

# THE VILLAGE PIONEER

Newsletter of the Sheffield Village Historical Society & Cultural Center



## Society Membership Grows

We are very pleased to report that as of February 2007, membership in the Sheffield Village Historical Society stands at a robust 94 members and is growing each week. The Board of Trustees wishes to thank each of you for your support of the Society. In addition to Individual and Family Memberships, we are pleased to acknowledge five business/organization memberships: the 5 & Diner, EcoSphere Associates, Mike Bass Ford, Oberlin Heritage Center, and the Sheffield Village Firefighters Local 4275.

Anyone joining the Historical Society for 2007 will be considered a *CHARTER MEMBER*. If you are not a member, the Board of Trustees invites you to join. Please fill out the membership application at the end of this newsletter and return it to the address on the form.

As we grow, the Society needs your help. If you have any extra file cabinets, folding tables & chairs, and general office furniture & equipment to donate, please contact the Society at (440) 934-1514 or 934-6015 or email [herdendorf@aol.com](mailto:herdendorf@aol.com) to have them picked up. Equally important, the Society would appreciate any historic documents or memorabilia you would care to share. Thank You.

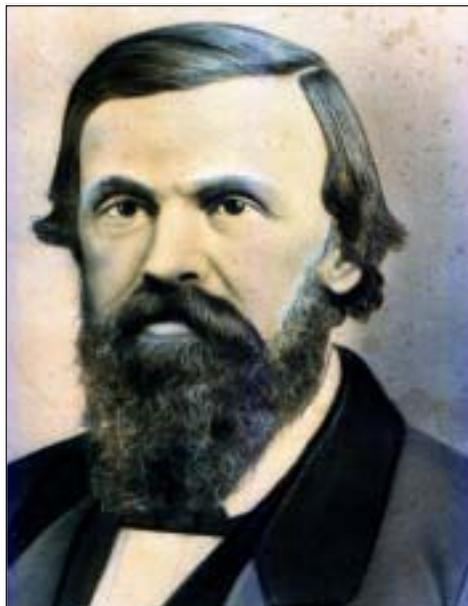
## Calendar

**APRIL 12, 2007** (Thursday)—Board of Trustees Meeting, Sheffield Village Historical Society at the Sheffield Village Hall (4820 Detroit Road) at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will feature a presentation by Marilyn Fedelchak-Harley, coordinator of the Lorain County Preservation Network, titled *Is it Historic or just Old?* The meeting is open to all members of the Society.

**APRIL 26, 2007** (Thursday)—Membership Meeting, Sheffield Village Historical Society at the Sheffield Municipal Complex (4340 Colorado Avenue) at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will feature an illustrated presentation by Dr. Charles E. Herdendorf, president of the Society, titled *Sheffield and the California Gold Rush of 1849* (see photos below). This meeting is free and open to the public.

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Henry Garfield—Gold Rush '49er from Sheffield who spent 20 years in the California gold fields. Henry sent numerous letters to his family in Sheffield describing his exploits. Henry returned to Sheffield and is buried in Garfield Cemetery.



Eddie Herdendorf recovering treasure from the Gold Rush steamer SS Central America which sank in a September 1857 hurricane. This vessel contained a missing letter from Henry Garfield to his brother Halsey in Sheffield.



A portion of the 3 tons of gold treasure recovered from the SS Central America in 1989. She sank 200 miles off the Carolina coast in 8,000 feet of water. Henry wrote to Halsey in November 1857 that his letter was aboard the Central America.

## Calendar

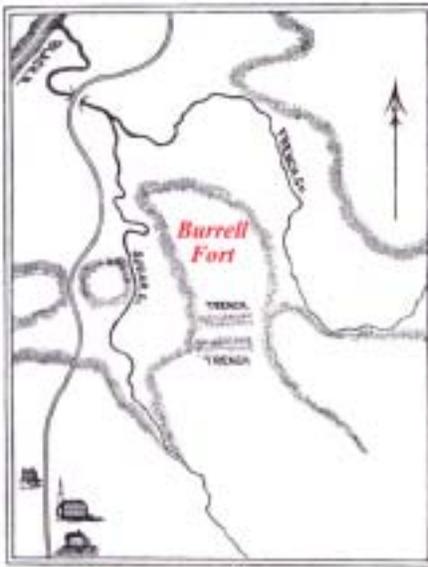
**JUNE 23, 2007** (Saturday)—Open House, Sheffield Village Historical Society at the Village Hall & Garfield Cemetery (4820 Detroit Road) and the Burrell Homestead (2792 East River Road) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Open House will feature guided tours of Garfield Cemetery and the Burrell House & Cheese Factory. Exhibits at the Village Hall will include Indian artifacts from Sheffield archaeological sites, tools used by the founding pioneers to construct their homes and work their farms, and other interesting Village memorabilia and historic photographs. The Open House is free and open to the public. Anyone wishing to display artifacts or photographs is asked to contact the Society at 934-1514 or 934-6015.

**FALL 2007**—A membership meeting is being planned for October that will feature a presentation by the Amherst Historical Society on *The Old and New Indian Hill Museum*. Details will be announced later this year.

## National Register of Historic Places in Sheffield

Sheffield is fortunate to have eight noteworthy archaeological and historical sites within the limits of the original township that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Seven of these are within the Village of Sheffield and one is in an area annexed from the township by the City of Lorain in 1894.

**Burrell Orchard.** This archaeological site is located in the French Creek Reservation of Lorain County Metro Parks and was listed on the National Register in 1977. The site is situated on a high promontory overlooking French Creek, a short distance north of the Burrell House. Excavations revealed a large concentration of lanceolate projectile points and undisturbed campsite features of Late Paleo-Indian occupation, some 11,000 to 10,500 years ago. Because the site area was an orchard, plowing had never disturbed it. Later, Woodland Indians constructed a village at the same site, about 1,600 years ago. The Paleo-Indians had not yet invented pottery,



1874 Map of Burrell Fort Site.

Reservation of Lorain County Metro Parks. It was listed on the National Register in 1978. Burrell Fort is a rare example of a prehistoric Indian village that was protected by a defensive stockade and major earthworks. Radiocarbon dates indicate that this village was occupied from about 2,500 to 1,200 years ago, during the Woodland Indian period. The fort was constructed on high ground where the bluffs of French Creek and Sugar Creek meet to form a triangular projection. The village was protected from invaders on two sides by the steep bluffs and on the third side by the stockade and the earthworks. The trenches dug to form the earthworks are still clearly visible at this fascinating site.

**Eiden Prehistoric District.** This archaeological district, like the Burrell sites, is located in the French Creek Reservation of Lorain County Metro Parks and was listed on the National Register in 1978. The district consists of several sites near the confluence

of French Creek and the Black River, on the south side of Colorado Avenue. Prehistoric occupation in the district started about 10,000 years ago and ended only 600 years ago, with



Artifacts from the Eiden Site.

it being inhabited by Archaic, Woodland, and Late Prehistoric cultures. Many of the artifacts recovered from the site, such as triangular flint projectile points, are characteristic of the Late Woodland period.

**Jabez and Robbins Burrell House and Cheese Factory.** This two-story brick farmhouse in the late Federal-style, was constructed by Jabez Burrell about 1820. The house, located at 2792 East River Road a short distance south of the French Creek bridge, was inhabited by members of the Burrell family for 180 years and is now operated as a museum by Lorain County Metro Parks. Captains Jabez Burrell & John Day of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts purchased the township from General William Hart in 1815 and proceeded to found the settlement of Sheffield, Ohio. To the rear of the house is a wood frame building formerly used as a cheese factory. This building is significant because very few of the large number of cheese factories erected for this important Ohio industry are



Artifacts from the Burrell and Eiden Sites.

but excavations of the village site yielded potsherds typical of the Late Woodland period.

**Burrell Fort.** This archaeological site is located in James Day Park of Sheffield Village and extends into the French Creek

still in existence. Robbins Burrell, the son of Jabez, was an Abolitionist who operated an Underground Railroad station at the Burrell



*Jabez and Robbins Burrell House.*

House and was instrumental in securing passage across Lake Erie for runaway slaves.

**Milton Garfield House.** This impressive, Greek Revival-style house was built for Milton Garfield by Ezra Jackson in 1839. Located on North Ridge (4921 Detroit Road), this house was placed on the National Register in 1978 and received a Lorain County Historic Landmark award in 2006. Milton Garfield was one of the original Sheffield pioneers, settling on North Ridge in 1815. He married Tempe Williams of Avon in 1820 and they started their family in a log house directly east of the



*Milton Garfield House.*

main house. Milton's sons, Henry and Halsey, completed the interior work on the house. The exterior design is a balanced or symmetrical scheme with one central chimney where the main structure is joined by a large north wing and two other chimneys on the outer side walls. The side gables feature quarter-round windows at the attic level. The house has outstanding features, such as an elaborate main entrance with two recessed half-columns on each side of the door, unique built-in cabinets of native cherry wood, and a great fireplace that is one of the few in the Western Reserve in which the warming and bake ovens are found intact. Garfield ran a prosperous

farm on his 200-acre site and was active in active in the township government.

**Halsey Garfield House.** This elegant, Greek Revival-style house was built for Halsey Garfield, son of Milton, by Douglas Smith in 1854 and was placed on the National Register in 1978. Also located on North Ridge (4789 Detroit Road), a short distance west of the Milton Garfield House, this structure is distinctive with its raked capitals on the corner pilasters, which demonstrate the transition from Greek Revival to Italianate style that was occurring in the mid-nineteenth century. This treatment, where the pilasters meet the entablatures, symbolizes this transition. In the Italianate style the partial returns at the gables are not used as they are in Greek



*Halsey Garfield House.*

Revival style. Halsey Garfield was a successful merchant in the French Creek area of Avon and prosperous farmer in Sheffield. Along with the Milton Garfield House, this well preserved dwelling is a key pre-Civil War building along North Ridge in Sheffield.

**Sheffield Village Hall & Garfield Cemetery.** Elaborate Queen Anne-style wood trim, especially at the peak of the front facade and in the ornate bell tower, distinguish this 1883 schoolhouse from typical late nineteenth century one-room schools. The brickwork is attractive, as seen



*Sheffield Village Hall and Garfield Cemetery.*

in the hood moldings and patterns at the eaves. Designed by architect E. Terrell, it was one of eight red-brick schools that served Sheffield Township before school centralization was initiated in 1920. Since 1935, soon after the Village of Sheffield was organized, the building served as the Village Hall and office for the adjacent Garfield Cemetery. This structure, at 4820 Detroit Road, including Garfield Cemetery, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. The historic burial ground at Garfield Cemetery is the final resting place of Joshua Smith, War of 1812 Veteran and the first settler of Sheffield, who was also the first to die here (1817). Civil War veterans are also buried here, including George F. Smith whose monument commemorates his service in both the Union Army and Navy, 1861-1865.

**William H. Root House.** This house at 3535 East Erie Avenue, now located within the Lorain City limits by virtue of annexation in 1894, when originally built about 1845 was situated within Sheffield Township. The William H. Root House is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style, exhibiting fine craftsmanship and distinctive ornamental features. The dwelling's large size



*William H. Root House.*

testifies to the prosperity of the original owner. William Root was the son of Sheffield pioneer Henry Root and brother of Captain Aaron Root, credited with transporting many runaway slaves in his ships across Lake Erie to freedom in Canada. William Root was a farmer, ran a steam sawmill on the Black River, served as Justice of the Peace for Sheffield, and was elected Lorain County Auditor. The William H. Root House is one of only a handful of pre-Civil War farmhouses built along the lakefront in Lorain County and the best of those surviving along the lakeshore. This building was placed on the National Register in 1978.

## *History of the Sheffield Congregational Church*

Starting in the winter of 1816, soon after the first settlers arrived in Sheffield, religious meetings commenced at the home of Captain Jabez Burrell and consisted of reading a sermon, singing, and a prayer by Mr. Hanchett of Ridgeville who worked for Captain Burrell, as there was no reverend in the settlement. In the spring of 1817, Alvan Coe preached the first sermon and in the fall, Alvan Hyde, son of Reverend Dr. Hyde of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, was commissioned by the Berkshire Missionary Association to preach in the new settlements

Root, Preston Pool, William Day, William Smith, Samuel B. Fitch, and Daniel Perry.

In 1852, an elegant Greek Revival-style Congregational Church was built on East River Road on the site of the original 1818 log church. The church featured a graceful bell tower capped by a sharp spire directed toward the heavens. A long row of horse barns was also constructed behind the church for the use of the parishioners. On May 1, 1898 the Sheffield Congregational Church celebrated its 80th Anniversary. Pastors who

In 1903 the Sheffield Congregational Church held its final service, a funeral for Edna Crehore, age 18. The congregation was merged into Lorain Congregational Churches and the Sunday school moved to Vincent Congregational Church west of the Black River. When Sheffield celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1915, a 2-day reunion was held that included festivities at the old church. The celebration started with a launch ride up the Black River to the Hyer Farm, then a jitney bus ride from the top of hill to French Creek Hollow for a program, followed by



*Sheffield Congregational Church.*

on the Western Reserve, including Sheffield. In 1818 the citizens of Sheffield constructed a log building at the crest of the hill overlooking French Creek valley to serve as both a church and schoolhouse. On May 1, 1818, Reverend William Williams, a missionary from the Connecticut Missionary Society, assisted by Alvan Hyde, formed a Congregational Church for the community. The thirteen charter members included: Nathan Stevens and wife, Mary Burrell [wife of Captain Jabez Burrell] and her daughters Julia & Sarah, Martha Smith [widow of Capt. Joshua Smith] and her son Douglas, Henry

ministered to Sheffield's spiritual life were honored: Reverends White, Walker, Gough, Right, Shaffler, DeLong, Baldwin, Barnard, Deidrich, Kelsey, and Hadley. Professor G. Frederick Wright of Oberlin College, husband of Hulda Maria Day, delivered the celebration address. Thereafter, with the death of community elders and emigration of the children, the membership of the Congregation Church at Sheffield Center dwindled to six families. The congregation could not afford a pastor and for two years Edward Burrell read a printed sermon to keep up the service.

dancing in the grove [later to become James Day Park]. Later, Orville Root called to order a general assembly held at the old Congregational Church where letters were read from past residents. The reunion concluded with a picnic on the lawn of the Harry Burrell home that was attended by more than 300 residents, former residents, and county friends. Dilapidated, the old church was torn down in the 1930s, but some pieces of the foundation can still be seen in the French Creek Reservation of the Lorain County Metro Parks, across East River Road from the Burrell Homestead.

## History of German Settlement and Establishment of St. Teresa Church

German migration into Sheffield began in 1840. John Forster of Bayern [Bavaria], Germany arrived and purchased 50 acres of land from Captain Aaron Root, on which he built a log cabin. Other Germans immigrants soon arrived, including the Ferner and Burkett families. In 1842 German Catholic settlers in Sheffield petitioned the Diocese of Cincinnati for the services of a priest. In response to this request, a mission was established in Sheffield with services in the home of Johan Muller. Father McLaughlin from Holy Trinity Church in Avon provided the services, but unfortunately he did not speak the German language. In 1844, Father Francis de Sales Brunner established a seminary in Peru, Ohio (near Norwalk) for German-speaking young men from northwestern Europe (Order of the Precious Blood). Father Brunner agreed to hold church services in Sheffield and French Creek every 6 to 8 weeks.

By 1845 the number of German families in who had settled in Sheffield numbered 20 [Nichlaus Burkert, Johan Diedrich, Wilhelm Eiten, Anton Kalz, Widow Kelling, Johan Laubenthal Jr., Peter Laux, Nichlaus Linnert, Christian Merz, Johan Muller, Jodokus Otto, Nichlaus Rothgeri, Peter Rothgeri, Peter Schneider, Johan Schuller, Mathias Schuller, Heinrich Schwarz, Nichlaus Tannen, Joseph Tomas, and Peter Uhrig]. They decided to build a church and received help and encouragement from Reverend Peter Greist (or Kreuzsch) who organized a mission with assistance from Father Brunner. Each member of the church paid \$1 toward the purchase of an acre of land from Captain Aaron Root with the understanding that when he sold his farm (Lot 17) he would donate another acre to the church, which he did. On this 2-acre plot, located at the corner of Conrad and Bennett Roads (present-day Colorado Avenue and Abbe Road), the parishioners built a 24 x 30-foot log church. The church was named in honor of St. Teresa

of Avila. On June 2, 1846, the first mass in St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church was performed by Father McLaughlin in conjunction with the dedication of the church. Peter Laux, Christian Merz, Johan Muller, and Peter Schneider served as the first trustees of the church.

In 1852 St. Teresa parish built a new wood frame church (40 x 60 feet) at a cost of \$1,500, which was located on the site of the old log structure. An additional acre of land was purchased adjacent to the original site to be used as a cemetery. In December of 1880, St. Teresa parish purchased an additional one-



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, Sheffield Village, Ohio.

half acre of land from John Ferner for a Priest House. The next year, Father Amadeus Dambach, born in Baden, Germany, was appointed as the first permanent pastor of St. Teresa Church. In 1883 St. Teresa parish completed construction of a red brick Priest House at a cost of \$2,700. In August of that year, Father Dominic Zinsmayer, also of Baden, Germany, replaced Father Dambach as pastor of St. Teresa Church. In 1885 Father Zinsmayer purchased two bells for St. Teresa Church from Hy Stuckstede Bell & Foundry Company in St. Louis at a cost of \$282. The small bell weighed 184 lbs., while the larger one weighed approximately 800 lbs.

On Sunday March 3, 1907, a sweeping fire destroyed the St. Teresa frame church during High Mass. Parishioners carried furniture, vestments, pews, and the organ out of the burning structure, but watched in horror as the two bells crashed to the ground from the belfry. Undaunted, and receiving the Bishop's approval, the parish began excavations for a new church at the same site on March 30. The cornerstone for a Gothic-style brick church with sandstone trim was set on May 19. Red brick for the church was fired in a nearby kiln, which facilitated the rapid construction a 250-person capacity structure. The new St. Teresa Church celebrated the first

mass on Christmas Day. Externally, the church measures 40 x 74 feet, and between the two towers the structure rises to a gabled roof surmounted by a Latin cross. A large square tower at the southeast corner of the church houses two new bells. The smaller bell weighs 600 lbs. and is cast with the name St. Anne on it, while the larger one weighs 900 lbs. and is cast with St. Joseph on it. Like the early bells, these were also cast at Hy Stuckstede Bell & Foundry Company in St. Louis.

More information about the early German settlers of Sheffield can be found in the following publications:

Halusek, Angela Forster. 1971. *The Germans in Sheffield*. In: Burrell, Doris (ed.), *Sheffield*. Lorain County Metropolitan Park District, Elyria, Ohio. p. 17-19.

Quinn, Marian, 1996. *Harvest of Memories: Andrew and Emma Conrad*. Hedgewood Press, Westlake, Ohio. 211 pp.

St. Teresa Sesquicentennial Committee. 1995. *St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church—Sheffield, Ohio 1845-1995*. St. Teresa Catholic Church Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee, Sheffield Village, Ohio. 51 pp.

## Sheffield Milestones Project

The Society has started to compile data for a book to be titled, *Sheffield Milestones*. This illustrated book will be in the form of a timeline starting with the arrival of pioneers in Sheffield and continuing through the nearly 200 years of important events (and some not so important, but interesting events) that shaped our community and the Black River Valley. Any old photographs, clippings, or documents of Sheffield and the lower Black River valley would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to retain the original materials we can copy and return them to you in a timely fashion.



## 50th Anniversary of Sheffield Municipal Building

On Sunday April 28, 1957, the Village of Sheffield took a major step forward with the dedication of the Village's new Municipal Building and Fire Station at the corner of Colorado Avenue and East River Road (see photos on this page). Designed by Arnold Peterson, architect, the building was constructed by Joseph Finochi & Son of the Root Road Construction Company at a cost of \$42,743.11. The construction was financed from the General Fund of the Village with no additional tax assessment. The Village also purchased a Howe Fire Truck for \$11,337.00 at the same time, again paid in full from the General Fund with no special tax assessment. The building also provided offices for Fire Chief Edward Herdendorf, Police Chief Fred Winter, and a Water Office for the planned Village water system. In 1999 the Municipal Building was enlarged and remodeled to accommodate the present Municipal Complex.



## Proposed Cell Tower

In June 2006, T-Mobile USA proposed the construction of cellular antenna at 4820 Detroit Road, Sheffield Village, Ohio. The installation would be located on land leased from the Village of Sheffield and consist of a 140-foot-high tower or monopole situated in a compound approximately 30 feet by 80 feet, which would also hold associated equipment. The area proposed is approximately 180 feet south of Detroit Road and 64 feet from the southwest corner of the historic Sheffield Village Hall; the tower center was planned for a location only 85 feet from the Village Hall. Both the Sheffield Village Hall and the adjacent Garfield Cemetery are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Board of Trustees of the Sheffield Village Historical Society discussed this proposal and unanimously voted to voice opposition to the plan based on the adverse visual impact that the proposed tower would have on several historic properties in the close vicinity of the site and the potential physical damage caused by a tower failure. Detailed letters of objection were sent by the Society to T-Mobile's cultural resources consultant, the Ohio Office of Historic Preservation, and the Wireless Communications Bureau of the FCC pointing out many deficiencies and inaccuracies in the proposal, and recommending that a more appropriate site be selected in an area already commercially developed. The Society's position on the proposal was also communicated to the Village administration. Mayor Ondercin indicated general agreement with the Society's stand and also concluded that other locations for the tower should be explored. As a result, T-Mobile withdrew the proposal and agreed to consider alternative locations.

In January 2007, the Historical Society received communication from T-Mobile's consultant advising that a new site for the tower is being considered south of Fire Station No. 2 at the corner of Gulf and Detroit Roads. The proposed tele-communication tower is a 120-foot, stealth-type pole topped with an illuminated U.S. flag. The Historical Society responded that the new location was less reprehensible than the Village Hall site, but pointed out some additional concerns with the new location. The Village Planning Commission will review the new proposal at a future meeting yet to be scheduled.

## In Memorial

Sheffield Village lost seven longtime residents this winter. Each, in their own way, contributed greatly to the fabric of the Village and they will be sincerely missed. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families and friends of these fine citizens.

**Erna Dewald Hoag (99)**—Erna Hoag was a graduate of The Ohio State University and an avid fan of the “Buckeyes.” She and her husband Ellis D. “Bud” Hoag moved to Sheffield in 1929 and operated Hoag’s Greenhouse on Abbe Road. She was a member of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Cleveland and National Vegetable Growers Association. She organized a girls 4-H Club here and was a 75-year member of Avon United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school. Erna died on December 1, 2006 and was buried in Lakewood Park Cemetery, Rocky River.

**Stella L. (Pincura) Urbanic (92)**—Stella Urbanic was born in Lorain, Ohio in 1914. She was a graduate of Lorain High School where she was active in athletics (softball and baseball). Stella was married to Charles G. Urbanic, former head football coach of Lorain High School, who died in 1999. The Urbanic family moved to Sheffield Village in 1966 and built a home on Detroit Road where Stella lived for 40 years. She was an active member of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and the Alter & Rosary Society. Stella died on December 16, 2006 and was buried in Ridge Hill Memorial Park in Amherst Township.

**Robert E. Evans (82)**—Robert E. Evans died at his home in Sheffield Village on December 4, 2006, following a lengthy illness. He was born in Indiana and moved to Sheffield Village from Canton, Ohio. Robert was employed as a dispatcher for the Purolator Courier Company. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart Metal, two bronze campaign stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon with one bronze star, the Asiatic-Pacific Service, American Service, and World War II Victory ribbons, Good Conduct Metal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was buried with military honors at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Avon.



**Ruth Tempe (Root) Hammer (93)**—Ruth Hammer was a graduate of the first senior class of Brookside High School (1930) and the last graduating class of St. Joseph Training School for Nurses in Lorain (1933). She worked 49 years in the nursing profession, completing her career as head nurse of the coronary care unit at St. Joseph Hospital. After her husband, Howard Hammer, died in 1950, Ruth moved her family to the Kinney-Root Homestead on East River Road and lived there until her death on January 1, 2007. She was buried in Garfield Cemetery, Sheffield Village.

**Lester John Mackert (83)**—Lester Mackert was a lifelong resident of Sheffield Village and lifelong member of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church here. He graduated from Brookside High School (1941) and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Lester worked for many years at the family business, Mackert Dairy, on Abbe Road. He

retired as a chemical operator from the B.F. Goodrich plant in Avon Lake after 22 years of service. Lester also served as a member of the Sheffield Village Council and was a volunteer firefighter. He died on December 20, 2006 and was buried in St. Teresa Cemetery.

**Robert G. Goforth (79)**—Robert “Bob” Goforth was born in Lorain, Ohio in 1927 and graduated from Lorain High School. He moved to Sheffield Village in 1957 and lived here for 50 years. Bob retired in 1983 as a general foreman of No. 4 Rolling Mill Department-conditioning, peelers, and grinding shops of United States Steel, Lorain-Cuyahoga Works in South Lorain, where he had worked for 40 years. He was an active member of the Hungarian Reformed United Church of Christ in Lorain and served on several church organizations. Bob died on December 7, 2006 following a lengthy illness.

**Elmer Scott (73)**—Elmer Scott, a 35-year resident of Sheffield Village, was born in Marietta, Ohio. Elmer was a Korean War veteran who was recalled by the U.S. Army nearly a decade later during the Berlin Wall crisis in the early 1960s. He served on the Sheffield Village Council for 17 years and was president of the Sheffield-Sheffield Lake Chamber of Commerce for five years. He was a top salesman at Mike Bass Ford for 19 years, rated Ford’s top salesman in the area 10 times. In October 2006, he and his wife Jeanette opened *Ye Olde Village Kountry Store* on Detroit Road. Elmer died of cancer on December 6, 2006 and was buried in Garfield Cemetery.



*Jeanette and Elmer Scott at opening of Ye Olde Village Kountry Store (John Edwards).*

## Organization and Contact Information

The Sheffield Village Historical Society and Cultural Center is a nonprofit organization, which aims to promote an appreciation of Sheffield's rich heritage by discovering, collecting, preserving, interpreting, and presenting the history of our community. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the history and cultural attributes of Sheffield and who wishes to support the Society's mission.

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Society members are encouraged to submit articles for future issues of the *Village Pioneer*. Please send your stories or ideas to the Editor, Sheffield Village Historical Society.

Charles E. Herdendorf, Ph.D.  
Newsletter Editor

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Special Interests in Sheffield History? \_\_\_\_\_