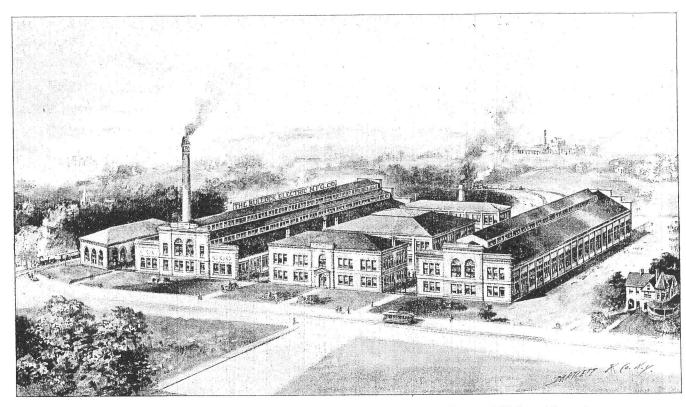


Viaduct Over Pennsylvania Tracks, McCullough Station.

On the Picturesque

"Fighland Route."



The Bullock Electric Manufacturing Co., on the Tracks of the C. L. & N. and F. & O. S-W. Rys. at Norwood.

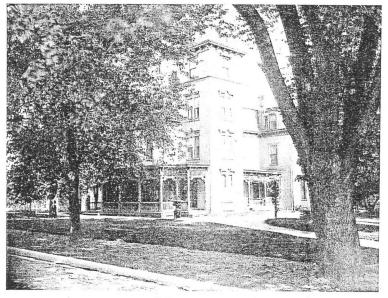
INTRODUCTORY.

This booklet is dedicated to the patrons of the Highland Route, with the purpose in view of placing in their hands an argument, in favor of inducing friends to secure a suburban home in any one of the thrifty communities that abound along the road from Cincinnati to Lebanon. The author of the work has let each town have its say and put forth an argument in behalf of their own particular community. It has been the object of the author to present pictures of homes in all these towns, leaving the recipient of the work to select the community for himself. Very often, the busy man can not take the time away from his business for an extended vacation, and for such a summer spent with the family in the country, the rest and recreation thus afforded, brings renewed strength for the busy day in the hot office, during the sultry season. To the shoppers who make their regular trips to the city, we commend the business houses whose names appear within the covers of this little booklet.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

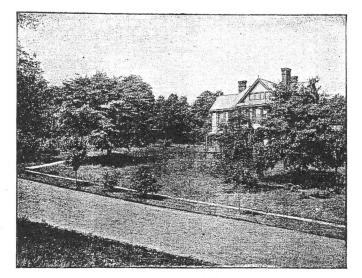
The village of Pleasant Ridge though incorporated 8 years ago, is one of the oldest settlements in the State. The origin of the name is hid in obscurity. The locality, because of its magnificent scenery, was named Pleasant Ridge a hundred years ago. History records that in 1794 General Anthony Wayne, after driving the Indians out of this neighborhood, invited a settlement. The Presbyterian Church organization

(2)



John H. McGowan, Pleasant Ridge.

was the nucleus of this settlement more than a century ago. This was indeed an ideal spot where the soul of man could expand in the worship of God and Nature. Here many prominent men conspicious in the early settlement of the state, were associated with the church in the march of progress. Pleasant Ridge commands the highest land in Hamilton County. The panorama reaches out for many miles beyond. To the East and South can be seen the villages of Kennedy Heights, Madisonville, Indian Hill, Newtown, Mt. Washington, Oakley, Hyde Park, Norwood, Elsmere, Walnut Hills and Price Hill. To the West and North Bond Hill, Ludlow, Ivorydale, Cumminsville, Carthage, Lockland, Wyoming, Reading and other villages in the Millcreek Valley. The present population is about 1200. Thrift and enterprise is shown in her beautifully paved streets, with cement



J. Chas. McCullough, McCullough.

sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Natural drainage is perfect and malaria is unknown here. There could be no more healthful locality. There are four churches and congregations. The Presbyterian Church-Pastor W. F. Gowdy; Methodist Episcopal Church-Pastor T. D. Moore; The Baptist Church-Pastor C. O. Fry and German Protestant Evangelical Church-Frederick Hohman. There is a first class public school system including high school branches. Mr. T. L. Simmermon is the efficient superintendent. Among the prominent citizens of Pleasant Ridge may be mentioned the following—John H. McGowan, President of John H. McGowan Co., Cincinnati; C. H. Davis, Vice President 2nd National Bank, Cincinnati; Albert McCullough, J. M. McCullough Sons Co., Cincinnati; J. Chas. McCullough, The McCullough Seed Co., Cincinnati; C. F. Thompson, Secretary and Treasurer Lane and Bodley Co., Cincinnati; C. E.



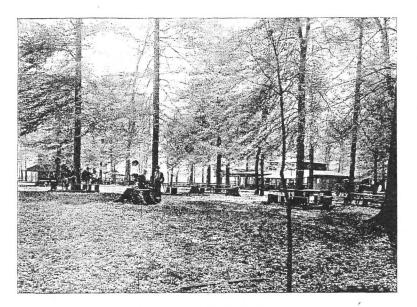
Everett and Emory Jones, Hazelwood.

Brockman, Queensware and Crockery, Cincinnati; James M. Sears, Sears Insurance Agency, Cincinnati; Robert M. Cox, Fire Insurance, Cincinnati; Luke A. Staley, Ex-County Commissioner, Cincinnati; W H. Campell, M. D., Occulist and Aurist, Cincinnati; Richard Folsom, Vice President, Secretary, Consolidated Coal Co., Cincinnati; Henry McGrew, Physician and Surgeon, Pleasant Ridge; W. G. Senour, Physician, Pleasant Ridge.

10

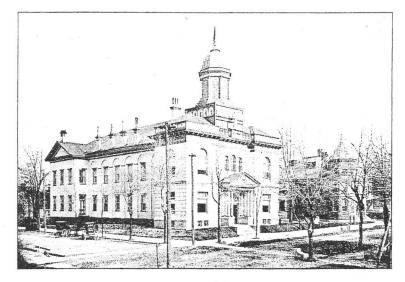
The official organization of the village is as follows.

MAYOR—Henry K. Staley. COUNCIL—John H. McGowan, Henry McGrew, C. F. Thompson, William Simpson, Samuel Swift, Wm. B. Thesing TREASURER—Thomas J. Ware. CORPORATION CLERK—Joseph B. Hayden. SOLICITOR—John J. Acomb.



Picnic Grove, Winslow Park.

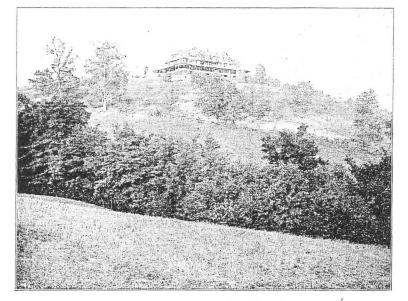
Pleasant Ridge has a post office which transacts money order and registry business, and the numerous family wants are supplied through its local tradesmen, such as Groceries, Daily Markets, Bakery, Notions, Drug Store, Hotel, Livery Stable, Basket Factory, Wagon Maker, Horse Shoers, Carpenters, Painters, Barbers, Parcel Express, Ice Co., Coal and Feed Stores, Hardware, etc. etc. Adjoining the Presbyterian Church lies the oldest cemetry in the State. Here are erected many fine monuments commemorating families connected with our early history, and in it are buried patriots of the Revolution and heroes of the war of 1812 and the late civil war. The Town Hall is a large brick structure, with stage and proper appurtenances. The seating capacity is about 300. The upper floor is occupied by Lodge No. 282 Free and Accepted Masons, and by a



Court House, Lebanon.

Public Library second to none in the state in a town of equal or even greater size. It will soon become a branch of the Cincinnati Library. There is also a Knights of Pythias Lodge in the village. Pleasant Ridge has one of the best governed Building Associations in the state, whose receipts sum up from \$50,ooo to \$75,000 per annum.

Pleasant Ridge supports a base ball club in summer, and in winter an extensive skating rink. There is an Improvement Association with a membership of sixty (60) of our best citizens. A local Board of Health wisely guards against the spread of contagious diseases. Mr. John Durrell operates a large Pheasant Farm which he takes great pleasure in showing to visitors. Telephone service permeates the entire village, and telegraph service is close at hand. There are three lines of railroads skirting the village, namely, The Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Railway;



Hotel Yononte, Woodford-Kennedy.

The Richmond Division Pennsylvania Lines; and The Cincinnati Northern Railroad. The Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern supplies an excellent service of twenty (20) trains per day during the week, and ten (10) trains on Sundays, all of which will be increased in the near future. As a home for the business man, Pleasant Ridge has no rival, being at once healthful, delightful, and only 20 minutes ride from the city.

WOODFORD-KENNEDY.

There is no place or community of homes on the C., L. & N. Ry. that fills the lover of nature with more ecstacy, than Woodford-Kennedy. It is about eight miles from Cincinnati, and has a population of three hundred. The post-office is conveniently located. One church is built within the corporate limits, and is known as Christ Mission. The Episcopal ser-



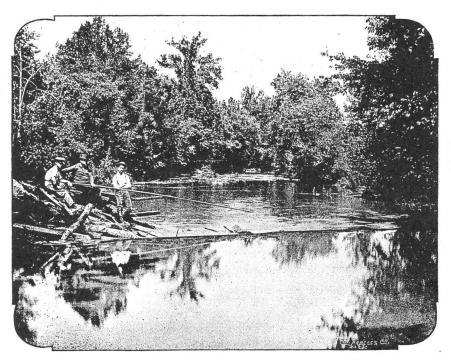
Hon. Luke Staley, Woodford-Kennedy.

vice is used, Rev. Robert Foote officiating. Bishop Vincent once said of this church: "It is the prettiest little church I have seen in the Southern Ohio Diocese."

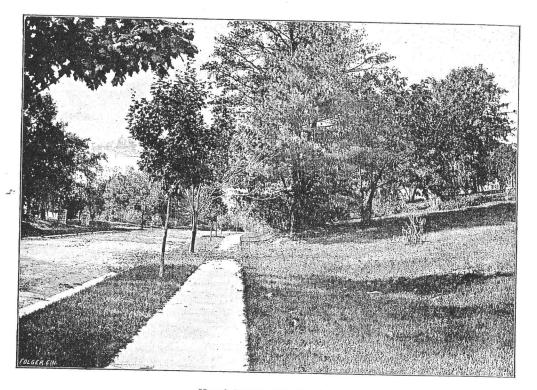
The school is graded, including first year of high school. Prof. H. B. Stewart is in charge. Being a community of homes its mercantile ambitions are entirely confined to those branches that are necessary in every community, and are a coal and feed

14

company, grocery, and a suburban express line. The telephone and telegraph facilities are here as in all well-equipped suburban villages. The Yononte Inn is located here, which has proven to be a delightful point for driving parties, clubs, etc. The view from the Inn is regarded by many well-known travellers to be among the finest in the world. Nearly all those having homes in this village are prominent in business circles of Cincinnati, among whom are D. W. Thrasher, M. D. Burke, Charles Carter, Thomas Hunt, W. H. H. Gove, Capt. Andrew Robinson, F. E. Blackburn, A. R. Clark, Frank Farquhar, John L. Vattier, A. F. Clark, Chas. Seegar, E. H. Williams, D. M. Jones, and Owen Evans.



Fishing in Turtle Creek.



16

Mound Avenue, McCullough.

SILVERTON.

A pleasant little community not yet dignified with municipal officers, and with a population of about three hundred. It was formerly known as Moselle, but was named Silverton when the first avenues were laid out. A large summer hotel opposite the station is one of the first things that attracts the eye. Rev. Babcock, of Lane Seminary, occupies the pulpit of the neat Presbyterian church, which now has a congregation, of about seventy. The public schools are graded,



Opera House, Lebanon.

and the education of the youth is in the hands of Principal H. B. Stewart and four able assistants.

There are two good groceries in the town. The post-office is located one square from the railroad station.

The village has both telegraph and telephone connections with Cincinnati, which means the entire country. A building and loan association has thrived in the community for a number of years, which speaks well for the character of the people.

DEER PARK.

Deer Park is reached after a pleasant ride of nine miles from Cincinnati. The village has the handsomest and most commodious depot on the road. It has all the accommodations in the way of express-office, groceries, &c. It has a population of about two hundred and fifty. Neat homes abound. The Catholic church has a handsome brick building. A volunteer fire company has been in existence for several years, and has apparatus and buildings of its own. It has a well-graded public school.



A. R. Darling, Deer Park.

