

Historic Madisonville

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Madisonville Community Council

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF LOWER MADISONVILLE ROAD (KENWOOD RD. TO PLAINVILLE RD.)

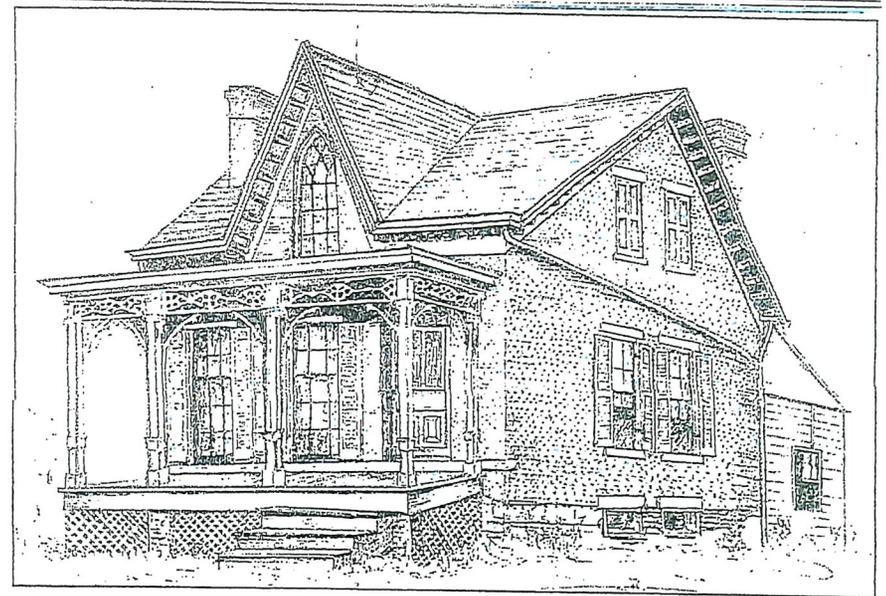
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Let's start our walking tour at the current location "Just Saab" 6323 Madison Rd. and walk down Madison Rd. to Plainville Rd. and Camargo Rd. giving you a now and then view of the town "Madison" as it was known (named for our president James Madison)

Let's all look at the "Just Saab" property and try to imagine [Image 1], where in (1850's) this brick house was residence of Mr. Charles Naegel, then (1858) home of Mr. Ukotter, then (1880's) home of Mr. M.A. Griffith. This building once occupied the space where "Just Saab" is today, 6323 Main St. (aka: Madison Rd.). The sketch appeared in the 1909, 50th Anniversary Booklet of St. Anthony's Church. When this building was demolished to make way for something else is not know. A city Directory search might give an answer. The first Catholic Mass in Madisonville was held in this home. Worship began in May, 1858 consisting of fourteen families; Charles Naegel's, John Patten's, Michael Buckel's, Herman Ukotter's, Nicholas Kauffman's, P. Murphy's and other families.

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Residence of M. A. Griffith
6323 Main Street (Madison Rd.)

Beginnings of St Anthony Church 1876,
started as St Michael Catholic Church
1865.



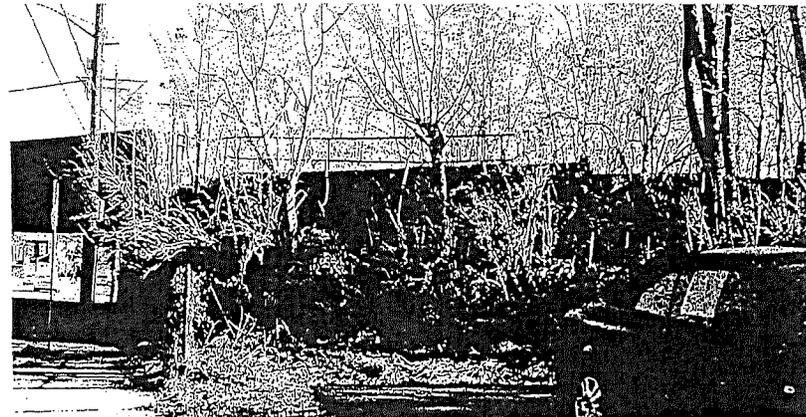
St Michael Cemetery on Settle St.

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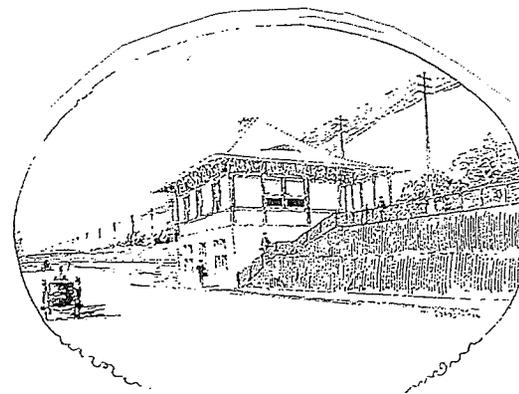
[Image 2], East Madisonville Railroad Station and Roger's Candy Shop built in 1892, on Madison Rd close by Settle Rd. "Madisonville had two depots, the principal one, a handsome frame in the center of the town – the West Station - (Peabody Ave.) and a new one which will be a credit to the village is to be erected this fall, for the benefit of East end residents", wrote 1892 in the souvenir booklet of the Madisonville Waterworks opening on Red Bank Rd.

Mrs. Roger's Candy Store was on the street level and the East Station depot was second floor track level with platform. Mrs. Rogers was also the station manager/operator. She went up the outside stairs to the depot level and sold train tickets to waiting passengers. Remains of the Station and passenger stairs leading to the train platform are still visible. The East Station was demolished in the 1940's.

NOW (JUST SAAB PROPERTY- WHERE REMAINS CAN BE SEEN)

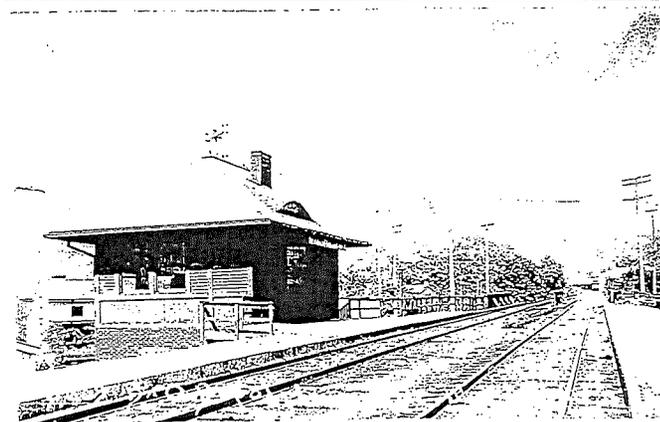


THEN (SCATCH FROM MADISON ROAD)



East Madisonville Station.

THEN (PICTURE FROM ON TOP OF THE RR TRACKS)

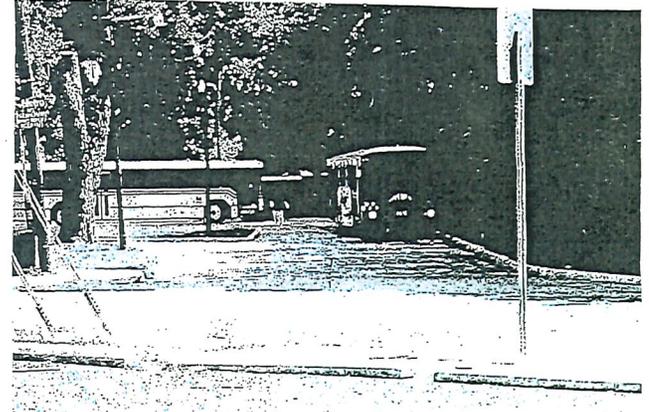


**[Image 3] KENWOOD RD. BUS
TURN AROUND**

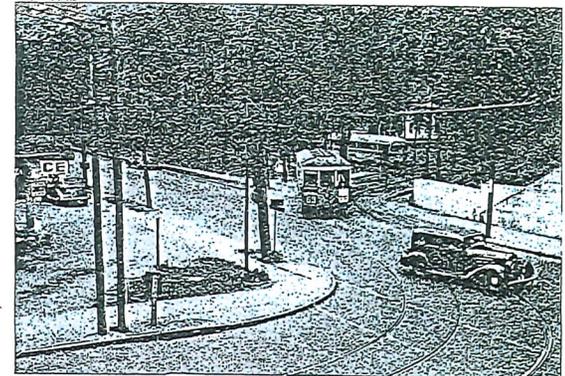
This turnaround has been in this same spot since the early 1900's. It was the early street car turnaround. The last stop, then back again to downtown Cincinnati.



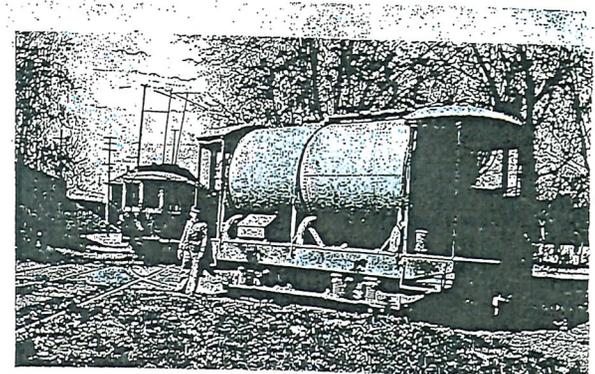
NOW



THEN (1940'S)



THEN (1920'S)



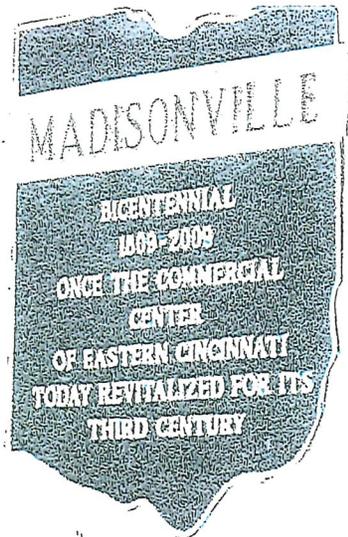
[Image 4]

6406 MADISON RD.

The site of the dedication of Madisonville's Historic Marker which reads "Madisonville Bicentennial 1809-2009 Once the Commercial Center of Eastern Cincinnati, Today Revitalized for its Third Century".

In the recent past this building was a pony keg but went into decline in the 1990's.

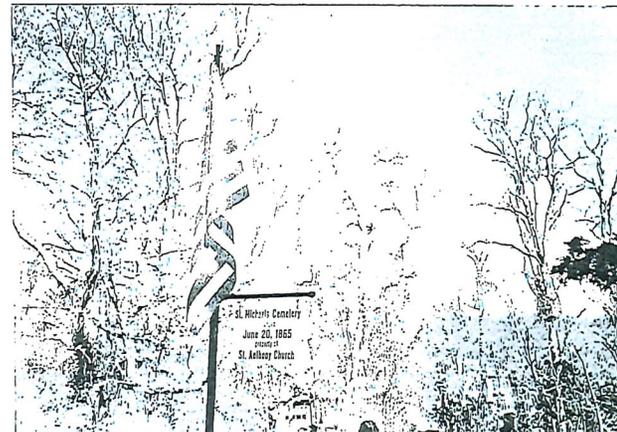
After extensive remodeling of the building, Don Stephan opened his doors to "Don Woodworking Shop".



[Image 5] ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY

Catholics of Madisonville had long desired their own burying place since existing Catholic cemeteries were some distance away. At a called meeting held June 20, 1865 members of St. Michael congregation organized an association to be known as St. Michael Catholic Cemetery Association, to secure a suitable tract of land, and to establish a cemetery. A stock subscription of \$475.45 was raised. (St. Michael Church and 9 men of the church) The stockholders purchased about two areas of land in the eastern section of Madisonville on Settle St. opposite Kemper (now Erie) for \$279.60. The association expended \$127.41 for fences, recording of deed, etc. Through the years approximately 650 persons have been buried there. The last known burial was in 1980.

The cemetery is still maintained by St. Anthony Church. The name – St. Michael Church – was changed to St. Anthony with the move and construction of a new church on Desmond St. in 1876.

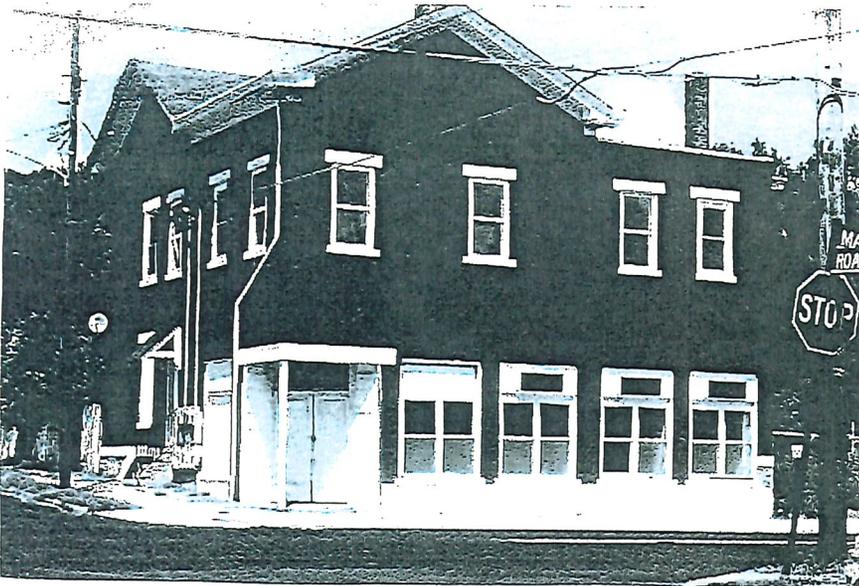


[Image 6]

6500 MADISON RD.

This two story Red Brick Building, was the first location of Gaines Methodist Church in 1873 using the upper rooms of what was a Tin Shop.

The Gaines Methodist Church was next located on Desmond Street, later on Sierra Street (that was built for them) and currently in a handsome newly built church on Madison Road.

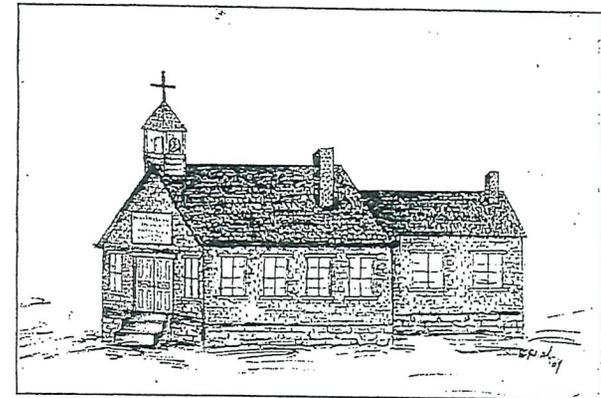


[Image 7]

ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Land donated by Louis Cornuelle. (Kenwood Road was once known as Cornuell Road). October 9, 1859 was dedicated St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, named after Michael Buckel (who organized the families into a congregation) grandfather of Emanuel Hack (past Madisonville historian) and father of Carol Smith (current historic member). Michael Buckel lived to be 90 yrs. old and is buried in St. Michael's cemetery.

A new Catholic Church "St. Anthony" was erected and dedicated in 1874, named after Father Anthony Walberg (current priest at the time). This church burned, leaving only the steeple and outer walls in 1891. St. Anthony's was rebuilt and rededicated in 1891 and continuing worship.



St. Michael Roman Catholic Church
Madisonville, Ohio
Dedicated October 9, 1859

[Image 8]

6606 Madison Rd.
(LOT 63 CORNUELLE-MUCHMORE)

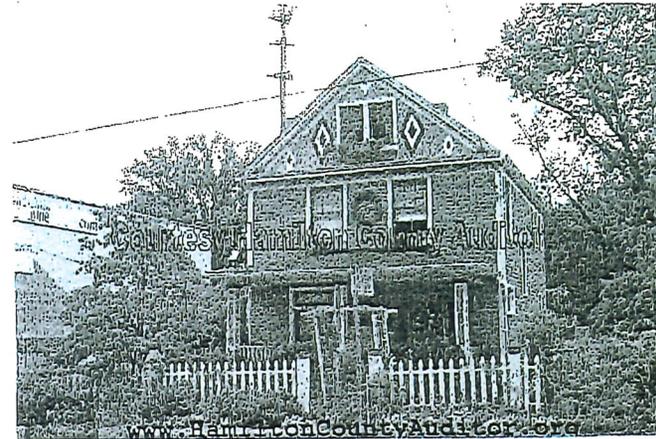
This house is an example of
Victorian architecture Style, built
in the 1890.



[Image 9]

6609 MADISON RD. owned by a
Historic Society member Janice
Sheatzley.

This house built in 1912 is an
example of Colonial-Revival
Architecture Style.

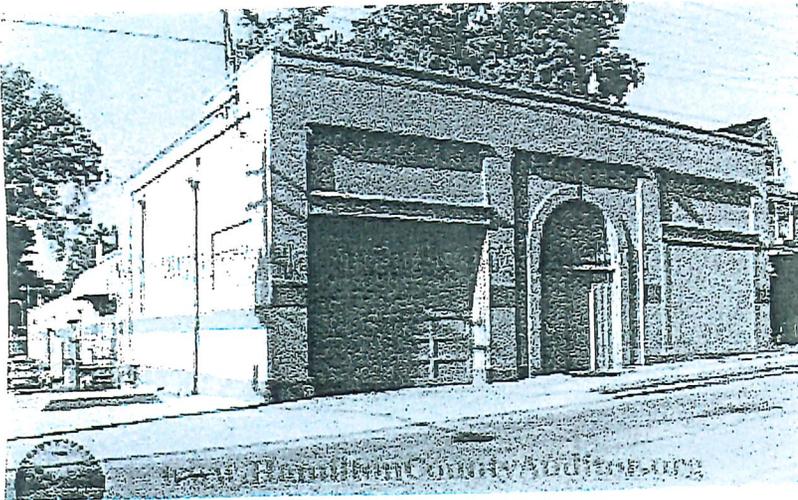


[Image 10]

6611 MADISON RD.

Earl Vordenberg's Auto Dealership in early 1920's and went on to found a car dealership in Oakley. Once a Cedar Hills Farms – a Cincinnati dairy, now currently owned by the Motor Car Company.

*from
Ad in Madisonville Bulletin Newspaper
May 1939*



[Image 11]

TOLLGATE HISTORICAL PARK

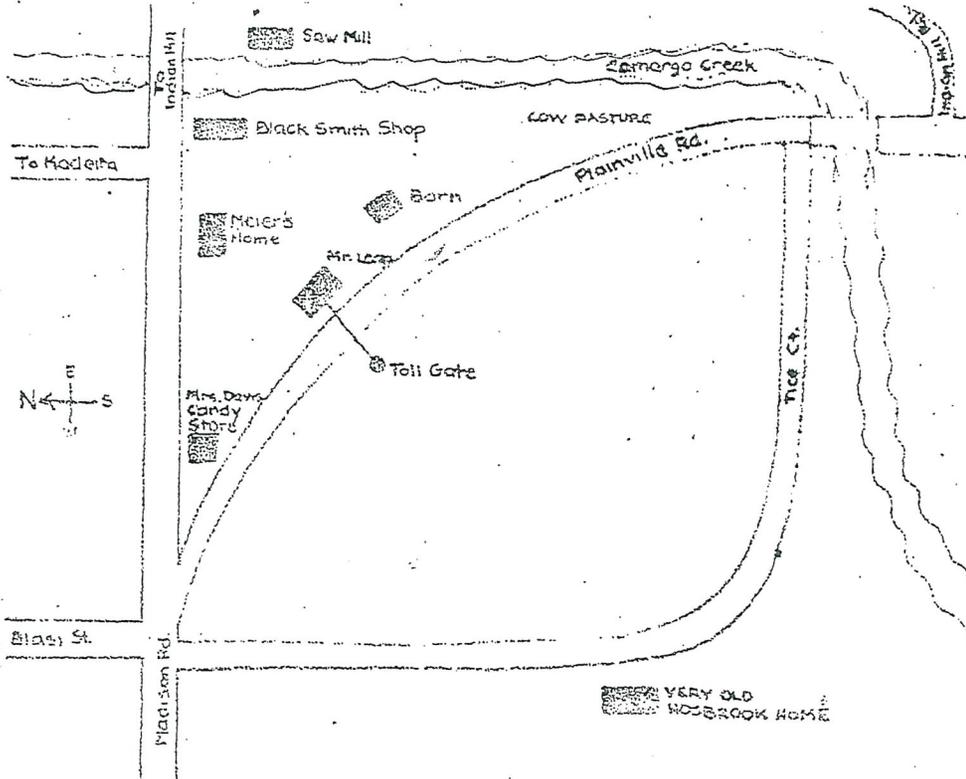
Plainville Pike was a toll road to Wooster Pike built by the Ferris and Muchmore families, charging 3 cents, early 1800's.

Article written by E. George Hack in the Eastern Hills Journal 10/24/73; "A recent real estate transaction of unique importance has been completed in Madisonville. The triangular parcel of property at the east end of Madison Rd. at Plainville Rd. and Camargo Rd. has been purchased by John Burdick, of the firm of Gartner, Burdick and Bauer-Nilson architects, from Charles Rittenhouse shop has operated a carryout and party supply business at this location for these past years. Rittenhouse has closed his place of business. The property will be turned over to the Cincinnati Park Board. Demolition will be 100 percent. The park board has agreed to erect and maintain a park at this place. It will not be a play park. This site has some local historical value. There was a tollgate and a tollhouse on the Madison Rd. side, also a barn and a cow pasture. The last occupant to make use of the house, barn and pasture was a Mr. Leap, who was Madisonville's street repair commissioner. On the Camargo side was a large brick

home occupied by Mr. Nicholas Meiers and family. Next to the Meiers' home and near the creek was a blacksmith shop. On the opposite side of the creek was an operating sawmill by Glenn Boyd. John (Doc) White was the mill foreman.

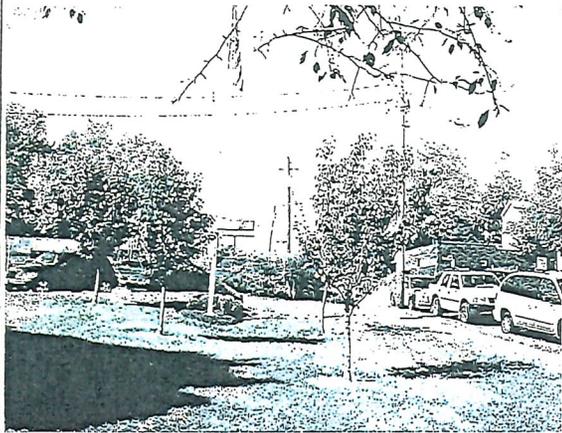
A service station once stood at the site of the tollgate park. A picture from the 1920's showing Walter Beckman's Service Station. The same building before it was torn down was a pony keg in 1974.

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MADISONVILLE HISTORIAN George Hack supplied the CSNI newspapers with a sketch of the area where a park will be erected on the site of an old toll gate. The map depicts the area as it was from about 1900-1939.

Now



Betts Service Station Ca: 1925



A SERVICE STATION once stood at the site of the Tollgate Park at Madison and Plainville Rds. This picture is from the 1920's and shows Walter Beckman with his butter-and-egg truck.



THE SAME BUILDING before it was torn down was a pony keg. Tollgate Park was dedicated Oct. 8, 1974, on the property.

Ice House, Ritts Party Supply & French Bauer Ice Cream Pony keg

source:
Eastern Hills Journal 4/2/1975