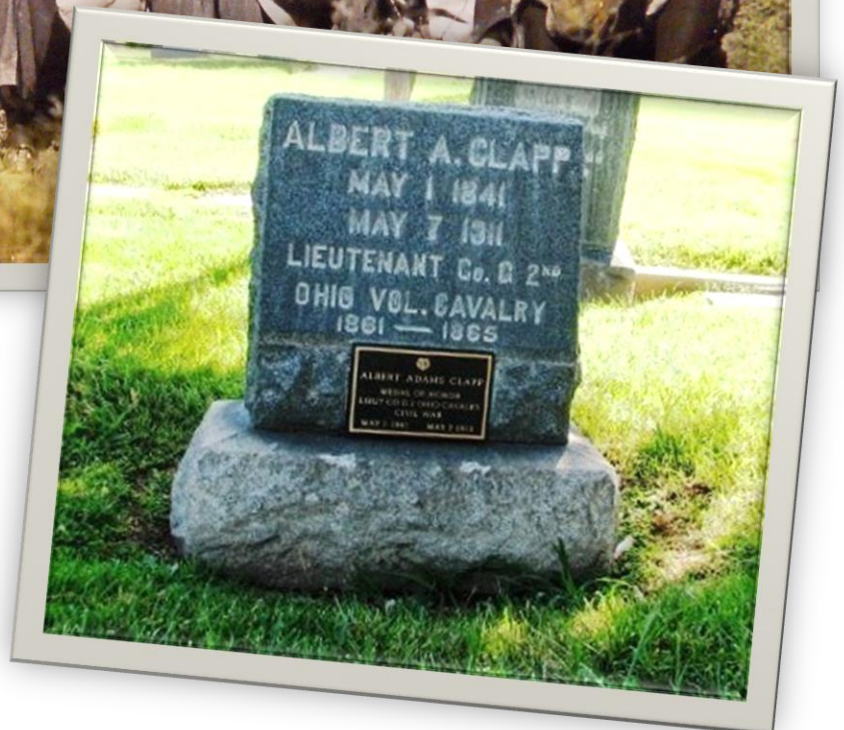


Lake County History Grab Bag – Part 1/3

As 2021 draws to a close, our county will soon move into its 182nd year. Concord Township will begin its bicentennial year. The continued renaissance of the Unionville Tavern and Madison's Ohio Cottage will move forward. The efforts of the **Lake County Visitors Bureau** (Remarkable Lake County) to promote local **Underground Railroad** history and other local non-profit groups will continue in their mission to preserve and educate future generations of residents about our hidden gems. Today we will look at some of our county's lost or often forgotten events.



Remembering Mentor's Lost History -

- **Lt. Albert A Clapp** (1841-1911), of Little Mountain Road, was the only serviceman from Mentor to receive a **Medal of Honor**. His Civil War medal and the battle flag that earned this honor still exist today.

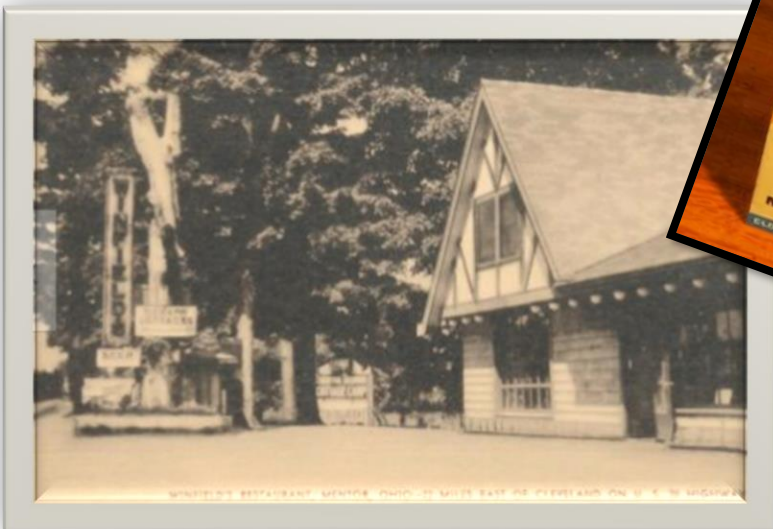
- The **L.S. & M.S. R.R. Depot** in Mentor had a deadly train wreck on June 21, 1905. The derailment was thought to be the result of sabotage. 21 died and 20 others were injured.

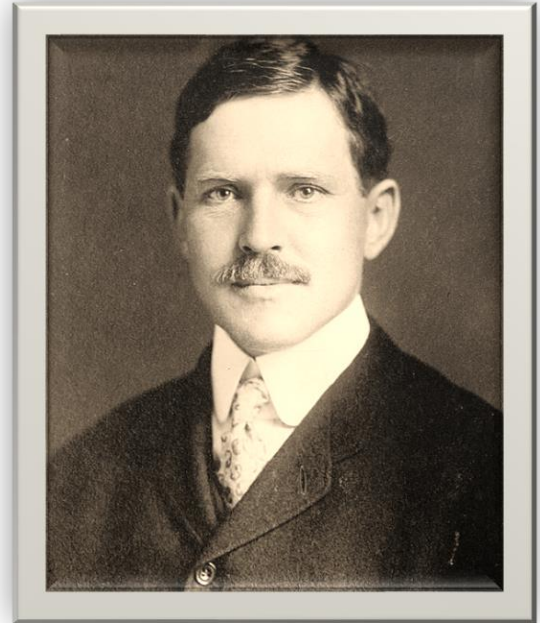


- The Will-o-ment Bar & Restaurant was located on the south side of Mentor Avenue near the present-day Great Lakes Mall.

- The Overnight Farm on Route 20 was destroyed. Today Aldi's occupies the former site.

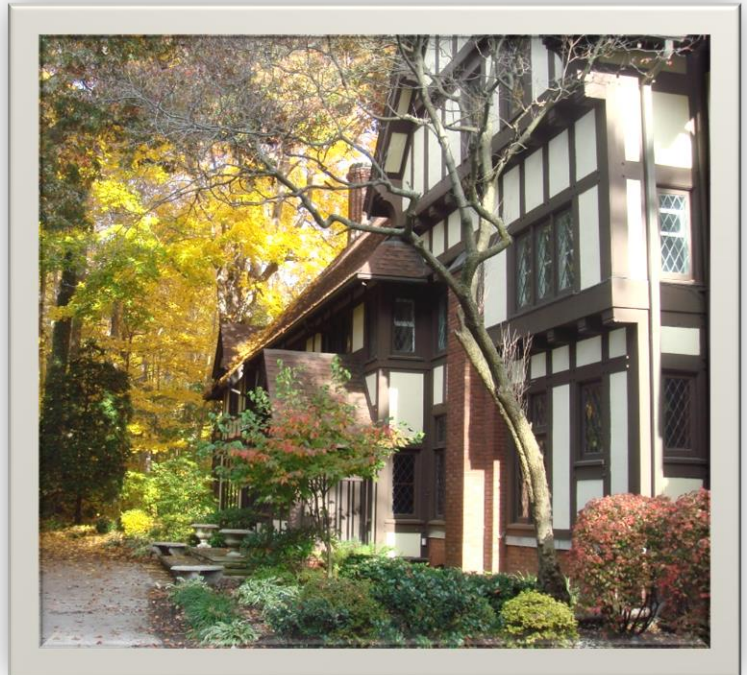
- Winfield's Restaurant (Weavers) stood opposite Heinen's on Mentor Avenue. Several tourist cabins still exist today.





- **President Garfield's sons** Abram and James R. contributed to Mentor lore. **James R. Garfield**, an attorney, served as Secretary of the Interior (1907-09) and was the last surviving member of **Theodore Roosevelt's cabinet** at the time of his death in 1950.
- **Abram Garfield**, an architect, designed Wildwood Cultural Center (originally a private home) and many other notable buildings.

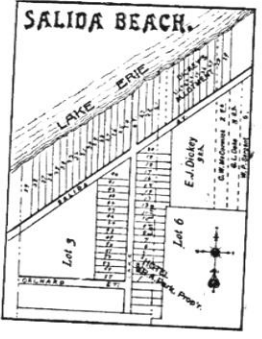




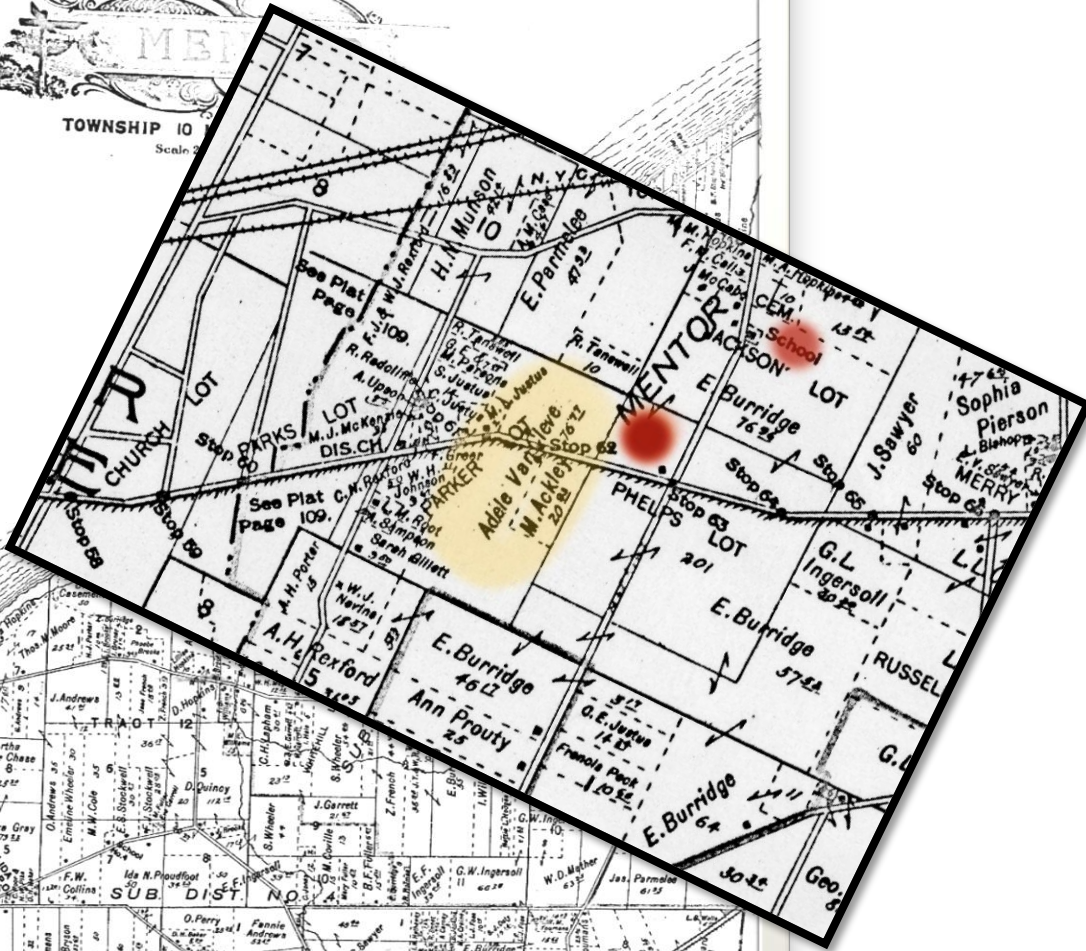
Hollycroft House was also designed by **Abram Garfield** in 1905. Sadly, it was damaged by fire in the 1950s. Today, its identity survives only in the name of the street Hollycroft Lane.

- Industrialist **H.B. VanCleve's** summer estate, **Dellhurst**, was named for his wife. Sold in the 1920s when the family moved to the east coast, it was used as a mental asylum and later a bridal salon before being torn down in the 1970s.





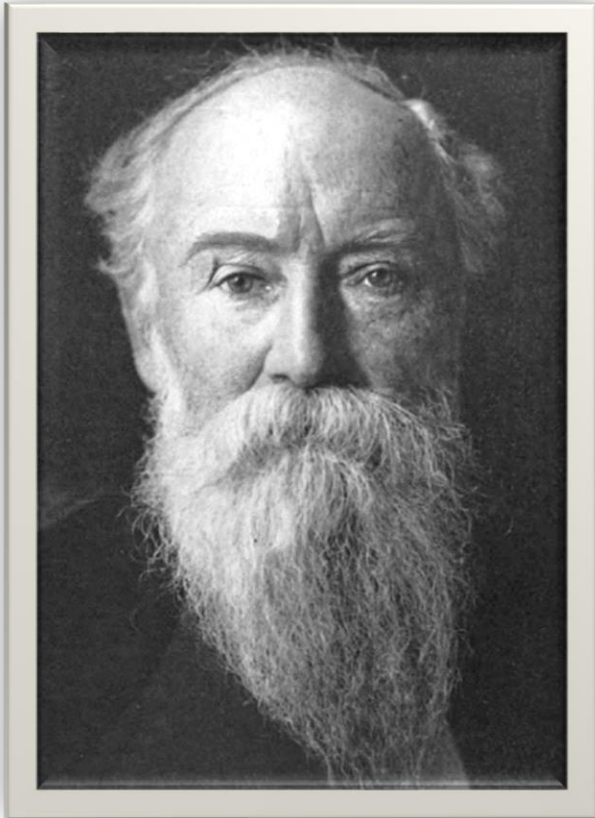
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Lake County & the Natural World



Residents of Lake County were long familiar with its scenic and oft spectacular natural areas. Tributaries, hemlock ravines and carpeted wildflower landscapes were plentiful. Essays published by **Hudson Valley naturalist John Burroughs** (1837-1921) influenced a group of local area men to meet and form an organization. The **Burroughs Nature Club of Willoughby** was comprised of outstanding Cleveland area men (scientists, scholars, naturalists, and photographers) who shared common passions such as hiking, wildlife and the natural world.

This club founded circa 1916 featured speakers and club explorations to places throughout Lake County. Hiking, wildflower identification, studying nesting hawks and owls became club interests. These early naturalists and conservationists worked to preserve these haunts, including Gildersleeve Mountain (Chapin Forest Reservation), Halle Ravine (Penitentiary Glen Reservation), Mentor Headlands & Marsh as well as Gully Brook. By 1925, the **Burroughs Club** had made Lake County known around many conservancy circles on a grand scale. In fact, it was as early as 1925 that the call for a “natural woods preserve” at Gully Brook appeared in a Willoughby newspaper.

In 2001 after nearly a decade of intense effort, this preserve became a reality and is part of the **Lake Metroparks** holdings.

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