Mahoning *Sentinel*." *Plain Dealer*, Oct 5, 1860.

1861 Feb. 4 — C. E. Main retired from the management of the Johnson House. He purportedly became "infected with the Oil Fever"; and he left to try his fortune in the Pennsylvania oil fields.

He was succeeded by F. R. Wadleigh of Goshen, Ind. *Leader*, Feb. 4, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 312; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 4, 1861.

1861 Feb. 13 — "Mr. J. E. Conklin, the well known Spiritual Test Medium, is at the Johnson House, Room 63, for a few days. Hours 9 A. M. to 9 P. M." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 13, 1861.

1861 Feb. 23 — "The Annual Ball of the Light Guards came off last evening (February 22) at the Johnson House, and was a complete success, large numbers of both participants and spectators being present. The hall was draped with the national colors and the gay Zouave costumes of the corps, as they mingled in the dance, afforded a beautiful and picturesque appearance.... An elegant supper was spread by mine host of the Johnson House to which soldiers and civilians did full justice." *Leader*, Feb. 23, 1861.

1861 Mar. 4 — "A grand ball in honor of the inauguration of President Lincoln will be held at the Johnson House tonight." *Leader*, Mar. 4, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 519.

1861 Apr. 6 — "The Third Anniversary of the St. George's Benevolent Society occurs this evening at the Johnson House. A pleasant season is anticipated. The Society are unanimously for the Union and there isn't a 'Secessor' among them." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 6, 1861.

1861 Apr. 19 — "Cleveland, April 18, 1861. Mr. G. F. Wadleigh, Johnson (House). Sir - It having been stated to me today that your sympathies are with the South in the present difficulties of the country. You will please do the St. George's Society, the favor of stating whether this is the case or not. Yours respectfully, T. A. Walton, Pt. (President)." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 19, 1861.

1861 Apr. 19 — "Johnson House, Cleveland, April 18, T. A. Walton, Pt. (President) St. George's Society: Dear Sir:- As you state to me, I have been charged in this city, as being a secessionist I emphatically deny the charge, and brand the author of the charge a base falsifier. Yours respectfully, G. F. Wadleigh." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 19, 1861.

1861
Apr. 23 — The third Annual Festival of the St. George's Society was held at the Johnson House. The attendance was large, the supper magnificent, and everybody was in the humor for enjoyment "not withstanding the agitation of the times." After the dinner served by Landlord Wadleigh, T. A. Walton, president, made some "feeling allusions to the trouble with which our country is surrounded," and said he was assured that every Englishman in this country was loyal to the land of his adoption, and was ready, if necessary, to lay down his life to defend this Government. He finished his speech with a toast "The United States, the Union, and the Constitution." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 24, 1861; *Leader*, Apr. 24, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 373.

1861
July 8 — "The police force, including the marshal and deputy marshal, were treated to a most sumptuous dinner by Mr. Wadleigh of the Johnson House on the Fourth of July. They extend their thanks to the considerate proprietor of the Johnson, also to his chief clerk, who was assiduous in his attentions." *Leader*, July 8, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 313.

1861
July 13 — The Scott Cadets, one of the best of the Cleveland boy companies, had a supper at the Johnson House. The tables were loaded with a bountiful feast. The Scott Cadets numbered twenty-six members, and were commanded by Capt. Augustus Adams and Lieutenants Comstock and Wadleigh. *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1861; *Leader*, July 15, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 376.

1862
Jan. 14 — The lease and the furniture of the Johnson House and the Merchants Hotel were advertised for sale as the proprietor F. R. Wadleigh intended to move to another locality. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 9, 1862; *ibid.*, Jan. 14, 1862.

1862
Mar. 29 — "By advertisement it will be seen that the Johnson House has changed hands and will in the future be conducted by A. W. Melshammer (Melsheimer)." *Leader*, Mar. 29, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 390.

1862
Mar. 29 — "Mr. A. W. Melehammer (Melsheimer), of the popular boarding establishment, 'Euclid Place,' has leased, for a number of years, the Johnson House. He has made a number of improvements in this hotel, and will endeavor to make it in future, what it always has been a first class house in every particular." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 29, 1862.

1862 Aug. 27 "New Optical Institute. - Highly Important to those suffering from weak eyes or other defects of the eyesight. J. S. Perley, Optician and Spectacle Maker, would inform the public that he has opened a shop where he can visit all afflicted with debilities of the Eyes, with his newly improved Periscopic Crystal Glasses, on the most adapted Scientific Principle.

"All my patronisers (sic) will soon be convinced that this is the most reliable Optical Store in the West. J. S. Perley, 133 Superior street under the Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 27, 1862.

1862 Sept. 16 "The celebrated Urascopic Physician, Dr. Graham has opened an office in the Johnson House. All invalids will best consult their own interest, by calling on Dr. Graham at the Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 16, 1862.

1863 "Johnson House, A. W. Melsheimer, Proprietor." Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863, 38.

1863 Jan. 5 "Dr. Graham, Member of the Royal College of Physicians, London, England, Graduate of Ricord's Hospitals for Female Diseases and a constant attendant of Paris, London, New Orleans and Montreal Hospitals for the last ten years, has opened his office at the Johnson House, where he will be happy to meet all those who are afflicted with subacute or chronic diseases." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1863.

1863 Jan. 21 Soon after a robbery at the Angier House, a former lodger known as Clinton moved to the Johnson House. Within a week he confessed to having robbed a lake captain at the latter hotel. Captain Dooley, the victim, refused to prosecute the man; in fact, gave him money, with the injunction to lead an honest life.

It later was established that Clinton was the Angier House robber. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1863.

1863 Jan. 29 "The thief and confidence man, Theodore C. Vernargedale, alias Theodore C. Clinton, appeared before Justice Penham, this morning, and waving (sic) an examination, was bound over to the Court of Common Pleas in the sum of $600 for the Angier House robbery, and $500 for the Johnson House robbery. He failed to procure those amounts and was accordingly lodged in jail. This trial has been set for the 9th of next month." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1863.

1863 Feb. 2 — Dr. Graham, member of the Royal College of Physicians, London, England, graduate of Ricord's Hospital for female diseases, advertised his office at the Johnson House. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 2, 1863.

1863 Feb. 7 — "Joseph D. Green, and others, are organizing a colored military company in the city, for the purpose of offering their services to the government as soon as a law permitting the services of Negroes, which is before Congress, is accepted. Fifty names have already been obtained. The books are kept at the Johnson House barber shop." *Leader*, Feb. 7, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 137.

1863 Apr. 6 — "Amos Butler has returned from Buffalo with authority to raise and subsist men for the colored brigade of Massachusetts. He will have his headquarters at Green's, under the Johnson House. The bounty paid is $150; $25 to be paid at the time of arriving at Camp Benton; $25 when mustered in, and $100 at the expiration of their service." *Leader*, Apr. 6, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 96-7.

1863 July 1 — Dr. Graham, who opened an office at the Johnson House for the treatment of spermatorrhoea and all female diseases, advertised that he would give anyone $100 if he could not cure these diseases. *Leader*, July 1, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 292; *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863.

1863 July 1 — "Preserve your Eyesight. Joseph S. Perly, Optician, 133 Superior St. (under the Johnson House), Maker of and Dealer in the World's Renowned Spheroidal Spectacles. Keeps constantly on hand an immense assortment of those Glasses which are constructed in the peculiar form of a Concova-Convex Ellipsis, affording altogether the best artificial help to the human eye ever invented. . . . Also large assortment of Microscopes, Telescopes, Field Marine and Opera Glasses, Thermometers, Barometers, Magnifiers, etc. Artificial eyes inserted without pain." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863.

1864 — "Johnson House, 131 Superior St., Cleveland, O., A. W. Melsheimer, Proprietor. Located in the midst of the principal business houses, a few minutes' walk from Railroads and Steamboat landings. Charges moderate." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 100.

1865 — T. L. DeLong & Son were the proprietors of the Johnson House during the year 1865-66. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-66.

1865 Jan. 17 "$2000 for the heirs of Deborah Ann and John McCormick. Apply to proprietor of Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1865.

1865 Feb. 21 "The jury in the case of Fox vs. Melsheimer (involving the question of liability of hotel-keeper), returned a verdict for the plaintiff. It appears that in April, last year, (1864), a man named Fox stopped at the Johnson House, kept by Mr. Melsheimer, and during the night some one entered his room, through another room, and stole $283 from his pantaloons pocket. Plaintiff, Fox, claimed that defendant, Melsheimer, neglected to comply with the law requiring hotel-keepers to post up notices in regard to the care of valuables, and is, therefore, liable for the loss. Defendant claimed that Fox had frequently stopped at the house, and was therefore well acquainted with the rules. The jury in the case went out shortly after four o'clock and, after a short stay, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $297, being the amount claimed, with interest." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 21, 1865.

1865 Feb. 28 When B. K. Johnston, retired from the management of the American House Saloon, it was rumored that on the first of April, he would become proprietor of the Johnson House, by purchase of Mr. Melsheimer's interest in that establishment. The rumor failed to materialize. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1865; *Leader*, Feb. 28, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 283.

1865 Apr. 25 "Isaac J. Frank, Proprietor of the Original Hoop Skirt Manufactory, continues the sale of Hoop Skirts, and Fancy Goods at the Old Stand of Frank Brothers, No. 129 Superior Street, under the Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 25, 1865.

1865 May 30 Among the cases filed in the Court of Common Pleas, on May 30, 1865, was that of "N. E. Crittenden vs. Levi Johnson. Suit brought to recover expenses of underpinning the west wall of the Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, May 31, 1865.

1865 June 14 "We are gratified to note the very great improvement made of late in this well known and popular Hotel (Johnson House). The proprietor, Mr. L. DeLong, a gentleman of modest pretentions, has convinced the public that he understands his business; first by the bountiful supply of good things -- substantials and choice delicacies of the season -- which crown his table daily; secondly, by the thorough renovation of the premises, from attic to cellar, which he has instituted. His amiable lady has been very ill, but when she again stands at the domestic wheel we prophecy a successful voyage for the old craft.

"Mr. Jasper DeLong, the clerk, seems well fitted for his duties, and has won the respect and esteem of both boarders and travelers by his courteous bearing and gentlemanly conduct. Master Wickliffe, although a mere youth, and very modest withal, presides over the Dining Room very acceptably, and little Adda makes himself very useful in the office, assisting his brother. In conclusion, we would invite the travelling and Cleveland public to give our friend Mr. DeLong, of the Johnson House, a call, feeling assured that they will be treated in a princely manner." *Plain Dealer*, June 14, 1865.

1865 June 26 "The Messrs. De Long, the lately installed and popular proprietors of the Johnson House, received last night the compliment of a serenade from the Band attached to the 104th Regiment." *Plain Dealer*, June 26, 1865.

1865 July 4 The Johnson House provided for 400 additional guests for the holiday business. *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1865.

1865 July 7 A returned soldier by the name of Andrews who was sleeping on a bench in the hall of the Johnson House was robbed of $190. Andrews and his brother had been assigned to a room with a third man. The latter returned to the hotel early and locked the room. When the Andrews brothers arrived, later, the occupant of the room was so sound asleep that the brothers said they would sleep in the hall on benches, as they were accustomed to sleeping anywhere. About 3 o'clock A. M. one of the brothers awoke and found that his pocket-book containing $190 had been stolen. He notified the clerk who, after some consideration, had the porter who had taken the young men to the hall-bedroom, arrested. *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1865.

1865 July 20 "A gentleman named Smythers, whose home is in Quincy, Ill., arrived in the city last evening and put up at the Johnson House. Before retiring, although taking the precaution of putting his money and watch under his head, he foolishly threw open the door of his bed-room. When he woke this morning his gold watch and money were missing." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1865.

1865 Aug. 8 "Wanted a good pastry cook, best wages given. Apply at the Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 8, 1865.

1865
Aug. 9

"Last evening five men, who were intending to attend the sale of Government mules on the Heights with a view to purchasing, took lodgings in a large room with three or four beds, in the Johnson House. This morning four of them rose early and passed out, leaving their comrade asleep and the door unlocked. About half-past five the remaining sleeper felt something gently pulling his pants from under his head, and looking up, found it to be a stranger. At once comprehending the state of affairs he leaped from the bed, while the burglar tried to knock him down with a chair. The burglar fled down stairs and the intended victim, as people are apt to be when leaping from bed, gave chase and succeeded in capturing him just as he got to the street door. He was there detained till the police could be sent for, but nary police could be found, and some boarders at the hotel took him over and lodged him in jail.

"This morning his case was investigated at the Police Court when he was convicted of Grand Larceny and held in bail of $1,000.

"The culprits' name is Aaron C. Adams, and it appeared from the evidence that he had got possession of the pants and retained them till he was arrested at the door." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 9, 1865.

1865
Aug. 14

"Two clerks in a dry-goods establishment on Superior Street, board at the Johnson House, occupying the same room. One of them rose early yesterday morning, dressed, and went for a walk, leaving his companion at his request to take a short nap, leaving also the bed-room door unlocked, though not ajar. When clerk No. 2 arose and searched for his pocketbook it was gone. People will learn after a while to keep their doors locked." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 14, 1865.

1865
Nov. 9

"A Mrs. Merrill of Clyde, Wayne county, N. Y., suffered the loss of two toes which were crushed under the wheels (of a train in an accident at the depot). She was removed to the Johnson House and Dr. Schneider was summoned to attend." *Leader*, Nov. 9, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 113.

1866
May 18

"We see it announced in one of the morning papers that Mr. J. Barnhart is soon to retire from the Johnson House, and that Mr. Collamer, late the popular landlord of the Collins House, in Ravenna, is soon to assume the control and management of the establishment. Mr. Barnhart, who has made many friends since he became a resident of Cleveland, retires on account of serious and protracted ill health. The new landlord comes among us with the best of recommendations and will doubtless secure a full share of public patronage. The change takes place on Wednesday next." *Plain Dealer*, May 18, 1866.

1866 May 23 — "Lost - This Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock on Superior St., from the Johnson House to the street cars, by a little girl 10 years of age, a Pocket Diary containing entries of her own writing and some script - a child's savings. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to Emma O. Tyler, Johnson House." *Plain Dealer*, May 23, 1866.

1866 May 23 — "A Test Medium can be found, for one week, at the Johnson House, Room 62." *Plain Dealer*, May 23, 1866.

1866 June 15 — "A black brute by the name of Charles Thomas, an employee in the barber shop under the Johnson House, made a most brutal and unprovoked assault upon a Kinsman Street railroad conductor last evening.

"The conductor's name was Julius Harris, a quiet and gentlemanly young man. Thomas got up on the cars, between nine and ten o'clock at Seneca street crossing. When Harris took up fare, the negro refused to pay more than five cents, as he was not going to ride the whole length of the route. Being removed from the car, he had no sooner reached the track than he struck Harris a heavy blow over the right ear, and followed it up with a fearful stroke upon the right shoulder with a razor, which laid open the shoulder to the bone, for a distance of three or four inches. The wounded man proceeded to Doctor Beckwith's office, where his ghastly wound was sewed up, and properly dressed. The negro, Thomas, was soon afterward arrested and locked up within the City Prison.

"He was examined this morning by Judge Abbey, who bound him over to the Court of Common Pleas for trial, in the sum of $500. He could not give bond, and was therefore remanded to prison." *Plain Dealer*, June 15, 1866.

1866 June 19 — "The case of the United States vs. Benjamin F. Howe, formerly a saloon keeper at the Johnson House, and arrested for attempting to pass counterfeit practical currency, was on trial this forenoon." *Plain Dealer*, June 19, 1866.

1866 Aug. 2 — "Mrs. J. C. Dutton, practical physician and clairvoyant, while in clairvoyant state examines patients, and discovers the nature of their diseases, prescribes proper homeopathic, botanical and electro magnetic remedies. Patients at a distance, by sending a letter written by them, with their age or a photograph, and enclosing the usual fee of two dollars, will have a delineation of their case mailed to them. Mrs. J. C. Dutton, Room 62 Johnson House, Post-office drawer, 409, Cleveland, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 2, 1866.

1866 Sept. 17 "That old and formerly popular Hotel, the Johnson House, has been re-opened, for the accommodation of boarders and transient guests, under the management of Mr. Thomas Lowe, recently of the Eggleston House, Chagrin Falls, extensively and favorably known as a hotel-keeper of all desirable qualifications. The house, in all its parts, is being thoroughly overhauled, renovated and refurnished. We wish the new landlord an extensive and profitable patronage." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 17, 1866.

1866 Oct. 13 "Two men registering at the Johnson House as John Smith and C. Howard, city, early yesterday attempted to rob G. H. Green of Fostoria, O., an occupant of the adjoining room, but were apprehended and arrested." *Leader*, Oct. 13, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 723.

1866 Oct. 16 "Charles Howard and John Robinson, alias John Smith, arrested on the charge of robbing G. H. Green at the Johnson House, were examined yesterday before Judge Abbey. In default of $1000 bail they were taken to jail." *Leader*, Oct. 16, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 723.

1866 Oct. 23 "The National Theater, Frankfort street in the rear of the Johnson House, announces the great melodrama of Jack Shepard, with a variety troop of 17 performers." *Leader*, Oct. 23, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 145.

1867 Jan. 21 "Johnson House, Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio; Thos. Lowe, - Proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1867.

1867 Feb. 5 Charles Howard, the Johnson House burglar, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. John Robinson, his companion in crime, was sentenced to five years. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1867; *Leader*, Feb. 6, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 67.

1867 Mar. 19 "The great Irish holiday fell upon Sunday this year and yesterday was set apart for its celebration.... The banquet was held in the hall of the Johnson House. By eight o'clock every seat upon both sides of the seven long tables was occupied, and many people were turned away." *Leader*, Mar. 19, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 260, 261.

1867 May 6 — "The wife of Charles Howard, who is one of the Johnson House burglars, has gone to Toledo to live with friends until her husband is released from the penitentiary. An effort is being made to secure a pardon for him." *Leader*, May 6, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 111.

1867 May 17 — "Thomas R. Porter, Herald printer, died of consumption yesterday at the Johnson House. He was 45 years old and had been employed on the Herald for 15 years." *Leader*, May 17, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 402.

1868 Mar. 3 — "A fire alarm was given in the Johnson House, about 8 a.m. yesterday, causing the wildest consternation among the inmates. Upon investigation the fire was found in one of the rooms on the third floor of the house, being occasioned by the falling down of the stove pipe." *Leader*, Mar. 3, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 182.

1868 May 18 — "The Johnson House, a hash house of Cleveland, closed up on May 16 because of lack of patronage." *Leader*, May 18, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 272.

1868 Dec. 9 — "In front of the Johnson House yesterday afternoon, a man staggering under a heavy cargo of 'benzine,' picked a quarrel with a bystander and a spirited passage of arms occurred. The police came upon the scene and seized the offender. He refused to go with them, so the police dragged him along by main force to the lock-up." *Leader*, Dec. 9, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 61.

1869 Jan. 1 — "The Johnson House - reopened with new fixtures, and a new firm. Good meals and clean beds will be the order hereafter. Rates Transient guests per day $2.00. Day board per week $6.00. No pains or expense will be spared to make the 'Johnson House' worthy of public confidence and patronage. J. P. Law & Son, Proprietors." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 219.

1871 — A. W. Melsheimer again managed the Johnson House during the years 1871 and 1872. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

1871 — "The museum under the Johnson House is in full blast with its educated seal, boa constrictor, and monkeys." *Leader*, Jan. 2, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 136.

1872 July 9 — City Council adopted a resolution, introduced by Mr. Farley, that the owners of the Johnson House, on Superior Street, be notified to repair their sidewalks. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "V," 250.

1873 July 2 — "St. Charles Hotel, (formerly Johnson House) 131 Superior St., Cleveland. This house has recently changed hands. Entirely refitted and newly furnished throughout. The traveling public will find good accommodations and easy terms. Regular boarders solicited. M. L. Benfield & Co." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1873.

1874 — The St. Charles Hotel was next door to the Weddell House on Superior Street. Titus, Simmons, and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1874 July 18 — "Benjamin Pelton reports having a suit of clothes stolen out of his room at the St. Charles hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1874.

1874 Sept. 5 — "Harry Price's billiard rooms in the St. Charles hotel will be reopened this evening, Mr. John Bluim superintendent." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 5, 1874.

1875 — "Henry & Hadley, proprs. St. Charles Hotel, 131 Superior." Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76, 551.

1875 July 12 — "Attend the Mammoth Sale of Furniture! At the St. Charles Hotel 131 Superior St., which will continue from day to day until the entire stock is sold out. C. H. Seymour, Auctioneer. N. B. - The Piano-forte and Pier Mirror will be sold on Tuesday, July 13th. at 3 p. m. prompt." *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1875.

1877 — Messrs. Coates and Moncrief were proprietors of the Johnson House, 133 Superior Street, during the years 1877 and 1878. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 309.

1877 Feb. 27 — "Hotel Opening. The Johnson House, on Superior street, will be opened on the first of March by Messrs. Coates and Moncrief, well-known caterers to the public taste.

"In the evening the house will be thrown open to afford the many friends of the genial proprietors an opportunity to offer their congratulations on the new departure." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 27, 1877.

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Johnson House

1878 Charles Coates was proprietor of the Johnson House in the year 1878-1879. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 119.

1881 "In 1881 S. E. West came to Cleveland, soon thereafter taking charge of the Johnson House." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 146.

1885 "In 1885 the Johnson House was repainted, repapered, remodeled, refitted, and refurnished throughout; and under the name of the New Johnson House enjoyed a degree of popularity and prosperity unknown in its early history.

"Mr. S. E. West is a native of Cuyahoga County, and widely and favorably known in city and country. He gives his entire attention to the comfort and pleasure of his guests, employs none but polite and attentive servants, and, in short, 'knows how to keep a hotel,' and does it." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 146.

1888 "S. E. West, Proprietor; H. B. West, Manager -- Nos. 131 and 133 Superior St.

"The famous Johnson House has for many years been a prominent feature of Cleveland, having been first opened by the Mr. Johnson from whom its name was derived as long ago as 1850, thirty-seven years. The building is four and a half stories in height, 75 feet front, 170 feet deep, contains -- besides parlors, sitting and dining rooms, halls, office, kitchen, etc. -- seventy-five clean, comfortable and pleasant guest chambers, and can accommodate 300 people per day at its well-kept and abundantly supplied tables. Everything is the best the market affords, the cookery and service unexceptionable, while the rates are remarkable for moderation -- $1.50 to $2.00 per day, dependent upon location of room.

"Mr. S. E. West, the genial proprietor, is a noted boniface. Twenty-one years ago he kept the Put-in-Bay summer resort; in 1874 he was mine host of the Lake House, and in 1875 of the West House, both at Sandusky, the Lake House proving too small for his growing patronage." Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 146.

1894 Dr. J. A. Tweedy assumed management of the New Johnson House in 1894. *Cleveland Directory*, 1894.

Hotels and Taverns - Johnson House;
Keisel's Tavern; Kilfoyl Hotel

1895 — H. S. Stetson & Co. managed the New Johnson House, 133 Superior Street, in 1895. *Cleveland Directory*, 1895.

1898 — The Saunders Hotel occupied the Johnson House site in 1898. *County Plat Book*, 1898.

1899 — Mrs. Bessie J. Hartz became proprietor of the New Johnson House. *Cleveland Directory*, 1899.

1910 — "In 1910, the Johnson House was torn down to make room for an addition to the Rockefeller building." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 434.

KEISEL'S TAVERN
Water (W. 9th) Street

1852 Nov. 10 — "The man who robbed Mr. Pacific Cotel of $40 in gold, at Keisel's Tavern on Water street, on Sunday night, was examined before Justice Hessenmueller yesterday, and in default of $500 bail, committed to appear before the Grand Jury this morning." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 10, 1852.

1860 Dec. 29 — "About a week ago robberies involving money and personal property to the amount of several hundred dollars were committed at a house on Water st. kept by William Keisel. The affair was made known to the authorities on Dec. 27 when Mr. Wainwright, one of the losers, procured a warrant for the arrest of Keisel charging him with grand larceny. Keisel was arrested and taken before the police court yesterday, but no evidence appeared against him, so he was released." *Herald*, Dec. 29, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 166.

KILFOYL HOTEL
St. Clair Road near Willson Ave. (E. 55th St.)

1871 — The Kilfoyl Hotel was located on St. Clair Road, near Willson Avenue, in 1871 and 1872. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

Hotels and Taverns - Kilfoyl Hotel;
Lake House; Lake Shore House

1874 Jan. 3 — "Joseph Fay lost $220 the other night at the old Kilfoyle House on St. Clair Street. He was so drunk that he can not remember anything about losing his money but the probability is that he was robbed." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1874.

1874 Jan. 7 — "Mrs. Francis of the old Kilfoyle House, says that Joseph Fay was not robbed in the hotel but out of doors about seventy feet from the building." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1874.

LAKE HOUSE
St. Clair and Doan (E. 105th) Streets

1870 — The Lake Hotel was built in 1870 and stood on the corner of St. Clair and Doan Streets (on the site of the Cleveland Trust Glenville branch bank). C.P.L. Photo File (Under Hotels).

1876 Oct. 5 — A rousing Republican meeting was held on October 5th in the Lake House at Glenville. Speeches were delivered by the Honorable S. A. Norton of Texas, J. L. Hayes of Cleveland, and Judge Sloanaker of Louisiana. *Leader*, Oct. 5, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 722.

LAKE SHORE HOUSE
32 Bank (W. 6th) Street

News that a new depot (Union Shanty) was to be built came in the spring of '62. James Dunn and his wife heard it. Dunn saw the prospects for a hotel near the station, and a few months later purchased a frame house on what is now (1915) W. Sixth Street, just north of Lakeside Avenue, and turned it into a hotel. He named it the Lake Shore House. Dunn ran the hotel until his death in 1897. *Press*, Mar. 6, 1916.

1868 May 6 — "Henry Lyall is at the station house charged with robbing W. W. Collins, Thomas Glody, and A. H. Ash, guests of the Lake Shore House, of $300 on May 4. Lyall was supposedly a friend of the three men." *Leader*, May 6, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 301.

1874 Jan. 3 — "William James Moore left his home in St. Thomas, Canada, to follow his wife to Cleveland. He knows she is here but cannot find her. She can find him at the Lake Shore House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1874.

Hotels and Taverns - Lake Shore House;
Lake Shore House, Foot of Water St.

1874
Mar. 25 — During the Temperance campaign, when the workers visited the saloon of James Dunn, called the Lake Shore House, Dunn agreed to sign the pledge not to sell another drop of liquor for sixty days. The ladies thanked him and continued their work. *Leader*, Mar. 25, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 757.

1876
Nov. 11 — "Considerable inquiry has been made in regard to the hotel keeper who was mentioned in Tuesday's *Plain Dealer* as rushing to the depot in anxious search for a departing guest whom he had accidentally overcharged four dollars. The stranger felt as much astonished as pleased on receiving the money. The name of this gentleman who has thus proved himself to be one of the noblest works of God - an honest man - is James Dunn, proprietor of the Lake Shore House on Bank Street. Mr. Dunn is a genial gentleman and knows how to keep a good Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 11, 1876.

1877 — "James Dunn, Propr. Lake Shore House, 32 Bank." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 354.

1878 — "Lake Shore House, 32 Bank, J. Dunn, propr." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 326.

1878
Aug. 27 — "In and About the City. An old man named John Browman fell, in jumping from a moving Lake Shore train at the Union depot, yesterday. He was picked up and taken to the Lake Shore House, where it was ascertained that his injuries are not serious." *Plain Dealer*, July 28, 1878.

LAKE SHORE HOUSE
Foot of Water (W. 9th St.) Street

1860
Aug. 27 — "Fire, originating in the Lake Shore House kept by J. Dunn, caused considerable damage in the Irish settlement at the foot of Water st. last night. The Newfield House and the residence of Jason Moran were totally destroyed.

"A 20 ton yacht belonging to John Dunn was very much damaged. The loss was estimated at $2,000 for the buildings. There was no insurance." *Leader*, Aug. 28, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 118.

1864
Apr. 18 "Dunn's saloon (and hotel), a wooden building situated at the foot of Water Street on the bluff overlooking the lake, took fire about 3 o'clock (A. M.) and at the time of going to press was rapidly being consumed. The steamers were promptly on hand, No. 1 taking the lead. The building was owned by C. & C. (Cleveland & Columbus) Railroad Company." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 18, 1864.

1865
May 23 "House for sale - The cottage known as the Lake Shore House, No. 50 Water St., is for sale cheap. The stone and brick is worth the purchase money. Enquire at 82 Bank St. J. Dunn." *Plain Dealer*, May 23, 1865.

1865
Aug. 8 "The building at the foot of Water street, known as a Lake Shore House, is being pulled down to make room for a street." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 8, 1865.

LINCOLN HOTEL (Kennard House)
Southeast Corner of St. Clair and Bank (West 6th) Streets

In 1852 J. C. Vaughan and Ahaz Merchant erected a large, brick, five-story hotel at the corner of St. Clair and Bank Streets, on a site formerly occupied by a log school-house built in 1817. Roswell P. Angier, of Worcester, Massachusetts, secured a ten-year lease on the hotel and called it the Angier House. The hotel was formally opened on April 17, 1854, by a banquet and reception attended by 250 guests. The new hotel was heated by a steam process and had a reservoir on the roof for distributing water throughout the building.

Angier House was noted for its excellent cuisine. Visitors came from far and near to partake of the justly-famous dinners, and all agreed that it was the best place to eat this side of New York, if not in the whole country. The menu was printed in English, and the tendency was to look at it and say, "Waiter, all the way down." Many travelers stopped at other hotels but ate in the Angier House dining room.

William Kennard, of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, purchased the Angier House on February 11, 1864. The hotel was closed for some time for remodeling and modernization. The rooms were refurnished in solid black walnut. The magnificent tableware, of solid German silver, cost about $15,000, and was put on exhibition at one of the most exclusive jewelry stores in Cleveland. The hotel, rechristened the Kennard House, was formally opened June 14, 1866, with elaborate ceremony. Especially famous was the "Divan," the men's lounge and smoking room, from which opened an enormous bar, called the "Exchange."



Kennard House

c. 1874

One of the most outstanding features of the hotel was the Fountain Room. Here was a beautiful Alhambra fountain, with a playful cupid in the center. Moorish columns supported Cupid's bower, and mirrored panels about the room reflected the exquisite fountain and the portraits of Spanish beauties which lent color and atmosphere to the room. Built originally as a place for resting, writing letters, or loitering with friends over a mint julep, it became in later years a bar.

The hotel, so famous in its day, was made over in the early 1920's, most of it for use as a clothing factory. What is left of the once-magnificient hotel has gone through numerous changes in name and proprietorship. The hotel, now called the Lincoln, still caters to the public; about one-third of its clientele is made up of resident guests; the rest are transients. Robison, *Cleveland*, 27, 228, 229; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 52, 433; *Court Records*, II, 157, 158; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 210; *Herald*, May 9, 1866; *Plain Dealer*, May 9, 1866; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 5, 1920.

1796 Oct. 1 — The map of Cleveland made by Amos Spafford and dated Oct. 1, 1796, shows Original Town Lot No. 53, later the site of the Lincoln Hotel, had been assigned to Tabitha Cumi Stiles, wife of Job Stiles and first woman settler in Cleveland, by the Connecticut Land Company. The couple had expressed their intention of becoming permanent settlers; so a log hut was built for them in the center of this lot. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 41, 50.

1798 — Job Stiles and his wife moved to the "ridge" near what later was the Woodland Avenue-Woodland Hills Avenue district. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 61.

1802 — David Clark is shown as the original owner of Town Lot 53 by draft or first purchase from the Connecticut Land Company. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 768; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 388.

1817 — Though historians differ as to the exact date, a log school house is known to have been built on the southeast section of the intersection of St. Clair and Bank streets, about the year 1817. It stood "in a grove of trees" in the northeasterly corner of Original Town Lot 53. It thus occupied the site of the Angier House--later successively the Kennard House, Stadium Hotel, and, finally, the Lincoln Hotel.

The little school building, whose dimensions have been given as 24 by 30 feet, had its doors facing St. Clair Street. It was enclosed by a rail fence.

Significant of this first school was that it was built by private subscription. Pupils whose parents could afford to pay tuition, did so; others were instructed free. Tradition has it that the bachelors of the settlement were taxed to pay the teacher. Children of many families later prominent in the village attended, among them: Walworth, Williamson, Shepard, Carter, Long and Henderson. Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 224-25; Robison, *Cleveland*, 27, 228-29; *Plain Dealer*, July 22, 1921; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 2, 60; *ibid.*, VI, no. 5, 35, 36; World, *Cleveland*, 73.

1829 May 9 — Margaret Norton deeded to Robert Cather part of lot No. 53, later the Lincoln Hotel site, consisting of 5 rods on St. Clair street and 6 rods on Bank Street, for the consideration of $500. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, H-8, 185, 186.

1835 Nov. 3 — On Nov. 3, 1835, Robert Cather and wife deeded to Richard Clarke part of lot No. 53, later the Lincoln Hotel Site, consisting of 5 rods on the south side of St. Clair street and 6 rods on Bank street, (82½ feet on St. Clair and 99 feet on Bank Street) for the consideration of $11,000. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, T-18, 113, 114.

1836 May 21 — Richard Clark deeded to Gustavus A. Foster part of Lot No. 53, consisting of 5 rods on the south side of St. Clair Street and 6 rods on the east side of Bank Street, for a consideration of $11,500. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, X-22, 160.

1838 Apr. 14 — Gustavus A. Foster and his wife mortgaged the property comprising the hotel site; and finally lost title to it under foreclosure. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Z-24, 403, 404.

1852 — In response to the demand for increased hotel accommodations in the city, Ahaz Merchant and J. C. Vaughan contracted for construction of a hotel at the southeast corner of St. Clair and Bank Streets. The builder was Warham J. Warner, who erected many of Cleveland's larger buildings. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 52, 433; *Herald*, May 9, 1866; *Plain Dealer*, July 11, 1851; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 5, 1920; *ibid.*, July 9, 1925; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 436.

1852 Oct. 12 — John B. Waring and wife deeded Ahaz Merchant part of lot No. 53, consisting of 47 feet front by 82½ feet deep, on the east side of Bank street, 52 feet south from St. Clair street, for the consideration of $8,000. (This formed the south part of the hotel site). *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 59, 318, 319.

1853 Jan 5 — "The new hotel on St. Clair street will be a fine structure. It will be five stories in height, and front on St. Clair street 120 and on Bank, 100 feet. (Later information gives dimensions as 82½ feet on St. Clair and 99 feet on Bank). It will be ready for company in about six months." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1853.

1853 Feb 9 — John C. Vaughan and Ahaz Merchant gave to Roswell P. Angier, of Worcester, Mass., a ten-year lease on a five story brick hotel erected on their property at the Southeast corner of Bank (now W. 6th St.) and St. Clair Sts. in Cleveland. The lease was signed at the Weddell House on Feb. 9, 1853. *Court Records*, II, 157-58; *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1853.

1853 Sept. 3 — "The Angier House, a new hotel at the corner of Bank and St. Clair sts., is progressing finely. Mr. Angier is now in the city." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 3, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 200.

1853 Oct. 11 — Alexander Garrett and wife deeded to Ahaz Merchant and John Vaughan part of lot No. 53, consisting of 52 feet on Bank street and 82½ feet on St. Clair street, on the southeast corner of St. Clair and Bank streets, for the consideration of $6500. This constituted the north part of the hotel site. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 66, 542, 543.

1854 Jan. 28 — "The Albany *Knickerbocker* says that Mr. R. B. Wheeler leaves Albany, for this city the last of this month. He is associated with R. P. Angier, Esq., a gentleman well known in the East as a caterer for the public on the most liberal principles. It is the intention to establish an Eastern Hotel in Cleveland, as far as may be compatible with the success of the house, and the desire of a western public. The *Knickerbocker* adds: 'We sincerely congratulate our Cleveland friends on this acquisition, but more especially the travelling community, for - and we speak from experience - we know of no one more capable of receiving, disposing, and making decidedly comfortable the guests of the hotel, than Mr. W. May he meet with success in every undertaking he so justly deserves, and although not among us, still a thousand wishes of prosperity, and plenty, will follow him to his Western home.'

"We understand Mr. J. M. Warner, of this city, will also go into the Angier House. Mr. W. is a popular and efficient man in a hotel office, and we are glad to hear his services are to be retained for the new hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 28, 1854.

1854 Mar. 3 — "The Angier House will be ready for occupation in about two weeks. The main hall is being floored with marble, and the furniture and carpeting will be of the richest order." *Forest City Democrat*, Mar. 3, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 152.

1854 Apr. 17 — The Angier House was formally opened, by a banquet and fashionable reception attended by two hundred and fifty guests. The new hotel was five stories high, was heated "by the steam process," and had a reservoir on the roof for distributing water throughout the building. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1854 Apr. 27 — "Actual opening of the Angier Hotel was delayed until April 27, as a result of failure of one of the contractors to install certain interior gas fixtures and fittings until April 20.

"This fact was disclosed in a suit brought by Fogg and Company against Ahaz Merchant and John C. Vaughan, owners of the Angier Hotel. The suit was filed in common pleas court of Cuyahoga County March 6, 1855. Testimony brought out these facts:

"Angier stated that John C. Vaughan and Ahaz Merchant, owners of the hotel, agreed to spend about $800 to furnish the hotel with the proper gas fixtures. An estimate of less than $800 for the gas fixtures was obtained from Fogg and Company, dealers in gas fixtures. Vaughan deposed that Merchant declared he would have nothing to do with furnishing the rooms with the type of fixtures that Angier wanted. Merchant himself asserted he would not pay for putting up chandeliers or fixtures that cost more than plain pendants. Angier contended nevertheless that Merchant went with him to Fogg's store to look at the fixtures. William P. and Josiah Fogg desposed that Merchant was anxious to have the dining room and parlors properly finished and furnished and expressed himself as willing to assume the responsibility for payment. Vaughan averred that he bought the fixtures and gave his personal note to the Fogg Company for $863.63. The fixtures were not completely installed by the Fogg Company until April 20, 1854. Consequently the hotel, under the name of the Angier House, did not open until April 27.

"The Vaughan note was not paid and Fogg and Company filed suit for $863.63 and interest against Merchant and Vaughan. Judgment was rendered in favor of Fogg and Company for $899.97. The case was appealed to the district court of the State of Ohio; and that court, during the October 1857 term, awarded Fogg and Company a judgment of $1,024.19. *Court Records*, II, 157, 158.

Hotels and Taverns
Lincoln Hotel (Kennard House)

1854 Sept. 30 "The Angier House is getting a most enviable distinction abroad. Visitors from all parts of the country have written letters of commendation. 'This praise is merited and all visitors to it will say so.'" *Leader*, Sept. 30, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 152.

1854 Nov. 28 "Ohio railroad men held a convention last night at the Angier House. . . . Following the transaction of business, friends were greeted and 'free talk' prevailed throughout the evening." *Leader*, Nov. 28, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 321.

1854 Dec. 11 "A delegation of six Cherokees on the way to Washington stopped at the Angier House. They were, all of them, good-looking and intelligent in dress, manner, and speech; they would compare with the southern planters. It was evident that they were southern in feeling on the slavery question. They did not, at least, deem it of much importance to themselves." *Leader*, Dec. 11, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 154.

1855 The Angier House was mentioned in a petition remonstrating against a hack stand on Bank Street between St. Clair and Center Streets. *Cleveland Council Journal* "H," 1855-57, 214.

1855 Jan. 15 "The First Chance. Andriens' great Gift Exhibition opens tonight at the Melodeon. New 'Views of the Forest City,' including a Splendid Painting of the Angier House, with Bank Street in perspective, has been added to the Panoramas, and the whole work has been much improved." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1855.

1855 Jan. 16 "Moss Case of St. Louis, the world renowned albino, and a famous guitar player, is in our city. 'Moss Case will play at the dance' is always the remark of the belles and their beaux of St. Louis when they anticipate a pleasant time. Case may be found at the Angier House." *Leader*, Jan. 16, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 270.

1855 Jan. 20 "The Angier Affair. The good people of Cleveland in great numbers manifested their kind regards for Mine Host and Hostess, not forgetting the Junior Hostesses, of the Angier. The house was literally full of good people, good feeling, and nameless other good things. So large, and so gay an assembly is seldom seen in Cleveland. 'It was all my fancy painted it.'

"The table eclipsed in variety and magnificence anything we have ever seen. It was too costly by half for our dyspeptic constitution; but it showed what Cleveland can do in the eating line. - Look at the Game list alone: -

"Saddle Venison - Cranberry Sauce, Prairie Chickens, Canvas Back Ducks; Wild Turkey, Wild Goose; Black Ducks; Teal, Partridges; Quail, Red Head Ducks.

"Now look over the side dishes, letting alone all the Roast, Boiled and Baked Meats, Relishes, Pastry and confectionery, which included everything dreamed of, from an Ox-Tail Soup to an Elephant Pie.

"Side Dishes - Fillet Beef - Julien Sauce; Escalloped Oysters; Fried Oysters - in Crumb; Oyster Patties; Rice - per form; Tenderloin Pork - Jelly Sauce; Potted Ducks; Tendons Veal - a la macedonie; Tenderloin of Venison, English style; Veal Fricandeau; Turkeys' Wings - Spanish; Fricassee Fowl - a la chevalier; Chime of Mutton; Quail Larded - Brown sauce, Pig Cutlet - apple sauce; Pickeral Vanish

"After 'Pickerel vanished,' the dancing was resumed and kept up till past the 'wee sma' hours,' when the assembly broke up in the happiest mood, at peace with themselves and all the world." *Plain Dealer*, Jan 20, 1855

1855
Jan. 29 "An unsigned letter to the editor says: Who would have expected one short month ago to see all the public houses of Cleveland yielding obedience to the anti-liquor law of last session. Honor to them for doing it. Who would have expected to see a card from the proprietors of the Angier, Weddell, and American hotels stating that they would submit to all the provisions of the law? Clevelanders have now more reason to be proud of them than ever." *Leader*, Jan 29, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 11

1855
Feb. 10 "The friends of E. T. Nichols are requested to meet at the Angier House, this evening, February 10th, at 8 o'clock, P. M. to take measures for tendering to Mr. N., a complimentary Benefit, to be given during the ensuing week." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 10, 1855.

1855
Feb. 10 "The Eighth Annual Ball of the Cleveland Light Artillery will be given at the Angier House, Thursday Eve., Feb. 22d. When the Company Flatter themselves the arrangements will be such as to please all. ... Invitations extended to heads of families only. Invitations for Ladies can be obtained of the committee. Gentlemen

are solicited to attend without further invitation. Military gentlemen are requested to appear in uniform. Tickets $5 to be had of the members of the Company." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 10, 1855.

1855 Mar. 26 "A party of distinguished Mexicans from the City of Mexico are stopping at the Angier House, en route for New York." *Leader*, Mar. 26, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 318.

1855 Apr. 17 "R. P. Angier, proprietor of the Angier House, has sold his lease to William J. Odell of Burlington, Vt. The new landlord will take possession on May 1." *Leader*, Apr. 17, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 204.

1855 Apr. 30 "That Dinner at the Angier yesterday, was all our 'fancy painted it,' with broiled snipe and green cucumbers, that we did not expect. Long life to Mr. Angier and his estimable family. Sorry to part with so kind, accomplished and worthy a host, and so say we all." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 30, 1855.

1855 May 1 "The Angier House changed administration today. Mr. William J. Odell, the present landlord is from Burlington, Vt. On the occasion of his inauguration, a goodly number of his friends were present and participated in an excellent dinner. From indications, we predict, that the politeness, experience and liberality of Mr. Odell will ensure the prosperity and popularly (sic) of this favorite hotel." *Plain Dealer*, May 1, 1855.

1855 May 5 "Mr. O. F. Phelps, a professional card writer, is stopping at the Angier House. He is very expert, as specimens written for us prove." *Plain Dealer*, May 5, 1855.

1855 June 15 "J. A. Graves has opened a new barber shop on Bank st., under the Angier House." *Leader*, June 15, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 24.

1855 July 4 Cleveland Republicans tendered Governor Medill of Ohio, General Swan and his staff, the mayor and council of Columbus and other invited guests a complimentary dinner at the Angier in commemoration of independence Day.

Following the regular ceremonies, the governor addressed a party of visiting Canadians from the hotel balcony. *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1855.

1855
July 23 "The legal festival (a dinner given to the Judges of the United States Circuit Court by members of the Cleveland Bar) which took place at the Angier House on July 20 was a splendid affair. It was intended as a complimentary supper to the Hon. John McLean, but this gentleman was called away by telegraphic dispatch, informing him of sickness in his family." *Leader*, July 23, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 235.

1855
Aug. 21 City council adopted the following resolution: That the prosecuting attorney be instructed to commence the proper proceedings against the proprietors of the Angier House and the Weddell House for the abatement of nuisances existing, due to the bad conditions of sewers leading from those hotels. *Leader*, Aug. 22, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 205; *Cleveland Council Journal* "G," 512.

1855
Nov. 28 "Theophile Guerin, one of the French exiles recently expelled from the island of Jersey, is stopping at the Angier House and intends to lecture here on 'The Destinies and Prospects of France.'" *Leader*, Nov. 28, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 321.

1855
Dec. 1 "The festival of the St. Andrews' society, held last evening at the Angier House, was a social reunion of the most genial cordial and gratifying order. The spacious halls and parlors were crowded with a throng of 'beauty and chivalry.'" *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 303.

1855
Dec. 4 "The long needed renovation in the sewage connected with tha Angier House is now being made. The present proprietor of this fine western hotel means to leave no stone unturned that can in any way benefit the traveling community, or please his home patrons." *Leader*, Dec. 4, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 205.

1855
Dec. 22 "Three or four hundred ladies and gentlemen, (members of St. Jonathan, a New England patriotic society) ... and their friends, met last evening at the Angier House to celebrate the landing of the Mayflower. The 'Six kernels of parched corn' which appeared by the plate of each guest reminded of the contrast which the luxury and abundance of this feast presented to the table of the Pilgrims during the scarcity of the first winter of the colony. ...

"The company at one o'clock changed the order of the night from the festivities of the table to those of the cotillion hall." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 22, 1855.

1856 "Angier House, Wm. J. Odell, Proprietor, corner of Bank Street and St. Clair, Cleveland, Ohio." Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856, 24.

1856 The Angier House was the fashionable hotel of the town. It entertained among its guests in 1856, John C. Breckinridge, Lewis Cass and General Franz Sigel. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1856 Sept 11 "Governor Chase and Senator Wade, who came from Sandusky last evening, stopped at Angier. The news spread about and at 11 P. M. about 1500 people, with music and banners, filled the streets about the Angier.

"In answer to their cheers Chase came upon the balcony and made as fine a speech as we ever listened to. Senator Wade, worn down by uninterrupted outdoor meetings, was excused by a friend for keeping to his chamber." *Leader*, Sept. 11, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 301.

1856 Sept. 15 "The slight fire in the Angier House on Sept. 13, caused by an overheated oven, was promptly extinguished with but slight damage." *Leader*, Sept. 15, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 108.

1856 Oct. 1 "At the Angier House yesterday were thirty-two of those men that Douglas and his friends so hate -- Yankee preachers. These men were mostly from Maine, and every man of them did a freeman's work in rolling up freedom's triumphant majority in that state." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 254.

1856 Oct. 31 The reform-school commissioners, appointed by the state legislature to receive donations for such a school, to select a site, report plans and estimates, will hold a session at the Angier House in this city on Nov. 6. *Leader*, Oct. 31, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 233.

1857 Feb 6 "W. J. Odell, 39, proprietor of the Angier House, died yesterday of consumption. He will be buried at Burlington, Vt., his former residence. He made many friends; his death will be regretted by all." *Leader*, Feb. 6, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 193.

1857 Mar. 26 "The popular hotel, Angier House, has been taken by Mr. Rogers, late of the Northfield House of Vermont, whose skill as a caterer to the wants of the public stands high in that vicinity." *Leader*, Mar. 26, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 138.

1857 Oct. 6 — "Marshal Gallagher arrested a man (at the Angier House) who gave his name as J. W. Potter here yesterday on a charge of robbing a tailor shop in Crestline, O., of $1,000 worth of clothing. He had come up from Crestline with his loot on Oct. 4." *Leader*, Oct. 6, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 154, 155.

1857 Oct. 17 — "J. M. Richards, ... has associated himself with William Rogers as joint proprietor of the well known Angier House. No public house in the country has borne a better reputation than this one." *Leader*, Oct. 17, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 139.

1857 Oct. 26 — "The proprietors of the Angier House have erected at the cost of $2,500 an entirely new steam heating apparatus designed for washing clothes, ironing and drying, cooking, heating rooms, etc." *Leader*, Oct. 26, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 333.

1857 Dec. 1 — "The annual festival of the St. Andrews society was held yesterday at the Angier House. ... The fare was of the choicest kind;... All joined in a jovial dance and kept it up until the wee hours of the morning." *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 332.

1858 Jan. 19 — The convention of the Ohio Editorial Association met at the Angier House and was called to order by Col. William Schouler of the Ohio State Journal. *Leader*, Jan. 20, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 323.

1858 Jan. 19 — The festival of the Angier House Jan. 19 on the occasion of the 152d anniversary of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the printer's patron saint, was purportedly the largest, the gayest, the most brilliant party of the season. On one side of the dining hall, and extending its entire length, was the symbolic motto, "152nd Birthday of the Patriot Philosopher and Printer, Benjamin Franklin," wrought in letters of evergreens. The company enjoyed a dance before supper. The company later adjourned from the supper rooms and proceeded to the dancing hall. *Leader*, Jan. 20, 26, 27, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 7, 34, 85, 86.

1858 Apr. 26 — Major General John E. Wool of the U. S. Army, A. J. S. Molinard, aide de camp, and the Hon. Milton Sutliff were guests at the Angier House. *Leader*, Apr. 27, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 353.

1858 June 4 — "William Rogers has retired from the proprietorship of the Angier House. Silas Merchant is his successor." *Leader*, June 4, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 224.

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1858 Oct. 19 "The venerable Oliver Culver and Wife, arrived last night to be present at the Pioneer Celebration at Newburgh tomorrow. Culver has rooms at the Angier. In paying their respects to Culver and Mrs. Culver, our citizens will have the pleasure of seeing fine specimens of the Pioneer Fathers and Mothers of the great and goodly West." *Leader*, Oct. 19, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 209.

1858 Nov. 9 "Owing to the excessive wet and stormy weather, the meeting of the Horse Breeders' association, appointed for last evening, adjourned to meet at the Angier House Nov. 11. All interested will consider themselves requested to be present." *Leader*, Nov. 9, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 230.

1858 Dec. 15 "At a meeting of the New England Society held at the Angier House last evening, it was unanimously resolved that a festival be given in honor of the day (Dec. 22) that gave birth to New England." *Leader*, Dec. 15, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 54.

1859 Feb. 17 The festival of the Second Full Moon, was given by the Sons of Malta at the Angier House. The front of the upper private box was filled by two banners, one on the left representing the coat of arms of the order, with cabalistic letters S. L. M. O. A. D.; that on the right bearing the face of a full moon. Supper tables were .... kept supplies from ten P. M. to one A. M., thereby preventing any unpleasant crowding. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 18, 1859; *Leader*, Feb. 18, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 272.

1859 Mar. 3 "Distinguished Arrival. - Ex-President (Millard) Fillmore was at the Angier this morning en route for Cincinnati." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 3, 1859.

1859 Mar. 29 "The Angier hotel is being repainted, repapered, refinished, and put in complete order for summer travel. The dining room is today being papered, painted, and frescoed; and when work is done, there will not be found a finer house in the line of travel than the Angier House. A corps of officers in the establishment with Mr. Richards as landlord, Mr. Taylor as steward and manager, and Messrs. Colburn and Seymour in the office will be found at their posts keeping an eye out for the comfort of their guests." *Leader*, Mar. 29, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 185.

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1859 Apr. 13 — "The Angier. - The dining hall of this hotel is being frescoed in beautiful style, and the parlors are being newly painted, decorated, etc. It is well worth while to look through the spacious and elegant parlors and sleeping rooms of the Angier, where taste, comfort and splendor are so happily blended. During Merchant's reign the Angier has ranked as one of the best hotels." *Plain Dealer,* Apr. 13, 1859.

1859 Apr. 25 — "The Odd Fellows are preparing for a grand time tomorrow. The affair will be held at the Angier. Merchant and Taylor will do the honors." *Leader,* Apr. 25, 1859, *Newspaper Annals,* XLII, 273.

1859 June 13 — "The Yacht club will hold a meeting at the Angier House today." *Leader,* June 13, 1859, *Newspaper Annals,* XLII, 168, 169.

1859 Sept. 29 — "Mr. Van Meter, New York social worker, is in the city with 40 homeless boys from the East, whom he wishes to place in responsible homes. Any one wishing to adopt a boy, can get in touch with Mr. Van Meter at the Angier House." *Leader,* Sept. 29, 1859, *Newspaper Annals,* XLII, 490.

1859 Oct. 3 — "The Lake Erie Horse Breeders association met at the Angier House Oct. 1, to make arrangements for the Forest Grove fair, which will begin Oct. 19." *Leader,* Oct. 3, 1859, *Newspaper Annals,* XLII, 137.

1859 Nov. 18 — "An Attractive Party - We are glad to notice again the fine party to be given at the Angier House. To those intending to visit the party, we would state that especial arrangements have been made, so that all who wish to attend can be supplied with carriages free by applying to the office of the Angier, and leaving name, street and number. This is the first party of the season at the Angier, and it is looked forward to with great anxiety by the beauty and fashion of the city." *Plain Dealer,* Nov. 18, 1859.

1859 Nov. 19 — "The Lecture of the Season. Prof. Gardner had by far the largest audience of the season at the Melodeon last night. Large as is the Hall, it was packed from pit to dome, and a more delighted assembly we have rarely witnessed. His peroration ending with 'Soap' was magnificent. He brought down the house with frequent roars of applause, and his soap went off like hot cakes. The Professor still stops at the Angier and has a few more cakes left." *Plain Dealer,* Nov. 19, 1859.

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1859 Nov. 25 "The anniversary dance and festival given by Company D., Capt. Rice, at the Angier House last evening was a splendid affair. All the arrangements were of the tip top order, and gave entire satisfaction to as gay and fashionable an assemblage as we have seen together this season." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 25, 1859.

1859 Nov. 29 "What They Think of the Angier. - The Ashtabula Telegraph says that the Angier, under Mr. Merchant, loses nothing of the high character it has heretofore so well earned. Aside from the excellence of its management and the unexceptionable character of its company, the house in its construction is better adapted to the comfort and pleasure of its guests than any we are acquainted with in the State." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 29, 1859.

1859 Nov. 30 The St. Andrews society held its fourteenth annual festival at the Angier House. The Reverend Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania and John C. Grannis, president of the society, addressed the people on the history and object of the St. Andrews society, established 14 years ago. John Proudfoot, Scotch poet, read a versified version of the legend of St. Andrew. Toasts and songs concluded the evening. *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 159; *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 19 and Dec. 1, 1859.

1859 Dec. 22 The New England festival was held the evening of Dec. 22 at the Angier House. The halls and parlors were filled. The president of the society, William Slade, jr., spoke. He welcomed the guests and then gave the history of the Sons and Daughters of New England. *Leader*, Dec. 14, 21, and 23, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 275, 278; *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22, 1859.

1859 Dec. 23 "The *Leader* boys give a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor of the Angier House for sending a beautiful and well-timed lunch from the tables of the (New England) festival last night. Such favors are peculiarly acceptable in the 'sma hours.'" *Leader*, Dec. 23, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 264.

1859 Dec. 24 "Mr. Fairbanks of the Herald treated a goodly number of printers to a sleighride yesterday afternoon.... A supper at the Angier on returning to town made the ride a very lively and agreeable affair. Among the distinguished invited guests were Col. Race of Vera Cruz and Messrs. Bone, Page and Nash, of Santa Cruz." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 24, 1859.

1859 Dec. 30 — Silas Merchant relinquished his proprietorship of the Angier House to Col. R. M. N. Taylor, who for a number of years had been superintendent of the hostelry. Contemporary mention of both was complimentary. *Leader*, Dec. 31, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 186; *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 30 and 31, 1859.

1860 Jan. 5 — "Hon. Joshua R. Giddings was at the Angier last night." *Leader*, Jan. 5, 1860.

1860 Jan. 6 — The third regular meeting of the Cuyahoga County Medical society, the logical successor of the early Medical Society of the Nineteenth Medical District of Ohio, was held in the Angier House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 199.

1860 Jan. 11 — "The following were among the guests at the Angier yesterday: J. H. Hitchcock, Utica; H. A. Whitman, Hartford; M. H. Duffield, Detroit; Wm. T. Stevens, do; H. W. Wilkins, Sandusky; Miss H. Mills, do; Miss Augusta Mills, do; Jerome Munroe, do; David Daw, N. Y.; T. F. Merrick, Wellington; W. R. Gordon, New York; R. P. Reed, Warren; Mr. L. P. Thompson and Wife, Buffalo; Edward E. Cross, Arizona; T. McCullough, Wellsville; Judge Williams, Delaware; John Miller, Columbus." *Leader*, Jan. 11, 1860.

1860 Feb. 28 — "The Cleveland Hotels. The Angier House is one of the finest hotels in the country. Taylor the proprietor is an institution of himself, and is sustained in his administration by two of the best cabinet officers in the country. We refer to J. O. Seymour, Esq., Clerk, and G. L. Heaton, Esq., Steward." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1860.

1860 Mar. 26 — Complimentary statements of Governor Griener of the *Columbus Gazette*, following a three-day visit in Cleveland, included:

"Did you ever stop at the Angier? ... Never say again that you have been to Cleveland without adding -- stopped at the Angier." *Leader*, Mar. 26, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 64.

1860 Apr. 13 — Thirty-eight railroad ticket agents met at the Angier House to establish passenger rates. *Leader*, Apr. 14 and 17, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 398, 488.

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1860 Apr. 22 — A. Boody, the great railroad contractor of New York, stayed at the Angier House. *Leader*, Apr. 23, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 244.

1860 May 10 — "There were two lady aspirants for the White House at the Angier yesterday. We allude to Mrs. Daniel S. Dickinson of New York, and Mrs. B. F. Wade of this State." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1860.

1860 May 26 — A serenade was given at the Angier House to the Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson of New York. *Leader*, May 28, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 245.

1860 July 9 — Carl Schurz, here to address a meeting of German Republicans, was escorted from the Angier House to the Republican Headquarters by Wide-Awakes, who headed the torchlight procession. *Leader*, July 10, 1860.

1860 July 23 — "Every evening there may be seen parties of men in human form smoking five-cent segars in front of the Weddell, American, Johnson and Angier tavern. This smoke is very offensive to certain property-holders within a few miles of the Rolling Mill, and we are glad to hear that the Grand Jury, will instantly indict these taverns." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1860.

1860 July 25 — The Rev. Dr. Cahill was serenaded the evening of July 25 at the Angier House by the band of the Father Mathew Temperance Society." *Leader*, July 26, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 42.

1860 July 31 — "New Style. Several bachelor boarders at the ... Angier have made their appearance at the breakfast-table during the last few mornings, with tar on their coats. The tar style promises to have a greater run than the garrote collar." *Plain Dealer*, July 31, 1860.

1860 July 31 — "Dr. Smedley of New York city, who has discovered a safe cure for stammering, is now at the Angier House." *Leader*, July 31, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 191.

1860 Sept. 10 — The following distinguished guests, here for the dedication ceremonies of the Perry monument in Public Square, were quartered at the Angier House: George Bancroft, historian, who delivered the memorial

oration; Governor Sprague of Rhode Island; Governor Dennison of Ohio; Clark Mills, American sculptor; Judges of the Ohio Supreme Court; Dr. Taliaferro, surgeon of the *Caledonia* of Perry's fleet, and two of his fellow sailors; and members of the staffs of Governors Sprague and Dennison. Hodge, *Reminiscences*, II, 226 and 433; *Leader*, May 30, Apr. 7 and 10, Sept. 7, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 197-99; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 2, Sept. 8 and 10, 1860.

1860 Sept. 10 — Governors Dennison of Ohio and Sprague of Rhode Island held a levee at the Angier from eight to ten P. M. Many ladies and gentlemen called upon them. The Providence military were ranged on three sides of the room and their band furnished the music. The ball was part of the Perry day celebration. *Leader*, Sept. 11 and 12, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 488; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 11, 1860.

1860 Sept. 17 — Edward Keene, a waiter at the Angier, was badly injured when an artery in his wrist was severed with a sharp knife. His brother, John, is alleged to have stabbed him. *Leader*, Sept. 19, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 11.

1860 Sept. 21 — The Angier House "was a blaze of light and a flag hung from every window" in welcome to the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, the Democratic presidential candidate. He was escorted to the hotel by various uniformed and political marching bodies. From the hooded balcony on St. Clair Street, Douglas addressed a great throng which jammed the intersecting streets below.

Members of the Douglas entourage, including J. M. Cutts, brother of Mrs. Douglas, S. C. Benham, Douglas' business manager, were quartered at the Angier. *Leader*, Sept. 22, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 296; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21 and 22, 1860.

1860 Oct. 3 — "The Cuyahoga County Medical Society will hold their quarterly meeting at the Angier House on Thursday, Oct. 4th, 7½ o'clock P. M. Thos. G. Cleveland, Secretary." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 3, 1860.

1860 Oct. 9 — "In the last number of the New York Family Pictorial is the following 'well deserved compliment' to our excellent hotel, the Angier: 'We are quite sure we shall confer a favor by directing travelers where to find a man who can "keep a hotel".... The best hotel we found during our recent tour was in the pleasant city of Cleveland, O. It is called the "Angier." Everybody who visits Cleveland

should stop at the Angier House, kept by Mr. Taylor.... The "rail-road suppers" given at the Angier are unequalled by any in our experiences; and the entire arrangement of the dining saloon is unexceptionable.... We heard a gentleman who boards at the Le Farge House, New York, say that the Angier was the best house in the Union. He has traveled a great deal, and his judgment is good.... Mr. Taylor is one of the few men who can keep a hotel.'" *Leader*, Oct. 9, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 150.

1860 Oct. 26 "Col. Taylor of the Angier has returned from a tour to the East, looking as fresh and blooming as a daisy. The Col. keeps one of the best taverns this side of Sundown. The institution has been well conducted in his absence by Billy Dedell, Honest Old Seymour and Excelsior Heaton." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 26, 1860.

1860 Nov. 28 "A Party at the Angier. - We understand that the elegant party given by Company D, at the Angier House last year, is to be repeated this year on the 28th of this month. The arrangements have been completed, and we doubt not that it will be one of the pleasantest of the season." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 28, 1860.

1860 Dec 1 "The fifteenth annual festival of the St. Andrew's society in honor of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, was held Nov. 28 at the Angier House. ... Supper was furnished by Mr. Taylor. The principal feature at the table was the 'Scotch Haggie,' a pudding peculiar to Scotland." *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 489.

1860 Dec. 18 The Cleveland Grays gave their sixth annual ball at the Angier House. *Leader*, Dec. 12 and 18, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 232, 489.

1860 Dec. 18 "The first of the Angier House 'sociables' will be held tomorrow evening (Dec. 19)." *Leader*, Dec. 18, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 489.

1861 Jan. 8 "Angier House Sociables. - The next 'hop' will be held on Thursday evening (January 10th)." *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1861.

1861 Jan. 9 "Mr. Taylor has returned from the East and resumed his position as presiding spirit of the above widely known hotel, the Angier House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 9, 1861.

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1861 Feb. 4 "George W. Pettes was at the Angier over the Sabbath and left this morning for Illinois, where he will continue his Lecture Tour." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 4, 1861.

1861 Feb. 14 The citizens committee met at the Angier House and resolved that a committee for arrangements of Lincoln's reception here was unnecessary, since the council committee would take care of all matters. *Leader*, Feb. 15, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 439; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 15, 1861.

1861 Feb. 16 "Among the members of the press to arrive at the Angier House yesterday were Dutton of the New York *Tribune*, Drake of the *Associated Press*, Evans of the *New York World*, and Smith of the Chicago *Tribune*. They are traveling with the presidential party." *Leader*, Feb. 16, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 440.

1861 Feb. 23 "Hiram Barney, one of the prominent men of the day, who often makes the Angier House his home when stopping in Cleveland, has made the house a present of a year's subscription to the New York *Evening Post*." *Leader*, Feb. 23, 1861.

1861 Feb. 25 "William Corneil was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing knives, spoons, quilts, and linen articles from the Angier House." *Leader*, Feb. 25, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 312.

1861 Feb. 25 The Ohio house committee on benevolent institutions, arrived in Cleveland from Columbus and stopped at the Angier House. *Leader*, Feb. 25, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 546; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 25, 1861.

1861 Feb. 25 "Messrs. D. R. Jerauld and C. S. Whitney, proprietors of the Cataract House, Niagara Falls, were at the Angier, on Sunday." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 25, 1861.

1861 Feb. 28 "Hon. Lewis Cass, daughter and two grand-daughters arrived on the Pittsburgh train last evening from Washington, and left this morning for Detroit. They stopped over-night at the Angier." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1861.

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1861 Mar. 1 — Arrivals at the Angier on March 1, were: Wm. Williams, E. P. Williams and Jos. C. Harrison, Buffalo; A. Morse and E. Densmore, New York; M. L. Sykes, Chicago; John Gardiner, Norwalk, O.; A. Kind, Erie; P. Morehouse, Elkhart, Ind. and S. P. Burton, Philadelphia. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1861.

1861 Mar. 5 — The Cleveland Philharmonic society, conducted by H. P. Danks, rehearsed in the dining hall of Angier House before an invited group. *Leader*, Mar. 6, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 354; *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 6, 1861.

1861 Mar. 28 — "The Artist Dolph has just completed a life-like portrait of a well-known citizen, Peter Thatcher, Esq., which has excited universal comment. It is suspended for a day or two in the Clerk's office of the Angier. Mr. Dolph has recently come to this city to reside, - from Detroit." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 28, 1861.

1861 Mar. 28 — "Last evening by invitations of Taylor, the popular host of the Angier, the railroad men sat down to a princely banquet in the Angier House dining room." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 28, 1861.

1861 Apr. 4 — "The Angier House. Mr. R. M. N. Taylor has just effected a lease of the above excellent house for the term of five years. ... Dedell and Seymour continue as clerks. Mr. L. B. Thrall has recently become steward at the Angier, and is already a favorite." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 4, 1861.

1861 Apr. 10 — "Visit of a Committee sent by Emperor Napoleon to inspect the American Telegraph System. Mons. Ailhand, who has been sent by the Emperor Napoleon to inspect the Telegraph System of this country, has been stopping at the Angier House two or three days. He is accompanied by Mons. Grhmaceini, who acts as interpreter. They are receiving every attention from Mr. Stager, Supt. of the Western Telegraph Co., who furnished them with such information in connection with the working of the line as they desire. In France, the Telegraph is under the immediate control of the government. Morse's system is used exclusively, with some slight modifications. Mons. Ailhand is Division Director of the French Telegraph. He will spend two or three months in the country." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 10, 1861.

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1861 Apr. 19 — Mr. Taylor furnished the Guards with a supper at the Angier House. There were patriotic speeches and toasts given. *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 20, 1861.

1861 Apr. 23 — "In the evening the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Sprague Zouaves partook of a supper at the Angier, given them by B. F. Peixotto, the Judge Advocate of the Corps. ... Mr. R. M. M. Taylor, the generous host of the Angier, tendered a basket of Champaign (sic) to Capt. De. Villiers, but the Captain ... in a graceful speech declined the proffer, saying his corps even in war must be governed by the strict rules and regulations of temperance and sobriety which had made them the model Corps of the City in times of peace. The health of Mr. Taylor was then pledged by the officers in pure sparkling water." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 23, 1861.

1861 Apr 26 — Samuel A. Foot, son of Hon. John A. Foot and a business partner in Davis and Vorce, committed suicide by drowning April 23. His body was found in the Cuyahoga River following the finding of a "suicide note" left in his room at the Angier Hotel. *Leader*, Apr. 26, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 529; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 26, 1861.

1861 May 3 — A conference of Governors was held at the Angier House at which the following governors were speakers: Dennison of Ohio, Curtin of Pennsylvania, Randall of Wisconsin and Blair of Michigan. Robison, *City of Cleveland*, I, 88; *Leader*, May 3, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 204.

1861 May 13 — "Mr. G. Copway, the Indian orator, ... was at the Angier yesterday. He is enroute for Washington to obtain authority for organizing a company of Indian scouts from among the Chippeways to be used in the war." *Plain Dealer*, May 13, 1861.

1861 May 25 — "Charles Morse, Esq., late of the Louisville Democrat, was at the Angier today. He is enthusiastic on the war question, and has raised a company of volunteers in Buffalo." *Plain Dealer*, May 25, 1861.

1861 June 15 — "Arrival of the Three Months Troops from Camp Dennison. ... The Sprague Cadets escorted the returning soldiers from the depot, accompanied by the Temperance Band. A banquet was furnished them at the Angier by the Cadets." *Plain Dealer*, June 15, 1861.

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1861 June 30 — S. B. Kingston, Philadelphia, of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, was at the Angier. *Leader*, July 1, 1861.

1861 July 1 — "Luxuries of the Season. - Green corn made its appearance upon the Angier House tables yesterday." *Leader*, July 1, 1861.

1861 July 2 — "Angier House arrivals, - C. A. Ely, wife, child's nurse, Elyria, O.; H. C. Teenick, Philadelphia; H. C. Bones, do; Jno. McCarl, Mendelo, Ill.; W. W. Jones, Cincinnati; Miss S. Griswold, Norwalk; Mrs. F. Bott, do; J. M. McCallough, Wellsville; J. Gromely, Philadelphia; O. S. Cox, Wisconsin; D. F. Gean, do; G. P. Ely, Lake Superior; R. M. Snow, New York; G. Bradley, do; Mrs. R. A. Douglas and three children, Brooklyn; P. A. Douglass, New York; B. Prista, Pittsburgh; J. Pemick, wife, do; Mrs. Edington, do; Mrs. Mair, do; A. Austell, Georgia; John Caldwell, South Carolina; James Dibole, Detroit; J. D. Slade, Chicago; J. D. Wells, do; F. Marsh, wife, child and nurse, do; Albert Kap, do." *Leader*, July 2, 1861.

1861 July 3 — "The Committee on Invitation for the Fourth of July Celebration, desirous of having a full representation of the industry of the city in the procession, ... invite ... tradesmen of all pursuits, to report to the Marshal at the Angier House on or before Wednesday morning, when they will be assigned to places in the procession." *Leader*, July 3, 1861.

1861 July 4 — "The Akron Band arrived on the 7 o'clock Pittsburgh train last evening, and played several airs from the balcony of the Angier." *Leader*, July 4, 1861.

1861 July 7 — Lieut. W. W. Wilson, of the cavalry service, U.S.A., was at the Angier. *Leader*, July 8, 1861.

1861 July 9 — "Major Jack Casement, of the 7th regiment, arrived in this city last evening, on a short furlough. ... Those desiring to send packages to their friends in the 7th Regiment can leave them with H. Nottingham, Esq., at the Angier House." *Plain Dealer*, July 9, 1861.

1861 July 20 — "Twelve officers, all appointed to the 15th U.S. Infantry, were at the Angier House this morning." *Leader*, July 20, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 153.

1861 July 22 — "The wool trade brings many strangers to Cleveland. Among the arrivals at the Angier are Mr. Winans of Canada, and Mr. Butterfield, of England, both heavy purchasers of wool." *Plain Dealer*, July 22, 1861.

1861 Aug. 7 — Forty-five persons from various states and cities arrived at the Angier House. *Leader*, Aug. 8, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 313.

1861 Aug. 8 — Fifty-one persons from various states and cities arrived at the Angier House. *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 313.

1861 Aug. 19 — "On Saturday afternoon (Aug. 17) Mr. Hanna, of the firm of Hanna, Garrettson & Co., received a despatch from his brother, a merchant in Pittsburgh, informing him that Prince Jerome and a portion of his suite were on board the train from Pittsburgh to Cleveland and would remain in Cleveland over Sunday. The despatch desired Mr. Hanna to engage rooms for the party at the Angier. He accordingly did so. The Pittsburgh train did not arrive until near 10 o'clock Saturday evening. Mr. Taylor had carriages waiting at the Euclid street depot, where the Prince and suite left the cars and were conveyed to the hotel. The Prince is registered as Comte de Mendon, which title he assumes while in this country. He is accompanied upon his western tour by five distinguished gentlemen, viz: M. Mercier, French Minister at Washington, M. Ferri Pisana, and M. Ragon. Colonels of the Empire and Aide de Camp; Capt. Bonfils, formerly Governor of Gaudaloupe and now of the French Navy, and M. Maurice Sand, son of Madam George Sand.

"After supper Mr. Taylor, on request of the Prince, conducted him to the lake side and he got his first view of Lake Erie, by moonlight.

"Prince Napoleon is about five feet in stature, quite fleshy, with a decidedly Napoleonic profile. His age is probably about forty. When he arrived on Saturday evening he was dressed in a plain traveling suit of gray and a straw hat, and would have excited no curiosity had he not been expected.

"Yesterday (Aug. 18) the Prince and suite drove out on Euclid and Kinsman streets, visited the Water Works, the Rolling Mills and various points of interest, and expressed themselves much pleased with our city.

"It being reported yesterday morning that the Prince would be conveyed in a carriage to the steamer *North Star*, quite a multitude assembled near the St. Clair street entrance of the Angier House

to get a glimpse of him. Expecting to see him get into a carriage standing at the door, they did not notice a plainly dressed gentleman of robust appearance, in a straw hat, who walked out of the door and passed leisurely through the crowd towards Bank street. It was the Prince, himself, and he no doubt laughed quietly within at the way in which the crowd of curious ones was sold. He strolled about the city alone and unrecognized, to his heart's content." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1861.

1861 Aug. 20 "Departure of the Prince. Prince Napoleon and suite left for Lake Superior last evening on the steamer *North Star*. Sargeant's Band accompanies the excursion. A multitude gathered about the Angier last evening, exhibiting much vulgar curiosity to get a view of the royalty. They filled up the halls and staircase and swarmed on the sidewalks, crowding, jostling, &c. It was very annoying to him and in bad taste for our people. He wishes to travel in this country like any quiet gentleman and should be allowed to do so.

"The Prince was much pleased with the Angier House and expressed his thanks to Mr. Taylor, previous to his departure, for the attentions he had met with.

"A large crowd assembled at the dock of the *North Star* last evening to get a sight of the prince.

"The party will doubtless be here again in about fifteen days en route for Niagara Falls." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 20, 1861.

1861 Aug. 20 "Angier House. We find the following complimentary notice of the above house in the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser. We endorse every word of it:

"'The Angier House. - One of the best hotels in the West, or in the country, is the Angier House, of Cleveland. Mr. R. M. N. Taylor, the proprietor, is a very prince of good fellows, and everything about his establishment is kept in the most excellent order. When we recommend him and his house to the notice of the traveling public we speak of that which we know, for a few days recently spent there will always be marked in our memory with a white stone.'" *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 20, 1861.

1861 Aug. 22 "Arrival of Artemus Ward - His Reception. We made notice several days ago of a meeting at the Angier to make arrangements for the reception of Artemus Ward. ... Ward arrived on the Pittsburgh

train this morning. He was assisted from the cars by the committee on depot, of which Clark Warren is chairman, and conducted to Wheeler's dining hall, where he was refreshed with a coarse comb and a blacking brush.

"News of his arrival flashed along the line of hacks, omnibuses, and street railroads, and in a shorter time than it takes to print these lines and put up the mails the various committees were notified and on hand, notwithstanding a drenching shower.

"The procession moved to the Angier House, where Artemus 'puts up.'" *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1861.

1861
Aug. 24 "A large Stock of Goods consisting of Clothes, Cassimeres, Doeskins, Silk, Woolen and Marseilles, Vestings, Linen Goods, Half-hose, Shirts, Collars, Suspenders, Cravats, Gloves, &c., everything belonging to a Merchant Taylor's Stock, will be sold at and below cost during the next few days, only, at 96 Bank street, under the Angier House. Gentlemen wishing outfits will find this a grand chance to save money." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 24, 1861.

1861
Aug. 30 There were 22 arrivals at the Angier House from various cities and states. *Leader*, Aug. 31, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 313.

1861
Sept. 9 "Hon. David Tod, Union Candidate for Governor, arrived from 'Little Mountain' this morning and stops at the Angier." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 9, 1861.

1861
Sept. 16 "The Rutan Girls. This marrying and changing names loses the track. The Rutan girls, Catherine, afterwards Mrs. Parcell, Frances and Lydia, will find a California sister at the Angier. Hurry up girls and not keep Jane waiting." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 16, 1861.

1861
Oct. 3 "At the Angier. Geo. W. Snediker has purchased the periodical and cigar stand in the Angier House, of Harry Olmstead." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 3, 1861.

1861
Oct. 8 "A select division of the Independent Order of Old Bachelors enjoyed a fish dinner at the Angier House last night. The fish were speckled trout supplied by Lieutenant Richards of the steamer *North Star*." *Leader*, Oct. 8, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 520.

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1861 Oct 23 — "The Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad with all its appurtenances will go on sale tomorrow at the Angier House.... A number of prominent railroad men have already arrived." *Leader*, Oct. 23, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 467.

1861 Nov. 7 — M. F. Maury who was arrested for carrying a number of letters to the Rebel states was at the Angier in the charge of a Cincinnati officer. The letter contained sufficient evidence to convict him as a Rebel agent. *Leader*, Nov. 8 and 9, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 102.

1861 Nov. 11 — "On Nov. 9, a colored waiter made a brutal and villainous attack upon a chambermaid in the Angier. The girl is confined to her bed from injuries inflicted by the inhuman assailant, who escaped but is being sought by the police." *Leader*, Nov. 11, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 471.

1861 Nov. 12 — "The reported attack at the Angier House on Nov. 9, in which a chambermaid was assaulted was not as savage an affair as we were led to suppose. The perfect harmony and regulation which at all times prevail at the Angier would prevent any occasion for any charges of wrong doing." *Leader*, Nov. 12, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 471.

1861 Dec. 2 — "We are not yet informed of the amount realized by the Angier House party of Nov. 27, for the Soldiers Aid Society, but the amount will not be as large as was hoped. So far as a fashionable attendance, complete arrangements, and a magnificent supper were concerned, the party was a perfect success." *Leader*, Dec. 2, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 222.

1861 Dec. 21 — "Members of the dramatic company of which the Webb Sisters are the principal attraction, arrived in the city for a limited engagement. They were quartered at the Angier House." *Leader*, Dec. 21, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 536.

1861 Dec. 25 — "A large crowd gathered at the Angier last evening to witness a pleasant presentation affair. Henry Nottingham, Esq., the efficient and popular superintendent of the Cleveland Erie railroad, was presented with an elegant gold headed cane as a token of friendship and respect." *Leader*, Dec. 25, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 469.

1862 Jan. 8 — "Among the 44 persons from various parts of the country arriving at the Angier House yesterday were Captain Wilkens and Miss Watson of Detroit, amd Mrs. Loring of Washington." *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 390.

1862 Jan. 8 — "We are pleased to congratulate our friend William Bedell, late chief clerk of the Angier, upon his appointment in the army. He has received his commission as Captain of artillery in the Regular Army, a very high and honorable position." *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 188.

1862 Jan. 11 — "The Hon. John A. Kasson, first assistant postmaster general, is stopping at the Angier House." *Leader*, Jan. 11, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 498.

1862 Jan. 17 — "Mr. Bruciani, one of the actors at the theater (probably Theater Comique) while descending a stairway in the Angier House yesterday, slipped and fell, spraining his ankle so severely that it will probably prevent his appearance at the theater for several days." *Leader*, Jan. 17, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 1.

1862 Jan. 27 — "As the Angier House Omnibus was passing down Vineyard street hill, Saturday afternoon, the tongue of the vehicle broke, causing it to slide into the gutter and upset. Fortunately nobody was hurt, although it contained five ladies and one gentleman. The inmates were certainly fortunate in escaping as they did." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 27, 1862.

1862 Jan. 29 — Brig. Gen. Thomas Stevens, of Wisconsin, stayed at the Angier House. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 30, 1862.

1862 Feb. 18 — "Rejoicing in the City, Yankee Doodle, Bonfires, Artillery, Practice, Snow Balls and Good Humor. The city from morning to night yesterday, was fairly alive with joy and enthusiasm, ... as the good news continued to pour in.... Mr. Taylor, of the Angier, procured the services of the Temperance Band, which performed at intervals on the balcony in front during the evening.

"The great bonfire at the corner of Bank and St. Clair streets, (in front of the Angier House) was the principal feature of the evening's rejoicing. ... Arrangements were made at the Angier by which the telegraphic sheets were brought over from the office,

across the street, and read to the intensely interested crowd filling up the hotel. The news of the surrender of Savannah to our forces under the brave Commodore Du Pont, capped the climax of the evening's celebration, and everybody seemed to think there had been glory enough for one day." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 18, 1862.

1862 Mar. 11 "We notice among the list of arrivals at the Angier House today the following name: 'Mr. Manassas, from Old Virginia, U.S.A., one of the F. F. V.'s (First Families of Virginia).'" *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 11, 1862.

1862 Mar. 18 "The Angier House is undergoing its usual brushing up for the spring." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 18, 1862.

1862 Mar. 28 General Ahaz Merchant, one of the owners of the Angier House, died at the hotel following a long illness. He was 68 years old. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 28, 1862.

1862 Apr. 9 "Receipt of the Great News. Anxiety and Enthusiasm - A meeting to be Held at the Angier tonight. Turn Out! Excitement and patriotic enthusiasm reigns supreme in our city today, caused by the news from Pittsburgh Landing, the scene of the late great battle, which, according to the particulars, furnished us by the telegraph, was by far the greatest one ever fought in the New World. . . . Taking this latter fact into consideration, it becomes peculiarly incumbent upon our citizens to call a meeting to take measure for the relief of the wounded; and we are glad to announce that such a meeting will be held at the Angier House tonight. The importance and usefulness of the Soldiers' Aid Society is made particularly manifest on this occasion." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1862.

1862 Apr. 10 "There was a large gathering of our citizens at the Angier last evening (April 9, 1862) to take measures for the relief of our wounded at Pittsburg, pursuant to a call published in last evening's issue. Two hundred and fifty dollars was subscribed for the noble work before the meeting adjourned - a contribution that seems rather small when we take into consideration the fact that probably twelve times that amount would be no more than sufficient." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 10, 1862.

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1862 Apr. 11 "Capt. Brown, of Co. C. Ohio 14th is stopping at the Angier House and leaves for Corinth this evening. Any person wishing to send letters to Standard's or King's battery and to the Ohio 14th regiment will leave them at the Angier House any time before 7 o'clock this evening." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 11, 1862.

1862 Apr. 23 "The Annual Festival of the St. George's Benevolent Society, of the City of Cleveland, will take place at the Angier House, on St. George's Day, April 23rd." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 23, 1862.

1862 May 14 "An informal meeting of citizens was held yesterday at the Angier House. The Hon. D. R. Tilden was appointed chairman, and G. Willey, secretary. Judge Spaulding made some appropriate remarks and stated the object of the meeting was to make arrangements to pay a tribute of respect to the gallant and distinguished Commodore Foote. A committee of ten will meet tomorrow at the office of Judge Spaulding at 11 a.m." *Leader*, May 14, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 499.

1862 June 12 "Henry Marvin, formerly clerk of the Angier House, ... leaves in a few days for Buffalo to take charge of the American House in that city." *Leader*, June 12, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 391.

1862 June 23 "A young lady on her way from Minnesota to visit her friends in New York state arrived in the city on June 21, and stopped at the Angier House. Soon after her arrival she sent a servant girl to procure her some laudanum. ... A few hours after this, she was found to be very ill, and upon being questioned she acknowledged she had taken the laudanum. Mustard emetics were immediately given, which thwarted her firmly expressed determination to destroy herself. The cause for the act is evidently mental alienation." *Leader*, June 23, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 649.

1862 June 23 "The many friends of William Bedell will be glad to learn that after an absence of several months he has returned to his old post at the Angier." *Leader*, June 23, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 391.

1862 July 22 Colonel J. R. Grosvenor of Michigan, H. M. Lazell, U.S.A., R. O. Suffridge, aide to General Pope, and Colonel Hoffman, commandant of the Rebel prisoners depot, were registered at the Angier House. *Leader*, July 23, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 214.

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1862 Sept. 2 "Stephan Gredge, Esq., one of the proprietors of the Louisville hotel, Louisville, Ky., is stopping at the Angier." *Leader*, Sept. 2, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 391.

1862 Sept. 9 "We notice that the Erie Railway has lately put up some elegant bulletin boards in the Weddell and Angier Houses." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 9, 1862.

1862 Sept. 9 A new military company convened in the men's parlor of the Angier House for the purpose of perfecting a new military organization, known as the City Guard. Mr. Peixotto was chosen chairman of the meeting. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1862.

1862 Sept. 10 A meeting was held at the Angier House to organize a first class military company. Nineteen members were present. *Leader*, Sept. 11, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 232.

1862 Sept. 28 "R. M. Taylor has concluded to leave the Angier. He intends to open an eating house in Meadville, Pa. Yesterday the boarders and invited guests sat down at the Angier to a farewell dinner given Mr. Taylor in expectation of his departure.

"William Bedell, a clerk in the Angier, will be Taylor's successor." *Leader*, Sept. 28, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 391.

1862 Oct. 2 "Mary Ann Beard, charged with stealing silver spoons and other small matters from the Angier House while she was a servant there, was found guilty of petty larceny. She was fined five dollars and costs and sent to jail for three days." *Leader*, Oct. 2, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 405.

1862 Oct. 13 Francis Granger, postmaster-general under President Harrison, stayed at the Angier House. *Leader*, Oct. 15, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 501.

1862 Oct. 29 "The Cleveland correspondent of the *Capital City Fact* writes that William Bedell, Esq., is now the worthy proprietor of the Angier House and assures us that it bids fair to maintain its ancient high reputation." *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 392.

1862 Nov. 3 "Richings and daughter, well known actors, arrived at the Angier yesterday. They will positively appear at the Academy of Music tonight." *Leader*, Nov. 3, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 670.

1862 Nov. 14 The Ahaz Merchant estate sold to Francis Granger part of lot No. 53, the south part of the Kennard Hotel site, for a consideration of $7000. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 120, 448, 449.

1862 Nov. 20 "Among the numerous arrivals at the Angier last evening were the Hon. John Sherman of Ohio." *Leader*, Nov. 20, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 502.

1862 Nov. 24 L. M. Gottschalk, America's foremost pianist, and Carlotta Patti, famed Italian singer, who were to give a joint recital here, stayed at the Angier House. *Leader*, Nov. 24, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 502.

1862 Dec. 1 "Colonel J. P. Ross of the Weddell House will assume the proprietorship of the Angier House on Dec. 1. He will keep the Weddell open as usual until Jan. 1, 1863, when it will be closed for the winter." *Leader*, Nov. 27, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 392.

1863 "Angier House, Bank Street, (corner of St. Clair) Cleveland, Ohio. This deservedly popular House has just been elegently refitted and furnished by J. P. Ross, (late of The Weddell House) and is now open to The Public." Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64.

1863 Jan. 1 The Angier House, closed for a few weeks, was thoroughly renovated inside, newly carpeted, painted and furnished, and opened on New Year's morning by Colonel J. P. Ross, its proprietor. George Sisson was the steward, and L. P. Thrall, the assistant steward. William Bedell was chief clerk. *Leader*, Jan. 1 and 3, 1863.

1863 Jan. 5 "Major Hampson of the 124th, arrived from Cincinnati Saturday morning, quite sick. He is confined to his room at the Angier House." *Leader*, Jan. 5, 1863.

1863 Jan. 10 "Died: This morning, at the Angier House, William E. Beattie, aged seventeen years." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1863.

1863 Jan. 12 "George Gilbert of Cleveland was arrested last night at the Angier House by Officer Simmons and charged with participating with others in a game whereby they won nearly a quarter of a million dollars in government money from Army Paymaster Cook." *Leader*, Jan. 12, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 213.

1863 Jan. 17 "Lieutenant Colonel Asper of the 7th Ohio infantry is at the Angier House. He was injured at the battle of Winchester." *Leader*, Jan. 17, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 130.

1863 Jan. 21 "On Sunday, the 11th inst., the rooms of Major Thompson, and Mr. Tracy, of New York City, at the Angier House, were burglariously entered. The thief broke into Major Thompson's trunk and took from thence a diamond ring, presented to the Major by his brother, besides several little toilet articles and other things of small value. No money was secured whatever. At first, suspicion fastened upon the Angier House servants, but circumstances have since transpired that point to a fast young man, by the name of Charles Clinton, a boarder at the Angier when the theft occurred, as the guilty one. Clinton arrived in town about two weeks ago, from Brooklyn, New York, and stopped at the Angier House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1863.

1863 Jan. 21 "John Ellsler, manager of the Academy of Music, was at the Angier this morning." *Leader*, Jan. 21, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 501.

1863 Jan. 29 "Col. Harew, one of the most prominent heroes of (Murfreesboro), arrived on Tuesday evening last, and is stopping at the Angier House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1863.

1863 Jan. 29 "The thief and confidence man, Theodore C. Vernargedale, alias, Theodore C. Clinton, appeared before Justice Benham this morning, and, waiving an examination, was bound over to the Court of Common Pleas in the sum of $600 for the Angier House robbery, and $500 for the Johnson House robbery. He failed to procure these amounts, and was accordingly lodged in jail. His trial has been set for the 9th of next month." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1863.

1863 Jan. 29 "A convention of threshing machine manufacturers is announced to take place at the Angier House this afternoon. Representatives will be present from various parts of the country." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1863.

1863 Feb. 3 "Clinton alias Van Argedale was convicted of petit larceny yesterday before Judge Tilden, of the Probate Court charged with stealing $25 from Captain Dooley's room in the Johnson House. The Court sentenced him to pay a fine of $25 and to be imprisoned in Jail for fifteen days. Judge Tilden prefaced the sentence with a withering rebuke to the prisoner for choosing to indulge in such outrageous conduct. Clinton will be tried at the next term of the Court of Common Pleas on a charge of grand larceny - based on his Angier House burglary. M S. Castle, Esq., is his attorney." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 3, 1863.

1863 Feb. 3 Eighteen members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Senate stayed at the Angier House while here to inspect the state's insane asylum at Newburgh. *Leader,* Feb. 3 and 4, 1863, *Newspaper Annals,* XLVI, 412.

1863 Feb. 4 "Major General Pope and staff arrived from the east this morning, and put up at the Angier House." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 4, 1863.

1863 Feb. 5 "Yesterday afternoon Feb. 4 about four o'clock a large number of our citizens, with Leland's Band, proceeded to the Angier House in order to present their respects to Major General Pope. The General received his guests at the foot of the office stairway, where Mr. C. W. Palmer explained to him the object of the gathering." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 5, 1863.

1863 Feb. 9 "Leander Foster (colored), a cook at the Angier House; for assaulting, on Friday last, the barkeeper of the hotel, was fined ten dollars and costs." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 9, 1863.

1863 Feb. 23 The Ahaz Merchant estate and others sold to Samuel B. Prentiss and Frederick J. Prentiss part of lot No. 53, fifty-two feet on the east side of Bank St. and 82½ feet on the south side of St. Clair St., the north part of the Kennard House site, for the consideration of $8700. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* Vol. 118, 459, 462.

1863 Feb. 26 "Yesterday a young woman registered at the Angier House as Mrs. Robinson of Kansas. At her request, the clerk, Mr. Bedell, called some of the Mason fraternity.

"In the meantime, Depot Officer Clark Warren received a dispatch from Warren, which described and warned against a woman who posed as the wife of a Mason.

"Mr. Warren notified Col. J. P. Ross, proprietor of the hotel, who visited the lady's room while she was having an interview with the Masonic brethren. He read the dispatch to her. She left last night." *Leader*, Feb. 26, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 343.

1863 Mar. 1 — Samuel B. Prentiss and Frederick J. Prentiss were owners of the Angier House at Bank (now West 6th Street) and St. Clair Streets. The hotel had a frontage of 52 feet on Bank Street and extended 82½ feet east on St. Clair Street. John P. Ross on March 1, 1863, leased the hotel and lot for $200 a month, excepting a room on Bank Street occupied as a barber shop. The lease was terminated on December 31 of that year. *Court Records*, IV, 149.

1863 Apr. 9 — "About 65 members of the Cincinnati Pioneer association arrived April 8 and took rooms at the Angier. They intend to spend a couple of days in our city." *Leader*, Apr. 9, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 346.

1863 Apr. 22 — "The state board of agriculture of Ohio commenced a session at the Angier House yesterday morning. ... The board determined to hold the next state fair in Cleveland, Sept. 15, 16, 17 and 18." *Leader*, Apr. 22, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 6.

1863 Apr. 29 — "Charles F. Browne, better known as 'Artemus Ward' arrived at the Angier hotel yesterday afternoon. He will tarry here for a few days, visiting friends." *Leader*, Apr. 29, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 285.

1863 May 4 — "Today the annual convention of the National Typographical union begins its session at the council hall.... Delegates are ... stopping at the Angier Hotel." *Leader*, May 4, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 276.

1863 May 6 — "The typographical union of Cleveland gave a complimentary supper at the Angier House last evening for the National Typographical union. ... Loud calls were made for 'Artemus Ward,' but the celebrated humorist was unavoidably absent." *Leader*, May 6, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 277.

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1863 May 23 "The present week the Angier House, of which Col. J. P. Ross is the proprietor, has been thronged by those attending the Baptist anniversaries and the Union conventions. On May 20 over 1,200 took dinner at the Angier." *Leader*, May 23, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 267.

1863 June 8 "A number of our leading citizens assembled last week at the Angier House for the purpose of forming an association to procure a tract of land to be used as a driving park.... The place proposed at present is the fair ground." *Leader*, June 8, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 254.

1863 June 9 "At a meeting last night at the Angier House officers and directors of the Cleveland Driving Park Association were elected. ... Among the rules recommended ... were: That said park shall be kept open from three p.m. to eight p.m. and none but members of the association will be admitted, that no racing, gambling or betting shall be allowed on the grounds; and this association shall go into operation as soon as fifty subscribers are obtained." *Leader*, June 9, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 254.

1863 June 24 "A convention of special mail agents commences its sessions in this city at the Angier House today." *Leader*, June 24, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 431.

1863 July 18 "Since Captain Barney's advent at the Angier House, as its steward, the business of the hotel has improved in a marked degree." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1863.

1863 July 20 "The following officers of the Erie Railway are at present stopping at the Angier: W. R. Barr, General Passenger Agent; E. S. Spencer, General Western Agent; and N. C. Harris, Passenger Agent at Cincinnati. Surgeon J. C. Garton, of the 27th Michigan regiment, is also stopping at the Angier." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1863.

1863 July 31 "Dr. R. J. Jordan, M. R. C. S. E. Professor of Anatomy and Medicine, Principal of the Parisan Cabinet of Wonders and Anatomy, Broadway, New York, may be consulted until the 4th of August at the Angier House, on diseases of the urethra, nervous or acquired debility, pains in the back, diseases of the heart or lungs - in fact, all diseases incident to the human frame." *Plain Dealer*, July 31, 1863.

1863 Sept 8 "Private Families, as well as Boarding House Proprietors, who are so situated as to accommodate visitors to the State Fair with Boarding and lodging during the Fair, will please leave their number of house and street, together with a statement of how many Ladies and Gentlemen can be accommodated by them, and what rate per day will be charged with the undersigned, to be registered in a book, which will be entrusted to a competent person of the Angier House, during the Fair, so that Visitors can at once be directed to the place. ... John H. Klippart." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1863.

1863 Sept. 10 "John W. Forney and a half dozen other demagogues were at the Angier House last night, en route for Erie, Penn." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1863.

1863 Sept. 10 "Persons desirous of exhibiting articles at the State Fair, which is to take place on the 15, 16, 17 and 18 inst., will avoid delay in making entries at the time of the Fair by calling on the undersigned - for the present located at the Angier House. ... John H. Klippart, Corresponding Sec'y." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1863.

1863 Sept. 21 "There were over 1,000 names registered at the Angier House, ... from Sept. 14 until Sept. 19." *Leader*, Sept. 21, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 267.

1863 Oct. 1 "The festival of the society of St. Andrew, held last night, was well attended by an excellent representation of the wealth, the fashion, the beauty and the intellect of our fair city. At nine p.m. the invited guests, numbering over 400, sat down together to a sumptuous and elegant banquet prepared by Col. J. R. Ross of the Angier House." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 331, 332.

1863 Oct. 17 Brough was elected governor by a large majority. A formal celebration was held with the customary bonfires, torches, illuminations, fireworks, followed by speeches from the Angier house by Brough, Governor Tod and General Sigel. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 283.

1863 Oct. 20 "The Angier House is constantly filled with guests from cellar to garrett, and Colonel Ross, its proprietor, is obliged to exert himself to the utmost to accommodate the vast crowd." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 20, 1863.

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1863 Nov. 5 — "General Starkweather and staff, of the 14th Army Corps, was at the Angier House yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 5, 1863.

1863 Nov. 7 — "The committee of arrangements having in charge the proposed celebration in honor of the opening of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway met last evening at the Angier and appointed a number of sub-committees for the purpose of better carrying out the programme." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 7, 1863.

1863 Nov. 19 — "The celebration yesterday of the opening of the broad gauge track of the Atlantic and Great Western railroad to Cleveland was a most triumphant success. The Cleveland delegation traveled to Meadville and met the New York train. ... The united companies returned to Cleveland and 'proceeded to the Angier House amidst a brilliant, indescribable volley of fireworks.'" *Leader*, Nov. 19, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 442.

1863 Dec. 18 — "The Hon. A. G. Riddle, who will leave us to assume his new duties as United States consul at Mantanzas, was made the recipient of a pleasant testimonial ... in the shape of a most splendid banquet, at the Angier House on Dec. 16." *Leader*, Dec. 18, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 344.

1863 Dec. 19 — "The national convention of U.S. assessors assembled at nine a.m., at Chapin's hall.... (Delegates) gathered at a social supper at the Angier House at nine o'clock." *Leader*, Dec. 19, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 8.

1863 Dec. 19 — "Bishop G. T. Bedell of this (Episcopal) diocese and his wife were in town yesterday and stopped at the Angier." *Leader*, Dec. 19, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 35.

1864 Jan. 11 — T. M. Kennard, of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, stayed at the Angier House. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1864.

1864 Jan. 12 — "Brig. Gen. Cameron of the 1st Brigade, 3 Division 13 Army Corps, New Orleans, was at the Angier this morning. As were also Ed. F. Noyas, Colonel of the 37 Ohio Regiment and Major J. E. Walker, U.S. Army Paymaster. The Angier is constantly overrun. Last evening the Gent's Parlor was filled with cots in order to accommodate the great rush." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1864.

1864 Jan. 14 "Lieut. Col. Higinbotham, of the First U. S. Chasseurs, was in the Angier House last evening." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 14, 1864.

1864 Jan. 15 "C. W. Could, tragic artist, and his accomplished daughter stopped at the Angier Hotel. Between 10 and 11 a.m. from 70 to 80 people registered there." *Leader,* Jan. 15, 1864, *Newspaper Annals,* XLVII, 275.

1864 Jan. 16 "John Goettler's excellent barber shop at the Angier House is fast growing in popularity.... Attached to his shop are a suit of fine bath rooms." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 16, 1864.

1864 Jan. 16 "R. E. Hoyt, Esq. Editor of the Chicago Commercial Advertiser, and Capt. A. J. Smith, U.S.A. are at the Angier House." *Plain Dealer.* Jan. 16, 1864.

1864 Jan. 25 "The few soldiers left in the 25th regiment arrived in Cleveland. They marched from the Atlantic and Great Western station to Camp Cleveland, where quarters were assigned. The American, the Angier, and the Weddell Houses opened their doors to the soldiers. Two hundred and fifty men were in the regiment. It was organized in Camp Chase in June, 1861." *Leader,* Jan. 25, 1864, *Newspaper Annals,* XLVII, 337.

1864 Feb. 8 "The Angier being Overhauled. Mr. Ross, proprietor of the Angier, has commenced a series of repairs and alterations that will render his hotel one of the most elegant and popular with the travelling community, and will now gain a new lease thereof, through the medium of the above mentioned repairs. Besides repainting the building from top to bottom, many of the rooms will be refurnished, and the whole will be overhauled and thoroughly renovated. The present barber shop will be fitted up into an elegant bar, and the room adjoining it into a first class billiard apartment. A new Steward of vast experience has been added to the hotel corps, and in short nothing will be left undone to make the Angier one of the first of Western Hotels." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 8, 1864.

1864 Feb. 17 Dr. Jones, a Cleveland oculist, brought to the *Leader* office a cross-eyed man. He claimed he could cure him. The evening of the same day this doctor brought the same man back with his eyes straightened. Dr. Jones resides at the Angier House. *Leader,* Feb. 17, 1864, *Newspaper Annals,* XLVII, 152.

1864 Feb. 20 The Angier House changed owners, having been purchased by William Kennard, Esq. of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad. *Leader*, Feb. 20, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 131; *Court Records*, IV, 149.

1864 Feb. 22 General James A. Garfield and Mrs. Garfield were at the Angier House. Guests at the same time were Col. Wm. E. McCreery of the 21st Michigan Regiment and Lieut. Col. J. M. Wells of the 8th Michigan Regiment, escaped prisoners from Libby Prison in Richmond, Va. They were enroute to their homes. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 23, 1864.

1864 Mar. 16 "The new Board of Officers of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society are notified to meet at the Angier House in Cleveland, on Tuesday, March 22d. The retiring Board (of 1863) are requested to meet with the new Board, at the same time and place." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 16, 1864.

1864 Mar. 26 "The Cuyahoga County Agricultural society held a meeting at the Angier hotel last night." *Leader*, Mar. 26, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 1.

1864 Apr. 1 "It is expected that Gen. Grant will arrive here early this evening from Washington enroute for Western Army and that he will remain in town during the night, stopping at the Angier House. A public reception is talked of." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 1, 1864.

1864 Apr. 18 "Dr. Lighthill will visit Cleveland May 9, and remain one week at the Angier House. There he may be consulted on deafness, and catarrh and diseases of the ear and throat." *Leader*, Apr. 18, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 153.

1864 July 14 "A. M. Griswold, Esq. - the well known and witty 'Gris,' formerly of the (Cleveland) *Leader*, - was in town yesterday, and stopped at the Angier." *Plain Dealer*, July 14, 1864.

1864 July 14 "A full house - That excellent and well ordered hotel, the Angier, still retains its popularity. We observe over one hundred and twenty arrivals registered on its books today." *Plain Dealer*, July 14, 1864.

1864 Aug. 6 — "R. S. McEwen, city editor of the Columbus Journal, and W. W. Webb, city editor of the Statesman, are in town, stopping with their wives at the Angier House." *Plain Dealer,* Aug. 6, 1864.

1864 Aug. 11 — "Among the arrivals at the Angier House today are ... Madam Virginia Whiting Lorini, Sig. L. Stefoni, Sig. F. Amodio, Herr Justin Juck and Nicola Getti, of the Italian Opera Troupe. Wm. D. English and wife, Wheeling; W. G. Sargent, A. & G. W. R. R., Capt. A. B. Dod, U.S.A.; E. Kelsey, Columbus, O; G. W. George and George Sourgis, Phil; E. Thurston and wife, Ky.; A. Winchell and wife, Mass.; Wm. Windelee and wife, Kansas." *Plain Dealer,* Aug. 11, 1864.

1864 Aug. 31 — An impromptu political meeting was organized at the Angier, where a stirring address was given by Col. John W. Heisly, and received with great applause. *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 1, 1864.

1864 Oct. 10 — "Among the guests at the Angier, yesterday were the Hon. D. W. Stambaugh, Hon. Geo. Bliss, representative of the 14th Congressional District, and T. W. Kennard, Esq., and H. F. Sweetser, Esq., of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway." *Plain Dealer,* Oct. 10, 1864

1864 Nov. 12 — Samuel B. and Frederick J. Prentiss were owners of the Angier House at Bank and St. Clair streets. The hotel had a frontage of 52 feet on Bank Street and extended 82½ feet east from the corner on St. Clair Street.

John P. Ross on March 1, 1863, leased the hotel and lot for $200 a month (excepting a room on Bank Street used as a barber shop). The lease was terminated on December 31 of that year. Ross declared that the premises were greatly in need of repair and were in unsuitable condition for use as a public house. He contended that on January 1, 1864, the Prentiss brothers agreed to put the Angier House in good condition and to lease the property to him for three more years at $200 a month.

Ross stated that the repairing of the hotel took three weeks. The Prentiss brothers said the work required nine days. While the building was undergoing repairs, Ross stated, he was deprived of the use of the hotel and prospective guests were obliged to seek accommodation elsewhere. He maintained that he was damaged to the extent of $250. This was denied by the Prentiss brothers.

Ross maintained that at the request of the Prentiss brothers or their agents he had paid out $243 to certain persons for painting, plastering and whitewashing. The Prentiss brothers claimed they had employed no one but a certain Charles W. Hind to do the repairing.

The hotel was sold to Thomas M. Kennard on February 11, 1864. The Prentiss brothers claimed they had ordered that repair work be stopped; and that Ross had obtained permission from Kennard for the extra work.

Ross refused to pay the rental for January and February, 1864, on the ground that the Prentiss brothers did not carry out their part of the agreement.

The Prentiss brothers filed suit against Ross for $400 on Nov. 12, 1864, in the Court of Common Pleas. Ross countered with a claim of $243 paid for repairs to be deducted from the $400 rental; also, damages of $250.

A jury returned a verdict in favor of the Prentiss brothers for $332 and interest of $26.43. *Court Records,* IV, 149.

1865 July 20 "There is a rumor afloat that the Angier House is to be re-opened, and that R. M. N. Taylor, Esq., of the McHervey House, at Meadville, is to be the proprietor. ... Our citizens and the traveling public would gladly welcome back to this city Mr. Taylor under whose management the Angier was once so eminently popular." *Plain Dealer,* July 20, 1865.

1865 Aug. 8 "A fire broke out in the store room in the northeast corner of the Angier House, about half past ten last night, which was soon subdued. It was the work of an incendiary. ... About $1,000 worth of liquors was stored in the rooms. Loss about $75.00." *Plain Dealer,* Aug. 8, 1865.

1865 Oct. 20 "The workmen engaged in soldering the roof of the Angier House had left their little furnaces on top of the building. The wind had fanned the embers, and live coals were being blown all over the roof and into the street. For fear a conflagration might ensue the steamers were called out. The threatened danger was averted and no damage was done." *Leader,* Oct. 20, 1865, *Newspaper Annals,* XLVIII, 150.

1866 In 1866, the Angier House was remodeled, modernized and rechristened the Kennard House, with R. M. N. Taylor as proprietor. Cleveland Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland,* 134.

1866 "When it (Angier House) metamorphosed into the Kennard, the moving of wholesale houses into that vicinity made it popular with the traveling men." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 434.

1866 The furniture of the Angier House was sold and the house was completely remodeled and refurnished in "solid black walnut." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1866 Jan. 20 Thomas W. Kennard bought from Francis Granger the south part of of the hotel site, being 47 feet on the east side of Bank Street and 82½ feet deep, for a consideration of $8,500. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 139, 418.

1866 Mar. 21 "Large amounts of elegant furniture for the Kennard House are arriving daily from New York City, and the hotel is being rapidly pushed forward towards the finishing touch." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 21, 1866.

1866 May 9 "Metamorphose of the old Angier House --- Full description of the New Hotel --- A Magnificent Structure.

"Our reporter took a somewhat elaborate peep, yesterday, at the Kennard House, which is now rapidly approaching completion, under the supervision of Mr. R. M. N. Taylor, its prospective landlord. Our reporter has written out his notes, as below: Entering the main office, by the Bank street entrance, the first apartment, upon the right, is the telegraph and railroad ticket office. Immediately opposite, is the Gent's Reading Room. Half-way between the entrance, and the main stairway, on the right hand side, is the Coat and Cloak Room, which contains the Enunciator. In most hotels, the latter is located within the office. The new arrangement will be a decided improvement. The Ladies Entrance is immediately to the right of the principal St. Clair street entrance. Ladies wishing to call at the hotel, can, through this medium, proceed privately to the Parlor above, without the least hinderance or annoyance.

"The Office proper, is upon the location of the old Angier House office. The partition that formerly shut it out from the main hall, has been taken down; and the office is now connected with the hall, by means of slender columns, that support a series of graceful arches. The Water Closets, the general Wash Room, are in an apartment on the eastern side of the hotel, opening out of the office The old Store Room was formerly located here. The

large stairway has been removed from its old site and now starts on its spiral journey from the site of the old office counter. As you pass the foot of these stairs, enroute for the Reading Room, you will pass Mr. Taylor's private office; a cosy little apartment --the first one on the right, as you leave the Office Hall. The divan. This name has been given to a truly magnificent apartment, constructed in the centre of the hotel. It will be used for reading, business, smoking, conversation and general lounging room. In the centre of the ceiling is a large skylight, of beautiful stained glass, in the form of a dome. This dome is supported by columns, that are to be gorgeously colored. The walls are of hard finish; and the ceilings present an exquisite array of mouldings. The floor is to be of colored tiles, of grey and red octagons, with a black centre, and a border of red squares and buff halves.

"Beneath the skylight will be a fountain that will constantly play into a reservoir of pure water. Opening out of the 'Divan' on the west, are the Barber Shop and Bathing Rooms and a Gent's Furnishing establishment, to be kept by Captain T. S. Paddock. On a line with the Furnishing room, and immediately beyond, is the Gent's Parlor. From the Divan on the east, you enter the Bar-room. This is a fine room, and will be fitted up in sumptuous style. The great beer pump, will be a show, in itself. It is Mr. Taylor's intention to style the two apartments -- the 'Divan,' and the Bar-room -- 'The Exchange.'

"Opening out of this room, on the south, is a little nook, for the storage of brandy, wine, and liquors generally, from which the bartender can replenish his stock, as occasion requires.

"Passing by this storehouse, you enter the general storeroom. The latter presents the appearance of a first-class Grocery establishment. Huge stores of sugar, spices, raisins, meats and everything else in the grocery and provision line, are neatly displayed about the room.

"Immediately back of the latter is the Linen Room, with a double refrigerator attached -- Then comes the Ironing Room, with stoves for heating irons. The next in order is the extensive Wash Room, with its admirable hydraulic laundry Machinery. Then, at the back of that, we have the Drying Room, with a set of patent fixtures -- wonderful in their adaptability to the work in hand. Still further beyond are the engine and boilers for driving the machinery of the hotel. In a recess, leading to the Engine Room, is a double refrigerator.

"The Kitchen, and the various rooms connected with the culinary department, are we feel confident, as near to perfection as art, skill, and the suggestion of experience, can make them. They have

all been constructed after the most approved models, and are fitted up with the latest machinery. These apartments are south of the Dining room, on the second floor. They consist of a room for the cooking of meats; a Pastry Room, with a refrigerator; the Kitchen, with a refrigerator; the Servants' Dining Room; a Silver Room, with an iron safe; a Pantry; a Retail Store Room, leading to the Kitchen, to contain supplies for immediate wants; a Carving Room, with a carving table; and a Scullery Room.

"The Dining Room, is upon the site of its predecessor of the Angier House. In its simple grandeur, however, you see but little of the bizarre look, that characterized the old. The rude pictures that disfigured the walls of the latter, have given place to a marble whiteness; while the ceilings are elegantly moulded. At equal distances, on the eastern side, are ranged a series of rich side boards.

"Opening out of the Dining Hall, at its northern extremity, is a charming Breakfast Room, richly painted in fresco. Adjoining this room, on the West, is the Ladies' Reception Room; and still further West -- fronting upon Bank and St. Clair streets -- are the Grand Parlors. The latter are frescoed in an elaborate and beautiful manner, and will be provided with the most sumptuous furniture. Their site is that of the former Angier House Parlors; but the latter are immeasurably surpassed by the new Parlors. Upon this floor, along the whole of the Bank street front, are a series of magnificent sleeping rooms, with parlors, water closets, and baths, attached.

"There are sleeping rooms upon four floors of the hotel. Nearly all of them are furnished with every appliance of luxury; and the simplest, are admirably complete in their comfort-giving arrangements.

"The majority of the furniture, throughout the hotel, is of black walnut.

"Hardly two rooms are alike, however; the style of the furniture, coloring of the carpets and fresco, being largely varied. Under the Bar-room is an extensive cellar, used for the storage of wines, brandies, whiskies, etc. Choice liquors, to the value of several thousand dollars, are stored in this cellar. The inner man is well attended to at the Kennard House.

"The following persons have been engaged on the Kennard House improvements: Cleveland -- Kimball Smith, copper ware; W. Bingham & Co., hardware; Huntington & Brooks, crockery; J. Crittenden, silver ware; J. Oliphant, paper hanger and decorator; Beckwith

& Sterling, carpets; -- Wand, stucco plasterer, Kemmer & Son, fresco painters; P. Born, tin ware; Bower & Co., plumbing; T. Jones & Sons, marble; Forbes & Macbeth, refrigerators.

"The names of only two of Mr. Taylor's assistants have been announced, yet. They are Messrs. H. A. Bagley, Head Cashier; and Timothy Harley, Steward and Storekeeper. Both of these gentlemen have been connected with the McHenry House, at Meadville, for a number of years. Mr. Bagley will attend to the accounts of both the Kennard and the McHenry, as soon as the former has been opened.

"The architect of the Kennard House, is Jacob Mould, Esq., of New York City. The execution of his excellent designs is now nearly complete -- the finishing touches being put, here and there -- and Mr. Taylor hopes to throw this superb hotel open by the 20th instant. It may, however, be impossible to open before the first of June.

"As is well known, the Kennard House, has been altered over from the Angier House. The latter was first opened to the public by R. P. Angier, Esq. -- after whom it was named -- in May 1854. After Mr. Angier left the house, it was successively managed by the following gentlemen: Wm. Odell, Rogers & Richards, Silas Merchant, R. M. N. Taylor, and J. P. Ross. To no one, was the whilom popularity of the Angier more indebted, than to R. M. N. Taylor, Esq., who is to have the management of the new hotel. It is safe to predict that brilliant success will attend him, at his old post. The Kennard House will be an ornament and credit to Cleveland; and every public spirited citizen will rejoice at its establishment here." *Plain Dealer,* May 9, 1866.

1866 May 23 A citizens' committee to arrange a program for the formal opening of the new Kennard House was organized with S. S. Coe as secretary. *Plain Dealer,* May 23, 1866.

1866 May 25 Samuel B. and Frederick J. Prentiss deeded to Thomas W. Kennard the north part of the hotel site, the parcel being 82½ feet on the south side of St. Clair street and 52 feet on the east side of Bank street, for a consideration of $16,250. *Cuyahoga County Deeds,* Vol. 139, 603, 604.

1866 May 26 "The several Committees, having in charge the Kennard House opening, are requested to meet at the Kennard House this evening. . . . The opening will take place upon the first or fifth of June." *Plain Dealer,* May 26, 1866.

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1866
May 29

"The Finance Committee, in connection with the Kennard House opening, have a meeting at that hotel this evening. The grand opening will take place on the 12th of June." *Plain Dealer*, May 29, 1866.

1866
June 8

"The magnificent table furniture for the Kennard House; has just come to hand, and is now on exhibition at Crittenden's jewelry store. It was designed expressly for the Kennard, by Mr. N. E. Crittenden, and was manufactured by Gorham Manufacturing Company, at Providence, Rhode Island. The frame work of the castors, the salt dishes, cream cups, &c., are of solid German silver, heavily plated with pure silver; and the cutlery is similarly plated. It is said to be superior to the table furniture of any hotel in the United States. ... Each piece is marked 'Kennard House,' and the whole cost about fifteen thousand dollars." *Plain Dealer*, June 8, 1866.

1866
June 11

"The grand opening of the Kennard House, about which so much has been said, will take place on Thursday, (June 14, 1866) of this week." *Plain Dealer*, June 11, 1866.

1866
June 15

"Cleveland may feel proud of the new Kennard House, which was opened to the public last night. It is conveniently located for the business men and railroad depots and is conveniently furnished for every accommodation. R. M. N. Taylor, Esq., and his wife will preside over the hotel. The officers in charge are: Clerk, H. A. Bagley; cashier, H. W. Larce; and room clerk, C. H. Adams.

"There are 120 rooms, all furnished and decorated in the most sumptuous style. The ground floor is occupied by a gents furnishing store, a barber shop, a reading and commercial room, and many other accommodations. It has an elaborately decorated ceiling and a polished marble floor. In the center of the hall stands a basin 18 feet in diameter. Many varieties of flowers, furnished by W. J. Gordon, Esq., graced the hall for the opening evening.

"About 200 people can be seated in the dining room. The ladies 'ordinary' on the third floor is truly a model of comfort and luxury. It will be used as a private breakfast room and will serve 30 guests.

"The gem of the whole is the bridal chamber on the third floor." *Leader*, June 15, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 239.

1866 July 29 — General W. T. Sherman was given a splendid reception, at the Kennard House, July 29, 1866. He arrived from Buffalo on his way to St. Louis; but found a telegram awaiting him from General Grant, calling him to Washington.

Throughout the day crowds gathered at the hotel but the General kept close to his room. The leading citizens, however, arranged an informal reception and serenade for Monday morning. At 5:30 o'clock Leland's band appeared under his window on Bank street and while it was playing patriotic airs the General appeared on the balcony. There was a unamimous call for him to come down and the great soldier held an informal reception on the sidewalk. The General was not in uniform. He wore a "Military vest and an old linen duster." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433; *Leader*, July 30, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 426; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 19, 1932.

1866 Aug. 11 — "Hon Henry M. Rice, of Minnesota and several other delegates to the Philadelphia convention, were at the Kennard House last night." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 11, 1866.

1866 Aug. 13 — "A number of Baltimore officials, accompanied by distinguished citizens from that place, arrived here from Chicago, on Saturday evening - stopping at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 13, 1866.

1866 Aug. 22 — "Pool selling by Fred Kimberly was quite brisk at the Kennard House last evening and this forenoon - 'Silas Rich' being the favorite." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1866.

1866 Aug. 29 — "A meeting of ex-military officers - residents of Cleveland - convened at the Kennard House, last evening (Aug. 28) to take action in regard to the Soldiers (and Sailors) Convention to take place here on the 17th of September." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 29, 1866.

1866 Aug. 31 — The convention banquet of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity was held at the Kennard House. *Leader*, Aug. 31, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 415; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 31, 1866.

1866 Sept. 3 — President Johnson visited Cleveland, on his extensive western trip. It was the first time a President of the United States came to Cleveland during his tenure of office. In the Johnson

party were many noted men, including General Grant, Admiral Farragut, Secretary Seward, Secretary Wells, General Custer, Postmaster General Randall. General Grant did not accompany the party to the hotel, but on account of illness went directly to the boat from the depot, and left for Detroit the same evening. The presidential party arrived on the Lake Shore railroad in the afternoon. They were met by committees of soldiers and citizens and escorted to the Kennard House, where an informal supper was served, attended by the city council and invited guests. Afterwards President Johnson was introduced by Mayor Pelton from the balcony of the hotel to the crowd that gathered. He spoke at considerable length of his theory of reconstruction; neither his words nor his manner were well received, his allusions especially to Lincoln arousing the hostility of the people. The next morning the President was escorted down Euclid Avenue and took a train for Toledo. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 477; Robison, *Cleveland*, I, 112; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, II, 99, 100; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 28, 1866; *Leader*, Sept. 4, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 502.

1866 Sept. 11 "Washington McLain, of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, with his family, stayed at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 11, 1866.

1866 Sept. 17 The Kennard House was the headquarters of the executive committee of the ill-starred Soldiers and Sailors Convention. It was variously called the "rebel convention," and "Johnson's soldiers convention." Attendance was said to be only about 500. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 17, 1866; *Leader*, Sept. 17, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 826.

1866 Sept. 24 "Freight Agents of all the railroads in the country will hold a convention at the Kennard House, tomorrow. Business of importance will be transacted." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 24, 1866.

1866 Dec. 5 "A complimentary dinner was given yesterday at the Kennard House for the city council and guests from Columbus." *Leader*, Dec. 5, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 66.

1867 Jan. 18 "J. C. McCollum, the actor, and Mrs. D. P. Bowers, the actress, were at the Kennard this morning." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 18, 1867.

1867 Jan. 19 "The 'Sociable' at the Kennard House last night was well attended, and greatly enjoyed by the participants." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 19, 1867.

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1867 Jan. 19 — "Hon. Hugh J. Jewett was at the Kennard House last night." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 19, 1867.

1867 Feb. 5 — "Moore, Wilstach & Baldwin, who are about to publish a history of what Ohio accomplished in the war, want sketches of the 2d, 21st, and 25th Ohio batteries. Officers and others who can furnish sketches will please send them to the address of Moore, Wilstach, and Baldwin, Cincinnati, O. Capt. W. R. Sooker is at the Kennard House, and will be glad to see officers or others who can impart to him any facts that should be embraced in this history." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 5, 1867.

1867 Feb. 8 — "R. M. N. Taylor, Esq., of the Kennard House, yesterday made a most liberal donation of provisions to the Freedman's Education Society through the attaches of his dining hall." *Leader*, Feb. 8, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 373.

1867 Feb. 26 — The third annual meeting of the Homeopathic State Medical Society convened at the Kennard House. *Leader*, Feb. 27, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 340.

1867 Feb. 28 — Professors and students of the Charity Hospital College with their friends, celebrated the close of the college year by a supper at the Kennard House. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1867.

1867 Apr. 15 — "A convention of general railroad passenger agents was in session at the Kennard House ... in connection with the preparation and adoption of summer time-tables." *Leader*, Apr. 15, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 589.

1867 May 11 — "The Hon. Samuel Galloway was in town yesterday and stopped at the Kennard House." *Leader*, May 11, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 422.

1867 May 15 — The city council ordered a sidewalk to be constructed on Bank St. between the Kennard House and Roote and Whitelaw's new block. *Leader*, May 15, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 695; *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, IV, 69.

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1867 June 17 "The 'Exchange' in the Kennard House is being rendered even more attractive by a new coat of paint." *Leader*, June 17, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 268.

1867 July 1 "Kennard House, corner Bank and St. Clair streets; Cleveland, Ohio; R. M. N. Taylor, proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1867.

1867 Sept. 19 "'The war was a Republican war. It was none of our funeral.' So disclaimed the Hon. George E. Pugh from the Kennard House balcony yesterday and the Democratic audience shouted acquiescence in the significant declaration." *Leader*, Sept. 19, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 462.

1867 Sept. 20 The stockholders of the Cleveland Skating Rink Association held a meeting in Kennard House. Amos Townsend occupied the chair. *Leader*, Sept. 23, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 230.

1867 Oct. 29 "There are a large number of first class horses in this city and their owners have proposed to show them on the track of the Driving park in a few days for the benefit of the Industrial school. A meeting was held yesterday at the Kennard House to consider the matter." *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 265.

1868 Jan. 4 "Kennard House, corner Bank and St. Clair Streets, Cleveland, Ohio, R. M. N. Taylor." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 4, 1868.

1868 Jan. 7 An important meeting of railroad men was in session on Jan. 7, at the Kennard House. The object of the meeting was to effect an arrangement to pro-rate freight rates between the trunk lines and the Western roads. An adjournment was effected, however, without reaching any definite understanding. The proceedings were not allowed to be made public. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7 and 8, 1868.

1868 Jan. 7 "W. H. Vanderbilt, Esq., Vice President of the Hudson River Railroad, is at the Kennard, in attendance on the freight meeting. Mr. Vanderbilt is a son of the famous Commodore Vanderbilt." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1868.

1868 Mar. 23 The Cleveland Board of Lumber Dealers was organized at the Kennard House. *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1869.

1868 Apr. 24 — A banquet took place at the Kennard house on the evening of April 24, 1868. It was a farewell testimonial to E. A. Buck, local manager of the New York Central Steamboat lines. The ninety local guests were prominent Clevelanders. The bill of fare was printed on white silk and bound in turkey morocco. On the front was a portrait of "Medoc," Mr. Buck's favorite trotter, and on the back was the name of the guest in gold. There were fifty-six items upon it, from oysters and sauterne to Roman punch and almonds, and the cigars and cheese and crackers were not included in the number. The wines were sauterne, '36, sherry, Louis Roderer, Roman punch, '38 Chateau LaFitte, Rude Sheimer. The game included teal duck, mallard duck, roasted snipe, broiled pigeons. There were eleven entrees and of the entrements there were eight. An orchestra drowned the tinkling knives and forks with pleasant selections. Rose, *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 11, 1914.

1868 May 18 — "The first strawberries of the season was (sic) served yesterday at the Kennard House." *Leader*, May 18, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 212.

1868 June — A convention of general railroad ticket agents was held at the Kennard House in June, 1868. *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1869.

1868 June 9 — "A group of citizens met at the Kennard House yesterday to plan the Fourth of July celebration." *Leader*, June 9, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 263.

1868 June 30 — "Lieutenant General Sherman and Major General Sheridan are stopping at the Kennard House. They are in the city to attend the wedding this evening of Miss Mary Sherman to Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles." *Leader*, June 30, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 328.

1869 — "Kennard House, - Corner of Bank and St. Clair streets, John M. Bettman, Superintendent." Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 33.

1869 Jan. 19 — "Considerable excitement was caused in railroad circles yesterday by the presence of several prominent gentlemen of the New York and Erie railroad, including President Jay Gould, who were at the Kennard House for the discussion of matters of the road, which since the leasing of the Atlantic and Great Western, extends to Cleveland and Cincinnati." *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1869, *Newapaper Annals*, LII, 470.

1869 July 1 — A reunion of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity was held at the Kennard House. The society numbered 17 chapters in the different colleges. Some well known members were Chief Justice Chase, Henry Ward Beecher, and Governor Dennison of Ohio. *Leader*, July 1 and 2, 1869.

1870 Jan. 1 — "It (Kennard House) is located on Bank & St. Clair Sts., extending 100 ft. on the former and 135 ft. on the latter street, being 5 stories in height. There are 135 rooms in the house, all elegantly furnished. The dining room, which is one of the finest in the state, is 30 x 40 ft. ... A passenger elevator runs from top to bottom of the house for the accommodation of guests. ... David McClasky, the present popular host & proprietor, took the house in charge on Jan. 1, 1870." Cleveland Board of Trade, *Industries of Cleveland*, 134.

1870 Jan. 24 — "A circular has been issued calling for a meeting of all those interested in the growth and manufacture of flax. The meeting will be held in Cleveland and all those who come here for the meeting will be asked to stop at the Kennard House, where a hall will be secured to hold the meeting in." *Leader*, Jan. 24, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 287.

1870 Apr. 23 — The 12th annual dinner and ball of St. George's Benevolent society was held at the Kennard House. *Leader*, Apr. 24, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 292.

1870 Aug. 16 — President Grant passed through the city, and remained only a few hours. It became known that he was at the Kennard House and immediately flags were hoisted everywhere and the leading citizens called upon the great soldier and president. He was taken on a drive down Euclid avenue to the residence of J. H. Wade, where he was presented with flowers and some of the choice early grapes that were ripening in Mr. Wade's famous garden. On his return to the Kennard House a crowd gathered and called for a speech, but President Grant remained true to his traditional silence. An informal reception, however, was held. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 477, 478; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, II, 48.

1870 Aug. 26 — "A Canadian excursion party came here to visit for two days. ... A number of the Canadian party went to the Kennard House where they were entertained." *Leader*, Aug. 26, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 271.

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1871 Mar. 10 "A large number of gentlemen from Saginaw, East Saginaw, Western Virginia, and from other places where salt is shipped held a meeting in the Kennard House yesterday in the interest of the salt business. The meeting was a closed affair." *Leader*, Mar. 10, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 735.

1871 Apr. 1 "Thomas Fumelty, employed at the Kennard House as an assistant engineer, met with a fatal accident yesterday. He was found under the flywheel in the engine room. He lived about a half hour in spite of the fact that he was badly mangled." *Leader*, Apr. 1, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 14.

1871 May 17 "The Prince and Princess de Lynar arrived in this city last night and are stopping at the Kennard House." *Leader*, May 17, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 481.

1871 May 17 "J. Q. A. Warren, corresponding member of several European scientific societies, is now in the city. At the request of several friends, he will exhibit part of his fine collection of silks and cocoons tonight at the Kennard House." *Leader*, May 17, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 481.

1871 June 3 "Senator John Sherman received and entertained his friends at the Kennard House last evening." *Leader*, June 3, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 481.

1871 July 1 "A reunion of the southern and western chapters of the secret college society, known as Delta Kappa Epsilon was held at the Kennard House last night. There were about 50 representatives of various colleges present." *Leader*, July 1, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 147.

1871 Aug. 3 "Papworth's orchestra will play in the rotunda of the Kennard House at eight o'clock this evening. All are invited." *Leader*, Aug. 3, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 425.

1871 Aug. 6 "We are informed that arrangements are being made for a meeting at the Kennard House of a number of prominent business men for the purpose of discussing the preliminaries incidental to the formation of a company, on a joint stock basis, to be identified with a new process in metallurgy." *Leader*, Aug. 6, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 374.

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1871 Sept. 4 — "A party of young English gentlemen is stopping at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 4, 1871.

1871 Sept. 14 — H. S. Pomeroy, a guest at the Kennard House, reported the loss of $115 during the night of Sept. 13. *Leader*, Sept. 14, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 82.

1871 Sept. 28 — "General J. C. Fremont arrived in the city yesterday. He is stopping at the Kennard House." *Leader*, Sept. 28, 1871 *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 483.

1871 Oct. 2 — Thomas W. Kennard, James McHenry and others, all residents of London, England, deeded the hotel site and building to Samuel L. M. Barlow and Charles Day. The transfer was to satisfy claims totalling three thousand, seven hundred twenty-three pounds sterling, five shillings and three pence of the grantees. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, V. 342, 313, 325.

1871 Oct. 10 — "Mr. McClasky, the host of the Kennard House, sent 300 loaves of fresh bread and several hundred pounds of baked meats to Chicago (fire victims) yesterday." *Leader*, Oct. 10, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 867.

1871 Dec. 6 — "As announced in our edition of yesterday, the contests between the nine representative men of the American chess world began promptly at nine o'clock in the Kennard House. Playing continued, with interruptions for lunch and dinner, until ten in the evening." *Leader*, Dec. 6, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 316.

1871 Dec. 7 — "Czar Alexander has ordered Alexis to cut short his junketing at New York and to 'do' Albany, Niagara, Buffalo, Cleveland, and the Mississippi valley without unnecessary delay.

"It had been feared for a moment that the new order might necessitate a change of programme and the omission of the Duke's visit to Cleveland, but as his manager was telegraphing no longer ago than yesterday concerning his arrangements at the Kennard, it may safely be presumed that his visit here will be made as announced." *Leader*, Dec. 7, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 484.

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1871 Dec. 7 "The Grand Duke Alexis (of Russia) and his party will make their headquarters at the Kennard House during their stay in Cleveland; necessitating ten suites of rooms. He brings a dozen servants." *Leader*, Dec. 7, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 484.

1871 Dec. 9 "One hundred and thirty-three gentlemen have been selected by the city council to make arrangements for the reception of Duke Alexis, Grand Duke of Russia. The committee is requested to meet at the Kennard House on Dec. 13, at eight p.m." *Leader*, Dec. 9, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 141.

1871 Dec. 13 "Some 30 or more of the leading citizens of Cleveland met at the Kennard House last evening to discuss plans and measures for the reception and entertainment of Grand Duke Alexis. ... The name of Mayor Pelton was added to the committee as chairman." *Leader*, Dec. 13, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 484.

1871 Dec. 18 "Grand Duke Alexis will arrive in Cleveland Dec. 26. He will be met at the Union depot by a delegation, and Mayor Pelton will deliver the welcoming address. The party will then proceed to the Kennard House, escorted by the Cleveland Grays. Later, Alexis will be serenaded by the Grays' band, and then will be taken around and shown the beauties of the 'Forest City.' On Dec. 28, in the evening, the Duke will leave for Detroit." *Leader*, Dec. 18, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 484.

1871 Dec. 27 "The Grand Duke Alexis and his imperial party arrived in Cleveland at the union depot at 5:45 p.m. yesterday. Members of the Gray's band were drawn up, waiting to present an escort. ... The Grand Duke was met by Mayor Pelton, who extended to him the hospitalities of the city. The party then proceeded to the Kennard House, where they were greeted by huge crowds." *Leader*, Dec. 27, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 485.

1871 Dec. 29 "The Grand Duke departed yesterday. The excitement which his presence in the city had created has subsided. Alexis remained in his private apartments at the Kennard House during most of his stay in the city, yet he showed himself in public enough to give all who desired an opportunity to get a full impression of how the son of a Russian Czar appears and acts. He departed at two o'clock from the Union depot." *Leader*, Dec. 29, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 485.

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1872 Mar. 8 — "On March 2 some one broke into the storeroom of the Kennard House took many articles. Some of the articles were recovered in a pawnshop. From the description received by detectives, Morgan Thompson, who lives about seven miles out on St. Clair rd. was arrested." *Leader*, Mar. 8, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 259.

1872 July 16 — "Today marks the opening of the current racing meet. ... Pool selling was not very brisk last evening, although the city was full of sporting men from all sections of the country, who, as a rule, come with full pocketbooks. At the Kennard House the billiard tables had been removed to give those who desired to invest in the 'fickle pastboards' a chance to operate." *Leader*, July 16, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 200, 201.

1872 July 20 — "Colonel C. W. Wooley of Cincinnati, who is staying at the Kennard House, yesterday lost a magnificent watch, which had been presented to him by the National Trotting congress. It was stolen out of his room early in the morning." *Leader*, July 20, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 41.

1872 July 25 — "Yesterday the Canadian guests visited points of interest, promenaded about the city, and attended the formal reception given in the evening. The Knight Templars, headed by Gray's band, marched to the Kennard House and escorted the visiting Masons to Central rink. Only Masons and their families were admitted. ... The formal reception was followed by a ball." *Leader*, July 25, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 332.

1872 Aug. 10 — "During the recent races held in this city, two Pennsylvania turfmen while at the Kennard House agreed to race their mares here on Aug. 13, each putting up $5,000 as a wager. The mares, Belle Patterson and Annie Watson, will trot on the Northern Ohio fair grounds under the auspices of the Cleveland trotting club; the one winning three out of five heats being declared the victor. About 10,000 persons are expected to see the race." *Leader*, Aug. 10, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 203.

1872 Sept. 3 — "The American Pharmaceutical association, representing the members of the drug trade throughout the United States, will meet in the convention at the rink during the coming week. ... The headquarters are at the Kennard House." *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 98.

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1872 Sept. 23 "Mrs. James A. Oates, the talented actress who appeared at the Academy of Music, became seriously ill at the Kennard house yesterday." *Leader*, Sept. 23, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 818.

1872 Sept. 25 "The National Steamboat association began its convention in this city yesterday with a meeting at the Kennard House parlors." *Leader*, Sept. 25, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 760.

1872 Oct. 10 "Rev. C. C. Prendergast of Savannah, Ga., Rev. Henry Volz, Joseph R. Eney, John R. Buchanan, John T. Lee, and Dr. W. H. Cole of the Baltimore delegation to the Catholic temperance society are at the Kennard House." *Leader*, Oct. 10, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 56.

1872 Oct. 21 "Henry J. Gawne of the Isle of Mann (sic) is stopping at the Kennard House. He is interested in the immigration to America of a number of his countrymen." *Leader*, Oct. 21, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 155.

1873 Oct. 17 President Grant again passed through Cleveland on his way east. A private telegram announced his coming. The word spread rapidly. A reception committee, headed by Mayor Otis, hurried to Elyria. Flags were everywhere in evidence; a crowd surrounded the depot, when the presidential train arrived. Another crowd gathered at the Kennard House, whither the president retired. After a drive down Euclid avenue, the party returned to the Kennard for dinner. Later an informal reception was held. General Grant left the same evening for the east. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 477.

1874 July 6 "Mr. G. H. Van Wormer, agent of the Fifth Avenue theatre company, is at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1874.

1874 July 13 "E. M. McCook, of Colorado, and Ex-Governor G. Koerner and family, of Illinois, are at the Kennard house." *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1874.

1874 July 25 "Resolved that the members of the Cleveland club are greatly indebted to the proprietors of the Kennard.... for their liberality on providing accommodations gratuitously for the members of Gilmore's band during their coming visit here during the next week." *Plain Dealer*, July 25, 1874.

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1874 July 27 — "Pools for the races will be sold in the Kennard house billiard room." *Plain Dealer*, July 27, 1874.

1874 July 27 — "Budd Duble, (famous horseman), and his wife are at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, July 27, 1874.

1874 Sept.. 4 — "General Quincy A. Gilmore, one of the distinguished sons of Ohio, who made a noble record for himself during the war, is at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 4, 1874.

1874 Sept. 10 — "All soldiers who desire to attend the eighth reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, to be held at Columbus on the 16th and 17th inst. are requested to meet at the Kennard house on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., for the purpose of making suitable arrangements." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1874.

1874 Sept. 14 — "Governor Allen will arrive in this city at four o'clock this afternoon, and will be escorted to the Kennard house by the Northern Ohio Fair Association reception committee." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 14, 1874.

1874 Sept. 21 — "Mr. W. J. Florence, the comedian, accompanied by Mr. Charles Gayler, the popular dramatist, arrived in town this morning and have rooms at the Kennard house." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1874.

1875 — From 1875 to 1876, David McClaskey was proprietor of the Kennard House, located at the corner of St. Clair and Bank Streets. Robison, Savage and Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76, 348.

1875 Jan. 4 — The annual reunion of the Alpha Delta Phi was held at the Kennard House. Twenty-nine members of various colleges were present as representatives of their chapters. *Leader*, Jan. 6, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 120.

1875 Jan. 11 — "The following are at the Kennard House: Hon. William Parsons, Boston; George C. Cochran, Cincinnati; George Darling, Buffalo; S. D. Caldwell, New York; J. A. Holmes, Chicago; A. H. Hammond, Worchester; William M. Wherry, United States army." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1875.

1875 Jan. 14 — "Professor Fowler lectured to an immense crowd at Brainard's hall last night. Tomorrow he will lecture on 'Love and Marriage,' a subject always calculated to attract. The professor is still at the Kennard House, where he can be consulted on phrenological questions." *Leader*, Jan. 14, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 299.

1875 Jan. 21 — "A number of prominent railroad men of the west assembled at the Kennard House yesterday to take action in connection with the contract entered into at Saratoga last July, by which a general western bureau was organized to establish uniform rates for doing business on all roads, the cutting off of the payment of rebates and commissions, and the taking away from agents the power to make rates and cut them at will." *Leader*, Jan. 21, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 651, 652.

1875 Jan. 27 — "A dozen or more city officials of Buffalo, including members of the fire commission and trustees of water works, are at the Kennard house. They are on a tour of cities for the inspection of fire and water departments." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 27, 1875.

1875 Feb 1 — W. W. McFarland, attorney for the Erie railway company, Hon. Charles S. Lenox and Hon. D. B. Eaton, New York; Sir John Swinburne, baronet, and George V. Turner, England; G. W. Billings, Chicago; A. A. Talmage and family, St. Louis; C. C. Gale, Indianapolis and R. H. Shoemaker, Detroit, are at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1875.

1875 Feb. 3 — "Mr. H. F. Sweetser, of New York, is at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 3, 1875.

1875 Feb. 25 — "The annual reunion of the alumni of the medical department of Wooster university was held yesterday at the Kennard House." *Leader*, Feb. 25, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 316.

1875 Apr. 15 — "A meeting was held yesterday by the Western Match Makers association at the Kennard House." *Leader*, Apr. 15, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 312.

1875 June 10 — "The second annual convention of the National Sportsmen's association, assembled yesterday morning in the parlors of the Kennard House, ... Most of the business consisted of miscellaneous topics such

as the naming of certain species of game and fish and the various times for hunting the different animals." *Leader*, June 10, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 195.

1875 Aug. 30 "On Aug. 28 a large number of prominent Republicans headed by the Gray's Band proceeded to Kennard House where former Governor Noyes (of Ohio) was staying, and gave him a grand welcome." *Leader*, Aug. 30, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 477.

1875 Oct. 11 "The last grand Republic rally of the campaign in this city was held Oct 9 in the Square. ...

"After the fire works on the Square the torch light procession marched to the Kennard House, where Senator Sherman and General Garfield were serenaded. They made brief but pointed speeches in return." *Leader*, Oct. 11, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 568, 569.

1875 Oct. 28 "The second session of the Institute of Mining Engineers was held yesterday in the council chamber.

"In the afternoon the members of the association assembled at the Kennard House. From there they drove to the water works, where the working of the pumping engines and their construction was explained." *Leader*, Oct. 28, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 319, 320

1876 "The Kennard House at the corner of St. Clair and Bank streets, three squares from the Post Office and one from the Union Depot has for many years enjoyed an extensive reputation as one of the best hotels in the West. For a considerable time, it was known as the Angier House, but for several years has been known as the Kennard House under which name it has achieved a reputation second to none. Most of the distinguished persons who have visited Cleveland since the erection of this hotel have been among its guests. Under the management of its present proprietor, D. McClaskey, great improvements have been made in its arrangements. Particular attention is paid to the table, the choicest delicacies of the season being always provided. The rooms are large and well furnished. ... Fine billiard rooms, bath rooms, and other conveniences are on the premises, and livery stables in the immediate vicinity. For the accommodation of commercial travelers, commodious and convenient rooms for the display of samples have been provided." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 36.

1876 Jan. 3 "Andrew Talbot, head waiter at the Kennard house, was presented with a silver ice pitcher and goblets New Year's day by the employes under him." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1876.

1876 Jan. 10 "Mr. John McCullough, the tragedian, is a guest of the Kennard house." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1876.

1876 Jan. 13 "The prospect is that the coming bazaar and festival will be one of the most successful ever held in this city. ... The committee on refreshments and dinner held a meeting yesterday, Jan. 12, at the Kennard house, where they districted the city and appointed sub-committees to canvass and solicit donations of cooked food." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1876.

1876 May 5 "The session of the board of appeals of the National Turf Association was continued yesterday at the Kennard House and several important decisions were rendered." *Leader*, May 5, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1053.

1876 July 25 "A great many visitors have already arrived in the city, and if the weather holds good the opening day of the races will be a grand success.

"It was exceedingly lively last evening on Bank and St. Clair sts., where the pools were selling at a rapid rate. Auction stands were put up in the Kennard House billiard parlors." *Leader*, July 25, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1114.

1876 Sept. 5 The following guests were registered at the Kennard House: George W. Giles, U. S. A.; F. A. Krupp, the inventor of the celebrated Krupp Cannon; H. G. Brooks, manufacturer of the Brooks locomotive, Dunkirk, N. Y.; D. B. Sackett, inspector general United States Army; and Alfred Longsdon, a prominent merchant of London, England, *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 5, 1876.

1876 Sept. 6 "William S. King, familiarly known as 'Bill' King, of Pacific mail fame and once Postmaster of the United States house of representatives is at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 6, 1876.

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1876 Sept. 8 "Henry Wick and wife of Youngstown are at the Kennard. Messrs. W. E. Tuell of Terre Haute, and George G. Cochran, of Cincinnati are registered at the Kennard. Hon. George Bliss & wife of New York are among the guests of the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1876.

1876 Sept. 9 "F. Kroenert of Lucerne, Switzerland, Mr. W. N. Homes of Baltimore, a commercial tourist, are at the Kennard House. Mr. John McClaskey one of the urbane clerks of the Kennard House is a happy father. Boy twelve pounds." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 9, 1876.

1876 Sept. 13 "Ex. Gov. Koener, wife and daughter, of Illinois, arrived at the Kennard House. The many friends of Mr. Koener endeavored to persuade him to remain over for the demonstration on Thursday evening, but on account of a prior engagement, he was compelled to decline." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1876.

1876 Sept. 16 Mr. R. M. N. Taylor, of Kane, Pennsylvania, and Mr. F. R. Burnott of Pittsburgh were at the Kennard house. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 16, 1876.

1876 Sept. 20 "Mr. George Segur a clerk at the Kennard house, has retired from the position to go to California. Mr. S. V. Harris takes his place." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 20, 1876.

1876 Sept. 22 "The Postal Commission authorized by Congress and appointed by the president will meet at the Kennard House at 10 o'clock tomorrow forenoon." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 22, 1876.

1876 Sept. 23 "Howard Carroll, of the New York *Times*, was registered at the Kennard House, yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1876.

1876 Sept. 23 "General John C. Robinson, General Charles H. Graham, Colonel A. M. Mulligan, Lieutenant Dake Dekay, Major Sidney Dekay, Captain G. Tait, Captain Benjamin Finley, and Captain Knoblock of New York, arrived at the Kennard House, ... from Indianapolis, where they had been attending the Boys in Blue Convention." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1876.

1876 Sept. 23 "General S. Heidekooper of Meadville, was registered at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1876.

1876 Sept. 23 — "The special commission to examine and report to Congress on the postal railway service, appointed under an act of last Congress, ... met in the parlors of the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1876.

1876 Sept. 25 — "Honorable James G. Blaine, ex-governor Noyes, (of Ohio), and Hon. H. S. Harrison of Connecticut arrived in the city Saturday night. Members of the Republican County Central Committee accompanied them to the Kennard House from the depot." *Leader*, Sept. 25, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 665.

1876 Sept. 27 — "E. T. Foakes and Colonel Selwyn Payne of England are at the Kennard. Peter White and family and Dr. Hewett, of Marquette are registered at the Kennard." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 27, 1876.

1876 Sept. 30 — Senator Bayard and Colonel R. A. Conkling of New York were at the Kennard House. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 30, 1876.

1876 Oct. 8 — "General Heidekooper was at the Kennard House today on his way home from Indianapolis." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 8, 1876.

1876 Oct. 31 — "W. W. Warbury, England, is registered at the Kennard. Col. N. H. Hamilton of New York, is a Kennard House guest." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 31, 1876.

1876 Nov. 3 — Thomas P. Everett, George W. Billings, of Chicago, Viscount Grinston of England, and C. A. Wetton of Mobile, Alabama, were guests of the Kennard House. *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 3, 1876.

1876 Nov. 8 — D. M. Stevens, Glasgow, Scotland; A. S. White, Liverpool, England; and J. B. Smithers, London, England, stayed at the Kennard House. *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 8, 1876.

1876 Nov. 9 — C. H. Cushman, United States Army and S. Sedner, Esq., London, Canada, were registered at the Kennard House. *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 9, 1876.

1876 Nov. 9 — "A gentleman named LaVere from Michigan started out for a run of the city with a man whose acquaintance he had formed in the Union depot waiting room. In the course of conversation, the man showed

LaVere a check for $200, which he intended having cashed as soon as the bank opened. Arriving at the Kennard house, the gentleman entered the bar-room and the man with the check excused himself for a few minutes to go to the cloak room for his overcoat. He returned immediately and solicited a loan of ten dollars until he could get the money for his check. The unsuspecting Michigander handed the money over and has waited ever since for the stranger to return with it." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 9, 1876.

1876 Nov. 13 — Mrs. Anna E. Dickinson and Mr. H. P. Barton of Hartford, Conn., a gentleman well known in insurance circles, were at the Kennard House. *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 13, 1876.

1876 Nov. 14 — "Edwin Booth, wife, and daughter spent last night at the Kennard house. They left this morning for the east. Colonel C. E. Blunt of the United States coast survey is stopping at the Kennard house." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 14, 1876.

1876 Nov. 22 — "Mr. J. F. Studebaker, the famous wagon maker of South Bend, Indiana, is at the Kennard. Miss Dora Wiley and the philharmonic club are guests at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 22, 1876.

1876 Nov. 24 — "J. F. Wade and P. Moon of the United States Army registered at the Kennard last night. Henry Kipp, of Buffalo, F. R. Brunot, of Pittsburgh, and E. F. Arms, of Buffalo, are among the recent arrivals at the Kennard. Mr. N. O. Fansler, formerly of Cleveland but now of Boston, is at the Kennard." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 24, 1876.

1876 Nov. 27 — "Charles T. Hatch, general manager of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway, is at the Kennard. L. J. Gordon, London, England, an extensive stockholder in the Atlantic and Great Western railway, arrived at the Kennard house yesterday. W. B. Shattue, of Cincinnati, general passenger agent of the Atlantic and Great Western registered at the Kennard House this morning." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 27, 1876.

1876 Dec. 7 — "The annual meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs of the United States will be opened today at noon at the Kennard House. This league was formed last February in the city of New York, and is the only National base-ball organization in existence now in this country. Delegates from nearly all the professional clubs of the cities belonging to the organization

have already arrived in the city and will be in attendance at the meeting. Last night, the board of directors of the league held a meeting at the Kennard House for the purpose of preparing reports upon matters to be brought before the meeting today. These consist of quests of discipline." *Leader*, Dec. 7, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1202, 1203.

1877 David McClasky was proprietor of the Kennard House, St. Clair and Bank Streets, in 1877 and 1878. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 326.

1877 Jan. 3 "The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Kennard House: E. P. Dobbins, Buffalo; J. J. Vandengriff, Oil City; C. Lockart, J. N. McCullough, J. D. Laying, J. M. Harding, S. W. Reilly, William McCreary, Pittsburgh; J. T. Brooks, Salem, Ohio; H. B. Brown and wife, Detroit; J. N. Camden, West Virginia; R. Ellis Jr., Cincinnati; E. B. Phillips, Milwaukee." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1877.

1877 Jan. 3 "Carl Wolfsohn, the eminent pianist is at the Kennard." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1877.

1877 Jan. 12 "Mr. McClaskey's private parlors at the Kennard House have recently been elegantly frescoed in Kemmer's improved frescoing." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1877.

1877 Jan. 17 "Ohio and the Accident. Doings of the Special Committee of the General Assembly -- Testimony of Amasa Stone, Jr. We have already noted the arrival in this city on Monday afternoon of a special committee of the state legislature charged with the important duty of investigating into the cause of the terrible disaster at Ashtabula. The committee went to Ashtabula on Tuesday and saw the wreck, then reviewed some of the testimony taken at the coroner's inquest. After this a sub-committee was appointed to make further research and examination and then the committee returned to Cleveland, making headquarters at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1877.

1877 Jan. 25 "A convention of paper manufacturers of the country was held in the parlors of the Kennard house, Wednesday afternoon. The object of the meeting was to form an association for the advancement of the interests of the trade." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1877.

Hotels and Taverns
Lincoln Hotel (Kennard House)

1877 Jan. 25 "The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Kennard house: Hon. J. Lord, Rochester; James Bellows, Rochester; C. W. Friend, Wyoming; M. W. Bosworth, Binghamton; H. Fox, Urbana; G. W. Billings, Chicago; C. B. Raine, Virginia; J. A. Tilton, Mt. Vernon." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1877.

1877 Jan. 26 "The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Kennard house. L. C. West, New York; J. G. Miller, Philadelphia; E. W. Stannard, Lowell; F. W. Dreeman, Kent; M. A. Zimmerman, Detroit." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 26, 1877.

1877 Jan. 29 "The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Kennard house: J. Buffum, New York; W. H. Ruskey, Hartford, Connecticut; C. H. Travis, Boston; P. Ford, jr., Boston; Lyman Elmore, Brooklyn, New York; Wm. B. Perkins, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; L. D. Day, New York." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1877.

1877 July 3 "Hotel Personals. At the Kennard House.- M. Cohn and wife, Kalamazoo, Michigan; S. Luinbard, Fort Wayne, Indiana; John Bailey, New York; J. B. Wilson, Philadelphia; F. E. Rutman and wife, Meadville, Ohio; E. V. Cherry, Cincinnati; J. E. Cross, Chicago; R. C. Mitchell, Aurora, Indiana; and R. H. Emerson, Michigan." *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1877.

1877 July 5 "Hotel Personals; Arrivals at Kennard: A. Williams, Plattsburgh, Pa.; J. B. Markey, New York; George Sheras, Jr. and wife, Pittsburgh; G. A. Bartlett, Boston; James K. Mott, New York; John D. Archbold, New York; H. H. Arnold, Pittsburgh; W. G. Colladay, Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1877.

1877 July 6 "Francis D. Moulton, 'Our Mutual Friend,' is stopping at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1877.

1877 July 6 "Hon. George D. Warren, of New York is at the Kennard. He came this far West to accompany an invalid friend on the way to Colorado." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1877.

1877 July 9 "Yung Wing, Chinese Minister to this country and Yung Yuen Poo, his private secretary, are at the Kennard. Yung Wing speaks the English language fluently, graduated at Yale, and by special imperial permission cut off his cue, married an American lady

and dresses American fashion. Dr. Kellogg, of Hartford, Connecticut, Young Wing's brother-in-law, is with the party. They are here to witness the experiments this afternoon with the lay torpedo." *Plain Dealer,* July 9, 1877.

1877 July 10 — "The entries for the coming summer meeting of the Cleveland club closed at eleven o'clock last evening at the Kennard House, where Sam Briggs, secretary, had headquarters." *Plain Dealer,* July 10, 1877.

1878 — "Kennard House; St. Clair s.e. corner Bank; D. McClasky, prop." *Cleveland Directory,* 1878-79, 303.

1878 — In the fall of 1878, Nick Young, famous baseball player, met J. Ford Evans, George W. Howe, Charles H. Bulkley, Charles J. Sheffield, L. C. Hanna, Charles T. Wesley and Edward H. Harvey, at the Kennard House to arrange for Cleveland's entrance into the National league. *Plain Dealer,* Nov. 3, 1878.

1878 July 2 — "G. S. Titus & Co. are painting and repairing the roof of the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer,* July 2, 1878.

1878 July 9 — "E. A. Fitch, of Columbus, is at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer,* July 9, 1878.

1878 July 9 — "Hon. John B. Hopkins and Hon. C. E. Seward, of New York, the latter a son of Senator Seward, are at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer,* July 9, 1878.

1878 July 13 — "This forenoon a dozen or more defendants were arrainged in Justice Bates' now celebrated court on a charge of unlawfully selling liquor. Among those summoned to answer to this charge under the notorious fourteenth section of Chapter eight of the new code were Mr. McClasky, proprietor of the Kennard House. ... The prosecuting witness in all the cases was A. A. Richardson, who figured so prominently in previous raids of this kind on saloons. We understand that Richardson boasts that he is backed by $75,000 and the Tabernacle influence." *Plain Dealer,* July 13, 1878.

Hotels and Taverns
Lincoln Hotel (Kennard House)

1878 July 22 — "The Great Races. ... Large numbers of horse owners and others interested in racing have arrived. Pool rooms are opened in a large number of places. The celebrated Frank Shaw will sell pools for the Association at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer,* July 22, 1878.

1879 Jan. 2 — "Mr. J. M. McCullough of the Pennsylvania Railway was at the Kennard House yesterday." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 2, 1879.

1879 Jan. 2 — "At the Kennard - George O. Marcy, Chicago; George S. Douglass, J. O. Sullivan and H. Woodbury, New York; C. T. Ham, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Rice, New Castle, Pa.; S. Lidner, London." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 2, 1879.

1879 Jan. 4 — "At the Kennard. John Kirby, Jr., Cincinnati; L. H. Morehouse, Milwaukee; George Webb, Pennsylvania." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 4, 1879.

1879 Jan. 4 — "The executive committee for the charity ball will meet at the Kennard House parlors this afternoon at four o'clock." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 4, 1879.

1879 Jan. 6 — "Another meeting of the committees of the Charity Ball to be given on the evening of Jan. 29th in the Euclid Avenue Opera House was held Saturday afternoon at the Kennard House parlors. It was decided to engage the Grays Band to furnish music between dances." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 6, 1879.

1880 June 9 — General Garfield reached Cleveland from Chicago on the morning of June 9 and was the guest of Sylvester Everett. A committee was appointed to meet him at Elyria. When the train arrived a carriage drawn by four white horses was placed at Garfield's disposal. He was escorted to the Kennard house by way of Superior street and the Square. At the hotel he was formally congratulated by Governor Foster and Mayor Herrick. *Plain Dealer,* June 9, 1880; Orth, *Cleveland,* I, 287.

1880 July 2 — "E. B. Lewis and wife, Chicago; J. J. Latch, George B. Curtiss, New York; E. A. Fitch, Columbus; John Kirby, Adrian; William Burnham, Philadelphia; John Newell, Chicago; George P. North, Connecticut; John Wales, Boston; J. C. Isle and wife, Cincinnati, are registered at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer,* July 2, 1880.

Hotels and Taverns
Lincoln Hotel (Kennard House)

1880 July 5 — "F. Hitchcock, Youngstown; A. M. Sherman, Jamestown, New York; L. L. Hotchkiss, Bay City; W. H. Locke, Cincinnati; W. A. Smith, Philadelphia, and James Slater, London, Ontario, are registered at the Kennard House." *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1880.

1880 July 8 — "The convention which assembles at Case Hall today for the organization of a State Bar Association brings to Cleveland a galaxy of legal lights from all quarters of the Buckeye state. The following have already arrived: At the Kennard House - C. R. White, Springfield; F. C. Coode, Springfield; Hon. C. H. Grosvenor, Athens; I. C. Critchfield, Columbus; J. Greenleaf, Columbus; John M. Edwards, Youngstown; Tod Ford, Youngstown; Mason Evans, Youngstown; William White, Springfield; Hon. Stanley Mathews, Cincinnati; George F. Arrell, Youngstown." *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1880.

1883 — About 1883, the Kennard House, was owned and operated by Garrett & McKinney. Michael J. McGraw, also had an interest in the Kennard. The Kennard bar room opened off St. Clair Street and lake captains, business men and politicians constituted its principal clientele. A fountain was in the center of the Kennard barroom and it was the habit among drinkers to josh each other about falling into the fountain. *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 22, 1932.

1883 July 23 — Council adopted a resolution that the mayor notify the owner of the Kennard House property to repair the sidewalks at the driveway into the yard from St. Clair Street. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, XVI, 67.

1891 June 1 — Council adopted a resolution that the Director of Public Works be requested to have the pavement repaired on St. Clair street in front of the Kennard House. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, XXIV, 26.

1892 Dec. 31 — Samuel L. M. Barlow, Charles Day and others deeded to Charles F. Brush the hotel site (with an adjoining parcel fronting 66 feet on St. Clair Street, 165 feet deep) for a consideration of $106,000. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 542, 117, 118.

1899 — "Mr. Kelsey secured the Kennard House in 1899 and put it on a paying basis." Orth, *Cleveland*, III, 209.

Hotels and Taverns
Lincoln Hotel, (Kennard House)

1899 "He (George E. Garrett) was also at one time proprietor of a hotel in Zanesville and removed from that place to Cleveland in September, 1899. Shortly after his arrival, in connection with Mr. McKinney, he leased the Kennard house, which was then run down through poor management, but the partners were practical hotel men and through Mr. Garrett's extensive acquaintance with traveling salesmen and by reason of the reputation which he had won as a popular and capable landlord, they soon were conducting one of the leading commercial hotels in the city and were very successful." Orth, *Cleveland*, III, 209.

1905 Oct. 2 Murray M. Otstott sold to Charles F. Brush part of lot No. 53, 94½ feet on the east line of Bank Street, by 82½ feet deep. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, Vol. 998, 455, 456.

1910 "The tinkling fountain still plays in the lobby of the Kennard House and the faded Spanish maidens still gaze from the walls, reminiscent of a brilliant past." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 434.

1920 Apr. 5 "The young man at the desk in the Kennard House, St. Clair Avenue N. W. and W. 6th Street, said he had heard it had been a famous hotel in its day but really didn't know much about it, except that it had changed hands again and was made over, most of it, for use as a clothing factory.

"'But perhaps Capt. Buie can tell you some things,' he said, 'He's been coming here off and on, they say, for years, and he happens to be here today.'

"'Do I know this hotel?' said Capt. Buie. 'Well considerable. I used to stop here when it was in its prime and I still make it a point to come here whenever I'm in Cleveland.'

"'The fountain room? I should say I do remember it. Sure, I can show you where it is, or was, it's pretty much done for.'

"He came at last to a small clearing in the ruins and threw the light on the faded but still beautiful 'Alhambra Fountain.' The Cupid in the center was still poised to throw his playful jet of water. His hands were still dripping wet, but the pool about him had gone dry.

"'There wasn't a finer hotel in the United States than this fifty years ago,' reflected Capt. Buie. 'And this room was, generally considered, a wonderful feature.'

"He pointed out the beauties of the Moorish columns which supported Cupid's bower and described the mirrored panels about the room which reflected the glory of the fountain and the portraits of Spanish damosels placed there to give color and atmosphere.

"The fountain room, originally a place for resting and writing letters or loitering with friends over a genuine mint julep, became in later years a bar, and all the mirrors except those along the south wall, where the bar ran, were taken down.

"The gentle Spanish damosels also disappeared and they were replaced by a single florid Bacchante of undetermined nationality whose grin now seems to find satisfaction in the general ruin.

"But of the dining room, some interesting facts were learned from Fire Chief George A. Wallace.

"'I don't remember so well what it looked like,' said the chief, 'but I shan't ever forget the meals. It was the best place to eat this side of New York (if not in the whole country). And the menu was in English. You just looked at it and said, 'Waiter, all the way down.'

"Nicholas Weiderkopf, who used to supply the meats for the Kennard House, confirmed this statement and said many travelers would stop at other hotels but eat in the Kennard dining room." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 5, 1920.

1920
Nov. 25 "Occupants of rooms in the Kennard House, which adjoins the building of Galvin Bros. & Co. on the north, called from their rooms, hurriedly packed their belongings and collected downstairs when the fire heated the wall of the hotel and smoke filled the corridors." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 25, 1920.

1927
June 30 On June 30, 1927, Dorothy Brush received from Charles F. Brush, deceased, through his last will and testament, part of lot No. 54, 66¼ feet by 165 feet, front on St. Clair street; and part of lot No. 53, 82½ feet by 99 feet, 82½ feet on the south side of St. Clair street and 99 feet on the east side of Bank street. Administration Docket, No. 202, Case 165585.

1932
Apr. 18 "The Kennard House -- Cleveland's leading hotel in the gay '90s -- today had closed its doors, with memories of a brilliant past in which it played host to presidential parties and the then current Prince of Wales.

Hotels and Taverns - Lincoln Hotel (Kennard House);
Lockwood's Tavern

"Built in 1852 at what now is W. Sixth Street and St. Clair Avenue, and first known as the Angier House, it attracted wide attention as the first steam-heated plant in Cleveland and had its own electric light plant while other hotels and buildings relied on more primitive lighting methods. Its name was changed to the Kennard House in 1866.

"History records that Presidents Johnson and Grant were guests of this famous hostelry, while Gen. William Sherman was given a reception there in 1866. Frank J. Carroll, last manager of the Kennard, who also manages the Hawley House, another elaborate hotel of a bygone era, reports that other noted guests of their day included Lincoln and the Prince of Wales, grandfather of the present King of England.

"But the hotel, once elegant center for the beauty and chivalry of this section, finally has yielded to fate.

"New and better hotels were built to entice trade away from the Kennard. About 10 years ago they removed from the lobby the famous tinkling fountain and the faded Spanish maidens who gazed from the walls.

"An electric sign on the corner prices rooms at $1 and up. Beside it is a special sign, painted on canvas, which tells part of the story.

"'Special notice. Hotel rates reduced to meet present conditions. Daily rates are 75¢, $1, $1.25 and $1.50. Special very low weekly rates. Elegant rooms with every comfort, service and convenience.'

"A third sign brings the story up to date. It simply says, 'Closed,' and explains that guests and the management have been transferred to the Hawley House." *Press*, Apr. 18, 1932.

LOCKWOOD'S TAVERN
Brighton, O.
(Greater Cleveland, West Side)

1845
Feb 20 "In the court of Common Pleas, Judge Bissell presiding, the following cases were disposed of yesterday: Petition of Levi Lockwood for license to keep tavern in Brighton - granted." *Herald*, Feb. 20, 1845. *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 136.

Hotels and Taverns - Lockwood's Tavern;
London House

1854 Jan. 3 — "A ball was held at Lockwood's New Brighton, last night, (Jan. 2) at which a large number of steam-boat and sail-vessel captains were present. The affair was a very pleasant one." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1854.

1854 Nov. 6 — "The first ball of the season will be given this evening at Lockwood's, at Brighton. This is the popular resort for young men and women of Cleveland. The tickets to the ball and supper are only two dollars per person." *Leader*, Nov. 6, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII,, 585.

1856 Apr. 30 — "Glen Lodge 263, I. O. O. F. of Brighton, will hold a May Day festival tomorrow afternoon and evening. Addresses will be delivered by E. M. Fitch and others at the Methodist Episcopal church. In the evening there will be dancing at Lockwood's hall. The committee of arrangements are William Wilson, C. Stickney, James Clark, and L. D. Twitchell." *Leader*, Apr. 30, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 223.

LONDON HOUSE
Foot of Ontario Street

1871 — "London House, 46 Ohio, William Atherton, proprietor." Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

1874 June 1 — "Among the 191 Saloon keepers who are to be tried for violating the state liquor law are Alice Atherton, (of the London House) J. O. Beirn and Alexander Boles." *Leader*, June 1, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 680.

1874 June 18 — "Several persons received flesh wounds in a fight at the London House on June 16. George Barker has been charged with being the guilty person." *Leader*, June 18, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 672.

1877 — "London House, 46 Ohio, Mrs. Alice Atherton, proprietress." Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78.

1880 — "Tom Oakes, the Englishman with the big bushy beard, kept the London house at the foot of Ontario Street, in the days when the dead end of Central Avenue was called Ohio street and Tom used to

squander the savings of his legitimate business by betting on a sorrel trotter which Police Inspector John Rowlands says was just fast enough to lose him money." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 13, 1920.

LORAIN STREET HOUSE
South Side of Lorain at Triskett Road

1874 The Cuyahoga County Atlas of 1874 showed on the map of Rockport, the Lorain Street House. It was located on the south side of Lorain Avenue at Triskett Road, opposite the Sherman House. Titus, Simmons & Titus. *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 139.

LUKE'S HOTEL
1047-1059 W. 11th St.
(formerly River St.)

1932 Oct. 10 "Old-timers in the neighborhood think the building Rockefeller used (1858-1864) was torn down to make room for the four-story brick building erected first as a hotel, and operated either as Luke's (later moved to the Haymarket district) or Bender's (later moved to Addison street) Hotel." *Press*, Oct. 10, 1932.

McILRATH TAVERN
Euclid and Superior Avenues

On the North-west corner of Euclid and Superior Avenues stood the McIlrath Tavern, a noted suburban-Cleveland land mark for almost a century; but to Clevelanders of the past, it was a famous place principally for the events that centered about it. The old tavern figured largely in the social and entertainment life of the community.

Alexander McIlrath, a pioneer settler of the Western Reserve, established his general store and tavern in 1803, and in all probability, had a loft where travelers were lodged for the night; but the tavern did not become really famous until the 1830's when his son, Abner, and wife were operating the newer and larger McIlrath Tavern.

There are few records of the early days when Alexander McIlrath ran the general store and tavern in his home on the section of land which he had purchased and which extended north of Euclid Avenue to the lake. An old account book, begun

in 1803, gives page after page of sales records over a period of years. The book, owned by Abner McIlrath, great grandson of Alexander, received some publicity during the late prohibition era when a newspaper, quoting from it, published the low liquor prices prevailing more than one hundred years previous.

It was in the 1830's that the hotel or tavern began to assume an important place in the social life of Clevelanders. According to Urann, families living within a mile or so of each other would join in "bob-sled" rides to McIlrath's Tavern where, after a supper of hot biscuits, a corn-pone, pork, ham, pickles and cheese, they danced to the music of flute, fiddle and trumpet. Post also writes of "great doings" on election day when everybody around Doan's Corners went to vote at McIlrath's Tavern.

Early Settlers Association meetings were enlivened by stories of coon hunts and parties at the famous tavern, and the newspapers of the 1850's printed stories of "pigeon shoots" at McIlrath's.

Judge Alexander Hadden, in a speech before the Settlers Association said that "when Abner McIlrath kept that tavern and his sons, James, Philip, Oliver, Webster, Ackley and William, were all there, it was a wonderful place to us country boys who lived seven or eight miles farther out. Among other things there was a black bear tied to a tree, never at rest, never lying down, never sitting still, and eventually the bear was too much for the tree. It killed it by being tied to it or by walking around it."

The old tavern building was finally pulled down in 1890. *Plain Dealer*, 1924, Scrapbook, V; Urann, *Cleveland*, 75; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 84; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 493; *ibid.*, VI, no. 1, 31; *Leader*, Sept. 19, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 181; *Leader*, Apr. 26, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 204; *Settlers Annals*, IX, no. 6, 16; Scrapbook, IV; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 73.

1803 Alexander McIlrath, one of the sons of Samuel McIlrath, "chief of the clan," came to the Western Reserve with his brother-in-law John Shaw, in 1803, and each bought 640 acres of land, much of it fronting on Euclid Avenue, and extending north to the lake. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 72.

1803 A tavern and general store was established in 1803 by Alexander McIlrath at the corner of what is now Euclid and Superior Avenues. That year he opened an account book showing purchases of liquor and other things that were charged to customers. *Plain Dealer*, 1924, Scrapbook, V.

Hotels and Taverns
McIlrath Tavern

1811 "In the fall of 1811 one customer of the McIlrath's Tavern bought spirits almost daily and the charges in the account book ran like this: Sept. 9, two quarts spirits 38 cents; Sept. 11, one quart spirits 19 cents... On Oct. 18 the account was varied with a pint of wine at 10 cents, and on Nov. 9 the purchase was a pint of high wine for 12 cents ... For a period of many years in the early part of the last century the price of whiskey, rum and other spirits was at a low ebb." *Plain Dealer*, 1924, Scrapbook, V.

1832 Col. A. C. McIlrath erected the McIlrath Tavern in 1832, and was its landlord for 44 years. Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 294.

1838 Mar. 14 "Sheriff's Sale will be on the 29th day of March at the inn of Abner C. McIlrath, in the township of Euclid." *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 14, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 335.

1850 Mar. Oscar Woodworth escorted Miss Elspeth Freeman to a ball at Abner McIlrath's place in Euclid Township. *Court Records*, I, 279.

1855 Sept. 19 "The pigeon shooting matches took place at McIlrath's East Cleveland, Sept. 14." *Leader*, Sept. 19, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 181.

1855 Oct. 13 "Abner McIlrath will have a pigeon shoot at his house in East Cleveland on Oct. 17. He has about 60 dozen pigeons and will put up two silver cups and a fine colt as prizes, also a sweepstakes from two to ten dollars each. Dinner will be served at one o'clock," *Leader*, Oct. 13, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 181.

1855 Nov. 9 "Sportsmen take notice! A pigeon shooting match comes off at half past ten o'clock this morning at McIlrath's East Cleveland." *Leader*, Nov. 9, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 181.

1856 Sept. 2 "The Republicans of East Cleveland will meet at A. C. McIlrath's on Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. to organize a club." *Leader*, Sept. 2, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 354.

1859 Sept. 2 "Abuse of Hospitality - An emigrant and his family, going West, called at Ab. McIlrath's tavern in Euclid last night and asked leave to lodge in the shed. The request was kindly granted and quite comfortable quarters were fixed up for them. Shortly after they

left this morning McIlrath missed his water bucket - a nice, substantial iron bound one. ... He (Ab.) harnessed up his horse and started in pursuit of Mr. Emigrant and found him at Rocky River. He produced the bucket forthwith, paid Ab. for his trouble, and said he was sorry." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 2, 1859.

1859
Dec. 10 "Sleighing - The sleighing has been quite good in the past two days, and everything on runners has been out. J. Richards' Spring Pond House, McIlrath's, Silverthorn's and other suburban hotels have raked in the dimes at a very lively rate. We have but little snow in this country and when it comes all want to enjoy the brief fleeting novelty." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 10, 1859.

1860
Sept. 29 "A Constable Steals Wagons and Hides Them on his Premises. It is a Weakness he cannot govern.

"On the night of the 10th of September a new one horse wagon was stolen from Abner McIlrath's tavern stand in East Cleveland. McIlrath had recently purchased the vehicle and he determined to not give it up without a struggle. He accordingly commenced a rigorous search for the thief and yesterday (Sept. 28), succeeded in tracing him to Hamden township, Geauga County. His name is Woodruff. He is a man of family, a well-to-do citizen of Hamden, has been the township constable for the last three years, and is a prominent member of the church withal. He threw himself back on his piety and respectability, when Abner charged him with the theft, but Abner informed him that that wouldn't do. Finally Woodruff confessed to having stolen the wagon and accompanied him to a blacksmith's shop, where he was having some alterations made in the vehicle. On looking around his premises, McIlrath found a dozen wagons, evidently stolen, and taken to pieces and stowed slyly away. Woodruff implored McIlrath to let him off. He said he did not want the property and had only taken it because he could not help himself. Whenever he saw a nice wagon, he was seized with an uncontrollable desire to carry it off and secrete it. He had a passion for wagons. Wagons were his weakness. If McIlrath would not give publicity to the affair, he would pay any sum he might name. Woodruff is a well-to-do farmer, and has hitherto borne a spotless reputation. It is certainly a remarkable affair. McIlrath told him that the only way to cure this weakness for appropriating people's wagons was to take up his residence in County Jail for a while, and accordingly he procured a warrant at Collamer, brought Woodruff to the city and lodged him in jail." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 29, 1860.

1861 "Abner C. McIlrath, ... was a striking looking man. He was over six feet in height, and broad in proportion.

"When Abraham Lincoln passed through Cleveland in 1861, on the way to his inauguration in Washington, he made a speech from the balcony of the Weddell House. He observed Abner McIlrath standing near, and, laughing, invited him to measure up and see which was the taller. They stood back to back. McIlrath won. 'There,' said Abner, 'you see I am a bigger Republican than you are.'" Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 73.

1861 Apr. 26 "A meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon at A. McIlrath's in East Cleveland to take further measures for the defense of the stars and stripes." *Leader*, Apr. 26, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 204.

1862 Jan. 25 "A sleigh-ride party of ladies and gentlemen was organized yesterday for a ride to McIlrath's, on the East Cleveland Plank Road, having a supper and dance at the latter place.

"The ride came off last evening. McIlrath has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for furnishing good eatables and dancing accommodations for parties of this kind, and his establishment has ever been a favorite. His arrangement for the pleasure and comfort of the company last evening were, as usual, excellent. The music was furnished by Mr. Tudor. Although consisting of but two pieces - violin and guitar - it was most capital. The calling by the guitarist was particularly fine." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1862.

1890 McIlrath Tavern was razed in 1890. McMichael, Cleveland Pictures.

MANSION HOUSE
Superior Avenue and S. Water (W. 9th) St.

Spafford's Tavern and its successor, the Mansion House, easily hold first place in historical importance among Cleveland's early public houses.

Dating virtually from the first days of the Cleveland settlement, it had among its landlords Amos Spafford and Noble H. Merwin, both citizens of first rank among the city's pioneers. They gave it distinction for almost a third of a century, during the city's early struggle for existence. Their wives lent character and dignity to the establishments of which they were a part.

The tavern had its beginning in 1798 in an abandoned storehouse built of logs by the Connecticut Land Company's second surveying party, of which Major Amos Spafford was a member. During the winter of 1799, he and the family of Alonzo Carter were the only white people in the new settlement. But, undaunted, Spafford summoned his family from Vermont the following summer.

In 1802, he built a new and larger tavern a short distance to the west of the original structure. This was a large building - measured by its neighbors in the little settlement - and painted red. It was a landmark, until replaced by the more elaborate Mansion House.

This latter was constructed on a high point of the same plot of ground by Noble H. Merwin, who came from the East in 1815. Although it was pretentiously named; nevertheless, a tall man could not stand erect in its chambers. But its fame was wide. Its distinguished visitors included Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York State; Thomas Smith Webb, ranking member of the Masonic Order in the United States; Black Hawk, the famed Indian chieftain; the Hon. Lewis Cass, of Detroit, President Andrew Jackson's secretary of war; and others of the great and the near-great. Though General William Henry Harrison, famed Indian fighter and later president, is reported to have danced at a ball held in the tavern, the event is not authenticated.

In 1826, with its popularity at its height, Merwin retired from the hotel's proprietorship. From then till 1835, it had landlords of lesser prominence.

Fire, which swept the south side of Superior Street in 1835, so seriously damaged the structure that its days as a hotel ceased. In the 1850's it was razed to make way for commercial buildings.

Finally, in the 1920's, the site itself disappeared, being absorbed into the railroad terminal development.

Apparent discrepancy between early changes in management and the actual transfer of the land comprising the site, is explained by the fact such sales often were made under some sort of land contract, and the deed was not recorded until payment had been made in full. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 39, 40, 114; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 54; Robison, *Cleveland*, 18; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 61; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Settlers Annals*, III, 356; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 400; *Trumbull County Deeds*, H, 271, 272; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 467; *Cleveland Advertiser*, July 30, 1835; *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853.

1799 To escape the ravages of malarial fever, some settlers removed their families from Cleveland to the high land near Newburgh, leaving only Amos Spafford and Alonzo Carter. These kept taverns, traded with the Indians and cultivated their city lots. Except for their untiring energy, the settlement might have been abandoned. Robison, *Cleveland*, 18, 19.

1800 In 1800, four years from the time Amos Spafford had first set foot here, he sent to Vermont for his wife and children. Mrs. Olive Spafford was then about 44 years old and four of her children were

well grown. The oldest, Samuel, had been a member, with his father, of the second surveying party, and Anna, the oldest daughter, married within six months after her arrival in Ohio.

The Spaffords began housekeeping in the surveyors' cabin, built by the second surveying expedition, and "though small, must have seemed a haven of rest to Mrs. Spafford after months of travel and camping." Wickham, *Pioneer Women,* I, 39, 40.

1800 The population of Cleveland at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, increased slowly, in comparison with that of Newburgh.

"Such arrivals as there were, however, were accommodated at the taverns of Major Carter and Amos Spafford, who soon after (the first meeting of the court at Warren in August 1800) obtained regular hotel licenses from the Court of Quarter Sessions.'" Robison, *Cleveland,* I, 21.

1800 After his family had arrived in 1800 and while still living in the surveyors' cabin, Amos Spafford wrote a sharp letter of complaint to the Connecticut Land Company, protesting against the high price of land - $25 cash for each of sixteen lots that he wished to purchase.

A letter of Turhand Kirtland, agent of the company, addressed to General Cleaveland at Canterbury, Conn., stated: "He (Amos Spafford) says he has no idea of giving the present price, for sixteen or eighteen lots. He contemplates building a house, and making large improvements this season, which he thinks would indemnify the company fully, in case he should fail to fulfill his contract; and he is determined to remove to some other part of the purchase immediately, unless he can obtain better terms than I am authorized to give him." Kennedy, *Cleveland,* 90; Wickham, *Pioneer Families,* I, 39, 40.

1802 Apr. 5 At organization of the first township government, Amos Spafford was elected one of three trustees. *Magazine of Western History,* IV, 69.

1802 Aug. The General Court of Quarter Sessions, meeting in August, 1802, issued a tavern license to Amos Spafford, for which the fee was $4. This license was for the new tavern which he had just completed on Original Lot No. 73, near the corner of Vineyard Lane (later

known as South Water Street, and West 9 Street until it was closed and included in the great terminal buildings project) and Superior Street. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 40, 41; *Settlers Annals*, III, 356; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; Avery, *Cleveland*, 61; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 400.

1803 Apr. 4 Amos Spafford was re-elected township trustee; also, fence viewer. *Magazine of Western History*, IV, 70.

1803 Apr. 22 Trustees of the Connecticut Land Company deeded to Eliphalet Austin a 2½-acre tract of land which included the site of the Spafford Tavern, described as follows: Part of Original Lots 73, 74 and 206, bounded as follows; from the northeast corner of Lot 74 South 18 rods to the line of Samuel Huntington's property, thence West to Vineyard Lane, thence North to Superior Street, and thence East to the place of beginning. *Trumbull County Deeds*, H, 271, 272.

1807 Aug. 27 Eliphalet Austin deeded to Amos Spafford the site of the Spafford Tavern, described as follows: 5 rods frontage on Superior Street and 18 rods depth at right angles to Superior Street. The above tract had a frontage of 82½ feet on Superior Street composed of the westerly 43 feet of Lot 73 and 39½ feet of Lot 206. Its frontage on Vineyard Lane was slightly over 300 feet. The plot was triangular and comprised about three-quarters acres. The consideration was given as $100. *Geauga County Deeds*, A-B, 294, 295.

1807 Oct. 5 Amos Spafford sold to Robert B. Parkman under articles of agreement, for a consideration of $400, the site of the Spafford Tavern described as follows: 5 rods frontage on Superior Street and 18 rods deep at right angles to Superior Street. *Geauga County Deeds*, A-B, 295, 296.

1809 "Amos Spafford sold his tavern at the foot of Superior Street to George Wallace. The latter is said to have previously lived in or near Boston, Mass., and to have been a Cleveland correspondent of a Boston newspaper for many years, or while he lived here 1809-1820." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 114.

1809 "Cleveland ... lost one of its older inhabitants. ... Amos Spafford was elected a member of the lower house of the State Legislature, as a representative from Geauga County, to which Cleveland yet belonged." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 142.

1809
Jan. 20 — Robert B. Parkman and wife sold to Diocletian Alvord, under articles of agreement, the three-quarter-acre site of Spafford's Tavern described as follows: 5 rods frontage on Superior Street and 18 rods deep at right angles to Superior Street. No consideration was given. *Trumbull County Deeds*, I, 476, 477; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Settlers Annals*, V, 473.

1810 — In the Spring of this year Major Spafford moved to Perrysburg, Ohio, having received appointment as collector of the new port of entry established at the mouth of the Maumee River. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 142; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 348; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, 41.

1815
June 5 — At the first meeting of the incorporated village of Cleveland, George Wallace was elected one of two assessors. *Magazine of Western History*, IV, 71.

1815
June 13 — Diocletian Alvord and wife sold the Spafford Tavern site to George Wallace. The consideration given in the deed, which includes other property, was $1800. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, B-2, 215, 216; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 104; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 437; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 11, 1941.

1815
June 13 — Following purchase of the tavern site by George Wallace, the place became the "Wallace House." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 437; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 104.

1816 — "At the end of seven years he (George Wallace) sold out (the tavern he bought in 1809 from Amos Spafford) to Noble H. Merwin. Meanwhile, he had built another tavern on the other side of the street, about halfway between Seneca and Bank streets, now (1914) West 3rd and West 6th, which he named the 'Commercial House,' and occupied it for four years." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 114; see also: *Settlers Annals*, IV, 249; *ibid.*, I, no. 6, 57; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 467; Alburn, *Cleveland*, II, 817.

1817
Sept. 8 — George Wallace and wife deeded the Wallace tavern site to David Merwin of Palmyra, Portage County, O. The consideration of $4000, stated in the deed, included other parcels. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, B-2, 485; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 437.

1818 At the corner of South Water and Superior St. stood the **first class** hotel of the village, kept by Noble H. Merwin. *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 76.

1818 When Levi Sargent first landed in Cleveland with his family they stopped at Noble H Merwin's grand hotel. *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 6, 11.

1818 July 5 "As early as 1818, gentlemen desirous of celebrating the Fourth of July were asked to **attend a meeting at Merwin's Hotel on June 22** at early candlelight to make suitable arrangements. The meeting was held and the anniversary celebrated. It fell upon Sunday so the 'Fourth' was set for Monday, July 5. A procession formed before the (Merwin) hotel at 11 o'clock and marched to the small Court House on the Square. The Declaration of Independence was read; Reuben Wood delivered an address, and after other exercises all moved to the Commercial Coffee House where a good dinner was served. Samuel Cowles was chairman of the day." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1941.

1819 "Mrs. Jemima (Bixby) Scovil met her future husband while on a visit to the Merwins in their tavern at the foot of Superior Street, and married him in 1819." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 175, 176.

1819 "Stolen or Lost ... at the house of N. H. Merwin, in the village of Cleaveland, a bundle of papers wrapped in a newspaper containing ... notes and papers. ... The person who has taken the papers by returning them to N. H. Merwin, shall be handsomely rewarded and no questions asked. Owen Buck." *Register*, May 18, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 542.

1819 July 6 "At the Mansion House (later name of Spafford's Tavern) there died on Tuesday, July 6, 1819, Thomas Smith Webb. At the time of his decease he was probably the most eminent member of the Masonic order in the United States. He was born in Boston, October 30, 1771." *Settlers Annals*, III, 365.

1819 Sept. 21 "Patriots. Attend. Gentlemen, who wish to join an independent company of Cavalry, will meet at Noble H. Merwin's hotel, on the 24th Sept. inst., to agree on their Uniform and appoint Officers. S. S. Dudley." *Gazette and Register*, Sept. 21, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 769

1819 Sept. 24 — The first independent company of cavalry was formed at the Merwin Hotel on Sept. 24, 1819, meeting that night to choose uniforms and officers. The same month a county convention was held there. Alfred Kelley was nominated for the legislature, Ashbel Walworth for coroner and Moses Eldridge of Ridgeville and John Clark of Chagrin for county commissioners. Dr. David Long was chairman. Stockholders of the Cleveland Pier Co. of which Noble Merwin was president, met at his hotel. Joel Smith, boot and shoe maker, informed the trade that his shop was a 'few rods west of Merwin Hotel,' and even stolen horses could be recovered there. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1941.

1819 Nov. 22 — A public meeting was held at N. H. Merwin's hotel protesting the fraudalent selling of food. Elisha Taylor was chairman, and Orlando Cutter secretary, with Noble H. Merwin, Nathan Perry, and William Gaylord serving as committee. *Herald*, Nov. 23, 1819; *Register*, Nov. 30, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 882.

1820 — "The name of Boughton in this section of the country was once associated with wit and humor; for every one bearing it was noted for drollery, fun and practical jokes.

"There was a Nathan Boughton from West Stockbridge, Mass., who with his wife stopped at the Merwin tavern on his way to Lorain Co. They were much fatigued from traveling, and retired early. Several well-known citizens of the town were sitting in the office of the tavern, when they were suddenly startled by the voice of Boughton, seemingly in great distress calling: 'Mr. Merwin, Mr. Merwin, come here quick!' Mr. Merwin seized a candle and followed by the others rushed upstairs. 'What is the matter? What is the matter?' they cried. 'Oh, Mr. Merwin, wont you bring me a pint of yeast right away?' 'What for?' asked the astonished landlord. 'To put under my head to raise it. My pillow is too flat.'" Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 254.

1820 Feb. 29 — "A bill has passed the house of representatives of this state (Ohio) authorizing Josiah Barber and Noble H. Merwin to erect a toll bridge across the Cuyahoga River at this (Cleaveland) village." *Herald*, Feb. 29, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 29.

1820 May 15 — A vestry meeting was held at the house of Noble H. Merwin in the village of Cleaveland. *Settlers Annals*, V, 68.

1820 July 5 — A dinner was served at Merwin's Hotel after the anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence. *Herald*, July 11, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 43.

1821 Mar. 27 — "The enrolled militia liable to military duty, within the limits of the 1st Company, 1st R(egiment), 4th B(attalion), 4D.O.M. (Division of Ohio Militia), are notified to meet at N. H. Merwin's Inn in the village of Cleaveland, on April 6, armed and equipped as the law directs. H. Wellman, Capt." *Herald*, Mar. 27, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 113.

1821 Apr. 10 — "Notice is hereby given that the annual election of directors of the Cleveland Pier Co., will be held at the court house in this village on the first Monday of May next (May 7) at three o'clock. Noble H. Merwin, president." *Herald*, Apr. 10, 1821, *Newspaper Annals*, IV, 100.

1822 Feb. 19 — "There will be a meeting Wednesday, Feb. 20, for the subscribers to the upper bridge, to be erected across the Cuyahoga River, at N. H. Merwin's tavern, for the purpose of making arrangements for building the bridge." *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1822.

1822 June 1 — Noble H. Merwin acquired the Mansion House site from David Merwin and his wife. The $4,000 consideration named in the deed included other parcels. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, E-5, 245.

1822 June 1 — David Merwin deeded the tavern property to Noble H. Merwin, of Cleveland. When the property got into the hands of the Merwins, a new hotel was built, which was called "The Mansion House." building was two stories high, and standing on high land, had a commanding appearance, looking much larger than it really was. Successive grading had brought the land down to a level with that adjoining. The Mansion became a very popular resort, not perhaps so much because of the hotel, but for the reason that Mr. Noble H. Merwin, its owner, was a very popular man, - one of the most enterprising and best liked men in Cleveland. *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 437; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 104; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1941.

1823 Mar. — "In the month of March, 1823, I (Judge Spalding) first saw Cleveland. I came from Warren, in Trumbull County, where I then lived, in the company of Hon. George Tod, who was then President

Judge of the 3d Judicial Circuit, which embraced, if I mistake not, the whole Western Reserve. We made the journey on horse-back, and were nearly two days in accomplishing it. I recollect the judge, instead of an overcoat, wore an Indian blanket drawn over his head by means of a hole cut in the center. We came to attend court, and put up at the house of Mr. Merwin, where we met quite a number of lawyers from adjacent counties." *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 42, 43.

1823 Sept. 27 — Mrs. Minerva Merwin, wife of Noble H. Merwin, died Sept. 27, 1823, at 9 P. M. after a short illness. She was "34 years, 8 months and 30 days" old. She was survived by her husband and five children. *Herald*, Oct. 2, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 17.

1824 Nov. 5 — Noble H. Merwin married Mrs. Jane Lyon at Detroit. *Herald*, Nov. 19, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 102; *Settlers Annals*, IV, 398.

1824 Nov. 19 — "Wanted to Purchase, For which Cash, Salt, Leather or White-Fish will be paid, on delivery at my Ware-House, in Cleaveland, 200,000 pounds of Pork in the Hog, 1,000 Barrels Fine Flour, 10,000 Gallons Proof Whiskey, 1,000 Bushels White Beans. Noble H. Merwin, Army Contractor." *Herald*, Nov. 19, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 140.

1825 — "The Mansion House continued to be owned by the Merwins as long as it existed, but it had several different landlords, among them James Belden in 1825, and at a later date, E. A. Segur." *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 5, 437.

1825 June 30 — Possibly the most prominent guest of this hotel was Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York state, who stopped on his way to attend the ceremony of breaking ground for the Ohio Canal on July 4, 1825. He arrived with his staff in the evening by boat from Buffalo, landing at the foot of Superior Street to the roar of saluting guns. A reception committee escorted the governor to Merwin's hotel, where a banquet was served. He replied briefly to an address of welcome by Samuel Cowles. Clinton and his party left early the following morning for the Licking summit, where he was to turn the first shovel of earth for the canal. *Plain Dealer*, June 5, 1926; *Herald*, July 1, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 170, 171; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 6, 39; Upton, *Western Reserve*, I, 477; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1941.

1825 Sept. 23 — "At the suit of the state of Ohio versus Solomon White, I have levied upon, as the property of said White, and shall expose to public sale at N. H. Merwin's tavern in the village of Cleaveland, on Monday, the 3rd day of October next, at 2 o'clock p.m., 50,000 brick in a certain brick kiln near the floating bridge, at the foot of Vineyard lane. Jasper S. Clarke, sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 23, 1825.

1825 Sept. 30 — "The Large and Learned Elephant will be exhibited at Mr. Merwin's in Cleaveland, Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. This wonderful animal, which for sagacity and docility exceeds any one ever imported to this country ... has excited the admiration of every beholder. The Asiatic Lion, is also the largest of its kind in America, ... will lick his (keeper's) hand and even permit him to put it in his mouth. No apprehension of danger need be entertained, as he is secured in a substantial iron cage." *Herald*, Sept. 30, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 191.

1825 Oct. 26 — The Erie canal was completed, and the cheaper rates were felt here. Cleveland's interest in this great canal was genuine. Oct. 26, 1825, a "grand dinner" was given in Merwin's Tavern celebrating its opening to traffic. *Herald*, Oct. 28, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 174; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 6, 39; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 693; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1940.

1826 — Mr. Merwin discontinued keeping his hotel about the year 1826. *Settlers Annals*, IV, 250.

1826 Mar. 17 — "Doctor Lewis F. W. Andrews Respectfully informs the public that he has located himself in Cleaveland, with a view to the practice of the various branches of his profession. For the present he may be found at J. Belden's Hotel, Superior street." *Herald*, Mar. 17, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 33.

1826 Oct. 27 — Post coaches were announced as leaving Belden's Tavern (formerly Merwin's) every evening at ten o'clock for Erie and Buffalo. *Herald*, Oct. 27, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 2; *Settlers Annals*, IV, 250, 473; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428.

1826 Dec. 1 — "Masonic Notice. The approaching Festival of St. John the Evangelist will be celebrated in Cleaveland, by the Webb Chapter and Concord Lodge, on Dec. 27.

"Order of Arrangements. Lodge and Chapter opened at half past 9 A. M., at the Masonic Hall. A Masonic discourse at the Academy, at 11 o'clock. Dedication of the Masonic Hall, at half past 12 o'clock.

"Dinner at Mr. Belden's, at 2 O'Clock.

"By order, &c. P. M. Weddell, Joel Scranton, H. H. Sizer, J. F. Hanks, Benj. S. Bayly, Morris Hepburn. Committee of Arrangements. Nov. 30, 1826." *Herald*, Dec. 1, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 41.

1827 "In 1827 - Mr. Charles Matton Giddings was in Cleveland at the formal opening of the Ohio Canal, and in the festivities of that occasion was one of the floor managers at the ball given in the Mansion House, which stood at the foot of Superior Street." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 311.

1827 May 18 "Cleaveland and Buffalo Mail Line - Through in 40 hours, 200 miles - Fare, six dollars. Elegant coaches leave Belden's Tavern and the Franklin House, Cleaveland every evening at nine o'clock. E. Harmon, proprietor from Cleaveland to Erie." *Herald*, May 18, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 80.

1827 July 4 Celebrities visiting Cleveland for the opening of the Ohio Canal were entertained with a banquet at the Belden Tavern. *Herald*, July 6, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 83; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 239, 240; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 422; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 320.

1829 When Noble H. Merwin died, his widow inherited as part of her dower interest Merwin's Hotel with forty feet frontage of land on Superior St. which she leased for 99 years, from Feb. 1, 1836, to her step-children, George B. Augustus and Minerva Merwin, at a rental for full time of $1,350 per annum. Merwin Street was named in honor of this pioneer family. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 129-30; Whittlesey, *Cleveland*, 467.

1829 Dec. 17 "Died. At the Island of St. Thomas, West Indies, on 3d Nov., Col. Noble H. Merwin, aged 46 years, an ... enterprising citizen of this village. Col. Merwin had for some time been in delicate health, and left home in the month of August for the Eastern States, with the hope of improving it; disappointed in this, he sailed for the West Indies from New York, in October, and died on the day of his arrival in port." *Herald*, Dec. 17, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 95.

Hotels and Taverns
Mansion House

1830 Oct. 19 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rouse arrived in Cleveland Oct. 19, 1830. At that time there was no village above the Public Square, Euclid Avenue was known as the Buffalo Road and Fairmount, the road to Newburgh. They stopped on that Sabbath morning at Merwin's Tavern, a frame building painted red, on Superior and South Water streets, the latter called, then, Vineyard Lane. Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 17; Hodge, Reminiscences, I, 120.

1831 Jan. 6 "Notice. One year from the 13th day of February instant, is allowed the creditors of Noble H. Merwin, to present their accounts (duly authenticated) against the estate; and all persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers. C. M. Giddings, Geo. B. Merwin. Adm'r. Cleaveland, Feb. 13, 1830." *Herald*, Jan. 6, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 195.

1833 May 17 "We refer our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Trench, in today's paper, offering for sale a most valuable article, long a desideratum, denominated 'Vegetable Oil Soap'. ... Mr. Trench will remain at the Mansion House for a few days, where those who wish to see the valuable properties of his soap tested can have an opportunity." *Herald*, May 17, 1833, *Newspaper Annals*, XVI, 142.

1833 July 6 "Black Hawk, famed Indian chjeftain, arrived in this place on Tuesday evening last; and took lodgings at the Mansion House. While here, he attracted crowds of people, who appeared anxious to catch a glimpse of the renowned warrior who, by his exploits, has rendered his name immortal." *Herald*, July 6, 1833.

1834 Erick M. Segur succeeded James Belden as manager of the Mansion House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428.

1834 "The first man whose name I learned was the proprietor of the Mansion House, a hotel that stood on the south side of Superior Street near the junction with South Water street. His name was E. M. Segur. He was a bachelor then and I wondered how he could keep a hotel without a wife. The only thing that I remember about his table was that at frequent intervals along the table there stood a bottle and a glass. I had the curiosity to sample the contents of one of those decanters and I found that it was not a rare quality of old wine, but simply Ohio or Kentucky whiskey." *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 6, 42.

1834
Mar. 15 "Lost, on Mar. 13, ... a jet handkerchief pin. ... Finder will be liberally rewarded for return thru the medium of Mr. E. M. Segur at the Mansion House." *Herald*, Mar. 15, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 194.

1834
May 10 The *Herald* mentioned editorially "the improvements which the Mansion House and Franklin House have undergone in the last year. No efforts have been spared to increase, if possible, the good reputation of these hotels." *Herald*, May 10, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 187.

1834
Aug. 9 "Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the trustees of the Village of Cleveland on Sept. 6, 1834, to lay out a street 60 feet wide running parallel to Superior st., the north line to be 144 (feet) from the south line of Superior, to commence at the west line of Seneca st. and extend to the east line of the Mansion house." *Herald*, Aug. 9, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 248.

1834
Aug. 30 "The Hon. Lewis Cass, secretary of war, arrived in town this morning from Detroit, and has taken quarters at the Mansion House." *Herald*, Aug. 30, 1834, *Newspaper Annals*, XVII, 229.

1835
July 29 "From the Cleveland Advertiser. Thursday, July 30. Fire! Fire! A little before 12 o'clock last night (July 29), our citizens were aroused by the cry of 'FIRE!' which proved in ravages, the most destructive that ever occurred in this or any other town in the western country of any importance.

"The whole range of buildings from the book-store of James Kellogg, to the Mansion House, is laid in ruins.

"The fire was first discovered in the rear of the extensive block of brick buildings on Superior street owned by James Kellogg, and occupied by himself as a book-store and dwelling. ...

"After destroying this valuable block the flames proceeded westward, leveling in their course.

"Mr. Newel Bond's stock, manufacturing. Mr. Joseph Ranney's Grocery. ...

"The further progress of the flames, was stopped by the solid wall of the Mansion House and by the indefatigable exertions of the firemen and citizens. It is feared that it will be necessary to

tear down the latter building. ... The loss to Mr. Segur, the proprietor, was very great owing to the careless manner in which the furniture was removed. ..." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 507.

1835
Aug. 5 — Fire destroyed three business buildings on the south side of Superior street. It originated in the kitchen of a boarding house. Louis Rider, a servant girl, was burned to death as she tried to flee the burning building. Total damages were more than $50,000. Many owners tried to save some of their merchandise by throwing it into the streets. Further progress of the flames was stopped by the solid walls of the Mansion House. The loss to Mr. Segur, its proprietor, was great owing to the careless manner in which furniture was removed. *Whig*, Aug. 5, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 103; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 6, 42 and V, no. 5, 439; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 507; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1941.

1836
Apr. 16 — "To lease, the lot of ground on Superior st. known as the Mansion House lot. For terms apply to Mrs. Jane Merwin, Cleveland." *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 263.

1836
Apr. 30 — Messrs. Cutter and Dockstader said in their report to city council that the old Mansion House may be declared a public nuisance and abated as such. The report was referred to the committee on streets. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 11.

1853
May 10 — "The Mansion House, at the corner of Superior st. and Vineyard lane, is one of the oldest buildings in Cleveland. It was built in 1811 to be used as a hotel. It is now about to be moved. Here in 1812 General Harrison and his officers danced to the best music the village afforded. It will be removed to make room for an elegant block of stores." *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853.

MANSION HOUSE
N. E. cor. Detroit and Belle Aves.

"Across the street from the Grant House on the northeast corner of Belle and Detroit avenues was the old Mansion House. At one time, this was kept by a man named Bennett. For a short time, it was made into and used as a tenement house." Farmer, *Lakewood*, 81.

1936 "After many years of use as a tavern, the Mansion House was bought by Lawrence Johnson, who wished to build a residence for his family on the site of this old tavern. He had the Mansion House moved to a lot on Belle Ave. near the railroad track and made into a two-family house now (1936) standing at 1341 and 1343 Belle Ave. Farmer, *Lakewood*, 81.

MANSION HOUSE
43-47 Water (W. 9th) Street

Frequent newspaper notices of meetings and parties held in the Washington House in the mid-1830's indicate that that hotel was one of Cleveland's finest hostelries, but available sources fail to tell when the building was erected or give any information as to its size and architecture. In 1836 it was owned by Abraham Hickox, 2nd, who leased it a number of times during the following score of years. The county records of deeds show that Hickox bought the land on which the hotel is believed to have stood, in 1824, and the piece of property adjoining it in 1826. The first lot is described as being 16 rods (264 feet) north of Superior Lane and as having a frontage of 5 rods (82.5 feet) on the west side of Water Street. This would locate the hotel site as being on the west side of Water (now West 9th) Street, about opposite the junction of Frankfort Street.

It was known as the Washington House until September, 1840, when Hickox, 2nd, leased it for a term of years to Jonathan P. Carver who changed the name to the Mansion House. This change has caused some confusion as there had been a Mansion House on Superior Street, owned by Noble Merwin, which was burned down during the 1830's and never rebuilt.

After 1852 there is no reference to the Mansion House in the newspapers or other available sources of history, and its end is shrouded in obscurity quite as complete as its beginning. In all probability it went the way of many other hotels and degenerated into a cheap boarding house to be converted to business or torn down later.

1824 Mar. 9 Cathan Orison and wife deeded a piece of land 5 rods, or 82.5 feet, front on Water Street, to Abraham Hickox, 2nd, March 9, 1824, for the consideration of $500. The land extended west to Union Lane, and was the south part of Original Lot No. 203 which began 16 rods or 264 feet north of the junction of Superior Lane and Water Street, on the west side of Water Street. The deed was recorded April 8, 1824. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, E-5, 101.

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1826 Dec. 23 — Solomon White sold to Abraham Hickox, 2nd, a piece of land on the west side of Water Street with a frontage of 4 rods, or 66 feet, and running back to Union Lane. This land started 21 rods north of the junction of Water Street and Superior Lane and was part of Original Lot 203. The consideration was $200. The deed was recorded December 26, 1826. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, F-6, 344, 345.

1835 — "One of the most striking demonstrations of patriotism ever made anywhere was that seen annually on the 22nd of February, between 1835 and 1840. It was the great naval procession.... At the Washington House, kept by (A.) Russell on Water Street, they generally came to anchor, the boatswains wet their whistles and the fleet was victualled and toasted." *Settlers Annals*, III, 700, 701.

1836 — One of Cleveland's hotels in 1836 was the Washington House, kept by William Martin, at No. 31 Water Street. *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 4, 369; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1937.

1836 June 13 — "A. Russell has this day filed in the office of the city clerk, his petition for a license to keep a tavern at the stand known as the Washington House, on Water st." *Herald*, June 13, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1837 — William Martin operated the Washington House at 31 Water street. Auburn, *Cleveland*, I, 285; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 197; Hutchinson, Notes; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429; McCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-38, 110.

1837 Feb. 13 — "Lost, in this city, this morning, a Calfskin Wallet, containing lost $60 to $80, mostly ten dollar bills on the Sacket's Harbor Bank. Whoever will find it will do the subscriber a favor by leaving it at the Washington House, and shall be liberally rewarded. Chancery Baker." *Herald & Gazette*, Feb. 13, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 164.

1837 Sept. 21 — "By virtue of a fi. fa. execution from the court of common pleas for the county of Cuyahoga and to me directed, will be sold at the Washington House in the city of Cleveland, on Oct. 5, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, a.m.; one dark grey stud horse. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald & Gazette*, Sept. 21, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 345.

1838 Apr. 23 "Cleveland Theatre. D. Marsh & Co. would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland and vicinity, that they have rented the large Cleveland assembly room, (formerly Italian Hall) which they have fitted up in a style and elegance unsurpassed this side of New York, and will open it as a Theatre, on Tuesday evening, April 24, 1838, with a new and superior company, and solicit that support which has been so generously bestowed upon former companies. Tuesday evening, April 24, will be presented Kotzebue's beautiful play of THE STRANGER or MISANTHROPY, AND REPENTANCE.

"The evening's entertainment will conclude with the laughable farce of the IRISH TUTOR.

"Mr. Marble, the celebrated personifier of Yankee characters, is engaged and will shortly appear. Price of admission, Box 75 cents, Pit 50 cents. Tickets to be had at the American, Franklin, Cleveland and Washington Houses, City coffee house, and at the Box office. No money will be received at the door." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 23, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 403.

1838 May 2 The committee on licenses of the city council recommended issuing a license to the Washington House on payment of a fee of $40. *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 54.

1838 May 9 A license was granted by Cleveland Council to the Washington House; fee, $40. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 349.

1838 July 2 Tickets for the 4th of July dinner were on sale, at the Washington House and other hotels, and stores. *Herald & Gazette*, July 2, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 136.

1838 Oct. "Abraham Hickox II, owner of the Washington House on Water Street, in October 1838 sold the furniture in the hotel to his son, Philander, and to Joseph G. Hickox, who then operated the hotel." *Court Records*, I, 70.

1839 Oct. "In October 1839 Philander and Joseph (Hickox) gave up the operation of the (Washington House) hotel and left most of the furniture for future tenants." *Court Records*, I, 70.

1839 Nov. Abraham Hickox leased the hotel on November 27 to Joel Hood for a term of one to three years at $800 a year, payable quarterly in

advance. Hood paid $175. A little later Abraham assigned his interest in the lease to Edmund Clark as surety against loss for the endorsement of commercial paper.

Abraham claimed that from the time of the Munroe judgement ($311.34 July, 1839 term of Common Pleas Court), he had been "poor and from thence hither he had continued thus." *Court Records*, I, 70.

1840 Jan. 22 "Sheriff's Sale - I have levied upon and shall expose to public sale at the Washington House on Feb. 5, a quantity of potatoes supposed to be about 80 bushels. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff, by M. Miller, Deputy." *Herald*, Jan. 22, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 239.

1840 Mar. 30 "Sheriff's sale - In obedience to the command of a writ of fi. fa. issued out of common pleas court, I shall expose to public sale, at the Washington House, on April 9, about 70 bushels of potatoes. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald*, Mar. 30, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 243.

1840 Sept. 16 "(Joel) Hood gave up operation of the (Washington House) hotel and on September 16, 1840, Abraham leased the hotel to Jonathan P. Carver for one year at $600, with the privilege of renewal for 5 years at $700 a year. Carver paid $150 for the first quarter." *Court Records*, I, 71.

1840 Nov. 3 "Mansion House, (late Washington) No. 31 Water st., Cleveland, O.

"The subscriber, formerly of the Vermont Hotel, Middlebury, Vt., would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland that he has leased the above establishment and from his long experience in business, he flatters himself that he shall receive a fair portion of the patronage of the people of Ohio and other western states. J. P. Carver." *Herald*, Nov. 3, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 119.

1841 Feb. 17 "Mansion House, (late Washington House), No. 31 Water st., Cleveland, O.

"The subscriber, formerly of the 'Vermont Hotel,' Middlebury, Vt., and recently of the 'Lyons Hotel,' Lyons, N. Y., would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland and the public generally, that ... his Bar and Table shall not be surpassed by any establishment, of similar advantages in the 'Buck Eye' State. N. B. - Boarders of respectability will be received on accommodating terms. J. P. Carver." *Herald*, Feb. 17, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 123, 124.

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1841 May 3 — "Omnibus. - Mr. Carver, the excellent Host of the Mansion House, has just brought out a novelty in this city, a substantial, yet neat, tasty and comfortable omnibus - one that in style and finish would be at home in the crowd dashing through Chestnut street or Broadway. It is from the shop of Mr. Deane." *Herald*, May 3, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 124.

1841 Sept. 6 — "Theatre, at Shakespeare hall. Benefit of H. B. Nelson. - Great doings and lots of fun. - Nelson would respectfully inform his friends and the public that his benefit will take place this evening. During the evening Nelson will appear in a number of Recitations, and Songs composed by himself expressly for this occasion. Tickets to front seats, 50 cts; back seats, 25 cts. To be had at the Principal hotels, at the Box office or of Mr. Nelson at the Mansion house." *Herald*, Sept. 6, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 82, 83.

1842 Mar. 8 — J. P. Carver of the Mansion gave up his bar, and converted his establishment into a temperance house. *Herald*, Mar. 8, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 414.

1843 July 5 — "Mansion House, by D. Pease, Cleveland, O. The House has been thoroughly overhauled. Passengers and baggage carried to and from the House free of charge." *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1843.

1843 Sept. 28 — George A. B. Lazell, stopping at the Mansion House, submitted for inspection a beautifully finished phrenological bust, manufactured at Columbus. He also offered a few busts for sale. *Herald*, Sept. 29, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 209.

1843 Dec. 30 — "Phoenix engine company No. 4 has just erected a very neat engine house on Water st.; the second story being finished in good taste for the meetings of the company ... After a house warming (last evening), the company, with the mayor and other friends, discussed a sumptuous entertainment to be given at the Mansion House." *Herald*, Dec. 30, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 99.

1844 Mar. 6 — E. Adams advertised that passengers would be carried free of charge between the boat and the Mansion House, at 31, 33, 35 Water St. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 6, 1844.

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1844 Apr. 24 "The Mansion House, E. Adams, has leased this house for a term of years, and the manner in which he is fitting it up shows that he intends to spare no pains or expense to make it one of the best Public Houses in the City, or even in Northern Ohio. The good humor of the landlord, his uniform kindness and civility to strangers, the luxuries of his table, and the neatness of all his apartments, ought to insure him a generous patronage." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 24, 1844.

1844 Dec. 25 "Christmas Ball. 'A Merry Christmas at the Mansion.' The halls of the Mansion House will be lit up to-morrow night, and a good old fashioned 'time of it,' such as our fathers and mothers of the old puritan school used to enjoy, will be had." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 25, 1844.

1846 Eber Adams was proprietor of the Mansion House at 43, 45, 47 Water Street. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 29, 33, 159.

1846 T. F. Armstrong, clerk; A. Babcock, medical student; N. Babcock, laborer; Wm. H. Backman, peddler; S. A. Baldwin, clerk; W. S. Champney, butcher; Prof. J. M. Leland, music teacher, "boarded" at the Mansion House. John Barr, attorney and justice of the peace, with office at 9 Water St., "resided" in the Mansion House. Frederick Comstock was a porter at the hotel; John Meeker was steward. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 29, 35, 36, 44, 46, 71, 74.

1847 Eber Adams operated the Mansion House. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1847; Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 49.

1848 "The Mansion House, by Stephens & Young, Nos. 43, 45, and 47 Water St. This House has been greatly enlarged, and fitted up in a style equal to any Public House in Cleveland, for comfort and convenience. Its location is one of the most healthy and pleasant in the city. Meals 25 cents. Passengers and Baggage carried to and from the Boats at all hours. Warren Stages, running in connection with Packet Boats, to Beaver and Pittsburgh, leave this House on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 6 o'clock A. M. Also, a two horse carriage leaves every other day for Chagrin Falls. Board by the Day 75 cents." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 83.

1848 L. P. Carter had a saloon at the Mansion House, 45 Water St. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 214.

1849 "S. B. Stevens is the owner of the Mansion House, 43 Water Street." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 205.

1850 "Mansion House, By G. Overrocker, Nos. 43 & 45 Water Street, Cleveland, Ohio. An Omnibus will convey Passengers to and from the Boats and Cars, free of charge." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 107.

1850 Apr. 13 "More than 150 guests took breakfast at the Mansion House yesterday." *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 13, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 158.

1852 Jan. 6 "Notice. -- Cotillion Parties will commence at the Mansion House, on Friday, January 9th, at 6½ o'clock. Ladies and Gentlemen are respectfully invited to attend. Carriages in attendance. Thompson and Parker." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1852.

1852 Oct. 9 "This morning about seven o'clock, the room of Mr. Placide, Paper Hanger, at the Mansion House, was entered by a young man about fifteen years of age, and his trunk broken open. Mr. P. coming into the room, caught the young fellow in the act, and immediately arrested him." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 9, 1852.

MARQUETTE HOUSE
23 Mulberry Street

1871 Marquette House was located at 23 Mulberry Street (in the Flats just west of the Cuyahoga River), and Patrick Dolan was the proprietor in 1871 and 1872. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

MELROSE HOUSE
Detroit Ave. and Thoreau Rd., Lakewood.

According to an item published in the *Plain Dealer* in February, 1873, the Melrose House must have been in existence, and under the management of a Mr. Keen, two years before that date; but the exact date of its erection and the name of the one who built it, have not been found in the sources examined. Mr. Keen sold some land, and, it is presumed, the hotel, to George Saal in 1873. The hotel site is about six miles west of the Public Square, but in the horse-and-buggy era, it was too far away for the Cleveland newspapers to have made many references to it.

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Melrose House

The hotel was under the management of several landlords but always retained its original status as a hostelry, with the exception of two short periods - one when it became a school for girls, and another when it was turned into a jail. The building was burned down in 1896, just as the electric car lines were turning rural areas into city districts. It is probable that the name "Melrose House" was retained throughout the life of the hotel, and that "Halfway House," which it was sometimes called, and "Frog House," as it was advertised in Cleveland at least once, were merely descriptive names. The site was originally in Rockport but is now in the City of Lakewood, a few blocks west of the Cleveland city Limits. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1873; Cuyahoga County Transfer Records; Farmer, *Lakewood*, 80, 87.

1873
Feb. 1 "The Melrose House - Improvements - Sports of Winter - Pigeon Shoots - Tussel with the Groundhog, etc.

"Correspondence of the *Plain Dealer*.

"'Keen's Melrose House, Rocky River Road, Jan. 30, 1873. Dear Dealer: - Again you see my heart beats at the Melrose, it beat there a while ago, you know, ... Keen is much as he was when I took refuge under his roof two years ago, or thereabouts. ... There is new life about here since I departed eighteen long months ago. The plank road company have turned over three of their planks, making a continuous level plane for a road bed of nearly three feet. ... Perhaps you have never heard of the pigeon shoots we have out here? You see they take a couple of barn pigeons, put them in a box, and by a string open the box and let the poor prisoners fly. When pop goes the gun, and they fall nine times in ten, and the chap who hits the most wins. Its much after the plan of the men thrown to wild beasts to devour; sometimes there are not enough for all the animals to have a good taste. ... One jolly friend, Captain Spaulding, who lives just opposite, has sold his farm intending to move to Marquette in the Spring; rumor has it that the farm has been bought the second time at $7000 in advance, to be divided into lots for sale. Since my last to you this capacious half way house, "The Melrose," has been neatly flanked by a tasty residence on either side, McKinney on the east and Mr. Campbell on the west and there are rumors (of) plans of and material for many more upon the opening of spring. Mr. Elwell has broken ground for a residence a few rods west."' *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1873.

1873
Oct. 15 William and Mary Keene sold to George Saal a part of Section 21, Rockport Township, consisting of 7¼ acres, lot 58, the east part of 1 2¼ acres, west part north of Detroit Street, for the consideration of $3210. Cuyahoga County Transfer Record, 1867-1874, 67.

1874 — Melrose House was in the center part of Section 21 Rockport. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Atlas of Cuyahoga County*, 1874.

1874 — George Saal was proprietor of the Melrose House. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Atlas of Cuyahoga County*, 1874, 99.

1874 Aug. 25 — "A horse ran away from the Melrose house Monday August 23 and was finally captured on Whiskey Island by a policeman." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 25. 1874.

MERCHANT'S HOTEL
Cor. Merwin and James Streets

The Merchant's Hotel, erected at the southeast corner of Merwin and James streets by Silas Stone about 1845, was a three-story wood structure with 125 guest rooms.

It was not rated a leading hotel of the day, nevertheless, it enjoyed considerable patronage and was the scene of numerous social affairs.

Two fires damaged the building, but it was insured, and after each blaze it was repaired and opened again as a hotel. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46; *Herald*, Dec. 18, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 340; *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 20, 1846; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 160; *Settlers Annals*, III, 534-35.

1845 Jan. 1 — "Merchant's Hotel, corner of Merwin and James St., by J. A. White. This hotel has been recently erected by our enterprising citizen Silas S. Stone, Esq., and is 160 feet on Merwin street, and 100 on James street; is 3 stories high, and contains 125 lodging rooms. For the traveler and Business man, this Hotel has superior advantages to any in the city; and whoever calls on friend White, may rest assured that their wants will be attended to. N. B. Horses and Carriages, to convey travelers to any part of the city and country." Peet *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 170.

1845 Aug. 19 — Tickets were on sale at the Merchant's Hotel for the first quarterly public concert to be given by the Cleveland Brass Band on August 20, at the "New and Splendid Empire Hall." Admission 25¢. *Herald*, Aug. 19, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 181, 182.

1845 Sept. 1 — "Military. The young men of this city, desirous of forming an Independent Military Company, are requested to meet at the Merchant's Hotel on Wednesday at 7 p.m. S. S. Stone, S. Clary, J. A. White, H. Harrington, A. G. Lawrence." *Herald*, Sept. 1, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 169.

1845 Dec. 18 — "Firemen's Ball! Phoenix Engine Company No. 4, Respectfully announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the city and vicinity, that they will give a Ball at the Merchant's Hotel, On Monday Evening, Dec. 29, 1845. Tickets, $3 - to be had at the hotel." *Herald*, Dec. 18, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 340.

1845 Dec. 27 — "Phoenix fire engine company No. 4 will receive a silver trumpet at its engine house on Water st., on Dec. 29. After the ceremony of presentation, the company will parade through the principal streets and dine at the Merchant's hotel." In the evening a fireman's ball will be given at the hotel." *Herald*, Dec. 27, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 103.

1846 — "Merchant's Hotel, by J. A. White, cor. Merwin & James Sts. Passengers and Baggage, carried to and from the House free of charge." Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44, 163.

1846 Jan. 22 — A series of cotillion parties to be held at the Merchant's Hotel, beginning Friday, January 23, was announced in an advertisement by the committee of arrangements: S. S. Lyon, W. H. Hayward, B. Butts, and E. Beardsley. *Herald*, Jan. 22, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 58.

1846 Feb. 23 — "Washington's Birthday. - The German Guards were out today in honor of the 'father of his country,' and made a very soldier-like display.

"The birthday assembly at the Merchant's Hotel this evening will no doubt be one of the most agreeable entertainments of the season." *Herald*, Feb. 23, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 105.

1846 Sept. 23 — On the night of September 23, 1846, fire originating in a chamber over the clothing store of Mr. Kramer, nearly destroyed the Merchant's Hotel and a number of stores on Merwin Street. The hotel and the stores were the property of S. S. Stone and were insured for $14,000. *Herald*, Sept. 24, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 81; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 160.

1847 Jan. 2 "Merchant's Hotel; By J. A. White corner of Merwin and James streets." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1847.

1848 The Merchant's Hotel was at the corner of Merwin and James Streets. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 205.

1849 Nov. 17 Mrs. S. J. Thompson announced a series of cotillion parties at the Merchant's Hotel, commencing Tuesday, Nov. 20, and on each Tuesday of every week throughout the season. Admission, fifty cents. *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 17, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 57.

1849 Nov. 21 "A disgraceful fight occurred last night at the Merchant's hotel between a rowdy named Bill McGuire and another chap." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 21, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 16.

1850 Jan. 18 "The Merchant's Hotel caught fire yesterday. Although the fire consumed half of the building, most of the furniture was saved." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 18, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 103.

1850 Jan. 19 "The Merchant's Hotel was not so badly injured by fire on Thursday as reported. It is calculated $2000 will cover the entire loss. It was fully insured." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 19, 1850.

1851 Mar. 24 Announcement was made that B. Smith, "late host of the American House," would take charge of the Merchant's Hotel which had been refitted. He promised "a warm meal to his numerous friends" two weeks from the date of announcement. *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 24, 1851.

1851 Apr. 24 "Merchant's Hotel. We were one of a large number of invited guests who dined at this new Hotel to-day and found everything *comme il faut*. The dinner was excellent, and we were happy to see the arrangements for accommodating the traveling public were all completed. Success to (B) Smith and his worthy hostess." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 24, 1851.

1851 Oct. 9 "Madam Adolph, celebrated 'Sympathist,' has taken rooms at the Merchant's Hotel, where she will remain for a few days, for the purpose of being consulted as regards the past, present and future." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 9, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 413.

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1852 Feb. 14 "The Ball last evening at the Merchant's Hotel went off in fine style. Music, dancing, and eatables was the order of the evening." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1852.

1852 Aug. 4 "Hotaling and Tompkins have leased this (Merchant's) Hotel and are putting it in apple-pie order for boarders and traveling customers. Mr. Smith we understand, is about to be promoted to a new Hotel upon the hill about midway between the Franklin and Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 4, 1852.

1852 Oct. 5 "Sometime last night, a single man about 35 years of age, named William Irwin, of Philadelphia who has been engaged for some weeks past in raising the propeller 'City of Oswego,' by means of 'camels,' left the New England Hotel where he has been boarding for six weeks past. How he left the building is utterly unknown, as every door was locked, but it is supposed he leaped from one of the windows. He went to the Merchant's Hotel, on the corner of James and Merwin streets, and is supposed to have entered the house by means of a door which was but partially fastened. He was heard on the second floor by several of the boarders, and at the time of the alarm of fire, about 5½ o'clock, he was found in convulsions on the banisters by a gentleman who was going out to the fire, and in a few moments after he was dead.

"Coroner Schuh held an inquest on the case this morning, and the jury returned a verdict of death from delirium tremens." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 5, 1852.

1853 The Merchant's Hotel, Hotaling & Tompkins, proprietors, Merwin and James Streets. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

MERCHANTS' HOTEL
Cor. Main and River Streets
(West Side Flats)

Complete lack of Cleveland newspaper publicity regarding the building and opening of the Merchants' Hotel, 155 West River Street, would indicate that this hostelry on the west side of the river was not one of the better class hotels, and that it was probably opened while that district was a part of Ohio City. The first notice was in 1860 when a Cleveland paper carried an advertisement offering to rent the place as a "second class hotel." Evidently

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Merchants' Hotel, cor. Main and River Streets

G. F. R. Wadleigh, who operated the Johnson House on Superior Street, then leased the Merchants' Hotel, as both places were offered for rent in one advertisement in 1862, when Wadleigh planned to go "East". For a short time after Wadleigh left Cleveland his son managed the West Side establishment.

One Cleveland paper gave a long account of the use of the hotel as headquarters for Fenian Society members who passed through this city in large numbers, in 1866, intent on some undisclosed purpose.

When the first Superior Street Viaduct was completed in the 1870s, and the traffic through the flats became limited to those who had business at the warehouses and factories, all hotels and taverns in the low lands rapidly degenerated into mere "flop houses" and water-front saloons. As such the old Merchants' Hotel passed out of existence during the early days of the new century without ceremony or public notice. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1860; *ibid.*, Jan. 13, 1862; *ibid.*, Apr. 2, 1862; *ibid.*, May 30, 1866.

1850 The Merchants' Hotel was one of the leading Cleveland hotels west of the Cuyahoga River. Downie, *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 1, 36.

1860 Sept. 21 "The four story brick building situated on the corner of Main and River streets, Cleveland West Side, has been put in good repair and conveniently arranged for a second class Hotel and directly opposite the lower bridge across the Cuyahoga River and the Steamboat Landing and very near the Railroad Depot, and will be rented for a term of years, together with or without two small stores in said building to a good tenant on reasonable terms. For further particular address E. F. Tyler, Cleveland, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1860.

1861 G. F. R. Wadleigh was the owner of the Merchants' Hotel, corner of Main and West River Streets. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62.

1861 Dec. 11 "Henry Jones was arrested on a charge of stealing $40 from the office of the Merchants' hotel on River st." *Leader*, Dec. 11, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 325.

1862 Jan. 13 "Two Hotels For Rent. The lease and furniture of the 'Johnson House' and 'Merchants' Hotel' in this city, are for sale, the present proprietor being about to remove to another locality. Apply to G. F. R. Wadleigh, Johnson House, Cleveland." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1862.

1862 Mar. 12 "For Sale - A fine jet black horse, perfectly gentle for family use, and sound as a dollar. Valued at $150. To be sold cheap for cash. Apply to J. B. Wadleigh, Merchants' Hotel, West Side." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 12, 1862.

1862 Apr. 12 Announcement was made that G. F. R. Wadleigh, proprietor of the Johnson House and Merchants' Hotel, had gone to Boston to manage the United States Hotel there, and that his son, J. B. Wadleigh, was in charge of the Merchants' Hotel, but expected to join his father in the new venture in Boston in the near future. *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 12, 1862.

1864 "Merchants' Hotel, B. McCarty, Proprietor, Corner of Main & River Streets, West Side, Cleveland, O. Nearest House to Steamboat Landing, and Railroad Depot, in the City." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 100.

1864 Bernard McCarty (variously as B. McCarty or Barney McCarty) was the proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel, 155 West River Street, corner of Main Street, from 1864 to 1885. Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 100; Leader, *Cleveland Directories*, 1865-70; Wiggins & Weaver, *Cleveland Directory*, 1870-71; Robison, *Cleveland Directories*, 1871-75; Robison, Savage, *Cleveland Directories*, 1875-78; *Cleveland Directories*, 1878-83; Annewalt, *Cleveland Directory*, 1883-84; *Cleveland Directory*, 1884-85.

1865 Oct. 23 "James Cloak, engineer at the Erie warehouse, was severely scalded Saturday morning last, when a flue in the boiler exploded. He was removed to Merchants' hotel where a surgeon pronounced the injuries not necessarily fatal. A lack of water in the boiler was the cause of the explosion." *Leader*, Oct. 23, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 110.

1866 May 30 "We know that our readers are eager to know all about the large bodies of Fenians, that are arriving and departing from this place. ... At ten o'clock, last evening, a body of about three hundred of them suddenly congregated from various points, and proceeded to the depot, where six cars were in readiness to receive them, and in which they departed for Buffalo. The majority of this party, came from Barney McCarty's 'Merchants' Hotel,' on West River street. This house presented a rare scene of life and bustle last evening. The hospitable Barney moved among his guests, with love for 'Auld Ireland,' and the spirit of hospitality, beaming from his countenance." *Plain Dealer*, May 30, 1866.

1886 James McDonnell was proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel, 155 West River Street, from 1886 to 1891. *Cleveland Directories*, 1886-88; Marquis, *Cleveland Directories*, 1887-89; *Cleveland Directories*, 1888-91.

1894 David McCarthy was proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel from 1894 to 1900. *Cleveland Directories*, 1894-1900.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL R. R. HOUSE
20-22 River Street

1872 Michigan Central R. R. House, 20-22 River, William Butzman, proprietor. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-1872.

DANIEL MILES TAVERN
Newburgh

Shortly after 1811, Charles Miles built a frame tavern on the hill near Mill Creek Falls in what later became Newburgh. It burned down some time before 1818, and soon after Charles' brother, Daniel Miles, built a brick house on the site. On three occasions following 1818, it was advertised for rent. It is likely that Daniel Miles operated this tavern from 1820 to 1822. In 1822, Shepherd and Bates had it, and Enoch Allen occupied the building in 1827. During that same year it was put up for rent by the administrators of Daniel Miles, deceased. *Settlers Annals*, II, 12; *Cleaveland Register*, Dec. 29, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 279; *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 232; *Herald*, Jan. 26, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 144; *Herald*, Apr. 6, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 103.

1811 Charles Miles built a frame tavern in Newburgh for the accommodation of travelers from Pittsburgh to Cleveland. It burned down (no date) and his brother Daniel Miles later built a brick house on the same ground. *Settlers Annals*, II, 12.

1811 The following, according to Y. L. Morgan, are the names of men who lived in what was then Newburgh in the fall of 1811 and spring of 1812. "On the south (from Doan's Corners), near Woodland Hills Avenue, lived six by the name of Miles -- Erastus, Theodore, Charles, Samuel, Thompson and Daniel -- between the Samuel Hamilton family of Newburgh and the 'Widow' White and sons." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 153, 154; *Early Settlers*, III, 67.

Hotels and Taverns
Daniel Miles Tavern

1817 — There were two stores in Newburgh and about twenty five houses. Daniel, Theodore and Erastus Miles and Allan Gaylord were among the principal citizens. Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 237, 238.

1818 Dec. 29 — "Tavern Stand to Rent, and possession given on the 15th of February next. A large and convenient new brick building situated in the village of Newburgh, with twenty-five acres of land attached there to. For terms apply to Daniel Miles." *Cleaveland Register*, Dec. 29, 1818, *Newspaper Annals*, I, 279.

1819 Feb. 16 — "Tavern Stand to Rent, and possession given on the 15th of March next. A large and convenient new brick building situated in the village of Newburgh, with twenty-five acres of land attached thereto. For terms apply to (name missing)." *Cleaveland Register*, Feb. 16, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 362.

1819 Apr. 20 — "Tavern Stand to Rent, and possession given on the 15th of April next. A large and convenient new brick building situated in the village of Newburgh, with twenty-five acres of land attached thereto. For terms apply to (name missing)." *Cleaveland Register*, Apr. 20, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 499.

1819 July 20 — "Regimental Order - The Commissioned officers of the 1st Regiment, 4th Brigade, and 4th Division, of Ohio militia, are hereby required to convene at the Newburgh Hotel, in the town of Newburgh, on the 27th July inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M. completely equipt, as the law directs, for the purpose of organizing companies in said regiment. At which time, the officers will produce their commissions for endorsement. By order of Col. D. Miles, I. B. Lee, Adjt." *Cleaveland Register*, July 20, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 655.

1820 July 25 — "Brigade Order - The Commissioned Officers of the 1st Regt. 4th Brig. 4th Div. Ohio Militia, will convene at the Newburgh Hotel in the village of Newburgh, and county of Cuyahoga, on the 12th day of August next, for the purpose of electing a Colonel for said Regiment. By order of Daniel Miles, Brig. Gen. R. Wood, Aid-de-Camp." *Herald*, July 25, 1820, *Newspaper Annals*, III, 56.

1822 Feb. 19 — "For Rent, The commodious stand for a tavern, in Newburgh, at present occupied by Messrs. Bates and Shepherd. There are 30 acres of land, the house is large and convenient, and good water on the

Premises. - It will be rented on advantageous terms, for from one year to five years, and possession given on the 1st of May next. Daniel Miles." *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1822, *Newspaper Annals*, V, 232.

1827 Jan. 26 "For Rent, the brick tavern, together with about 25 acres of land attached, now occupied by Enoch Allen in village of Newburgh. Enquire of Samuel Miles, Thompson Miles, Administrators of Daniel Miles deceased." *Herald*, Jan. 26, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 144.

1827 Apr. 6 "By order of the Court of Common Pleas we shall offer for public sale at the house lately occupied by E. Allen, Inn Keeper, in Newburgh, on May 19 next, a parcel of land in Newburgh. Alvin Davis, Abigail Rue, Administrators of Mark Rue, deceased. J. W. Willey, Att'y." *Herald*, Apr. 6, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 103.

ERASTUS MILES' TAVERN
Newburgh

Erastus Miles opened a tavern and hotel in the district which later became Newburgh, but his other activities, business and political, seem to have completely overshadowed his position as host. He became a justice of the peace, and, as was customary, he probably tried his cases in the tavern. Later he became the first clerk of the township of Newburgh and it is not improbable that township meetings were held at the tavern. He was brought into common pleas court for selling liquor to the Indians, was treasurer of Newburgh Township; kept a general store and advertised his goods in early newspapers; was one of the incorporators of the Commercial Bank of Lake Erie, Cleveland's first bank, and was reputed to be one of the very substantial citizens of Cuyahoga County. In view of what is known about him, it seems probable that the hotel was not an important activity. *Leader*, July 13, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 204; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 151, 174; Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 278; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 640, 641.

1809 "The first store (in Newburgh) was kept by Erastus Miles, who also opened the first hotel in 1809." *Leader*, July 13, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 204.

1810 Erastus Miles' Tavern was located between Cleveland and Tinker's Creek. Urann, *Cleveland*, 23.

1810 Erastus Miles was prosecuted for selling liquor to the Indians. Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 151.

1810 "(Henry Woods) has given us an account of his going for Dr. Long, of Cleveland, in the year 1810, when he was staying at his father's cabin at Tinker's Creek. 'A widow woman' had met with an accident . . ., and the lad was sent for the nearest physician, 12 miles distant, six miles being through a dense wood. The night was dark and the road muddy. His narrative reads as follows:

"'The folks furnished me with a good horse and an old-fashioned lantern and a candle. I burnt the candle, all of it, going through the woods. I found the doctor, but he would not go that night, so I had to stay all night. In the morning we started, and when we came to six-mile woods the road was froze, so that it was very bad traveling for a horse, and the doctor left his horse at Erastus Miles' tavern, and went the six miles and back on foot.'" Urann, *Cleveland*, 22, 23.

1810 "In the third case (June 1810 session of Cuyahoga County common pleas court) the famous old pioneer, Rodolphus Edwards, was chosen defendant in the suit of one John S. Reede. It was an appealed case from Justice Erasmus (Erastus) Miles' court." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 149, 150.

1811 Y. L. Morgan, who lived in Newburgh in the early days, gave the Early Settlers a list of the people living there in the latter part of 1811 or early part of 1812, and listed the names of six of the Miles family - Erastus, Theodore, Charles, Samuel, Thompson and Daniel Miles - who lived between the home of the Hamiltons and that of "Widow" White. *Settlers Annals*, III, 67; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 154; Urann, *Cleveland*, 28, 29.

1814 Oct. 15 "The township of Newburgh was organized on the 15th of October of this year, 1814, embracing within its limits the residences of a number of important citizens, among whom were James Kingsbury, Rodolphus Edwards, and Erastus Miles." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 174.

1814 Oct. 15 Erastus Miles was made the first township clerk of Newburgh Township. Later he was a treasurer of the township. Coates, *Cuyahoga County*, I, 278.

Hotels and Taverns - Erastus Miles' Tavern;
Monterey House

1816 Aug. 6 — Erastus Miles was one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation of the Commercial Bank of Lake Erie which was incorporated August 6, 1816. It was Cleveland's pioneer bank and John E. Strong, Samuel Williamson, Philo Taylor, George Wallace, David Long, Seth Doan, and Alfred Kelley, incorporators with Miles, represented the largest financial interests in the village and environs. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 640, 641; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 186, 187.

1817 — "Mr. Moses White (a newcomer to Cleveland in 1816). ... put up a tailor's shop the next year (1817), it being the first in Cleveland. When he wanted to get it painted he had to go to Newburg for a painter. There were stores there and about twenty-five houses. Daniel, Theodore and Erastus Miles and Allan Gaylord were among the principal citizens." Johnson, *Cuyahoga County*, 237, 238.

1823 Aug. 21 — "New Goods. E. Miles, would inform the public, that he has received, direct from the City of New-York, at his store in Newburgh, an extensive assortment of Merchandise." *Herald*, Aug. 21, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 55.

1824 Aug. 13 — "New Goods from the City of New York. E. Miles has just received at his store in Newburgh, a general assortment of dry goods. ... Also Hardware, Crockery and Groceries, Among which are Cogniac Brandy, Jamaica Spirits, Port and Sicily Madeira Wines. ... Pot & Pearl Ashes, and Black Salts, bought as usual." *Herald*, Aug. 13, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 138.

1826 Mar. 10 — "Notice. -- All persons having claims against the estate of Erastus Miles, late of Newburgh township, deceased, are hereby notified to present them for adjustment, legally proven, within one year from this date. All those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Laura Miles, Adm'x. Thomson Miles, Adm'r." *Herald*, Mar. 10, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 22.

MONTEREY HOUSE
River Street

1848 — In the year 1848-1849 Daniel Wild was owner of the Monterey House on River Street. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 205.

MOUNT HOPE HOUSE
70, 72 Lake Street

1854
Oct. 28 "Mount Hope House, Nos. 70 and 72 Lake st., is now ready for the reception of transient boarders. It is equipped with modern furniture, large rooms and is near the business section of the city. The terms are 75 cents per day." *Leader*, Oct. 28, 1854. *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 152, 153.

1855
Mar. 23 "Piano Taught - Mr. Ribas, after having accomplished a tour through out the South and West, giving concerts on the Piano, intends settling here, and will give instructions in Vocal Music, also on the Piano, Flute, accordean (sic), &c. Mr. Ribas may be seen at the Mount Hope House, 70 and 72 Lake street." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 23, 1855.

THE NAPOLEON COFFEE HOUSE
St. Clair Street and Union Lane

The first mention of the Napoleon Coffee House occurred when it was offered for rent by Samuel Cook in 1836, and again in 1837. Lewis Emerick applied for a liquor license to keep a Tavern "at Johnson's building," Union Lane, the Napoleon Coffee House stand, in 1839. A fire razed an adjoining building in 1840, but the Napoleon fortunately escaped. Like most of the smaller hotels of its day it did not gain the popularity of the larger ones. The hotel was listed in the directory of 1845-46 with B. Leed, or B. Lied, as proprietor, also with Lewis Emerick as proprietor for the same year; while in the 1846-47 directory Emerick alone was listed as the proprietor.

The old "Bonaparte House" was torn down in 1847, according to the *Plain Dealer*, and burned down in 1848 according to the *Daily True Democrat*. The story is conflicting, but the probability is that the building was not completely demolished before the time of the fire. *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180; *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 5, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 89; *Herald*, Dec. 16, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 97; Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 71; Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44.

1836
Apr. 16 "To Let, the Napoleon Coffee House, at the foot of Union and St. Clair Lanes. - Inquire of Samuel Cook." *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1837
Jan. 3 "To let, the Napoleon Coffee House, at the foot of Union and St. Clair lanes. Inquire of Samuel Cook." *Herald*, Jan. 3, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 368.

1839
Apr. 5 "Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply to the court of common pleas within and for the county of Cuyahoga and the State of Ohio, at its next session in the city of Cleveland, to grant him a License to keep a Tavern at Johnson's building, Union Lane, in the city of Cleveland. Lewis Emerick." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 5, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 89.

1840
Dec. 16 "The wooden dwelling adjoining the Napoleon Coffee House at the foot of St. Clair st. was partly consumed by fire last evening. The house was owned by a Captain Belden and was insured.

"The firemen played their part admirably, and by prompt and well directed efforts not only saved the Napoleon from destruction but

also the large building adjacent to it. The department deserves great credit as do the United States officers and soldiers for their timely assistance." *Herald*, Dec. 16, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 97.

1843 July 17 "One of the most disgraceful fights occurred in this city yesterday between a party of Germans and Irishmen all growing out of a drop too much of the craythur at a tavern on Union lane.

"The dispute arose in regard to the charges for drinks, and ended in a bloody row, with no policemen to quell the drunken row-de-dow." *Herald*, July 17, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 25.

1843 Aug. 17 "A large red morocco leather pocket book, (lost) on the 15th inst., between Richfield and Brecksville, containing a number of papers in the German language, and a doctor's bill in English, valuable only to the owner. If the finder will leave it at Mr. L. Emerich's, No. 8 Union Lane, Cleveland, he will be suitably rewarded. Andrew Stegman." *Herald*, Aug. 17, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 157.

1845 B. Lied (Leed) was the operator of the Napoleon Hotel. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 30; *ibid.*, 1845-46, 71.

1845 L. Emerick operated the Napoleon Coffee House. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 30.

1846 L. Emerick operated the Napoleon Coffee House. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44.

1846 Jan. 12 "The Mr. Otis who disappeared last week was found today in the attic of the Napoleon House at the Points (St. Clair Street, Union Lane and River Street), safe and apparently tapering off a spree." *Herald*, Jan. 12, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 166.

1847 Feb. 6 "Tearing Down. We are glad to see the Old Union Block on Union Lane coming down. But in the demolition of old Union, the memorable Bonaparte House kept in it by L. Emerick, Esq., has been 'Dislodged.' But the old Boss reappears in the new house, finally fitted up, on the corner of Water and St. Clair, where friends from the Fader Landt are daily refreshed with the substantials of life and good ale, from Ives City Brewery, besides." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1847.

1848
May 27 "The old Napoleon Coffee House, and a small building adjoining, at Five Points (St. Clair, River Street and Union Lane), near the river, were burned this morning. Several poor German families, and two or three doggeries (saloons), were broken up by the calamity." *Daily True Democrat*, May 27, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 36.

NAPOLEON HOTEL
S. E. Corner Water (W. 9th) and St. Clair Streets

The Napoleon Hotel at the corner of Water and St. Clair Streets was the outgrowth of the Napoleon Coffee House on Union Lane. When the building in which the Coffee House or "Bonaparte House," as it was sometimes called, was torn down, Lewis Emerick, its former proprietor, fitted up a house at the southeast corner of Water and St. Clair Streets. This hotel was called the Napoleon, but at times it was also referred to as Captain Emerick's Hotel. The hotel during its existence from 1847 to 1867 had several proprietors. The life around the hotel was that which was characteristic of the smaller hotel of the day. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1847; *Settlers Annals*, III, 723, 724; Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1866-67.

1847
Feb. 6 "Tearing Down. We are glad to see the Old Union Block on Union Lane coming down. But in the demolition of the Old 'Union,' the memorable Bonaparte House kept in it by L. Emerick, Esq., has been 'Dislodged.' But the old Boss reappears in the new house, finally fitted up, on the corner of Water and St. Clair, where friends from the 'Fader Landt' are daily refreshed with the substantials of life and good ale, from Ives City Brewery, besides." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1847.

1848 "Napoleon Hotel, by Louis Emrich, corner of Water and St. Clair sts." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 85.

1848
Aug. "I (James D. Cleveland) well remember how small the remnant of the company looked as it was escorted from the steamer from Sandusky on one of the hot days of August, 1848. The procession turned into Water street, and made its first halt before Captain Emerick's Hotel, at the corner of St. Clair." *Settlers Annals*, III, 723, 724.

1850 Napoleon Hotel, corner Water and St. Clair streets, was kept by Louis Emrich (Lewis Emerick). Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 83.

1850 Aug. 6 — "In a letter to the editor, S. says: The board of health would confer a favor upon many of our citizens, if they would have the east side of Water St. (vicinity of Napoleon House) cleaned up in the neighborhood of those Dutch groggeries. The gutter at the southeast corner of Bank and St. Clair Sts. needs attention also." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 6, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 926.

1853 — "Napoleon House, L. Emerich, 66 Water Street." Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1857 — "Napoleon House and Lager - Bier Hall, No. 64 Water Street." Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857, 2.

1857 — "Napoleon House and Lager Beer Hall, No. 64 Water Street, opposite Post Office, Cleveland. Strangers will find all accommodations. Low Prices - Good Stabling. J. C. Miller, Proprietor." Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58, 31.

1862 June 24 — "All released prisoners of the seventh Ohio who have not received their pay will report to Sergeant Edward Bohm at the Napoleon House, 14 Water St., Cleveland." *Leader*, June 24, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 181.

1863 — F. H. Fischer was proprietor of the Napoleon House at 104 Water Street from 1863 to 1867. *Cleveland Directories*, 1863-64, 1864-65, 1865-66, 1866-67.

NATIONAL HOTEL
Corner of Prospect and Ontario Streets

There is no doubt of the existence of the hotel known as the Waverly House at the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets from January, 1853 - to November, 1854, when a fire, said to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed or damaged it so badly that it had to be closed. There is no doubt that it was rebuilt or repaired, and reopened as the National Hotel in the spring of 1855 and that, under this name, it continued until January, 1858, when ownership of the furniture and fixtures was questioned in a lawsuit. But the exact dates of the building and the razing of this structure, or when it ceased to be used as a hotel, are not known. References to a hotel that might have been this one under a different name, before 1853 and after 1858, such as the

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Sherman Hotel, cannot be positively identified from the available sources. In 1852 the *Plain Dealer* announced that the "Waverly House, formerly known as the Sherman House, at the corner of Prospect and Erie Streets," was being fitted up by "James" Kellenberger. "Erie" instead of "Ontario" street and "James" instead of "George" Kellenberger, may have been mistakes, or a different hotel. References to the Sherman House in 1870 might also have been a reversion of the Waverly House to the old name of Sherman House, or a different hotel. *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 16, 1852; *Leader*, Jan. 11, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 232; *Leader*, Apr. 4, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 715.

1852 Nov. 16 "Waverly. The Waverly House, formerly known as the Sherman House, on the corner of Prospect and Erie (Ontario) streets, is being fitted up and occupied by Mr. James (George) Kellenberger, of Massillon. Mr. K. is a kind and attentive host and will sustain the reputation of Cleveland hotels." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 16, 1852.

1853 "Waverly House, by Geo. A. Kellenberger, Esq., corner Ontario and Prospect Streets, Cleveland, O. Board -- one dollar per day. Stages for all routes, call at this house daily for passengers." Knight and Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 39, 286.

1853 Jan. 3 "Waverly House, Geo. A. Kellenberger - Proprietor, corner Ontario and Prospect Streets, Cleveland, O. The location of this House is one of the most pleasant and healthy in the city, and near the central and business part. His table will always be supplied with the best the market affords, and nothing will be left undone to promote the pleasure and comfort of guests. Board One Dollar Per Day. Stages for all routes call at this house daily. Passengers and Baggage carried to and from this House free of charge." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1853; *ibid.*, July 1, 1853.

1853 June Action of the Cleveland City Council regarding a reservoir located Reservoir No. 1 "between the Waverly House and the Mechanics Block (both on Ontario Street), at Prospect" Street. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "F," 238.

1853 June 12 "A Printer Dead. - James H. Covill, a young printer aged 19 years, died yesterday morning at the Waverly House, of inflammation of the lungs. He was formerly a compositor in the office of the daily *Herald*, and was much respected by many friends." *Plain Dealer*, June 12, 1853.

1853 July 14 — "One of the inmates of the Waverly House went to his room, which he found locked. After gaining admission he found a man taking possession of his trunk. Marshal Michael Gallagher investigated the 'dry goods' in which the stranger was encased. On removing his overcoat, three coats were found underneath it. Beneath the overcoat were smuffled three vests. He was also provided with unmentionables, having on three pairs. As he was divested, one by one, of this large assortment, the boarders that had gathered around kept exclaiming, 'There's my coat,' - 'There are my pants!' - 'There's my vest!' All this time the thief displayed the utmost hardihood, not seeming at all embarrassed by his unpleasant predicament. He was disposed of as indicated in our police record." *Daily True Democrat*, July 14, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 42.

1853 Sept. 30 — "Wanted. - Two active young men of good address, to canvass this city for a new and popular publication, published by Virtus, Son & Co., London and New York. A liberal commission, or fixed salary paid to suitable parties. Apply on Monday between 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., at the Waverly House to G. Rosenberg, Agent. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 30, 1853.

1854 July 1 — The Waverly House was designated as a depository for mail. *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1854.

1854 Nov. 8 — "The fire which destroyed the Waverly House yesterday morning was unquestionably the work of an incendiary. The loss was estimated at $2,500, but was fully covered by insurance." *Leader*, Nov. 8, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 122.

1855 Apr. 27 — "The Waverly House is reopened as the National hotel. Excellent inducements are offered to boarders and transient visitors." *Leader*, Apr. 27, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 204.

1855 June 14 — "The National Hotel. The dollar houses make the most money now. Travelers find as good tables, as sound sleep, and as comfortable quarters at these for half price, as at the best hotels. The National, corner of Ontario and Prospect Sts., has been newly furnished, papered, painted and reopened, and Mr. Genett Overrocker, who has resumed his old calling as host, will conduct it with satisfaction to the traveling public." *Plain Dealer*, June 14, 1855.

Hotels and Taverns
National Hotel, corner Prospect and Ontario Streets

1855
Aug. 9 "A horse ran away with a buggy from the livery stable at the National hotel yesterday. He ran up Prospect, through Sheriff, and down Euclid sts. to near Stacey's, and was running towards the sidewalk when our local editor, who happened to be passing, grabbed him by the bit. No damage was done." *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 3.

1856
Jan. 3 "Chill Fevers and Fever and Ague, cured in Ten Hours or no charge. At No. 2 National Hotel, corner Ontario and Prospect Sts. opposite the Market, Cleveland, Ohio. All diseases are curable. ...

"Dr. McIntyre will be at the National Hotel, 14 days every month commencing Nov. 7th and at Toledo commencing Oct. 20th alternately changing through the season until the 1st of May, 1856." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1856.

1856
Sept. 3 "A new four-story building will be erected on the site of the old wooden one, now being removed from Ontario St., adjoining the block north of the National hotel. George C. Dodge is the owner of the block." *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 19.

1858
Jan. 15 Mrs. Irene Overrocker was lessee of the National Hotel at Ontario and Prospect streets. Her husband, Genett Overrocker, deposed that the furniture, pictures and personal property in the hotel were purchased by and belonged to Mrs. Overrocker. Mary, their daughter, resided with and was dependent upon them. She did not own property of any kind in her own right; however, because of the embarrassed circumstances of the Overrockers in 1855 the furnishings of the hotel were placed in her trust.

"Mary contended that she was the owner of a large quantity of household goods and property at the Franklin House. Overrocker, acting as her agent, on July 27, 1857 sold all the furniture for $1,200 to C. A. Jones, receiving from him $200 cash and 2 notes of $500 each, one payable within one year, and the other within 2 years from that date, with interest at 10 per cent payable quarterly.

"Overrocker deposed that on that day Mrs. Overrocker with his consent sold her interest in the hotel to Jones. Mary was aware of all negotiations attending the sale and gave her consent as trustee.

"A case was being prosecuted in Mary's name that summer and for the benefit of her father she did not wish to appear. Dr. M. Y. Turrill deposed that during the summer of 1857 he was asked by Mary, then residing at the Franklin Hotel with her parents, to certify that her health would not permit her to attend court.

"Overrocker declared that at the request of Mrs. Overrocker, Mary on November 30 assigned to Amos Coe all her interest in the contract for the sale of the hotel and furnishings.

"Mary charged that her parents, without her consent and for the purpose of placing the notes beyond her reach, assigned the notes to Coe. Coe endeavored to collect from Jones the interest due on the notes.

"Mary brought suit on January 15, 1858 in the Court of Common Pleas to compel Coe to surrender the notes to her, and asked that Jones be made to pay them to her. The case was dismissed at Mary's request." *Court Records*, III, 220.

NATIONAL HOTEL
St. Clair Ave. and Water (W. 9th) Street

1819 Fred Weidenkopf, later proprietor of the National Hotel, was born in Germany in 1819. *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 147.

1837 Fred Weidenkopf, a native of Germany, came to Cuyahoga County in 1837, aged about eighteen. *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 147.

1862 Aug. 30 "Sword Presentation. - An elegant sword belt, hat, spurs and sash were presented to Lieut. M. Adams, of the 20th Ohio Battery, last evening at the National Hotel, corner of Water and St. Clair streets, by a few of the Lieutenant's friends who appreciate his qualities as a soldier. A short, but appropriate speech was made by Frank Randell. The Lieutenant, was completely taken by surprise, but will make a few remarks in reply when he returns from the war." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 30, 1862; See also, *Leader*, Sept. 1, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 226, 227.

1863 F. Weidenkopf was proprietor of the National Hotel at St. Clair and Water Streets from 1863 to 1867. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64; Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65; *Leader*, *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-66, 1866-67.

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1869 July 1 "Wanted a partner - with $300 to $500 in a light manufacturing business. Large profit, and no competition. Call at once at the National Hotel, 79 Water St." *Leader*, July 1, 1869.

1872 Jacob Heintz was the proprietor of the National Hotel from 1872 to 1877. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-1877; Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1877 Philip J. May was the proprietor of the National Hotel from 1877 to 1879. Robison, Savage, & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 1878-79.

1879 John Feihl was proprietor of the National Hotel from 1879 to 1888. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879-80, 1880-81, 1881-82, 1882-83, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88.

1880 Fred Weidenkopf, former proprietor of the National Hotel, was a member of the Early Settlers Association from 1880 to 1884. *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 1, 147; *ibid.*, I, no. 2, 92; *ibid.*, I, no. 3, 78; *ibid.*, I, no. 4, 91; *ibid.*, I, no. 5, 116.

1889 Dannemann & Bohnert were proprietors of the National Hotel from 1889 to 1891. *Cleveland Directory*, 1889-90, 1890-91.

1892 Charles Dannemann was proprietor of the National Hotel from 1892 to 1894. *Cleveland Directory*, 1892-93, 1893-94.

1895 Jacob Gluntz was proprietor of the National Hotel from 1895 to 1900. *Cleveland Directory*, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1899-1900.

1896 The site of the National Hotel was described as being near the place where Lorenzo Carter built his second dwelling in 1797. Dare, *Settlers Annals*, III, 768.

NAVY HOTEL
Southeast corner of St. Clair and Water (West 9th) Streets

Dr. Donald McIntosh, the proprietor of the Navy Hotel, was a picturesque energetic character who came to Cleveland about the year 1814, the second

physician to establish himself in the young community. Dr. McIntosh was an unusual combination of horse-racing enthusiast, dog-fancier, violin player and practicing physician. There seems no question of his professional competence, but his numerous side lines and convivial habits did not make for the widest success in his calling, however much they contributed to the popularity of his hotel.

After some previous ventures in tavern keeping, the versatile doctor advertised on May 7, 1824, that his Navy Hotel was open to travellers, at St. Clair and Water streets, the same corner where, according to one authority, he had operated the Eagle Tavern. This site corresponds to the present St. Clair and West 9th streets.

In his 1824 announcement regarding the Navy Hotel, Dr. McIntosh enlarged on its advantages of location: "It being the nearest tavern to the lake, renders it very convenient for all persons that wish to take passage from this place by water."

Dr. McIntosh was a member of the Masonic order, and for a number of years the Navy Hotel was a favorite meeting place of Concord Lodge, No. 15. On Dec. 27, 1825, in celebrating the festival of St. John the Evangelist, this Lodge formed in procession at the hotel and marched to the Academy of Music for the appointed program. After the conclusion of the business and ceremonies "the procession returned to McIntosh's hotel, where an excellent dinner was served."

Available data do not show with any distinctness how long the Navy Hotel itself, or Dr. McIntosh's proprietorship, continued. We are told, however, that after his fatal injury in a fall from his horse during a moonlight race on Buffalo Road (Euclid Ave.) in 1834, Dr. McIntosh was carried "to his hotel" to die. *Magazine of Western History*, IV, 197; *Settlers Annals*, III, 357; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 541; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 180, 181; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 136, 209; *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 23, 1917; *Press*, 1917, Scrapbook, 3; *Herald*, May 7, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 94; *Register*, Aug. 24, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 724; *Register*, Nov. 30, 1819, *Newspaper Annals*, II, 884.

1824
May 7 Dr. Donald McIntosh advertised on May 7, 1824, that the Navy Hotel on St. Clair Street had just been opened for the reception of travellers. "It being the nearest tavern to the lake, renders it very convenient for all persons that wish to take passage from this place by water." *Herald*, May 7, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 94; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 428.

1825
June 17 "The medical Society of the 19th Medical District of Ohio, met at the house of John S. Strong, Esq. in Strongville, on the 31st day of May, agreeably to adjournment.... After transacting the ordinary business of the Society, the following officers for the ensuing

year were duly elected: David Long, President, Bela B. Clark, Vice President, William Baldwin, Secretary, Donald McIntosh, Treasurer; Geo. W. Card, John Harris, Alex. M. White, Censors. ... Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the last Tuesday of October (Oct. 25) next, to be holden at the house of D. McIntosh, in Cleaveland." *Herald*, June 17, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 198.

1825 Sept. 23 "Mr. E. R. Hull informs those ladies and gentlemen who wish to embrace the opportunity of improving in the Art of Dancing, that he intends opening a School, for their instruction, on the 7th of November next, at Mr. Kingsbury's Hall. For terms, &c. apply to Col. H. Wellman, or Mr. A. D. Cutter. Reference, Dr. D. McIntosh." *Herald*, Sept. 23, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 182.

1825 Oct. 14 "Notice. The Medical Society of the 19th Medical District, will meet at Dr. McIntosh's in Cleaveland on the last Tuesday of October, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the transaction of business. David Long, President." *Herald*, Oct. 14, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 198.

1825 "The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on Dec. 27 by members of Concord lodge who, together with a great number of transients and members of several other lodges, formed a procession at McIntosh's hotel and proceeded to the Academy of Music where an address was delivered by J. F. Hanks. The election of officers for the ensuing year also took place. Excellent vocal and instrumental performances were given by the Musical society. After these the procession returned to McIntosh's hotel, where an excellent dinner was served." *Herald*, Dec. 30, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 204.

1826 Feb. 10 "Dancing School. Mr. J. Hendershott respectfully informs the Young Ladies and Gentlemen of the Village of Cleaveland, that he proposes commencing a Dancing School on Monday, next, at Dr. D. McIntosh's Hall." *Herald*, Feb. 10, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 17.

1827 June 1 "The 19th District Medical Society of Ohio met at Cleaveland on May 29, 1827.... Bela B. Clark was elected president ... and Donald M'Intosh, treasurer.... Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the last Tuesday of May, 1828, to be holden at the house of Donald M'Intosh." *Herald*, June 1, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 121.

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Navy Hotel

1828 "From all accounts he (Dr. Donald McIntosh) was popular and in 1828 was elected president of the District Medical Society." Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 541.

1828 May 2 "Medical. The annual meeting of the Society of the 19th Medical District, will be holden, at Dr. McIntosh's Hotel, in Cleaveland, May 27. A punctual attendance of the members is requested at 10 o'clock A. M. B. B. Clark, Pres't. Medina, April 26, 1828." *Herald*, May 2, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 196.

1828 May 30 "Medical Notice. The 19th District Medical Society, Ohio, met at the house of Donald McIntosh, pursuant to adjournment. ... The following officers were elected for the year ensuing: Doctors Donald M'Intosh, President; Elijah De Witt, Vice-president; Wm. Baldwin, Secretary; David Long, Treasurer; Herman Vaughn, Librarian; and John M. Henderson, a delegate to attend the State Convention. Donald M'Intosh, President; Wm. Baldwin, Secretary." *Herald*, May 30, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 197.

1829 June 4 "The annual meeting of the 19th Medical Society of Ohio was held Thursday, May 25, at Dr. Donald M'Intosh's, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: Elijah DeWitt, President; John M. Henderson, Vice President; David Long, Treasurer; J. Mills, Secretary; Drs. Wm. Baldwin, D. M'Intosh, W. H. Peap, H. Vaughn, G. W. Card, censors; J. L. Conger, Prosecuting Attorney." *Herald*, June 4, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 37.

1829 Oct. 29 "At a meeting of the 19th Medical society held at D. M'Intosh's on Wednesday the 27th inst., Dr. Ira Pier and Dr. Joseph Maier were admitted Members." *Herald*, Oct. 29, 1829, *Newspaper Annals*, XII, 37.

1830 Nov. 25 "All persons indebted to me by book account or note are requested to call and make immediate payment. D. M'Intosh." *Herald*, Nov. 25, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 113.

1831 May 31 The 19th Medical District society met at P. Scovill's on Thursday, May 31. Dr. Donald M'Intosh was elected one of the censors. *Herald*, June 2, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 208.

1832 Mar. 29 "All persons indebted to me by book or note are requested to call and settle them on or before the first of May next. D. McIntosh." *Herald*, Mar. 29, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 9.

1834 Dr. Donald MacIntosh, after being injured by a fall from his horse during a race in 1834, was brought to his hotel and soon died. *Magazine of Western History*, IV, 197.

1910 "It is even possible that the vivacious doctor (McIntosh) might have descended to posterity with the reputation of one who survived, repented and redeemed the follies of youth by a maturity of honorable and sober effort. But, alas, the poor fellow in 1834 broke his neck in a moonlight horserace on the Buffalo road (Euclid avenue), and the 'deep damnation of his taking off' was so accentuated by the refusal of an uncharitable parson of the village to officiate at his obsequies, that I (Orth) fear his reputation is irreparably ruined." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 181.

NEWBURGH HOUSE
Central Place corner Factory Street

1872 Isaac Bennett was proprietor of the Newburgh House on the corner of Eagle Hill and Central Place. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872.

1876 John Wren was proprietor of the Newburgh House from 1876 to 1879. Robison, Savage, & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77, 1877-78, 1878-79.

1879 Newburgh House was listed as being at Central Place, corner Factory. John Wren was proprietor. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879-80.

NEW ENGLAND HOTEL
Superior and Merwin Streets

1837 Captain Lorenzo A. Kelsey, who was later to become the first operator of the New England Hotel, arrived in Cleveland with his family.

He was 34 years old, and after a brief year as manager of the old Cleveland Hotel, he became commander of a lake steamer. He remained at this calling until 1847. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 588; World, *Cleveland*, 434.

1845 The foundation of the New England was begun in the spring of '45. *Weekly Herald*, Apr. 28, 1847.

1845 Nov. 28 "Spang & Co. Have removed their Warehouse to Nos. 1 & 3 New England House Buildings, corner of Merwin and Superior Lane, opposite the Custom House." *Herald*, Nov. 28, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 144.

1846 "The New England Hotel was a favorite stopping place for commercial men during its brief existence. It was built in 1846 by G. M. Atwater and opened the following year. It was an imposing building and stood at the foot of Superior street." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1846 June 2 While the New England Hotel was being built in 1846 by George M. Atwater of New York, his Cleveland agents filed a petition with the city council asking permission to alter the grade of Superior Lane at the corner of Merwin Street, in front of the entrance to the hotel. *Cleveland Council Journal* "D," 145; *Herald*, Oct. 31, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 119; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 433.

1846 July 1 "Etna Iron Works Warehouse, New England House Building, Spang & Co. keep constantly on hand all sizes of Juniata Iron and Nails, Boiler and Fire bed Iron, &c., all of their own manufacture; also, chain cables and anchors, of various sizes." *Herald*, July 1, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 126.

1846 Oct. 31 "We owe a good deal to a resident of New York (George M. Atwater) for helping to beautify our city. Among the buildings erected by him is the five story fabric at the junction of Merwin st. and Superior Lane, known as the New England hotel.

"We are happy to learn that the helm of the New England is to be entrusted to our fellow-citizen, Capt. L. A. Kelsey, who has long navigated our western waters, and who is well known and appreciated on land." *Herald*, Oct. 31, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 119.

Hotels and Taverns
New England Hotel, Superior and Merwin Streets

1847
Apr. 4

"We have witnessed with renewed pleasure the rapid progress being made in the completion of the New England Hotel. - The name we like; it awakens fireside associations, genial, and abounding in creature comforts, made realities, when we remember that Capt. L. A. Kelsey is to be the reigning spirit of the New England.

"The foundation of the New England was begun in the spring of '45; it is 3½ and 4 feet in thickness, and laid upon spiles. The walls (of brick) were carried up and closed before the winter set in. The roof is of metal and pronounced by our mechanics one of the best specimens of improvement in this branch of artizanship to be found. It is surmounted by a cupola of commanding proportions.

"The form of the hotel is a crescent; it is 176 feet front on Superior Lane and Merwin Street, 60 feet in depth with a wing on Merwin Street 74 feet. It is five stories high on Merwin St., with a piazza 60 ft. by 10, accessible on its first and second floors, from the principal rooms; four stories on Superior Lane, the wing three stories. The first and second stories are 13 feet, the third 11 ft. 6 inches, the fourth and fifth 11 and 10 feet. There are three public entrances to the Hotel, one on Merwin St. and two on Superior Lane, one the Ladies' entrance. The openings are all large; many of the windows, in style ancient and truly admirable, all of which are to be shaded by inside blinds, ultra marine.

"The principal entrance is protected by a balcony of the Romanesque order, supported by oaken corbells, designed as a rostrum, from the weight (about a ton) we presume, capable of sustaining all the 'Aldermanic Corporations' that may ever crowd above. This entrance leads us into the principal room of the first story, which is 56 by 30 ft.

"From this commodious room a Hall 12 feet in width leads to the Receiving Room, where it is intersected by the entrance from Merwin Street, thence to the Dining Room. From this Room also rises the staircase, of oak, circular and of wide and easy flight, through a rotunda, 60 feet in height, to be lighted from the cupola by a circular window of stained glass.

"The house is divided by roomy halls, giving to each of its stories about 150 feet in length. - The Dining Room is 43 by 60 feet, with a ceiling 14 feet, to be lighted by four large Roman windows with stained glass.

"The principal Parlors are so situated as to unite by folding doors, and will, when required, accommodate a multitude.

"The lodging rooms are family size, with a goodly number of (soon to be tastefully furnished) parlors. The principal rooms are furnished with silver plated trimmings.

"The Hotel is a noble structure, and will accommodate with comfort 200 persons. The (illegible) is supplied with water from cisterns in the upper (illegible) upon all the floors, from a living spring which flows as pure as the rills of Graeffenberg, or as ever sparkled before the eyes of the most zealous Washingtonian (a national Temperance organization). There will be also adequate bathing facilities. The view from this house o'er the lake is unsurpassed, and is uninterrupted of the valley of the Cuyahoga.

"Credit is due to C. W. Heard, Esq., Architect, especially for his attention to the 'tout ensemble' of the work, also to Messrs. Warner & Witherell, and Messrs. Heard & Warner, Builders, Messrs. Trimbly & J. Wansor, Metal roofers, Messrs. Phillips, Hopkins and Turton, Painters, and C. Allen, Esq., Plumber, and more especially to G. M. Atwater, Esq., for the enterprising spirit shown in his various improvements in our city." *Weekly Herald*, Apr. 4, 1847.

1847 Apr. 5 "New England House. Commodore Kelsey will soon hoist his broad pennant from the cupola of this magnificent house, and then look out for crowds." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 5, 1847; see also: *World, Cleveland*, 434; *Settlers Annals*, VI, no. 1, 41, 42; *ibid.*, II, no. 11, 415.

1847 Apr. 28 "We have witnessed with renewed pleasure the rapid progress being made in the completion of the New England hotel. The house will be open to the public in May." *Weekly Herald*, Apr. 28, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 92.

1847 May 26 "The New England Hotel. This splendid new House is now open to the Public. Its spacious, airy and magnificently furnished apartments have been thronged during the past week with visitors from our city; they therefore need no word of commendation; but to the traveling public we would say that a house more thoroughly suited to their convenience and comfort, or a more gentlemanly and hospitable host than Capt. L. A. Kelsey cannot be found. We bespeak for the New England the highest success." *Weekly Herald*, May 26, 1847; see also: *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 1847.

1847 May 29 "New England Hotel. The festival last evening upon the opening of this splendid hotel, done (sic) infinite credit in its conduct to Kelsey and Bingham. We attended early - say nine o'clock -

found then the house seemingly crowded with an aggregation of beauty and wit. But still they came in. After a while began the dance. And for an hour or more the trippings of the light fantastics gave a zest of variety to the promenading throng. Late, but in a style unsurpassed, came the entertainment - the supper.

"The New England Hotel is now opened. ... Its location at the foot of our main street is a commanding one. To the traveller entering our harbor and glancing around from the upper deck of our lake steamers, the first thing that strikes his eye must be the bold and unique front of the New England. He stops at it for once, of course. He finds himself housed in a palace with, what the travellers on the *Chesapeake* did pronounce the prince of good fellows, for his entertainer. ...

"We must say a word about the finish and furniture of this hotel The whole internal and external arrangement is truly admirable, and the beauty and style of the finish throughout -- done by Messrs. Heard and Warner -- speaks its own perfection and their praise at once. The furniture attracted -- much of it by its extraordinary magnificence -- especial notice of the gathered throng. The statuary also received deservedly the worship of admiration." *Plain Dealer*, May 29, 1847.

1847
June 2

"This splendid establishment was last evening formally dedicated to the Public. At an early hour a large number of ladies and gentlemen of our own city, and not a few from abroad, were promenading through its spacious halls, and richly furnished saloons. The general arrangement of the house, as well as the beauty and elegance of the apartments and the quality and style of the furniture, elicited the warmest admiration of all. We venture to say that in all particulars the New England Hotel will vie with any public house in the country....

"The evening passed off with great glee -- The fine German military corps added to the gayety of the scene, and their well practiced band discoursed such excellent music, as induced a portion of the company to indulge in a very happy impromptu dance. At the proper hour, all repaired to the dining hall - and a splendid room it is, with its lofty ceilings and unique and beautiful architectural adornments - and sat down to supper, than which nothing could have been more sumptuous, more inviting, more tempting.

"The New England Hotel with Capt. Kelsey for its host; - and he is a host in more senses than one - assisted by Mr. Bingham, one of the most obliging and gentlemanly good fellows that walk the world, is destined to acquire a patronage commensurate with its great merits." *Weekly Herald*, June 2, 1847.

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1847 June 5 — "Musical Soiree. A Card. - Signor Martine, respectfully informs the ladies and gentlemen of this city, that he will give a Musical Soiree on Monday evening the 7th inst., at the New England House. Mr. Brainard will preside at the Piano. Tickets at the office." *Plain Dealer*, June 5, 1847.

1847 June 7 — "New England Hotel, Corner of Superior and Merwin Sts. By L. A. Kelsey, Cleveland, June 7, 1847." *Plain Dealer*, June 7, 1847.

1847 June 30 — "Supper was given at the New England House, by the proprietor, G. M. Atwater, for the Mechanics whose industry has reared the noble pile. General Hinton gave an interesting talk on railroads." *Weekly Herald*, June 30, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 92.

1847 Dec. 29 — "A large and respectable number of the 'printers' of Cleveland assembled at the New England hotel on the evening of Dec. 27 to take into consideration the propriety of having a celebration. J. A. Harris was appointed chairman and N. Bartlett was appointed secretary.

"On a motion by Capt. D. L. Wood, it was unanimously resolved that the printers of this city will celebrate, in a becoming manner, the next birthday of Benjamin Franklin." *Weekly Herald*, Dec. 29, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 196.

1847 Dec. 30 — "New Year's Eve Ball At The New England Hotel. Gentlemen are respectfully invited to attend a Ball to be given on New Year's Eve, December 31st at 7 o'clock, without further invitations, as Cards of Invitation will be issued only to ladies and heads of families. Price of Tickets, three dollars." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 30, 1847.

1848 — "Bingham, Henry, Assistant Proprietor of the New England Hotel." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 52.

1848 Mar. 7 — Capt. L. A. Kelsey of the New England Hotel was elected to a one year term as Mayor of Cleveland on March 7, 1848, by a small majority of 95 votes. He was a Democrat and had been elected several times to national and state conventions of the party. The annual

salary of the Mayor at that time was $400. *Weekly Herald*, Mar. 8, 1848; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 588; World, *Cleveland*, 434; *Settlers Annals*, II, no. 11, 415.

1848
June 15

The balcony of the New England Hotel was the scene of a political meeting that provided material for a newspaper controversy in Cleveland lasting several weeks. General Lewis Cass, Democratic candidate for president, opposed to "Rough-and-Ready" Taylor, Whig, and Martin Van Buren, Free-soil aspirant, arrived in Cleveland on board the *Henrick Hudson*, from Buffalo, and was received with civil and military honors. He refused a carriage that was waiting for him, and rode to the New England Hotel in an omnibus. As a throng gathered in front of the hotel General Cass appeared on the balcony. He was introduced by Judge Wood who urged him to reply to charges that he opposed improvement of western rivers and harbors and favored extension and perpetuation of slavery. The General in his speech avoided both subjects. The *Herald*, Whig paper, reported that Gen. Cass had said, "Our triumph will be an approval of the course of the present administration, and will give direction to the one which shall succeed." The *Plain Dealer* denied that he had said anything of that nature, and the controversy over whether he did or did not say it continued for several weeks. *Weekly Herald*, June 21, 1848; *Daily True Democrat*, June 16, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 139; *Settlers Annals*, III, 747; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 279; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 68.

1848
June 21

"Yesterday was the 'Great day which all other days were made,' with the Locofocos of this vicinity. ... In the morning the German Guards, ready as usual to extend due courtesy to a distinguished visitor, marched out to meet Col. Weller (Locofoco candidate for Governor of Ohio) and together with nearly all the reliable Locos of Cleveland, some sixty or seventy in number, escorted him into the town. They deposited him at the New England (Hotel), when he thanked them for their kind reception and announced he would address them at one o'clock P. M. in front of the court house." *Weekly Herald*, June 21, 1848.

1848
July 6

"A well-known black leg assaulted one of our citizens, who had some trouble with him, yesterday, at the New England House, and for his pains was knocked down and had his brains half kicked out. Have we no law to protect against gamblers and blacklegs but the law of fisticuffs?" *Daily True Democrat*, July 6, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 27.

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1848 Aug. 3 — "Signor Martinez will give a Vocal and Instrumental concert in the spacious and elegant dining hall of the New England Hotel on August 4, at 8. Admission 50 cents." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 3, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 70.

1848 Dec. 5 — "The printers of the city of Cleveland are requested to meet at the New England hotel on Dec. 9 to make arrangements to celebrate the birthday of the patriot, philosopher, and printer, Benjamin Franklin." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 5, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 224.

1849 — Capt. Kelsey did not give up his position as the "proprietor" or head of the New England Hotel when he became Mayor of the city, according to the city directory of 1848-1849. In the list of residents of the city, he is recorded as being "Mayor of the City and Proprietor of the New England Hotel." An advertisement in another part of the directory supports this conclusion. "New England Hotel cor. Merwin and Superior street, west, L. A. Kelsey, proprietor." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 131, 205.

1849 Feb. 15 — "On Feb. 9, State Senator Backus introduced a bill to incorporate the New England Hotel co. 'We hope this bill will be laid at rest at its second reading. Send it to the receptacle of things lost upon earth. Incorporate the New England House! And for what purpose? - Can any white man tell? As well incorporate a cooper's shop! Out upon such things!'" *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 15, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 126.

1849 Feb. 20 — "Mr. C. J. Butts, formerly of the American in this city, has taken the New England House, and yesterday was inaugurated in due style. Mr. B. knows well how to cater to the public, and we hope under his administration the New England may be a model house, and profitable in all things save the 'ardent.'" *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 20, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 126.

1849 May 5 — "We dined yesterday at the New England House, and found its hospitable host ready to make the Stranger contented in mind, and comfortable in body by the best of fare.... No man needs be at loss, at the New England, for all the comforts of life; for Butts and Bingham keep as good a table, as good rooms, as any host can well do, and they manage - a rare excellence - to make all their guests at home." *Daily True Democrat*, May 5, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 126.

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1849 June 9 — "Mr. L. C. Alderman, liquor dealer on Merwin St., fell from the 3d story window of the New England House, on Wed. evening (June 6). On taking him up, it was found that no bones were broken, and that there was very little indication of outward injury. From inward hurts, probably, he now lies very low, though we believe with hopes of recovery." *Daily True Democrat*, June 9, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 1.

1849 July 3 — "(Henry) Bingham, well known in connection with the New England hotel of this city, will become proprietor of the American House saloon." *Daily True Democrat*, July 3, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 23.

1850 — During the year 1850-51, C. S. Butts and Son (E. Butts) were proprietors of the New England Hotel, corner Merwin and Superior Streets, West. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850; *ibid.*, July 5, 1850; Smead and Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 95; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 1, 59.

1850 Dec. 3 — "Mr. Morse, agent for the sale of the *Life and Writing of John Adams*, is at the New England House. No well informed person will do without this book, if he can get it." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 3, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 17.

1851 Jan. 24 — "Wenham and Beckwith, Successors to William Smyth, Druggists and Apothecaries, No. 9, Merwin st., New England House." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 24, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 78.

1851 Feb. 17 — "The 'Cleveland Light Artillery' will hold their 3d Annual Ball at the New England Hotel on Friday Evening, 21st February. Tickets $4 -- to be had of the committee or at the office of the New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 17, 1851.

1851 Feb. 21 — "There will be a grand kick-up at the New England to-night; a supper, soiree, and ball at the Weddell to-morrow night." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 21, 1851.

1851 Feb. 21 — The Artillery Company gave its usual annual ball on February 21, 1851, at the New England Hotel. The military companies of the city turned out in force. *Settlers Annals*, III, 526.

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New England Hotel, Superior and Merwin Streets

1851 Mar. 26 "J. H. Hart, the inventor of the Sperm Candle Burner, is stopping for a few days at the New England Hotel, for the purpose of introducing his improvement into use in this city. The burner will save 10 per cent in the gas consumed, and give a better light." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 26, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 116.

1851 July 29 "Thanks to the generosity of the authorities of the Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati railroad, passenger cars now stop at the old depot near the New England hotel." *Daily True Democrat*, July 29, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 339.

1851 Nov. 14 "Prof. Kinkel's Departure. Last night the patriot German left for Buffalo on board the *Caspian*. He was escorted from the New England Hotel to the boat by a long procession made up of the 'Turners,' or Gymnasts, with torch lights, the 'Yagers,' a German military company - and a long file of German and American citizens. Hecker's Band accompanied them, and as the throng marched through the streets discoursed a kind of music that talks to the heart." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 14, 1851.

1852 The New England Hotel and the Weddell House were both under the direction of C. S. Butts and Bolivar Butts. Rose, *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 7, 1925.

1852 Jan. 2 "New England Hotel, corner of Superior & Merwin Sts., and adjoining the C. C. & C. R. R. Depot, Cleveland, Ohio. C. S. Butts & Son, Proprietors. C. S. Butts, E. Butts." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1852; *ibid.*, Feb. 20, 1852.

1852 Mar. 11 "Butts' New York Hotel. The Barnums were once the most noted firm of hotel keepers in America, being stationed at one time at Baltimore, Philadelphia, and St. Louis; - but the Messrs. Butts seem now to bear the palm, having three first class hotels on hand, The New England and Weddell, in this city, and Butt's Hotel, New York City." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 11, 1852.

1852 July 1 "Wholesale and Retail. Alderman, Bishop & Co., have now in store, at the old stand, on Merwin St., the most extensive assortment of Liquors and Wines ever brought to this market, which we offer to the trade on favorable terms. ... Alderman, Bishop & Co. Merwin St. Basement of N. E. Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1852.

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1852 Aug. 19 — "Among the many hotels of our city which give good cheer and 'comfort' as well as 'aid' to the inner man, is the New England hotel. It is rightly named, for without parade of 'Marble halls,' and a charge for 'roast beef' (it always serves the right cut) - and for two dollars per day it makes the traveler comfortable, and gives him a home. We notice arrangements making in the new four story brick block building east of this hotel for several additional parlors and bed rooms, which will give the additional room required to accommodate the established business of that hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1852.

1852 Dec. 9 — "J. P. Ross has purchased the lease of the New England House from Mr. Butts." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 9, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 142.

1853 — J. P. Ross was proprietor of the New England Hotel, corner Merwin and Superior Streets. Knight and Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1853 Jan. 3 — "All our hotels gave sumptuous dinners on New Year's day. Not possessing the attribute of omnipresence we dined at but one, the New England. Under the administration of Mr. Ross, this hotel has been much improved. The Bill of Fare was all that the most epicurean appetite could desire, and the table was crowded. The general aspect of the house indicates good management and a commensurate prosperity." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1853.

1853 Jan. 5 — "The Oswegatchie Club holds its annual ball this evening at the New England. From all we can learn the club is an association of congenial spirits, fond of the good things of this life, and ready to enjoy any amount of fun. Anticipating a pleasant time this evening, we advise those fond of the dance to attend." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1853.

1853 May 10 — "The Franklin House, the New England hotel, the American hotel, the Weddell House and the Forest City House in this city have mutually agreed that in the future they will not send any agents or runners to any steamboats or railroad depots to solicit passengers for their houses." *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853
July 18

"Mr. Ball, a watchman, became intoxicated on July 15th and proceeded, on his round of duties, to strike terror into others who might be drunk. As he passed by the New England hotel, his attention was attracted by the sounds of merriment emanating from the kitchen, and he decided to restore quiet.

"Finding Mr. Keller, another watchman, the twain proceeded to the scene of hostilities and demanded admission. The clerk at the hotel refused to let them enter. The watchmen were soon joined by several other watchmen and returned to storm the house. A Mr. Littlefield, was knocked down by Mr. Ball, and his head was severely cut. He was taken to jail with another bystander, a Mr. Windsor, by a portion of the watchmen.

"On July 16, Messrs. Littlefield and Windsor were brought before the police court and promptly discharged. A warrant has been issued against Mr. Ball on the charge of assault and battery." *Daily True Democrat*, July 18, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 35.

1853
Aug. 10

"Monsignor Bedidi, Papal Nuncio, and Archbishop Hughes, are in this city at the New England Hotel, returning to New York from Milwaukee, where they have been for the purpose of consecrating a Cathedral." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 10, 1853.

1854

J. P. Ross became landlord (of the Weddell House) in 1854, after the burning of the New England hotel, of which he had been manager." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431.

1854
Mar. 8

"Fourth Annual Festival of the Cleveland Hibernian Guards to be held at the New England House May 17, 1854." *Forest City Democrat*, Mar. 8, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 824.

1854
Mar. 20

"The celebration of St. Patrick's day by the Hibernian guards was concluded by a supper at the New England hotel. The bill of fare was entirely uncalled for, as everything that mortal appetite 'yearneth' after was on the table. Sixteen regular and 14 volunteer toasts were read. A number of gentlemen favored the company with songs. Miss Tiernan sang 'Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean,' which was received with great applause." *Leader*, Mar. 20, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 144.

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1854
Oct. 27 The great fire of 1854 wrote "finis" to the career of the New England. "At last the long expected calamity of a great fire, destroying valuable business buildings and a large amount of personal property, has fallen upon Cleveland. Last night about eleven o'clock, a fire broke out in the New England House stable, and spread with great rapidity, destroying the New England Hotel, the Com. (Commercial) Exchange, the St. Charles Hotel, Gen. Oviatt's substantial block, two warehouses, and many buildings of less value," said the *Herald*.

"People lined along the streets and watched the firemen make a desperate attempt to stop the flames," the *Leader* reported; "four heavy explosions of powder, liquor, and turpentine occurred during the fire. ... causing men, women and children to dash madly for shelter."

A rumor that the fire was caused by a spark from an engine, was denied by the C. C. & C. R. R. Co. officials after an investigation, according to the *Plain Dealer*, *Daily Herald*, Oct. 28, 1854; *Leader*, Oct. 28, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 122; *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 28, 1854; Urann, *Cleveland*, 79; Robison, *Cleveland*, 67; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 229; Warren, *Magazine of Western History*, III, 84; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 160.

1854
Oct. 28 "We give below a list of losses and insurance, so far as the brief time allowed enabled us to ascertain them. We sum up the total value of buildings destroyed at $92,500, and the amount of insurance, so far as ascertained, $37,400. The latter will probably reach a considerably higher amount. The loss in goods was $191,000, which were insured to the amount of $90,500.

"How the fire originated is enveloped in mystery. It took in the Livery Stable of J. P. Ross (New England Hotel stables) on James street and whether the result of carelessness, or whether the work of an incendiary, no conjecture can be made. It is attributed by many to sparks from a locomotive. The C. C. & C. R. R. Co. have been investigating the matter and report that there is no foundation whatever for the rumor that the fire originated from a spark from a locomotive. In the course of five years, with some 30 trains a day passing at this place, no fire has ever taken from a locomotive, and the last engine which passed the New England last evening, was that on the Toledo train, at 20 minutes past eight - more than three hours before the fire broke out in the Livery stable." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 28, 1854.

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1854 Oct. 30 "We are indebted to Mr. Hill, Fire Warden, for the following estimates of the losses by the late disastrous fire: New England Hotel, John P. Ross, loss of furniture $16,000. - insured for $11,300. - Western Massachusetts $1,000., Metropolitan $3,000., Springfield $3,000., Home $3,300., Star $1,000."

The newspaper article further stated that the total losses on the buildings on both sides of Merwin and James streets, and on the contents were: on buildings $92,500, on property $191,000, total loss $288,500, total insurance $128,000. *Morning Leader*, Oct. 30, 1854.

1854 Oct. 30 "It might be said the New England hotel was a safe and well constructed block, but any one who has ever examined the rear, with its mass of outside woodwork, will agree with us that it was little better than a wooden structure." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 30, 1854.

1854 Nov. 1 Councilman Butts, chairman of the committee on fire and water, reported verbally to the city council that nearly 1,000 feet of hose was burned at the New England Hotel fire. *City Council Journal*, "G," 132.

1854 Nov. 4 "The Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company, we have learned, has failed. Mr. J. P. Ross, of the New England, had a policy to the amount of $3000, which he will lose. This is unfortunate and swells his loss by the late disastrous fire to six or seven thousand dollars." *Morning Leader*, Nov. 4, 1854.

NEW ENGLAND HOTEL
N. E. corner Water (W. 9th) and Johnson Streets

Holmes L. Coon, son of Mathew Coon who brought his family to Cleveland in 1832, built the Union Hotel on the east side of Water (now West 9th) Street, at the corner of Johnson Street (now Johnson Avenue N.W.), in 1857. Less than two years later he sold the place to Charles Coates who immediately changed the name to the New England House or Hotel, thereby laying the foundation for some confusion, as Cleveland had had an earlier and famous hotel at the foot of Superior Street called the New England Hotel. The latter had burned down in 1854 and had not been rebuilt.

While apparently a very good second class hotel, the Union was built during a period when Cleveland had a number of large and elaborately furnished hostelries that attracted the patronage of the wealthy and the famous. Under Coates,

the New England Hotel continued to be a good second class hotel. Coates remained as landlord, either alone or in partnership with one or more persons, until 1875, when he seems to have been suffering from financial embarrassment, as were many other people after the panic of 1873.

Cleveland grew rapidly after 1875 and its progress was eastward, leaving Water Street to deteriorate until the great wholesale houses eventually reclaimed the street for that type of business. During this period of deterioration, the New England Hotel probably sank to a lower class and attracted less and less public attention. We can only surmise that it eventually passed out of existence as a cheap boarding house or "flop" house about the time of the turn of the century. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 396; *Leader*, July 1, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 139; *Leader*, Mar. 29, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 185; *Court Records*, IX, 199, 200; *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1875.

1857 "Union Hotel, corner Water and Johnson Streets, H. L. Coon & Son, Proprietor. This House is entirely new." Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58, 85.

1857 July 1 "A new hotel is being built on the corner of Water and Johnson sts. It will be owned by H. L. Coon." *Leader*, July 1, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 139.

1858 Nov. 5 "Messrs. H. L. Coon and son are adding a heavy cornice to their hotel on Water st., which will add materially to the appearance of the building. The Union is a good second-class house." *Leader*, Nov. 5, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 225.

1859 "New England Hotel, board $1.00 per day. C. Coates, proprietor." Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60.

1859 Mar. 29 "The Union hotel, formerly kept by J. (sic) Coon & Son, has been purchased by C. Coates, who will open it on April 1, under the name of the New England House. Mr. Coates is now busily engaged in overhauling and re-fitting the house, and intends to have the establishment in complete order throughout." *Leader*, Mar. 29, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 185.

1859 Mar. 29 "New England Hotel. - The hotel on Water Street, lately known as Coon's will be opened on the 1st of April by Charles Coates, under the above name. He has furnished the house in good style, and we

predict that the New England will be a popular hotel under his management. The Cleveland Bible Society has with its usual liberality presented the hotel with a supply of Bibles." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 29, 1859.

1859 Nov. 16 — "George Hartman, voluntarily staying in jail to escape lynching by the Negroes, slipped out yesterday although Negroes were watching the jail. He reached Andrew's saloon where he left through the back door and thus came to the New England House. He probably left the city on the 7:40 Columbus train last night." *Leader*, Nov. 16, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 419.

1860 July 23 — "Salesmen and Agents Wanted. Five stirring business men of energy and perseverance, to assist the advertiser in selling and putting up Tift's Portable Folding Clothes Dryers in this city at the manufacturer's Wareroom, Water Street, New England Hotel block." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1860.

1860 Sept. 1 — "To Machinists - Wanted To Purchase (if a bargain) a small slide rest, screw - cutting Lathe (second hand). Address for four or five days, M. Bentley, New England Hotel, stating price." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 1, 1860.

1860 Sept. 8 — "The hotels of Cleveland are justly celebrated throughout the country ... and they have made the most extensive preparations for the approaching great gala day (the unveiling of the Perry monument). ... Good accommodations can be obtained at the City Hotel, the New England Hotel, Commercial and Bennett Houses, and numerous other orderly and well conducted public houses." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 8, 1860.

1860 Sept. 18 — "Social Dance. The First Social Dance of the Season will be held at the New England Hotel, on Thursday Evening, Sept. 20, 1860. Lovers of good Dancing will do well to attend. A good first class Band will furnish music for occasion. Coates & Bramler, Managers." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 18, 1860.

1860 Sept. 19 — "A social ball will be given at the New England hotel tomorrow evening, Sept. 20. The proprietors of that excellent hotel, Messrs. Coates & Bramley, will make every effort to have the affair pass off agreeably and brilliantly." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 19, 1860.

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1861 — Coates and Bramley were proprietors of the New England House, located at the corner of Water and Johnson Streets. Loomis & Talbott, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861; Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62.

1861 Jan. 23 — "The Thursday evening Social Party will be given at the New England Hotel this week as usual." *Leader*, Jan. 23, 1861.

1861 Mar. 7 — "A pleasant party took place at the New England Hotel last evening, on which occasion Miss Griffith, the well known music teacher was presented with a silver goblet by some forty of her friends in token of their regards and appreciation of her musical accomplishments." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 7, 1861.

1861 June 5 — "Last evening, a gentleman called at the Johnson Street Station House, stating that he was nearly penniless (sic) and desired assistance. His story was as follows: His name is Bird B. Davis, a native of Fairfield county, Conn. For ten years past he has been a resident of Clinton, East Feliciana Parish, Louisianna, from which locality he was forced to flee a short time ago by the Secessionists, leaving behind one daughter and all his property. Mr. Davis is 55 years of age and an extremely intelligent and well informed man. Marshal Minckley extended to him the right hand of fellowship and provided him with quarters at the New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, June 5, 1861.

1861 July 23 — "The grading and paving of Water street is advancing rapidly. ... Paving has been completed on the west side of the street from the foot of Water street nearly to the New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1861.

1861 Aug. 23 — "At the New England Hotel, in this city, on Thursday, the 22d. inst. Miss Eliza Griffiths, of England, (died) in the 51st year of her age. Funeral services at 4 o'clock this P. M. this day (Friday) at the New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 23, 1861.

1861 Sept. 10 — "The young and nameless female who was found in a company of the 41st regiment dressed in military attire has been promoted from the Johnson st. station house to the city infirmary. She was provided with a suit of woman's apparel by some ladies from the New England hotel." *Leader*, Sept. 10, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 305.

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1861
Sept. 19 "Human Act - Edward Dutton, a private in Co. K, 7th Ohio regiment, whose home is in St. Clair County, Michigan, has just recovered from a severe attack of measles. During his illness he was taken care of at the New England House by the proprietors, Messrs. Coates & Bramley, who, together with the ladies of the house, tended him with care and administered to all his wants, charging him nothing whatever on his departure. He was at the house several weeks. Messrs. Coates & Bramley are first rate fellows, and the above act of kindness to a sick soldier is entirely characteristic of them. The ladies of the house are also deserving of much credit." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 19, 1861.

1862
Mar. 5 "A very pleasant affair came off at the New England House last evening, Mr. F. H. Furness, connected with the Pittsburgh Railroad, gave a private masquerade ball on the occasion of his birthday. During the evening, he was most agreeably surprised by the presentation of a handsome gold-headed cane by his generous friends in this city. The presentation was made by J. W. Fitch, Esq., in behalf of the donors who accompanied it with a fitting speech, to which Mr. Furness made an appropriate response. The entire affair was extremely pleasant, long to be remembered by all who participated." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 5, 1862.

1862
Mar. 17 "Wanted. - A good Cook - Man or Woman - who thoroughly understands the business, will find a situation at the New England Hotel, No. 64 Water St., Coates & Bramley." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 17, 1862.

1862
Apr. 2 "In a letter to the editor C. Coates (of the New England Hotel) says: I was made to believe that my name was attached to a paper in circulation recommending Thomas McKinstry for City Marshal, and being urged to publish a denial of having signed such a paper, and being too busy to bestow much thought on the matter, I wrote such a denial, and it was published in last night's *Plain Dealer*. I am now satisfied that I was wilfully imposed on, and that no such 'paper' was in circulation, or that if in existence anywhere, it was gotten up with no other intent than effecting mischief." *Leader*, Apr. 2, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 507.

1862
Sept. 1 "Lost. - This morning, on Lake Street, a parcel of Zephyr work, etc. Please return to the office of the New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 1, 1862.

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1862 Oct. 2 "Thirty-seven soldiers, returning to service after a sick furlough, missed the Columbus morning train yesterday and were obliged to wait until the afternoon train. The military committee took charge of them and quartered then at the New England House, where they were well fed, the bill being settled out of the fund for assisting soldiers, which is in the hands of the committee." *Leader*, Oct. 2, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 285.

1863 The address of the New England Hotel in 1863-1864 was 64 Water Street. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64.

1863 Jan. 12 "Last evening a man representing himself to be a police officer, in company with a girl, entered Marble Hall, and demanded permission to search the trunk of Margaret O'Donnell, one of the servants about the establishment, for stolen property. Margaret was summoned and the man's wish made known to her. The girl stated that she had never stolen anything in her life, and that she was perfectly willing that her trunk should be searched. Accordingly the trunk was overhauled; but no stolen property was found and the two departed. Upon arranging her things after they had left, Margaret discovered that eighty dollars in money was missing. There is no doubt of the fact that the man who searched the trunk took the money. Margaret recognized in the girl who accompanied him an old acquaintance who had worked with her at the New England House, and who left the latter place at the same time that she did - about two weeks since. The thieves have not yet been caught." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1863.

1863 Aug. 14 "At about nine o'clock last evening, an omnibus, occupied by five persons, was crossing the track near the depot, when it was struck by some Toledo cars. One of the passengers leaped out and succeeded in avoiding the car, and another, Charles E. Brooks, Adjutant of the 7th Regiment, made the attempt, when he was struck down and the car passed over both his legs, cutting the left completely off below the knee and crushing the right ankle and foot. He was taken to the New England House, and surgical aid called in, but nothing could be done to save him. He died early this morning. Adjutant Brooks has served in the 7th Regiment with great credit and bravery, and had been detailed from the regiment to bring on the drafted men. His mother lives in Trumbull County. The Omnibus was overturned by the collision and a man named Patrick Toner had his shoulder dislocated." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 14, 1863.

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1863 Aug. 22 — "William Pennell, the burglar who broke into the New England House on Wednesday night last, and with whom Mr. Coates, the proprietor, had a desperate fight, appeared before the Police Court yesterday to answer to the charges of burglary and assault with intent to kill. Waiving an examination on both charges, he was bound over to the Court of Common Pleas in the sum of $750 on each presentment." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1863.

1863 Sept. 1 — "Charles Coates was presented with an elegant diamond pin on August 29, in recognition of his courage in resisting the midnight attack of the desperado, William Pennell, and arresting him. The pin was presented with the compliments of the boarders at the New England hotel, City Marshal John Frazee and a few of the police." *Leader*, Sept. 1, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 261.

1863 Sept. 10 — "The above (New England) house is again re-opened, and is one of the best hotels in our city. We can assure the public that Coates and Bramley are just the men to keep a hotel. Persons visiting the city to attend the State Fair will find no better house than the New England." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1863.

1863 Sept. 26 — In a letter to the editor of the *Leader*, the "Band" said: "We saw an article in the *Plain Dealer* entitled 'The *Leader's* Serenade.' Now we are sorry that the *Plain Dealer* heard us play at all. We are afraid of 'snaix,' especially the kind that bite and don't rattle. We refer the *Plain Dealer* to his Bible, if he has one; if not, the Aid society will cheerfully furnish him one. And now we will only add our thanks for the courteous manner in which we were received by the *Leader* and *Herald*, and also at the Angier, Forest City, New England, and others that honored us with an invitation to call. Long Live every soldier's friend." *Leader*, Sept. 26, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 323.

1864 — The New England Hotel was listed at 64 Water Street. Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65.

1864 Feb. 6 — "Deputy Marshal C. M. Sanford is lying dangerously sick at the New England House. It was thought this morning that he could not survive the day." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1864.

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1864
Feb. 8 "Deputy Marshal C. M. Sanford - whose severe and hopeless illness we announced on Saturday last, died last evening at the New England House, after a sickness of about two weeks. He was about forty years of age. The funeral will take place from the New England Hotel on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 8, 1864.

1864
Feb. 9 "Funeral of Officer Sanford.... took place this forenoon, from the New England House, and was attended by the Marshal and entire Police force. The deceased was buried in the new Cemetery." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 9, 1864.

1864
Feb. 29 "Died. In this city, on the 29th inst., at the New England Hotel, Mr. Chas. H. Rathell, aged 51 years. Funeral will take place from the New England Hotel on Tuesday at 9 o'clock A. M." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 29, 1864.

1864
July 27 "Strayed or Stolen From the New England Hotel, one Dark Red Cow, with hip down; one large spotted cow, part of horn broken off; one cow spotted on the side. Any person delivering or giving information of the same, will be liberally rewarded. Coats (sic) & Bramly (sic), New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 27, 1864.

1865 The New England House address in 1865-1866 was 64 Water Street. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-66.

1865
Apr. 29 "A man whose name we could not learn was badly injured by being thrown from a buggy on the pavement in front of the New England Hotel about 8 o'clock last evening." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 29, 1865.

1865
May 22 "Robbery of the Lake County Treasury - The Safe Blown open - The arrest of the Supposed Burglars in this City.

"On Wednesday last, the safe in the office of the County Treasurer, of Lake County, at Painesville, was blown open by burglars, who stole therefrom money to the amount of $1,500. ... The Treasurer of the County came to Cleveland, and placed the matter in the hands of Marshal Schmitt who commenced an investigation.

"We learn from the *Herald*, that yesterday Mr. Moody obtained personal descriptions of two men supposed to be the burglars sought for; and a man was sent here with them last evening. Through the

aid of these descriptions, our police arrested a couple of men, answering thereto, yesterday morning. The men were caught on Superior street in the act of emerging from Hawk's news depot, whither they had gone to purchase a Police Gazette. They were taken to Central Police Station, and there searched by Messrs. Schmitt and Bennett. They were well dressed, intelligent looking men, of about thirty years of age, and gave their names as John Blair and Samuel B. Hilton, and residence as New York City.

"Upon their persons were found one $100, five per cent note, two $50 five per cent notes, several dollars worth of new postal currency in sheets - all of which tallied with the description of the lost money - and $1,640 in Greenbacks. Upon learning that they had been stopping at the New England House, Marshal Schmitt sent thither for their baggage. The latter consisted of a carpet bag and a stylish leather travelling bag. Both satchells contained a few clothes and in the latter was found an assortment of burglar's tools, consisting of fuses, to be used as slow matches, skeleton keys, of all sizes and shapes, a can of oil, an implement for taking the size of keyholes, besides a number of strange tools, the character of which we know not. The men had nothing to say, and were locked up. When first arrested, they seemed disposed to affect a little hauteur, and appeared to be much shocked at the idea of being marched through the streets as prisoners. Undoubtedly, a little prison discipline will make them resigned to their fate. They will probably be taken to Painesville today." *Plain Dealer*, May 22, 1865.

1865
June 20 "Hotel Robbery. Some midnight sneak entered the room of one of the boarders at the New England Hotel on Sunday night while the occupant was asleep and stole a gold watch valued at $150 and about $50 in money." *Plain Dealer*, June 20, 1865.

1865
July 20 "Notice. - Mrs. Eliza Nelson has arrived in the city and is stopping at the New England House and wishes her friends to call for her." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1865.

1866 Charles Coates was the proprietor of the New England House, at 64 Water Street, in 1866 and 1867. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1866-67.

1866
Mar. 26 "We were much pleased, this morning, by an examination of 'Stevens Union Cultivator' - a recently patented implement that promises to be of great benefit to the agriculturist. It is adapted to all

sections of the country; and combines every advantage of the plow, the cultivator and the harrow. The machine clears, turns and pulverizes the soil and sifts it lightly among the stalks of corn and potatoes, thus performing the entire work of hoeing in the most satisfactory manner. Persons wishing to secure town, country and state rights can do so by addressing Jacob S. Graves, North Vienna, Maine; or N. Shaw, New England House, Cleveland." *Plain Dealer,* Mar. 26, 1866.

1866 Mar. 29 "Wanted a Situation as Book-keeper or Salesman. Good references can be had as to ability and character, by applying to J. C. Skeel, New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer,* Mar. 29, 1866.

1866 May 24 "Five Elegant Horses for Sale. One Pair Large Fine Bright Bay Coach Horses; Three Single Horses. They have just arrived from one of the best horse districts in Ohio, all sound and kind. Can be seen at W. B. Sheldon's Stables, rear of New England Hotel, Water Street." *Plain Dealer,* May 24, 1866.

1866 May 29 "Court of Common Pleas. ... Judge Coffinberry. Fuller vs. Coates and Bramley, proprietors of the New England Hotel. Suit brought to recover the value of an overcoat and contents lost at that house. On trial." *Plain Dealer,* May 29, 1866.

1866 May 30 "The Jury returned a verdict for the defendant, in the case of Fuller vs. Coates and Bramley. Action was brought to recover the value of a coat lost at the New England Hotel." *Plain Dealer,* May 30, 1866.

1866 June 11 "A motion was being argued before Judge Coffinberry, this forenoon, for a new trial, in the case of Fuller vs. Coates and Bramley. The suit was originally brought to recover the value of a coat lost at the 'New England.'" *Plain Dealer,* June 11, 1866.

1866 Aug. 20 "Tickets for the great Horse Fair can be had at the offices of the Kennard, Weddell, American, City, Russell and New England Hotels. To avoid the great rush at the gates, purchase your tickets before you start." *Plain Dealer,* Aug. 20, 1866.

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New England Hotel, Water and Johnson Streets

1866 Aug. 23 "The horse fair and races at the driving park in Cleveland opened yesterday. Hundreds of strangers from almost every state in the Union and sporting geniuses of Cleveland invaded the driving park." *Leader*, Aug. 23, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 214.

1867 May 13 "Southworth and Williams are constructing the sewers on Water st. The work is finished from Front st. to the New England House." *Leader*, May 13, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 662.

1867 June 25 "Henry Willis has withdrawn his carriages from the Omnibus line and opened a livery boarding stable on Water St. He has six carriages and buggies on hand, and orders left at E. M. Flint's trunk store, 176 Superior st., or at the office of the New England hotel on Water st. will be given prompt attention." *Leader*, June 25, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 73.

1867 July 1 The road company met at the New England Hotel. Plank Road Record, 63.

1867 July 3 "Baker and Pastry Cook Wanted. Inquire at the New England Hotel, Water St." *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1867.

1868 New England Hotel -- corner Water and Johnson Streets. Chas. Coates, Proprietor. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1868-69, 32.

1868 Aug. 25 At a Cleveland Council meeting, a resolution was introduced by Mr. Beavis that the Board of City Improvements be authorized and requested to notify the property owners on Water Street, between the New England Hotel and Lake Street, to pave their sidewalks. The resolution was adopted. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, IV, 299.

1868 Sept. 28 "The schooner *NARRAGANSETT*, which was built in Cleveland and which is the property of Charles Coates (of the New England Hotel) and George Hall, has not only sailed the rivers and lakes of North America, but has crossed the ocean to Europe as well." *Leader*, Sept. 28, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 741.

1869 "New England Hotel, Charles Coates, Propr. 64 Water." Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 33, 101, 225.

Hotels and Taverns
New England Hotel, Water and Johnson Streets

1869 Jan. 4 — In a chronological record of prominent local events during the year, 1868, there was recorded:

"November 10. Singular suicide by laudanum, at the New England Hotel, of a young man who registered his name as 'E. H. Norris, Toledo'; he proves to be a telegraph operator from Elyria." *Leader,* Jan. 4, 1869.

1869 Jan. 5 — "On Sunday, two of the prisoners in the city prison made a desperate attempt to cut their way out, but their efforts were discovered in time to prevent an escape. One of them was Robert Green, a colored man, in prison on a charge of grand larceny, being accused of stealing goods from boarders at the New England Hotel. The other was Joseph Tavener, arrested for embezzling goods from Mr. Kline, his employer. They had obtained possession of a knife and by notching the blade made a sort of saw." *Leader,* Jan. 5, 1869.

1869 Jan. 20 — "Deputy Sheriff Ridgeway arrested Bridget O'Shay and a man named Stapleton yesterday on a warrant charging forgery of the name of Thomas O'Shay on a check for $2,000. At the Woman's room, two certificates of deposit of $1,800 were found. The couple came here from London, Madison county, first stopping at the New England hotel. They later moved to a private boarding house where they posed as man and wife. One of the certificates found in the woman's room was for $1,200 and was made out to the woman under her assumed name. The other was for $600 and was in the man's name, both being on the First National Bank of Cleveland." *Leader,* Jan. 20, 1869, *Newspaper Annals,* LII, 172.

1869 June 8 — "John Thorp, the treasurer of the Western Emigration association, will be at the New England hotel this evening, where he will remain until two o'clock tomorrow to afford an opportunity to those who contemplate moving west to consult him in regard to the inducements offered by the colony he has founded in Saline county, Kansas. He can afford information to the intending settler which he will find eminently useful, and we can endorse him as a thoroughly trustworthy man." *Leader,* June 8, 1869, *Newspaper Annals,* LII, 612.

1869 July 2 — "On Wednesday (June 30, 1869), a man named P. Holmes of Cincinnati while on his way to that place had occasion to stop in the city and put up at New England House. While there he was stricken with paralysis and on Thursday (July 1, 1869) taken to St. Vincent's Hospital for medical treatment." *Leader,* July 2, 1869.

Hotels and Taverns
New England Hotel, Water and Johnson Streets

1870 — The hotel address in 1870-71 was given as 64 Water street. Wiggins & Weaver, *Cleveland Directory*, 1870-71.

1871 — C. Coates was the proprietor of the New England House, located at the corner of Water and Johnson Streets. Robison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

1871 Mar. 9 — "The Irish Literary and Benevolent society will hold its annual banquet at the New England hotel on Mar. 17." *Leader*, Mar. 9, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 266.

1871 Sept. 14 — "Several guests at the New England House arose yesterday morning to find that they had received visitors unawares during the night, and were the losers of greenbacks to the amount of about $900. Suspicion rests strongly upon a certain guest, but nothing definite has as yet been determined. H. S. Pomeroy, a guest at the Kennard House, also reports the loss of $115 during the same night." *Leader*, Sept. 14, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 82.

1873 — C. Coates was the proprietor of the New England House, at the corner of Water and Johnson Streets, from 1873 to 1875. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1873-74, 1874-75.

1874 — Charles Coates, of the New England Hotel, withdrew a motion to have the judgement against him for $493.20, with interest, set aside and the case reopened. The case was disposed of during the November 1874 term of the Common Pleas Court and Coates agreed to let the judgement stand. The case was a suit for money filed by George Rettberg against Coates, for the balance due on a billiard table purchased by Coates and a balance due from James McMahon, on the lease of a storeroom at 314½ St. Clair Street, which lease Coates had endorsed and guaranteed. *Court Records*, IX, 199, 200.

1874 Jan. 22 — "There will be a social party at the New England hotel, Water street on Friday evening, January 23d. Good music will be in attendance and a pleasant time may be expected by all who attend." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1874.

1875 — Lowe and Coates were listed as proprietors of the New England Hotel, Water and Johnson Streets. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 472.

Hotels and Taverns
New England Hotel, Water and Johnson Streets

1875
July 6 "Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned and Charles Coates under the firm name of Coates & Lowe was, on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1875, dissolved by the withdrawal of Charles Coates. All claims against said firm during its existence, and all debts due said firm will hereafter be carried on under the firm name and style of A. M. Lowe & Co. A. M. Lowe." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1875.

1876 A. M. Lowe and Company were the proprietors of the New England House, located at the corner of Water and Johnson Streets. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77.

1876 "The New England Hotel is on Water street, near the Union Depot." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 41.

1877 "A. M. Lowe & Co. (A. M. Lowe and Davis Hawley), proprs. New England Hotel, Water cor. Johnson (Streets)." Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 375.

1877
Jan. 16 "The youngest son of Sargeant Prender (sic), signal officer of station, fell over the banisters of the New England hotel stairway Monday evening (January 15, 1877), receiving severe injuries about the head and face. Young Prendon was racing down the stairs with his brother and in order to beat him attempted to slide down the banisters, when losing his hold he went over." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1877.

1877
Jan. 17 "Mrs. Louisa Pomeroy is visiting her father and mother at the New England hotel. Mrs. Pomeroy is enroute for Chicago to fill a dramatic engagement." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1877.

1878 "New England Hotel, Water cor. Johnson, W. W. Wolcott, propr." *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 412.

1879 W. W. Wolcott was the proprietor of the New England House, at 58-62 Water street, from 1879 to 1882. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879-80, 1880-81, 1881-82.

1882 A. M. Lowe was the proprietor of the New England House, at 58-60 Water street, from 1882 to 1886. *Cleveland Directory*, 1882-83, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86.

Hotels and Taverns - New England Hotel, Water and Johnson Streets; New York House

1887 Ludlow and Mayhew were the proprietors of the New England House, at 58-64 Water street, from 1887 to 1893. *Cleveland Directory*, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, 1890-91, 1891-92, 1892-93.

1894 G. W. Mayhew was the proprietor of the New England House, at 58-62 Water street, from 1894 to 1897. *Cleveland Directory*, 1894-95, 1895-96, 1896-97.

1897 E. E. Frazier became the proprietor of the New England House, located at 58-62 Water street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1897-98.

1898 The New England hotel site in 1898 was the northeast corner of Water and Johnson streets. *Atlas*, 1898.

NEW YORK HOUSE
32 Lighthouse (later Main) Street

1860 Sept. 18 "Wanted by a young man of experience in business, a situation on a Farm, within a few miles of Cleveland. Any one wishing to engage such a man will please address JAMES GALLAGHER, N. York House, Cleveland." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 18, 1860.

1860 Oct. 16 "Found - Greyhound, which the owner can have by calling on O'Maylee (sic) New York House (32 Lighthouse St.), proving property and paying charges." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 16, 1860.

1863 July 22 "James O'Malla, Proprietor of the New York House, situated at the foot of Lighthouse Street Hill, immediately adjoining the Railroad, was run over by a freight train and instantly killed. O'Malla was standing upon one track, waiting for a long train to pass up the road, upon another, so that he could cross over. While so standing, the freight train came up from an opposite direction on the track upon which O'Malla was standing. His head and one arm were severed from his body, and the latter was otherwise mutilated in a horrible manner." *Plain Dealer*, July 22, 1863.

1866 Dec. 8 "Workmen have started to repair the damages to the boarding house (probably the New York House) of a Mr. O'Melia at the foot of Lighthouse st. The house was damaged two or three weeks ago when a railway car leaped the tracks and smashed against it." *Leader*, Dec. 8, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 116.

Hotels and Taverns - New York House;
North American House

1872 Sept. 5 — "The building formerly known as the New York House on Main St. (formerly Lighthouse Street) at the railroad crossing caught fire from Sparks from a locomotive yesterday, Sept. 4, 1872." *Leader*, Sept. 5, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 841.

NORTH AMERICAN HOUSE
(address unknown)

1838 May 9 — A License was granted to the North American House, for $20.00. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 349; *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 54.

1839 May 25 — "Girl Wanted - A good girl to do housework. None other need apply. Enquire at No. 45 St. Clair Street, near the North American Hotel." *Herald & Gazette*, May 25, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 54.

1839 Nov. 15 — "North American Hotel (Formerly occupied by Mrs. Searl). The subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland and the traveling community in general, that he has taken the above House. J. E. Lake." *Herald*, Nov. 15, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 89.

1840 Jan. 2 — "North American Hotel - The subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Cleveland and the traveling community in general that he has taken the above house, and is fitting it up in a superior style, and is now prepared to receive those who honor him with their patronage.

"A few boarders can be accommodated with single or double rooms, or with board alone - price to suit the times, from $2.25 to three dollars. J. E. Lake." *Herald*, Jan. 2, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 118.

1840 Feb. 18 — A meeting of the electors of the Third Ward was held at the North American Hotel to nominate suitable persons for various offices. *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 179.

Hotels and Taverns - Abijah Oaks' Tavern House;
Fred Oblander's Hotel; Ohio City Exchange

ABIJAH OAKS' TAVERN HOUSE
(Cleveland Village)

1831
Dec. 1 "I shall expose to public sale, at the tavern house of Abijah Oaks, in the Village of Cleaveland, on Saturday, the 10th of December next, one Broad axe, one Foot Adds, one Hand Saw, two Chisels, two Augers, one Jointer, two Fore Planes, One Cant Hook. John Barr, Sheriff." *Herald*, Dec. 1, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 242.

FRED OBLANDER'S HOTEL
Wade Avenue and W. 25th Street

1872 In 1872 Fred Oblander's hotel was at corner of Wade Street (now Wade Avenue S. W.) and Columbus Avenue (now West 25th Street). Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872.

OHIO CITY EXCHANGE
Main and Center Streets
(West Side Flats)

The West Side "Flats," the district between the river and Pearl Street, and Detroit Street and Lake Erie, had its brief dream of grandeur in the decade between 1835 and 1845, when a hostelry flourished there as the "finest hotel between Albany and Chicago." The location, chosen because of proximity to lake and river, was also considered valuable because it was on the line of east and west travel, and a float bridge at Main Street, connected these through routes. But the promoters did not foresee that the industrial era of steam power, which was just beginning in this country, would soon make the land bordering on river and lake, factory land, and new bridges would take travelers and wealthy hotel patrons to the palatial hotels on top of the hills. For these reasons the Massasoit House, or the Exchange, or the Ohio City Exchange, as it was variously called, flourished for only one decade, although the building stood at Center and Main Streets for about thirty years.

The hotel enterprise was only a part of the grandiose plan to build a city on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River that would rival and eventually surpass Cleveland on the east side of the river. In 1831 Charles Giddings, Benjamin S. Tyler and Norman C. Baldwin of Cleveland with Major Andrews, Philander Bennett, and Sheldon Thompson of Buffalo, began quietly buying, in their own names, pieces of the Lorenzo Carter farm between Detroit Street and Lake Erie on the west side of the river. The land purchases were completed in 1833, and the

Buffalo Company was formed which took title to all the property. In September, 1833, a plat for the allotment of the land was filed under the name of the Buffalo Company Allotment and the work of laying out streets and lots was started. Development work consumed about two years, but they were boom years and lots sold for very high prices for that period.

On the southwest corner of the two principal streets - Main and Center - the company erected a five story brick hotel building, "crowned with a noble dome, visible from the lake - and having splendid balconies in front, supported by pillars of the Ionic order." Its impressive entrance-way was of solid mahogany, and the grand stairway was of the same material. Rooms were finished in mahogany and cherry. A grand ball room was the scene of many parties from surrounding cities and the hotel became not only a high-class travelers' caravansary, but the residence of many wealthy people.

Ohio City was incorporated as a city in 1836, but the great financial panic of 1837 stunted its growth and forced the Buffalo Company into bankruptcy. C. L. Russell of Ohio City is reported to have later acquired the land by buying the mortgages. The hotel continued its more or less fashionable existence until about 1845 when the factory district in the "Flats" had driven the well-to-do patrons to the hostelries on top of the hills. It degenerated into a tenement house, and then to warehouse and factory. In 1857 it was damaged by fire started in the paint that was stored there. Another fire in 1863, while the building was occupied as a pail factory, damaged it beyond repair and what was left of its walls was razed. *Cuyahoga County Maps*, III, 51; McCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-38, 123; Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, II, 206; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 6; *Leader*, May 15, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 238; *Settlers Annals*, III, 557, 708, 709; *Atlas*, 1892, 117.

1831 This year marked an attempt to create a "boom city" on the west side of the Cuyahoga River in the hope of rivalling the slow-growing settlement east of the river.

A group of promoters, acting under the name of the Buffalo Company, acquired a tract of land comprising eighty acres of the so called "Carter farm." It was bounded roughly as follows: on the east by the Cuyahoga River; on the south by Detroit Road; on the west by the Columbus Stage Road (later Pearl Street); on the north by the lake.

The tract (later site of the Ohio Exchange) was allotted and streets laid out of which Main and Center streets were the chief intersecting thoroughfares. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 46; Robison, *Cleveland*, 33; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, 71; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21; Rice, *Western Life*, 220; Joblin, *Cleveland*, 6.

Hotels and Taverns
Ohio City Exchange

1838 July 4 — "The (Ohio City) Exchange Coffee House reopened on Independence Day under the proprietorship of Messrs. Low and Atherton." Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 90.

1838 July 5 — "The (Ohio City) Exchange Coffee House presented a beautiful appearance on the evening of (July) 3d. Viewed from this side (east side of river), the spacious building resembled a magnificent palace of light. The dinner served up by Mr. Low on the 4th, is said to have been superb." *Herald & Gazette*, July 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 136.

1838 July 9 — "The undersigned tenders his grateful acknowledgements to the Cleveland City Band, for their exquisite performance at the Exchange Coffee House on the eve of Independence. John Low." *Herald & Gazette*, July 9, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 185.

1838 Oct. 24 — "A lot of fine New York Oysters will be served up in a variety of ways, at the Exchange Coffee House, Ohio City, tomorrow evening, at half past eight o'clock. Tickets $1." *Herald & Gazette*, Oct. 24, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 116.

1838 Dec. 31 — "Mr. I. White will give his 2nd Cotillion party at the Italian Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 1839. Tickets to be had at the Franklin, American, Ohio City Exchange, and Sanford & Lott's." *Herald & Gazette*, Dec. 31, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 397.

1839 Jan. 2 — "Mr. Scott's preparatory school for the instruction of Military Tactics, Broadsword Exercises, etcetera, will be held at the Ohio City Exchange tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M." *Herald & Gazette*, Jan. 2, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 225.

1839 Jan. 14 — "Ohio City Exchange. - This spacious establishment is offered for the patronage of a liberal public. Our untiring exertions shall be devoted to the comfort and accommodation of our guests. Our friends, and our enemies, if we are so unfortunate as to have any, are respectfully invited to pay us a visit, and we trust they will not go away dissatisfied. S. B. Atherton and Co." *Herald & Gazette*, Jan. 14, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 89.

1840 Dec. 8 — "Ohio City Exchange - This elegant and commodious house, containing apartments for boarders and travelers, not surpassed by any similar establishment in the west, is now opened for the accommodation of the public." *Herald*, Dec. 8, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 119.

Hotels and Taverns
Ohio City Exchange

1841
Mar. 4 "The Whigs of this city rested on their laurels today, and made no demonstration of the popular feeling. Not so our Ohio City neighbors. At dawn their banners were flying. ... This evening a grand inauguration ball at the Ohio City Exchange." *Herald*, Mar. 4, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 218.

1842
Mar. 7 "St. Patrick's Day at Cleveland - The 17th of March will be celebrated by the friends of Ireland in the following manner: An oration will be delivered by Rev. P. M'Laughlin. ... After the discourse, those who have procured tickets will march from St. Mary's (Church) to the Ohio Exchange (Ohio City), where a Temperance Dinner will be prepared by the host, Mr. Rodgers." *Herald*, Mar. 7, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 156.

1842
Mar. 17 St. Patrick's day was a memorable epoch to the Irish people in the goodly cities of Cleveland and Ohio, "for right joyously, temperately and worthily did they celebrate the national festival." Reverend P. McLaughlin delivered an oration at St. Mary's church which was fitting to the occasion and was listened to by a large audience. After the benediction a large procession was formed and marched to the Ohio City Exchange, where a dinner was served by the host, J. Rodgers. *Herald*, Mar. 21, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 156; *Plain Dealer*, 1920, Scrapbook, 3.

1845
July 2 "The Cleveland Marine Total Abstinence Society will hold a meeting, by request, at the Ohio City Exchange, this evening at 8 o'clock. John Proudfoot Sec'y." *Herald*, July 2, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 357.

1845
Sept. 2 "Observer of Ohio City, in a letter to the editor of the *Herald*, says: 'The Ohio City Exchange is a large and commodious building, well situated near the docks. It was built a few years ago in the height of the wealth delirium in expectation of the patronage of easterners travelling to the west, but it is no longer needed for that purpose. It must therefore go to waste as a "dive" for low characters, or be utilized as a place for the gathering of knowledge and virtue.

"'It is a first rate establishment in all respects for a Sailor's Temperance Boarding House, having with its other accommodations a large room for meetings and schools. ... The building could also be utilized as a school for the neighborhood children, or as a boarding house for religious young men.'" *Herald*, Sept. 2, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 38.

1850 — In 1850, after a tenantless period, the walls of the hotel were badly cracked, and it was occupied as a cheap tenement house, the only remains of its former grandeur was its magnificent staircase. *Settlers Annals*, I, 49.

1850 — "The first recollection I (Downie) have of Cleveland is a cold November day in the winter of 1850, ... when the leading hotels on the sunset side of the river were the Massasoit, the Merchants and the Franklin. ..." *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 1, 36.

1853 Mar. 14 — "The old Exchange (hotel) in Ohio City is receiving a coat of paint. The 'guests' of that popular hotel will relish the improvement highly." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 14, 1853.

1854 — "Barney McCarthy kept the Exchange Hotel, corner Main and Center streets." Post, *Those Were the Days*, 47.

1857 Feb. 7 — "A fire broke out yesterday in the Old Exchange ... on the West Side. Messrs. Patt and Brown occupy part of the building for the storage of paints.... The fire started when a can of gum shellac exploded." *Leader*, Feb. 7, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 109.

1863 May 15 — "The 'Old Exchange Hotel' on Main Street (corner of Center Street), West Side, occupied by the pail factory of Stanley, Graham and Company, was swept by fire yesterday morning.

"The building originally was erected in 1837 as a first class hotel, called 'The Massasoit'; but as an investment proved a failure. It passed through a great many changes, at one time being a tenement house, then, it was converted into a factory.

"Another of the old landmarks of Cleveland has gone." *Leader*, May 15, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 238.

OHIO HOUSE
Corner Union and St. Clair Lanes

1836 Nov. 26 — "I intend to apply to the City Council for a license to keep a Tavern at the Ohio House, cor. Union Lane and St. Clair Lane. Henry Hagedorne." *Herald*, Nov. 26, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 181.

Hotels and Taverns - Ohio House; Ontario House;
Oriental House; Pacific Hotel

1836
Dec. 7 — Cleveland City council granted a tavern license to Henry Hagedorn - fee, $30.00. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 87.

1838
Oct. 5 — "At the second rally of the Cleveland Whigs held in Musical Hall last evening, with Milo H. Hickox as chairman and Wm. S. Craig as secretary, H. Hagedorne (of the Ohio House) and others were nominated as members of the Whigs vigilance committee." *Herald & Gazette,* Oct. 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals,* XXI, 264, 265.

ONTARIO HOUSE
River Street

1848 — William Wild was the proprietor of the Ontario House on River Street. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory,* 1848-49.

ORIENTAL HOUSE
55 Main Street

1869 — "Wallace, Charles A., propr. Oriental House, 55 Main." Leader, *Cleveland Directory,* 1869-70, 298.

PACIFIC HOTEL
34 Bank (W. 6th) Street

1870 — Thomas McKinstry was proprietor of the Pacific Hotel at 29 Bank Street from 1870 to 1881. Wiggins and Weaver, *Cleveland Directory,* 1870-71; Robison, *Cleveland Directory,* 1871-72, 1872, 1873, 1873-74, 1874-75; Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas,* 1874; Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory,* 1875-76, 1876-77, 1877-78; *Cleveland Directory,* 1878-79, 361; *Cleveland Directory,* 1879-1880, 1880-81.

1881 — J. H. Davis was proprietor of the Pacific Hotel at 29 Bank Street from 1881 to 1882. *Cleveland Directory,* 1881-82.

1882 — Mrs. J. Rowland became proprietor of the Pacific Hotel at 29 Bank Street in 1882. *Cleveland Directory*, 1882.

1898 — The County Atlas of 1898 showed the "Bank Street Hotel" (vacant) as being at 34 Bank street, which approximated the "29 Bank street" for the Pacific Hotel in the older numbering. *County Atlas*, 1898.

PACKET BOAT HOTEL
Canal Street

1823 — John P. Hill's Packet Hotel, located on Canal street, was among the early and popular taverns. *Settlers Annals*, III, no. 2, 360.

1837 June 1 — "An inquest was held this morning over the body of a Mr. Carrel, who was found in the canal near the Packet hotel. The verdict of the jury was death by accidental drowning." *Herald & Gazette*, June 1, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 1.

1838 May 2 — J. P. Hill's petition for licenses was presented to Cleveland Council. *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 53.

1838 May 10 — "I have this day filed with the City Clerk a petition for license to keep the tavern, known as the Packet Boat Hotel. J. P. Hill." *Herald & Gazette*, May 10, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 139.

1838 May 16 — J. P. Hill was granted a tavern license; fee, $30.00. *Herald & Gazette*, May 17, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 55.

1841 Dec. 15 — "Dissolution - The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers was dissolved by mutual consent on the 5th of October, 1841. All accounts with the firm will be settled by J. P. Hill. J. P. Hill, S. E. Manahan." *Herald*, Dec. 15, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 127.

Hotels and Taverns - Packet Boat Hotel;
Alonzo Pangburn's Tavern

1852 Oct. 11 "Fire - Last night about half past one o'clock, a fire broke out in a notorious house called the 'Packet Hotel,' on Canal Street, near Champlain. How the fire originated, we did not learn. The house is between the coal yards of M. M. Spangler and Dickinson & Pendleton. But little damage was done, except what was caused by hasty removal of goods." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 11, 1852.

ALONZO PANGBURN'S TAVERN
Pittsburgh Street

1836 Oct. 29 "The co-partnership heretofore existing in the Brickmaking business, between the subscriber and S. W. Eaton, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 5th inst. The subscriber will continue business as usual. Alonzo Pangburn (later proprietor of Pangburn's Tavern)." *Herald*, Oct. 29, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 134.

1838 July 21 "Notice is hereby given that the subscriber will apply to the common Council of the City of Cleveland for a tavern license, to keep a Tavern at his two story brick building on Pittsburgh Street in said City. A. Pangburn." *Herald & Gazette*, July 21, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 139.

1838 Aug. 22 Council granted Alonzo Pangburn a license to keep a tavern on Pittsburgh Street - fee, $20.00. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 397.

1838 Oct. 5 "The second rally of the Cleveland Whigs was held in Music hall last evening with Milo H. Hickox as chairman and Wm. S. Craig as secretary. Animated speeches were made and a vigilance committee was nominated. A. Pangburn was nominated as one of the members." *Herald & Gazette*, Oct. 5, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 264, 265.

1840 Apr 9 "Chancery Sale - In pursuance of an order of the common pleas court in the case of Leonard Case versus Alonzo Pangburn, I shall expose to public sale at the court house on May 7, lots Nos. 7 and 8, situated on Pittsburgh st. in Cleveland. James Briggs, master commissioner in chancery." *Herald*, Apr. 9, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 245.

PARK HOUSE
Cor. Summit and Seneca Streets
(Huntington Park Site)

The Park House, formerly located at the corner of Seneca and Summit Streets (now West Third Street and the northeast corner of Huntington Park), did not appear in the directory until 1876. According to an "ad" the Park House was doing business in 1873. The hotel had several proprietors from 1873 to 1900. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874; *Leader*, Jan. 10, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 349; *Leader*, July 7, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1265.

1873 Jan. 10 "Cancer cured without plaster or knife by Dr. J. Weeks, located at Park House on Seneca st., near the lake. Testimonials furnished from many of the first citizens of Cleveland, satisfaction guaranteed; prices reasonable." *Leader*, Jan. 10, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 349.

1874 The Park House was at the corner of Summit and Seneca Streets. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1874 Oct. 17 "The Park hotel, at the foot of Seneca st., has been remodeled and a grand re-opening will take place this evening to which all friends and the general public is invited. A good time as well as an oyster supper will be on the program. Mr. Smith is the proprietor." *Leader*, Oct. 17, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 291.

1875 July 7 "Yesterday morning William Seanor, proprietor of the Park House, appeared at the undertaking establishment of Hogan and Harris on Bank st. and identified the body of the man taken from the river at the foot of Front st., on the evening of July 5, as that of Samuel White, who arrived in Cleveland on the afternoon of July 3 from his home -- Jamestown, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

"Seanor said that the deceased was an old acquaintance of his, he having known him years ago in Ashtabula. The proprietor of the Park House continued that White came to Cleveland the fore part of the week to rent the bar or saloon of the hotel and that a bargain had been made on the evening of July 3, just at Dusk. White left the hotel in company with John Kain, a sailor acquaintance, and Seanor's son. This was the last seen of him by Mr. Seanor.

"The police arrested Kain, who admitted that he had been with young Seanor and White that evening, but also said that he was drunk and did not remember how he left White. According to Mr. Seanor, White had $300 with him that night, but it was missing when the body was found.

"The coroner's jury decided that White came to his death by drowning about midnight on July 3. Kain is held on the charge of manslaughter." *Leader*, July 7, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1265.

1876 — George W. Smith was proprietor of the Park House, 17 Seneca Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876 - 77.

1876 July 12 — "The preliminary examination of John Kain was held yesterday morning in the Police Court, the first witness called was William Seanor, jr., who repeated his testimony as given at the coroner's inquest. Dr. Kitchen, who made an examination of the body on July 5, stated all the facts of the thorough examination of the body, which he had made, and said he found nothing that would cause death itself. He found that the heart and stomach of the deceased indicated that he had been a hard alcoholic drinker. Detectives Hulligan and Lawrence were next examined and gave the facts in regard to the arrest as already published. After a hearing of Mr. Seanor, the proprietor of the house at which White stopped, the examination was adjourned until this morning." *Leader*, July 12, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1266.

1877 — Jacob Hentz was proprietor of the Park House, 17 Seneca Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78.

1878 — I. W. Moncrief was proprietor of the Park House at the foot of Seneca Street from 1878 to 1883. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 1879-80, 1880-81, 1881-82, 1882-83.

1883 — Curtis Simmons was proprietor of the Park House, Seneca, corner Summit Street, from 1883 to 1895. *Cleveland Directory*, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, 1890-91, 1891-92, 1892-93, 1893-94, 1894-95.

PARKER HOTEL
Hicks and Lorain Streets
(West Side Market Site)

1870 — No proprietor was listed in the directory for the Parker Hotel, Hicks and Lorain Streets. Wiggins & Weaver, *Cleveland Directory*, 1870-71.

1871 — L. A. Parker was proprietor of the Parker Hotel, Cor. Hicks and Lorain Streets. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

1873 — No proprietor was listed for the Parker Hotel, 61 Lorain Street. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1873-74.

1874 — Stabling for forty horses was advertised at the Parker Hotel. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99.

1874 — L. A. Parker was proprietor of the Parker Hotel, corner Lorain and Hicks Streets (61 Lorain St.), from 1874 to 1879. *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-75, 1875-76, 1876-77, 1877-78, 1878-79.

1879 — A. W. Harris was proprietor of the Parker House, 61 Lorain Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879-80.

1880 — W. L. Stoaks (or Stoakes) was proprietor of the Parker House, 61 Lorain Street (later, 573 Lorain St.), from 1880 to 1883. *Cleveland Directory*, 1880-81, 1881-82, 1882-83.

1883 — M. C. Richardson was proprietor of the Parker House, 573 Lorain Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1883.

1884 — Stoakes & Hoyt were proprietors of the Parker House, 573 Lorain Street, from 1884 to 1886. *Cleveland Directory*, 1884-85, 1885-86.

1886 — The Parker House, 573 Lorain Street, had as its proprietor a Mr. W. L. Stoaks (or Stoakes), from 1886 to 1891. *Cleveland Directory*, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, 1890-1891.

PARKER HOUSE
90 River Street

The hotel known as the Parker House from 1896 to 1900 was originally the Bavarian House, popularly known as the "German Hotel" from 1867 until the time that Wesley Parker took it over. During the first thirty years of its existence, it was under the proprietorship of John Kist.

1867 Aug. 13 — At the council meeting of August 13, 1867, Mr. Larndner presented a resolution that permission be granted to John Kist, Mr. Merkle, and Charles Zimmerman, agents or keepers of the German Hotel, "to be present at depot upon arrival of emigrant trains," wearing a label designating the hotel. It was understood, however, that there was to be no solicitation. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, IV, 120, 121.

1872 — John Kist was proprietor of the Bavarian House, sometimes called the German Hotel, 90 River Street, from 1872 to 1895. *Cleveland Directories*, 1872-1895.

1875 Jan. 19 — John Kist, proprietor of the German Hotel, River Street, was elected treasurer of the Liquor Dealers Protective Union. *Leader*, Jan. 19, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 16.

1875 Apr. 5 — "John Kist is the Democratic candidate for trustee in the Third Ward, but is not the choice of the respectable Democratic voters of that ward. The fact that on two occasions heretofore he has been forced to give way for other candidates illustrates the want of confidence in him." *Leader*, Apr. 5, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 423.

1875 Aug. 19 — "Although the state central committee sent an eloquent appeal to party members, the Democracy failed to respond in Cleveland last night. John Kist, third ward leader, was disappointed because only 16 of his 'boarders' showed up. 'There is a mistake somewhere,' said John. The third ward club was formed at John Kist's saloon on River Street." *Leader*, Aug. 19, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 469-70.

1878 Jan. 2 "For a number of years, Captain John Kist, proprietor of the Bavarian Hotel on River street, has been in the habit of celebrating the anniversary birthday. This year his children took it out of his hands, and although it occurs on the last day of the year, they made it extend over into the unknown of the coming year. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, surrounding appropriate mottoes of welcome and good will. There were a large number of presents, but the ones that attracted the most attention were an elegantly and perfectly constructed model of a Bavarian farm house, with grounds beautifully laid out, and a fountain of highly perfumed waters, which were the delight of the ladies during the evening, and a perfect model of a steamer, all of wood and of the most delicate workmanship, the details of construction being complete in every particular. There was dancing in the early part of the evening, followed by a bountiful supper. Captain Kist is a great favorite with all who know him, particularly among those who have connections with the commerce of the lakes and 'go down to the sea in ships.' The evening was enjoyed by all, and when the new year dawned the universal toast was: May you live long and prosper." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1878.

1896 Wesley Parker became the proprietor of the Bavarian Hotel, 90 River Street, in 1896, and renamed it the Parker House. *Cleveland Directory*, 1896.

1896 Wesley Parker was proprietor of the Parker House, 90 River Street, from 1896 to 1900. *Cleveland Directory*, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1899-1900.

PAVILION HOUSE
22 Water (W. 9th) St.

1845 F. J. Gray was the cook at the Pavilion House, 22 Water Street. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46.

1850 William Kissel was proprietor of the Pavilion House at 22 Water Street. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51.

1853 "Pavilion House, Wm. Kissell, 22 Water Street." Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853.

PEARL STREET HOUSE
W. 25th & Willey Streets

Taking time and location into consideration it is impossible to identify the California Hotel as anything more imposing than a suburban wayside hostelry that never was in direct competition with the city hotels, either of Ohio City or of Cleveland. It was located at the corner of Pearl Street (now West 25th Street) and Willey Street, which, in 1854 when we find the first mention of the California House in a Cleveland newspaper, was in the south part of Ohio City, some distance from the business section of that municipality. It must have been close to the embankment marking the northern and eastern side of the Walworth Run valley, just north of the junction of Columbus Road and Pearl Street. When it was built, and by whom, is not apparent from available information. The name California House was used until the 1870's when it was changed to the Pearl Street House. This was almost twenty years after the original Pearl Street House, located on Pearl Street at or near Franklin Avenue, was burned. When the latter was rebuilt it was opened under the name of the Franklin House. Ohio City was annexed to Cleveland just before the date of our first entry, and it became Cleveland's West Side.

1854 Aug. 19 — "Three thieves stole from the California House, on the West Side of the river, this forenoon, eleven dollars, with which they ran off. They were pursued by a crowd who cried 'stop thief,' and were finally overhauled on University Heights (now Tremont School district on the South West Side). They were jugged." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1854.

1856 — The California Hotel was at the corner of Pearl and Willey Streets. Spear, Denison and Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

1856 May 27 — At a council meeting, the California House presented a petition to open a meat market. *Cleveland Council Journal* "H," 232.

1857 — William B. Gilbert was manager of the California Hotel, 137 Pearl Street, West Side. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1857 May 23 — "A four or five year old child of Mr. Gilbert of the California House on the west side was killed yesterday when it fell into an old well." *Leader*, May 23, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 76.

Hotels and Taverns
Pearl Street House

1857 Oct. 26 "Two men were arrested Oct. 23 by Officer Albert Lawrencd on a charge of extorting money from an innocent visitor to this city. The victim was a Mrs. Lawson. They had fooled her into taking their 'private carriage' to the west side, saying that it was the only means to get there. They charged $5 for taking her from the depot to the California House on the West Side." *Leader*, Oct. 26, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 118, 119.

1859 The directory address of the California Hotel was changed to 231 Pearl Street. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60; 1861-62.

1862 Nov. 18 "J. E. Blisch was arrested by Marshal Michael Gallagher on Nov. 15 and charged with breaking into the barn of the California House on the west side Nov. 14. A pail of butter from a countryman's wagon and several other articles were stolen. Blisch was examined in the police court today and bound over to the court of common pleas." *Leader*, Nov. 18, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 35.

1864 P. L. DeLong managed the California House, Pearl Street corner of Willey Street, from 1864 to 1872. Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 1865-66, 1866-67, 1867-68, 1868-69, 1869-70, 1870-71, 1871-72.

1864 Oct. 19 "Wanted - 100 Carpenters to go to Nashville and work on the United States Military Railroad. Wages $2.75 per day and rations. Apply to Mr. Wolff, California Hotel, cor. Pearl and Willey Sts., West Side, Cleveland, O." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 19, 1864.

1872 At a council meeting, A. Hemmenway of the California House presented a petition that he be allowed to build a kitchen to his establishment. The matter was referred to the Committee on Fire and Water. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, V, 261.

1874 Davis Hawley and A. Lowe were proprietors of the Pearl Street House (formerly the California House), at Pearl and Willey Streets. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-75; Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1875 A. Lowe was manager of the Pearl Street House, 464 Pearl Street. Robison, Savage and Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

1876 Thomas Henry was the proprietor of the Pearl Street House, Pearl and Willey Streets. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77.

1876 Jan. 24 "Detective Laubscher reports an attempt to steal a team from the barn belonging to the Pearl Street House, on the night of the 22nd inst. The noise made in breaking down the door of the barn aroused the attention of Mr. Henry whose horses were kept there. He started at once for the barn and on his approach three men were seen to run away from it." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 24, 1876.

1877 William B. Gilbert managed the Pearl Street House, 464 Pearl Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78.

1878 July 29 "A meeting of all persons in the city and vicinity who formerly attended the private school kept by Mrs. Caldwell, is to be held in the parlor of the Pearl Street House, corner of Pearl and Willey streets, next Tuesday evening, July 30, 1878, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for holding a reunion." *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1878.

1878 William B. Gilbert managed the Pearl Street House, 464 Pearl Street, from 1878 to 1881. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 1879-80, 1880-81.

1881 N. D. Oviatt was manager of the Pearl Street House, 464 Pearl Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1881-82.

PHOENIX HOTEL
Vineyard Lane
(Near Canal Bridge at Packet Landing)

1841 July 8 "During an affray on July 4 at the Phoenix hotel, Christopher Hand was stabbed in the face with a dirk knife. William Gill was accused and examined before Justice I. F. Benedict and held under $1,500 bail. Yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus, Judge Warren reduced the bail to $500.

"Is the Phoenix a licensed tavern? If such, ought it not to be looked to by the authorities, particularly on the Sabbath?" *Herald*, July 8, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 258.

Hotels and Taverns
Phoenix Hotel

1841
July 9

"Correction. - In our notice yesterday of the stabbing affray, we did injustice to the Phoenix hotel, from being misinformed. The affray did not occur at the Phoenix, but at a disgraceful drunkery several rods up the canal." *Herald*, July 9, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 258.

1841
July 13

"In a letter to the editor, 'Truth' says: 'In your "correction" a few days since of what you had said the day previous respecting the Phoenix hotel, you went altogether too far and, in your generous desire to repair a wrong, were more than just to that establishment. The truth is, that the Phoenix hotel is one of the many grocery shops that have been put in operation in this City, not only without license but in defiance of law, and are now carrying on their unhallowed traffic under the very noses of our City authorities.

"'The Phoenix no doubt is innocent in the particular instance referred to, and I do not pretend it is "a sinner above all the Galileans," but I do most emphatically object to classing unlicensed grog shops with respectable and well ordered Hotels.'

"We always let 'Truth' speak, though it cuts us a trifle." *Herald*, July 13, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 124, 125.

1841
July 14

"In a letter to the editor, Richard Cooke says: 'After what has already appeared in three numbers of your paper, you will not refuse to me the right of being heard on my own behalf; nor can the community nor my brother tavern keepers justly excuse (sic) me of an unworthy desire to urge myself insidiously, into public notice. The writer of the communication regarding my hotel, assumes, as his appellation the most holy of those principles of the Divine nature, vouchsafed to ennoble humanity, but, in boasting that the garb is his own, he unfortunately betrays that he never learned to lose its spotless purity.

"'It is true that my house is not licensed, and the reason, which is simple, will, I am sure, be kindly considered by the next court, before which I shall duly present myself. It is true that I had opened the Phoenix Hotel after the last court had concluded its sittings. My hotel is a well-ordered hotel.

"'To the citizens of Cleveland, I earnestly appeal; and they will do me the justice to believe that the pride I take in a well conducted house, would debar me from sitting down contented with the conduct of "unhallowed, unlicensed illegal traffic," or the ordinary routine of a "grog shop."

"'I content myself with my simple assertion, backed with a defiance to Truth to drop his mask, and standing in his naked deformity before us, to disprove the assertion that there has not been one "row," one "fight," one "disturbance," of any kind, originating in the Phoenix, since it has been under my control.'" *Herald*, July 14, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 125.

1842 Mar. 9 "Mr. Richard Cooke, who keeps the Phoenix House by the canal bridge at the packet landing, has discarded all liquors from his bar and house, and will hereafter keep a public house upon strict temperance principles. Mr. Cooke has a good stand, and we hope he will be sustained in his good purpose. Success to all such taverns." *Herald*, Mar. 9, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 415.

1843 Jan. 14 "Phoenix Hotel to let. - This large Hotel, situated on the Ohio Canal at the packet landing in the city of Cleveland, will be leased for one or more years, on the most reasonable terms. Enquire at the office of Williams & Dow for further particulars. I. Kelley." *Herald*, Jan. 14, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 133.

1845 The Phoenix Hotel, on Vineyard Lane was open to the public. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 41.

PITTSBURGH HOUSE
Broadway and Cross Streets

For five or more decades the Pittsburgh House, described as a "two-story brick on the (northeast) corner of Broadway (originally Pittsburgh Street) and Cross streets," was a landmark of Cleveland's old "First Ward."

For several years during the 1850's, it was known as the University House, possibly because of its proximity to the Homeopathic college on Ohio Street. Later, it was remodelled for use as an apartment, or tenement.

Before 1890, it had been converted again to use as a hotel. *Magazine of Western History*, VIII, 260.

1842 May 30 A report from the Board of School Managers, presented by Mr. Morgan to the council, asked that the school committee examine into the propriety of establishing a new school in the First Ward, in the vicinity of the Pittsburgh House. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 185.

Hotels and Taverns - Pittsburgh House;
Poplar Tree House; Powell's Inn

1845 G. W. Hills was proprietor of the Pittsburgh House at 142 Pittsburgh Street. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 63.

1845 July 26 "A Great Discovery in the Power of Numbers, in which addition, subtraction, multiplication and Division can be executed with astonishing rapidity. This new system, taught in two short lessons, by P. M. Deshong at the Pittsburgh House, where he will be happy to receive any gentleman desiring to acquaint himself with this very excellent mode of calculation. Those who feel interested are respectfully invited to call and see for themselves. Terms $3 per scholar." *Herald*, July 26, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 160, 161.

1848 H. Cook was owner of the Pittsburgh House, 142 Pittsburgh Street. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49.

1852 May 3 "Messrs. Mason & Brother, lately of Elyria, have taken the Pittsburgh House. It is now to be the 'University,' and will be conducted on Temperance principles." *Plain Dealer*, May 3, 1852.

1853 "University House, Mason & Bliss, 142 Pittsburgh Street." Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1853 O. L. Mason was listed as owner of the livery stable in connection with the Pittsburgh House, and also as proprietor of the hotel itself. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 22.

POPLAR TREE HOUSE
307 Pittsburgh Street

1856 The Poplar Tree House was at 307 Pittsburgh Street, no proprietor listed. Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

POWELL'S INN
Detroit and Center Streets

Soon after 1805, following the extinguishment of the Indian titles to lands lying west of the Cuyahoga River, Lorenzo Carter bought a large tract, bounded

roughly on the east and south by the river, on the west by the Columbus stage road, later Pearl Street, and on the north by what later became Main Street. On this land he built a large log building covered with slabs. It was situated on the lower end of Detroit Street, then a mere trail, near where the Center Street bridge was built later.

As early as 1809, Alonzo Carter, son of Lorenzo, kept an inn, on the west side of the river, opposite the foot of Superior Lane. After Lorenzo Carter's death in 1814, all the land and the buildings came into the possession of his son, Alonzo. Since little of the Carter land was suitable for farming, Alonzo and his wife devoted their major activities to keeping the tavern. For nearly two decades, their inn, painted bright red, was known to the travelling public as the "Red House," and was a popular and well-known stopping place.

In 1831, the Buffalo Land Company purchased eighty acres of the Carter land and erected a pretentious hotel at what was later Main and Center Streets. In 1833 Carter sold his tavern to Archibald Powell, and retired to Newburgh. Powell kept the inn for some years, but little is known of it. The last mention of the inn was when Powell was granted a permit by the council to operate the tavern in the year 1841-1842. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21; *ibid.*, II, 206; Rice, *Pioneers of Western Reserve*, 90; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 427, 428; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 6; Board of Trade, *Annual Reports*, 1871, 14; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 465; *Settlers Annals*, III, 554; *ibid.*, VI, no. 2, 51; *Ohio City Council Journal*, "A," 224.

1805 Soon after the extinguishment, in 1804, of the Indian titles to lands in the Reserve, and the subsequent survey and division of these lands into townships and original lots, Lorenzo Carter purchased a considerable tract on the west side of the river lying between the old river-bed and the first bend in the river above Superior Lane. Upon prospect of the establishment of Cuyahoga County, in 1810, considerable impetus was given to settlement of land to the west of the river. *Settlers Annals*, III, 539; *Leader*, Dec. 30, 1894; Rice, *Sketches*, 44, 45; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 241; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21.

1809 Lorenzo Carter built a large log cabin, boarded on the outside to give the appearance of a frame building, on his recently acquired land west of the river. It was situated on the river bank at the lower end of Detroit Street (then a mere trail) at about the intersection of what later was Center Street. Hardwood for its furnishings was brought from Detroit. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 99; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 391; *Settlers Annals*, III, 539; *Leader*, Dec. 30, 1894.

Hotels and Taverns
Powell's Inn

1809 Alonzo Carter, a son of Lorenzo Carter, in 1809 kept an inn on the west side of the river opposite the foot of Superior Lane and, because the building was painted red, it became known as the "Red House." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 427, 428; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 6; Board of Trade, *Annual Reports*, 1871, 14; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 465; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21; Rice, *Pioneers of Western Reserve*, 90.

1811 "Alonzo Carter built a house on the West Side on the lot at what was later the angle in West River Street, below the Viaduct. The house referred to by Mrs. Ingham in 'Pioneer and Noted Women of Cleveland' as being 'tavern, school house, residence, etc.,' on the West Side, was at this point and was erected about 1811 or 1812." *Settlers Annals*, III, 539; *Leader*, Dec. 30, 1894.

1814 In the latter part of his life, Carter purchased a large tract which lay opposite the termination of Superior Street. This, after his death in 1814, became the property of his son, Alonzo Carter, who occupied it for many years. Rice, *Sketches*, 44, 45; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21.

1815 Alonzo Carter married Julia Akins, the daughter of George and Tamison Higgins Akins, who had come from Haddam, Conn., in 1811, and settled in Brooklyn on the farm where the City Infirmary has stood for so many years.

In the red house Alonzo and his wife entertained the traveling public, and their tavern was as well-known a stopping-place as his father's had been. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21; Board of Trade, *Annual Reports*, 1871, 14; Whittlesey, *Fugitive Essays*, 465.

1815 Apr. 8 Alonzo Carter purchased from Samuel Lord an irregularly shaped tract described as being "at the west side of the river, at the mouth, and adjoining the Lorenzo Carter tract." This tract, which comprised 58 acres, included the land surrounding the old Cuyahoga River bed. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, A-1, 611.

1815 June Alonzo Carter had the distinction of being the first treasurer of Cleveland. He was unanimously elected to that office in June, 1815, when the village of Cleveland was incorporated, and probably it was a tribute to the well-known Carter honesty. Alonzo seems

to have been held in much respect. He was associated with leading citizens of the town in various enterprises. He inherited the kind, generous qualities of his parents. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 243.

1816 Alonzo Carter, owner of the "Red House," was one of the fourteen Clevelanders, active in lake shipping, who formed the Cleveland Pier Company in 1816, for the purpose of building a wharf out into the lake. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 722.

1831 A most important year for the West Side was 1831, when the Buffalo Company purchased 80 acres of the Carter tract, which covered the lowland towards the mouth of the river and the overlooking bluffs. The new owners covered the low ground with warehouses, and the bluffs with stores and residences. A hotel was erected and preparations made for the building up of a city that should far eclipse the older settlement on the east side of the river. The company excavated a short ship canal from the Cuyahoga to the old river bed, at the east end, and the waters being high, a steamboat passed into the lake, through a natural channel at the west end.

But the grand hotel proved less profitable than Carter's original pioneer tavern, and eventually fell into ruin. Joblin, *Representative* Men, 6; Board of Trade, *Annual Reports*, 1871, 14; Rice, *Pioneers of Western Reserve*, 110; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21; *Settlers Annals*, III, 554; *ibid.*, VI, no. 2, 51.

1833 "Mary Adamy (Mrs. Archibald Powell), with her husband and daughter Helen, spent four days in coming from Buffalo on the old steamer, *Uncle Sam*, in 1833.

"They brought Lorenzo Carter's farm, and established a tavern or inn in the old farmhouse." Wickham, *Pioneer Women*, II, 206.

1833 After the sale of the farm, Alonzo Carter and his family removed to the vicinity of Broadway and Miles Avenue, where his sons also lived and died. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 21, 22.

1841 June 30 Mr. Tyler offered the following, which was adopted - "Resolved, that the license of Archibald Powell, to keep a Tavern in the house now kept by him, on the corner of Detroit & Centre Streets, be renewed for one year from the 23rd of June 1841 by his paying to the treasurer of the City the sum of Five Dollars." *Ohio City Council Journal*, "A," 224.

POWER'S HOTEL
Park Row

1864
Aug. 16 "Hotel Suicide at Power's - A most desperate Case - The victim a Drafted Man. A young man named E. S. Bennett, arrived in this city on the 11th. inst., from Milford, Conn., to procure a substitute. On Saturday, Aug. 13, 1864 about 1 o'clock he entered his room at Power's Hotel, in Park Row, and at 6 o'clock was found dead. Coroner Wildey was notified and held an inquest on the body. The post mortem examination made by Dr. George R. Benton discloses that he died from separate wounds caused by pistol shots fired from a revolver lying near deceased. The wounds were in the head and breast, and of them eventually caused his death. This shows that the attempt was a most determined one. Deceased was 25 years of age. A verdict accordance with the facts were (sic) rendered." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 16, 1864.

PUBLIC HOUSE
47 Seneca Street

1856 Public House was at 47 Seneca Street, no proprietor listed. Spear, Denison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

RAILROAD HOTEL (BILLINGS' TAVERN)
East 101st Street and Euclid Avenue

Billings' Tavern, later the Railroad House, was first a wayside inn on the through stage road from Cleveland to Buffalo, now Euclid Avenue, built about 1825, or possibly a year or two earlier. For many years a white "mile-post" with the legend "4 miles to C.," stood directly in front of the old tavern, indicating that it was four miles from the Public Square in Cleveland, and this also explains why there is so little about the hostelry's early days, either in the newspapers or other contemporary records. Most of its history is known only from later records of the memories of early inhabitants of the Doan's Corners or East Cleveland sections of what is now Cleveland.

In 1829 a deed was executed conveying the title to 43 acres on the north side of Euclid Road between what is now East 101st Street and East 105th Street, to Levi Billings, landlord of the Billings' Tavern or hotel which then stood on Euclid Road at the west end of this property. In all probability he had

been buying the land on a contract and the date of the deed marked the completion of payment. In 1834 the Cleveland and Newburgh Railroad was chartered, and soon after, its wooden rails were laid on Euclid Road, from the quarries in what is now Shaker Heights, to the Public Square. Freight and passengers were hauled in cars drawn by horses. The horses were stabled in the barn of Billings' Tavern. The tavern or hotel was frequented by passengers and employees of the railroad and some time between 1835 and 1840 its name was changed to the Railroad House.

The hotel building was a long, low structure with a basement kitchen equipped with a huge brick oven. Six or eight fireplaces heated the living rooms. A large barn stood some distance behind the hotel on the eastern line of what later became the hotel lot - 1¼ acres on the northeast corner of Union, later Republic Street and now East 101st Street and Euclid Avenue. In front of the hotel building was a "fine sunken garden, seemingly old. Who planned and planted it we (the Post Family) never knew, but it must have been long before our family came (to live there), by someone of excellent taste and some knowledge of gardening. This garden, two feet below the surrounding ground level, was truly, in a half wild way, a place of charm and beauty." Four pine trees marked the corners of the garden and along the Euclid Road frontage was a row of Locust trees. At the edge of the stable-yard were three poisonous shrubs which had survived for many years all attempts to rout them out. They had been planted there, according to legend, by three foreigners living in the hotel, "to scare away witches."

After Nathan Post (a remarkable man who didn't permit the loss of a leg at the age of ten to restrict his activities), had changed the hotel to a family home in 1846, the old structure continued to be of service to the public. Mary Post conducted a primary school in one of its large rooms, and Laura Post "taught articulation to the deaf and dumb," the first such work in Cleveland. She had been trained for this work in Boston. Charles Post, Cleveland banker and historian, was born there in 1848. The Post family razed the old hotel building and erected a new home on the site in 1874. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 53, 54, 73, 81, 86, 105, 106, 124, 125, 126, 152; *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, H-8, 464, 465; *ibid.*, CXXIV, 512, 513; *Herald*, Mar. 1, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 9.

1825 The Billings' Tavern, later the Railroad Hotel, was built about 1825, according to Charles Post, whose family purchased the property in 1846. It was located on Euclid Road (Avenue) at the northeast corner of what was first Union Street and later became Republic Street and is now East 101st Street. It was built by Levi Billings as a wayside inn on the road running from Buffalo to Cleveland, and the through stage coaches stopped there. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 106, 107, 125, 172; *Settlers Annals*, III, 639.

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Railroad Hotel (Billings' Tavern)

1827 Sept. 21 "The subscriber is owner of lot 421, in Newburgh, containing 100 acres. All persons are forbid trespassing upon it and every person who quarries or hauls stone from the premises will be held responsible. There is a Mr. Levi Billings, or some of his agents who will probably be disposed to engage the freight of grindstone taken from said lot; all persons are particularly cautioned to beware of him. Nathaniel Church." *Herald*, Sept. 21, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 155.

1829 June 1 John Niles (by Francis Maine, administrator), sold to Levi Billings, 43 acres of land on the north side of Euclid Road, for the consideration given in the deed of $162.54. The property began at what is now East 101st Street, formerly Republic Street and before that Union Street, and extended east to what is now East 105th Street. The deed was executed June 1, 1829 and recorded December 24, 1829. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, H-8, 464, 465; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 73, 106.

1830 Apr. 8 Notice of the recent election of Levi Billings, as constable of the township, appeared in the *Herald*. *Herald*, Apr. 8, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 147.

1831 Nov. 17 "Caution. All persons are hereby cautioned against, and forbid trusting all manner of persons on my account except by my specific order, for I have stopped payment. - Levi Billings." *Herald*, Nov. 17, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 184.

1832 Mar. 1 "Notice. Henry Hayes, Levi Billings, John Honk, William R. Taylor, and Henry Berry, will apply to the next term of the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, for the benefit of the 'act for the relief of Insolvent debtors.' O. B. Skinner, Acting Com'r of Insolvents." *Herald*, Mar. 1, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 9.

1834 The Railroad hotel, being a stopping place or station on the quarry railway, became a great public resort, especially on holidays. *Settlers Annals*, III, 639; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 125.

1835 Apr. 8 Levi Billings was elected fence viewer at a Cleveland township meeting. *Whig*, Apr. 8, 1835, *Newspaper Annals*, XVIII, 47.

1836 Apr. 6 Levi Billings was elected to the office of overseer of the poor for Cleveland Township. *Whig*, Apr. 6, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 233.

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Railroad Hotel (Billings' Tavern)

1838 Nov. 19 Levi Billings and wife sold 1¼ acres of his land on which the Billings' Tavern stood, for the consideration stated in the deed of $125. It is doubtful if this price included the lot and tavern building. The land sold had a frontage of 165 feet on Euclid Road, now Euclid Avenue, and extended 269.86 feet along the east side of Union, now East 101st Street and adjoined the west end of the old East Cleveland Cemetery. The purchaser of the property was Isaac N. Pillsbury. The deed was executed November 19, 1838, and recorded nine days later. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, XXV, 445, 446.

1840 Aug. 31 "At a meeting held at the Tavern House of Levi Billings at Cleveland corners (Doan's Corners) on Aug. 27, for the purpose of nominating a Whig candidate for justice of the peace, Darling Shaw was appointed chairman, and John Barr, secretary. It was resolved that John Gardner, Esq., be supported at the next election for justice of the peace at the corners." *Herald*, Aug. 31, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 191.

1841 Mar. 19 Levi Billings was nominated for supervisor for Cleveland Township. *Herald*, Mar. 23, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 206.

1841 Dec. 21 Levi Billings was convicted of retailing spirituous liquors without license and fined $500 and costs at the December term of the criminal court in Cuyahoga County. *Herald*, Dec. 21, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 12.

1846 Nathan Post (Charles Post's father) moved into the Railroad Hotel in 1846. He brought with him a sand hill crane. Nathan purchased the hotel and it became the Post family home. It had a brick oven in its cellar-kitchen and six or eight fireplaces in the living rooms. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 73, 125, 126.

1857 A map drawn from memory by Charles Post and bearing the legend, "Doan's Corners and Vicinity About 1857," shows the Post home (old Railroad Tavern) on the northeast corner of Euclid Road and Union Street, now East 101st Street, standing well back from the street. The Post barn stood still farther back from Euclid and on the east edge of the lot, with a long driveway leading to it from Union Street. The old cemetery, now long abandoned and its buried bodies moved elsewhere, extended to Doan Street, now East 105th Street, from the eastern line of Post's lot. Between the cemetery and Euclid Road, stood two churches and a common or field. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 54.

Hotels and Taverns - Railroad Hotel (Billings' Tavern);
Railroad Hotel, Front and River Streets

1864 Nov. 20 — Isaac N. Pillsbury and wife executed a deed conveying the 1¼ acre lot on which stood the Billings' Tavern, or Railroad House, to Nathan Post, for the consideration stated in the deed of $250. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, CXXIV, 512, 513.

1874 — The Railroad Hotel was torn down and the new Post home was built in 1874 on a portion of the old hotel site. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 109.

RAILROAD HOTEL
Front and River Streets

On Front (formerly Bath) Street, corner of River Street, near Cleveland's first big railroad depot was a hotel that at first was called the Farmer's Exchange and later the Railroad Hotel. Who built it and when it was erected is not known. The first mention we have of it is in 1848-49 directory which gives George Thompson as the proprietor or manager. Mr. Thompson seems to have been a believer in advertising, and a vigorous individualist who refused to join other hotel managers in charging guests for carrying baggage from the depot to the hotel. In 1850 he changed the name of the hotel to the Railroad House, and remained its proprietor until he was convicted of counterfeiting or selling counterfeit bills, and sent to the penitentiary in 1863. The end of this hotel is as obscure as its beginning. It was last mentioned in the city directory of 1875-76.

1848 — "Farmer's Exchange, by Geo. Thompson, situated on the corner of River & Bath Sts. The Traveling Public will find this House to be most advantageously situated of any in the city. Stages of all the different lines call here daily for passengers." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 95.

1850 — Railroad Hotel, corner of River and Bath Streets. Geo. Thompson, Proprietor. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 79.

1850 May 16 — "George Thompson, proprietor of the old Farmer's exchange, has fitted up that establishment in the very best style and changed its name to the Railroad hotel." *Daily True Democrat*, May 16, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 122.

1851 Feb. 1 — The barn of the Railroad Hotel was damaged by fire twice within the week. *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 1, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 100.

Hotels and Taverns
Railroad Hotel, Front and River Streets

1853 "Railroad Hotel, G. Thompson, River Street." Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1853 Jan. 3 "Railroad Hotel ... Geo. Thompson, Proprietor, Cleveland, O. The Railroad Hotel is one of the most conveniently located public houses in the City. It is situated on the corner of River and Front Streets, within a few rods of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Eastern Depots. Terms - Meals 25 cents, or $1, per day. The Fare and Accommodations furnished at this House cannot be surpassed in the city, at the price. Porters will be at the cars to take checks for baggage, and carry passengers and baggage to and from the House, Free of Charge. The only house in the city that carries free. A combination is formed with all the Hotels in the City, to charge passengers (See card) Beware of imposition in the cars. A man employed expressly by this company, with a box, goes around to collect checks from passengers for baggage. No Railroad Hotel marked on this box. Keep your checks till you arrive in Cleveland, and Porters from the Railroad Hotel, will take your checks and carry guests to the house Free. Caution - Passengers keep your checks until you obtain your baggage on your arrival, at what point it may be, as it is the only receipt you have. Carriages and conveyances plenty independent of any combination. Opposition To All Combined Monopolis (sic). Beware of $2.00 per Houses." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1853.

1853 Apr. 9 "Railroad House, Corner of River and Front Streets, Within a Few Rods of all the Depots. George Thompson, Proprietor. Board $1 per day - Single Meals 25 cts. No charge for conveying Passengers to or from the boats to the cars. No connection whatever with any Omnibus Line. Competent persons engaged to look to baggage, who never fail of doing their duty. To avoid difficulty, keep your checks until your arrival.

"The House is unsurpassed in the west, at the prices - the table is bountifully supplied with the best the market affords - the beds and bedding always in good order.

"To Drovers, etc. Good and ample stabling attached to the premises." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1853.

1853 July 1 "Railroad Hotel, George Thompson, Proprietor. Board $1.00 per day; Meals 25 cents at any hour through the day, on the arrival of the cars. This House is located on the corner of River and Front (formerly Bath) Streets, two minutes walk from the several Depots. Free Carriages always ready on the arrival of cars or

Boats, to convey Passengers and Baggage to and from the House. No connection whatever with the Omnibus Line. Gentlemen it is not profitable for the Omnibus Agents to recommend this House; it is too convenient for them to get 25 cents for carrying you to and from and they know if they collect 12½ cents in the Cars to bring you, this House is so conveniently situated, you would walk back; their interest is to recommend Houses a mile up in the City.

"Remember, Guests are carried to and from Free of Charge. You will please enquire for the Railroad Hotel, and good trusty Porters will be on hand. N. B. to Drovers, &c., Good Stabling attached to the premises." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1853.

1853 Sept. 19 As an omnibus filled with passengers was starting from the depot, it was run into by the stage belonging to the Railroad Hotel. The driver of the stage was put in jail. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 20, 1853; *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 20, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 111.

1854 Feb. 17 "Railroad Hotel. - George Thompson, Proprietor - Is fairly launched into business for the season. His house, long and favorably known to the traveling public, has been thoroughly renovated, and he will attend to the wants of travelers as heretofore.

"Board, $1.00 per day. Meals, 25 cents, at all times on the arrival of the trains.

"The Railroad Hotel has no connections with the Omnibus Company. Don't buy checks on the cars, for you can ride free to and from my house. Baggage free also.

"No Hotel in the city offers better accommodations; we are located near the Depot; we levy no quarter dollars for carrying our guests. We are always on the alert to please. George Thompson, Proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 17, 1854; also: *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1854; *ibid.*, July 18, 1854.

1857 "Railroad Hotel, G. H. Thompson, Proprietor, situated within a few rods of Railroad depots, Cleveland, O. Meals 25 cents, or one dollar per day. Buy no omnibus tickets - save your money. Passengers and their baggage conveyed to and from this house, free of charge." Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58, 24.

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Railroad Hotel, Front and River Streets

1858 July 9 — The Railroad Hotel, at the junction of Bath and River Streets, was owned and operated by Rufus Smith, who sued the city for neglect in properly caring for drains and sewers which escaped into hotel rooms, causing guests to leave. *Court Records*, III, 30.

1859 Oct. 18 — "Thompson's Hotel. - George Thompson has recently fitted and refurnished his hotel, corner of River and Bath streets, and is prepared to accommodate permanent and transient boarders." *Leader*, Oct. 18, 1859.

1861 June 8 — "A Horse Thief Caught. This morning about half past two o'clock watchmen Brady and Frederick whose beat lies on Detroit street, saw a man leading a horse up the street by a bridle, whose movements excited their suspicion. They stopped him and enquired whose horse he was leading off. He appeared confused, and finally stammered out that the horse, and a dog that was with him, had followed him from the East Side. The Watchmen felt immediately justified in taking the man into custody. Leaving the horse at Brigg's Livery Stable they lodged the man in jail. He gave his name as John Myers and says he came from Detroit. He is a German. In a carpet-bag he had with him was found a full weeks rations of pork, bread, cheese and sausage, principally sausage. He told another story on his way to jail. He said an Irishman brought the horse to him and asked him to lead him to the West Side and await his arrival. The horse was stolen from the stable of George Thompson, a proprietor of the Railroad Hotel, and is valued at $150. The dog belonged in the stable and followed the horse away. The watchmen deserve credit for their vigilance and attention to duty." *Plain Dealer*, June 8, 1861.

1861 Aug. 5 — "A most brutal affray occurred yesterday afternoon on the river just below the Michigan Central steamboat landing, between a Peter Phillips and a hack driver from the Railroad Hotel. The parties were most outrageously mauled and bruised and one, or both, might have been killed had it not been for the interference of Captain Pierce. We learn that there were no police to be found at the time." *Leader*, Aug. 5, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 20, 21.

1863 Jan. 7 — George Thompson, alleged forger, was examined before Judge Benham and bound over to common pleas court on $1200 bail. *Leader*, Jan. 8, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 251.

1863
Apr. 1

"Three or four months ago George Thompson, who keeps a tavern on Water Street (River Street), was arrested on a charge of having in his possession a quantity of counterfeit money with the intent to sell it. The principal witness against him was Warram Parks.

"About the time that the grand jury was sitting, Prosecutor White ascertained that Thompson had hired Parks to leave for parts unknown. In order to secure the presence of Parks in the city again, the grand jury returned a 'not true bill' against Thompson, and the same was docketed and journalized.

"At the same time, the grand jury returned a 'true bill' against Thompson for selling counterfeit money to Warram Parks. Thompson was led to suppose that he had escaped from the clutches of the law. Later, Parks returned and was apprehended and arrested along with Thompson, and both are in jail.

"As the Court of Common Pleas has not adjourned, there is a probability of Thompson being tried this term." *Leader*, Apr. 1, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 204, 205.

1863
Apr. 10

In the Court of Common Pleas, George Thompson was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. He had been found guilty of selling counterfeit money. The court overruled his motion for a new trial. *Leader*, Apr. 10, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 205.

1863
May 25

"Jim Brown, well known counterfeiter whose name, together with that of Dr. Parks, the Indian herb doctor, and George Thompson, the late keeper of the Railroad Hotel, has been so popular in our criminal courts, was arrested May 23 by Deputy Marshal Patterson on a charge of altering treasury notes with the intent to pass them." *Leader*, May 25, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 205.

1866
July 20

John Fitzgerald, while asleep at the Railroad Hotel, had his pocket-book stolen. *Leader*, July 20, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 721.

1867
Apr. 23

The following resolution by Mr. Townsend was presented to council: That the board of improvements be requested and are hereby authorized to place stone cross-walks on River Street from the Railroad Hotel to Otis & Sons warehouse. *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, IV, 59.

1875

Ole Norberg and Peter Nelson were proprietors of the Railroad Hotel. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76, 476.

REVERE HOUSE
23 Bank (W. 6th) Street

1875 — A. Crandall was proprietor of the European House (later, Revere House), 23 Bank Street, in 1875 and 1876. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76.

1876 — W. F. McRobert was manager of the European House, 23 Bank Street, 1876 to 1882. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77, 1877-78; *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 1879-80, 1880-81, 1881-82.

1883 — Fred J. Geiger was proprietor of the Revere House, from 1883 to 1887. Annewalt, *Cleveland Directory*, 1883-84; *Cleveland Directory*, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1886-87.

1887 — William McHale was the manager of the Revere House, 1887 to 1891. Marquis & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1887-88, 1888-89; *Cleveland Directory*, 1889-90, 1890-91.

RUSSELL'S TAVERN
35 Water (W. 9th) Street

1834 — Alanson Russell, son of John Russell, a Revolutionary War soldier, was born in Rodman, Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1793, married Miss Nancy Caulkins of Connecticut in 1813, and in 1834 brought his wife and four children to Cleveland to live. Their first home here was the center one of three cottages that stood on Superior Street on land later occupied by the Arcade. He soon moved his family to 35 Water Street, now West 9th Street, where he kept a small private hotel "where young couples tarried until ready for housekeeping on their own account, and where unattached business and professional men found a home not obtainable elsewhere." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 454, 455.

1836 June 13 — "A. Russell has this day filed in the office of the city clerk, his petition for a license to keep a tavern at the stand known as the Washington House, on Water St." *Herald*, June 13, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1836 June 22 — The council license committee granted A. Russell a tavern license, fee $40.00. *Cleveland Council Journal*, "A," 48.

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St. Charles Hotel

1837 David Hersh, (uncle of Mrs. William Bingham), Henry Raymond, A. B. Hitchcock, and S. A. Fairchild, merchants, and two or three bank clerks were among the guests living at Russell's Hotel on Water Street. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 455.

1838 Alanson Russell, proprietor of Russell's Hotel, on Water Street, lived only four years after coming to Cleveland in 1834. He died in 1838 at the age of 45. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, II, 455.

1839 Apr. 18 "To Let - The brick house on Water St. now occupied by Mrs. Russell, as a Boarding House. Apply to S. Whitaker." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 18, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 218.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL
Merwin St.

1853 May 24 "The Forest City (Democrat) says that at the St. Charles Hotel on Merwin street, the patrons of the house are served at meals by young and pretty girls. It further remarks that the tea is sweeter, the steak more tender, and the appetite decidedly sharpened since the change. This will effect a change in the language of the table. No more will the lisping coxcomb drawl languidly out, 'Waiter, a steak, sah.' It will be thus -- 'Fair individual, attending angel, beatific creature, do me the honor to assist me to a small portion of the dish denominated as beef steak.'" *Plain Dealer*, May 24, 1853.

1854 July 1 "1854 Bishop's City Post. 1854. The Undersigned having been duly appointed and commissioned by the Post Master General, to act as 'Post-Man' for this and Ohio Cities, tender my services as such. I have made arrangements through trusty Carriers, to deliver Letters, Papers, Packages, Cards, and circulars, to and part of this and Ohio Cities, immediately after the arrival of Mails. Post-Boxes for the reception of Letters and papers, for Post-Office or City Delivery, will be found at St. Charles Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1854.

1854 Oct. 27 A livery stable on James street was set on fire and the flames spread into one of the largest fires in the history of Cleveland. The New England House, the Commercial Exchange, a three story brick

building, the St. Charles hotel, and a three story frame building on Merwin street were totally destroyed. This fire destroyed nearly every building on Merwin Street, and the entire block enclosed by Superior Lane, James Street, and the railroad. Loss, about two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 160; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 929; *Leader*, Oct. 28, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 122.

ST. CLAIR HOUSE
St. Clair and Water (W. 9th) Streets

The St. Clair House must have been in existence as a hotel for more than a half of a century, if the memory of one of Cleveland's early arrivals can be depended upon in fixing the earliest date of this record. During this time it kept the same name, although the place was under the management or ownership of at least seven different landlords. Its early reputation seems to have been that of a good, second-class hotel. During the period of 1840's when the Washingtonian Societies were striving in all parts of the country for the abolishment or strict control of the sale of liquor, the St. Clair was one of several hotels in Cleveland which, for a short time, became a temperance hotel. During its latter years a number of robberies that occurred in the place and the fact that on two occasions the landlord was placed under arrest on serious charges, seems to indicate that the old hostelry had passed out of the realm of the legitimate hotel, into the status of a cheap boarding house of shady reputation. *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 2, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 53; *Herald*, Sept. 2, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 137; *Plain Dealer*, May 4, 1860; *Leader*, Dec. 29, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 166, 167; *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 6, 1866.

1840
Aug. 6 "Lost - By the subscriber, last evening, a small calf bellows pocket book, with three five dollar bills on the Commercial Bank of Buffalo. Whoever will return said pocketbook to the subscriber at the St. Clair House will be liberally rewarded. Stephen Peck." *Herald*, Aug. 6, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 133.

1841
Nov. 18 "Beware of Frauds! - A farmer from the country, having brought in a quantity of butter to sell yesterday, was accosted in St. Clair street by a regular swindler, who enquired the price of the butter and said he would pay for it in Eastern money. He bought a keg of 90 lbs. and paid the farmer a $10 note on the 'Merchants' and Traders' Bank,' Albany. - The purchaser took the keg on his shoulder and put off towards Lake street. The man who sold it

stopped at the St. Clair House and soon found that his eastern bill was a 'fraud.' Mr. Brown, the landlord, sent the man and his son after the rogue. Young Brown caught him rolling the keg down the bank, and detained him until the countryman came up and obtained his butter again, the fellow saying that he had no other money. He then made his escape, but we learn the scamp has since been arrested and committed. On searching him, considerable counterfeit money was found in his possession." *Herald,* Nov. 18, 1841, *Newspaper Annals,* XXIV 104.

1843 May 2 "Mrs. S. Day, widow of the late Mr. Day, begs leave to inform her friends and the public that having had the misfortune to lose her precious eye-sight, she, to maintain herself, has, by assiduous application, attention, and devotion to the science of violin playing, succeeded so far to give satisfaction to her numerous friends who have hitherto patronized her efforts.

"She also begs leave to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of this city, that she intends to give a performance on that instrument in the large room of the St. Clair House, this evening at 7 p.m.

"Furst and a party of gentlemen amateurs, musicians of the city, have kindly volunteered their assistance on this occasion. Admittance 50 cents each." *Herald,* May 2, 1843, *Newspaper Annals,* XXVI, 179.

1844 Jan. 23 "Phrenology. S. Leak, lecturer and teacher of practical phrenology with experience in the United States and Edinburgh Cts. informs Clevelanders and those in its vicinity, that he intends to reside here and would be happy to examine and mark down the powers of the head of any person who favors him with a call. Those persons wishing to have their heads examined, can obtain charts either in a private room at the St. Clair House, or at their own dwellings." *Herald,* Jan. 23, 1844, *Newspaper Annals,* XXVII, 582.

1845 The St. Clair House, corner St. Clair and Water Streets, was managed by Richard Cook. Peet, *Cleveland Directory,* 1845-46, 30, 46, 164.

1845 George Brown, dealer in wool and pelts; Warren Burrows, shoemaker and Richard Byron, peddler, were boarders at the St. Clair House. Peet, *Cleveland Directory,* 1845-46, 41, 42.

1845 Apr. 30 "Wonderful Pig. Mr. Tod is now exhibiting at the St. Clair House, a Pig with Six Perfect Legs, all in use. This is truly a freak of

nature, seldom if ever before witnessed. Mr. T. will remain but a few days, and would be happy to wait on his many friends as see fit to call on him. Price, one shilling." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 30, 1845.

1845 Sept. 2 "We learn with much pleasure this morning that Richard Cook and his two sons have signed the temperance pledge and will herefrom run their St. Clair House on a non-liquor basis. The bar will soon be taken out of the hotel. This is a reform that will dispense countless blessings in the community, and would that the keepers of every Hotel in our city could be persuaded to follow the good example." *Herald*, Sept. 2, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 137.

1846 Barton F. Avery was proprietor of the St. Clair House, corner Water and St. Clair Streets. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44, 51.

1847 Jan. 22 "A Card. Fire Company, No. 2, return their sincere thanks to Mr. John I. Stilmon, (John D. Stillman), the worthy host of the St. Clair House, for the liberal donation of that good coffee (and nothing else) to the members of the company, on their return from the Fire this morning." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1847.

1850 "St. Clair House By J. S. Stillman, Corner of St. Clair and Water Sts., Cleveland." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 105.

1850 Feb. 1 An advertisement in the *Plain Dealer* February 1 and August 2, 1850, announced that the St. Clair House, corner of St. Clair and Water streets, Cleveland, "has been greatly enlarged, and fitted up in style equal to any Public House in the city, for comfort and convenience. Its location is one of the most pleasant and healthy in Cleveland, and near the most central and business part of the city." Stages were listed for all the routes daily. It was signed by, J. D. Stillman. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850; *ibid.*, Aug. 2, 1850.

1850 May 11 "John Maxon has a spiral spring for carriages, which combines durability, lightness, cheapness, ease, and strength. The American institute commends it. Any one may see Mr. Maxon at the St. Clair House." *Daily True Democrat*, May 11, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 25.

Hotels and Taverns
St. Clair House

1850 Dec. 5 — "In a letter to the editor, 'G' says: I appeal for aid of a young Ottawa Indian, who is sick of inflammation of the lungs, at the St. Clair House. He is an orphan and destitute, and was on his way to attend the Reverend Mr. Bissell's school at Twinsburg." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 5, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 465.

1852 Jan. 15 — "City Improvements - At the corner of St. Clair and Water streets, Mr. J. D. Stillman intends building a fine hotel. He has been successful as the landlord of the St. Clair House, and his proposed hotel will prove a profitable investment." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1852.

1853 — H. Coon was proprietor of the St. Clair House, corner St. Clair and Water Streets. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 286.

1854 Jan. 10 — "If one honest law-abiding man will save a city from destruction, our own is safe; for there dwells among us a hotel keeper, and also a retailer of spirituous liquors who has never yet violated the City ordinance forbidding the sale of intoxicating drinks on Sunday. What a proud example is this, and how worthy of imitation! His nearest neighbors and most constant patrons have met alike blunt refusal at his hands, when beseeching their usual Sunday 'nip'! 'No! gentlemen,' says he, 'as long as it is the law I will abide by it.'

"A neighboring livery keeper was recently denied a quart of whisky, which he wanted as a wash for a galled horse, because he applied for it on Sunday.

"This model hotel keeper and notable example to 'the rest of mankind,' is the present proprietor of the St. Clair House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1854.

1857 — William Kiesel (or Keisel) was proprietor of the St. Clair House, 86 Water Street. Berry, Marriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1858 Aug. 18 — "In a letter to the editor William Kiesel says: In regard to turning out of my house a sick woman, the woman in question did not say one word about being sick, nor had I or my family the least suspicion of her true condition. After I learned the facts relative to her case, I sent my wife after her, offering shelter under my roof, and nursing as long as she might need it without charge." *Leader*, Aug. 18, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 594.

Hotels and Taverns
St. Clair House

1859
Mar. 17 "Although the latest advices from the gold regions are not so flattering as desired, yet there seems to be considerable excitement among many. On Mar. 15, 25 men en route for Pike's Peak stopped at the St. Clair House in this city. They all seemed in excellent spirits and health. 'We wish them success, and hope they will make a fortune, about which we have our doubts.'" *Leader*, Mar. 17, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 171.

1860
Feb. 17 "William Keisel of the St. Clair House had two valuable Newfoundland dogs stolen. Officer Harris, who was engaged to trace the robbers, found one dog at a Garden street home and one at a Muirson street home." *Leader*, Feb. 17, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 164.

1860
May 4 "A young man, George F. Wilson, of Crawford County, was robbed of $100 at the St. Clair House, corner of Water and St. Clair Streets on Wednesday." *Plain Dealer*, May 4, 1860.

1860
May 10 George Wilson checked in at the St. Clair House, an inn owned by William Keisel, on May 3, 1860. Wilson carried a carpet bag.

Keisel informed Wilson that he would not be responsible for the safe-keeping of any chattels, money or other valuables unless they were delivered into his custody to be deposited in the safe under lock and key. Wilson then gave Keisel his bag for safe-keeping and received a check for the bag and its contents. Wilson averred that the bag contained clothing valued at $40 and $125 in cash.

Keisel declared that the old carpet bag was worth 50 cents, the clothing worth $1 and that the bag contained no cash whatsoever. Wilson charged that through the carelessness of Keisel and his employees, the bag and its contents were lost. Keisel asserted that on May 4 Wilson presented the check to him and received the bag and its contents in the same condition as when it was brought to the inn.

Wilson filed suit against Keisel on May 10, 1860, in the Court of Common Pleas for $200 damages. The case was dismissed without prejudice with Wilson paying the costs. *Court Records*, III, 185.

1860
Sept. 14 "Gordon T. Johnson, an alleged horsethief, was arrested at the St. Clair House yesterday. He is charged with stealing horses in Pennsylvania and New York. He was turned over to an officer from Lockport, N. Y., at which place he allegedly did his latest job." *Leader*, Sept. 14, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 166.

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St. Clair House

1860 Dec. 29 "About a week ago robberies involving money and personal property to the amount of several hundred dollars were committed at a house on Water st. kept by William Keisel. The affair was made known to the authorities on Dec. 27, when Mr. Wainwright, one of the losers, procured a warrant for the arrest of Keisel, charging him with grand larceny. Keisel was arrested and taken before the police court yesterday, but no evidence appeared against him, so he was released." *Leader*, Dec. 29, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 166, 167.

1861 Apr. 8 "Dalbert Whaling, four, strayed away from the St. Clair House yesterday morning and as yet has not been found." *Leader*, Apr. 8, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 351.

1862 Mar. 24 "A German who calls himself Charles Johnson was arrested by the police on Mar. 22 on the charge of burglariously entering the stable of the St. Clair hotel on Mar. 21 and stealing therefrom a set of harness. At the time of his arrest, he was on his way to the Columbus cars, having sold the harness." *Leader*, Mar. 24, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 34.

1863 "Wm. Kiesel, Proprietor of the St. Clair Street House. Meals 25 cents, Board, 75 cents per Day." Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1863-64, 39.

1864 July 6 "Any one having information of a boy named William Riley, who was apprenticed some years ago to Mr. Savage, will oblige his father by giving information to William Keisel, St. Clair Street House, Cleveland, O." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1864.

1864 Sept. 23 "Any one wishing a substitute (for war service), can obtain one by calling on Patrick Brennen, a veteran soldier, at the St. Clair Street House, St. Clair and Water Streets." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1864.

1866 Mar. 24 "William Kiesel, proprietor of the St. Clair Street House, was arrested, per order of Marshal Bill for opening a letter on the 20th inst. belonging to one of his boarders, named L. P. Berry. The letter had been left at the tavern, for its proper owner, by the carrier, and was opened in an unauthorized manner by Mr. Keisel. The latter gave bail for his appearance on Monday, at 2 o'clock p.m. for examination." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 24, 1866.

1867 June 21 — "Two men have been arrested, charged with robbing two other men of $143 when all of them slept in the same room a night or two since at Kiesel's boarding house at the corner of Water and St. Clair sts. Judge Abbey will examine the case today." *Leader*, June 21, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 296.

1870 — William Kiesel managed the St. Clair House, 508 St. Clair Street. Wiggens & Weaver, *Cleveland Directory*, 1870-71.

1871 — William Kiesel was proprietor of the St. Clair House, corner St. Clair and Water Streets, from 1871 to 1878. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72, 1873-74, 1874-75; Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76, 1876-77, 1877-78.

ST. CLOUD HOUSE
32 Water Street

1871 — R. R. Arnold was proprietor of the What Cheer House, 32 Water Street. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72.

1871 May 23 — "There is a hotel in the city called the 'What Cheer House' and a liquor saloon called 'Retreat.' The latter is not for fallen women." *Leader*, May 23, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 732.

1872 — The St. Nicholas Hotel, formerly What Cheer House, was at 32 Water Street, William Miller, proprietor. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-73, 1873-74.

1874 — The St. Nicholas Hotel on Water Street was next door to the Empire House. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1874 — In 1874-1875 the hotel listed at 32 Water street was the St. Cloud House, Timothy Hays, proprietor. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-75.

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Seneca Street Hotel

SCOTT HOUSE
(No address given)

1840
Feb. 19 — "A meeting of the citizens of the First Ward (was) held at the Scott House on Feb. 18 ... to nominate candidates for office of Councilmen for that ward." *Herald*, Feb. 19, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 179.

1840
Aug. 31 — "It is reported that 7,000 Cleveland Locos met in the court house on Saturday (Aug. 29) to appoint delegates to the county convention, exclusive of 3,000 at the doors and windows. An adjournment of the 'immense mass' was effected to the bar room of the Scott House." *Herald*, Aug. 31, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 191.

1841
Sept. 2 — "Attention - All persons liable to Military duty in the city or town of Cleveland, are hereby ordered to appear at the Scott House, in said city ..., on Monday the 13th Sept. for Brigade Muster, at 10 o'clock, a.m.; ... armed and equipped as the law directs. Henry Morgan, Capt. 1st Co. 2d Reg. 1st Brig. 9th Div. O. M. Cleveland, Aug. 30, 1841." *Herald*, Sept. 2, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 301.

1844
Mar. 28 — "At a meeting of the Democracy of Cleveland, held yesterday at the Scott house for the purpose of nominating officers for the approaching election, the following were nominated: for justices of the peace, Robert Chappell, Madison Kelly; trustees, Richard T. Lyon, Benjamin Rouse, E. Cozzad; for clerk, E. S. Flint; overseers of the poor, S. Inglehart, Ira Sawtell; constables, S. Bliss, S. A. Abbey, Thomas McKinstry, Lewis Dibble; treasurer, Henry Abbey; assessor, William Stevenson." *Herald*, Mar. 28, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 594.

SENECA STREET HOTEL
47 Seneca (W. 3rd) Street

In 1845 Frederick Weidenkopf kept a boarding house at 31 North Seneca Street. From the year 1850 on, the boarding house went through various changes, and was known as a tavern, public house and finally a hotel. It was variously called "Public House," "Porter House," and "Seneca Street Hotel." The address, during the years from 1850 to 1858, was listed in the directories as 47 North Seneca Street.

It was Weidenkopf's Hall, a part of the hotel, that seethed with excitement, political, social and general. It was a favorite meeting place for citizens of German birth and ancestry, particularly after the large influx, into Cuyahoga County, of Germans who had been driven from their "Vaterland" following the revolutionary uprisings of the 1840's. On May 12, 1852, the hall was the scene of a meeting called in behalf of German freedom. Armand Goegg, recent member of the Baden Republic, delivered the chief address. In September of the same year, the hall was used to organize the "German Young Hickory Club." It also served as drill headquarters for the City Guard, which was a military organization formed by Germans, in accordance with the traditional military exercises which formed so important a part of their old-country background. From time to time, during the 1850's, when stringent laws were being passed to control the liquor traffic, groups of German citizens called meetings of protest in Weidenkopf Hall.

Very little is known of Mr. Weidenkopf himself during the days of his management of the hotel. It is probable that his house was clean and well-kept, and that the food and beer were of good and substantial quality. *Daily True Democrat*, May 12, 1852; *ibid.*, June 19, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 100, 136; *ibid.*, July 18, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 42; *Settlers Annals*, IV, no. 6, 625-26; *ibid.*, VIII, no. 5, 63; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 14, 1852; *ibid.*, Oct. 30, 1925; *Leader*, Nov. 7, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 1; *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 1850-51, 1853, 1856, 1857-58.

1845 — Frederick Weidenkopf, boarding house keeper, was listed as residing and maintaining a boarding house at the one address, "31 Seneca street, n.," in 1845 and 1846. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845 16, 30, 99.

1847 Mar. 31 — "In a letter to the editor, 'Temperance' says: 'Enclosed I send you the proceedings of a meeting of Germans at Weidenkopp's (sic) hall, on March 18. Several resolutions were adopted against the License Law, because, as they said, they would be robbed of their profits. I have but a few comments to make on that meeting. The President of the meeting is a liquor dealer, and it seems that he is afraid of losing his profits.'" *Weekly Herald*, Mar. 31, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 8, 9.

1849 June 14 — "On June 14, 1849 (Cecelia K. Weidenkopf) was married to Jacob Weidenkopf, whose father kept an inn and dance hall at the corner of old Seneca and Frankfort sts. ... It was called Weidenkopf's Hall." *Settlers Annals*, VIII, no. 5, 63.

1850 — Frederick Weidenkopf was listed as maintaining a "porter house" at 45 and 47 Seneca street. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1850-51, 59, 175.

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1851 Nov. 17 — "A committee of 16 was appointed at a meeting of German citizens, held at Weidenkopf's hall recently, to aid German liberty by soliciting subscriptions to the German loan." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 17, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 104.

1852 — F. Weidenkopf was the landlord of the Seneca Street Hotel at 47 Seneca Street. *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 30, 1925.

1852 — "Many (Germans driven from their own country because of uprisings of late 1840's) settled in Cuyahoga County in 1852 ... Having been, at home, accustomed to military exercises, they soon formed a military company called the City Guard, having its drill rooms in Weidenkopf's Hall." *Settlers Annals*, IV, no. 6, 625, 626.

1852 May 12 — "Armand Goegg, late member of the Baden Republic, will address his countrymen tonight at eight o'clock at Weidenkoff's on behalf of freedom in Germany." *Daily True Democrat*, May 12, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 100.

1852 Sept. 14 — "A meeting of the German citizens of this city was held on the 11th inst. for the organization of a 'German Young Hickory Club.' The meeting was addressed by D. Shuh, Esq. ... The next meeting ... is to be held on the 20th inst. at Weidenkopf's." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 14, 1852.

1852 Sept. 21 — "Notice. The members and friends of the German Young Hickory Club, are hereby notified that the next meeting will be held at Weidenkopf's Hall, next Thursday evening, 21st (sic) inst." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1852.

1853 — Frederick Weidenkopf was listed as maintaining a "Public House" at 45 and 47 Seneca streets. Seneca Street ran from Canal to Lake Erie. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 15, 273.

1853 July 18 — "Burglars broke into Mr. Weidenkop's (sic) home on Seneca st. July 16, and stole $45 in money belonging to three of the boarders, together with a quantity of clothing valued from $70 to $100." *Daily True Democrat*, July 18, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 42.

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Seneca Street Hotel

1853 Oct. 3 — "Pursuant to a notice given, a large and respectable number of Germans assembled at Weidenkopp's hall on Seneca st. on Oct. 1, to take into consideration the propriety of nominating an anti-Maine law ticket, or pronounce in favor of some one of the other tickets already in the field. On motion the meeting was adjourned to meet at the same place tomorrow evening." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 3, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 322.

1854 Nov. 7 — "Pursuant to a handbill posted, 100 or more liquor dealers met at Weidenkopf's to consult as to the best means of defense against the attack of the Carson league. A number of dealers have discontinued selling distilled liquors, others are preparing to follow their example. Over 100 prosecutions already have been commenced." *Leader*, Nov. 7, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 1.

1855 Mar. 22 — "The firemen met at Weidenkopf's last night and ballotted (sic) for chief engineer. On the first ballot James Stacy was far ahead of the rest, whereupon he was unanimously declared the candidate for chief engineer. It was further resolved that all parties should be asked to support Stacy, and oppose every effort of tickets which did not." *Leader*, Mar. 22, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 154.

1855 Sept. 18 — "Five buildings were almost entirely destroyed by a fire last night. It started in the Wells and Company livery stable on Champlain st., burning 12 horses to death. It was then communicated to the city bath house and three wooden dwellings adjoining the Seneca st. House. The stables, the bath house, and one of the dwellings were entirely destroyed. The Seneca st. House was saved in a damaged state. The fire lasted 12 hours, with the firemen and Marshal Fitch fighting manfully." *Leader*, Sept. 18, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 161.

1856 — Frederick Weidenkopf kept a "tavern," also known as a "public house," at 47 Seneca street; the directory stated that Seneca street ran from Canal to Lake Erie, with No. 33 Seneca at corner of Michigan Street. Spear & Denison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1856, 8, 21, 129.

1856 Aug. 12 — Weidenkopf's Hall was specified as the desired location for erecting a hickory pole, in petition of German Buck & Breck Club. *Cleveland Council Journal* "H," 295.

1856 Aug. 29 — John Hopwood, a boarder at the Seneca House on Seneca Street (now West 3rd Street) on August 29, 1856, informed William Slee, manager of the boarding house, that he was leaving Cleveland on a business trip and would leave his trunk as security for his unpaid bill, which he later claimed was $5. Slee later averred that it was $30 and deposed that on one occasion while he was absent from the house Hopwood and his wife entered the building and removed the contents of the trunk. Joseph Dowd, who also lived at the Seneca House, verified this statement. *Court Records*, II, 193.

1857 — Frederick Weidenkopf kept a tavern at 47 N. Seneca street. Berry, Marriott, & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58, 236, 269, 318.

1857 Dec. 5 — John Hopwood filed suit against William Slee, manager of the Seneca St. House, for $152.28, claiming this as the value of the contents of a trunk which he had left the year before as security for an unpaid bill, and which contents he claimed had been removed by Slee. A jury, in the November 1858 term of court, returned a verdict in his favor for $102. *Court Records*, II, 193.

SHAKESPEARE TAVERN
Superior Avenue and W. 9th Street

According to some recollections, Joel Hood was running the Shakespeare Tavern as early as 1823 at No. 9 Water (now West 9th) Street. All available records have given this as the continuing address. Thus, the tavern must have stood near the point where today the eastern end of the Superior-Detroit bridge slopes to street level. The hotel location was but little north of Superior Street on Water, and the site may even have included the northwest corner of the two streets.

The dozen years following 1823 have yielded few facts relating to the hotel. We do know that by 1836, it had ceased to be known as a "tavern." "It became a saloon, and romance was gone." However, even when called the "Shakespeare Saloon," it was also listed among the "coffee houses" of Cleveland, along with the City Coffee House and the Cleveland Recess. In the city directory of 1837, proprietor Hood advertised in these terms: "Strangers visiting the city will find the Shakespeare saloon an agreeable retreat, and every attention paid to their comfort and convenience."

It has been stated that Joel Hood's dance hall, operated in connection with his saloon, was used by the Roman Catholic congregation for a while as their place of public worship before they had built a church edifice. There are

some reasons for believing that this statement rests on a confusion with "Shakespeare Hall." The early Catholics did hold services in Shakespeare Hall, but this hall seems to have been in the Merwin Building, approximately on the site of the later Atwater Block; and the Atwater Block is known to have been at the southwest corner of Superior and Vineyard (later South Water) Streets. With this difference in sites, it seems at least doubtful that Shakespeare Hall is to be identified with the dance hall operated in connection with the Shakespeare Saloon.

Joel Hood was sole proprietor of the Shakespeare Tavern and Saloon during most of the time for which data are available. But in 1837-1838, the latest years of which we have any items regarding the establishment, Hood and Cary were joint proprietors.

It is likely, though not certain, that the Joel Hood who sought the Whig nomination for constable in March, 1840, was the keeper of the Shakespeare. *Settlers Annals,* II, 361; *ibid.,* III, 360, 706; *Plain Dealer,* May 10, 1937; Knittle, *Early Ohio Taverns,* 26; Orth, *Cleveland,* 365, 428, 429, 430, 499; *Cleveland Directory,* 1837-38; Hutchinson, Notes; Kennedy, *Cleveland,* 292, 303; Cleveland Ordinance Book, "A," 225; *Herald,* Mar. 13, 1840, *Newspaper Annals,* XXIII, 186.

1823 Joel Hood was proprietor of the Shakespeare Tavern, No. 9 Water Street, in 1823. *Settlers Annals,* III, 360.

1835 "Here in Cleveland the hotels -- if they could be called hotels -- started off with names that might be considered fanciful. Cleveland village had a Shakespeare tavern on old Water street; a Globe tavern on old Merwin street; an Eagle tavern on St. Clair street." *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 9, 1925.

1835 "Then there was The Cleveland Recess and The Shakespeare (Tavern), with proprietor Joel Hood, near the Square. It became a saloon, and romance was gone." Knittle, *Early Ohio Taverns,* 26.

1836 "There were two coffee houses in the limits of the town (Cleveland-1836) - The City Coffee House kept by the genial John Bennett, was located a short distance north from Superior on Water Street. The Shakespeare Saloon of Joel Hood had been tucked in a little closer to Superior to be near the Wood Measuring Station." *Plain Dealer,* May 10, 1937.

1836 "Among the more dissolute 'characters' (Cleveland, 1836) was Counselor McCoy, a witty and dissipated wreck of an Irish scholar, who vibrated from grocery to grocery and said he slept under the canopy of heaven.

"The counselor did not like the barkeeper of the Shakespeare Saloon in Water Street, and the latter was the recipient of many ugly sarcasms from the witty Irishman.

"When the counselor wanted his 'nip' one day, with no visible sixpence to pay for it, he was refused the bottle of 'mountain dew' and his attention was directed to the 'No Trust' sign on the wall. McCoy turned to a bystander, Tom McKinstry, the constable, and borrowed a sixpence from him.

"'Now, you will produce that bottle,' and the barkeeper yielded the point. Mac poured out his usual 'nip' and drunk it off, and turning to McKinstry returned to him the borrowed coin, saying over his shoulder to the proprietor of the whiskey, 'I always make it a point to pay my debts of honor first.'" *Settlers Annals*, III, 706.

1836 June 13 "I. V. & J. Hood have filed with the city clerk, a petition for a license to keep a tavern, at the stand known as the Globe Tavern, on Merwin st." *Herald*. June 13, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1837 Joel Hood operated a hotel-saloon on or near the corner of Superior and Water streets. McCabe, *Cleveland Directory*, 1837-38; Hutchinson, Notes; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 292; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 429, 430.

1837 Nov. 8 City Council agreed to transfer the license of J. Hood to J. S. Hopkins. *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 10, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 68.

1840 Mar. 13 "We are requested to announce Joel Hood as a candidate for constable, subject to the decision of the Whig meeting." *Herald*, Mar. 13, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 186.

SHERMAN HOUSE
Lorain Avenue and Triskett Road

1859 The Ohio City & Olmsted Plank Road Company held a meeting at Sherman House, located at Lorain and Triskett Road, in 1859. William Sixt was the proprietor of the tavern. *Cuyahoga County Plank Road Records*, 43.

1862 Jan. 13 — The Ohio City & Olmsted Plank Road Company held a meeting at the Sherman House. *Cuyahoga County Plank Road Records*, 51.

1865 Jan. 9 — The Ohio City & Olmsted Plank Road Company met at William Sixt's tavern in Rockport, located at Lorain and Triskett Road. *Cuyahoga County Plank Road Records*, 57.

1874 Jan. 12 — The Ohio City & Olmsted Plank Road Company held a meeting at the Sherman House. The hotel was located at the corner of Lorain and Triskett Road. *Cuyahoga County Plank Road Records*, 81; Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1880 — "Beyond the (Bee Line) railroad stood the Sherman House, where wagons were always hitched to the barroom fence.... There were tables beneath the trees and family beer on Sunday afternoons." Brooks, *Memoirs*, 166.

SHERMAN'S TAVERN
Broadway and E. 55th Street

1808 Feb. — Dyer Sherman, who had come to Cleveland from Vermont, married Abigail Kingsbury, oldest daughter of Judge Kingsbury, in February, 1808. They were a popular couple, and while keeping a tavern on Broadway, near E. 55th Street, became widely known. The tavern stood on a 50-acre lot, the gift of Judge Kingsbury. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 29.

1825 June 3 — "Ten dollars Reward. Strayed from the pasture of Dyer Sherman, innkeeper in Newburgh, on Monday last, a bright bay horse. Whoever will take up said horse and return him to the subscriber in Cleaveland shall receive the above reward. Isaac Baer." *Herald*, June 3, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 196.

1827 Aug. 24 — "The sale of Lot 317, in Newburgh township was adjourned to Sept. 19, 1827. Sale will take place on that day at the house of Dyer Sherman. E. Goodenough, Ex'r of Minor Orr by Cowls & Andrews, his attorneys." *Herald*, Aug. 24, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 145.

1828 — The Dyer Sherman property on Broadway, Newburgh, extended from Cleveland to Richfield Road. *Cuyahoga County Road Records*, "A," 5.

Hotels and Taverns - Sherman's Tavern;
Sign of the Lion Tavern

1831 Oct. 13 "Farm - For Sale or Rent. Lying about 4 miles from Cleaveland, on the Pittsburgh Turnpike, containing 75 acres of land. For further particulars apply to the subscriber on the premises. Dyer Sherman, Newburgh." *Herald*, Oct. 13, 1831, *Newspaper Annals*, XIV, 231.

1832 Jan. 5 "Farm For Sale or Rent Lying about 4 miles from Cleaveland on the Pittsburgh turnpike. For further particulars apply to the subscriber on the premises. Dyer Sherman. Oct. 1831." *Herald*, Jan. 5, 1832, *Newspaper Annals*, XV, 35.

SIGN OF THE LION TAVERN
St. Clair and Water (W. 9th) Streets

While a newspaper announcement of 1825 indicates that Gaius Boughton opened a new hotel in August of that year, he must have had a tavern or hotel earlier, as the newspapers announced in 1824 that meetings of the Nineteenth Medical District of Ohio were held at Boughton's house or hotel. While there is nothing definite as to the beginning or ending of the Sign of the Lion Tavern, or "sign of the red Lyon" Tavern, as one authority has it, the character of Gaius Boughton, the landlord, as a practical joker, seems to be established without doubt. It is said of him that he led tramps to his wood pile and made them work for their meals; and also that he set them turning a grindstone in his yard, although nothing was being ground, until he decided that they had earned their board. One authority records that Gaius Boughton kept a store and when a customer asked for something that Boughton didn't have he would soberly send the prospective buyer to some villager's home with instructions to insist upon getting his article there. He is said to have sent a peddler of oil of peppermint to the schoolmaster with instructions to demand that the latter buy all he had - and the peddler nearly got horse-whipped for his trouble. While the humorous landlord's jokes live in the records of contemporaries, facts about his hostelry are almost entirely lacking. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 254; Rice, *Pioneers of Western Reserve*, 91; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 5, 22; *Herald*, Apr. 23, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 102; *Herald*, Aug. 5, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 194.

1824 Apr. 2 "Notice is hereby given that books will be opened on May 3 at ten a.m. at Gaius Boughton's in Cleaveland for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to stock for a turnpike road from Cleveland to Wooster, O.

Hotels and Taverns
Sign of the Lion Tavern

"Those gentlemen who may feel an interest to promote the object contemplated are requested to attend by the commissioners of the recently incorporated Wayne, Medina and Cuyahoga Turnpike Co. The commissioners are David Long, Noble H. Merwin, John S. Strong, Josiah Barber, George L. Chapman, and P. M. Weddell." *Herald*, Apr. 2, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 142.

1824
Apr. 23 "Medical Notice. The qualified Physicians and Surgeons of the Nineteenth Medical District of Ohio, which is composed of the counties of Medina and Cuyahoga, are hereby notified to meet at the house of Gaius Boughton in the village of Cleaveland, on the last Tuesday of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of organizing said Medical Society, and for transacting such other business as may be necessary, agreeable to the act incorporating Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, passed 26th February, 1824. David Long." *Herald*, Apr. 23, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 102.

1824
May 28 "This being the day appointed by the Legislature of the State of Ohio for the respective Medical Districts in said state to hold their first meetings, agreeably to an act passed February 26, 1824, 'An act to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in the state,' the Medical Society of the nineteenth Medical District convened agreeably to notice at G. Boughton's Hotel in the village of Cleaveland.

"Voted that an extract of the proceedings be published in the Cleaveland *Herald*. And the meeting was adjourned to the first Tuesday in November next, at 10 o'clock A. M. David Long, President. Attest: Bella B. Clarke, Sec'y pro tem." *Herald*, May 28, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 102.

1824
Aug. 20 "I, Gaius Burk, have been appointed collector of taxes charged on lands in Cuyahoga county. I have received a duplicate thereof, and shall commence the collection thereof the fifteenth day of September next. - The rates are as follows:

State -	1st rate	$1.25	Road -	1st rate	$0.50
	2nd do	.87½		2nd do	0.37½
	3rd do	.56		3rd do	0.25

for each 100 acres. I will attend at the house of Gaius Boughton, in the village of Cleveland, from the first to the thirty-first day of December next, for the purpose of receiving taxes not before paid." *Herald*, Aug. 20, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 149.

Hotels and Taverns
Sign of the Lion Tavern

1824
Sept. 3 "The news of the arrival of General La Fayette at New York has been confirmed by the late mails. A number of citizens of this and adjoining towns assembled in this village on Monday, Aug. 30 to express their joy, and to make a public demonstration of their respect for his character and gratitude for his services. After various exercises, the company repaired to Boughton's hotel for refreshment, where toasts were drunk to the occasion, accompanied with martial music and the discharge of artillery." *Herald*, Sept. 3, 1824, *Newspaper Annals*, VII, 3.

1825
Aug. 5 Gaius Boughton advertised that he had opened a new tavern on the corner of Water and St. Clair streets and that his house was spacious and convenient. Ladies and gentlemen, he naively announced, could at all times be accommodated with separate rooms, and that every attention would be paid to render the situation of visitors agreeable. *Herald*, Aug. 5, 1825, *Newspaper Annals*, VIII, 194; *Settlers Annals*, III, 361; Scrapbook, I, 1916.

1826
Aug. 11 "Saw-Mill, For Sale. To be sold, the undivided half part of a Saw-Mill and 230 Acres of Land, well Timbered with Pine, and plenty of water, situated on Otter Creek, Upper Canada. For particulars enquire of J. Blair, or at Boughton's Tavern. Cleaveland, Aug. 10, 1826.

"N. B. Also, kept constantly on hand, and for sale by the subscriber, Pine Lumber, assorted, - Pine Shingles, and Pine Cooper-Stuff, of the best quality. J. Blair." *Herald*, Aug. 11, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 33.

1826
Oct. 13 "On Tuesday night last, a fellow broke into the bar of Boughton's tavern in this village for the purpose of rifling it of any valuables that might be found. The fellow, by way of precaution, took off a new pair of boots, which, with his hat and watch, he deposited in one corner of the room. A person in the house, hearing a noise, gave the alarm, and the thief decamped, leaving the above chattels, and also his pocketbook for the benefit of the honest landlord." *Herald*, Oct. 13, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 16.

1826
Oct. 13 "The gentleman who rather unceremoniously, on the evening of the 10th inst., left his hat, boots and watch, in company with the subscriber's pocketbook, which, from idle and impertinent curiosity, was probably intended to be inspected, is requested to prove property,

and take hat and boots, as the inclemency of the season renders such articles necessary; but, as the watch may prove an incumbrance in some other exploit, it will be sold to pay charges. G. Boughton." *Herald*, Oct. 13, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 17.

1826 Oct. 20 "I have levied upon, and shall expose to public sale at G. Boughton's Tavern, in Cleaveland, on Oct. 30, the following described property, to wit: One Secretary, one Book Case, one Desk, one Stand, one Wash Stand, four tables, 12 Chairs, one Chest, one Large Server, eight Feather Beds, a quantity of Bedding and Carpeting, one Horse and Saddle. Jas. S. Clarke, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Cuyahoga county." *Herald*, Oct. 20, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 66.

1827 Oct. 19 "Official returns of the election held in Cuyahoga county, Oct. 9, 1827: For coroner - Gaius Boughton, 181; Daniel Worley, 627." *Herald*, Oct. 19, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 132.

1830 Apr. 3 A cannon which had been brought from the neighborhood of Euclid Creek to Cleveland burst and killed Roswell Wheeler while the men who had loaded it were in Boughton's Tavern taking a drink. The men had fired the cannon several times and taken several drinks. Finally they loaded it for a final "souser" with powder, bricks and other loose material and then retired to the tavern for another drink before firing it. While they were there, Wheeler, thinking to forestall them, touched a match to the fuse of the cannon. The blast burst the cannon and Wheeler was so badly wounded that he died a short time after. *Herald*, Apr. 8, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 95; *Settlers Annals*, II, 21.

SILVERTHORN'S TAVERN
Euclid Avenue near Case School

1863 Jonathan Bowles owned 25 1/3 acres of land in East Cleveland, on which Silverthorn's Tavern was later located. In the November 1863 term of Common Pleas Court of Cuyahoga County, judgment was rendered against Bowles for $427.27 and costs of $31.73 in a suit over an $800 note which Bowles had given to Francis Crawford, a Michigan Lumberman, as part payment for a sawmill on St. Clair Road. The court ordered that Bowles property, appraised at $5400, be seized to indemnify Crawford. Bowles' motion for a new trial was overruled. The property under litigation was later occupied by Case School of Applied Science. *Court Records*, II, 163.

Hotels and Taverns
Silverthorn's Tavern

1865 Nov. 23 "Silverthorne, model landlord, is in the hotel business again. He will throw open his commodious new hotel on Euclid ave. today." *Leader*, Nov. 23, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 179.

1867 Jan. 15 "The keepers of out of town resorts are reaping a rich harvest of patronage, and will continue to do so, as long as this superb sleighing lasts. Patchin on the West, and Silverthorn on the East, are crowded to their utmost, to accommodate the rush. Fast horses, champagne, and game dinners are at a high premium." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1867.

1870 Aug. 9 "Cleveland General Omnibus and Carriage line fares fixed by city ordinance: Carriage Prices: All styles of elegant carriages for pleasure riding, parties, weddings, etc., furnished on application at 160 Superior st., at $1 50 per hour; parties, weddings, etc., and return until after one a.m., $2; after one a.m., $4; Erie st. cemetery, funerals, $3; Silverthorn's or same distance and return without delay, $4; per hour for detention, $1 50; Rocky River and return, half day $6; Rocky River and return, whole day, $10." *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 56.

1935 "The Case School stands on the site of the L. E. Holden home. Preceding the Holdens two or three families occupied it. It was built, I (Asa Post) think, about 1845 by a Mr. Bowles, who left it a few years later when he erected a fine brick house on the south side of Euclid, opposite the Post home at 101st Street and Euclid. The old Bowles place then came into the possession of Mr. Kirtland and family and was for years known as the Kirtland Estate, probably because it was rather the finest and most dignified place in our section. A dam was built across Doan Brook, just under the bank running beside the grounds of this home. The pond resulting was a place for cutting ice, which was then clear and pure, quite different from what it would be today. At this dam, a hydraulic ram forced water up to the Kirtland home and grounds. Still later (1865) Mr. Silverthorn for a time kept a hotel there, popular among the best business men of the city. Among the guests living there at this time was George Burnham, who was then a joint owner of the property with Mr. Holden. After the Holden family took possession of the place, it became, with the improvements they made, perhaps more beautiful and attractive than ever before." Post, *Doan's Corners*, 103, 104.

1935 "I (Chas. A. Otis) recall the sleigh rides to Silverthorn's with four horses and bobs. We would sit close to our best girl friends, and this wasn't quite as close as today. The girl was usually

wrapped in yards of material that surrounded ladies in those days. We had a great time. Later came the Roadside Club sleighing parties. Silverthorn's was near Lake View Cemetery. I think they called this tavern the Home Stretch. Just before the end of horses and sleighing I had several four-in-hand sleigh rides. I would like to have these boys with the heaters in their cars know us iron men of the 90's." Post, *Those Were The Days*, 51, 52.

1935 "The Silverthorn Hotel or Roadhouse mentioned by Mr. Charles Otis was located where Case School now (1935) stands. Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorn originally kept a house of entertainment at or near Rocky River, afterwards coming to this Euclid Avenue location. Still later they were at Coit's (in Bratenahl). Wherever they went their patrons followed them, as they could pleasingly 'welcome the arriving and speed the departing guests,' and Mrs. Silverthorn's famous fried chicken and creamed potatoes were delicious wherever served." Post, *Those Were The Days*, 52.

SPRING COTTAGE
246 Lake Street
(Lake shore near E. 14th St.)

Cleveland, in 1836, enjoyed the unique advantage of having a hotel, located near a mineral spring, which furnished hot, cold and shower baths to the traveling public. This was quite an innovation in those early days. The hotel was called "Spring Cottage," and was managed by William R. Richardson, who so aptly advertised in the *Herald & Gazette* of July 14, 1837: "Those who know how to appreciate that greatest of all luxuries, a warm bath in summer, can find that enjoyment in perfection, by an agreeable ride or walk to the 'Cottage Spring Baths' at Clinton Park, a beautiful and pleasant retreat from heat and dust on the bank of the lake, scarce a mile from the city." There were proper persons in attendance at all hours of the day and evening, with rooms in which to relax. A coach left every hour to convey passengers to and from the hotel.

In 1838, S. F. Mastin and J. B. Allen applied for a license to keep the tavern at Spring Cottage. Whether they were also proprietors of the hotel is not known. However, the hotel is again referred to as belonging to Richardson in 1842. It was in this year, too, that Richardson joined the temperance movement and ceased serving liquor at his hotel, so that "ladies and gentlemen may go there without having their ears outraged by drunken brawls."

In 1846 Richardson was the recipient of much notoriety, due to the fact that he was arrested on a charge of abducting and consigning to slavery a colored man. At that time he was street supervisor of the city, but so great was the

feeling against him that he was removed from office. The following year he was indicted for kidnapping but did not appear and so forfeited his bail of eight hundred dollars.

Little is known of what became of Spring Cottage from 1846 on, but in 1850 it was acquired by the Catholic Diocese and made into a theological seminary. *Herald*, May 17, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180; *Herald & Gazette*, July 14, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 351; *Herald & Gazette*, May 16, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 139; *Herald*, July 8, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 441, 442; *Herald*, June 6, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 310, 311; *Herald*, June 2, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 67; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 294, 295; Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1852-53, 64.

1836 May 17 — "Those interested will take notice that I have this day filed in the office of the city clerk, a petition for a License to keep a Tavern at the house known as the 'Mineral Spring Cottage,' on Lake st. near Clinton Park. Wm. R. Richardson." *Herald*, May 17, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1836 June 4 — At a Cleveland council meeting, Mr. Noble, of the committee on licenses, made a report in favor of W. R. Richardson keeping a tavern in Clinton Park; fee $30. *Cleveland Council Journal* "A," 39.

1837 — "William R. Richardson furnished warm or shower baths at the Spring Cottage, Clinton Park, three-fourths of a mile from the court-house, near the Mineral Spring, a coach leaving every hour, to convey passengers to and from the park." Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 294-95.

1837 June 28 — "Warm, Cold and Shower Baths at Clinton Park. The subscriber has lately fitted up, in the best eastern style, thirteen baths, at his Hotel, Clinton Park. Proper persons are always in attendance at all hours of the day and evening, and the rooms are constantly in order. William R. Richardson." *Herald & Gazette*, June 28, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 351.

1837 July 14 — "Bathing. Those who know how to appreciate that greatest of all luxuries, a warm bath in summer, can find that enjoyment in perfection, by an agreeable ride or walk to the 'Cottage Spring Bath' at Clinton Park, a beautiful and pleasant retreat from heat and dust on the bank of the lake, scarce a mile from the city. Mr. Richardson the enterprising proprietor, spares no attention necessary to the comfort and satisfaction of his visitors. A coach runs hourly from the city to the park." *Herald & Gazette*, July 14, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 351.

1838
Mar. 8

"At the Municipal Meeting of March 8, the claim of W. Richardson was allowed and ordered to be paid.

"Mr. Cook offered a Resolution that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of W. R. Richardson for $100 in part payment for grading Lake st. - Referred to Committee on Streets." *Herald & Gazette*, Mar. 8, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 38.

1838
May 16

"License - The subscribers have this day filed their petitions with the clerk, for license to keep a tavern at Spring Cottage, Clinton Park. S. F. Mastin, J. B. Allen." *Herald & Gazette*, May 16, 1838, *Newspaper Annals*, XXI, 139.

1841
Aug. 5

"At the city council meeting last night, W. R. Richardson was granted an appropriation of $18 to build a bridge across the ravine near the Spring Cottage." *Herald*, Aug. 5, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 32.

1842
July 8

"In a letter to the editor, 'Cold Water' says: William R. Richardson, proprietor of the Spring Cottage, about three weeks ago became satisfied that intoxicating liquors were injurious to himself and his neighbors, so, at his request, there were two meetings of the Independent Washington Total Abstinence society held at Spring Cottage, one on June 28 and the other on July 2. Able addresses were made by Richardson, Kirk, Turner and Barr. About a dozen signed the pledge.

"This is a new field where much good may be done if the real friends of temperance will do their duty. Richardson keeps his baths in good order, and ladies and gentlemen may go there without having their ears outraged by drunken brawls." *Herald*, July 8, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 441-42.

1842
July 16

"The Independent Washingtonians held an interesting meeting in their rooms on the evening of July 12. The audience was addressed by William R. Richardson, (proprietor of Spring Cottage) who has forsaken the use of liquor and has become a real teetotaller. He also has forsaken the trafficking in liquor. Guptil and Starks also addressed the meeting.

"The society selected Richardson as their next president. We are confident that he will be an efficient laborer in the cause, and trust he will more than repair the injury he has done. May his

example be universally followed by all the dealers in the deleterious traffic, as well as all who use the article as a beverage." *Herald*, July 16, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 422.

1842 July 22 "The Washingtonians will hold a meeting at Wm. R. Richardson's Spring Cottage on Saturday (tomorrow) evening at 7½ o'clock. Will the friends of temperance turn out and give their countenance to these meetings or not?" *Herald*, July 22, 1842, *Newspaper Annals*, XXV, 423.

1843 Feb. 24 "Mr. Harris - Please give notice in your paper that I am a candidate for marshal of this city, at the ensuing election, and much oblige me. Wm. R. Richardson." *Herald*, Feb. 24, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 216.

1843 Mar. 31 "Mr. Harris. - Please insert my name for Constable, and much oblige me. Wm. R. Richardson." *Herald*, Mar. 31, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 219.

1843 Apr. 3 "Moving Buildings, &c. - I hereby notify the public that I am ready to remove or raze buildings, dig cellars, furnish and set trees, make fences, plow gardens, or take jobs of any kind in my old line of business.

"N. B. - Pile driving and dredging, and stump pulling to order and with taste.

"My Bath House will soon be in order. Wm. R. Richardson." *Herald*, Apr. 3, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 28.

1845 William R. Richardson was proprietor of Spring Cottage, 246 Lake St. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 85.

1846 June 6 "William R. Richardson was arrested last night on a charge of abducting and consigning to slavery a colored man by the name of Alfred Berry.

"Berry first came here last fall. A few weeks ago a Mr. Lacy, brother-in-law of Richardson from Tennessee, recognized Berry as a runaway slave from that state. Richardson soon after employed

Berry to drive his team and two weeks ago started for the southern part of the state. Richardson and Lacy conveyed the Negro to Louisville and delivered him to Captain McKee to take him to his master.

"Richardson was street supervisor of this city. The common council held a special meeting last evening and removed him from office. 'Should Richardson escape the penalty of the law, such is the just indignation of the community on the subject of man-stealing, that he will find a longer residence here anything but agreeable.'" *Herald*, June 6, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 310, 311.

1846 June 11 "William R. Richardson who is charged with abducting the Negro Berry was committed to jail yesterday in default of $1,000 bail, following an examination before Justices Bar and Barnett, who held him for trial in common pleas court. The courthouse was crowded during the hearing." *Herald*, June 11, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 311.

1846 July 18 "We understand Judge Wood discharged William H. Richardson, who was arrested on the charge of kidnapping a few days since.

"'Public opinion, however, holds him guilty of kidnapping; and though he may thank his stars the law could not hold him, he too may know that he has earned an unenviable notoriety.'" *Herald*, July 18, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 311.

1846 Aug. 1 "We regretted very much to see handbills posted up about the streets this morning warning William R. Richardson and his coadjutors in the kidnapping business to leave the city within 48 hours. This is wrong, and we trust no violence will be committed, nor an overt act perpetrated.

"We grant that if it had been clearly shown beyond a doubt that Richardson was the owner or the legalized agent of the owner of Berry that, according to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, he should have been discharged. But there was no evidence of this kind. The judges assumed that Berry was a slave and that Richardson was the legalized agent of the owner and had a right to take him.

"'In our opinion the decision of Judge Wood is more unjust than any decision ever made in this State.' Richardson is a kidnapper. He should be punished. But let no one lay violent hands upon Richardson or upon his property.

"'Let the law alone deal with him.'" *Herald*, Aug. 1, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 312.

1846 Aug. 26 "The criminal court is in session, and the grand jury has found a bill of indictment against William R. Richardson on the charge of kidnapping the Negro Berry. Richardson is now in custody." *Herald*, Aug. 26, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 313.

1846 Aug. 27 "William R. Richardson has been admitted to bail in the sum of $800. His trial will not take place at the present term of the criminal court." *Herald*, Aug. 27, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 313.

1847 June 2 "The criminal court adjourned today. W. R. Richardson, indicted for kidnapping, did not appear. His bail, $800, was forfeited. Rather expensive business for assisting a slave out of the State." *Herald*, June 2, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 67.

1850 "Spring Cottage," on Lake Street, was acquired in 1850, the same year that the Ursuline Sisters Convent, School and Academy was opened, and made into a seminary. Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 367.

1852 The Catholic Theological Seminary is situated at the place formerly known as the Spring Cottage. Rev. A. Carvon is the Superior. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1852-53, 64.

1853 Rev. J. B. Marachel resides at Spring Cottage. Knight and Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853-54, 289, 319.

SPRING POND HOUSE
Euclid Avenue and E. 89th Street

Cleveland was becoming a large city in 1859 when J. M. Richards built the Spring Pond House on what is now the northwest corner of Euclid Avenue and East 89th Street, then on Euclid Road in East Cleveland, three miles east of the Public Square. Tree-shaded Euclid Road was a beautiful drive in the summer which visitors to this city were shown with great pride, and in the winter the best outing was a sleigh-ride to the Spring Pond House and dinner there. The building was of brick and its interior was "spacious and well furnished from cellar to attic. The parlors and sleeping rooms are large, airy and models of taste and comfort." In front of the house was a circular fountain. Spring Pond was west of the house in a grove of trees known as Spring Pond Grove, which greatly enhanced the attraction of the place as a summer resort, and in the winter the frozen pond drew many ice skaters. North of the hotel

was a half-mile race track which swelled the hotel's patronage in the racing season. A Charles Babcock was buying up property in this neighborhood as early as 1859 and in 1898 Charles and Kate H. Babcock sold the corner lot at Euclid Avenue and Bolton (now East 89th) Street, to Mary H. Severance, for $50,000 and the beautiful Severance home was built where the Spring Pond House had stood. In 1906 this property passed into the possession of Emily A. Severance by will. A lot adjoining on the west was the property of Elizabeth S. Prentiss in 1931, and the two lots became the temporary home of Huron Road Hospital. Since 1940 the Museum of Health has occupied the building there. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 3, 1859; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 117; *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 691, 635, 636; Cuyahoga County Auditor's Maps, II, 19, East of River.

1859 Aug. 3 — "Spring Pond House. - Col. J. M. Richards is progressing finely at the elegant new brick hotel in East Cleveland, on the Euclid street road. It is one of the most delightful suburban resorts that we know of anywhere and infinitely superior to anything of the kind in this section. The house is spacious and well furnished from cellar to attic. The parlors and sleeping rooms, are large, airy, and models of taste and comfort. The table is supplied with all the delicacies and solids of the season, served up in an exceptionable style. Immediately in front of the house, enclosed in a pretty circle, is a fountain of living water which constantly plays, and a beautiful grove of the famous Spring Pond nearby. The location of the house is at once romantic and healthy. Forest Grove Trotting Park is within a few rods of the house, and all the surroundings are very attractive. The road leading from town to Spring Pond cannot be surpassed in the world, and with such an experience and popular host as Col. Richards, our new suburban hotel must flourish as the green bay tree. It is just such a place as Cleveland has long needed." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 3, 1859.

1859 Nov. 21 — "Signor Davissimo Price, the great flutist is sojourning at Richard's Spring Pond House." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 21, 1859.

1859 Nov. 23 — "There is to be a grand shooting match at the Spring Pond Hotel, starting tomorrow and continuing two days. Two hundred turkeys, 500 chickens, and 50 geese will be exposed for the marksmen." *Leader*, Nov. 23, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 168.

1859 Dec. 10 — "The sleighing has been quite good for the past two days, and everything on runners has been out. J. Richard's Spring Pond House, McIlrath's, Silverthorn's and other suburban hotels have raked in the dimes at a very lively rate. We have but little snow in this country and when it comes all want to enjoy the brief fleeting novelty." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 10, 1859.

Hotels and Taverns
Spring Pond House

1859 Dec. 24 "Richards' and Pott's Spring Pond House, four miles from the city, is kept lively by the numerous sleighing parties which make it a stopping-place. The House is well kept, and a party will always be at home there." *Leader*, Dec. 24, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 186.

1859 Dec. 24 "Typographical Ride. - Mr. Fairbanks of the *Herald* treated a goodly number of printers to a sleighride yesterday afternoon. One of Geer's elegant four-horse turn-outs was used on the occasion. A lunch, at the Spring Pond and a supper at the Angier on returning to town made the ride a very lively and agreeable affair. Among the distinguished and invited guests were Col. Race of Vera Cruz and Messrs. Bone, Page and Nash of Santa Cruz." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 24, 1859.

1859 Dec. 29 "Mazourka Sleighride and Ball. - The Committee appointed to make arrangements in behalf of the 'Cleveland Mazourka Society,' for the Sleighride and Ball, request that all wishing to join the expedition will report themselves at 'Spring Pond Cottage,' (Richards), at 5 o'clock P.M. of the ride, the hour of supper and the commencement of the dance. By order of Committee." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 29, 1859.

1860 July 23 "The suburbs. There are a great many strangers in the city, and let them by no means neglect to ride into the suburbs. The Rocky River road, the Euclid road and the Kinsman road are extremely elegant drives. Euclid Street is the handsomest Avenue in the United States, beyond peradventure and the Spring Pond Hotel, kept by Mr. W. H. Potts, and located on Euclid road about three miles from town, is confessedly one of the finest suburban hotels extant. A sumptuous meal can be served up there, on the Delmonico style, on the shortest notice." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1860.

1861 Mar. 14 "The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richards to the number of about 40 couples, had a reunion last night at the Spring Pond House. A fine dance and a splendid supper were the delights of the evening. The above popular house is in excellent order and is kept by Wm. Potts and Co." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 14, 1861.

1878 July 10 "The Editorial Convention. Annual assemblage of Editors of the Buckeye State. The opening session of the Ohio Editorial Association's annual meeting will be held this afternoon in the new rooms of the Board of Trade on Water street.

"To such of the visiting brethern as are unfamiliar with the attractions of Cleveland and desire to see the beauties of the city the following may be of service: ...

"Of suburban resorts there are plenty, chief among them J. M. Richards' Euclid Avenue House, the most superbly furnished and equipped road house in America, at least." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1878.

1898 Oct. 13 Charles and Kate H. Babcock sold the northwest corner of Euclid Avenue and Bolton (now East 89th) Street to Mary H. Severance on October 13, 1898. This was sub-lot No. 1 in Perry H. Babcock's subdivision, having a frontage on Euclid Avenue of 200.48 feet, and on Bolton Street 330.58 feet. The consideration given in the deed was $50,000. The deed was recorded October 29, 1898. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, 691, 635, 636.

STANDARD HOTEL
84-86 Michigan Street

1871 F. Bechtel was proprietor of Bechtel's Hotel, (later the Standard) 86 Michigan Street from 1871 to 1873. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72, 1872-73.

1874 German Hotel on European plan. Otto Menner, Proprietor of Reinischer Hof, 86 Michigan Street from 1874 to 1877. Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99; Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-75, 1875-76, 1876-77.

1877 N. Elmer, proprietor Elmer's Hotel and Restaurant, 86 Michigan Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 186.

1878 John G. Trinkner was proprietor of the European House at 86 Michigan Street from 1878 to 1885. *Cleveland Directories*, 1878-85.

1885 Trinkner's Hotel, 84-86 Michigan Street, Mrs. John Trinkner & Son, Proprietors. *Cleveland Directory*, 1885-86.

1887 Trinkner's Hotel, 84-86 Michigan Street, Mrs. G. Trinkner & Co., Proprietors. *Cleveland Directory*, 1887-88.

1888 Trinkner's Hotel, 84-86 Michigan Street, Mrs. John G. Trinkner and John G. Engel, Proprietors. *Cleveland Directory,* 1888-89.

1889 Trinkner's Hotel, 84-86 Michigan Street, John G. Trinkner, Proprietor. *Cleveland Directory,* 1889-90.

1890 Standard Hotel, 84-86 Michigan Street, John Checketts, Proprietor. *Cleveland Directory,* 1890-91.

1891 Standard Hotel, 84-86 Michigan Street, John Checketts, Proprietor. *Cleveland Directory,* 1891.

STEVENS HOUSE
8 Bolivar Street

1870 "Stevens House (Rose Block) cor. Bolivar St. & Central Place. Entrance from No. 8 Bolivar Street. A. R. Stevens, Proprietor." Wiggins & Weaver, *Cleveland Directory,* 1870-71, 272.

1871 "Stevens House (Rose Block) cor. Bolivar St. and Central Place entrance from No. 8 Bolivar Street. A. R. Stevens, Proprietor." Robison, *Cleveland Directory,* 1871-72, 400, 1400.

1873 July 3 "Wanted - A Good Cook - Apply at the Stevens House, No. 8 Bolivar street." *Plain Dealer,* July 3, 1873.

1877 Mathew G. Rose, a wholesale and retail grocer at the corner of Sheriff and Bolivar Streets, became proprietor of the Stevens House, No. 8 Bolivar Street. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory,* 1877-78.

STILLMAN HOUSE
Columbus and Willey Streets

1846 The Stillman House on Columbus Street was one of the new hotels where workers of Ohio City dined in 1846. *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 10, 1937.

Hotels and Taverns
Stillman House

1855 May 10 — "Stillman's Hotel. Mr. W. H. Stillman has relinquished this old and well known stand, after seven years occupancy, and is about to retire from it. He notified his guests of his intentions, and gave them an elegant oyster supper. Some of them at the same time presented Mrs. Stillman with a splendid china Tea Set, of the newest and richest pattern. The evening's entertainment was a very agreeable and happy one, and the company separated with mutual good wishes for each other's welfare." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1855.

1858 Oct. 2 — "A fire was discovered Oct. 2 in the rear of some buildings between Pearl and Columbus sts., and just back of the Stillman House." *Leader*, Oct. 4, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 161.

1859 — The Stillman House was located at 281 Columbus Street during the years 1859 to 1865. *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60, 1861-62, 1864-65.

1859 Dec. 8 — "The increase of water in Walworth's run so great that the dam at Sheldon's mill gave way yesterday and carried off the mill and the ice house. These struck the Columbus st. bridge at the slaughter house of H. M. Chapin and Company, carrying the bridge away. The flood tore away the fences of Russell's slaughter house and carried away 50 hogs. It also took the bridge leading to the Heights from the Stillman House." *Leader*, Dec. 8, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 102.

1864 — "Stillman House, Martin Asper, Proprietor, Columbus St., Corner Willey Street. (West Side). Having re-fitted and re-furnished the above house, the traveling public are respectfully invited to call. The Table will constantly be supplied with the best the market affords. The Rooms are clean and airy, while every effort will be made by the proprietor to make his guests comfortable. Being the nearest house to the C. C. & C., C. & E. and C. & T. R. R. cattle yards, he respectfully solicits a call from Drovers and all others who may from business or pleasure, visit Cleveland." Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 102.

1865 — Martin Asper was proprietor of the Stillman House, Columbus and Willey Streets. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-66.

1867
Feb. 2 "Martin Asper, keeper of the 'Stillman House,' West Side, came before United States Commissioner White, this morning, to answer the charge of passing counterfeit money - upon which charge he was arrested several days ago. His case was continued till next Saturday." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 2, 1867.

STRIEBINGER HOUSE
60-66 Michigan Street (Prospect Avenue)

Among the hotels that flourished in the '70s and '80s was the well known Striebinger House on Michigan Street, now Prospect Avenue. It was built by its proprietors, the four Striebinger Brothers, who had emigrated from Bavaria with their parents in 1848. The brothers, Jacob, Michael, Philip and Martin, started their business life as partners in a feed store and livery stable on Michigan Street, just two doors from the site of the hotel they were to open in 1873. Jacob, the oldest, was the best known of the brothers, and acted as the manager of the hotel for seven years from the time of its official opening on April 15, 1873, until 1880. He also served as councilman for the first ward from 1873 to 1878.

The hotel was conveniently located between railroad depots and street car lines, and had a large local patronage, in addition to its out-of-town guests. The excellent food and courteous attention brought a number of business men to its dining room. The hotel was extremely popular with commercial travelers because of the sample rooms which were put at their disposal for the display of their goods. Connected with the hotel was a large, well appointed stable, capable of accommodating one hundred and forty horses.

"In the days just after its greatest glory, its host was Mark Lamb," a prominent figure in hotel, political and sporting circles of Cleveland. Lamb, a jovial fat man and a great raconteur, loved to tell of the days when a farmer could drive in from the country, put up his horses for the day in the feed barns behind the Striebinger House and have a bed for himself at the hotel -- all for a quarter.

The site of the hotel and the thoroughfare, Prospect Ave., N. W., upon which it stood were demolished to make way for the Terminal development on the south-west corner of the Public Square. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 434; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 40; Scrapbook, III, Jan. 7, 1919; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1925; *Press*, Nov. 9, 1931; Personal interview with I. B. Syckman.

1848
July 4 The four Striebinger Brothers who helped to make early hotel history immigrated from Bavaria with their parents on July 4, 1848. They had come in a sail boat and the passage had taken three months. The family settled in East Cleveland. I. B. Syckman, (Interview).

1872 The four Striebinger Brothers, Jacob, Michael, Philip, and Martin, started their business life as partners in a feed store and livery stable on Michigan Street, just two doors from the site of the Striebinger House. They continued with the store after going into the hotel business.

Jacob, the oldest, was the best known of the four, serving as councilman for the first ward from 1873 to 1878. I. B. Syckman, Interview.

1872 "In 1872 the Striebinger Hotel was erected and he (Jacob Striebinger) became its manager, remaining as such for seven years, during which time he entertained many eminent men of the time, particularly men prominent in the political and financial world." Orth, *Cleveland*, III, 191.

1873 Apr. 15 "The Striebinger House, on Michigan street, is the newest hotel in the city, having been built within four years, and opened on the 15th of April 1873. In its construction and fitting up the utmost care was taken to embody the latest and best improvements in hotel construction and arrangement. The rooms, ninety in number, are large, lofty, and commodious. The sample rooms for the convenience of commercial travelers who wish to display their goods are arranged with a view to this special purpose, and cannot be anywhere excelled. Fine billiard rooms are connected with the hotel, and all other conveniences desirable in a first class hotel are to be found in this. The table is noted for the substantial and choice character of the food served. The location is convenient. The hotel is about midway between the Union Depot and the Atlantic and Great Western Railway depot, street car lines for both passing near the building. Price $2 per day. The proprietors, Messrs. Striebinger Brothers, built the hotel for their management and have had long experience in keeping a good substantial hotel. The house has a large local patronage, in addition to its traveling custom; the convenient location, excellent table and courteous attention to the wishes of guests bring a great number of business men to its dining room. Connected with the hotel is an extensive and well appointed stable, capable of accommodating one hundred and forty horses." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 40.

1873 July 16 "A brick wall which was being put up at the back of the Striebinger House gave way last night and fell through the back roof into the barroom. No one was injured. The accident will not interfere with the house as it is in a part not connected with the main building. The loss is estimated at about $3000." *Leader*, July 16, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 8.

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1873
Nov. 12

"At one a.m. today a fire broke out in the Striebinger House; little flame was visible but it was filled with smoke. Considerable alarm was shown by the boarders and the help employed by the hotel. Very few of those who ran out into the court in the rear of the hotel had much more dress on than Adam and Eve wore. In about 20 minutes the fire was extinguished.

"There were many ludicrous incidents, but at the time when much real danger was imminent, there was little disposition to notice them.

"The fire was discovered by a woman who slept in the washroom directly over the furnace in the basement. Little damage was done." *Leader*, Nov. 12, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 228.

1874

The four Striebinger brothers, Philip, Jacob, Martin, and Michael, were proprietors of the Striebinger House, located on Michigan Street between Ontario and Seneca Streets. On the street floor of the building were the stores of S. & M. Wettrich, merchant tailors, at No. 66; A. Teachout & Son, No. 64; Striebinger Brothers' office, No. 62; and the Billiard Room of the hotel. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99; *Court Records*, X, 62.

1874
Jan. 12

"F. M. Neil was for sometime the steward of the Striebinger house but was discharged in the latter part of last week. Saturday evening (Jan. 10, 1874) he tried an original method of suicide. He procured a vial of laudanum and put it in one of his sleeves, neck down. He then went into an Ontario street saloon, and called for drinks, secretly pouring laudanum into each potation. He drank until stupefied by the drug, when the bottle dropped from the sleeve betraying his suicidal purpose. He was removed to 34 Prospect street, where he resided, and Dr. Von Tagen was called. Prompt medical assistance prevented a fatal result." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1874.

1874
June 3

"Fifty members of the German Butchers' Association of Dayton arrived here last evening. They were received at the depot and escorted to the Striebinger House by a committee of Cleveland butchers. They will attend a grand picnic at Lied's Garden today." *Leader*, June 3, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 73.

1874
July 7

"This evening the repealing ordinance on the Sunday saloon question may come up for final action, so we venture to offer a word to the individual members of the council.

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"(Jacob) Striebinger runs a saloon in his hotel. He has no right to allow his selfish views to govern him in his vote. He was not elected to govern his own saloon." *Leader*, July 7, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 684.

1874
July 26 "Resolved that the members of the Cleveland Club are greatly indebted to the proprietors of the Striebinger ... for their liberality in providing accommodation gratuitously for the members of the Gilmore band during their evening visit here during the next week." *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 1874.

1874
Aug. 26 "The names of the councilmen whose votes repealed the Sunday liquor law should form a blacklist with every good citizen. They are Messrs. Angel, Buhrer, Eggers, Farley, Gallagher, Hackman, Hemmeter, Higgins, Hoffman, Hughes, F. and W. Kelly, Kushman, Marshall, McGrath, O'Reilly, Purcell, Russell and Striebinger. The reign of Sunday revelry which will now be ushered in need last less than a year. At the election next spring there will be chance to sweep the council chamber of men who have brought this reproach upon us. Let it be understood that the Democratic party is the mother of this deep-dyed disgrace. Let the lesson be remembered." *Leader*, Aug. 26, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 687.

1874
Sept. 10 "The annual session of the national lodge of Good Fellows is in progress in this city. About thirty delegates, representing most of the states, are in attendance. The Striebinger House is headquarters, though meetings are held in the hall of Liberty lodge, in Crittenden's block." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1874.

1875
Jan. 28 A social party was held in the Striebinger House parlor on the night of Jan. 28. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1875.

1875
Feb. 12 "A difficulty has recently arisen which materially affects the interests of many citizens of the city and to a great extent the city itself. Those involved in the dispute are H. S. Stevens, H. P. Weddell, and others on the one hand, and the South Side Street railroad on the other, for possession of Bank st., through which it is desired to lay a street railroad track from Superior st. to the bridge connecting with the union depot. The South Side company claims that when it obtained its charter it obtained the right to operate from depot to depot; that one of its main ideas in building the road was to give uninterrupted service between the union depot

and the depot of the Atlantic and Great Western; that in obtaining that charter the company was to operate from a point on University Heights along Scranton ave. and Seneca st. to Superior, thence to Bank st. and so reach the Union depot; that the company had always intended to complete the line from its present terminus on Seneca st. to the union depot as soon as possible.

"The others, if they obtain permission to build, will merely build the line along Bank st. from Superior st. to the bridge connecting with the depot. As they will have no stables to build and already have horses enough to put on the line, they claim they can operate it much cheaper and get the road in operation much sooner than the South Side company. They also claim that they will operate near enough to hotels off Bank st. to accommodate all passengers, although, they may desire to go to the Forest City or Striebinger Houses." *Leader*, Feb. 12, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 752.

1875
Feb. 21 Philip Jacob Striebinger, father of the proprietors of the Striebinger House, died. He was survived by his wife, three daughters and four sons. Councilman Jacob Striebinger of the First Ward and manager of the Striebinger House, was one of the children. *Leader*, Feb. 22, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 373.

1875
Apr. 2 "The opposing candidates for councilman in the first ward are Jacob Striebinger, Republican nominee, and the city editor of the *Plain Dealer*.

"'How any good citizen can hesitate for a moment between a man like Mr. Striebinger and the Montpelier candidate is difficult to see. The first ward is properly a Republican precinct. If the Republicans there do their duty, Mr. Striebinger will be returned by a bouncing majority.'" *Leader*, Apr. 2, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 420.

1875
July 26 "Edwin Woods came to Cleveland on July 26, 1875 to attend a horse fair which was opening the next day. He registered at the Striebinger House. Woods said he had about $160 in cash with him when he registered, but he had no knowledge that the inn had a safe for the safeguarding of valuables. The Striebinger House claimed that a copy of a law requiring innkeepers to safeguard valuables belonging to guests was conspicuously displayed in the parlor and on the door of every sleeping room in its establishment. Woods asserted he saw no copy of the law.

"Woods later took a walk with H. D. Udall, a landscape photographer of Hiram Township, Portage County, Ohio, whom he had known for 20 years. Udall occupied a room across from Woods' room in the inn. They returned to the inn about 10:30 p.m. and Woods retired to his room, placing his pocketbook and his money under the pillow of his bed. Sometime during the night someone entered his room and took his money. He reported the loss at 3:00 a.m. to George W. Arnold, 20, a night porter. Udall was awakened by the talk and joined Arnold and Woods in Woods' room. They examined the window of the room and a roof below it but they could find no evidence of intruders. Woods charged that the innkeepers had been careless in the manner in which they secured the rooms against robbers.

"Failing to recover his money Woods on August 20, 1875 filed suit in the Court of Common Pleas against Philip I. Striebinger, Jacob Striebinger, Martin Striebinger and Michael Striebinger, proprietors of the inn, for $160. The case was dismissed in the September 1877 term of court for want of prosecution." *Court Records*, X, 62.

1875
July 29 "The detectives arrested James Burton on suspicion. He is regarded as an old time hotel thief and till tapper. He was trying to work the Striebinger House half past six yesterday morning." *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1875.

1876
May 13 "Coroner Fleidner held an inquest yesterday over the body of John Coyne, found dead in a barn in the rear of the Striebinger House, and decided that he had come to his death by excessive drink and opiates." *Leader*, May 13, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1254.

1876
July 22 "Globe Theatre. Wednesday evening, July 26, Grand Greco-Roman Wrestling Contest between Prof. Wilhelm Heygster, The Oak of The Rhine, and Ernst Tourner. For One Thousand Dollars. Admission, Reserved Seats $1.00, Dress Circle 75 cents, Family Circle 50 cents, Gallery 25 cents. Doors open 7:15, to commence at 8:15. Tickets can be had at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer*, July 22, 1876.

1876
Aug. 1 "Heygster and Tourneur, the wrestlers, have been arrested as suspicious persons. Jacob Striebinger of the Striebinger House swore out the warrant when the wrestlers failed to pay their board bill. Previous to the wrestling match the men gave Striebinger a package said to contain a wager of one thousand dollars. Upon opening the package, it was found to contain nothing but a bunch of old German newspapers." *Leader*, Aug. 1, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1120.

1876
Oct. 2 "The state board of public works will meet at the Striebinger House this evening. Tomorrow, they will start to make an inspection of the Ohio Canal." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 2, 1876.

1877 The Striebinger Brothers were proprietors of Striebinger House, 60 to 66 Michigan Street, in 1877 and 1878. The eldest brother, Jacob, resided at the hotel. He was a fine looking man, affecting the Bill Cody style, and was called a "dead ringer" of the famous plainsman. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1877-78, 585; I. B. Syckman, interview.

1877
Jan. 3 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: W. H. Fitzgerald, Louisville; H. Bach, New York; A. McMasters, Buffalo; J. H. Morrison, Cincinnati; N. R. Feathers, Canton." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1877.

1877
Jan. 5 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: J. C. Lighthouse, Rochester; A. L. Steuble, Greenville, Pa.; C. H. Marrows, Peoria, Ill.; L. C. Oviatt, Winona, Minn.; W. S. Willimas, civil engineer of Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1877.

1877
Jan. 6 "The following are among the arrivals registered at Striebinger House today: J. Morrison, Cincinnati; T. J. Witbeck, Milwaukee; J. W. Wood and wife, Erie; J. Oppenheimer, Detroit; J. A. Strobart, Mansfield." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1877.

1877
Jan. 8 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: William A. Rally, New York; Joseph Hyman, Garrett, Ind.; A. S. Wright, Ashtabula; J. C. Dingens, Buffalo; J. Oppenheimer, Detroit." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1877.

1877
Jan. 10 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: F. C. Kline, William Badger, Pittsburgh; Charles E. Davidson, Cincinnati; L. S. Rowland, Ottawa, Canada; N. H. Monroe, Ogdensburgh." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 10, 1877.

1877
Jan. 11 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: Charles E. Cover, Theo. Krausch, James Bowers and wife, New York; A. Blum, Rochester, N. Y.; W. H. Allen, Medina, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1877.

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1877 Jan. 13 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: Stephen Mack and C. H. Martin, of New York; M. A. Miner of Albany; Hon. T. Beck of Brecksville; H. Kent of St. Paul; C. Loewe, of Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1877.

1877 Jan. 15 "The night porter at the Striebinger House disappeared about two o'clock Sunday morning and after he was gone it was discovered that he had stolen a $50 overcoat and a silver watch from guests of the house. The coat belonged to Conductor Varnes, of the Atlantic and Great Western railroad." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1877.

1877 Jan. 15 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: A. Lavargue, New York; I. W. Bailey, New York; George J. Mills, Genesee Falls, N. Y.; Charles Murch, Halifax, N. S.; L. S. DeVillia, Paris, Ky.; M. Maxfield, Mansfield, O." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1877.

1877 Jan. 17 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: Isaac Rawson, Hornellsville, New York; P. Yoe and W. A. Sadler, New York; R. W. Waters, Chagrin Falls; J. E. Bracken, Zanesville; A. D. Hermance, Williamsport, Pennsylvania." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1877.

1877 Jan. 18 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: J. C. Dabbs, Philadelphia; E. J. Moore, New York; H. H. Sargent, Monroeville; James Courl, Youngstown; G. H. Loomis, Medina; J. E. Brucker, Zanesville." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 18, 1877.

1877 Jan. 19 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: F. Spees, Columbus, O.; C. L. Robinson, Marysville, O.; T. Tickner, Wooster, O.; J. W. Rupprecht, Sandusky, O.; E. J. Moore, New York; J. C. Dubbs, Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 19, 1877.

1877 Jan. 20 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: J. W. Williams, Chagrin Falls; A. Beimiller, Sandusky; A. Randal, Hubbard, Ohio; J. Myers, Alliance; C. L. Robison, Marysville, O." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 20, 1877.

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1877 Jan. 22 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: John Croker, New York; James McKeon, Youngstown; L. L. Roney, Allentown, Pa.; C. G. Frazer, Chagrin Falls, O.; P. C. Heiny, Titusville, Pa." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 22, 1877.

1877 Jan. 23 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: Charles Kinsch, E. L. Tucker and M. I. Locke, New York; H. Nesbit and H. S. Mullen, Springfield; P. B. Warner, Chicago." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 23, 1877.

1877 Jan. 24 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: William S. Williams, Canton; J. B. Frost, Boston; H. Behm, Buffalo; W. W. Driscoll, Toronto; C. A. Dougherty and wife, Canton; M. Thomas, New York." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 24, 1877.

1877 Jan. 25 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: L. F. Schultz, New York; F. Hoffman, Youngstown, Ohio; John F. Kay, Morristown, New Jersey; Rowland Hamilton and family, Omonto, New York; J. W. Emmest, Mansfield, Ohio; C. L. Ward, Warren, Ohio; L. W. Bingham, Cincinnati." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 25, 1877.

1877 Jan. 30 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: S. Freshman, Cincinnati; E. A. Knose, Allegheny City; O. H. Bradley, Denver, Colo.; F. Reitz, Akron; S. W. Stockwell, Ravenna, O.; C. L. Robinson, Marysville, O." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 30, 1877.

1877 Jan. 31 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: Captain John Scott, Cincinnati; S. Tibbitts, Toledo; M. G. Monysmith, Ravenna; J. F. Slater, Kentucky; C. N. Wood, Richfield, Ohio; George W. Moneypenny, Columbus." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 31, 1877.

1877 Feb. 1 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: C. R. Delande, Huntington; C. A. Squire, Aurora, O.; E. S. Craft, Mantua; Fritz Fries, Meadville, Pa.; G. Hempel, Warren." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 1, 1877.

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1877 Feb. 3 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: J. C. Thomson, Cincinnati; Theo. Krausch, New York; A. Hermann, Russell, Ohio; H. J. Higley, Leavittsburg; A. G. Fetter, Newton, Pennsylvania." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 3, 1877.

1877 Feb. 5 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: Louis Carry, J. S. Buling, K. B. Messenger, C. Niemeyer, New York; M. Ames, Glen Falls, N. Y.; C. L. Robinson, Marysville, O.; C. S. Waide, Warren, O.; Charles Hoffman, Cincinnati, O." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 5, 1877.

1877 Feb. 6 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today; W. H. Furlong, Springfield, Mass.; F. Macartney, Angola, Ind.; W. Metcalf, Philadelphia; W. C. Thrasher, Garrettsville; C. Harvey and J. Chester, New York." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1877.

1877 Feb. 14 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Striebinger House today: C. L. Robinson, Marysville, O.; M. C. Howard, Columbus; S. N. Leach, New York; Guyer Phillips, Boderson; J. M. Chandler, Trenton; G. A. Loomis, Medina, O." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1877.

1877 July 2 — Arrivals at the Striebinger House were: Chas. Smith, Detroit, Mich.; A. Leitieth, Grand Rapids, Mich.; H. C. Clark, Meadville, Pa.; J. J. Hager, Cincinnati, Ohio; Stephen Mack, New York City; S. A. Saunders, Buffalo, N. Y.; T. Wood, Peninsula, O.; Joseph Egle, Bellevue, O.; C. R. Deland, Huntington, W. Va.; H. Barker, Akron, O. *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1877.

1877 July 10 — "At the Striebinger House today: J. E. Mitchell, Chicago; N. C. Andrews, W. R. Baldwin, Youngstown; F. Millhof, Massillon; John C. Allen, Canton; R. Edwards, L. Joseph, Detroit; Alexander J. Spears, H. A. Pierson, Montpelier, Vt.; C. Metzger, Mentor, O.; F. Reinhardt, St. Louis." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1877.

1878 — Striebinger House was located at 60-66 Michigan Street, the Striebinger Brothers were the proprietors in 1878 and 1879. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 542.

1878 Jan. 11 — "At the Striebinger House. E. Phelmacher, John Richards and wife, Sandusky; S. Graf, Boston; R. R. Morgan and F. Ainner, Chicago; J. A. Maher, New Haven, Ct.; W. F. Derr, Wooster; F. Caleman, New York; J. Waddell, Marion, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1878.

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1878 July 12 — "At the Striebinger House. - S. Mack, New York; B. H. Wood, Medina, Ohio; Dr. T. Wolfenstine and family, St. Louis; G. C. McCarthy, Liverpool; H. H. Linden, Liverpool, England; C. C. Klein and T. E. Klein, Pittsburgh, F. Sprees, Columbus; A. F. Bartges and D. Hessler, Akron; C. E. Barber, New York; B. Crabbe, Savannah; E. W. Force, Chagrin Falls, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1878.

1878 July 15 — "General T. R. Tannart, of New York, was at the Striebinger House yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1878.

1878 July 20 — "John B. Powell, of the Pythias Journal, Indianapolis, is at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1878.

1878 July 25 — "Escape of a Brace of Hotel Thieves. Detectives are on duty all night at the principal hotels watching for sneak thieves, who at race times are thick as fleas on a dog. For two successive nights attempts have been made to get into rooms at the Striebinger House and this morning, between four and five o'clock, two fellows were caught in the very act of trying to get into one of the rooms. Detective Lohrer, who was on watch there, started for the Central Police Station with one of the pair, leaving the other in charge of Mr. Jacob Striebinger, proprietor of the hotel. At Champlain street Lohrer's prisoner broke away from him and started to run toward Ontario street. Lohrer struck him with a cane he has carried of late on account of weakness from ill health, but the blow did not stun the fellow, who turned sharp, drew a pistol, snapped it at the officer and then ran. Lohrer shouted 'Stop thief!' but there were few people stirring at that time and the fugitive got away, Mr. Lohrer being unable, in consequence of sickness, to give sharp chase. On his return to the hotel he found that the other thief had escaped from Mr. Striebinger. At latest reports neither of the runaways had been captured." *Plain Dealer*, July 25, 1878.

1878 Aug. 8 — "Hon. H. Knorr, City Treasurer of Cincinnati, is at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 8, 1878.

1879 Jan. 6 — "At the Striebinger House - C. L. Forrest, Cincinnati; C. L. Robinson and wife, Marysville, O.; M. Williams, New York; H. Wagner, Cincinnati; T. C. Church, London, Ont." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1879.

1879 Jan. 8 — "At the Striebinger House: F. M. Sterrett, Troy; C. C. Harke, Troy; W. C. Cramer, Dayton; Dr. A. M. Grand, Burton; S. Mack, New York; William M. Saint, East Palestine; F. C. Lake, Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 8, 1879.

1879 Jan. 9 — "The following were registered at the Striebinger House: J. H. Howe, Ferdinand, N. Y.; V. J. Morton, Akron, Ohio; J. H. Roney, Marysville, Ohio; A. Ward, Clinton, Iowa; G. A. Barbidr, New York; C. E. Townsend, New York." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 9, 1879.

1879 Jan. 10 — "At the Striebinger House. - Isaac Ullman, Massillon; E. S. Shungluff, Canal Dover; J. F. Banhof, Canton, O.; William Kinkaid, W. Reese, Cincinnati." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 10, 1879.

1879 Jan. 11 — "Registered - At the Striebinger. J. Berliner, Corry, Pa.; S. Neumamer, New York; J. H. Shields, Canfield, O.; S. Osborne, Sherman, Ill.; William Mueller, Chicago; J. C. Platt, Dunkirk; Dr. A. C. McGraw, Burton, O.; F. M. Sterret, Troy; L. A. McIntosh, Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 11, 1879.

1879 Jan. 13 — "At the Striebinger: John C. Lutz, Buffalo; T. Snyder and G. L. Dawley, Boston; F. Brown, Kent, O.; M. L. Campbell and William P. Beard, Youngstown, O.; J. L. Poinier, Columbus; S. Adler, Pittsburgh; E. Douglass, Meadville; G. Wetliff, New York; S. V. Warner, Clark County; O. H. White, Washington, D. C."" *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 13, 1879.

1879 Jan. 14 — "At the Striebinger. -- A. Hermann, Bradford, Pa.; Chas. J. Kemper, and M. J. Brown, Buffalo; J. H. Luecke, Milwaukee; W. B. Jones, Wooster, O.; J. Harris, Cincinnati, O.; M. Ryan, Medina, N. Y.; H. A. Richards, St. Louis; George L. Walter, Indianapolis; F. Reits, Birmingham." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 14, 1879.

1879 Jan. 22 — "A basket of groceries was stolen from a sleigh in front of the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 22, 1879.

1880 — "In 1879 he (David R. Hawley) bought the City Hotel, which he sold a year later to purchase the Striebinger House on Michigan Street." *Settlers Annals,* 1933, 52.

Hotels and Taverns
Striebinger House

1880
June 2

"Hon. Theodore Breck, Brecksville; H. A. Kitzmiller, Massillon; G. C. Amsburg and wife, Belleville, New York; W. T. Baety, Baltimore; D. E. Murphy, E. A. Ely, Washington; P. Fahney, New Philadelphia; B. P. Mayes, Belmont, New York; M. J. Hogan, Canton, are registered at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* June 2, 1880.

1880
July 1

"Registered at the Striebinger House are Charles Leland, Proprietor of the Ocean Hotel, Long Island; Colonel E. R. Hart, Leland's Corners; Mrs. Hart, Leland's Corners; L. C. Miller, New York; W. Taft, Greenville, Pennsylvania; I. Lissard and wife, Ashtabula, Ohio; W. W. Brown, Erie, Pennsylvania; F. Millhof, Massillon, Ohio; M. J. Hogan, Canton, Ohio; James T. Hair, Chicago; H. Geiger, Detroit; Reverend F. Shoeck, Batavia, New York." *Plain Dealer,* July 1, 1880.

1880
July 5

"Two hundred and fifty excursionists from Pittsburg and Alleghany are at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* July 5, 1880.

1880
July 6

"A. F. Bartger, H. Harrison and William Brichtel, Akron; J. L. Carbin, Monroeville, H. B. Denman, Warren; A. A. Stannard, New York; L. W. Stannard, Port Clinton, W. H. Albro, Medina; and Daniel O'Leary, the pedestrian, who arrived yesterday to attend the walking match, are at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* July 6, 1880.

1880
July 7

"M. G. Butler, Niles; J. W. Butler, Warren; Mrs. G. M. Gwinner and daughter, Alleghany; J. H. Tapp, Ridgeway; F. Hoffman, Youngstown; P. Mosher and wife, South Lyons, Mich.; C. Magadori and wife, Detroit; J. E. Andrews, Norwalk; and C. E. Johnson are registered at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* July 7, 1880.

1880
July 8

"L. V. Underhill, Buffalo; P. Wilzin, A. A. Stunnar, New York; J. H. Harvald, Utica; P. Ring, Milton, N. Y.; G. H. Dingeldy, Youngstown; F. W. Rockwell, Akron, O.; O. L. Gildersleeve, Syracuse, New York; C. H. Webber, Philadelphia, are registered at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* July 8, 1880.

1880
July 10

"C. R. Deland, Huntington, Ohio; A. S. Chapman and wife, Marysville; E. Wollender, Columbus; A. Von Michereaux, H. C. Stewart, New York; H. Townsend, Klinger Lake, Michigan; L. M. Rice, Warren; A. M. Sumter, Canton, are registered at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer,* July 10, 1880.

Hotels and Taverns
Striebinger House

1880 July 17 — "C. L. Newton, East Liverpool; M. Hecht, New York; G. L. Andrews, Streetsboro; A. W. Fassing, F. S. Schmitt, Columbus; R. Anderson, Buffalo; F. Nurub, Wheeling; F. Slata, G. C. Werner, New York, are at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer*, July 17, 1880.

1880 July 17 — "One hundred and forty-five excursionists from Buffalo and fifty from Wheeling are at the Striebinger House." *Plain Dealer*, July 17, 1880.

1891 June 8 — At the council meeting of June 8, 1891, Mr. Beeman offered the resolution "That the Director of Public Works be requested to have new stone flagging laid across the driveway on the south side of Michigan street, east of the Striebinger House." *Cleveland Council Proceedings*, 1891-92, 32.

1919 Jan. 7 — "In the days just after its greatest glory, Mark Lamb was 'mine host,' of the Striebinger house, that still stands (1919) at 215 Prospect avenue N.W. Mark speaks affectionately of the days in the famous old hostelry.

"'The farmers used to drive in from the country and put up their horses for the day in the feed barns behind the Striebinger house. Feed for the horses for a day and a bed in the house at night for the man only cost a quarter in those days,' he said." Scrapbook III, Jan. 7, 1919.

1931 Nov. 9 — "Mark Lamb, a prominent figure in downtown Cleveland's hotel, political and sporting circles for half a century, was dead today. He was 73 years old. A wrestler, sport promoter and Second Ward Democratic leader, he entered the hotel business nearly a half century ago as manager of the Striebinger House on Michigan Street (later called Prospect Avenue, N. W.).

"A few years later he moved over to the Wright House, which stood on the site of the present Higbee Store. Next he erected the Mark Lamb Hotel at Huron Road and Ontario Street, from which he retired nine years ago. He quit active politics about the time of Mayor Tom L. Johnson's rise to power in 1901." *Press*, Nov. 9, 1931.

SWITZER'S HOTEL
Merwin and Centre Streets

1871
June 13 "A man named John Bruck, who arrived here June 8 from Switzerland, was taken from Switzer's hotel, where he was stopping, and lodged in city prison for observation of insanity. Yesterday afternoon he was found to be sick, and the city physician was sent for several times. By the time he arrived, Bruck was dead.

"A post mortem was made by Dr. Biggar, and Justice Kolbe, who acted as coroner. It was found that the dead man had had a disease of long standing." *Leader*, June 13, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 160.

1874 Louis Switzer kept a saloon at the corner of Merwin Street, N.E., and Centre Street. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1874-75.

TAYLOR HOUSE
St. Clair Avenue and E. 88th Street

1873
Feb. 3 "A party of two hundred and fifty people went from the city to Taylor's popular hotel in Glenville Saturday evening in sleighs. It was a merry occasion." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 3, 1873.

1873
July 21 "On July 19 a party of 30 persons, consisting of members of the Northern Ohio Fair committee, the Cleveland (club), and invited guests spent an afternoon at the fair grounds. They inspected the horses that had already arrived for the coming races. The visitors also inspected the fair grounds. Supper was served for the guests at Benton's formerly Taylor's, at the invitation of John Tod, president of the club." *Leader*, July 21, 1873, *Newspaper Annals*, LVI, 210.

1874 A lithograph of Taylor's Hotel, John S Benton, proprietor, appeared in the 1874 atlas. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874.

1874 "First class board by day or week on European plan at J. J. Benton's Taylor House, at Northern Ohio Fair Grounds." Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99.

Hotels and Taverns - Taylor House;
William Tell House

1874
Jan. 14 "A social dance will be given at Benton's hotel near the Fair Grounds on Thursday evening. Quite a number of gentlemen and ladies have signified their intention to be present. Good music and, best of all, a good supper will be served." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1874.

1874
July 23 "The Races - Annual Reunion of the Cleveland Club. Every year just previous to the races the members of the Cleveland Club have a reunion at the grounds for the purpose of inspecting the track, the stands and the stables. ...

"After the inspection the gentlemen repaired to Benton's hotel as usual, for a collation." *Plain Dealer*, July 23, 1874.

1875
Jan. 8 "The Edgeworth club reception at Benton's, Glenville, this evening, will be a grand affair." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1875.

1878 John J. Benton was proprietor of the Taylor House on St. Clair at the Northern Ohio Fair Grounds. *Cleveland Directory*, 1878-79, 24.

1878
July 10 Benton's Taylor House was recommended to the visiting editors of Ohio as a good suburban roadhouse to visit. *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1878.

WILLIAM TELL HOUSE
Front and Meadow Streets

Starting as the Bath Street House which five or six years later became the William Tell House, the old hostelry situated on River Street at the south-west corner of that thoroughfare's intersection with Meadow Street, went through the usual vicissitudes of a water-front hotel, whose record, after the first few years of respectability, is to be found mostly on the police station blotters and in the criminal courts. The first landlords that we have mentioned were S. Toms and L. Wooton whose names were also connected with civic affairs of a commendable nature. They operated the Bath Street House before the Union Depot was erected in 1853 and the name of the street changed from Bath to Front Street. Many landlords succeeded them in operating the place under the name of the William Tell House, a name it kept for almost a half century. The

1902-03 city directory dropped it out of the hotel classification and called it a saloon. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850; *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 11, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 93; *Cleveland Directory*, 1902-03.

1850 Feb. 1 "Bath St. House, Cleveland, Ohio. Recently opened and fitted up in a neat and beautiful style. The Proprietors will make every exertion to render the stay of their Guests pleasant and comfortable. S. Toms. L. Wooton." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1850.

1853 Messrs. Toms and Wooton were the proprietors of the Bath Street House, corner of Bath and Meadow Streets. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 287.

1856 The city directory listed the William Tell House at the corner of Front and Meadow Streets but did not give the name of the proprietor or landlord. Spear, Dennison & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1856.

1857 F. Haltnorth was proprietor of the William Tell House, Front Street opposite the depot. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857.

1857 Oct 15 "Harman Heck was arrested yesterday morning and charged with committing rape on Catherine Spencer, employed at the William Tell House on Bath st. The prisoner and two friends are accused of entering the unfortunate girl's room and forcing her to submit to their hellish designs. The other two men made good their escape." *Leader*, Oct. 15, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 288.

1857 Oct. 16 "Officer John Green returned from Canal Dover last night with Christ Binkel, whom he arrested on a charge of committing rape upon the person of Catherine Spencer at the William Tell House on Bath st. on the evening of Oct. 14." *Leader*, Oct. 16, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 288.

1857 Oct. 24 "Catherine Spencer, the young lady whose person was violated at the William Tell House Oct. 13, died yesterday morning from the effects of the injuries she received." *Leader*, Oct. 24, 1857. *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 288.

1859 No proprietor was listed for the William Tell House, Front opposite the depot. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60.

1860 July 2 — "Drowned. -- On Saturday morning, the hands on board the propeller *Mohawk* discovered a body floating in the river, near the foot of Bath street. Coroner Hartman was called and inquest was held at Howland's. The body had been in the water for several days. There was no certain proof as to his name and place of residence, but it is supposed to be Oliver Baily, of Columbia, Lorain County, who came to this city on Tuesday last, and stopped at the William Tell House, on Bath street. He was intoxicated during the day and disappeared in the evening. Several notes and other papers were found in a wallet in his pocket, which led to show that this was his name. He was about 38 years of age. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with these facts." *Leader*, July 2, 1860.

1860 July 11 — "Frederick Haltnorth (Manager of the William Tell House) has been elected captain of the Cleveland Light Dragoons. John Schrink has resigned." *Leader*, July 11, 1860; *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 231.

1861 — No proprietor was listed for the William Tell House, Front Street opposite the depot. Williston, *Cleveland Directory*, 1861-62.

1864 Oct. 4 — "Milton Burke was caught entering the William Tell House through a window yesterday. He was arrested and sent to jail on the charge of breaking and entering." *Leader*, Oct. 4, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 16.

1865 July 4 — The second fire of the day believed to have been of incendiary origin, broke out about 7:30 A. M. in the frame sheds of the Gas Works, completely destroying them, and extending to the William Tell Hotel. The hotel kitchen and outhouses were destroyed. The loss was $400, which was covered by $800 in insurance. *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1865.

1866 Apr. 9 — "Wanted - Situation By a Man, and Wife as gardner and cook; have no children - am a professional gardner and understand the cultivation of flowers and vines. Inquire at the William Tell Hotel, opposite the Union Depot." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 9, 1866.

1876 — J. H. Ordner was proprietor of the William Tell House, corner Front and Bath streets, from 1876 to 1878. Robison, Savage & Co., *Cleveland Directory*, 1876-77, 1877-78.

Hotels and Taverns - William Tell House;
Temperance Pavilion

1879 Christopher Bender was the proprietor of the William Tell House, 30 Front Street, corner Meadow. *Cleveland Directory*, 1879-80, 53.

1880 M. Kraus was proprietor of the William Tell House, 40 Front Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1880-81.

1882 H. C. Seelye was proprietor of the William Tell House, Front Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1882-83.

1883 Mrs. D. Ordner was the proprietress of the William Tell House, 8 Front Street, from 1883 to 1887. *Cleveland Directory*, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1886-87.

1889 No proprietor was listed for the William Tell House, 8 Front Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1889-90.

1895 John McLaughlin was proprietor of the William Tell House, 8 Front Street, from 1895 to 1902. *Cleveland Directory*, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-02.

1898 According to the 1898 county atlas the William Tell Hotel was No. 36 Front Street on the southwest corner of Meadow Street. *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1898.

1902 John McLaughlin was the proprietor of a Saloon at 8 Front Street. *Cleveland Directory*, 1902-03.

TEMPERANCE PAVILION
Corner Ontario & Prospect Streets

Temperance Pavilion was located near the Public Square, on the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets, opposite the market. When the hotel began is not known; the first mention of the hotel appeared in the *Herald* of July 28, 1846, when Royal Dewey, the proprietor advertised for "day boarders." On Oct. 29, 1846, William Shepard, the new host, described the hotel, in an advertisement, as "this spacious house in the best order, (where) accommodations for travelers rank number one among the hotels of the west."

Hotels and Taverns
Temperance Pavilion

In May, 1848, O. J. Brown took over the hotel and refitted it with new furniture and in good style. Meals were furnished at twenty-five cents, and travelers and their baggage were taken to and from the boats free of charge.

According to the historian, W. A. Ingham and Miss Linda Guilford, founder of Miss Guilford's School, the hotel was vacant in the late summer of 1848. Miss Guilford's School had its beginning in the hotel on Oct. 16, 1848. The newspapers of that day remain silent regarding Temperance Pavilion from July 4, 1848, until April 23, 1850. It is, therefore, not known whether it continued to serve the public as a hotel or remained vacant. On April 23, 1850, Jonathan Fowler, long known as a hotel-keeper, opened the Pavilion as a public house. From then on, nothing more is mentioned concerning the hotel.

One can assume that it was called Temperance Pavilion, because no liquor was served there, but even that is not an established fact. The hotel suffered from a constant change of ownership. It was refitted and reopened four times in six years, but appears never to have been much of a success, even though it was located so close to the heart of the business section of Cleveland. *Herald*, Oct. 29, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 119; *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 3, 1848; *ibid.*, July 4, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 44; Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 51, 205; Guilford, *Story of a School*, 10; Ingham, *Women of Cleveland*, 249; *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 23, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, *XXXIII*, 122.

1846 July 28 — "Ten or twelve Day Boarders can now be accommodated at the Temperance Pavilion, opposite the market, corner of Ontario and Prospect Sts. R. Dewey." *Herald*, July 28, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 119.

1846 Oct. 29 — "William Shepard, the new host of the Temperance Pavilion, has put this spacious house in the best order, and his accommodations for travelers rank number one among the hotels of the west. The Pavilion is located near the Public Square." *Herald*, Oct. 29, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 119.

1847 — Temperance Pavilion was located at the corner of Ontario and Prospect Streets. Royal Dewey was the proprietor in 1847. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 165.

1848 Jan. 3 — "Temperance Pavilion, by William Shepard, Near The Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. This House is New. The Proprietor assures the public that no pains will be spared to furnish his Table with as good as the market affords. Meals 25 cents. Travellers and their baggage, taken to and from the Boats free of charge." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 3, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 44.

Hotels and Taverns
Temperance Pavilion

1848 May — "J. O. Brown's Temperance Pavilion, near Public Square. This House is New, with new furniture, fitted up in good style; and for comfort and convenience, equal to any in the city. Its location is the most healthy and sightly in Cleveland, being the most central of any Public House in the place. The proprietor assures the public that no pains will be spared to Furnish His Table with as good as the Market affords. Travellers will be furnished Meals at Twenty Five Cts., and themselves and their baggage taken to and from the Boats free of charge. The public are politely requested to give this House a trial." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 51, 205.

1848 June 17 — "The Chagrin Falls delegation to the Cuyahoga County people's convention, held at Cleveland on June 15, in consideration of the gentlemanly deportment of J. O. Brown, of the Temperance Pavilion, manifested towards his guests, and in view of the conveniences and accommodations of the house, hereby tender our thanks and best wishes, and recommend to the public patronage his house, with full confidence that no one will go away dissatisfied with the arrangements of the house, the conduct of Mr. Brown, or the bounties of the table. Royal Taylor, chairman of delegation; R. Beebe, secretary." *Daily True Democrat*, June 17, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 44.

1848 July 4 — "J. O. Brown announces to the citizens of Cleveland, that he recently purchased the Temperance Pavilion of this city, and that he had it thoroughly repaired which, added to its proximity to the business part of the city, will render it an agreeable resort to the traveling public." *Daily True Democrat*, July 4, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 44.

1848 Aug. — The hotel at the corner of Ontario and Prospect streets, was vacant, for a time, in the summer (August) of 1848. It was known as The Temperance Pavilion. Guilford, *Story of a Cleveland School*, 10.

1849 Jan. 19 — "Christian and Marshall located at the Temperance Pavilion, Ontario st., will have for sale, valises, carpet bags and things pertaining to leather. Particular attention is given to carriage trimmings." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 19, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 137.

1850 Apr. 23 — "J. Fowler has fitted up the Pavilion on Ontario st. and has opened it for a public house. He has kept a public house in the city and county for the last 14 years." *Daily True Democrat*. Apr. 23, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 122.

Hotels and Taverns - Temperance Pavilion;
Union House, 206 Broadway

1850 July 5 — "J. Fowler, late of the Commercial House, has taken the stand formerly known as the 'Temperance Pavilion,' and fitted it up for the accommodation of the traveling public, and hopes from his long experience in this business (having kept a Hotel in this place (Cleveland) upwards of sixteen years), to merit a share of the public patronage. New stables are being added to the House, and many improvements made, making the House a desirable one for strangers visiting the City. He is now ready to receive boarders by the day or week, on reasonable terms, and will be happy to serve his friends, with as good accommodations and as reasonable as any House in the City." *Plain Dealer,* July 5, 1850.

1850 Nov. 6 — "Dr. Rosa has opened an office for the practice of homeopathic medicine, at the Temperance Pavilion, corner of Ontario and Prospect sts." *Daily True Democrat,* Nov. 6, 1850, *Newspaper Annals,* XXXIII, 152.

UNION HOUSE
206 Broadway Avenue

1870 Jan. 11 — "Police are seeking John J. Orr, confidence man, who registered at Sherman House on Dec. 11, 1869, under the alias of L. B. Whitchamp. S. N. Whitchamp, boarding at the Union House, mistook Orr for a long lost brother. Whitchamp and his friends were imposed upon to the extent of a $200 loan, after which Orr disappeared." *Leader,* Jan. 11, 1870, *Newspaper Annals,* LIII, 323.

1871 Jan. 6 — "On Wednesday night the inmates residing in the Union House, No. 206 Broadway, were startled by hearing loud screams which came from one of the upper rooms. On repairing to the spot it was found that a lamp had exploded, throwing a quantity of oil on a woman named Emma Clark and completely enveloping her in flames. An alarm was immediately given and several inmates of the house rushed to the room, where the woman was undergoing the most intense pain and filling the air with loud cries. She fell to the floor, rolling over and attempting in that manner to smother the flames. Blankets were wrapped around her, and in the course of three minutes the flames were put out, not however, before burning her body severely in several places. A physician was immediately sent for, and the usual remedies applied. Up to ten o'clock last night she was still undergoing intense suffering, and fears were entertained as to her recovery.

"These explosions are becoming so frequent that an investigation should be had in order that the public may be informed of their cause. If this woman should die a coroner's inquest in the case would be a sure means of determining whether the fault was in the manufacture of the lamp, in the oil used, or the careless handling thereof." *Leader*, Jan. 6, 1871.

UNION HOUSE
170 River St.

1846 Joseph H. Bachelor was the proprietor of the Union House, at 170 River Street. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44, 51.

1848 The Union House was at the corner of Light House and River Streets. Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 205.

1853 John King operated a saloon at 170 River Street. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 307.

UNITED STATES HOTEL
146 River Street

The United States Hotel, 146 River Street, was called "Batchelder's" or "Batchelor's Hotel," and "Temperance House," at times, but these names were only identifying or descriptive, as the hotel kept its original name of "United States Hotel," as long as we have a record of it. In at least one newspaper article it was called "The Astor of River Street," whether in derision or as a compliment cannot be determined from the article. However, it was operated as a respectable small hotel as long as J. H. Batchelder, and later Mrs. Batchelder were the proprietors, and much of that time was a strictly temperance establishment. A number of landlords followed Batchelder, but the record of the small hostelry's last days is lost - probably along with the virtue of River Street which degenerated rapidly after the 1850's into a tough, waterfront locality. There is some confusion between the United States Hotel and the Union Hotel, both on River Street, which probably arises from the early record of the Union Hotel which shows J. H. Batchelder as proprietor. It must be assumed that he gave up the Union Hotel to take charge of the United States hotel, about 1847, after H. A. Smith had operated the latter place for about two years. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44, 51; *ibid.*, 1845-46, 30; Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 61, 205; *Leader*, June 8, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 322.

Hotels and Taverns
United States Hotel

1845 — The United States hotel was kept by H. A. Smith. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 30.

1845 — H. O'Neal was listed as an "ostler" at the United States Hotel. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1845-46, 79.

1846 — The United States Hotel was kept by H. A. Smith. Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 44.

1846 Mar. 5 — James Nason of Ohio City filed his application for a ferry boat license in Common Pleas Court, March 5, after having posted notices of his intention in three public places, one of which was the United States Hotel on River Street in Cleveland. He proposed to operate from Main Street in Ohio City across the river to Cleveland, charging a fare of 2¢ per passenger. *Court Records*, I, 195.

1848 — "United States Hotel, Temperance House, by J. H. Batchelder, River St. Board, 75 cts., per day. Meals 25 cts. Good yard and stabling. Passengers and Baggage carried to and from the House free." Smead & Cowles, *Cleveland Directory*, 1848-49, 61, 105.

1850 Sept. 12 — "Mrs. F. H. Batchelor (Batchelder) still keeps the U. S. or Temperance hotel on River St. It is the only known hotel in the city where no intoxicating drinks are kept." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 12, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 123.

1852 Dec. 29 — "Charles Spooner, of the Columbiana House, yesterday committed an assault and battery on William Stewart, of the U. S. Hotel. A warrant was issued, and Officer Gallagher went to make the arrest accompanied by Stewart. Spooner and some of his associates made an attack on the officer and Stewart, and injured the latter badly. Mike was not touched; he, however, arrested one of the rioters, Benjamin Pearsole. Spooner was discharged on $100 bail for first assault and $300 for second. Pearsole was discharged on $300 bail." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 29, 1852.

1853 — United States Hotel, Wm. Stewart, proprietor, River Street. Knight & Parsons, *Cleveland Directory*, 1853, 287.

Hotels and Taverns
United States Hotel

1853 Jan. 13 — "The United States Hotel, 146 and 148 River Street, J. W. Richardson, Proprietor, is an excellent house for the accommodation of travellers. Patrons are conveyed free of charge to and from the Depots. Board, $1 per day." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1853.

1853 Feb. 2 — "United States Hotel, No. 146 and 148 River Street, Cleveland, O. This popular Hotel is located within a very short distance of the Railroad Depots and Steamboat Wharves. Its business is personally superintended by the proprietor and great care is taken to have every department conducted in such a manner as to render it an attractive stopping place for travellers. The table is supplied with the best the market affords, and gotten up in a style unsurpassed. Very particular attention paid to the cleanliness of beds and bed-rooms. Board, $1.00 per day. Meals at all hours. Carriages at all hours, to convey passengers and baggage free of charge. John W. Richardson, Proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 2, 1853.

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1853 Oct. 13 — "William Butler of Austerlitz, Mich., stopping at the U. S. hotel on River st., last night walked down to one of the low doggeries where he became acquainted with three men who lured him across the river and robbed him of $18. Two of the men have been caught and are in jail." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 13, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 436.

1860 Jan. 12 — A Frenchwoman stopping at "Merkle's United States House, on River Street," appeared in Police Court January 12, and told her story, through an interpreter, to the court. She said that her husband, Pierre Corier, "by whom she had had ten children," had left their home in Montreal to go west on a fruit buying trip, taking $800 and leaving her but little. When he failed to write or return home she followed him to Niagara Falls where she learned that he had left with a woman named Fleury. The wife traced the couple to Detroit and then to Cleveland where, after she had told her story, the "keeper of the 'Tremont House,' near the new Market Grounds," was identified as her husband. Pierre, faced by officers with a charge of adultery, asserted he had married the Fleury woman, and produced the license. He was arrested for bigamy. While he was in jail awaiting trial the Fleury woman packed up all of the goods in the hotel and sold them to an auction store, pocketing the money. *Leader*, Jan. 13, 1860.

1861 June 8 — "Margaret Hayward was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing a chicken from the United States Hotel, the 'Astor' of River St." *Leader*, June 8, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 322.

WADE HOUSE
Corner Columbus Street and Wade Avenue

Wade House was located on Columbus Street at the southwest corner of Wade Avenue, in Brooklyn. It would appear that all the Republican meetings of Brooklyn took place in this hotel. Here the Brooklyn Republican Club was organized in 1860; and here "large and spirited" meetings were held for the purpose of electing township officers or delegates for the county conventions. There were evidently a number of Germans living in that locality, for at various meetings there were both German and English speakers.

Connected with the hotel was a large hall which was the scene of many community festivals. Of the early proprietors nothing is known. Frederick Oblander was listed in the directories as proprietor from 1869 to 1875. *Leader*, Oct. 6, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 405; *Leader*, Mar. 23, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 300; *Leader*, July 3, 1860; *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 1, 1862; *Cleveland Directories*, 1869-1875.

1857 Sept. 30 — "Messrs. Tilden and Mueller will address the citizens of the seventh ward at the Wade House, situated in the ward." *Leader*, Sept. 30, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 213.

1858 Oct. 6 — "There will be a Republican meeting on Oct. 9 in the Wade House hall of Brooklyn township. There will be both German and English speakers in attendance." *Leader*, Oct. 6, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 405.

1859 Mar. 23 — "Republicans of Brooklyn township will meet in Wade House hall on Mar. 28 for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill township offices for the ensuing year." *Leader*, Mar. 23, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 300.

1859 May 24 — "Joseph Shult gives notice that Republicans of Brooklyn township will meet at the Wade House May 26 for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention, to be held May 28 for the nomination of a county delegation to the state convention." *Leader*, May 24, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 302.

1859 July 19 — "A dog fight and a foot race came off yesterday afternoon at the Wade House, in Brooklyn. The dog fight lasted ten minutes; stakes $50, or $25 a side. We can't learn which dog whipped, but we believe it was the other dog. About 150 Clevelanders were present. They ought to be ashamed of themselves." *Plain Dealer*, July 19, 1859.

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Wade House

1860
July 3

"A large and spirited Republican meeting was held at the Wade House in Brooklyn, on Saturday. The Artillery Company sent forth rapid and loud reports from their guns, rockets blazed into the air, shouts and cheers arose in quick succession, and the enthusiasm was good to behold.

"The meeting was addressed by Hon. D. K. Carter, J. Miller, Daniel Stephen, and A. Theime, Esqrs. Mr. Stephan, long an active and influential Democrat, and as such elected to the Common Council last spring, from the 11th Ward, publicly announced that hereafter he should vote the Republican ticket, and gave his reasons therefor, which were received with cheers. It seemed a general holiday there with the people so keen was the Republic fire.

"The Hecker Band was present and added to the pleasure of the occasion by their excellent music. The people are wide awake in Brooklyn." *Leader*, July 3, 1860.

1860
Aug. 17

"Citizens of Brooklyn met at the Wade House on Aug. 15 and organized a Brooklyn Republican club. James Sears was appointed chairman, and B. R. Beavis, secretary." *Leader*, Aug. 17, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 360.

1860
Sept. 1

The Republican county convention met on September 1 at Republican headquarters for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices. The convention was called to order by John Coon, Esq., chairman of the central committee. When the convention adjourned, the delegates proceeded to Brooklyn, to attend the raising of the highest Lincoln pole in the county in front of the Wade House. *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 263.

1861
Sept. 9

"People's Convention. - The Voters of Brooklyn township who are in favor of uniting to put down treason and rebellion will meet at the Wade House on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., and select delegates to meet in county convention at Cleveland, Saturday, the 14th, to put in nomination County Officers. F. Branct, Ch'm. Township Rep. Com., A. S. Palmer, Ch'm. Township Dem. Com." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 9, 1861.

1862
Mar. 25

"The qualified voters of Brooklyn Township are hereby notified that a Primary Election will be held at the Wade House on the 31st inst. commencing at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of putting in nomination three Trustees, a Township Clerk, a Township

Treasurer, one Assessor, two Constables, and one Justice of the Peace. The candidates for the different offices to be voted for on one ticket." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 25, 1862.

1862 Apr. 1 "The qualified voters of Brooklyn township are requested to meet at the Wade House on Friday, April 4th, at 7½ o'clock P. M., to nominate candidates for town officers. Union Committee." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 1, 1862.

1866 Sept. 17 "Meeting at Brooklyn. A meeting of National Union Democrats will be held at the Wade House on Monday, Sept. 17th, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Congressional Convention to be held in Cleveland on the 18th inst. By order of the Township Central Committee." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 17, 1866.

1867 Jan. 15 The Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Wade House, Columbus St., on Jan. 15, 1867. *Brooklyn Township Records*, 1868-72, 65.

1867 June 21 "A grand strawberry festival will be held in Wade House hall, in north Brooklyn, this evening for the benefit of the North Brooklyn Sunday school." *Leader*, June 21, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 81.

1867 July 16 "Qualified Union voters of Brooklyn are requested to meet at the Wade House July 18 at eight p.m. to elect, by ballot, six delegates for the county convention at Cleveland." *Leader*, July 16, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 510.

1869 The Wade House was located on Columbus Street at the southwest corner of Wade Avenue. Frederick Oblander was the proprietor from 1869 to 1875. *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 1870-71, 1871-72, 1872-73, 1873-74, 1874-75.

1876 Oct. 7 "The twelfth ward cavalry and all those who are in favor of the election of Tilden Hendricks, Payne and reform are requested to meet on Saturday at the Wade House, corner Columbus street and Wade avenue, at 7 o'clock sharp to attend the grand meeting. By order of the Captain." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 7, 1876.

WARREN HOUSE
Collinwood

1875
July 2 "Collinwood, formerly Collamer Station, has erected a fine hotel called the Warren House to meet the necessity of housing the large number of persons who visit the place with a view of investing their capital, and also for those who require temporary accommodations while arrangements for permanent settlement are being made. The hotel has all modern fixtures and can accommodate from 60 to 70 guests. P. Warren is manager." *Leader*, July 2, 1875, *Newspaper Annals*, LVIII, 262.

WASHINGTON HOUSE
38 River Street

1867
July 8 "Washington House for sale or lease - The old establishment known as the Washington House, 38 River street; brick building; three stories high with every convenience for a public house. Enquire of M. Merkel." *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1867.

1872 A. Muelheim was proprietor of the Washington House, 38 River Street, from 1872 to 1875. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-73, 1873-74, 1874-75.

WATKINS TAVERN
Euclid Avenue and East 79th Street

In August, 1818, Timothy Watkins brought his family to Cleveland, driving them in an oxcart from Chatham, Conn. He settled them in an abandoned log cabin on the Buffalo stage road (Euclid Avenue), about two miles east of the settlement, which would place the site of the cabin at what is now Euclid Avenue and East 79th Street. Though the cabin had neither doors nor windows, the family lived in it for a year.

Some time shortly after his arrival, Watkins purchased a tract of seventy acres, bordering on what is now Euclid Avenue, East 79th Street and Carnegie Avenue, and erected on it a more pretentious building which served as a home for the family and also a tavern for travelers. It was known as the "Watkins Tavern." Timothy Watkins died in 1830; and the tavern came into the possession of a son, George Watkins, in the division of the estate.

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Watkins Tavern

The tavern was a popular public house until after the Civil War. It was a sort of "half-way house" between the Cleveland settlement and Doan's Corners. Between 1837 and 1840 Watkins took in a partner, one Hildreth. Thereafter the inn was known as Watkins Tavern, Hildreth and Watkins Tavern, and Hildreth's Tavern. The tavern was finally closed in 1867. The Calvary Church now occupies the site. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 151; *Settlers Annals*, I, 62, 63; *ibid.*, II, 15; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 419; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 179; *Herald*, Mar. 12, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 186.

1818 George Watkins, whose name was so long connected with Watkins Tavern, was born in Chatham, Connecticut, in April, 1812. His father, Timothy Watkins, brought his family to Cleveland in 1818.

The elder Mr. Watkins purchased a farm of seventy acres that is now bordered by Euclid, Cedar and East Madison (now East 79th Street) avenues. Euclid Avenue was the old State Road at that time, and a stagecoach line operated upon it between Buffalo and Cleveland. A tavern was opened on the tract by the elder Mr. Watkins; and upon his death it reverted to his son, George, who continued its operation until 1867. *Settlers Annals*, IV, 649; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 419.

1818 In 1818 "I (George Watkins) took my first look at Cleveland from the back of a covered wagon drawn by oxen.... My father's intention was to go to Illinois, but we stopped to visit the Strong families in Cleveland for a few days, and were soon induced to remain. So our loaded ox team, weary with five weeks' journey through the woods, was halted in front of a log cabin on Euclid Avenue, which was destined to become the home of our family for one year. This house had neither doors nor windows; nor were they added during our year of occupancy." Watkins, *Settlers Annals*, II, 15.

1823 May 8 Timothy Watkins, proprietor of Watkins Tavern, was the Cleveland representative of the general committee of citizens of this county for the purpose of forming an agricultural society. *Herald*, May 8, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 5.

1823 June 19 In a notice of tax delinquents, Timothy Watkins' name was listed on the certified report of the auditor of state, for the year 1822, as a delinquent on taxes for two lots covering seventy acres; part of which was the site of Watkins Tavern. *Herald*, June 19, 1823, *Newspaper Annals*, VI, 65.

1827 Timothy Watkins, proprietor of Watkins Tavern, and his wife were among the founders of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, established at Doan's Corners (Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street) in 1827. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 130.

1830 Oct. 28 "One year from the 1st day of October 1830 is allowed creditors of Timothy Watkins, deceased, to present their accounts duly authenticated, against the estate and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Timothy H. Watkins." *Herald*, Oct. 28, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 116.

1833 "They (the James Kyser family) stayed also, in the Watkins Tavern near ... the corner of Euclid and East Madison Avenues." *Settlers Annals*, IV, 285.

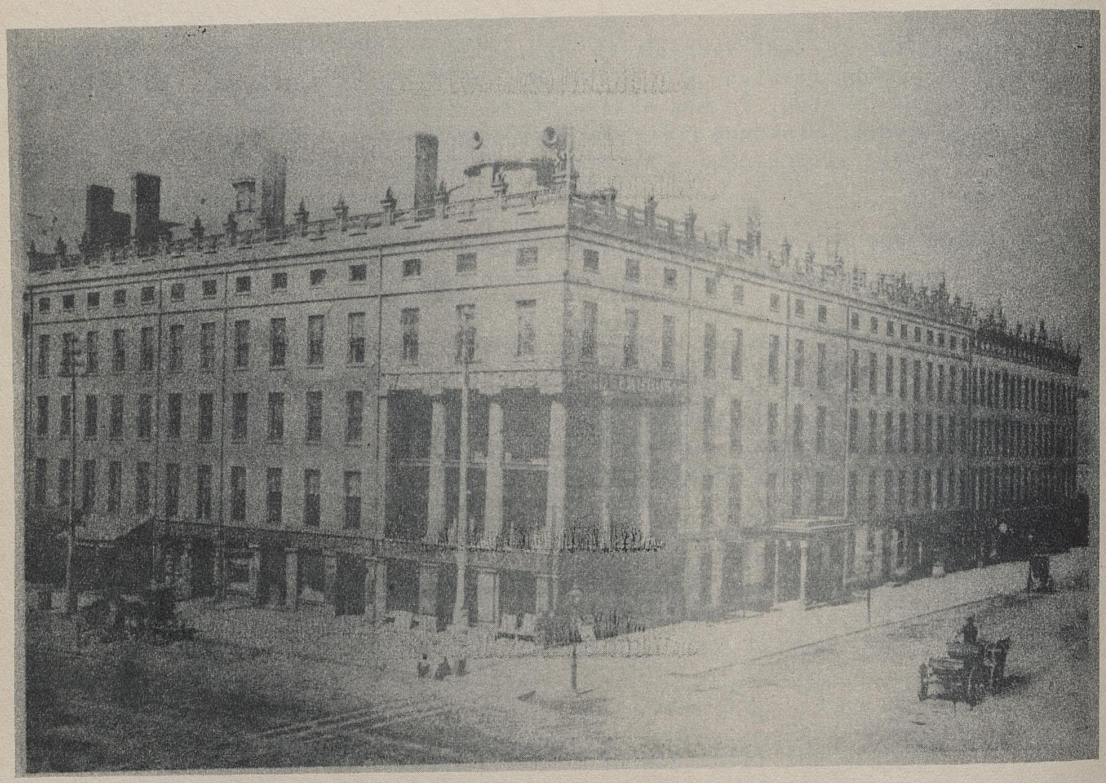
1837 Nov. 7 "Strayed or Stolen: On the night of Nov. 1st, a small brown horse, low in flesh, and lame in one shoulder occasioned by the collar. Any person leaving information respecting the animal, at Watkins' tavern ... shall be liberally rewarded." *Herald & Gazette*, Nov. 7, 1837, *Newspaper Annals*, XX, 116.

1840 Mar. 12 "There will be a meeting of the Whigs of the township of Cleveland at Hildreth's tavern, two miles east of this city, this evening. The Whigs are invited to attend." *Herald*, Mar. 12, 1840, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIII, 186.

1843 Sept. 25 "On the evening of the 24th of September the citizens of the east part of Cleveland township (Doan's Corners), held a general meeting, at Hildreth & Watkins tavern, to nominate suitable persons for the office of justice of the peace." *Herald*, Sept. 25, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 220.

1843 Oct. 7 "In a letter to the editor, Ansel Young, Leonard Abbey, and J. N. Pillsbury say: 'Of the meeting at Hildreth and Watkins' tavern, Benjamin Crawford received 12 votes, John Gardner, six votes, and Ansel Young one vote.... for justice of peace.'" *Herald*, Oct. 7, 1843, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVI, 220.

1844 Feb. 10 "Lost - On Friday evening, Feb. 9th, between 'Hildreth's tavern' on the Euclid road, and this city, a ladies' brown merino coat cape.... The finder will ... be suitably rewarded." *Herald*, Feb. 10, 1844, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVII, 529.



Weddell House c. 1863

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Weddell House

1866 George Watkins, proprietor of Watkins Tavern, was a signer of the petition to incorporate East Cleveland Village in 1866. Post, *Doan's Corners*, 179.

1867 The Watkins Tavern, opened by Timothy Watkins, reverted, upon his death, to his son, George, who continued its operation until 1867. *Settlers Annals*, IV, 649.

WEDDELL HOUSE
Northwest Corner of Superior and Bank (West 6th) Streets

For more than fifty years the Weddell House held first place, historically, among Cleveland hotels. From its portico, Abraham Lincoln, President-elect, enroute to his fateful career in the nation's capital, addressed a cheering throng assembled in the streets below.

In its prime it was known as "the best hotel west of the Alleghanies" and it sheltered some of the world's truly great people. The hotel registers show the names of Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley, all at that time future presidents of the United States; Jenny Lind, Lola Montez and other famed singers and actresses; Louis Kossuth, Hungarian liberator; Baron Rothschild, Commodore Vanderbilt, Salmon P. Chase and many other financiers of this country and Europe; and literally hundreds of statesmen, generals and others prominent in public life.

The cuisine of the Weddell was famous for many years. A menu of the "Fifties" shows its table d'hote dinner was a "feast" in every sense. It began with oyster soup and codfish and ran through roasts of beef; lamb and mutton; turkey and goose; mutton with capers; corned beef and cabbage; and plain ham. Tongue, beef and ham were among the "cold dishes." Seven entrees, six vegetables and four relishes were listed. Desserts included custard, apple, peach and tomato pies; boiled fruit pudding, English cream; and jellies. The wine list was long and varied, including champagne, Madeira, claret, German wines and sherry. German vintages included Johannesberger and Hock. The main dining room, 40 by 100 feet, accommodated about 300; and there were numerous private dining rooms.

Furniture, carpetries and drapings of the Weddell were variously described as "sumptuous" or as "elaborate." Its proprietors boasted of its tableware, made by Tiffany. Certainly, the building exterior was a disappointment in comparison with the interior furnishings. But it was typical of its era -- plain and substantial. Its ornamental entrance, portico and observation cupola were the only points of relief from its drabness. Later annexes were of the same architectural quality.

Even in latter years, when eclipsed by newer hotels, the Weddell maintained its respectability; and it continued as a hotel of the second class. After the original structure, that fronting the Superior-Bank corner, was razed in 1903 to make way for the Rockefeller building, the annexes along Bank Street continued as a hotel. In fact, in this part of the building were some of the more elaborate suites. These include the so-called "Lincoln suite," which still is maintained as a showplace with much of its original furniture.

Today, nearly a century after the first guest was registered, the raised gilded letters spelling W-E-D-D-E-L-L H-O-U-S-E still adorn the West 6th Street front of the building, which today serves the public as a hotel. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432; Post, *Doan's Corners*, II, 19; *Plain Dealer*, May 30, 1859; Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 37; Cleveland Board of Trade, *Business Directory*, 142; *Settlers Annals*, XI, 12; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1861; *Leader*, Feb. 15, 1861; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, I, 102; *ibid.*, II, 70; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 133-34; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 19, 1919; *ibid.*, Aug. 7, 1925; *ibid.*, Dec. 12, 1926; *Bystander*, July 15, 1933.

1804
Apr. 9 — The Connecticut Land Company, by its trustees, deeded on April 9, 1804, to David Clark Original Lot No. 52, which later became the site of the historic Weddell House. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, A-B, 410, 411.

1816 — On Lot 52 stood, in 1816, the blacksmith shop of Abram Hickox, over whose door hung the sign: "Uncle Abram Works Here." In his little shop, where later the Weddell House stood for many decades, he shod the farmers' oxen for winter work. *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 1, 450; *ibid.*, V, no. 2, 410.

1820 — Peter M. Weddell, who built the famous Weddell House, came to Cleveland as a young man of 32 years. He brought with him his young wife. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 246, 247; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 125.

1820 — In 1820 two-acre Lot 52 had four owners: Henry King, James A. Hillhouse, Levi Johnson and George H. Hill. Meanwhile, in 1816, Bank Street had been cut through between Lots 52 and 53, from Superior Street to the lake. Lot 52, the Weddell House site, thus was at the northwest corner of Superior and Bank streets. *Settlers Annals*, V, 451; Peet, *Cleveland Directory*, 1846-47, 14.

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1821 — For a total consideration of $10'50, Peter M. Weddell bought out the four owners of Lot 52. On this property he built a brick building with store on the ground floor and living quarters above. It was at the time the most pretentious building in the settlement *Settlers Annals*, V, 451; Cleare, *Cleveland and Cuyahoga County*, 57; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 247; *Herald*, Mar. 8, 1848.

1845 Apr. 1 — Peter M. Weddell began the construction of the Weddell House, tearing down the store-home where his fortune had been made and where he had lived for more than twenty years. The building contractors were George P. Smith, and M. A. Eldridge. Joblin, *Representative Men*, 41; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431; *Herald*, Nov. 20, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 120.

1845 Apr. 8 — "The Weddell House, at the corner of Superior and Bank Streets, will front 125 feet, 6 inches, on Superior Street, and 185 feet, 6 inches on Bank Street, with an eighty-foot wing in the rear, parallel with Superior. The front building will have four stories and an attic, with a recess extending thirty feet each way from the corner of Superior and Bank. The recess is enclosed and supported by Grecian Doric columns to the fourth story, with neat iron railings. The whole exterior will be of white sandstone and brick, built in a plain substantial manner. The hotel will be surmounted by an octagon cupola, sixteen feet in diameter, with a promenade on the top. The building is to be completed by January 1, 1847." *Herald*, Apr. 8, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 136.

1845 Oct. 28 — "The great Weddell House will soon be entirely roofed, and its tower now overlooks city, country and lake." *Herald*, Oct. 28, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 66.

1845 Dec. 18 — "The Weddell House builders elevated and placed the top stone of this magnificent structure at noon today with rejoicings. It is a mammoth eagle sculptured in stone, and overlooks our young city from a proud and lofty eyrie." *Herald*, Dec. 18, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 137.

1845 Dec. 30 — "J. Coon, successor to B. B. Hastings, dealer in clocks, watches, jewelry, silver spoons, fancy goods, etc., No. 49 Weddell House." *Herald*, Dec. 30, 1845, *Newspaper Annals*, XXVIII, 146.

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1846 Jan. 17 "P. M. Weddell & Son have removed their stock of Dry Goods and Groceries to their new store under the Weddell House, No. 47 Superior st." *Herald*, Jan. 17, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 274.

1846 Apr. 7 "The common council yesterday adopted a resolution instructing the committee on fire and water to contract for conducting the water from the Weddell House into the Bank Street reservoir, at a cost not exceeding $30." *Herald*, Apr. 7, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 344.

1846 Nov. 9 "George Clark, 24, was killed today when he fell 30 feet from a scaffold suspended from a fourth-story window of the newly-constructed Weddell House. A faulty cable snapped, throwing him to the pavement. Clark's partner, a Mr. Chubb, escaped injury by clinging to the broken cable and leaping to a second story portico. The two men had been putting up raised letters containing the name of the hotel." *Herald*, Nov. 9, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 2; see also: *Settlers Annals*, III, 535-36.

1846 Nov. 20 "Building operations on the Weddell House are nearing completion. P. M. Weddell and Son, owners of the building, are ready to negotiate with lessees and make arrangements for the opening. No public buildings in any other Western cities equal the Weddell House for size and convenience. The main building is five stories high. A three-story annex has been added to accommodate servants and to serve as kitchen space. The entire building includes about 200 rooms. On the ground floor of the Superior side are a bank and four stores. Two large law offices take up the Superior street side of the second floor, while on the Bank street side of that floor is a large dining hall. The Bank street side of the ground floor includes a reading room, several parlors, and three stores. The third floor is divided into living room and bedroom suites, while the fourth floor, in addition to numerous living room and bedroom suites, includes a large assembly room. The fifth floor consists of numerous bedrooms." *Herald*, Nov. 20, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 120.

1846 Dec. 28 "A. S. Barnum, Esq., of Cumberland, Md., has become lessee of the Weddell House, and will open it for the reception of guests in the spring." *Herald*, Dec. 28, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 120.

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1846 Dec. 28 — P. M. Weddell and Son, in a letter to the managers of the New Year's Eve grand fair, supper and ball for the benefit of the Academy of Natural Sciences and the Young Men's Literary Association wrote: "We observed a printed notice that we have tendered and proposed to open the Weddell House throughout: halls, saloons, parlors, etc. Weddell House is leased and to be opened in the Spring.

"We are informed that it is the wish of some who take an interest in the matter that liquor should be brought in to be drunk in some room of the House. We should feel deeply aggrieved by any such procedure while the House is unoccupied." *Herald*, Dec. 28, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 120.

1847 Jan. 1 — Notwithstanding a storm many people attended the New Year's Eve festival for the benefit of the Academy of Natural Sciences and the Young Men's Literary Association. Weddell and Son allowed the building to be used at a time when many portions of it were unfurnished and not completed. The supper was excellent; and Mr. Ballou did the honors of the dance. Under the management of President Case, the lottery, which consisted of a twenty-five dollar vest, donated by Messrs. Hoyle and Brown, "yielded its value to the coffers of the festival." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1847; *Herald*, Dec. 31, 1846, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIX, 195; *Herald*, Jan. 6, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 194.

1847 Jan. 22 — "Lard Lamps - A new stock just opened, and will be sold cheap for cash by J. Coon, 49 Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1847.

1847 Mar. 13 — "Gass. The lessee of the new Weddell House contemplates lighting that building with gass. He thinks this is a matter of economy, even should his gass works be patronized by no others. But if this be economy for him, it certainly must be for all others connected with that block. And we presume we shall see that whole row down to Worthington's corner lighted in this way." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 13, 1847.

1847 May 7 — "Death of Peter M. Weddell. We are pained to announce the death of this old resident and most worthy individual, which took place last evening after a short but severe illness. We believe Mr. W. had been a resident of this place some 30 years, and might justly be ranked as one of its oldest inhabitants. He had acquired a large property, mostly real estate, had just finished 'Weddell

House,' one of the largest buildings in the western country, and was on a tour East purchasing materials to fit it out when he was taken with the disease (typhoid fever) which terminated his life. He was a man of many virtues, always most affable in his manners, and has left many friends to mourn his loss. He died in the 59th year of his age. His funeral will be attended from his late residence on Euclid street, on Sunday, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The friends are invited to attend." *Plain Dealer*, May 7, 1847.

1847
May 11 — The funeral of Peter Weddell was attended by a great number of Clevelanders who turned out to honor the well-known hotel owner. *Herald*, May 12, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 83; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 41; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 248; Avery, *Cleveland*, I, 125; Cleare, *Cleveland and Cuyahoga County*, 57; *Settlers Annals*, V, 451; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 316.

1847
May 15 — "The undersigned would respectfully inform the public, that the above splendid Hotel (Weddell) will be ready to open about the 10th of June. He will be happy to make arrangements with such persons as may desire to take rooms. A. S. Barnum." *Plain Dealer*, May 15, 1847.

1847
May 26 — "J. Coon has stolen a march on those who propose to 'illuminate,' and throw the Weddell House into a blaze of light. His beautiful display of jewelry -- received yesterday per locomotive -- has today been the centre of attraction." *Herald*, May 26, 1847.

1847
June — The Cuyahoga County commissioners set the valuation of the Weddell House at $40,000. *Cleveland Council Journal*, II, 213.

1847
June 25 — "The Weddell House will be opened for the reception of company, on Saturday the 26th inst. Such Ladies and Gentlemen as may wish to see the house, will be received from one to five o'clock P. M. on that day. A. S. Barnum, Proprietor." *Plain Dealer*, June 25, 1847.

1847
June 26 — "The Weddell House - This day adds another beautiful and spacious edifice to the list of public houses in this city. 'The Weddell' is at last opened after two years occupied in building and furnishing it. It is a majestic pile, and as the saying is 'it opens rich.' Its halls are opened and capacious, and it contains over two

hundred large airy chambers and forty private parlors, all of which have been furnished with the most elegant and costly furniture. The drawing rooms are spacious and surpass in elegance anything of the kind in the United States. The dining room, gentleman's parlors, reading rooms, office, and dressing rooms are all large, airy, and furnished with every luxury and comfort that money can procure.

"In a hasty stroll through its multitude of apartments, we recognized its more costly carpets, ottomans, divans, and marble work from New York, but the major part of its furniture is from the shops of this city. The Upholstery is from Wisdom's, the Cabinet-ware from Gardner and Vincent, the Bed-steads from Duty's, and the mirrors from Sargeant's. The builders were Smith & Eldridge: the principal designer, Smith. The structure and the furniture reflect the highest credit upon our Cleveland Mechanics, and the immense outlay which this noble superstructure has cost speaks well for the public spirit and liberality of its proprietor.

"We congratulate Mr. Barnum, its gentlemanly host, upon possessing so many flattering inducements for the patronage of the public. We hope he may never want for guests." *Plain Dealer*, June 26, 1847.

1847
June 26 Two famous inscriptions were part of the Weddell House decorations - one carved above the great fireplace in the Weddell lobby, and the other equally prominent in the dining room. The inscription in the lobby was as follows:

"As wearied Pilgrims once possest
Of longed-for lodging,
Go to rest,
So I, now having rid my way
Fix here my buttoned staff
And stay."

The inscription in the dining room was:

"Man's life is like a winter's day;
Some only breakfast and away;
Others to dinner stay and are full fed;
The oldest but sups and goes to bed.
Long is his life who lingers out the day,
Who goes soonest has the least to pay."

Plain Dealer, Oct. 12, 1926.

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Weddell House

1847 July 1 — "Signor Martinez' Grand Concert takes place to-morrow ... at the Weddell House, at 8½ o'clock. Signor M. will be assisted by several amateur gentlemen. Mr. Brainard will preside at the Piano. Signor M. will perform Ole Bull's Cataracts of Niagara Falls, Songs, Duets, Solos, and etc." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1847.

1847 July 7 — "In our notice of the Weddell House on July 3 we inadvertently omitted to mention the fact that the painting was done by J. and D. Proudfoot. Whoever looks at the graining ... will be ready to inquire what use there is in having real marble and oak when they can be imitated so exactly." *Weekly Herald*, July 7, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 93.

1847 July 30 — "Weddell House! Monday, August 2 ... Christy's Minstrels have the honor of announcing ... they will ... give one, only, of their inimical (sic) and Popular Concerts, introducing a variety of entirely new Melodies, Burlesque, & etc." *Plain Dealer*, July 30, 1847.

1847 July 31 — "Weddell House Omnibus. In costly and tasteful keeping with everything around this splendid establishment, Mr. Barnum has come out with a new Omnibus; one of Bartram's best. For strength, beauty of proportion and finish, it beats all wheeled carriages." *Plain Dealer*, July 31, 1847.

1847 Aug. 11 — "A meeting composed of many of the business men of the city interested in the proposed telegraph line from Buffalo west was held Aug. 7, at the Weddell House." *Weekly Herald*, Aug. 11, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 253.

1847 Aug. 31 — The first telegraph office in Cleveland was established on Bank Street, No. 3 Weddell House, and on August 31, 1847, telegraph messages were sent to New York. *Weekly Herald*, Sept. 1, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 252, 253.

1847 Dec. 22 — The members of the New England Society assembled at the Old Stone Church at 2:30 P. M., December 22, at the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. At 7:30 P. M. the company repaired to the Weddell House where a sumptuous feast was set out under the direction of Mr. Barnum. *Herald*, Dec. 29, 1847, *Newspaper Annals*, XXX, 148; *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 22, 1847; *Settlers Annals*, V, 453.

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1848 Apr. 15 — "Citizens are respectfully invited to call at Cozzens' under the Weddell House, and see the plan of the new theater (Theater Comique), to be erected in Cleveland." *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 15, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 263.

1848 June 5 — "Mr. Manvers, principal tenor from Her Majesty's ancient and philharmonic concerts in London, who gave a concert at Empire Hall on June 1st, will be at Cleveland on June 7th to give another exquisite concert at the Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, June 5, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 69.

1848 July 7 — Thirty-five of Cleveland's most active business men met at the Weddell House and formed a Board of Trade. This later developed into the Chamber of Commerce. *Settlers Annals*, V, 451; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432; *Bystander*, July 15, 1933.

1848 July 10 — "A meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Erie Telegraph Co. was held at the Weddell House on July 6." *Daily True Democrat*, July 10, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 260.

1848 Aug. 29 — "Farewell of Mr. Samuel Lover - 'Handy Andy' - on his return to Europe. Mr. Lover will give one more and positively his last Irish evening, at the Weddell House, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1848. Tickets 50 cents." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 29, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 32.

1848 Nov. 21 — In 1848 the Mexican war gave the whigs their second successful candidate, old 'Rough and Ready' Taylor. The election was close but the results justified a Whig jubilee banquet Nov. 21st at the Weddell House. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 279; *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 18, 1848, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXI, 197.

1849 — The tax on the Weddell House in 1849 was $955.93. *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 4, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 122.

1849 May 10 — "The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have leased the 'Weddell House,' in this city for a term of years and pledge themselves to devote their whole time and attention towards making those who will favor them with a call at home. Stevens and Lilley." *Plain Dealer*, May 10, 1849.

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1849 May 21 — "Mr. Brough will give a ballad concert at the Weddell House on May 22. He will be assisted by Mr. Brainard at the piano. Mr. Brough will sing 12 ballads during the evening." *Daily True Democrat*, May 21, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 153.

1849 June 23 — "A wedding party of Canadians numbering 150 were at the Weddell House yesterday." *Daily True Democrat*, June 23, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 393.

1849 June 27 — "'The Campbells (a vaudeville family) have Come.' The first exhibit will be held at the Weddell House tonight." *Daily True Democrat*, June 27, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 187.

1849 July 13 — W. M. Fleming's reading of Bulwer's play, "Lady of Lyons" was well attended at the Weddell House Hall. *Daily True Democrat*, July 14, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 83.

1849 July 18 — "The Weddell House was robbed last night. The burglars carried off property valued at about $500, but left behind their tools and skeleton keys." *Daily True Democrat*, July 18, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 18.

1849 Aug. 21 — Boydell's Illustrations of Shakespeare were to be on exhibition at the Weddell House for several days beginning August 21. This was the collection of copper plate engravings whose huge cost ruined its creator, Boydell, at one time Lord Mayor of London. *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 21, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 7.

1849 Oct. 31 — "Let all lovers of good music go to the Concert tomorrow night at the Weddell. It is said that Mr. Breck has few equals on the Violin, and it is needless to speak of Signor Martinez and his guitar. Go and you will have a rich treat." *Daily True Democrat*, Oct. 31, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 155.

1849 Nov 30 — "Our friends at the 'Weddell' got up an excellent dinner yesterday - Oyster Soup, Roasted Turkey, Pumpkin pies, Indian pudding &c., were first rate, and the Yankee boarders felt very like at home on Thanksgiving day." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 30, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 127.

1849 Dec. 12 "A Private Class for the instruction of Ladies in this new Science of Biology will be formed at the Ladies Drawing Room at the Weddell, To-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. Terms for the course of three lectures, $5." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 12, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 80.

1849 Dec. 13 "Mrs. Mary Shaw Fogg, a deserving woman and excellent performer, gives a concert at the Weddell Saturday evening, Dec. 15. 'She sings sweetly. We hope she will have a bumper.'" *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 13, 1849, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXII, 155.

1850 Jan. 26 A meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati railroad was held at the Weddell House. *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 28, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 331.

1850 Feb. 18 A musical treat was given at the Weddell House by Herr Rudolphus Adams, singer and pianist. *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 19, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 167, 168.

1850 Mar. 18 "The president and directors of the Cleveland and Columbus railroad, together with the old and new members of the city council, ... 'dashed' over 15 miles of the road on March 14. ... A supper followed at the Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 18, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 334.

1850 Apr. 16 "Notice -- The copartnership heretofore existing between Stevens & Lilley, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of Hotel-Keeping in the Weddell House, in this city, will be continued by the undersigned, who will attend to the closing of all accounts of the late firm. H. S. Stevens. Cleveland, March 30, 1850." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 16, 1850.

1850 May 6 "Elihu Burritt, the apostle of peace, arrived in Cleveland May 4. The hospitality of the Weddell House was extended to him. His friends had made appointments for him to lecture at various churches." *Daily True Democrat*, May 6, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 195.

1850 June 8 "A friend who has returned to Cleveland from a tour to the northwest desires us to say that he considers the Weddell House, at Cleveland, one of the best hotels in the country." *Daily True Democrat*, June 8, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 123.

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1850 June 26 — "Mr. Gordon, one of the city's best barbers, who for several months past has occupied a shop under the American House, has enlarged his business and now may be found in the Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, June 26, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 8.

1850 June 28 — "James G. Batterson of Hartford, Conn., is on a visit to our city. He is the man who prepares sepulchral monuments, mural tablets, baptismal fonts, and other kinds of work in marble. Mr. Batterson will be at the Weddell for three or four days, where he will be happy to meet our citizens." *Daily True Democrat*, June 28, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 139.

1850 July 5 — "Weddell House Saloon. Mike is ready to serve up all kinds of Game, Fresh Baltimore and New York Oysters, in cans, kegs and the shell." *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1850.

1850 July 27 — The president and directors of the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula railroad, met at the Weddell House to award the contract for the construction of the road. *Daily True Democrat*, July 29, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 337.

1850 Dec. 3 — "Members of the Chess club meet nightly at the Weddell House. Strangers are invited." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 3, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 112.

1850 Dec. 4 — "St. Andrews society celebrated 'The day of Land o' Lakes' last night at Weddell House. P. Anderson presided. Others present included John Proudfoot, Messrs. Thome, Windsor, and the mayor. The bonnie lasses were present, and as they lent charm of beauty to the festival, so they restrained it as it ran full to the brim of joy." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 4, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 108.

1850 Dec. 5 — "A merrier set of beings could not be found than those who met at the Weddell the night of the Bethel fair. The affair was sponsored by The Young Ladies' Home Missionary Society." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 5, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 465.

1850 Dec. 7 — "Oliver P. Hanks has a variety of music and musical instruments for sale, under the Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 7, 1850, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIII, 167.

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1851
Jan. 6 "The Odd Fellows had a festival meeting at the Weddell House on Jan. 3, as full of genial feeling as heart could desire. ... Mine Host of the Weddell, Mr. Stevens, did his best. The evening closed with a dance in which all engaged with lighthearted glee." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 6, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 189.

1851
Feb. 22 Washington's birthday was celebrated by a procession and a supper at the Weddell House. The guests were the mayor, the council and the Ohio legislature. The members of the legislature had come to Cleveland to help celebrate the completion of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad. Urann, *Centennial History*, 72; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432; Alburn, *Cleveland*, I, 331; *Bystander*, July 15, 1933; see also: *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 21, 1851.

1851
Mar. 9 Messrs. Henry Wick, Wm. A. Otis, and Abner C. Brownell opened a new banking house in the Weddell House on Bank Street. *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 9, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 5; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 86, 113; *Court Records*, III, 21, 111.

1851
Mar. 15 "S. W. Cady of Cincinnati will address our citizens this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the parlor of the Weddell House, on the subject of linen manufacture and will explain Dr. Leavitt's invention." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 15, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 103.

1851
Apr. 12 O'Reilly's telegraph office received and sent on a single wire, 30,988 words in two days. The office moved two doors below its former location, but was still in the Weddell Building. *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 9 and Apr. 12, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 418.

1851
June 2 "Weddell House -- Many improvements have recently been made in this widely known hotel. A new suite of parlors and sleeping rooms attached, has just been added to the third story. The dining room has been enlarged by one-third of its former dimensions, and the stair case upon Bank street has been much improved by widening it. Every preparation has been made for the comfort of summer guests." *Plain Dealer*, June 2, 1851.

1851
June 19 Announcement was made that a carriage would leave the Weddell House at 8 a.m. daily for the Little Mountain House, Lake County, of which John Reynolds was proprietor. *Daily True Democrat*, June 19, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 127.

1851 June 23 — "George Lippard, of Philadelphia, a man of some celebrity as a writer, is at the Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, June 23, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 127.

1851 July 8 — "Distinguished Arrival -- D. P. Gardner, the New England Soap Man, is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1851.

1851 July 9 — "American Association for the Advancement of Education. - The members of the local committee are requested to meet at the Weddell House on Thursday evening (July 10), at 8 o'clock. C. Bradburn, Ch'n." *Plain Dealer*, July 9, 1851.

1851 July 29 — "Senator Douglass --- arrived in town this morning and is stopping at the Weddell. His numerous friends will be glad to learn that he will tarry a few days with us.

"Senator Morgan from Virginia, and A. G. Thursman of Chillicothe, are also at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1851.

1851 Aug. 8 — "Tom Carroll ... has fitted up in the rear of the reading room at the Weddell House, 'the finest shaving saloon in the city.'" *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 8, 1851.

1851 Aug. 11 — W. H. McGuffey and his family were guests at the Weddell House. Mr. McGuffey, formerly a citizen of Ohio, was the author of McGuffey's series of school books and professor of "belles lettres" at the University of Virginia. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 11, 1851; *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 11, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 363.

1851 Oct. 6 — Henry S. Stevens disposed of his interest in the Weddell House in favor of E. A. Huntley. Soon afterward, Stevens inaugurated in Cleveland the first omnibus passenger and baggage transfer at a uniform rate. *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 6, 1851; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 457.

1851 Oct. 20 — "Since Huntley has become sole lessee and manager of this popular House it seems to draw larger crowds than ever. ... A new reading room has lately been fitted up on the ground floor of the Bank street wing, which makes its entire arrangement complete. We understand that rooms have been taken there for Jenny Lind and suite." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 20, 1851.

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1851 Oct. 28 "Jenny Lind's passage through our city was just what we should expect from her well known character -- quiet and unostentatious. Jenny left her sumptuous apartments at the Weddell at half past ten yesterday forenoon, and took passage in the express train for Cincinnati." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 28, 1851.

1851 Nov. 5 "The epicures at the Weddell House were thrown into a high state of excitement at dinner Sunday, by finding among the side-dishes in the bill-of-fare 'Lion fried with Lamb.' After quite a few orders were sent into the kitchen for this dish, it was found the word 'Lion' was a misprint and should have been 'Liver.'" *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 5, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 128.

1851 Nov. 7 The famous singer, Jenny Lind, gave a grand concert at Kelley's Hall, Nov. 7. All of the thousand tickets were sold at prices ranging from two to four dollars each. Miss Lind and her company of fourteen were guests at the Weddell House. *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 5, 7, 8, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 172, 173.

1851 Nov. 14 "The Weddell House of this city, under the new administration, is gaining, as it richly merits, hosts of warm friends. No man can understand his business better than Mr. Huntley, its landlord." *Daily True Democrat*, Nov. 14, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 128.

1851 Nov. 20 "Dr. Tubbs, the well known Analytical Physician will be at the Weddell House tomorrow." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 20, 1851.

1851 Dec. 4 The first meeting of the directors of the Mercantile Library Association was held at the Weddell House. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 5, 1851; *Daily True Democrat*, Dec. 6, 1851, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIV, 147.

1851 Dec. 18 "C. S. Butts and Son have purchased the furniture of this House for $12,000, and taken a lease for ten years. Although this House has undergone many changes since its erection, it has ever been popular with the people, and since it has fallen into such permanent and good hands, it must be more popular than ever.

"Messrs. Butts and Son have ever been favorites with the traveling public, never losing a customer when they have once made an acquaintance. They now will have charge of the New England and Weddell of this city, and the Butts Hotel of New York, all of which are first class Houses, cheaply, quietly and admirably kept.

"We congratulate the citizens of Cleveland and the traveling public, upon so valuable an accession to our city.

"Michael, the *sine qua non* of the Weddell, remains at his post, and will be found the ready and obliging gentleman he has ever been." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 18, 1851.

1851 Dec. 22 "The Weddell. We sat down to oyster soup, roast turkey, broiled quail, and any amount of *et ceteras*, yesterday, got up under the tasty, neat and quiet management of Fuller, Superintendent, and served up by the smiling Mike." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 22, 1851.

1852 Jan. 7 "Dr. H. Tubbs, Analytical Physician, will visit in Cleveland, Feb. 3, 4, and 5 at Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 7, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 174.

1852 Jan. 31 "A meeting of the ladies of Cleveland and Ohio City was held in the drawing room of the Weddell House on Jan. 30 for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' association of the Friends of Hungary." *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 31, 1852. *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 226.

1852 Jan. 31 Louis Kossuth, the great Hungarian patriot, arrived in Cleveland. Elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the distinguished visitor had been made, and he and his party were escorted to the Weddell House by several military companies and other organizations. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 31, 1852; *Daily True Democrat*, Jan. 31, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 355; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 70.

1852 Feb. 3 Children of the First and Second Presbyterian Sunday schools called on Kossuth at the Weddell House. They presented him with a book containing their names, ages and amounts they had contributed to the aid of Hungary -- $80. The great liberator was reported as being deeply moved by this demonstration of friendship. *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 4, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 357.

1852 Feb. 23 "The Weddell House, under the management of Messrs. Eutts, is destined to be all, that the boarder and traveling public may desire. Good rooms, good beds, good boarding, and the morning *Daily True Democrat* under the breakfast plate is what the patrons of this hotel may rely on. So say the Eutts." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 23, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 140.

1852
Feb. 24 Miss Elizabeth T. Greenfield, called the "Black Swan," sang in Cleveland. She was born in Virginia, a slave. By her own unaided energy, she became an excellent musician and played the guitar, harp and piano. Her voice ranged thirty one notes. Miss Greenfield arrived in Cleveland Feb. 24 and stayed at the Weddell House, where she occupied the Jenny Lind and Kossuth suite of rooms. *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 25, 1852; *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 25, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 187.

1852
Mar. 7 The Weddell House bill of fare, dated March 7, 1852, was printed on an 8 x 10 sheet of light paper, the printed matter being surrounded by an ornate border and decorated with a woodcut of the hotel -- a crude work of art yet sufficiently realistic to show the unpaved streets, the plank sidewalks, the hotel omnibuses, four trees on the Bank Street side, a corner lamp post of strange design, a barber pole, two ordinary vehicles, five pedestrians and two dogs. Four persons on the historic balcony from which Lincoln later spoke were shown watching the tide of traffic sweep by. The "table d'hote" dinner was a liberal feast. It began with oyster soup and boiled codfish and ran through roasts, beef, lamb, turkey, goose, mutton. Then it sidestepped to boiled leg of mutton and capers, corned beef and cabbage and plain ham. Ham, tongue and beef appeared under the head of "cold dishes." There were seven entrees, six vegetables, and four relishes. There were four kinds of pie: custard, apple, peach, tomato; and boiled fruit pudding.

For "dessert" there were almonds, English cream, raisins and Madeira wine jelly. The hand of the French cook was discernible, for instance: "Croquettes de Rice," "Haricot de Mouton," "Mince Veal la Francaise," "Chop de Pork."

The wine list was long and seemingly complete. It included champagne, Madeira, claret, German wines, sherry and port. It added ale and porter. The best champagne was $2 a quart, the best Madeira $3. There was claret of the vintage of 1842 at $2.50. In the German group were Marcobrunner, Johannisberger, Rudesheimer and Hock.

The hotel management obligingly printed the local railway time table. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 12, 1926.

1852
Apr. 17 "Hon. John B. Weller, newly elected U. S. Senator from California, came to town yesterday and put up at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 17, 1852.

1852 Apr. 17 "Capt. Henningsen, one of Gov. Kossuth's Secretaries, is at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 17, 1852.

1852 Apr. 20 "Catharine Hayes, internationally famous singer, and suite have taken rooms at the Weddell, and will arrive on the Pittsburgh cars tonight." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 20, 1852.

1852 Apr. 28 "Dr. Joseph R. Buchanan, editor of 'Buchanan's Journal of Man,' arrived yesterday and is stopping at the Weddell House. Dr. Buchanan will begin his second series of lectures in Temperance Hall tonight. There is probably not another individual among the 20,000,000 American citizens who has given so much attention to the science of anthropology as Dr. Buchanan has." *Daily True Democrat*, Apr. 28, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 160.

1852 June 3 "M. Vescelius, the celebrated American cardwriter, is at the Weddell House." *Daily True Democrat*, June 3, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 5.

1852 July 7 "C. S. Butts & Son, Lessees, Have purchased the Furniture of the above Hotel (Weddell House), and leased it for 10 years. On the opening of navigation, it will be re-furnished in a manner to render it unsurpassed by any Hotel in the west. We trust, from our personal supervision, to add to the already high reputation the House enjoys. C. S. Butts, B. Butts." *Plain Dealer*, July 7, 1852.

1852 July 21 "Gen. Bobinson, President of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 21, 1852.

1852 July 26 "Prof. Gardner, the inimitable soap man has arrived, and is stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 1852.

1852 July 29 "The mother of the Authoress of Genevra, Mrs. Fairfield, widow of the late meritorious author, Sumner Lincoln Fairfield, is stopping at the Weddell in this city." *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1852.

1852 Aug. 11 "Dr. Tubbs is in town and may be found at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 11, 1852.

1852 Mar. 17 "The Irishmen of our city will celebrate the anniversary of St. Patrick's birthday. Wallace, an Irishman, 'native and to the manor born,' will give his second and last concert tonight. The celebration of the annual festival, with a supper at the Weddell House, will not interfere with the concert." *Daily True Democrat*, Mar. 17, 1852, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXV, 118.

1852 Aug. 20 "The Weddell House. The Messrs. Butts are determined to spare no pains of expenses to make this favorite Hotel still more attractive to the traveling public. Among the principal improvements to be made, are an extension of the House upon Bank street, and an addition of a suite of Ladies' Drawing Rooms and Gentlemen's Parlors upon Superior street. These will be admirably laid out, and furnished in magnificent style. A very attractive feature is now being added to the House in the shape of a handsome stone pavement in the office. This will be completed in the course of a week or ten days. Several thousand dollars of furniture, and various useful and ornamental articles will be brought on to the carpet.

"The Butts may well feel compelled to enlarge their already extensive borders, for under their skillful management the fame of the Weddell is ever increasing." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 20, 1852.

1852 Sept. 10 "Senators Douglass and Weller, and Hon. Mr. Blair, of Missouri, arrived last evening and are stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1852.

1852 Sept. 23 "The most extensive robbery ever perpetrated in Cleveland, occurred at the Weddell House, on Tuesday evening last. We would have had a full report in last evening's paper, but an agreement had been made, as we understood, with all the papers, not to publish it until today. The money, which consisted of some $48,900, was brought to the city in the possession of Mr. E. G. McKie, from Easton, N. Y., the agent and wool buyer of the Troy Woolen Manufacturing Company, and was taken about tea-time from his room. It has always been customary with him to place his money between the mattresses of his bed. He did so with the money he has lost, locked his door, and went down stairs to supper. When he returned to his room the money was gone.

"We gather the following from the local column of the *Forest City:* 'It was in three packages, at the head of the bed, and at the foot was a package containing $10,000, which was untouched. The

officers of the city were on the alert yesterday, but up to last evening no trace could be had of the thieves, who must have followed Mr. McKie from Troy, and thus learned his habits. Five thousand dollars reward is offered for the arrest of the villains. No blame can be attached to any one, especially Mr. McKie and the robbers, as he had been advised repeatedly to deposit his funds in the safe of the house. Mr. Butts is doing all in his power to ferret out the matter.'" *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 23, 1852.

1852 Oct. 1 "The firemen express themselves as exceedingly grateful to the Messrs. Butts, of the Weddell House, for refreshments at the fire last evening." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 1, 1852.

1852 Oct. 4 "At the Weddell - Hon. M. B. Walker, United States Senator." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 4, 1852.

1852 Oct. 5 "Among the arrivals at the Weddell House, yesterday, we notice Maj. J. W. Brice, Hon. J. R. Stanbury, J. L. Birkey, Geo. W. Johns, Newark, O., Mr. Granville John Penn, Jno. Jay Smith and Lady, England, and Mr. A. C. Harris, U. S. Mail Agent." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 5, 1852.

1852 Oct. 7 "At the Weddell yesterday were Hon. Donn Platt, of Cincinnati; Aug. Shutzler, of Bonn on the Rhine; Mr. A. Dows, of New York and 105 others." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 7, 1852.

1852 Oct. 8 "At the Weddell yesterday were Hon. S. P. Chase, of Ohio; Gen. Wilson, of Mass.; G. W. Holt, of Buffalo; Captain J. S. Richards, Steamer *Queen City*, and seventy-three others." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 8, 1852.

1852 Oct. 9 "The Weddell. - The Messrs. Butts are making a marble palace of this House. A new marble floor has just been laid in the public reception room; the walls of the large dining room also marbled, and new head waiters from the east have been brought on, and the House is going ahead." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 9, 1852.

1852 Oct. 11 "R. N. Geary, of the '*Capital City Fact*,' is in town, and stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 11, 1852.

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1852 Oct. 16 "The Norwegian Family sang last night at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 16, 1852.

1852 Oct. 19 "Presentation. - A very pleasing and creditable episode in the affairs of the Weddell House, occurred on Thursday last (Oct. 14). A magnificent silver carving knife and fork, most beautifully chased, and shaped in the most approved style, was presented to Col. Fuller, the gentlemanly and accommodating chief clerk of the Weddell. On one side of the blade the following inscription is engraved: 'Presented to J. Francis Fuller, by the boarders of the Weddell House, as a testimonial of their esteem for his gentlemanly deportment, and unyielding efforts in pleasing his Guests.'" *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 19, 1852.

1852 Nov. 23 "J. Collins, the celebrated Irish comedian and singer, was at the Weddell, yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 23, 1852.

1852 Dec. 31 "Never was there a more pleasant occasion in our city than the Banquet at the Weddell last night. The attendance was large, numbering about 300 guests. ... At nine o'clock, the strains of Leland's Brass Band announced supper and the company sat down to as splendid a supper as was ever prepared in the city. The best proof is the Bill of Fare.

"Oysters, Soup; Oysters, in aspic Jelly; Ham, ornamented; Beef-a-la-mode, decorated; Buffalo tongue; Lobster Salad; Chicken Salad; Boned Turkey, ornamented; Boned Chicken, with Jelly; Ducks, boned and ornamented; Quails, with Jelly; Pigeons, larded. Relishes - Olives, Sardines, Anchovies, Pickles, Celery. Pastry. - Cold custards, Grape Jelly Tarts, Boston Cream Cakes, Queen's Puffs, Genoisse Jelly, Wine Jelly, Rum Jelly, Orange Jelly, Charlotte Russe, Charlotte de Pomme, Bavarian Cream, English Cream, Fromage Bavarois, Gateaus de Mille-fleux, Blanc Mange, variegated; Corn Starch Waffles, Orange Meringues, Cream Meringues, Swiss Meringues.

"Ornaments and confectionery. - Jelly Cake, ornamented; Pound cake, do.; Sponge cake, do.; Fruit cake, do.; Pyramid of Macaroons; Pyramid of French Kisses; Pyramid of Cocoanut Cakes; Prince Albert Pyramid, Pyramid of Grecian Temple; Monga of Almonds; Temple of Liberty; Tree of Purity; Tree of Roses; Cleveland Orphan Asylum. Ices. - Vanilla Ice Cream, Strawberry Ice Cream, Roman Punch. Fruit. Isabella Grapes, Figs, Prunes, Raisins, Brazil Nuts, Filberts, Almonds, Coffee and Chocolate." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 31, 1852.

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1853 — In 1853 Horace P. Weddell, son of Peter M. Weddell, the founder of the hotel, built a four-story extension to the building on the Bank Street side, extending 110 feet on Bank Street to Frankfort Street, and 70 feet on Centre Street, affording the Weddell House a frontage of 560 feet on Bank and Superior Streets. *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1903.

1853 Jan. 3 — "We omitted to state in our last issue that the receipts of the Weddell House Banquet (Dec. 30) amounted to $645. The whole sum (was) paid over to the Asylum by the Messrs. Butts." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1853.

1853 Jan. 3 — H. B. Ely, at the Weddell House, advertised farming land in the town of Lake, Wood County, Ohio, for sale. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1853.

1853 Jan. 17 — "Champagne and the Government Lands. Our government lands cost one dollar an acre, on an average, and champagne two dollars a bottle. How many a man dies in the poor house, who, during his lifetime, has drank (sic) a fertile township, trees and all.

"We could not help these recollections yesterday, as we sat at the Weddell House table and saw the Heidsick and sparkling Catawba going the rounds free as water. The table was bountifully and gorgeously spread with everything to tempt the palate and satisfy the appetite. Still there must be a display of liberality and sociability, not in the bills, and some 50 or 60 acres worth of government land must be ordered in champagne, on private account.

"This is an every day occurrence at most of our fashionable hotels, and practiced by our most fashionable young men." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1853.

1853 Jan. 25 — "The Weddell House is to be extended 110 feet on Bank street, and 70 feet on Centre street. This addition will afford the Weddell 500 feet front on Bank and Superior streets." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1853.

1853 Feb. 19 — "The Messrs. Butts, of the Weddell House, generously tendered a dinner to the military on the 22nd. The members of the Artillery, however, were compelled to decline it, owing to previous arrangements." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 19, 1853.

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1853 Feb. 23 "The (George Washington birthday) celebration yesterday was quite an affair. The soldiers, firemen, and others presented a fine appearance. Fire engines No. 2 and No. 5 threw streams of water over the flag on the Weddell House. This was loudly encored by the large crowd who seemed delighted to see the competition." *Daily True Democrat*, Feb. 23, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 50.

1853 Mar. 21 "Mr. S. S. Lynch, recently of the O'Reilly Telegraph Office, has become connected with the Weddell House, as Clerk." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 21, 1853.

1853 Mar. 30 "Messrs. Butts of the Weddell House have introduced a new feature in the way of serving supper. With the bill of fare before them, guests of this House can order whatever they choose, and it is immediately served to them, hot, from the kitchen, anytime from six p.m. to 11 p.m." *Daily True Democrat*. Mar. 30, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853 Apr. 11 "They now have two dinners at the Weddell House, one at 1 o'clock and the other at a quarter before three. The latter is to accommodate passengers on the Toledo Cars." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 11, 1853.

1853 Apr. 16 "One of the best boxes in the Theatre has been permanently taken by the Weddell House for the use of their guests." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 16, 1853.

1853 Apr. 19 "Mills the Artist. ... (produced a statue), weighing fifteen tons, (of a horse) standing some twenty feet high, mounted on a pedestal or mound of solid granite. - 'Old Hickory' (Andrew Jackson), natural as life, with cap in hand, booted and spurred, and his broad claymour by his side, sits gracefully on him, a cast iron man on a cast iron horse. A model of the whole Statue will be at the Weddell House tonight, where Mr. Mills is now stopping." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 19, 1853.

1853 May 2 "The Weddell - Butts, yesterday, served up a splendid turtle to his guests. The animal which thus contributed to their personal comfort, weighed about half a hundred, gross, and was sent on by our fellow townsman, the droll 'Harry Bingham,' now of the Irving House, Newark, Ohio. The other delicacies were in perfect keeping with this main feature, and we will risk our judgment by guessing that a better table was not set forth, yesterday, from the Penobscot to the Pacific." *Plain Dealer*, May 2, 1853.

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1853
May 10 "The Franklin House, the New England hotel, the American hotel, the Weddell House, and the Forest City House in this city have mutually agreed that in the future they will not send any agents or runners to any steamboats or railroad depots to solicit passengers for their houses." *Daily True Democrat*, May 10, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853
May 18 "Mr. Brown, formerly of the Massasoit Hotel, Springfield, Mass., is now installed as one of the clerks of the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, May 18, 1853.

1853
May 23 "Butts, of the Weddell, leads off on Strawberries - an abundance of which - plump and delicious - was yesterday served up to the guests of that excellent House. The rarities were obtained from Cincinnati, and cost the nice little sum of a dollar per quart - but 'hang the expense' is Butts' motto." *Plain Dealer*, May 23, 1853.

1853
May 23 "Cleveland is fast becoming an important city. Her steamboats and railroads, her mercantile and manufacturing establishments all tend to its greatness, and last, but not least, her hotels are, perhaps, superior to any other in the West, at the head of which and unrivalled for neatness and elegance stands the Weddell.

"This house has been refitted and refurnished from top to bottom, and is now being newly painted throughout. The proprietors, Mr. Butts and Son, deserve great credit for their zeal manifested for the comfort of the traveling public." *Plain Dealer*, May 23, 1853.

1853
May 25 "Mr. Thorpe, one of the gentlemanly clerks of the Weddell, leaves that house soon. He has been appointed a conductor on the Bellefontaine Railroad." *Plain Dealer*, May 25, 1853.

1853
May 27 "Butts of the Weddell, is again ahead on the vegetables. Green Peas were served up at dinner to-day, to his lucky guests. Rich living, that." *Plain Dealer*, May 27, 1853.

1853
June 1 "The workmen commenced yesterday to sand the Weddell House. Its appearance has been greatly improved." *Daily True Democrat*, June 1, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

1853
June 4 "The American and the Weddell Houses have determined to keep their bars shut on the Sabbath." *Daily True Democrat*, June 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 198.

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1853 June 8 "The Weddell House is doing an immense business. The number of arrivals from Tuesday morning to Wednesday noon was 234. - Travel is rapidly on the increase, and, at this rate, Butts and Son will have to enlarge their premises, before long." *Plain Dealer*, June 8, 1853.

1853 June 27 "Gen. James Watson Webb, Editor of the New York *Courier and Enquirer*, the leading ... Whig paper in the country, was in town Saturday, at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, June 27, 1853.

1853 July 2 "Mrs. S. L. Fairfield and her daughter, Genevieve, are at the Weddell House. She desires to inform the patrons of her daughter's new works, that will be issued very soon in a handsome book form." *Daily True Democrat*, July 2, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 31.

1853 July 4 "The light artillery companies of Cleveland, encamped on Pittsburgh st., will fire a grand federal salute at sunrise today. ... Exercises will consist of music and the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

"Numerous bands will participate in a concert to be held (simultaneously) on the balconies of the Weddell, Forest City, and American Houses." *Daily True Democrat*, July 4, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 190.

1853 July 5 "At three o'clock, Gov. Wood, the Mayor and Council, and other officers of the city, and members of our public men, sat down to a banquet prepared by the Messrs. Butts of the Weddell House, and prepared in their best style. The dinner was a magnificent one, for every viand of the season was furnished by obliging waiters, and prepared in the best styles of the art de cuisine. After the removal of the cloth, a number of toasts were given." *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1853.

1853 July 12 When Governor Reuben Wood of Ohio was appointed, in 1853, as Consul to Valparaiso, South America, he embarked on the "*Queen of the West*," leaving Cleveland July 12, 1853. He was escorted from the Weddell House by the German City Guards, and the Ohio City Guards. Mayor Abner Brownell officially bade the governor farewell. *Daily True Democrat*, July 13, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 364; *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1853; Joblin, *Representative Men*, 182.

1853 July 22 — Members of the press in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania were tendered a grand reception at National Hall and a supper at the Weddell House by Mayor Abner Brownell. *Daily True Democrat*, July 23 and 25, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 269, 495.

1853 July 26 — "The Weddell House improvement is very impressive. The beautiful coloring of some of the stone is happily hit off by Hopkins (a painter)." *Daily True Democrat*, July 26, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 199.

1853 July 27 — "Horace Greeley and Gen. Hiram Waebridge were at the Weddell House yesterday noon." *Daily True Democrat*, July 27, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 296.

1853 Aug. 3 — "Mr. Hopkins was busy yesterday putting on the letters of the Weddell House. They are beautifully 'got up,' and are in accordance with everything else about the hotel." *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 3, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 199.

1853 Aug. 22 — "The Messrs Butts have made arrangements to treat their guests with Bennett's N. Y. *Herald*, 24 hours from N. Y., to be taken in conjunction with their morning meal. How delicious - to wake at 6, take a morning walk, sit down to hot rolls, broiled chicken, coffee, and the *Herald* at 7." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1853.

1853 Aug. 30 — "The banquet to the Cleveland Light Artillery ... came off at the Weddell last evening. At nine o'clock, the members of the Artillery marched from the National Hall, their place of rendezvous, to the Weddell House and seated themselves at the table. Too high a compliment cannot be paid to the supper, gotten up by the Messrs. Butts. We are informed everything was prepared in magnificent style. ... Speeches were delivered by several gentlemen. ... Music was supplies by Leland, and several gentlemen sang." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 30, 1853.

1853 Sept. 13 — "The old brown eagle on the Weddell House has been painted yellow." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1853.

1853 Sept. 14 — "Music Lessons. Mr. John Underner, Composer and Teacher of Music, respectfully offers his services to the citizens of Cleveland as Teacher of the Piano Forte and Organ. Orders left at the ... Weddell House, will be promptly attended to." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 14, 1853.

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1853 Sept. 17 "The proprietors of the Weddell House have dismissed their white waiters and have employed colored ones exclusively." *Daily True Democrat*, Sept. 17, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 200.

1853 Sept. 27 "Miss Julia Bennett is ... at the Weddell House, awaiting the completion of the company for the Theatre, when she is to appear as the first 'star.'" *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 27, 1853.

1854 Mr. J. P. Ross, formerly manager of the New England Hotel, which burned down, became manager of the Weddell House in 1854. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431.

1854 The Weddell House advertised in the papers of 1854 that the "bills of fare are printed entirely in English," indicating the prevalent sentiment against the "invading French." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431.

1854 Jan. 3 "The New Year's dinner at the Weddell House, was a splendid affair. as a larger number of guests can testify. The old fashioned custom of putting on wine *ad libitum* was bountifully kept up. Nothing like liberality in hotel keeping." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1854.

1854 Jan. 3 "D. Horton, Railroad Agent for the O. & P. R. R., is selling through tickets from Cleveland to New York ... Office at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 3, 1854.

1854 Jan. 5 "Dr. Hartley is in the city. See his advertisement. He stops at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1854.

1854 Jan. 16 A box for reception of letters and papers for post office or city delivery was placed in the Weddell House by Postmaster Henry S. Bishop. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1854.

1854 Jan. 25 "The members of the Artillery would respectfully inform their friends that their Seventh Annual Ball will be given at National Hall, on Monday Evening, February 27, 1854, upon which occasion no pains will be spared to make it agreeable to their guests. The supper will be served at the Weddell, in Butts' best style." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1854.

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1854 Jan. 31 — "A Negro was arrested last night and lodged in jail on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing from the Weddell House. He was caught in the act of carrying away an armful of bed clothes." *Forest City Democrat*, Jan. 31, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 160.

1854 June 7 — "On account of the great demand for his services on a recent visit here, Dr. Hartley, ear specialist, will again visit this city. His hours of attendance will be from nine a.m. till two p.m. at the Weddell House." *Leader*, June 7, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 188.

1854 July 1 — "Post-Boxes for the reception of Letters and Papers, for Post-Office or City Delivery, will be found at Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1854.

1854 Dec. 2 — "The annual festival of the St. Andrew's society of Cleveland was held Nov. 30 at the Weddell House. About 200 persons attended. The proceedings at the table were agreeably interspersed with songs and recitations. The dining hall was cleared for the dancers at about one o'clock in the morning. Great hilarity prevailed during the entire evening, and all went home merry 'as a marriage bell.'" *Leader*, Dec. 2, 1854, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVII, 225, 226.

1855 Jan. 29 — "An unsigned letter to the editor says: ... Who would have expected to see a card from the proprietors of the Angier, Weddell, and American hotels stating that they would submit to all the provisions of the (anti-liquor) law? Clevelanders have now more reason to be proud of them than ever." *Leader*, Jan. 29, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 11.

1855 Feb. 20 — "Prof. Tehn, of Philadelphia, the champion of Spiritualism, has arrived, and is at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 20, 1855.

1855 Feb. 23 — "Some thirty of the citizens of Erie were in this city yesterday, and stopped at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 23, 1855

1855 Feb. 28 — "T. D. Rice, the original 'Jim Crow' and Herr Kline, the celebrated tight-rope performer, are stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1855.

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1855 Mar. 12 "The Cleveland Hibernian Guards, will celebrate their Sixth Anniversary of their Patron Saint (St. Patrick) by a supper at the Weddell House, Saturday, the 17th inst." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 12, 1855.

1855 May 5 "A little before three p.m. yesterday, a crowd began to assemble at the corner of Superior and Bank Streets to witness the performance of the Latta steam fire engine. ... Inventor Latta ... succeeded in throwing a stream from the reservoir over the flagstaff of the Weddell House, incidentally soaking a chambermaid who happened to be looking out of the window -- to the great delight of the crowd." *Leader*, May 5, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 155.

1855 May 10 "The Weddell House is constructing a sewer from the back yard of that house to the main sewer at the corner of Superior and Water sts., the sewer will be about 800 ft. long." *Leader*, May 10, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 205.

1855 Aug. 21 City Council adopted a resolution instructing the prosecuting attorney to commence the proper proceedings against the proprietors of the Weddell House for the abatement of nuisances existing, due to the bad conditions of sewers leading from the hotel. *Leader*, Aug. 22, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 205; *Cleveland Council Journal* "G," 509.

1855 Oct. 31 "City council met last night and adopted a resolution authorizing the city marshal to close the Weddell House sewer connection in such a manner as to prevent the offensive, unwholesome, and noxious smells, caused by the construction of the sewer." *Leader*, Oct. 31, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 530.

1855 Nov. 20 "The Hon. William Sapp, of Mount Vernon, Member-of-Congress-elect from the 15th district, and the Hon. T. Day of the district, arrived in town yesterday on their way to Washington. The former stopped over night at the Weddell." *Leader*, Nov. 20, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 321.

1855 Nov. 29 "Dr. Fitch can be consulted at the Weddell House, Dec. 5 to 27 daily, except Sabbaths, from the houts of nine a.m. to five p.m. Patients consulting him on the present occasion may continue to correspond with him in New York without further expense." *Leader*, Nov. 29, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 256.

1855 Dec. 4 — "Mr. Stillson, the patentee of Stillson's excavator, is stopping at the Weddell House. His machine will take up a cubic yard of earth in eight seconds." *Leader*, Dec. 4, 1855, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVIII, 211.

1856 — The Weddell Hotel was one of the finest, if not the largest, hotels in Ohio. At an expense of $25,000, it was enlarged and improved during 1856, by an addition 108 feet long and four stories high, adding 73 rooms with parlor and baths. *Leader*, Dec. 20, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 21; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431; *Bystander*, July 15, 1933.

1856 July 11 — "The Weddell House, Superior and Center Streets, is preparing to accommodate 3,000 guests at the time of the Ohio State Fair, to be held September 23 to September 26." *Leader*, July 11, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 120.

1856 Sept. 19 — "Madam Swett, a clairvoyant of great power and celebrated as such, is in our city and has taken rooms at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Sept. 19, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 464.

1856 Oct. 25 — "Mrs. Eliza Mann and her daughter, Miss Alice Mann, old favorites with lovers of drama here, are among the arrivals at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 25, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 237.

1856 Dec. 29 — "The city police will hold a festival and ball at the Weddell House on the evening of Jan. 15, 1857. The price of tickets will be $3 and all surplus money will be appropriated to charitable purposes." *Leader*, Dec. 29, 1856, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXIX, 239.

1857 — The Weddell House became the second home of the Society for Savings Bank in 1857, and a safe was built into a brick vault to safeguard its assets. *Times*, June 23, 1924, Scrapbook V; Alburn, *Cleveland*, II, 844.

1857 Mar. 18 — "It has been ascertained that the bloodstained pants found in the rear of the Weddell House belong to the gentleman who poured molasses in his lap at breakfast, Mar. 16, whilst gazing at a lady seated at another table." *Leader*, Mar. 18, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 54.

1857 July 13 — Among the boarders of the Weddell House was the Cunningham family, entertainers who gained notoriety through their connection with the Harvey Burdell murder. *Leader*, Feb. 6, 1857; *ibid.*, May 11, 1857; *ibid.*, July 13, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 135, 136.

1857 July 14 — John Green, a cabman who had been arrested on Superior Street July 13 for violation of the cab ordinance, and who had been released on bail until his trial, was rearrested by Marshal Gallagher, on complaint of the Weddell House.

It was charged that drivers of omnibuses, which stood at the door of the omnibus office under the Weddell House violated the city ordinance regulating such vehicles and where they were to stand. *Leader*, July 14 and 15, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 172; *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1857.

1857 July 29 — "A fire yesterday destroyed the carpenter shops of the Cuyahoga Furnace Co. ... After the fire, the company treated the firemen to a breakfast at the Weddell House." *Leader*, July 29, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 112.

1858 Mar. 22 — "Twenty-five citizens of Cleveland petitioned the General Assembly to have a large portion of the eastern part of Cleveland detached, and annexed to East Cleveland. This prompted the house committee, composed of 12 members appointed by the legislature, to visit Cleveland, and they are now stopping at the Weddell House. They are here to examine that portion of the city involved in the proposed dismemberment and annexation." *Leader*, Mar. 22, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 541.

1858 June 8 — "The next exhibition of the Horticultural society will be held at the Weddell House, Bank Street, on June 12." *Leader*, June 8, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 221.

1858 June 17 — "A full meeting of the general committee of arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration was held at the Weddell House. The total amount of money collected is $2,400. A regatta race will be among the features of the day." *Leader*, June 17, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 213.

1858 Sept. 3 — The committee of arrangements for the Put-in-Bay celebration commemorating the victory by Commodore Perry, met at the Weddell House. *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 52.

1858 Sept. 20 "During an attack of delirium tremens yesterday, M. N. Fuller of Utica, N. Y., leaped from a third story window at the Weddell House, where he has been staying, and seriously injured himself. He is being attended by a physician who thinks he may recover." *Leader*, Sept. 20, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 237.

1858 Nov. 9 "The friends of chess, at a large meeting last evening at the Weddell House, called Charles Bradburn to the chair and appointed B. White secretary. The following were elected: Leonard Case, president; C. Bratenahl, vice president; John Schlesinger, secretary; and Charles Parsons, treasurer." *Leader*, Nov. 9, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 181.

1858 Dec. 22 "The gathering of the friends of New England and the descendants of that goodly land at the Weddell House tonight will be one of unsurpassed interest and enthusiasm. The people of Cleveland will not be outdone by those of other localities." *Leader*, Dec. 22, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 54.

1858 Dec. 31 "The publishers of northern Ohio met at the Weddell House yesterday and organized by calling L. S. Abbott of the *Painesville Telegraph* to the chair and appointed J. S. Herrick of the *Portage County Democrat*, secretary." *Leader*, Dec. 31, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 322.

1859 "The Weddell House was constantly crowded before the Civil War, and often cots were placed in the parlor and halls for accommodating the guests." Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 432.

1859 Jan. 4 "Boarders at the Weddell House and a number of citizens outside were summoned, *sans ceremonie*, to one of the parlors of that hotel on New Year's eve. The room in a short space of time, was filled with a merry, but wondering party. A silver tea set was presented to Theodore Ross, manager of the Weddell House, by his employes. The server was manufactured by Benton and Mathivet, and other pieces by Cowles and Company, both of this city." *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 185.

1859 Jan. 7 "Dr. A. Paige, eminent electrician from Boston, will open professional rooms at the Weddell House, Cleveland, on Jan. 10, for examination and treatment of diseases by the aid of electricity.

He is the author and teacher of a new system of medical electricity, and as such is known in all principal cities in America, where he has taught classes and cured thousands of patients not benefited by other modes of practice." *Leader*, Jan. 7, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 234.

1859 Mar. 16 "Charles Fleidner, whose name is well known in connection with the manufacture of hair work, has opened a salon in the Weddell House. Bathing rooms are attached, and the tired, dirty, unshorn, unkempt, and unwashed traveler can be so rejuvenated in a few moments as to feel like a new creature." *Leader*, Mar. 16, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 15.

1859 May 30 "What a Southerner says of the Weddell House.

"'The Weddell House -- at which we stopped four years ago -- we find still under the management of its ever popular proprietor, Col. J. P. Ross -- assisted by the attentive and gentlemanly clerk, Theodore Ross.

"'The House has, however, like the rest of Cleveland, undergone its share of change and improvement. It has received an addition of 100 feet front, with 60 large airy rooms, so that the house now presents a front of 340 feet. ... It has 52 commodious parlors, with bedrooms attached, and upwards of three hundred rooms for the accommodation of guests generally, so that the house is enabled in the busy season to lodge and accommodate quite a little army. An especial convenience in the arrangement of these rooms is that they are so constructed that for the accommodation of parties of families they can be united just to the extent or wants of the party. The rooms are richly furnished, are high between joints, with ventilating windows and are daily under the vigilant eye of a housekeeper who sees that they are properly cared for.

"'The Dining Hall is 40 feet in width by 100 feet in length, is painted and papered in the most gorgeous and Oriental manner, and comfortably accommodates at meals some 300 people. The tables for the Dining Room are short -- about ten feet in length, and are especially desirable and convenient for small parties.

"'The Ladies Ordinary is 35 feet wide by 40 feet in length, and is really one of the pleasantest rooms that we have ever seen appropriated to that use.

"'The crockery for this immense House is all double China, which gives the tables, when set, an appearance of cheerfulness, purity and richness seldom seen.

"'The tables are supplied from Ross' farms of 500 acres, located a few miles in the country, from which are obtained fresh eggs, fresh milk, fresh vegetables, fresh butter, and also all the various kinds of garden sauce, which so greatly add to the quality of a table.

"'The House is located on the corner of Superior and Bank Streets, and commands not only a fine view of the entire length of Superior Street, with its famous and delightful Park and Fountain, but also of Lake Erie, one of the loveliest sheets of water on a calm summer evening to be seen in America -- while in a storm it is the most tempestuous, sublime and terrific.

"'Of Col. Ross, I can only say he is all that a gentleman should be. To my friends coming North, I would say by all means steer your course for Cleveland, and make at least a week's tarry at the Weddell.'" *Plain Dealer*, May 30, 1859.

1859
June 25 "The banquet of the Knights Templar, in commemoration of St. John's day, took place at the Weddell House yesterday. The members of the order in our own city, who comprise the Lake Erie commandery, and the guests from Buffalo marched down from their hall ... and formed into a double file on the pavement before the Bank st. entrance of the Weddell House. They raised their gleaming swords in the air and crossed them, thereby forming an arch of glittering blades beneath which the officers passed, keeping time to the martial music of the band." *Leader*, June 25, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 273.

1859
July 9 "A meeting of those who served in the war of 1812 was held in the mayor's office July 4. ... The meeting was adjourned to the Weddell House where J. P. Ross provided a free dinner." *Leader*, July 9, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 482.

1859
July 21 "Allen Farquhar, transient, was fleeced of $100 in a confidence game at the Weddell House." *Leader*, July 21, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 161.

1859
July 29 "The Weddell. -- We should have been more 'previous' in noticing the association of Henry Marvin, Esq., with Col. J. P. Ross in the management of this popular, first class hotel. Mr. Marvin has had very extensive experience in hotel management, and is one of the most happily qualified landlords that we have encountered. The Weddell's reputation is too firmly established throughout the Union to render any praise at our hands necessary." *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1859.

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1859 Aug. 4 "Elizur Wright. -- This famous Boston ex-editor is at the Weddell, with his wife and eleven children. He used to edit a very 'sassy' paper in Boston called the *Chronotype*. Mr. Wright was 'raised' in Tallmadge, Summit County, in this state, and was a professor at the Western Reserve College." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 4, 1859.

1859 Aug. 18 "Dr. Von Moschzisker modestly calls himself 'the only legitimate European oculist and aurist to ever visit the United States.' He offers to cure deafness and blindness at his rooms in the Weddell House. He invited local physicians to come with their patients and watch him perform his operations." *Leader*, Aug. 18, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 234.

1859 Oct. 29 "A meeting of the Directors of the Lake Erie Horse Breeder's Association will be held this evening, at ½ past 7 o'clock, at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1859.

1859 Nov. 3 "Prof. Gardner and his Soap. The Prof. says, 'That the man who will allow his political principles to interfere with his social relations is just the man who needs the purifying influences of his unrivalled Soap.' So say we. One wash of Gardner's soap will make a Black Republican look very much like a white man. The Professor is now stopping at the Weddell, and has already changed the complexion of several of its boarders so that the old landlord did not know them." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 3, 1859.

1859 Dec. 5 The stockholders of the East Cleveland Railroad Company met at the Weddell House and elected the following officers: President, John Blair; Treasurer, A. H. Everett; Secretary, Samuel E. Adams; Directors, E. T. Sturtevant, Isaac Sherman, Horace P. Weddell, Henry S. Stevens, James Wright, John Blair, E. B. Hale. Instructions were given to the engineer to proceed to the permanent location of the road. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 7, 1859; *Leader*, Dec. 7, 1859, *Newspaper Annals*, XLII, 454.

1860 Jan. 4 "Found - Late on Monday night, 20 sets of Lava Jewelry. They can be had, by paying charges, at Cowles & Co., Weddell House." *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1860.

1860 Jan. 9 "The first re-union of the Ex-Grays (Cleveland Grays) will occur this evening at the Weddell House. No person will be admitted who has not received a special invitation." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 9, 1860.

1860
Feb. 13 Madame Lola Montez, who stayed at the Weddell while lecturing here, called for a paper. The *Herald* was brought to her. She threw it to the floor exclaiming, "Bring me a decent paper, bring me a *Plain Dealer*." It was brought without delay.

The calumnious article of the *Herald* had slyly referred to the "twinkle of the eye and saucy expression of the lip that gave something of an idea of her vivacious character in her more palmy days." The reviewer described her lecture as "being merely considered by most of the audience as a pretext for the lecturer to remain on the stage for the inspection of the audience."

The "decent" *Plain Dealer* countered with: "Lola Montez, Countess of Landsfeld, has been the companion and the teacher of kings and princes, and has the reputation of doing much to start the ball of revolution that rolled over the German states, and through Europe, in 1847 and 1848. It must be confessed to her credit that in Europe she always espoused the cause of the people against the tyranny of monarchical and arbitrary power." *Leader*, Feb. 13, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 217; *Herald*, Feb. 10, 1860; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 9, 1860.

1860
Feb. 28 "There is no city in the west that can boast of a more courteous and gentlemanly set of landlords and clerks than are to be found in the Forest City. The Weddell House still remains in possession of Ross, the proprietor, and Mike, who is the acknowledged P. B. (Perfect Bartender) of that institution." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 28, 1860.

1860
Apr. 19 "Dr. M. A. Schlosser may be consulted for a day or two longer at his rooms at No. 124 Weddell House. He guarantees a cure for corns and bunions. He is also a surgeon and a chiropodist." *Leader*, Apr. 19, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 190.

1860
May 10 "Cowles and Company, Weddell House, are dealers in new 'Yankee Doodle Forever' watches, nut pix, silver and silver plated ware. They also sell needles; silver thimbles; English scissors; razors; silent, alarm striking, eight day, and 30 hour clocks. And they offer for sale: Marble, bronze, and yankee clocks; berry spoons; American and swiss watches; coral goods; colt pistols; ladies barometers; gold, silver, and fancy canes." *Leader*, May 10, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 160.

1860
May 17 "J. E. Moerel is at the Weddell (House) with his annual stock of Point Laces, choice and beautiful." *Plain Dealer*, May 17, 1860.

1860 May 31 "Dr. Cox has lectured a number of times on the poisonous ingredients introduced into liquors, which are sold either as beverages or medicines. The subject is one of personal as well as general interest and Dr. Cox, who is now stopping at the Weddell House, will favor our citizens with the results of his experience and the test he makes, should a lecture or a course be thought advisable." *Leader*, May 31, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 4.

1860 July 2 "If there are any of our numerous readers who imagine that Doctor Ayer, the well known physician at the Weddell House, belongs to that migratory class called 'traveling physicians' they are most egregiously mistaken. The doctor's system of practice is not employed by any other physician. Doctor Ayer cures Throat Disease, Catarrh, Asthma, Liver and Heart complaint." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1860.

1860 July 3 "The Engineers of the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad ... assembled at the Weddell last evening and dispatched a messenger to Mr. W. F. Smith, the well known master mechanic of the road. The messenger decoyed Mr. Smith to the Weddell with the plausible tale that a gentleman wanted to see him on important business. Mr. Smith came, was ushered into the gentlemen's parlor by Col. Ross, and was very much amazed at the audience he encountered there. Mr. F. T. Backus arose and fired a neat speech at him and presented him, on behalf of said audience, an elegant diamond pin, valued at $200." *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1860.

1860 July 3 The Cleveland Light Guards, invited the city council to attend the drill of the Chicago Zouaves on Friday, and also the dinner at the Weddell House. The invitation was accepted. *Leader*, July 4, 1860.

1860 July 6 "The eighty-fourth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence has passed away and we present brief notes of the doings upon that 'Day we celebrate.' ...

"The day (July 4) in the city was quiet with one or two exceptions. A little row occurred among the 'fancy' in the morning, in the saloon at the Weddell." *Leader*, July 6, 1860.

1860 July 10 "The Directors of the Lake Erie Horse Breeding Association met at the Weddell on Saturday and decided to hold a Fair at the Forest Grove Park on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 21, 22 and 23." *Leader*, July 10, 1860.

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1860 July 11 — Announcement was made that a dinner was to be served at the Weddell House for the visiting Chicago Zouaves, the city council, and invited guests. *Leader,* July 11, 1860.

1860 July 23 — "Every evening there may be seen parties of men in human form smoking five-cent segars in front of the Weddell, American, Johnson and Angier taverns. This smoke is very offensive to certain property-holders within a few miles of the Rolling Mill, and we are glad to hear that the Grand Jury will instantly indict these taverns." *Plain Dealer,* July 23, 1860.

1860 July 31 — "New Style. Several bachelor boarders at the Weddell, American, Angier and Johnson have made their appearance at the breakfast-table, during the last few mornings, with tar on their coats. The tar style promises to have a greater run than the garrote collar." *Plain Dealer,* July 31, 1860.

1860 Aug. 11 — "The Akron band returned last night on the *North Star* from Lake Superior. They showed much talent and skill, when they played two selections: 'The Mocking Bird' and 'The Irishman's Shanty' from the balcony of the Weddell House." *Leader,* Aug. 11, 1860, *Newspaper Annals,* XLIII, 203.

1860 Sept. 5 — "Magnificent Laces. - Ladies should not forget that Mr. Moerel is in town with a stock of laces not to be seen every day. His stock consists in part of point lace sets, pocket handkerchiefs, thread lace, shawls, veils, etc., etc. Ladies wishing to examine those laces can do so by sending a note to J. E. MOEREL, Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 5, 1860.

1860 Sept. 7 — "'Uncle' Hosea Sargent, of Boston, one of the few living veterans of the Battle of Lake Erie, who had been especially invited to attend the celebration attending of the Perry monument here, arrived and was 'bunked up' at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 7, 1860.

1860 Sept. 10 — After the impressive Masonic ceremonies in Public Square at the dedication of the memorial to Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the members of the fraternity marched to the Weddell House, under escort of several hundred Knights Templar, headed by Benjamin N. French, of Washington, D. C., most eminent grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the United States and a staff of state and local commanders from several states.

At the Weddell, the knights and other Masons were tendered a banquet prepared in the best style of Sir Knight Ross, its proprietor. *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 7, 10 and 11, 1860; *Leader*, Sept. 11, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 229.

1860 Sept. 11 "Lieut. Governor Ford and lady are stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 11, 1860.

1860 Sept. 24 "Lake Erie Horse Breeders Association. - This body will meet at the Weddell House to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 24, 1860.

1860 Nov. 17 Friends of C. F. Brown (Artemus Ward) gathered at the Weddell House on November 17th, and sent for Brown, to whom they presented a diamond pin in commemoration of his three years as associate editor of the *Plain Dealer*. The presentation was made by Mayor George B. Senter. *Leader*, Nov. 19, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 247; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 513.

1860 Nov. 28 "The vice president-elect, Hannibal Hamlin, arrived in Cleveland yesterday morning. In the evening Mr. Hamlin received his friends at the Weddell House. Hamlin will leave for Washington this morning." *Leader*, Nov. 29, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 380.

1860 Nov. 28 Students of the Western Homeopathic college, with the professors and the editorial corps as their guests met at the Weddell House on the evening of November 28 for their annual supper. *Leader*, Dec. 1, 1860, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIII, 193.

1861 Jan. 11 "Head-Quarters, 1st. Brig. 18th. Div. The commissioned Officers of the Brigade are requested to meet at the Weddell House on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., at 7 o'clock, W. F. Carey, Brigade Major." *Leader*, Jan. 11, 1861.

1861 Jan. 18 "We call attention to our stock of watches, jewelry, silverware, clocks, cutlery, &c. Don't Forget that we yet are on hand at 145 Weddell House. Cowles & Co." *Leader*, Jan. 18, 1861.

1861 Jan. 24 "The case of the fugitive slave woman, Sara Lucy Bagby, is causing intense interest. This is the first case of this kind in 19 years. It comes at a serious time. All public sympathy is with the fugitive.

A fund for the purchase of the woman was started; but her owner, W. S. Goshorn, refuses to sell her until he has taken her back to Virginia. The colored citizens are excited and angry, and there was a disposition among the colored waiters of the Weddell House to slight in table service the owner and his son, who were guests at the hotel. Mr. Ross was not disposed to allow ill treatment to guests from the servants of the house, however, and he discharged one of them this morning for improper conduct towards the Virginians.

"This recent excitement has caused a flutter among the fugitive slaves in this city. Two of the colored waiters at the Weddell House left yesterday for Canada and others are preparing to go." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 24, 1861.

1861
Jan. 30 "A colored waiter at the Weddell House received notice yesterday afternoon either from a friend solicitous for his welfare, or from some one mean enough to take advantage of the poor fellow's fears that his master was in town looking for him.

"The negro is a fugitive from Kentucky, and no sooner had he 'taken the sense' of the message, than he started off at a run, flew down the stairs, darted across the yard, disappeared through the gate, and for ought our informant knew may be running yet. If the information were true, there was some sense in his getting out of the way; if it were false, and intended as a joke, it was a miserably poor one." *Leader*, Jan. 30, 1861.

1861
Feb. 13 "Reception of President. The Hon. Abraham Lincoln, President-elect of the United States, will arrive in Cleveland on Friday next, at 4 o'clock P. M. He will be escorted by the Cleveland Grays and Light Artillery Regiment, from the Euclid street station to the Weddell House, where he will be received and welcomed by the Mayor and City Council. There will be a public reception at the Weddell from 5 to 9 o'clock P. M., at which the President-elect will be happy to see all who may honor him with a call." *Leader*, Feb. 13, 1861.

1861
Feb. 14 The Citizens' Committee to receive President-elect Lincoln met at the Weddell House. Judge S. J. Andrews was appointed to welcome the President-elect at the Weddell House, and introduce him to the people. *Leader*, Feb. 15, 1861.

1861
Feb. 14 Hon. Horace Greely stopped at the Weddell House enroute to Erie. *Leader*, Feb. 15, 1861; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1861.

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1861
Feb. 15 Abraham Lincoln visited Cleveland only once. An entirely nonpartisan meeting of citizens in the Gray's Armory had arranged for the reception of the man who was then on his way to assume the Presidency of the United States. Multitudes of people had arrived by train the day before, and the country round poured in its crowds in wagons, on horseback, and on foot, drawn by curiosity to see the Rail Splitter. The mud was terrible, and during the day it alternately rained and snowed, but a great many residences on Euclid Street were handsomely decorated with flags and various devices.

At the Euclid Street Depot the Artillery and Dragoons were drawn up in line on Euclid Street west from the station; the Phoenix Engine Company and the Firemen's Board were drawn up on the opposite side of the street. The Cleveland Grays were stationed to keep the platform and depot clear of the crowd.

The train of the presidential party arrived on time at four P. M., its approach being announced by the booming of cannon. The crowd surged forward, and it was all the police and militia could do to keep an unbroken line to permit the guests to pass to the carriages. Mr. Lincoln bowed graciously to the cheering throng and ascended to his carriage. The crowds lined the street. Lincoln rode in an open barouche, drawn by four white horses. "The procession included many wagons of the express companies, omnibuses of the Forest City Tool Co. and the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace Co., and a float containing a miniature full-rigged ship with a cannon on its decks. Thirty young men, mounted, escorted Robert Lincoln, son of the president-elect. Then came the firemen, the Light Dragoons, the Cleveland Light Artillery Brigade, and the Cleveland Grays, followed by the carriages containing the presidential party and various committees. The weather was raw, a drizzling mist filled the air, but the President rode with uncovered head all the way, acknowledging the cheers of the people." Windows, doors, doorways, porches, and in some cases roofs, were crowded with spectators.

Mr. J. G. Hussey's place was handsomely decorated, and a band of music was stationed on a platform next to the street. When Lincoln's carriage arrived opposite the house, Mr. Hussey walked out with his little daughter on his arm. The child presented Mr. Lincoln with a bouquet and was rewarded by a kiss.

By five o'clock, when the procession arrived at the Weddell House, both Bank and Superior Streets were densely crowded. Mr. Lincoln was conducted to the balcony and there welcomed to the city by I. U. Masters, president of the City Council. Judge Sherlock J. Andrews introduced the President to the waiting throng.

Mr. Lincoln acknowledged the address and the honor the people of Cleveland had given him by marching for two hours through the rain and mud to see him. He said he was glad to see the signs of Union spirit and happiness everywhere, and thought the present crisis was an artifical one which would soon die of its own accord. He was too tired to address them at length.

Colonel Ross of the Weddell House had reserved twenty nine suites for the party. During the evening the parlors of the house were crowded with guests eager to welcome the distinguished visitor. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln and their son, Robert, Colonel Sumner, Jamor Hunter, and George Nicolay, Mr. Lincoln's secretary. In the evening a supper was served, and all was gay until midnight when the visitors at last retired, allowing Mr. Lincoln to get some much needed rest. *Leader*, Feb. 16, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 440, 441; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 14, 1861; *ibid.*, Feb. 15, 1861; *ibid.*, Feb. 16, 1861; *Settlers Annals*, III, 757, 758; *ibid.*, V, 453; Hodge, *Reminiscences*, I, 133, 134; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 282, 283, 432; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, I, 102; *ibid.*, II, 70; Post, *Doan's Corners*, 185, 191.

1861
Feb. 21 "The following gentlemen are stopping at the Weddell House; Hons. F. C. Beaman, J. J. Newell, B. F. Granger, Geo. F. Bagley, and L. G. Berry, members of Congress from Michigan; Col. J. Mullen, U. S. A.; R. Kingman, Mass." *Leader*, Feb. 21, 1861.

1861
Mar. 12 "Among the arrivals at the Weddell House yesterday, we notice Hon. S. F. Glenn of the Pension Office, Washington City. He is the Agent of the Government to ferret out frauds on the Pension Office." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 12, 1861.

1861
Mar. 21 "Travel is increasing. All the railroad trains coming into the city are loaded to capacity. The Weddell House register is always full of out of town names." *Leader*, Mar. 21, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 537.

1861
Apr. 15 "We understand that on the 1st of May next the Union Ticket Office located in the Weddell House will be discontinued. After the first of May tickets can only be procured at the Depot Ticket Office." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 15, 1861.

1861 Apr. 2 — At the meeting of the city council on April 2, 1861, a claim of $500 was presented by the Weddell House, for entertaining President Lincoln and party, when Lincoln, as president-elect, visited Cleveland on his way to the inauguration. The claim was referred to the committee on claims. *Cleveland Council Journal* "L", 150.

1861 Apr. 22 — "The Head Quarters of the Continentals are under the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 22, 1861.

1861 Apr. 22 — "The Geneva Artillery Company, Capt. Dennis Kinney, Jr., arrived at 9:10 this morning, and were received at the depot by the Light Guards. . . . They number 20 men. They all took dinner at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 22, 1861.

1861 Apr. 26 — "Two Companies were quartered at the Weddell House last night. Over four hundred people stayed there over night." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 26, 1861.

1861 Apr. 27 — "Willey & Cory have removed to the Law Offices lately occupied by Paine & Wade, No. 139 Superior Street, under Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 27, 1861.

1861 May 11 — Baron Rothschild and suite arrived in this city Saturday night, May 11, 1861, and took elaborate quarters at the Weddell House. *Plain Dealer*, May 13, 1861.

1861 May 17 — "The Toledo *Herald & Times* pays the following tribute to the Weddell House, Nash speaks by the card: 'Not to know Col. Ross, and his assistants, Theo. Ross, Mike Heedy, (better known as "Gen. Mike," particularly in these war times), and Sisson of the Weddell House, Cleveland as those who can manage and "keep a hotel," is to know very little in the epicurean world, and indeed we might say throughout the world, for on the occasion of our recently stopping at this popular hotel, our friends and acquaintances Baron Rothschild and suite, were guests at it also. For superb fare and good accommodations generally, commend us to the Weddell. The Col. is a trump, Theo. do., and Mike do., three aces - and Sisson and the gent behind the bar, who notes your smiles, are also good cards, making a full in fact - an ace full, which on an average is a hard

hand to beat. The Weddell we notice is made the headquarters of the Toledo boys mostly, and they could not get more comfortable quarters, let them go where they would. The Weddell, long may it wave - your health, Mike.'" *Plain Dealer*, May 17, 1861.

1861
June 19 "The committee appointed to arrange for the celebration of the Fourth of July met at the Weddell House last night." *Leader*, June 19, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 307.

1861
July 3 "The commencement exercises of the Cleveland Institute, University Heights, begin at 9 o'clock this morning, - the program for the occasion will be found highly entertaining. Those wishing to be present will find Stevens 'omnibuses' at the Weddell at 8½ o'clock A. M." *Leader*, July 3, 1861.

1861
July 4 "The Norwalk Band arrived on the 8:25 Toledo Train. It played for half an hour from the Weddell balcony." *Leader*, July 4, 1861.

1861
July 10 "Monsieur Berger exhibited his wonderful skill with the cue to a considerable number of spectators last evening. ... Monsieur Berger will play at the Weddell House this afternoon at three o'clock in order to accommodate ladies who may wish to have an opportunity of beholding what he can accomplish." *Leader*, July 10, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 295.

1861
July 15 "By the *Northern Light*, which arrived this morning from Lake Superior came a mammoth brook trout, full six pounds weight, sent by 'Bob' Weaver to the Weddell House. This is probably the largest brook trout ever caught in Northern waters, and a more perfect fish never seized a bait." *Leader*, July 15, 1861.

1861
Aug. 1 "Two young men got into a dispute yesterday afternoon at the Weddell House, and from high words came to bowie knives. Considerable brandishing was done, but finally they were interfered with, and no blood resulted." *Leader*, Aug. 1, 1861.

1861
Aug. 3 "The Cleveland Grays were tendered a complimentary banquet at the Weddell House on the occasion of their return to Cleveland after completion of their ninety days of service in Washington, D. C., as volunteers in the first call for troops for the federal armies." *Leader*, Aug. 3, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 160, 161.

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1861 Aug 12 "Hon. J. A. Wright, formerly Governor of Indiana and late Minister to Prussia, arrived at the Weddell House upon his journey home, on Saturday evening." *Leader*, Aug. 12, 1861.

1861 Aug. 12 Capt. Cotter of Co. D., 4th Battery Ohio Artillery, arrived with forty recruits for his company. They were quartered at the Weddell House and later sent on to Columbus. Captain Cotter planned to open recruiting offices in the city and to make his headquarters at Weddell House. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 13, 1861; *Leader*, Aug. 16, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 94.

1861 Aug. 19 "Judge Milton Sutliff, of the Ohio Supreme Bench, this morning came in from his home at Warren, and is stopping at the Weddell." *Leader*, Aug. 19, 1861.

1861 Aug. 24 "The McClellan Dragoons, 137 in number, left on the Pittsburgh trains this morning. ... The officers of the company were quartered at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Aug. 24, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 168.

1861 Aug. 27 "Last evening, Lieut. A. S. Bradley arrived in the City with twenty-three men for Capt. Cotter's battery. They were quartered at the Weddell House last night and proceed to Camp Chase today." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 27, 1861.

1861 Aug. 29 "B. W. Blanchard, General Freight Agent and E. S. Spencer, General Western Agent of the N. Y. S. E. R. R. and Edwin Bynner, Agent of the Commercial Steamboat Company, North River, are at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 29, 1861.

1861 Aug. 31 "Col. Beatty and Lieut-Colonel Holingsworth of the 19th Regiment, were at the Weddell yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 31, 1861.

1861 Sept. 7 "Capt. Cotter arrived last evening with 26 men from Gauley Bridge. He desires fifty more men to fill up his battery. ... Capt. Cotter is at the Weddell and receives recruits up to Thursday. Capt. Cotter's battery is Co. A. 1st. Regiment, Ohio Artillery, under Col. James Barnett." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 7, 1861.

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1861 Sept. 12 "Col. Terry and about twenty-five Officers of the 5th Michigan Regiment took breakfast at the Weddell House this morning." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 12, 1861.

1861 Oct. 1 "A very elegant sword was presented to Colonel Barnett of the First Ohio Artillery by a number of his friends. Presentation was made at the Weddell House by George B. Senter, (Mayor)." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 183.

1861 Oct. 1 "Capt. J. F. Asper of Co. H, 7th Ohio, will be at the Weddell House Oct. 3 for the purpose of recruiting more men for this crack regiment." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 97.

1861 Oct. 24 "Dr. Ayer from the Cincinnati Lung institute may now be visited at the Weddell House. ... He alone practices the Aerian system of cure. He has met with remarkable success in the cure of the Bronchocele, or Enlarged Neck, which is so prevalent along the Lake Shore." *Leader*, Oct. 24, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 347.

1861 Nov. 25 "Captain Ross of the Weddell House gave an elegant supper to the officers of the second Ohio Cavalry Nov. 23. A large number of military gentlemen and citizens were present. The evening passed off in the most pleasant and enjoyable manner." *Leader*, Nov. 25, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 520.

1861 Dec. 3 "The festival of the St. Andrew's society of this city took place last evening at the Weddell House. The attendance was very large, being made up of a large number of true Scots, with a goodly representation of English and Americans. The Reverend Mr. McGill opened the proceedings with prayer, following which a magnificent supper was served. ... Toasts were proposed to 'The Queen and President' - Chief Magistrates of our native and adopted countries. 'God save the Queen' and 'Star Spangled Banner' were sung, after which all adjourned to the dancing room and 'chased the glowing hours with flying feet.'" *Leader*, Dec. 3, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 374.

1862 Jan. 2 "Apples! Apples! 250 bbls. choice Winter apples on hand and for sale by J. P. Hutchinson, Weddell House, Bank Street." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1862.

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1862 Jan. 13 "Speedy and Radical Cure of Throat, Lung, and Heart, and other chronic diseases. Dr. I. Winslow has permanent offices in the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio, where he may be consulted daily." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1862.

1862 Jan. 14 "An evening with Poets and Comic Prose Writers. On Wednesday evening the 15th inst. at 8 o'clock, by the kind permission of Mr. Ross, and at the instance of some of the inhabitants of Cleveland. Professor Siddons, will give an entirely new Section of Readings, Pathetic and humorous, at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Admission 25¢, tickets to be had at office." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1862.

1862 Jan. 22 The executive committee of the state board of agriculture met at the Weddell House, consulting about matters connected with the state fair. *Leader*, Jan. 23, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 336; *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 23, 1862.

1862 Feb. 1 "Floyd & Camp have removed their recruiting-office for (Colonel James) Barnett's Artillery to 137 Superior street (Weddell House) where they will cheerfully 'take in' all who wish to 'go now' for the war." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 1, 1862.

1862 Mar. 4 "The dancing party at the Weddell House last evening was a delightful affair. The inclement weather kept many away; still there were enough ladies and gentlemen present to make the dancing pass off pleasantly. A sumptuous supper was not the least important feature of the party." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 4, 1862.

1862 Mar. 5 "'Mike's Place.' Everybody in Cleveland, and many out of it -- know 'General Mike,' who for a number of years past has been head clerk in the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 5, 1862.

1862 Apr. 4 A large number of prominent citizens of all parties, who were dissatisfied both with the action of the Union primary meetings in several of the wards and with certain nominations by the Union convention, met at the Weddell House for the purpose of presenting to the people of the city an equitably divided general ticket, and to the people of the first, third, and eleventh wards tickets believed to be the choice of the people of those wards. *Leader*, Apr. 5, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 509.

1862 July 11 "The *Detroit Advertiser and Tribune* says, 'Cleveland business men assured us that business there was never better, and during our stay appearances supported their statements. The street railroads add materially to the live aspect of the town and they are paying well, one car having taken in $50 on a recent day.

"'The travel through there is immense, every boat and car being loaded, and they all stop at the Weddell House ... when it is their privilege to stop at all.'" *Leader*, July 11, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 36.

1862 July 22 "Brigadier General Gillmore, U. S. Army, arrived in Cleveland and was at the Weddell House yesterday." *Leader*, July 22, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 213.

1862 Aug. 6 "General D. S. Stanley and General Garfield were at the Weddell House yesterday." *Leader*, Aug. 6, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 218.

1862 Sept. 3 "The secretary of the state board of agriculture has opened an office in the Weddell House ... to receive entries of articles for exhibition at the ensuing state fair." *Leader*, Sept. 3, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 338.

1862 Sept. 30 "C. E. Bradley and J. E. Gimperling, conductors on the Miami railroad, were at the Weddell House yesterday." *Leader*, Sept. 30, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 579.

1862 Oct. 15 "Brigadier General Tyler was at the Weddell House yesterday." *Leader*, Oct. 15, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 244.

1862 Nov. 11 "Col. J. W. Reilly of the 104th O., is at the Weddell House today." *Leader*, Nov. 11, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 253.

1862 Nov. 27 "Colonel J. P. Ross of the Weddell House will assume proprietorship of the Angier House in Dec. 1. He will keep the Weddell open as usual until Jan. 1, 1863, when it will be closed (for remodeling) for the winter." *Leader*, Nov. 27, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 392.

1862 Dec. 23 "Major Hampson of the 124th regiment, who has been confined to his room at the Weddell House for two or three weeks with a severe

sprain, which he received when he jumped off the Columbus train at the foot of Superior st., is slowly recovering but is not yet able to get out." *Leader*, Dec. 23, 1862, *Newspaper Annals*, XLV, 9.

1863
Jan. 1 "The Weddell House on Fire - Narrow Escape from an Extensive Conflagration. - Great Damage from Water. - About six o'clock last evening Dec. 31 one of the men employed in the Weddell House discovered that the building was on fire in the fourth story, and gave the alarm at once. Those who hastened upstairs found the hall on the fourth floor filled with smoke, and flames emerging from room No. 52, which is in the main part of the building. The people employed in the Hotel began to carry water upstairs in pails, but it was evident that they were entirely inadequate for the work of suppressing the flames. In the meantime, the alarm had been sounded throughout the city and the steam fire engine was brought out. The steamer was fired up and ready for operation before the hose was carried up the stairways and put in position for playing upon the flames. Chief Engineer Ed. Hart was among the first on hand, and superintended the work of extinguishing the flames. The members of Phoenix Engine Co., No. 4., although disbanded, and of other fire companies in the city, were early at the scene of danger and aided materially in subduing the flames.

"After a stream was brought to play upon room No. 52, it was discovered that the fire had communicated to the upper story. It was proposed to carry the pipe up the flight of stairs leading to the story above, and Mr. Ed. Pritchard and Mr. George Murray attempted to perform the operation in the midst of a volume of suffocating smoke. Ed. Pritchard fell back, nearly strangled into the arms of his companions, and was borne away. Medical attendance had to be called in order to revive him. He was carried home in a carriage, shortly after, and was much better at last accounts.

"The fire was subdued in a short time, though the building was flooded with water. Hose was brought into the building from the Hydrant, which performed good service. A great portion of the furniture was already removed to the Angier House. Numbers of lodgers at the hotel removed their trunks and other baggage from their rooms. For a short time, the house presented a scene of the greatest excitement, but as it became apparent that the flames would be subdued, the excitement subsided.

"The fire originated in No. 52, where one of the boarders was engaged yesterday in packing away some bedding, straw ticks, &c. She had used a candle, it is supposed, which in some accidental manner had communicated fire to the bedding. The loss by fire is small but the damage by water considerable. We have not heard it estimated as yet. It is doubtless covered by insurance.

"City Marshal Gallagher was early on hand with his police force, and established guards throughout the building to prevent anything being carried away.

"One source of congratulation to our citizens, in this misfortune, is the satisfactory manner in which the steam fire engine performed.

"It was the first time she has had a trial, and as far as we can learn it was every way a source of congratulation." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1863.

1863 Jan. 1 — "The Weddell House closes to-day, fow how long we do not know, probably for two or three months." *Leader*, Jan. 1, 1863.

1863 Jan. 1 — C. S. Butts & Son were in charge of the Weddell House when it was closed for remodeling on January 1, 1863. At that time the main entrance was transferred from Bank Street to Superior Avenue. "A large bronze lion was installed on either side of the entrance, and they became famous Cleveland landmarks." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 29, 1929; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431.

1863 Jan. 2 — "The Weddell House Fire ... The estimated loss is between three and four thousand dollars; mostly from the torrents of water poured in upon the building." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1863.

1863 Jan. 8 — One of the guests at the Weddell House was reported to have cashed a forged check at a bank after having been identified by local business men into whose good graces he had wormed himself. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1863.

1863 Feb. 9 — "John Clerfoote was arrested by Officer McIntyre on the charge of attempted burglary. Mike Heady of the Weddell House captured Clerfoote as he was allegedly trying to break into a hotel on Bank st. on Feb. 7." *Leader*, Feb. 9, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 22.

1863 Feb. 27 — "H. P. Weddell, proprietor of the Weddell House on the west side, is thoroughly renovating the hotel. Repairs are being made by the original architect and builder, George P. Smith." *Leader*, Feb. 27, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 267.

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1863
Mar. 4 "Repairs of the Weddell House are going forward briskly. Several months will be consumed in fitting the house for occupancy." *Leader*, Mar. 4, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 267.

1863
July 1 "Cleveland & Pittsburgh R. R., Summer Arrangement. To take effect Monday April 27, 1863. ... Through tickets can be procured at the Union Ticket Office, Weddell House, at the Depot, or at the Euclid Street Station. J. N. McCullough, Superintendent. F. R. Myers, G. T. Agent." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1863.

1863
Sept. 4 "We have received information direct from H. P. Weddell, Esq., stating that he has leased the Weddell House to the Kirkwood brothers. 'General Mike' Heady, who has been with the Weddell House ever since it opened 18 years ago, will be clerk under the new management." *Leader*, Sept. 4, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 267.

1864 During the time of the Civil War and prior thereto Cleveland was a hot-bed of patriotism, and naturally the hotel lobbies were filled with excited Union patriots who talked war. The Weddell House had its share of war talk.

During 1864 a stirring incident happened at the Weddell House. Its landlords were the Kirkwood brothers, Southern men from Baltimore. Cleveland patriots naturally supposed that they were Rebel sympathizers, although, so far as can be learned, they were discreetly silent as to their political views.

One day a number of Cleveland patriots became so excited that they formed a small mob, procured several cannons and loaded them, and moved on the Weddell House with the purpose of blowing it and its landlords to smithereens. The mob went to the Bank Street side of the hotel and faced its cannons toward the hotel entrance.

Before any harm could be done, however, Horace P. Weddell made a speech in which he pleaded with the men, saying that, if they fired at the building they would only damage his property, and not injure the landlords in the least. The mob then dispersed. *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1903.

1864
Jan. 20 The Weddell House was reopened under the management of J. H. and A. W. Kirkwood of the Kirkwood House, Washington. The house was entirely refurnished and painted. All rooms were carpeted and the parlors were refurnished elaborately. Dining room silverware was from Tiffany's, New York.

The main entrance was moved from Superior street to Bank street and the two bronze lions so familiar to Clevelanders for many years were placed at the ladies' entrance on Superior street. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 18 and 21, 1864; Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 431, 432; Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65, 101; *Leader*, Jan. 18, 20, and 21, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 130.

1864
Jan. 21 "The opening of the Weddell House yesterday was largely attended. The saloon was well patronized and several citizens devoted themselves 'with great energy' to this branch. The wine cellar was furnished by Messrs. Chazournes and Son, and Lawrence Myers and Son. Leland's band 'serenaded' from the balcony." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1864.

1864
Jan. 25 Some of the soldiers of the 25th Regiment arrived in Cleveland and were quartered at the Weddell House. *Leader*, Jan. 25, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 337, 338.

1864
Feb. 6 "The Legislative Committees on Benevolent Institutions, arrived in town yesterday afternoon and stopped at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 6, 1864.

1864
Feb. 23 "The great Sanitary Fair, about which, not only our own people but Northern Ohio generally, has been in such a flutter of expectancy, was inaugurated yesterday with great eclat. ... At half-past nine o'clock the State Legislature arrived from Columbus - having left that town at four o'clock A. M. They were accompanied by Major General Heintzleman and Major Johnson, of his staff, also by Lieutenant Governor Anderson, and speaker Hubbell, of the House. Governor Brough was expected, but did not arrive - being kept at the Capitol, owing to the press of official duties. The above distinguished gentlemen left the train at the foot of Superior street, where they were met by the Mayor and Councilmen, escorted to the Weddell House and quartered therein as the city's guests. During the morning they were shown through the various departments of the Fair building, with all of which they expressed themselves highly pleased - particularly with Floral Hall - one of the party who had visited the Cincinnati Fair, remarked that it excelled anything connected therewith.

"At noon the party were made the recipients of a public dinner at the Weddell, at which the Mayor, Council, City Press, and a few invited guests also participated." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 23, 1864.

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1864 Mar. 1 — "Mr. Gatland, costumer from Detroit, is now stopping at the Weddell House with a fine selection of costumes for masqueraders.

"From what we hear, the masquerade of Co. E, on Thursday evening next, will be the finest of the season. Persons wishing costumes should apply to Mr. Gatland to-morrow." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1864.

1864 Mar. 10 — "Messrs. J. H. & A. W. Kirkwood of the Weddell House, donated $100 to the Treasury of the Fair." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 10, 1864.

1864 May 21 — "The colored waiters at the Weddell House demanded that the head waiter be colored also, or they would strike. A few days later Messrs. Kirkwood installed white waiters and fired all the colored help." *Leader*, May 21, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 131.

1864 June 30 — John Wilkes Booth, actor, and later murderer of Abraham Lincoln, stopped at the Weddell House. *Leader*, July 1, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 275.

1864 July 1 — "Cleveland & Pittsburgh R. R. Summer Arrangement To take effect Monday, May 16, 1864. Through Tickets can be procured at the Union Ticket Office, Weddell House, at the Depot, or at Euclid Street Station. J. H. Devereux, Superintendent, F. R. Myers, G. T. Agent." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1864.

1864 July 26 — "On Sunday morning (July 24) a man, representing himself as Lieut. G. Crawford, stopping at the Weddell House, called and got a horse from the Livery Stable of Fred Kimberly on Champlain Street, with which to ride about town.

"When, however, he had not returned yesterday morning, Mr. Kimberly, becoming suspicious, enquired if such a person were stopping at the Hotel, and was answered in the negative. The horse and buggy are valued at $190. The following description has been given; horse brown 15 hands high, white stripe in the face; buggy low topped lately patched; harness silver mounted." *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 1864.

1864 July 28 — "Governor Jackson and General Sted, of Rhode Island, were at the Weddell House this morning. They come as a Committee, appointed by the Bureau of Agriculture of Washington, to gather statistics concerning the flax culture throughout the country." *Plain Dealer*, July 28, 1864.

1864 Aug. 4 — A meeting of the several county military committees from the 19th congressional district was held at the Weddell House. *Leader*, Aug. 5, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 186; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 8, 1864.

1864 Aug. 4 — Detective Sheriff Whitney assisted in the arrest of George Munson (Mason) and William Harris Aug. 4. They were charged with taking valuables worth $200 from the Weddell House. *Leader*, Aug. 6, 1864, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVII, 15; *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 5, 1864.

1864 Aug. 6 — "A meeting of military committees was held at the Weddell House for the purpose of organizing another regiment in the 19th congressional district." Robison, *Cleveland*, I, 93.

1864 Sept. 10 — "The Fifth Ward McClellan Club learning by accident that Hon. George E. Pugh had arrived in the city last evening, proceeded at the conclusion of their meeting to the Weddell House and gave the Ex-Senator a fine serenade. In answer to the compliment, Mr. Pugh appeared on the balcony and being introduced by Mr. Peixotto, spoke briefly." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1864.

1864 Sept. 13 — "Colonel C. H. Sargent, of Cincinnati, formerly of this city, has been in town several days, stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 13, 1864.

1864 Sept. 15 — "We were honored this morning by a call from Curtis Guild, Esq., Editor and proprietor of the *Boston Commercial Bulletin*, the best commercial paper in the United States. ... He is at present stopping at the Weddell, and will remain in town until tomorrow." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 15, 1864.

1864 Sept. 20 — "We were this morning honored with a call from Brigadier General Kiernan, of Cincinnati, at present in town, stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 20, 1864.

1864 Sept. 27 — "Mr. Sherman and Mr. Gallagher, Esq., on Saturday night at the Weddell House, proposed a bet of $25 that Mr. G. could not bring him, up to Monday night, any man who would bet $5,000 on Gen. McClellan carrying the legal vote of the State of New York.

"Mr. Gallagher brought on Monday morning at about 11 o'clock Mr. Geo. W. Sizer, who informed Mr. Young at the desk of the Weddell House that he had come to make the bet proposed. Mr. Sherman was not on hand, but at night came and deposited his check with Mr. Young. Today, about 10 o'clock Mr. Sizer deposited his check. The bet is therefore taken." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 27, 1864.

1865 Jan. 17 "The Messrs. Kirkwood, proprietors of the Weddell House, plan to enlarge the hotel, due to so many guests being turned away for lack of sleeping quarters. It is now one of the finest hotels in the country and with the contemplated improvement will be superior to anything between New York and St. Louis." *Leader*, Jan. 17, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 179.

1865 Jan. 28 "Wm. B. Astor, the New York Millionaire, was in town yesterday, stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 28, 1865.

1865 Feb. 7 "The treatment of southern prisoners in the North is in most striking contrast to that of the Union prisoners in the South, and affords evidence that retaliation has not yet been commenced. We chronicle the fact that three confederate prisoners were guests at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Feb. 7, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 361.

1865 Mar. 1 "Artemus Ward. The celebrated humorist whileom (sic) 'Local' on this paper, is stopping at the Weddell. He will open his budget of Salt Lake curiosities in this city next week." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1865.

1865 Apr. 5 Captain F. A. Nash, provost marshal of the Cleveland district, who was later convicted for illegal military service manipulation, arrived in Cleveland and stayed at the Weddell House. *Leader*, Apr. 6, 8, 1865; *ibid.*, May 25, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 334, 336.

1865 Apr. 22 When it became known that the funeral cortege of Abraham Lincoln would pass through Cleveland, a general committee of arrangements, headed by Mayor Senter, procured 50 rooms and two parlors in the Weddell House for the funeral party. *Leader*, Apr. 24 and 25, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 161, 162.

1865 Apr. 28 — The Lincoln funeral party, as guests of the city, were quartered at the Weddell House. *Leader*, May 1, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 165.

1865 Apr. 28 — A large crowd with a band assembled in front of the Weddell House and called for General Hooker. He made his appearance on the balcony, but declined to speak. The Hon. J. A. Ashley then made his appearance and rebuked the crowd for attempting to extract speeches from the guard of honor of the dead president, and the crowd immediately dispersed. *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 29, 1865; *Leader*, May 1, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 164.

1865 May 9 — "We had the honor of a call from Mr. Charles F. Browne ('Artemus Ward') who arrived in town this morning and is stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, May 9, 1865.

1865 May 25 — General Custer of the cavalry arrived in Cleveland on his way to join General Sheridan in the trans-Mississippi region. He was greeted here by Mayor Chapin and several prominent citizens. With him were four members of his staff. They stopped at the Weddell House. *Plain Dealer*, May 25, 1865; *Leader*, May 26, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 323.

1865 May 26 — "Gentlemen representing twenty-five manufacturing firms of Mowers and Reapers met in convention at the Weddell House yesterday for the purpose of affecting a general reduction of their prices to correspond with the decline of gold, which was accomplished to a certain extent; and the convention adjourned." *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 1865.

1865 May 27 — "Theodore Tilton, of the *New York Independent*, and lady, are stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, May 27, 1865.

1865 June 3 — "General Sprague and family are stopping at Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, June 3, 1865.

1865 June 6 — "General Hazen is in town stopping at the Weddell. Major W. S. Kennan, Colonel J. T. Husse, Mr. Hunter, of New York, and other prominent gentlemen are at the Weddell. The Strakosh Opera Troupe arrived this morning and are stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, June 6, 1865.

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1865 June 14 — "Wanted - A Good Pastry Cook - a female preferred. Apply at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, June 14, 1865.

1865 June 14 — "The successful tragedian Mr. Charles Pope has been in town a few days stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, June 14, 1865.

1865 June 19 — "Brigadier General Pritchard and lady were at the Weddell yesterday. General Pritchard is the Michigan officer who was breveted Brigadier General for capturing Jeff Davis." *Plain Dealer*, June 19, 1865.

1865 June 28 — "The Weddell House. This magnificent hotel is daily filled with travellers from the North, South, East and West. Under the proprietorship of the Messrs. Kirkwood, the Weddell has acquired the reputation of being the best kept hotel west of New York. The table is unsurpassed, and every department of the hotel is managed with remarkable ability. The office is under the management of Messrs. Bingham, Johnson and Seger, who are polite and accommodating to the stranger who seeks the Weddell for a sojourn." *Plain Dealer*, June 28, 1865.

1865 July 3 — "We had the pleasure of a visit this morning from our genial friend Amos Layman, Esq., the vigorous and efficient editor of the *Columbus Statesman*. Mr. L. is stopping st the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1865.

1865 July 6 — "The hotels in this city on the Fourth were filled to their utmost capacity, and their proprietors had no cause of complaint for the want of patronage. The Weddell ... had, of course, a full share of visitors." *Plain Dealer*, July 6, 1865.

1865 July 8 — "Major General Schofield was in town yesterday at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 8, 1865.

1865 July 12 — "Mrs. Commodore C. Vanderbilt is in town, stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1865.

1865 July 12 — "As an evidence that the editor of the *Ohio Statesman* was well treated during his stay in Cleveland, we quote his opinion of the Weddell.

"'In all its arrangements and all its appointments, the Weddell is superb and complete - unsurpassed by those of any other Hotel in the United States. It is splendidly furnished from bottom to top; its rooms and its beds are elegant; its tables are spread with the best the markets afford. Its proprietors - the Messrs. Kirkwood - are educated, courteous gentlemen, and accomplished hotel keepers; their assistants and clerks are efficient and accommodating; their waiters and other employers (sic) are attentive and obliging. In short, the Weddell is all that may be desired, and is entitled to the highest commendation we can bestow.'

"It seems that in addition to feeding Layman with the rarest delicacies, the Kirkwoods gave him a taste of their wine, and over it thus Amos discourses: 'We have never been called to pass judgement upon anything fine or more delicious than their Native Champagne or Sparkling Isabella, produced by M. Duroy, of Cleveland. Its purity and flavor will commend it to all wine drinkers, as in the highest degree, excellent and to be desired.'

"There are some other matters not connected with the Weddell that our Presbyterian friend leaves unnoticed! But we will not tell on him - if he don't repeat it." *Plain Dealer*, July 12, 1865.

1865
July 13 "Colonel George W. McCook, of Jefferson County, is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1865.

1865
July 15 "Yesterday, a well dressed gentleman stopped at the Weddell. After depositing $2,000 in the safe, he proceeded to imbibe several times. - Getting pretty boozy he came up-stairs, and addressed several guests, none of whom answered him. Finally, he proceeded up to one of the large mirrors, and seeing himself therein, commenced a conversation. 'See here stranger, do you belong to this house; if you do, talk to me; for they are d--d unsociable, hereabouts.'" *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1865.

1865
July 18 "Major General Schofield and family and Chief of staff, Col. Wheery, arrived at the Weddell this morning. The General will leave for West Point this afternoon, for a few days, prior to joining his command in North Carolina.

"After Battery 'B' and the 107th had breakfasted on the Square they returned and drew up in front of the Weddell.

"The General, after considerable cheering, appeared on the balcony and made the soldiers a neat little address which was received with considerable enthusiasm." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1865.

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1865 July 25 — "Brigadier General Opdyke was at the Weddell yesterday. Senator Sherman was at the Weddell last night." *Plain Dealer*, July 25, 1865.

1865 July 26 — "Colonel Wilcox, Assistant Provost Marshal of this State, was at the Weddell last night." *Plain Dealer*, July 26, 1865.

1865 July 29 — General Rutherford B. Hayes came to Cleveland to give the dedicatory oration of the memorial to the 23d Ohio Regiment in Woodland Cemetery. He stayed at the Weddell House. *Plain Dealer*, July 29, 1865.

1865 Sept. 1 — "Among the distinguished guests, to arrive at Weddell House yesterday, were Governor Anderson, General Cox, and the Honorable Justice Swayne of the U. S. Supreme Court. They are here to attend the funeral services of the late Governor Brough." *Leader*, Sept. 1, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 240.

1865 Sept. 8 — "The Democrats serenaded the Hon. George Pendleton and the Hon. George Pugh, who were staying at Weddell House. The group, headed by Father Matthew's band, marched to the Weddell House, where a number of stirring tunes were played. Pendleton addressed them briefly, saying that he believed in the Democratic party and the Democratic nominee for governor, General Morgan." *Leader*, Sept. 8, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 131.

1865 Sept. 26 — "In September occurred the memorable visit of Sir S. Morton Peto, the greatest of English railway contractors, and a large company of English and Spanish capitalists, while on a tour of inspection of the A. & G. W. railway in which their capital had been invested. The party was headed by James McHenry, the prime mover in the railroad enterprise, and Sir Morton Peto. There were also noted bankers, manufacturers, mine owners, engineers, brokers and representatives of Spanish dukes and marquises, making in all the most remarkable mercantile body of men that has ever visited the city. Their coming aroused peculiar and sympathetic interest from the fact that they were the men who projected and constructed the great railroad during the period of war, when other citizens of England were prophesying and wishing the downfall of our Republic, and when investments in America were considered as very precarious. Such a substantial proof of their confidence, together with the commercial prosperity which the new road promised for Cleveland,

was sufficient to secure an enthusiastic reception. They were presented on 'change, fifty carriages conducted them on a tour of the city, and, in the evening, a great feast was provided at the Weddell House, where the American, English and Spanish flags were suspended together, and happy speeches of mutual congratulation were made." *Leader*, Sept. 26, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 259.

1865 Oct. 7 "The Hon. John Sherman arrived in the city yesterday and stopped at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 7, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 129.

1865 Dec. 8 "The proprietors of the Weddell House served up to their numerous guests yesterday a magnificent Thanksgiving day dinner." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 8, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 174.

1865 Dec. 27 "A party of some 40 of our prominent business men gave a brilliant complimentary dinner to R. M. N. Taylor, Esq., Dec. 23, at the Weddell House. Gen. J. W. Fitch presided over the entertainment. Short speeches were made by Mr. Taylor, John C. Grannis, and a letter was read from ex-mayor Senter, regretting the necessity of his absence." *Leader*, Dec. 27, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 301.

1866 Jan. 16 "Weddell House, Cleveland, Jan. 12, 1866. On and after Jan. 16th, 1866, board per day, $3. Less than a day charged by the meal viz: Breakfast $1. Dinner $1. Supper $1. Lodgings $1. J. H. & A. W. Kirkwood, Proprietors." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1866.

1866 Feb. 16 "At a meeting of the U. S. Commercial Travelers association in the Weddell House yesterday, W. M. Adams was elected president and S. L. Parks, secretary. Thirty-five delegates were in attendance. The object of the meeting was to form a protective association for travelers." *Leader*, Feb. 16, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 807.

1866 Mar. 1 "Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio. J. H. & A. W. Kirkwood - - - Proprietors." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 1, 1866.

1866 Mar. 13 "The Honorables J. H. Godman, Auditor of the State, and J. S. Warner, Treasurer of State, are at the Weddell House to-day." *Plain Dealer*, Mar. 13, 1866.

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1866 May 9 — "Meeting of the Driving Park Association. A meeting of the members of this Association was recently held at the Weddell House. ... The price of subscription for the coming season was fixed at $15 for gentlemen and their families." *Plain Dealer*, May 9, 1866.

1866 May 31 — "Michael Phelan, Dion, the champion and other billiard celebrities are sojourning at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, May 31, 1866.

1866 July 3 — "The demonstration at the Weddell House was held for Colonel Roberts, the Fenian president." *Leader*, July 3, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 180.

1866 July 16 — "An eloping couple from Columbus were stopped here by the Cleveland police, who informed the man that they had orders to prevent the marriage. No objection was raised, and the young man went on parole to the Weddell House." *Leader*, July 16, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 308.

1866 Aug 2 — "A new *Express Directory of The United States*, compiled and published by Geo. W. Hawes, at Baltimore, Maryland. This work when completed, will contain the names of all the Express Companies' offices in the United States, and a complete Post Office Directory, compiled up to May 1st, 1866. The general agent, Mr. C. H. Bass, is at present in the city stopping at the Weddell House, and will with his agents, canvass our city for orders for the work, which ought to be liberally subscribed to." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 2, 1866.

1866 Aug. 2 — "The officers of the 197th O. V. I. will hold a reunion at the Weddell House on Aug. 7." *Leader*, Aug. 2, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 820.

1866 Aug. 15 — "More Frightened than Hurt. An Akron gentleman was badly frightened at the Weddell House, yesterday or the day before. He was taken suddenly sick, and a violent vomiting fit showing some scarlet accessories, he concluded that the violence of the eruption had made him burst a blood vessel. Horror stricken, he at once wrote to a West Side friend, urging him to join him instantly, as he had but a short time to live. The friend hastened to the hotel, when an examination showed that the scarlet accessories were nothing more or less than bits of tomatoes, of which the frightened gentleman had devoured an immense number the day before! He is now doing well." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 15, 1866.

1866 Aug. 20 "Mr. Stevens will have an ample line of omnibuses on duty to carry people to and from the Horse Fair. They will leave the Weddell House, each day, punctually at one o'clock P. M." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 20, 1866.

1866 Aug. 22 "Tickets for the great Horse Fair can be had at the offices of the Weddell. ... To avoid the great rush at the gates, purchase your tickets before you start." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1866.

1866 Aug. 31 "Mr. George Bingham, at present the popular Chief Clerk of the Weddell House, will resign, that position tomorrow, to take charge of the Parmele House, at Painesville." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 31, 1866.

1866 Sept. 3 "The Nation's Guests, President Johnson and Party in Cleveland. The Reception, The Supper and the Procession. Full Programme of the Exercises.

"The Committee from the Ninth District, consisting of Hons. Thomas P. Finefrock, Warren P. Noble, William E. Hagyness, John H. McArdle, Frank Baker, and many others to welcome the President, arrived this morning at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 3, 1866.

1866 Sept. 15 "To report the Convention. The following gentlemen of the press, will arrive this evening and stop at the Weddell House: John Clenahan, *New York Herald;* Benjamin C. Truman, *New York Times;* William B. Smart, *Boston Post;* and George Knapp, Editor-in-Chief of the *Missouri Republican.*" *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 15, 1866.

1866 Sept. 17 "Soldiers and Sailors Convention, First day. The Religious Exercises in the Pavilion on Sunday. The delegates from the several states may be found at the following places. Kansas - Room, 38 Weddell; Nebraska - Room, 80 Weddell; California - Room, 129 Weddell; Missouri - Room, 98 Weddell. Gen. Morgan L. Smith. We had the pleasure of meeting at the head-quarters of the Missouri delegation at the Weddell House with Brevet General Morgan L. Smith of the Union Army. The Illinois Delegates this morning met at No. 77 Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 17, 1866.

1866 Sept. 22 "The executive committee of the National Billiard association met at the Weddell House pursuant to a resolution passed at its formation in New York on Sept. 3." *Leader*, Sept. 22, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 210.

1866 Sept. 26 "In a letter to the *Washington Chronicle*, from this city, we find the following paragraph:

"'Cleveland boasts several creditable hotels. Prominent among them is the Weddell House, which, in all its details, is equal to the best first class hotel in the country. It is presided over by the genial Brothers Kirkwood, long celebrated in Washington as the best of Caterers and most attentive of hosts. From wine cellar to attic, in kitchen, dining room, and chamber, the Weddell's unsurpassed as a travelers' home, in comfort, elegance, and assiduous attention.' The writer was the *Chronicle's* correspondent at the Soldiers' and Sailors' convention." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 26, 1866.

1866 Oct. 19 "Eight weddings were held in the city yesterday; ... five at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 19, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 310.

1866 Nov. 8 "The National Wool Growers association will meet at Kelley's hall in Cleveland Nov. 14. The headquarters of this association will be at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Nov. 8, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 844.

1866 Nov. 16 "Extensive improvements have recently been made at the Weddell House. A new kitchen has replaced the old one, and the halls, parlors, and dining room have been repainted." *Leader*, Nov. 16, 1866, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIX, 242.

1867 Jan. 11 "The Messrs. Kirkwood, proprietors of the Weddell House, have about completed the improvements and renovation of their house, which has been thorough from top to bottom." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1867.

1867 Jan. 15 "Gov. John B. Weller, of California was at the Weddell House yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1867.

1867 Jan. 16 "Weddell House, Cleveland, Jan. 12, 1866. On and after Jan. 16th, 1867, board per day, $3. less than a day charged by the meal, viz: Breadfast $1. Dinner $1. Supper $1. Lodging $1. J. H. & A. W. Kirkwood, Proprietors." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 16, 1867.

1867 Feb. 2 "James Robison, the famous bareback circus rider, accompanied by his wife and son, was at the Weddell House last night." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 2, 1867.

1867 Feb. 7 — "A convention of agents and managers of the Northern Transportation Company is in session at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 7, 1867.

1867 Feb. 17 — "The proprietors of the Weddell House, the Messrs. Kirkwood, have a new floor laid in their spacious dining room, and furnished two breakfast rooms in an elegant and superb style. They are constantly making some new improvements in their house." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 17, 1867.

1867 July 1 — "We neglected to state on Saturday that the base ball match, between the 'Occidentals' and 'Olmptics,' (sic) closed with a three o'clock dinner at the Weddell House which was a generous free offering of the Messrs. Kirkwood." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1867.

1867 July 2 — "Weddell House, corner of Bank and Superior Streets. Cleveland, Ohio, J. H. & A. W. Kirkwood." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1867.

1867 July 9 — "Our harbor was enlivened about half-past three o'clock, yesterday afternoon by the entrance of the steamer *Evening Star*, from Sandusky, having on board a company of excursionists from that city, numbering between two and three hundred, the larger part of whom had come here to witness the 'Black Crook.' They had with them the Great Western Band, to the fine music of which the visitors marched from the boat to the Weddell House. ... The band, which is one of the finest in the State, played a number of airs in front of the Weddell House and on the Park to the delight of all hearers. They were entertained with a supper by the Messrs. Kirkwood." *Plain Dealer*, July 9, 1867.

1867 Sept. 10 — "The last day of the Fenian congress was called to order with Vice President Gibbons in the chair. ... A body of Fenian troops, headed by the temperance band, marched to the Weddell House, and a serenade was given to President W. R. Roberts, who responded with a brief address." *Leader*, Sept. 10, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 207.

1867 Sept. 17 — Delegates to the national convention of tobacconists assembled at the Weddell House to receive the report of the business committee that the tax be reduced to ten cents per pound on all kinds of manufactured tobacco, cigars excepted." *Leader*, Sept. 18, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 740.

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1867 Oct. 4 — "General Carl Schurz, a Union leader, addressed the Germans of this city at Garrett's hall yesterday. ... After the meeting a grand torch-light procession of Germans was formed, which marched to the Weddell House headed by the Germania band." *Leader*, Oct. 4, 1867, *Newspaper Annals*, L, 441.

1867 Nov. 1 — "Horse found. - Any person having lost a horse bearing the following description can learn where he may be found by calling on Detectives McKinstry and Muncie, Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio. Bay Horse, 16 hands high, small stripe in his face, will weigh about 1,200 pounds." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1867.

1868 Mar. 10 — "Major General Hoffman, and Major E. A. Belger, U. S. Army are stopping at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Mar. 10, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 272.

1868 Mar. 28 — General Q. A. Gillmore was in Cleveland on March 28. He stopped at the Weddell House. *Leader*, Mar. 30, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 272.

1868 Sept. 9 — "Major General Lorenzo Thomas, and J. M. Ashley stopped at the Weddell House yesterday." *Leader*, Sept. 9, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273.

1868 Sept. 15 — "Governor Worth of North Carolina is at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Sept. 15, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273.

1868 Oct. 1 — "S. C. O'Brien and E. D. Baber are on the committee of arrangements for the fifteenth annual ball of the Weddell House boys tomorrow evening." *Leader*, Oct. 1, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273.

1868 Nov. 21 — "The Weddell House has recently gone into the hands of men who are comparatively strangers in our midst. We have previously spoken of Messrs. Gillete and Collins. Mr. F. Welch is also connected with the management of the Weddell House. The Weddell is one of the finest hotels in America, and the accession of Mr. Welch will add to its popularity." *Leader*, Nov. 21, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273.

1868 Dec. 21 "Mr. G. F. Richardson, formerly of the McHenry House in Meadville and lately connected with the Chase House in Pleasantville, has arrived in this city and will immediately enter upon his duties as clerk of the Weddell House. He will take the place of Mr. F. Welch, who is about to become the proprietor of the Oliver House in Toledo." *Leader*, Dec. 21, 1868, *Newspaper Annals*, LI, 273.

1869 The Weddell House was located at the corner of Superior and Bank streets. R. A. Gillette and H. Collins were the proprietors in 1869 and 1870. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1869-70, 33, 301.

1869 "The Bank of Everett, Weddell and Co. was located in the Weddell House in 1869." Post, *Doan's Corners*, 184, 185.

1869 Jan. 16 "A number of members of the Ohio legislature arrived in this city yesterday and registered at the Weddell House. The party, . . . will inspect the Northern Ohio Lunatic asylum." *Leader*, Jan. 16, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 389.

1869 Jan. 20 "Owing to the sudden illness of John B. Gough at Weddell House, he was unable to lecture at Case Hall last night." *Leader*, Jan. 20, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 247.

1869 Mar. 17 The Cleveland Irish Literary and Benevolent Society had its St. Patrick's Day banquet at the Weddell House on March 17. The spacious dining room of the Weddell House was filled with members and friends of the society. The supper was sumptuous and the occasion one of great pleasure. *Leader*, Mar. 18, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 149, 150.

1869 Oct. 19 "There are 700 guests at the Weddell House at present, in addition to the regular number of boarders." *Leader*, Oct. 19, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 220.

1869 Dec. 13 "The Northeastern Teachers association was called to order yesterday in the high school by Professor Harvey of Painesville. . . . An announcement was made that on adjournment, members would meet at the parlors of the Weddell House for the cultivation of mutual acquaintance." *Leader*, Dec. 13, 1869, *Newspaper Annals*, LII, 523.

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1870 Feb. 21 "A fire, caused by a defective grate, broke out on the first floor of the Weddell House yesterday. With many similar grates in the hotel, it is wondered why a fire of this nature had not happened sooner. The damage, which was estimated at between $500 and $800 was covered by insurance." *Leader*, Feb. 21, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 274.

1870 June 15 "The Ryan Zouaves arrived in Cleveland yesterday, and were received at the depot by the Cleveland Grays. They marched up to the Gray's armory, and then went to the Weddell House, where they will stop during their sojourn here." *Leader*, June 15, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 513.

1870 July 21 "The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic was held yesterday at the Weddell House. General J. W. Keifer, commander, presided, with the various councils of administration in attendance." *Leader*, July 21, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 514, 515.

1870 Sept. 12 "Sept. 10 was celebrated by a few picnics about the city and a grand display of the fire department. In the early afternoon different companies left the fire houses and in half an hour were formed on Public Square for inspection. After the inspection the companies formed in order and marched through the principal streets of the city, headed by a detachment of police, followed by the Germania band. The procession came to a halt before the Weddell House, on Bank Street, and after placing the horses in the custody of the drivers employed for the occasion, the members of the department entered the Weddell House. Gillette, proprietor of the Weddell House, invited the department to partake of a dinner on the occasion of the annual inspection, and regaled them with an excellent repast." *Leader*, Sept. 12, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 272.

1870 Sept. 21 "A grand ball, given by the Weddell House boys, will be held at Garrett's hall on Sept. 23. Professor Blondin's band will furnish the music. There will be waltzes, polkas, vorsouviennes, schottiches, quadrilles, and contra dances until morning steals in." *Leader*, Sept. 21, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 742.

1870 Nov. 2 "Colonel Gillette of the Weddell House, Oct. 31, recovered possession of a silk dress and several ladies' garments. The clothes were

stolen Sept. 12 by Kate Tracy, a former servant girl in his house. She is now in the county jail serving a term for petit larceny." *Leader*, Nov. 2, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 424.

1870 Dec. 2 "The Forest City Club is holding a meeting tonight at the Weddell House to decide the future of baseball, which is no longer just a pastime, but also a business. Cleveland will lose many of its ball players unless they can be taken care of promptly. Clevelanders are therefore urged to come to this meeting and vote." *Leader*, Dec. 2, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 332, 333.

1870 Dec. 15 "A chimney blew down on the Weddell House last night and the wind drove the smoke down into the rooms, causing an alarm (of fire) to be sent in." *Leader*, Dec. 15, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 9.

1871 R. A. Gillette was proprietor of the Weddell House, corner Superior and Bank streets, in 1871 and 1872. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1871-72, 25.

1871 Jan. 26 "Last night a man named Andrews who lives on Prospect st. had an attack of mania a potu. Snakes appeared before him at the theater Comique, and he was taken to the Weddell House. When sleep relieved him, he was taken home." *Leader*, Jan. 26, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 369.

1871 Jan. 26 "General J. D. McBride, who is making an extended trip through the west, is staying at the Weddell House for a few days. The Cleveland Grays will remember him as a private in Company 1, First Regiment, O. V. I." *Leader*, Jan. 26, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 841.

1871 Mar. 14 "Dwight B. Hopper, Alston, Mass., who took a room Mar. 12 at the Weddell House, was found dead in his room yesterday from an overdose of morphine. It was impossible to determine whether it was taken to deaden pain or for self-destruction." *Leader*, Mar. 14, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 797.

1871 Apr. 19 "An exhibition of the remarkable powers of memory and association was given at the Weddell House parlors yesterday afternoon by Daniel McCortney of Cardington, O." *Leader*, Apr. 19, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 191.

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1871
May 18 "A preliminary meeting of the draughtsmen of this city was held last night at the Weddell House to organize an association of draughtsmen for the purpose of mutual improvement and the promotion of their profession." *Leader*, May 18, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 187.

1871
June 3 "The board of examiners of the Ohio State Dental Society will meet in Cleveland at the Weddell House on June 7 to examine applicants as to their qualifications to practice dentistry in the state of Ohio." *Leader*, June 3, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 176.

1871
July 8 "The train bearing the Forest City baseball players was two hours late in arriving last night. They were met by a four-horse band wagon and escorted to the Weddell House, where a substantial supper was served." *Leader*, July 8, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 308.

1871
July 14 "Thirty six gentlemen, members of the St. Thomas, Ont., Board of Trade, and a few ladies, arrived yesterday on the steamer *Lady Franklin* for a visit to Cleveland. The Weddell House is their headquarters. Philo Chamberlain of the Cleveland Board of Trade welcomed the guests to our city." *Leader*, July 14, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 152.

1871
Aug. 26 "The mayor and twelve municipal officials of Columbus arrived here yesterday to inspect our service department and city improvements. Upon arrival, the visitors were received by members of the city council and conducted to the Weddell House." *Leader*, Aug. 26, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 138.

1871
Sept. 26 "One of the largest and most enthusiastic baseball meetings ever held in this city met at the parlors of the Weddell House last evening. The point under consideration was the question of reorganization for 1872. All present were in favor of a big nine for next year. The stock book was produced and 20 shares were soon subscribed for. It is proposed to increase the present stock of the association." *Leader*, Sept. 26, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 312.

1871
Sept. 30 "General Noyes arrived by train last night. After the Irish Labor League meeting tonight the general will give his views on the present political situation. A grand serenade will be given him at the Weddell House, after which he will deliver a speech from the balcony." *Leader*, Sept. 30, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 542.

1871
Oct. 10 "Miss Georgia Blood, housekeeper at the Weddell, who is severing her connection after two years in that position, was surprised by a presentation of a beautiful alabaster clock, richly gilded and ornamented, the gift of the employes of the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 10, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 357.

1871
Oct. 21 "An overcoat was stolen from F. S. Pelton, a guest at the Weddell House, on Oct. 19. It was reported at the police station and the overcoat was recovered yesterday morning at a pawnshop, where it had been sold for a pittance." *Leader*, Oct. 21, 1871, *Newspaper Annals*, LIV, 84.

1872
July 22 "A reporter of the *Leader* interviewed the Indians who are traveling and at present staying at the Weddell House. Three of the Indians' names are 'Man-with-a-hole-in-his-chin,' The-Skunk-killer,' and 'Man-who-drinks-too-much-pop.' One of the party complained that the manner and customs of the white man differed in various cities, and that they could not obtain what they wanted in Cleveland by asking for the same thing in the same manner they did in Boston. In the latter city they asked for soda water, plain, and received 'tanglefoot,' but here when they tried the same name, received a mixture of one-third salt water and two thirds wind.

"They were astonished to learn that dogs were being killed off in town and wasted by being made into glue, when such good dishes could be made from them.

"Nearly every member of the party had purchased a sufficient stock of paper collars to last him until next spring. They usually wear a collar two months before turning it, then give it a four week siege, after which it is fried in buffalo fat and considered a great delicacy for the sick. They were much pleased with the Weddell House and its landlord, and said they would decapitate a spring purp and open a fresh can of preserved grasshoppers for the landlord, should he ever come to their reservation and desire board." *Leader*, July 22, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 239, 240.

1872
Aug. 2 "President Tappan of Kenyon College and his wife, the Hon. W. A. Morgan and his family, and the Hon. James A. Monroe of Oberlin were registered at the Weddell House yesterday." *Leader*, Aug. 2, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 352.

1872
Aug. 27 "In a letter to the editor, A. A. Graham of Ravenna says: A Democrat who recently returned from Cleveland is talking about 19 prominent

Republican lawyers who are supporting **Greeley.** There is talk about a $5,000 stake at the Weddell House. They are awaiting an even taker on the general results." *Leader*, Aug. 27, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 547.

1872
Aug. 30 "A meeting of members of the 103rd regiment who are in Cleveland, will be held at the Weddell House parlors on Sept. 2, to make arrangements to attend the coming reunion in Medina." *Leader*, Aug. 30, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 335.

1872
Sept. 11 "Under a circular call from the leading manufacturing firms, a convention of manufacturers of agricultural implements was held at Garrett's hall yesterday. On account of the lateness of the hour and the absence of many manufacturers who failed to receive notice of the time and place of holding the convention it was adjourned to meet at the Weddell House parlors at seven tonight.

"The object of the convention is to effect a reform in the manner of conducting the sales of agricultural implements." *Leader*, Sept. 11, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 131.

1872
Sept. 12 "Hands on your pocketbook! The fair is here, and so are the pick-pockets, and others of their kind. D. H. Howard, stopping at the Weddell House, was robbed of $40 in money and a watch valued at $300 by someone who entered his room yesterday morning." *Leader*, Sept. 12, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 42.

1872
Sept. 14 "A number of Grant boys from several wards in the city formed in procession and marched to the Weddell House last evening where the Hon. George C. Loring, Republican candidate for governor of Massachusetts, was staying. He was called out and induced to give a short speech." *Leader*, Sept. 14, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 558.

1872
Sept. 16 "Dr. P. D. Robinson's gold watch was picked from his pocket at the Weddell House on Sept. 13. The watch is valued at $260." *Leader*, Sept. 16, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 260.

1872
Oct. 11 "Governor Noyes, Attorney Gen. F. B. Pond, Dr. W. L. Peck of the Central Insane Asylum, and a number of state legislators are in the city to attend a conference of the finance and benevolent

committees of the Ohio house and senate. These committees are meeting at Newburgh today to discuss the exigencies occasioned by the fire that recently destroyed the insane asylum there. A number of these officials are guests at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 11, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 278.

1872 Oct. 11 — "We have had the pleasure of a call from our former editorial associate, General Sherwood, recently elected to Congress from the Toledo district. He is stopping at the Weddell House." *Leader*, Oct. 11, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 428, 429.

1872 Oct. 28 — "Gov. E. F. Noyes stopped at the Weddell House yesterday, enroute to Chicago to address a Republican mass meeting in that city." *Leader*, Oct. 28, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 355.

1872 Oct. 29 — "W. D. Cushing, agent of the Erie Railroad and Union Steamship companies, fell down the main stairway of the Weddell House. His injuries will probably not prove dangerous." *Leader*, Oct. 29, 1872, *Newspaper Annals*, LV, 7.

1873 Jan. 17 — "F. E. Sickels, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railway, was at the Weddell house yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 17, 1873.

1873 Jan. 20 — "Messrs. J. J. McGrath, landlord of the St. James hotel, Cincinnati, and S. Shears, of the Boody House, Toledo, were at the Weddell yesterday." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 20, 1873.

1873 July 1 — "Hon. John McSweeney, of Wooster, Hon. F. J. Kenny, of Ashland, Col. A. S. Dickey, of Mansfield, are at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1873.

1873 July 2 — "Hon. Wash McLean and family of Cincinnati are at the Weddell House; also E. F. Noyes, Governor of Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, July 2, 1873.

1874 Jan. 6 — "W. G. Gregg, Esq., of New Lisbon and Luther A. Tiffin, are at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1874.

1874 Jan. 8 — "Colonel Porter, of the board of Public Works, and Captain J. W. Bean, U. S. A., are guests of the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1874.

1874 Apr. 20 "St. George's Benevolent Society. The 18th Anniversary of the Society will be held at the Weddell House, by a Supper, Concert and Ball, on Thursday, April 23d (St. George's Day). Members of the society and all Englishmen are cordially invited to attend. As the number is limited it is desirable that tickets be secured early. Tickets for the evening, $1.75." *Plain Dealer*, Apr. 20, 1874.

1874 May 1 Ransome A. Gillette sold out his interests in the Weddell House to George W. Wesley and Son, of Indianapolis. The hotel had been in Gillette's possession just five and one-half years.

The Wesleys were experienced hotel proprietors, and had managed the Bates House in Indianapolis for five years and the Bancroft Hotel in Saginaw, Mich., for two years. Wesley renovated the interior of the Weddell House at a cost of nearly $30,000, introduced improvements of every kind and reorganized the working force, thus changing the character of the hotel for the better. *Leader*, May 1, 1874, *Newspaper Annals*, LVII, 290; Titus, Simmons & Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1874, 99; Cleare, *Cleveland and Cuyahoga County*, 113.

1874 July 1 "A large number of people congregated along the south side of Superior street this morning to witness an affecting scene on the balcony of the Weddell House. A lady and gentleman were engaged in the most animated forms of love and courtship, such as squeezing, kissing, looking into each other's eyes, leaning on shoulders and other love attitudes too numerous to mention. This style of billing and cooing was indulged in for an hour and a half, the happy pair all the time being perfectly oblivious that there was any other person in the city. It is supposed that they are newly married, or at least ought to be. A photographer was sent for by the lookers-on to immortalize the scene." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1874.

1874 Sept. 2 "The Weddell house billiard rooms, the most elegant in this part of the West, were opened last evening." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 2, 1874.

1874 Sept. 12 "Yankee Robinson is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 12, 1874.

1875 George Wesley & Son were the proprietors of the Weddell House, corner Superior and Bank streets, in 1875 and 1876. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1875-76, 671.

1875 Jan. 2 "Mr. Egbert Cleare, author of the biographical cyclopedias of Ohio and Pennsylvania has returned from his Christmas vacation and has again taken up his editorial quarters at the Weddell House, where he will remain until he has secured from our city and section the historical data required for his work." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 2, 1875.

1875 Jan. 8 "Mr. Isaac Marshall, state auditor of Michigan, is at Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 8, 1875.

1875 Jan. 14 "Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., George N. Terry, Thomas H. Senior, Ringold R. Allen and Thomas Nichols are at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 14, 1875.

1875 Jan. 19 "Agnes Booth and Mr. J. B. Booth are stopping at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 19, 1875.

1875 Jan. 25 "Mr. Dominick Murray, actor, is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 25, 1875.

1875 Jan. 29 "Hon. William Lawrence, of Washington, Ohio; A. N. Kitteridge, of Buffalo, New York; Julius Balke, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and J. M. Malenely, of Louisville, Kentucky, are at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 29, 1875.

1875 July 10 "Among the arrivals at the Weddell House to-day are the following: Edward Wilson, of New York; A. Osborne of New York; J. W. Young, of Rochester, N. Y.; H. Smith, of Springfield, Mass.; S. Dyer, of Hamilton, O.; G. G. Parsons, of Portland, Me.; J. P. Johnson, of Chicago; George A. Cobb, of Chicago." *Plain Dealer,* July 10, 1875.

1875 July 12 "Commodore W. F. Bird, U. S. N., is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer,* July 12, 1875.

1875 July 13 "Among the arrivals at the Weddell House are the following: S. J. Blainfield, Milford, N. H.; H. Baldwin, New Haven, Conn.; A. B. Hinman and family, Detroit; T. Von Blessing and N. Flusch, New York; L. I. Mossler, Indianapolis; T. W. Rittenhouse and M. W. Bosworth, Binghamton; John R. Watts, Louisville, Ky.; J. S. Care, Chicago." *Plain Dealer,* July 13, 1875.

1875 July 14 "Among the arrivals at the Weddell House are the following: R. Philip and daughters, Toronto, Ont.; James M. Coyne, St. Thomas, Ont.; H. H. Glade, D. McCutcheon, Pittsburgh; Jas. B. Payne, Ky.; M. H. McCowin, J. M. Krause, New York; H. J. Shinland, Troy, N. Y.; Bremia Rorison and wife, Indianapolis; Lt. Col. E. A. Briggs, Mich.

"Col. J. W. Campbell, the popular passemger agent of the 'Bee' line, is stopping at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 14, 1875.

1875 July 15 "Among the arrivals at the Weddell House are the following: R. H. Slowson and D. Meyer, Chicago; J. C. Harrison and family, Indianapolis; A. L. Conger and wife, Akron; M. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; E. P. Weiss, New York; J. J. Gromnus and E. L. Lawrence, Cincinnati; E. L. Mitchell, New Haven, Conn." *Plain Dealer*, July 15, 1875.

1876 "The Weddell House, at the corner of Superior and Bank streets, is one of the prominent historical land-marks in the city. The nucleus of the present extensive building was erected nearly thirty years ago, and the house soon became known as one of the finest and best hotels in the whole western country. ... As the city grew and the business of the hotel increased, additions were from time to time made, until the establishment reached its present size and completeness. Recently, it was thoroughly remodeled and modernized so that it now ranks, in all respects, with the best of the land. The situation is peculiarly suitable for such an establishment, fronting on two of the principal streets, and being in the very heart of the business part of the city, and within a few minutes walk of the depots, steamboat landings, courts of law, public buildings, and places of amusements. Street cars run from its doors to all parts of the city, and a line of street railroad from the Union Depot terminates at its main entrance. The rooms are numerous, and there are a number of fine streets fronting on one or the other of the two principal streets on which it is situated. There are several conveniently arranged sample rooms for the accommodation of commercial travelers. The price is $3 a day. The house has always enjoyed an enviable reputation with the traveling public, and under its present managers, Messrs. Geo. W. Wesley & Son, has been brought to its highest point." Payne, *Cleveland Illustrated*, 37.

1876 Jan. 11 "Kelly & Leon's minstrels and burlesque opera company is stopping at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 11, 1876.

1876 Jan. 14 "The following are among the arrivals at the Weddell House: F. F. O'Shay, H. M. Myers, Pennsylvania; W. G. Boynton, Port Huron;

James De Wolfe, Marion; H. B. Newell, Indianapolis; E. R. Walker, Chicago; N. P. Douglass, Covington; A. L. Symmes, H. E. Carpenter, Cincinnati; C. D. Simpson, Buffalo," *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 14, 1876.

1876 Jan. 15 "The following are among the arrivals at the Weddell House: O. Englehorn and O. M. Stearns, New York; E. Tupper, Meadville, Pa.; D. H. Heywood, Boston; George W. Worthington, North Amherst, O.; W. H. Sullivan, Detroit; H. F. Mann, Pittsburgh; George H. Doane, Concord, N. H.; W. B. Brooks and F. Lonestreth, Columbus, O.; E. Stovel, London, England." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 15, 1876.

1876 Jan. 21 "The following are among the arrivals at the Weddell House: W. Schumaker, New York; J. G. Walker, Covington, Ky.; J. G. Rowland, Philadelphia; A. M. Penirey and wife, Erie, Pa.; George L. Couch, Wellington, O.; W. H. Mewier, Zanesville, O.; H. Caldwell, Youngstown, O.; H. C. Hurlbult, South Lee, Mass." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 21, 1876.

1876 Jan. 22 "The following are among the arrivals at the Weddell House: A. H. Hawley, Leroy, O.; Henry S. Samuels, E. E. Farmer, E. D. Smith, New York; J. H. Bryan, Westerfield, Mass.; J. A. Slee, Des Moines, Iowa; F. A. Wheeler, San Francisco; E. A. Clapp, Boston; James G. Rowland, Philadelphia; F. L. Fairbanks, Chicago." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1876.

1876 Jan. 24 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: R. P. Spaulding, New York; A. E. Kahn, New York; A. E. Lane, New York; Geo. J. O'Grady, Detroit; H. C. Richie, Louisville, N. W. Hills, Greenville, N. Y.; W. H. Abbott, Titusville; Abe Goodshaw, Memphis; Geo. A. Bromley, Philadelphia; Charles L. White, Louisville; W. Goldsmith, Philadelphia; H. Brown, Bridgeport, Conn." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 24, 1876.

1876 Jan. 24 "Barry Sullivan is stopping at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 24, 1876.

1876 Jan. 24 "The following are among the arrivals at the Weddell House to-day: E. E. Webb, Ind.; A. E. McCain, East Saginaw; F. A. Livingston, New York; F. B. Glow, New York; J. J. Nomen, New York; P. Taylor, Chicago; D. W. Hitchcock, Chicago, Geo. B. Efner, Buffalo; R. H. Halley, Detroit." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 24, 1876.

1876 Jan. 25 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: J. McDermott, R. B. Freeze, F. M. Blackwell, New York; W. W. Oliver, J. Thompson, Chicago; F. A. W. Davis, Indianapolis; J. R. Kelly, Toledo; W. L. Du Earl and family, Detroit." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 25, 1876.

1876 Jan. 26 "Gen. T. S. Robinson, of Kenton, Ohio, is at the Weddell House.

"The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: W. Stringer, Chicago; J. F. T. Holback, Chicago; Chas. P. Badger, Denver, Col.; C. M. White, Detroit; E. B. Fenton, New York; Chas. North of New York; W. T. Briard, New York; Geo. N. Terry, New York; Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., New York; C. Henderson, Troy, N. Y." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 26, 1876.

1876 Feb. 23 "A large number of the elite of the city and neighborhood attended the grand ball given by the Cleveland Grays at the Weddell House last evening. The dancing began at nine o'clock and continued until a late hour in the morning. Supper was served from 11 o'clock until two." *Leader*, Feb. 23, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1001.

1876 June 30 "George M. Nichols, a traveling salesman of Palmyra, New York, in 1873 purchased from Giles, Wright and Company of New York an 18-karat gold hunting case watch which was adjustable to temperature and position. A year later he purchased a gold chain weighing about 75 pennyweight from the same firm. He also owned a valuable Knights Templar cross. According to the firm the watch was valued from $250 to $275 and the chain at $1.25 a pennyweight. The cross was valued at $50.

"George W. Wesley and his son, Charles L. Wesley, partners under the firm name of George W. Wesley and Son, operated the Weddell House. The owners kept a copy of the act of the Ohio General Assembly regulating the responsibility of innkeepers conspicuously displayed in the office, barroom, parlor and on the inside of the entrance of every sleeping room. A safe was used by the hotel in accordance with the law for the safeguarding of the guests' valuables.

"Nichols registered at the Weddell House on June 30, 1876, as a guest for the night. He occupied a room on the first floor fronting on Bank Street (now West 6th Street). Three doors led in and out of the room; the main door from the hall and one on each side of the room leading to adjoining rooms.

"Nichols claimed he bolted the entrance door upon retiring. The door on the left hand side had already been bolted but he did not notice at the time that there was a door on the right hand side of the room.

"The door on the right was obscured by a large dressing bureau. He averred that he left his watch and chain and the cross in his vest pocket and placed the vest upon a sofa in the room. His pocketbook containing $20 was left on a chair within 3 feet of the bed. When Nichols arose in the morning the valuables were missing. He notified the room clerk who called the police. Two detectives and the hotel management concluded that the thief had entered the room through the door on the right side, which upon investigation was found not to have a lock or bolt. The room next to Nichols had been occupied by a man registered as a Mr. Samson from Canada but he had already left.

"Nichols contended the hotel was responsible for his loss. The elder Wesley averred Nichols should have deposited his valuables with them for safekeeping. However, rather than have any disturbance, he offered to settle with Nichols for $150 but Nichols declined the offer.

"Instead Nichols filed suit against the Wesleys in the Court of Common Pleas on July 19, 1876, for $445. A jury awarded him $325. A motion for a new trial was denied the Wesleys and the case was disposed of in the January 1878 term of court." *Court Records*, X, 122.

1876
July 6 "Yesterday a party of Chicago and Cook county Illinois officials, together with several architects of that city, arrived here by special train from the west.

"About six P. M. the company was given a supper at the Weddell House by the Wilson and Hughes Stone Co., after which the party entrained for the west. The contract which will probably be let in accordance with the report of the party is a million dollar one and would, therefore, be a good lift for the stone companies of northern Ohio." *Leader*, July 6, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 84.

1876
July 7 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: E. A. Clapp and J. C. Page, Boston; L. Stein, Rochester; A. F. Smith, Chicago; J. A. McCaul, Toronto; C. B. Carlisle, Massachusetts; W. Goodman, Detroit; H. Smith and H. C. Hopkins, Indianapolis." *Plain Dealer*, July 7, 1876.

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1876 July 10 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: H. A. Hoyt, Reno, Nevada; B. L. Steeful, C. G. Stork, Jos. Dart, New York; J. Jacobs, J. Abraham, H. Hall, Cincinnati; T. A. Hubbard, Indianapolis; J. T. McKee, Clinton, Mo.; W. E. Longdon, A. T. Smith, Wm. E. Jackson, Chicago, J. E. Seymour, Springfield, Mass.; E. Harrison, New Haven; Isaac Freed, Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer*, July 10, 1876.

1876 July 11 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House today: J. S. Parfilt and E. Nettleford, Birmingham, England; H. Nettleford, Highgate, London; J. H. Wilkinson, Detroit; W. A. Holden, New Albany, Indiana; S. R. Houn, Painesville; A. Miner Griswold, Cincinnati; E. D. March, Chicago; G. Taylor, Richmond, Indiana." *Plain Dealer*, July 11, 1876.

1876 Sept. 6 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House today: M. H. Joseph and P. P. Luce of Cincinnati; Isaac Hurston, Columbus; Geo. Kendall and wife, Grand Rapids; E. C. Lawrence, Z. E. Collier and M. Barron, Chicago; O. N. Townsend, Zanesville; John Hale, England; H. Hammier, St. Louis." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 6, 1876.

1876 Sept. 19 — "Wagner's Minstrels are guests at the Weddell. The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House today John March, John O'Shannessy, Joseph A. Borberg and L. B. Haas, New York; M. Frost and W. O. Spath, Tiffin; W. W. Witmer, Des Moines, Ia.; J. B. Northrop, Rochester; T. A. Butler, St. Louis; Wm. G. Furey, Cincinnati; M. H. Drummell, Minnesota." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 19, 1876.

1876 Sept. 26 — "A meeting of gentlemen interested in the proposed regatta on the lake was held last evening in the parlors of the Weddell House. ... It was voted to postpone the regatta to Sept. 29, at 10 A. M. by which time it is hoped the weather will have become pleasant." *Leader*, Sept. 26, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1147.

1876 Sept. 30 — "The Regatta. A Rough day on the Lake. Accident to the Phantom. The Mystic the winner in the first class and the Unique in the second. The Result. The prizes will be awarded this evening at

the Weddell House parlors according to the order of coming in. The judges decided to allow the Georgia the third prize in the first class race, as the misunderstanding in starting could not be attributed to any negligence on the part of the Officers of that boat. The prizes will be as follows: First Class Mystic $100. Qui Vive $75. Georgia $50. Second Class Unique $11[illegible]; Fleetwing $85." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 30, 1876.

1876 Oct. 9 "Ex-Governor Dorsheimer is at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 9, 1876.

1876 Oct. 16 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: Henry Harrison and O. L. Arnold, New York; W. T. M. Figg, Chicago; E. A. Kent, Akron; S. J. Lovecraft and wife, Rochester; A. L. Cole, Virginia; E. J. Granger, Brooklyn; L. D. Draper, Boston; F. C. Shotwell, Rahway, N. Y.; Jos. M. Price, Newark, N. J.; G. H. Hughes and wife, Omaha, Nebr.; Wm. McArthur and wife, Cheboygan, Mich.; Commodore Frank Bird and wife of Indianapolis." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 16, 1876.

1876 Oct. 17 "Last evening in accordance with the terms of the bet which he had lost, George V. Patton, an engineer on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road, wheeled Major Long, yard master of the same road, from Lawrence street down to St. Clair to Bank street and up to the Weddell House.

"Throughout the entire route the Wheelbarrow was surrounded by an immense crowd and at every street corner others joined in the unique procession, which was headed by two torches and a boy with a tin horn. After numerous stops, necessitated by the heaviness of the Major and the roughness of the pavement, the Weddell House was reached and Mr. Patton had paid the worse part of the wager. Let's see what time the old man made, said the wheeler, and upon looking at his watch discovered that he had wheeled two hundred and eighteen pounds a little less than two miles and a quarter in fifty minutes, and then with a don't go-away, Major, he escorted him up to supper, after giving him a cigar and two drinks, one more than the bet called for and then paid the rest of the bet, waiting upon him at the table." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 17, 1876.

1876 Oct. 17 "Hon, Power Le Poer Trench, British Legation, Washington, and Major Le Poer Trench, London, England, are stopping at the Weddell. The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House today: C. Haywood, Cincinnati; A. J. Speere, Philadelphia;

R. R. Lansing, Detroit; A. W. Smith, St. Louis; Alex. Christie, Jos. Crump and Mr. Hecht, New York; H. P. Sinn, Chicago; N. H. Hurns, Little Rock, Ark.; C. E. Pelton, Pittsburgh." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 17, 1876.

1876 Oct. 17 — Various committees of the high court of the Independent Order of Foresters, which opened Oct. 17, met at the Weddell House and transacted a large amount of official business. *Leader*, Oct. 18, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, II, 1152.

1876 Oct. 20 — "The delegates to the late convention of Foresters, when released from session duties, enjoyed themselves to the full extent of their ability and several stories are told of their capers. After the banquet Wednesday evening, Judge Randall retired to his room, at the Weddell House, having changed from No. 100 to another more convenient apartment. About three o'clock some of the brethren returning inquired for his honor. Being informed that he retired, they proceeded to No. 100 and commenced pounding on the door. No response rewarded their efforts, so one of the company was lifted till he could see over the transom, when he reported the judge as being in bed, sweetly dreaming. Thereupon the persistent brethren recommenced their attack on the door, finally bursting it in, and grasping two corners of the mattress dumped the startled occupant on the floor, putting his bed on top of him. With a shriek the victim emerged and with a few bounds was out of the room, down the stairs and registering a complaint at the office of a violent attempt to murder him in his room. After the judge had given up the room, a gentleman from New York had been placed there. The matter was explained and the brethren made their apology but the victim of the mistake could not be prevailed upon to return to his slumbers and after an early breakfast he paid his bill and departed fully determined to make inquiries hereafter whether any Foresters are around ere he puts up at a hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 20, 1876.

1876 Oct. 30 — "Augustin Daly's Fifth Avenue Troupe are at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 30, 1876.

1876 Oct. 31 — "Billy Pastor's troupe sojourns at the Weddell.

"The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Weddell House today: A. Greenfield, B. H. Davis, New York; W. G. Vinton, N. Wright, Detroit; M. A. Whitney, Buffalo; G. B. Selden, Rochester; O. J. Irish, Chicago; W. A. McLean, Chicago; E. Cleave, Cincinnati; W. Williams, Oregon; J. S. Edwards and Wife, Erie." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 31, 1876.

1876 Nov. 1 — "John S. G. Burt of Cincinnati is a Weddell House guest." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 1, 1876.

1876 Nov. 4 — "The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Weddell House today: J. Kaiser, H. Seidenberg, New York; G. F. Gardner, Hillsdale; P. Mott Cole, Syracuse; H. T. Kipp, Flint; D. Kengar, Toledo; J. W. Cross, Chicago; W. E. Eames, Philadelphia; C. H. Harrington, Detroit; Isaac Picord, New Jersey; S. A. Northway, Jefferson; C. W. Rodgers and wife, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 4, 1876.

1876 Dec. 18 — "The wind storm of the night of Dec. 15 and the morning of Dec. 16 was the severest which visited the city in a long time. So far as has been heard no lives were lost in consequence of it, but buildings all over the city were uprooted, chimneys and signs blown down, and much other damage done. About 2 A. M., Dec. 16 a part of the Weddell House was blown down. In falling it came down upon the heads of three waiters at the hotel, injuring them severely." *Leader*, Dec. 18, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 1216.

1877 Jan. 5 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: C. H. Sayles and J. A. Bullard, of New York; H. Henderson, Chicago; C. F. Robison, Chicago; H. F. Clark, Cincinnati; B. C. Darron and E. Bardshaw, Indianapolis; H. Taft, Keen, N. H.; J. S. Hale, Utica, New York; R. B. Poore, Columbus." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1877.

1877 Jan. 12 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House today: J. H. Brown, Youngstown; S. W. Dolbear, Marysville; J. S. Field and wife, Warren, O.; Charles M. Cooper, W. H. Talbott, Indianapolis; A. Andrew, W. E. Sibley, Chicago; D. G. Goodrich and wife, Albion, N. Y.; W. D. Mathews, Toronto." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 12, 1877.

1877 Jan. 13 — "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: G. Kohler, New York; S. R. Stimson, Dayton; H. C. Hedges and J. Englehart, Mansfield, O.; J. W. Richards and wife, Stanton, Mich.; W. H. Hartzell, Cincinnati; W. A. Hedden, New Albany, Ind.; E. R. Whitney and wife, Mazey, Ont.; J. J. Moore, Cuyahoga Falls." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 13, 1877.

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1877 Jan. 18 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: E. A. Clapp, Boston; E. Morgan, Irondale, O.; Charles M. Harris, Cincinnati; Ransom Scott, Lockport, New York; B. T. Stevenson, Jr., G. C. Knowlton, A. B. Freeze, C. A. Wilson, New York; C. W. Dean, G. H. Maramone, Philadelphia; C. T. Bricknell, Massillon; R. H. Bwit, Buffalo." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 18, 1877.

1877 Jan. 19 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House today: H. C. Buckline, L. F. Desig, J. McJennet, New York; S. P. Snider, Minneapolis; J. E. Hoit, Lansingburg, N. Y.; Sam Huzzard, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. W. Hutton, Akron, O.; George West, Trenton, N. J.; W. E. Tenney and wife, Toledo, O.; M. H. King and wife, Massachusetts; H. M. Clark, Chicago." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 19, 1877.

1877 Jan. 22 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: Aug. Saing, B. H. Robb and son, Cincinnati; W. W. Dickey, San Luis Valley, Cal.; J. Oppenhager and Robert Gowdy, New York; A. W. Kimball, Rochester, N. Y.; E. A. Ballard, L. M. Misley and Joseph Irvine, Lima, O.; Isaac H. Alexander, Van Wert; D. Spaulding, Steubenville; G. H. Frye, Philadelphia." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 22, 1877.

1877 Jan. 29 "The following are among the arrivals registered at the Weddell House to-day: J. G. Gerber, E. Wetkosky, F. A. Hardy, N. Y.; J. B. Fee, Cincinnati; N. H. Burns, Tennessee, G. W. Chase, Chicago; G. Howard, Detroit; W. A. Brown, Grand Rapids; Hon. M. R. Dickey, Mansfield, O.; W. Ward, Louisville, Ky." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1877.

1877 Jan. 29 General Lysander Flagg stopped at the Weddell House with a model of the railway safety gate, which won the first prize at the Philadelphia Exposition. *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 29, 1877

1878 "Weddell House, George W. Wesley & Son Proprietors. This old and well established house is one of the largest and most prominent land marks in the city. The nucleus of the present extensive building was erected as long ago as the year 1848, and is consequently one of the oldest hotels in Cleveland.

"It fronts one hundred and seventy five feet on Superior street and three hundred and thirty three feet on Bank street, occupying

five floors. The house contains two hundred rooms, besides two large parlors for gentlemen, and one for lady guests. The dining room is large and pleasant.

"Its location is particularly suitable for the public house, being in the heart of the business portion of the city, and close to the steamboat landings, and places of amusement. The street cars run from its doors to every part of the city, rendering it easy of access and a central location for transacting business of any kind." Cleveland Board of Trade, *Industries*, 842.

1878 July 7 — "The Tecumseh base ballists are stopping at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 7, 1878.

1878 July 13 — "The Star base ball players are at the Weddell." *Plain Dealer*, July 13, 1878.

1878 Aug. 2 — General Wiley, of Wooster, was a guest at the Weddell House. *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 2, 1878.

1878 Nov. 2 — "The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Weddell House today: George Hopcraft, T. H. Black, New York; J. L. Paris, Troy, New York; W. B. Mack, Boston; W. H. Hilston, Cincinnati; A. S. Chamberlain, Chicago; L. F. Gage, Louisville, Ky.; J. W. Heath, LaFayette, Ind.; W. M. McKindly, Cincinnati; C. H. Wood, Detroit; W. H. Heiskell, Wheeling; J. W. McCrea, Battle Creek, Michigan; O. P. Calvin, Elmira, N. Y." *Plain Dealer*, Nov. 2, 1878.

1878 Dec. 27 — A great banquet was given at the Weddell House, celebrating the opening of the first viaduct, the Superior and Detroit connection. Speeches were made by James A. Garfield and William McKinley. Post, *Those Were the Days*, 185; *Plain Dealer*, June 23, 1940.

1879 Jan. 2 — "At the Weddell: - R. Edwards, Columbus; D. M. Harkness, Bellson; Samuel C. Hough." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 2, 1879.

1879 Jan. 6 — "At the Weddell. - A. O. Russell, Cincinnati; W. H. Loomis, Joe C. Huston, H. A. Bromley, and J. McMahon, Chicago; H. C. Goulding, Boston; L. D. Cartwright, A. J. Casse, and W. H. Johnson, New York; G. M. Fry, Philadelphia; C. K. Leonard, Marietta." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 6, 1879.

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1879 Jan. 7 — "At the Weddell. A. L. Bowan and H. F. Wheeler, Akron; Mrs. Hale, Saginaw; Ephraim Clark, Cadiz." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1879.

1879 Jan. 8 — "At the Weddell. - R. S. Pard, Meadville; A. Weston, S. W. Batch and Mrs. Cotlar, Cincinnati; and John E. McMahon, of Chicago." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1879.

1879 Mar. 26 — A meeting was held at the Weddell House, and some twenty or more representatives attended. The project for the formation of an amateur baseball league was endorsed, and officers were elected. *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 13, 1923.

1879 May — The American Dental convention met at the Weddell House in May, 1879. Forty members were present. Orth, *Cleveland*, I, 219.

1880 Jan. 8 — "The semi-annual meeting of the Cleveland Bicycle Club was held on Wednesday evening in the Weddell House parlors." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 8, 1880.

1880 July 1 — "The Worcester base ball nine are quartered at the Weddell House.

"Hon. William N. Hostetter and wife, New Lisbon; Hon. F. E. Hutchins, Warren; F. H. Chandler and family, New York; Judge S. Meyer, Canton; H. B. Logan, Eddyville, Kentucky, are registered at the Weddell House." *Plain Dealer*, July 1, 1880.

1884 — In 1884 came the Everett-Weddell bank failure. Horace P. Weddell was one of the partners of the bank, and after the failure he took a portion of the Weddell estate and retired to private life because of his advanced years, while his sons, Frank and Lawrence, took up the burden of managing the debts. To do this they mortgaged their estate which included the Weddell House to John D. Rockefeller for $500,000. *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1903.

1887 — In 1887 Frank and Lawrence Weddell made $200,000 worth of improvements on the hotel, among other things putting another story on the main structure, building a new dining-room, billiard-room, lobby, office, etc. *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1903.

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"When the Weddell House was ordered closed forever a week ago last Saturday by John D. Rockefeller, the owner of the building and the ground it stands on, there passed out of existence one of the famous hotels of Cleveland for the last fifty-six years.

"The time-honored hostelry at the corner of Superior and Bank streets will be torn down, or at least the larger portion of it will be -- all except a small section fronting on Bank street, near Frankfort street -- to be replaced by a big modern business building. Inasmuch as Mr. Rockefeller has ordered all the business tenants on the ground floor in that part of the building that is to be torn down, to vacate by September 1, it is presumed that the work of removing the old building will begin at that time.

"To many of the older citizens of Cleveland and Ohio, as well as to many of the older members of the traveling public, the multi millionaire's act in ordering the Weddell House torn down seems almost one of sacrilege, of vandalism, the removal of a page of loved history. Hundreds of Ohioans always stopped at the Weddell House when in Cleveland, because their fathers and grandparents did the same thing before them. They looked upon it as their temporary home when in the city. Landlords could come and go, the service might possibly be bad or indifferent at times, but this made no difference. They stopped at the hotel because of sentiment, and looked upon it as a permanent fixture.

"What a sad fate for the hostelry that, when it was opened in June, 1847, and for a few years afterward, was one of the finest hotels in the United States, and the best in the west.

"Almost all traces of that past magnificence disappeared several years ago. For many years the floors and walls and ceilings were firm, and graced with the best of decorations and furniture. For several years past the sagged and creaky floors have been covered with faded carpets. The walls and ceilings have sagged, and have been covered with cheap decorations. The furniture has also been of cheaper variety, but here and there in rooms and in the wide corridors are to be found splendid pieces of old furniture -- relics of the hotel's palmy days. And in recent years the prices for accommodations were lowered in keeping with the general deterioration of the old structure.

"It is but fair to state in the interests of the landlords of recent years, that the uncertain conditions surrounding the ownership of the building and their inability to get long leases, was the cause of the hotel not being given improvements and better furnishings.

"This hotel, which in its day entertained presidents and famous men of the country, also the wealth and fashion of Cleveland and the traveling public of the country and people by the hundreds of thousands in all walks of life is now consigned to the scrap pile. The building will be sold for old brick and lumber to whoever will bid the highest sum for removing it. The furniture will probably be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

"What an inglorious ending! Even the last days of the hotel could not be spent in peace. Immediately with the closing of the place, it was filled with warring lawyers and constables trying to levy on enough things of value to secure alleged claims of hotel employees for back pay.

"Could the old walls of the hotel but talk, what a story of life's comedies and tragedies they could relate. They could tell stories of deaths, suicides, of births, of quarrels and jokes. They could tell us stories of famous politicians, statesmen, business and professional men, athletes of all kind and athletic champions, and of crooks and burglars, and murderers, for hundreds of thousands of people have entered and departed from the hotel as guests.

"No persons more regret the passing of the famous old hotel than the Weddell family, in whose possession the building had been until a few months ago. However, the heavy interest on their mortgage to John D. Rockefeller, which they had reduced to $350,000, was too heavy a burden to carry -- in fact the diminution of rentals made it impossible to keep up the interest -- so several months ago Mr. Rockefeller foreclosed the mortgage. However, he gave the Weddells (Lawrence Weddell died some years ago) a redemption option on the property. This option expired a week ago Saturday, and thus the hotel passed into Mr. Rockefeller's possession, after it had been in the Weddell family fifty-eight years. In those years the hotel had only nine landlords, in the following order: A. S. Barnum, Henry Stevens, C. S. Butts & Son, J. P. Ross, Kirkwood Brothers, J. P. Gillette, George Wesley, Charles Wesley, and C. A. Swan. Aged Bolivar Butts, who, with his father, C. S. Butts, kept the hotel from the fall of 1851 to 1855, was busily engaged in making an inventory of the hotel furniture, having been appointed to do this by the court." *Leader*, Aug. 9, 1903.

1933
July 15

"The remaining portion of the Weddell House continued to function as a hotel, but, from the time the great Rockefeller Building was erected, it had been allowed to run down. But it is still in the heart of the city, within walking distance of the leading stores and near many of the biggest business houses; yet it is comparatively

quiet. A new management has taken it over and remodeled it into a comfortable, unpretentious hotel of moderate price. Here business men or women can live by the day, week or year, finding the conveniences of a hotel combined with a homelike atmosphere. A feeling of age somehow manages to cling to the place, and with it the spirit of hospitality for which it used to be so famous." *Bystander*, July 15, 1933.

WEST HOUSE
Brooklyn Village
(Cleveland S. W.)

1870 Dec. 23 "Brooklyn lodge, F. and A. M., was organized at its new hall at Brooklyn Center, on Dec. 21, by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. ... After the meeting refreshments were served for all at West's hotel." *Leader*, Dec. 23, 1870, *Newspaper Annals*, LIII, 512.

1872 In 1872 the West House was in Brooklyn Village, no proprietor listed. Robison, *Cleveland Directory*, 1872-73.

WESTERN HOTEL
58 Frankfort Street

1863 Jan. 5 "Police Court, January 5th. The colored boy, Samuel Gordon, for stealing fifty-six dollars from his landlord, Davis (colored), keeper of the 'Western Hotel' on Frankfort street, was bound over to the Court of Common Pleas in the sum of $300. The prisoner was lodged in jail." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 5, 1863.

1864 The Western Hotel was at 58 Frankfort Street, T. N. Davis, proprietor. Baker, *Cleveland Directory*, 1864-65.

1864 Jan. 9 "Vitrol Throwing. - Mrs. Sheldon, a disreputable colored woman, was arrested last night by the Police, for throwing vitrol in the face of her husband, Charles Sheldon, with whom she had quarrelled and whom she had sworn to prevent from enlisting. The affair came off at the 'Western Hotel' on Frankfort street. The woman is now in

the lock-up awaiting her trial, which will come off on Monday morning. Sheldon was brought home from Virginia by the Cleveland Light Artillery, and has always borne a good character." *Leader*, Jan. 9, 1864.

1865 — The Western Hotel was at 58 Frankfort Street, T. N. Davis, proprietor. Leader, *Cleveland Directory*, 1865-66

WESTERN HOTEL
River Street

1842 Jan. 7 — "Western Hotel, by C. Clough, River street, at the Steamboat Landing, near the Pier, Cleveland, Ohio." *Plain Dealer*, Jan. 7, 1842.

1843 July 5 — "Western Hotel, by C. Clough, at the Steamboat landing, near the Pier, River St., Cleveland, Ohio. Passengers and baggage carried to and from the House free of charge, at all boats. The House is conducted on strict Temperance principles." *Plain Dealer*, July 5, 1843.

WESTERN HOUSE
Lighthouse and Meadow Streets

1857 — The Western House was on Lighthouse street; no proprietor was listed. Berry, Harriott & Martlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1860 July 25 — "Wanted to Find. My wife Eliza, who left me at the Western House, this morning about 6 o'clock. She has lost an upper front tooth and is pox-marked. Any one giving me information of her will confer an everlasting kindness on George Kahoe, Western House. If she don't meet me there tomorrow morning, she will never see me again." *Plain Dealer*, July 25, 1860.

1864 July 9 — "Wanted, a situation as a clerk in a grocery store, or in a printing office, to translate the corresdonding style of phonography into the common long-hand. Any persons wishing to give employment to such individual will apply at the Western House, corner of Lighthouse and Meadow streets." *Plain Dealer*, July 9, 1864.

WESTLAKE HOTEL
Rocky River

The Wright Tavern, which was later to be called the Silverthorn Tavern and the Patchen House, was built in 1816 by Rufus Wright who purchased the lot on the west bank of Rocky River from Gideon Granger for $300. Although the tavern, under his management from 1816 to 1853, made him noted as a landlord, he had already earned his right to a place in history when, as a soldier of the War of 1812 he had been selected to carry Commodore Perry's first victory dispatch to General Harrison. With this noted message he made the trip from Sandusky Bay to General Harrison's headquarters, eighty miles, in one day, over roads that were primitive and difficult. In 1860, when the Perry Monument was unveiled, the *Plain Dealer* commented on the feat as "a perilous ride, the country being filled with (British) hirelings and blood-thirsty Indians."

In 1853 Jacob Silverthorn bought the old tavern and made an enviable name there as a landlord and tavern-keeper, catering to parties from Cleveland and other cities, especially in summer when the Rocky River resort was famous for the beauty of its surroundings. In 1865 Silverthorn gave up the property to start the Silverthorn Hotel on Euclid Avenue where Case School of Applied Science now stands, and the Patchen Family purchased the old hostelry. They remodeled it and kept it going until, in the late '70's Silverthorn returned to the Rocky River place which, from that time until it was torn down in 1920, was operated under hjs name. The Hotel Westlake was built on the site and continues the hotel history which started there in 1816. Farmer, *Lakewood,* 25, 79; *Plain Dealer,* Sept. 10, 1860; Coates, *Cuyahoga County,* I, 146, 172; Wickham, *Pioneer Women,* II, 271; *Plain Dealer,* Aug. 21, 1940.

1816 Rufus Wright, a veteran of the War of 1812, brought his family from New York in 1816 and settled on the west bank of Rocky River where he purchased three-quarters of an acre of land for $300 from Gideon Granger, founder of Granger City. He built there a large frame building which became the Wright Tavern, famous for many years. Farmer, *Lakewood,* 25, 79; Coates, *Cuyahoga County,* I, 146, 172; Wickham, *Pioneer Women,* II, 271; *Plain Dealer,* Aug. 21, 1940.

1819 Apr. The first Rockport township election was held at the house of Rufus Wright in April, 1819. Charles Miles, was chosen chairman. *Leader,* July 16, 1858, *Newspaper Annals,* XLI, 204.

1821 "About 1821 the first bridge near the mouth of the river (Rocky River) was built just south of the present (1936) bridge and near the present car barns. It was built by subscription and

Rufus Wright paid nearly one half the expense. A week was consumed in raising the money. When the bridge was finally completed, Mr. Wright invited everyone to his tavern to celebrate; and a very hilarious time, with plenty of liquor was enjoyed." Farmer, *Lakewood*, 67.

1827
July 20 "By virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas out of court of Common Pleas at the suit of Enos St. John against Rufus Wright and Spencer Wright, I shall expose to sale at the house of Spencer Wright in Rockport, on July 31, 1827, the following personal property, to wit: one roan horse, one white mare. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, July 20, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 141.

1830
Sept. 23 "By virtue of one Execution to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County there will be offered for sale at public auction at the house of R. Wright in Rockport, on Oct. 5, four horses, two sets of double harness, and two horse wagons. Edward Baldwin, Sheriff." *Herald*, Sept. 23, 1830, *Newspaper Annals*, XIII, 98.

1834 "About 1834, the (post) office returned to the (Rocky) river mouth and Rufus Wright became postmaster for nearly a score of years. Wright's Tavern was the postoffice and Wright's sons, Abraham, Philip and Frederick, were successive postmasters." *Plain Dealer*, Aug. 22, 1940.

1836
Apr. 16 "Valuable Tavern Stand For Sale. - The well known Tavern Stand, on the mouth of Rocky River, on the road to Sandusky, is offered for sale upon favorable terms. For particulars apply to A. Wright, Rockport." *Herald*, Apr. 16, 1836, *Newspaper Annals*, XIX, 180.

1850
June 6 The Cuyahoga County commissioners proposed to pay the Rockport Road Company $6,000, as they progressed in the building of a bridge across Rocky River near Wright's Tavern. *Cleveland Council Journal* "E," 277.

1853
Aug. 17 Announcement was made on August 17, 1853, that Jacob Silverthorn had taken over the Wright Tavern in Rocky River. Mr. Silverthorn, who had been born in Pennsylvania in 1827, had lived in Sandusky and Willoughby before taking the Wright Tavern. *Daily True Democrat*, Aug. 17, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 199; Farmer, *Lakewood*, 79; *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 3, 1940.

1853
Nov. 17 "A Mr. Pier has been arrested on the charge of passing counterfeit money. He passed a five dollar note on the Unadilla bank at the Silverthorn tavern, and a two dollar bill on the State bank at the Rockport House. He was brought before Justice Smith, where he gave bail in the sum of $500 for his appearance." *Forest City Democrat*, Nov. 17, 1853, *Newspaper Annals*, XXXVI, 89.

1859
Dec. 10 "The sleighing has been quite good for the past two days, and everything on runners has been out. Jo Richards' Spring Pond House, McIlrath's, Silverthorn's and other suburban hotels have raked in the dimes at a very lively rate. We have but little snow in this country when it comes all want to enjoy the brief fleeting novelty." *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 10, 1859.

1860
Jan. 4 "The Masses were lively on Monday night (Jan. 2). Beside all the private parties there was a social dance at Atheneum Hall, a German dance at National Hall, and parties at Richards, McIlraths, Silverthorn's, Brooklyn, Brighton, and Newburgh. All of which were well attended." *Leader*, Jan. 4, 1860.

1860
Jan. 12 Mention was made in several papers of the arrest and detention of a young man at Silverthorn's on Monday night, Jan. 2. He went to Rocky River in company with a young lady. There was a large party there and a great number of horses and sleighs at the stable. The young man left two robes and a whip in his sleigh, and when ready to leave for home, his robes were gone. A friend told him that he had seen a man put them into a large double sleigh which stood near. He went to that and from a pile of robes, took two, which he thought to be his. By the time he reached the door to receive his lady, several young men came up and said he had stolen the robes. They pulled one of the robes out and carried it into the house where it was found to have the young man's name upon it. They then took the other one in, which proved not to belong to him. They then accused him of stealing the shawl, cap, etc., he had on, "and abused his lady as no gentlemen would do." Finally, by leaving his watch as a pledge, he was allowed to take his lady to town. When he returned they had a warrant for his arrest and he was kept until morning. The case was then postponed until Tuesday, January 10, when, on a hearing before a magistrate, he was bound over to answer to the charge of larceny. The decision was so unjust that even the prosecuting lawyer objected to it as such.

At the same time the two young men who had detained him were bound over on bail of $200 each to answer to a charge of false imprisonment.

"Such doings as these will speedily bring Silverthorn's into disrepute as a place of resort." *Leader*, Jan. 12, 1860.

1860 June 4 — "Rocky River is a popular retreat with Clevelanders in summer time, Silverthorn's Hotel where a luxurious dinner can be prepared on fifteen minutes notice, being a bright and shining feature among the manifold attractions." *Plain Dealer*, June 4, 1860.

1860 Sept. 10 — "Inauguration of the Perry Statue! Cleveland's Great Gala Day! Anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie. WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY ARE OURS! These are household words throughout the United States. Perry's first dispatch to Gen. Harrison contained them, and that dispatch was carried from Sandusky to Harrison's headquarters by the late Mr. Wright, who was so long and well known as a tavern-keeper at Rocky River, in this County. Incredible as it may seem, Mr. Wright performed the journey, a distance of eighty miles, in one day. This was at the time when there were few roads, and those were indescribably miserable. The gallant courier, to whom this important mission had been entrusted, rode on, through dense forests, fording streams and encountering many obstacles, and succeeded in reaching his destination. It was a perilous ride, the country being filled with hireling and blood thirsty Indians." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 10, 1860.

1861 Nov. 2 — "The festival of the Ladies Soldiers Aid society of Rockport, held at Silverthorn's Oct. 31 under the superintendence of the Misses G. B. Merwin, J. H. Silverthorn, John Barnum, and Miss E. Taylor, was a triumph. The tables groaned with food and there was dancing until the 'wee sma' hours. Silverthorn gave the use of his entire establishment for the benefit of the society." *Leader*, Nov. 2, 1861, *Newspaper Annals*, XLIV, 220.

1865 — "Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorn originally kept a house of entertainment at or near Rocky River, afterwards coming to this Euclid Avenue location (where Case School now stands)." Post, *Those Were The Days*, 52.

1865 Jan. 16 — "A sleigh ride to Rocky River, followed by a supper at Silverthorn's was given by Edward M. Mercer, in celebration of his twenty-first birthday." *Leader*, Jan. 16, 1865, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVIII, 300.

1867
Feb. 16 "A festival and supper was held at Mr. H. Patchin's Rocky River House, last evening for the benefit of Mr. Jewett, of the West Side Methodist Church. The use of the house was kindly contributed by Mr. Patchin. After an excellent supper had been served up, a series of tableaux were given. The whole affair was exceedingly pleasant, and netted Mr. Jewett about $200." *Plain Dealer,* Feb. 16, 1867; see also: *Leader,* Feb. 18, 1867, *Newspaper Annals,* L, 87.

1870
Sept. 10 "The third annual reunion of the 19th Ohio battery was held in this city yesterday. Following an excellent dinner served at the Rocky River House, the members assembled for the business of reelecting the committee of arrangements. The men shortly afterward 'fell in' to rank and were reviewed by Capt. Frank Wilson, commander." *Leader,* Sept. 10, 1870, *Newspaper Annals,* LIII, 803.

1873
Jan. 8 "The fourth annual party of the Lake Captains of Cleveland came off last evening at Patchen's Hotel, Rocky River. They were all 'on deck,' and when Admiral Charles Norton commanded the response was unanimous. The supper and music was all that could be desired, and when the 'matinee' terminated at five o'clock this morning all hoped they would be present at the fifth." *Plain Dealer,* Jan. 8, 1873.

1874 The Atlas of 1874 designated the Wright Tavern site as that of the Rocky River House. Titus, Simmons and Titus, *Cuyahoga County Atlas,* 1874.

1875
July 2 An arrangement between the Lake Shore and Rocky River railway for an all-the-way-by-steam route from Cleveland to Rocky River provided quicker and cheaper transportation. The steam trains running time was a half hour while the street cars took an hour and a half to two hours. The fare by train was two cents cheaper. Five trains a day were operated each way. The article announcing this change extolled the attractions of Rocky River as a place for recreation and rest.

"Patchen's is as beautiful as ever. Mr. Patchen himself is confined to his room and most of the time to his bed now, but the same old fashioned hospitality is extended to the guest which has always characterized his rural hostelry." *Plain Dealer,* July 2, 1875.

Hotels and Taverns - Westlake Hotel;
Samuel White's Tavern

1876
Sept. 18 "The Republicans of Rockport dedicated a magnificent flag pole on Saturday, Sept. 16, in front of the Patchen House at Rocky River. The pole is 135 feet high and was donated by George B. Merwin. Noble H. Merwin acted as chairman.

"A Hayes and Wheeler flag was raised. The Honorable John Fehrenbatch was the principal speaker of the program. J. L. Hays also spoke." *Leader*, Sept. 18, 1876, *Newspaper Annals*, LIX, 643.

1920 The Tavern, built by Rufus Wright in 1810 and later sold to Jake Silverthorn, bore the Silverthorn name until it was torn down in 1920 to make room for the Hotel Westlake. *Press*, Oct. 5, 1940; Farmer, *Lakewood*, 79, 80.

1926
July 31 "The article on Rocky River in this column has drawn the attention of several readers to whom the little stream meant more than a shallow waterway. One reader is good enough to approve of what we say but doesn't want the Silverthorn place left out. Silverthorn's was a famous roadhouse in its day, and 'going out to Silverthorn's' meant an always delightful jaunt. That was the ideal place to take the best girl, and a glossy horse attached to a shiny buggy -- red wheels preferred -- provided the means for going and coming. Of course Silverthorn's custom wasn't all confined to pairs -- family parties were his patrons too." *Plain Dealer*, July 31, 1926.

SAMUEL WHITE'S TAVERN
Detroit Avenue

1839
Apr. 15 "Sheriff Sale - In obedience to the command of a writ of fi. fa. issued out of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Cuyahoga, to me directed, I have levied upon and shall expose to public sale at the tavern of Samuel White in Brooklyn on Apr. 25, the following described property; one pair of horses, one two-horse wagon. S. S. Handerson, Sheriff." *Herald & Gazette*, Apr. 15, 1839, *Newspaper Annals*, XXII, 211.

1841
Nov. 29 "The committee on swine of the Cuyahoga Agricultural society report that they proceeded to view the various lots offered for exhibition and awarded the following premiums: To William Whiting of Lorain county for the best Berkshire boar over one year old, one dollar; To Samuel White of Brooklyn for the best Berkshire boar under one year old, one dollar." *Herald*, Nov. 29, 1841, *Newspaper Annals*, XXIV, 10.

Hotels and Taverns - Samuel White's Tavern;
Wightman Tavern

1914 "Samuel White owned a farm of 50 acres on Detroit Street, between Gordon Avenue (now W. 65th) and the tracks on the N. Y. C. R. R. He kept a roadside inn, which yet (1914) stands, on the north side of the street. It has small wings on each side of the main part, and small painted windows." Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 75.

WIGHTMAN TAVERN
Newburgh

There are few facts and much confusion evident in the meager references to a tavern that is said to have been one of the most famous in Cuyahoga County. This tavern, or hotel, was in Newburgh, but whether it was on land on the west side of what is now East 93rd Street, just north of its junction with Union Avenue, or on Broadway just west of what is now the junction of East 55th Street and Broadway is not clear. The confusion arises from the fact that John Wightman bought land on Woodland Hills (Woodhill Rd. and East 93rd Street) Road in 1811, and that in 1827 he acquired by trade another piece of land which straddled the present Broadway west of what is now East 55th Street. The county records show the acquisition of both of these properties. St. Alexis Hospital is on the piece Wightman acquired in 1827 and it is believed that his famous tavern was in that neighborhood. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, "A-1," 154; *ibid.*, "F-6," 396, 397; Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 136; *Settlers Annals*, I, no. 3, 68.

1811 Mr. and Mrs. John J. (Deborah Calista Morgan) Wightman, later proprietors of Wightman's Tavern, left Groton, Conn., in 1811, and travelled to Cleveland by ox-team. Wickham, *Pioneer Families*, I, 136; *Settlers Annals*, V, no. 1, 82.

1811 June 22 James Kingsbury and wife deeded ten acres of land on the west side of Woodland Hills Road in Newburgh, to John Wightman on June 22, 1811, the consideration given in the deed being $60. The old Woodland Hills Road followed the lines of what is now Woodhill Road and East 93rd Street, and Wightman's ten acres were on E. 93rd Street, running from Harris Avenue to a point between Bessemer and Laisy Avenues, having 16 rods frontage and 100 rods depth. It was a part of original lot No. 440. The deed was recorded December 6, 1811. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, "A-1," 154.

1826 Mar. 17 "Notice is hereby given that the copartnership hitherto subsisting between Wightman & Ingram, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. John Wightman, Frederic Ingram, March 9, 1826." *Herald*, Mar. 17, 1826, *Newspaper Annals*, IX, 26.

1827
Feb. 28 — Levi Johnson and wife deeded the south half of original lot No. 324 in Newburgh to John Wightman on February 28, 1827, the consideration being land which Wightman traded to Johnson. The east line of the piece acquired by Wightman ran along the center of what is now East 55th Street south to a point a little way north of the junction of Broadway and East 55th Street. The south line running west from East 55th Street crossed what is now Broadway and McBride Street just north of their intersection. Parts of what is now McBride, Buettner, Fowler, Pershing, Mead, Wendell and Finn avenues, and both sides of Broadway between Wendell and McBride, are now in what was Wightman's land received in trade from Johnson. These streets all run diagonal to the boundary lines of the lot, which was then farm land. The land on which St. Alexis' Hospital is situated, was a part of Wightman's piece and the tavern that he built is said to have been on the south side of Broadway about opposite the hospital. *Cuyahoga County Deeds*, "F-6," 396, 397.

1827
Oct. 5 — "Died on the 22d ult. at Newburgh, in the 43d year of her age, Mrs. Deborah Wightman, wife of John Wightman." *Herald*, Oct. 5, 1827, *Newspaper Annals*, X, 94.

1828
May 9 — "Married, at Newburgh, May 4, by A. W. Walworth, Esq., William H. Knapp, to Miss Deborah L. Wightman, daughter of John Wightman." *Herald*, May 9, 1828, *Newspaper Annals*, XI, 195.

WRIGHT HOUSE
145 Ontario Street

When the Wright House began its career as a hotel is not clearly determined. It was a dwelling before it came into use as a hotel. For a time it was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gaylord, who came to Cleveland in 1833. The hotel building stood near the old Cleveland and Newburgh Railroad, whose horse-car service followed tracks along the south side of the Square, from a depot at the site of the present Cleveland Hotel. In 1837 an incident occurred in which a driver, employed by the railway company, left his horse and car in front of the Wright House while he went in there to get his coat. The horse frightened by something, tore off along the tracks; the car, containing a lady passenger, lurched behind him on the wild ride which continued to the car barns. This then would definitely establish the year 1837 as one in which the hotel was doing business.

The hotel stood on the west side of Ontario Street, a little south of the Public Square, and occupied a small portion of the site on which the Higbee store is located today.

Hotels and Taverns
Wright House

On March 23, 1857, James Wright, proprietor of Wright House, formally published his thanks to the city firemen for having saved his hotel from burning the day before. The fire which threatened the hotel was apparently an incendiary blaze originating in the neighboring hotel of William Brown.

In 1863 John Rock was proprietor of the hotel. He was followed by John Steffens, who took over the proprietorship in 1869 and continued until 1880. About 1890 Mark Lamb, long famous in Cleveland as a hotel-keeper, became the proprietor. Under the able management of these three men, Wright House was a favorite and well-known stopping place for traveling men.

In 1890 the store of Bingham and Phelps was separated from the hotel by a small alley. Sometime after 1890 a "New Wright House" replaced the old one. As it was built where the Bingham and Phelps store had stood, this change involved practically no change of site. *Settlers Annals*, II, 44, 47; *Leader*, Mar. 23, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 104, 110; *Leader*, Mar. 30, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 255; *Press*, Nov. 9, 1931; Wilson, *Euclid Avenue*, I, 162; Kennedy, *Cleveland*, 256, 257; *Cleveland Directories*, 1856-1858.

1857 — The Wright House was located at 22 Ontario Street in 1857 and 1858. James Wright was the proprietor. Berry, Harriott & Hartlett, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

1857 Mar. 23 — "James Wright returns his sincere thanks to fire company No. 6 as well as to the chief engineer and the fire department in general for their energetic and well directed efforts in preventing the destruction of his hotel during the fire yesterday." *Leader*, Mar. 23, 1857, *Newspaper Annals*, XL, 104.

1858 Aug. 30 — "On Aug. 28 a horse belonging to a Mr. Adams, who was stopping at the Wright House on Ontario st., was stolen from the stable. The horse was worth about $125. A dog belonging to the hotel was poisoned on Aug. 26, probably by the ones who decamped with the horse, that he might not expose their night work." *Leader*, Aug. 30, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 255.

1862 Feb. 27 — "Lost - On Euclid street Tuesday morning (Feb. 25) a yellow Bull Terrier Dog, with a large scar on the left side of the head, his ears not cut; and answers to the name of Turk. The party finding the above, will be liberally rewarded by sending him to the Wright House, Ontario street. James Wright." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 27, 1862.

Hotels and Taverns - Wright House;
Young America Hotel

1863 July 1 "John Rock, who was charged in police court yesterday with obtaining money under false pretenses, is not the John Rock who keeps the hotel known as the Wright House on Ontario Street." *Leader*, July 1, 1863, *Newspaper Annals*, XLVI, 252.

1869 From 1869 to 1879 the old Wright House was located at 139 Ontario Street. John Steffens was the proprietor during these ten years. *Cleveland Directories*, 1869-1879.

1898 The New Wright House was located at 145 Ontario Street. *Cuyahoga County Atlas*, 1898.

1931 Nov. 9 "Mark Lamb entered the hotel business nearly a half century ago, as manager of the Striebinger House on Michigan Avenue. A few years later he moved over to the Wright House, which stood on the site of the present Higbee Store." *Press*, Nov. 9, 1931.

YOUNG AMERICA HOTEL

Southwest Corner of Lorain and Pearl (W. 25th) Streets

The first mention of a hotel on the southwest corner of Pearl and Lorain Streets, now Lorain and West 25th Street, was in 1857; Robert Baggs and Alexander McLane (also spelled McLean) were the proprietors. In 1859 McLane became the sole owner. The hotel, renamed the Young America Hotel, served the eleventh ward as Democratic Headquarters. It soon became a center for political activities, due, no doubt, to the fact that McLane was such an active participant in ward and city politics.

McLane managed the hotel until 1867. From then until 1879 nothing is mentioned in contemporary sources concerning the hotel. In 1879, L. H. Campbell took over its management and operated it until 1884 when Mrs. Campbell became the proprietress. How long the hotel ran after that is not known. By 1921 there was no longer a hotel on the site. It is now occupied by the Central National Bank Building. *Settlers Annals*, IX, no. 6, 17, 18; *Leader*, Apr. 14, 1858, *Newspaper Annals*, XLI, 77; *Plain Dealer*, July 20 and Oct. 4, 1860; *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 19, 1861; *Cleveland Directories*, 1857-1884.

1857 Robert Baggs and Alexander McLane were the proprietors of a hotel at the corner of Lorain and Pearl Streets on the West Side in 1857 and 1858. Boyd, *Cleveland Directory*, 1857-58.

Hotels and Taverns
Young America Hotel

1859 Alexander McLane was the proprietor of the Young America Hotel, 176 Pearl Road, from 1859 to 1867. *Cleveland Directory*, 1859-60, 1860-61, 1861-62, 1862-63, 1863-64, 1864-65, 1865-66, 1866-67.

1860 July 18 "The Democrats of the 11th Ward are requested to meet at the Young America Hotel on Wednesday, the 19th of July, 1860, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of organizing a Democratic Douglas Club." *Plain Dealer*, July 18, 1860.

1860 July 20 "Pursuant to published notice, on Wednesday, July 18, 1860, at 8 P. M., the Democrats of the 11th Ward met at the Democratic Head Quarters, the Young America Hotel, for the purpose of organizing a Douglas and Johnson Club. The meeting was called to order by appointing L. B. Whitney to the chair." *Plain Dealer*, July 20, 1860.

1860 Sept. 21 "The Reception of Stephen A. Douglas. Upon the arrival of the popular Sovereignty Train, containing Mr. Douglas and the Committee of escort, at half-past seven o'clock precisely, a federal salute will be fired from the foot of Bank Street. ... The procession should be ready to start from the Medical College at 7 o'clock precisely, and on the West Side of the River, from Alex McLean's (McLane's) Hotel, at the same hour." *Plain Dealer*, Sept. 21, 1860.

1860 Sept. 25 "Resolution by Mr. Dixon, that the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to hire a room in the Young America Hotel in the 11th Ward to hold the coming election. Adopted." *Cleveland Council Journal* "K," 522.

1860 Oct. 4 "Organize! Organize! Organize! Democratic meetings will be held on Saturday evening the 6th inst., in the several Wards, for the purpose of a thorough organization for the election of next Tuesday. 11th Ward at Young America Hotel." *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 4, 1860.

1861 Feb. 19 "The committee on procuring rooms for the use of the Hicks Street School (recently swept by a disastrous fire) pupils reported as follows: Young America Hotel, cor. Pearl and Lorain Streets at $2½ per week. Accepted." *Plain Dealer*, Feb. 19, 1861.

Hotels and Taverns - Young America Hotel;
John Ziemer's Hotel

1863 Oct. 2 — "Wanted immediately -- Twenty-five agents to operate the Book and Map business, to whom good wages will be paid. School teachers and active young men from the country preferred. Apply at Young American Hotel, West Side, Cleveland." *Plain Dealer,* Oct. 2, 1863.

1865 May 4 — "The Beer Retailers and Consumers Protective Association. The first meeting will take place in the large room on the 2d floor of the Young America Hotel, Pearl Street, West Side, Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday next, May 8, 1865, at 7 P. M." *Plain Dealer,* May 4, 1865.

1865 May 9 — "In accordance with the advertisement of the Beer Retailers and Consumer's Protection Association, a meeting took place at the Young America Hotel, Pearl Street, West Side. The following resolution was submitted and carried unanimously. That Andrew McLean be requested to obtain signatures (of parties interested) to resolutions produced pledging themselves to carry out as far possible, the object desired; after which an early meeting will be arranged, of which due notice will be given, and a full attendance is respectfully requested." *Plain Dealer,* May 9, 1865.

1866 Mar 29 — At a meeting of the Democrats of the eleventh ward, held March 29, Alex McLane, proprietor of the Young America Hotel, was elected delegate. *Leader,* Mar. 30, 1866, *Newspaper Annals,* XLIX, 442.

1879 — L. H. Campbell was the proprietor of the Young America Hotel, 603 (new number) Pearl Street, from 1879 to 1884. *Cleveland Directories,* 1879-1884.

1884 — Mrs. L. H. Campbell was the proprietress of the Young America Hotel, 603 Pearl Street, in 1884 and 1885. *Cleveland Directory,* 1884-85.

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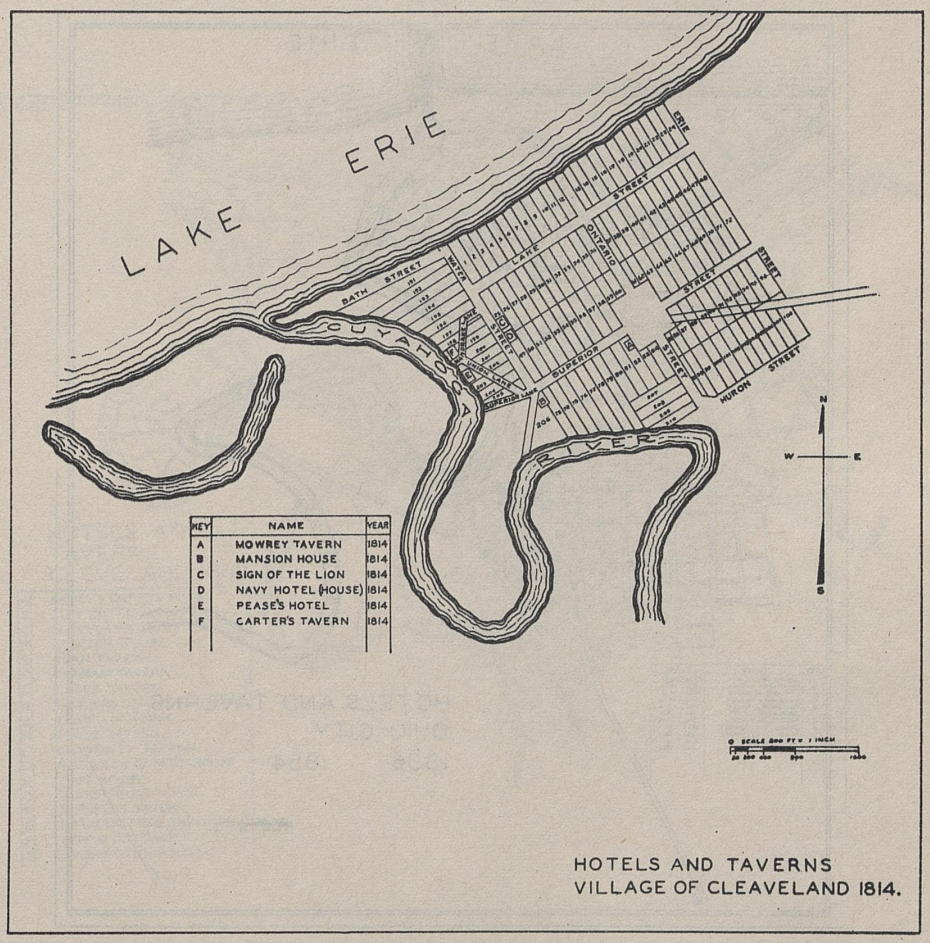

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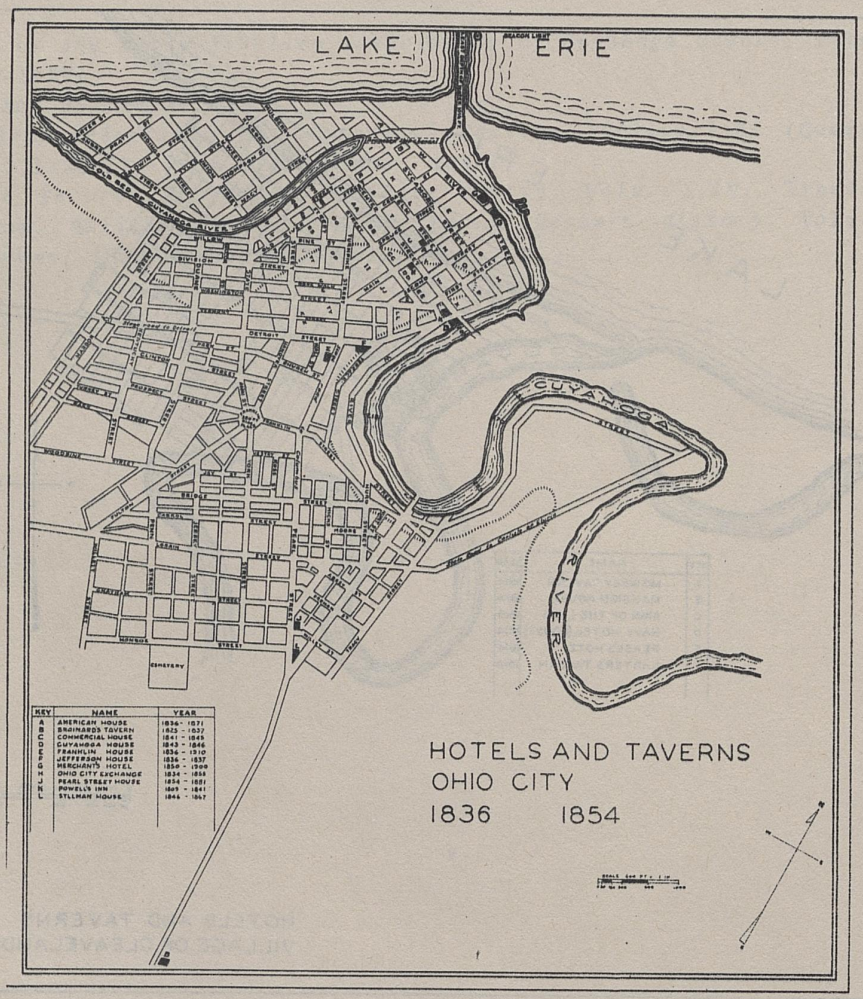
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C | COMMERCIAL HOUSE | 1841 - 1845
D | CUYAHOGA HOUSE | 1843 - 1846
E | FRANKLIN HOUSE | 1834 - 1910
F | JEFFERSON HOUSE | 1836 - 1837
G | MERCHANT'S HOTEL | 1850 - 1900
H | OHIO CITY EXCHANGE | 1834 - 1858
J | PEARL STREET HOUSE | 1834 - 1881
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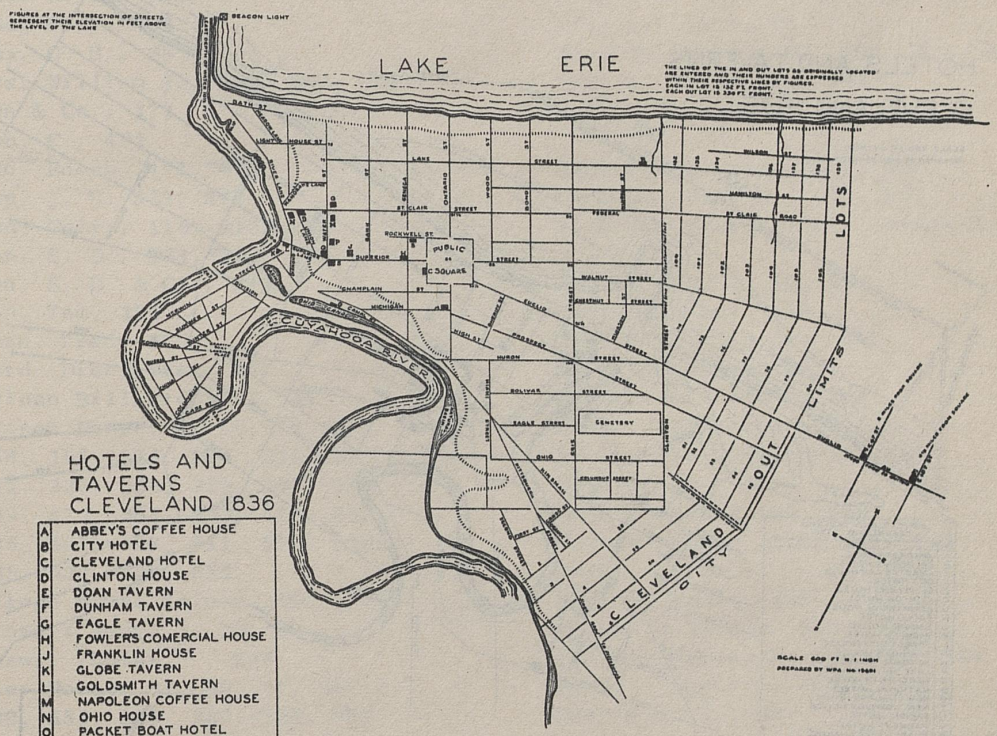

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B	CITY HOTEL
C	CLEVELAND HOTEL
D	CLINTON HOUSE
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F	DUNHAM TAVERN
G	EAGLE TAVERN
H	FOWLER'S COMERCIAL HOUSE
J	FRANKLIN HOUSE
K	GLOBE TAVERN
L	GOLDSMITH TAVERN
M	NAPOLEON COFFEE HOUSE
N	OHIO HOUSE
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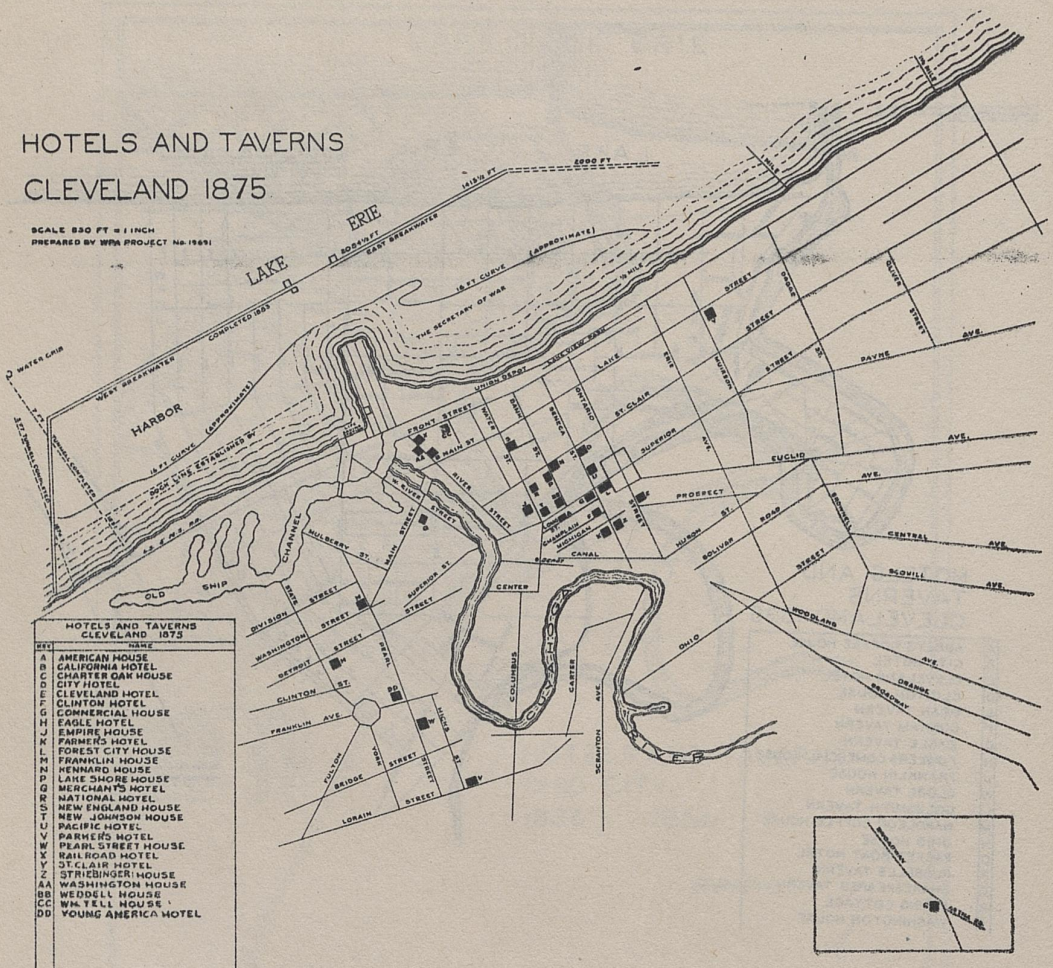

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C	CHARTER OAK HOUSE
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E	CLEVELAND HOTEL
F	CLINTON HOTEL
G	COMMERCIAL HOUSE
H	EAGLE HOTEL
J	EMPIRE HOUSE
K	FARMER'S HOTEL
L	FOREST CITY HOUSE
M	FRANKLIN HOUSE
N	KENNARD HOUSE
P	LAKE SHORE HOUSE
Q	MERCHANTS HOTEL
R	NATIONAL HOTEL
S	NEW ENGLAND HOUSE
T	NEW JOHNSON HOUSE
U	PACIFIC HOTEL
V	PARMER'S HOTEL
W	PEARL STREET HOUSE
X	RAIL ROAD HOTEL
Y	ST. CLAIR HOTEL
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