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GEORGE W. MOON HOUSE (built in 1855—*Italianate-style brick farmhouse*) *5220 Detroit Road, Sheffield Village, Ohio*

*T*his large Italianate-style brick farmhouse, with sandstone lintels and foundation, was built in 1855. A front porch with Doric columns was added circa 1875. George Moon, who had the house built, was the son of Oliver Moon, one of Sheffield's original pioneers in 1816. Slaughterhouses and a butter factory once were part of the farm's operation. In 1881 the property was bought by William Wilder and in 1915 by George Gubeno. In 1976 it was the home of Victor Gornall and Rosella [Gubeno] Gornall when the Lorain County Historical Society awarded them a Century Home plaque. This classic home house was demolished in 1990 to make way for two fast-food restaurants and a supermarket, but it remains listed on the Ohio Inventory of Historic Structures.



The Moon family traces its heritage back to a Captain Thomas Moon who sailed with Sir Francis Drake and set foot in America in 1570. Oliver Moon (1787-1867) arrived in Sheffield in 1816, settled on Lot 11, and lived there the remainder of his life. Two other Moon brothers arrived in Lorain County around the same time—Colonel Abraham Moon and Lodowick Moon settled in Avon. Abraham

purchased 300 to 400 acres on North Ridge, erected a double log cabin, and planted a 100-tree orchard. He married Theresa Durand and they had three children. Lodowick married Elizabeth Sweet and added eight children to the growing Avon Moon family. Another brother, Amos, arrived after 1830 with wife Clarissa Baker.

Oliver Moon married Eunice Reynolds (1795-1877) and had seven children: Sarah, Emeline, Lucina E., Harriet F., George W., Jacob M., and Mary. Sarah married Isaac Larue Case who moved to Indiana. Emeline married Daniel Fleming and they moved to Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan. Lucina E. married William Hurst, from England, and they farmed and raised a family in Avon, Ohio. Harriet F. married Irving "Jack" Burrell (son of Aurora Burrell and Mary Irving; grandson of Arnold Burrell of Sheffield) and farmed in Avon, where they had nine children. Aurora had to write out permission for Irving to marry because he was not yet 21 and Harriet had to prove she was at least 18. George W. married Harriet Moore and farmed the family homestead. In 1855 he constructed a large Italianate-style brick farmhouse on the property. In 1885 George W. and Harriet moved to Lincoln, Minnesota. Jacob M. (in later years called James Martin) married Mary Susan Jewett and

moved west of Chicago where he farmed and was a merchant. Mary did not survive her first year.

Oliver Moon died on April 26, 1867 and Eunice passed away on June 10, 1877. They are buried side-by-side in Garfield Cemetery (Block A. Lot 3, Graves 2 & 3).

Front porch and Doric columns added in 1875



George W. Moon House in 1975



Former location of George W. Moon House

Oliver Moon grave marker in Garfield Cemetery

