



## ***SHEFFIELD BICENTENNIAL BULLETIN No. 4*** ***—Sheffield Celebrates 200th Birthday***

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***SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HALL*** (built in 1883—*National Register of Historic Places*)  
4820 Detroit Road, Sheffield Village, Ohio



The building that is now known as the Sheffield Village Hall was originally built as Sheffield School District Schoolhouse No. 2 in 1883. The 1874 Tax Map for Sheffield Township indicates that an even older wood schoolhouse was located on the same property before the brick building was constructed.

This aesthetically pleasing brick schoolhouse is distinguished from typical late 19th century one-room schools in that it has elaborate Queen Anne-style wood trim, especially at the peak of the front façade gable and the ornate cupola bell tower. The brickwork is also unusually attractive as seen in the hoodmoldings [moldings projecting outward above the doors and windows to protect them from rain and snow] and detailed patterns at the eaves. When it was in use as a school, doors were located on either side of the central window, left for the boys and right for the girls.

Designed and built by architect Elah Terrell, the building was one of eight red-brick schools serving Sheffield Township before the schools were centralized in the early 1920s. Known as North Ridge School, it provided classes for grades 1 through 8. The building was warmed with a wood-burning stove. The male students were responsible for obtaining firewood and keeping the stove going. Boy and girl outhouses were located behind the school. By the 1880s Sheffield Township had a population of nearly 1,000 and the eight schoolhouses were valued at \$7,000 with 286 students in attendance. In 1923 when Brookside School was built on the east side of the Black River and Highland [later renamed Clearview] and Vincent Schools were built west of the river, the one-room schools were closed.

In 1935, for \$500, the Sheffield Lake Board of Education transferred the schoolhouse on North Ridge to the newly formed Village of Sheffield to be used as a Village Hall and office for adjacent Garfield Cemetery. Soon after, the Village constructed an attached garage at the south end of the Hall to house a fire truck. The building continued in this capacity for over six decades until a new Sheffield Village Municipal Complex was constructed at the corner of Colorado Avenue and East River Road in 1999. Currently the building provides offices for the Village's Clerk/Treasurer and the Garfield Cemetery Superintendent. This structure, including Garfield Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*District No. 2 School (1911)*



*Garfield Cemetery*

*Milton Garfield Monument*

