



BICENTENNIAL BULLETIN No. 28 ***—Sheffield Celebrates 200th Birthday***

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JOSEPH HIRAM PADLEY FARM —an early homestead on the Lake Erie shore ***4949 Lake Road, Sheffield Lake, Ohio***

Once located on the lakeshore just east of Harris Road, the Joseph Padley Homestead was one of the first farms on Sheffield's lakeshore. Joseph Padley built a Vernacular-style farmhouse on the shore in 1860 and operated a 101-acre farm on the south side of Lake Road. Although modified several times over the years, the century and a half home is still standing in Sheffield Lake.

At the turn of the century, about 1900, Joseph Padley's son, Norman, built another Vernacular-style farmhouse on the family homestead. This house, located where the Knickerbocker Knolls development was built five decades later, is no longer standing.

In the 1970s the Joseph Padley House was redesigned as a nunnery for the Sisters of Notre Dame who served at St. Thomas Catholic Church on Harris Road. More recently it was remodeled as a private residence. In the early 1950s the land south of Lake Road was sold for the Knickerbocker Knolls housing development of Irving Park.

Sheffield historian Doris Burrell (1903-1997) collected and preserved a number of photographs of the early farms that once occupied the Sheffield Lake lakeshore. She presented these to

This 1970s view shows the old Joseph Padley House on the lakeshore remodeled as a nunnery for the Sisters of Notre Dame from St. Thomas Catholic Church



The Joseph Hiram Padley House, built in 1860 on his 101-acre farm east of Harris Road. The view shows that Lake Road was still a dirt road in the late 1800s. The stepping-stone at the roadside was used for ladies arriving in carriages. In the early 1950s the land south of the road was sold for the Knickerbocker Knolls housing development (Irving Park)



This recent view shows the old the old Joseph Padley House again remodeled as a private residence



Sheffield Lake's Domonkas Library in 1975 as 35 mm slides, mounted in a cartridge for a carousel projector. A selection of images, digitally scanned, are presented here that depict life on the Padley Homestead over 100 years ago.

Joseph Padley with his work horses in the late 1800s



The Padley's, like most farmers in the 1800s, raised chickens along with other typical farm animals and crops with the intent to be as self-sufficient as possible



Dora Padley and her daughter Marcella (later Mrs. William Serian) churning butter in the dooryard of the homestead



Haying on the Padley farm in the late 1800s. Hay was harvested with a team of horses pulling a hay wagon to which a hay loader was attached. The loader was put in motion by the turning of its wheels as it was drawn along behind the wagon



The Padley family calling on the Youngblood family, circa 1900



Home of Norman Padley, son of Joseph, built on the family homestead, circa 1900. This house is no longer standing

