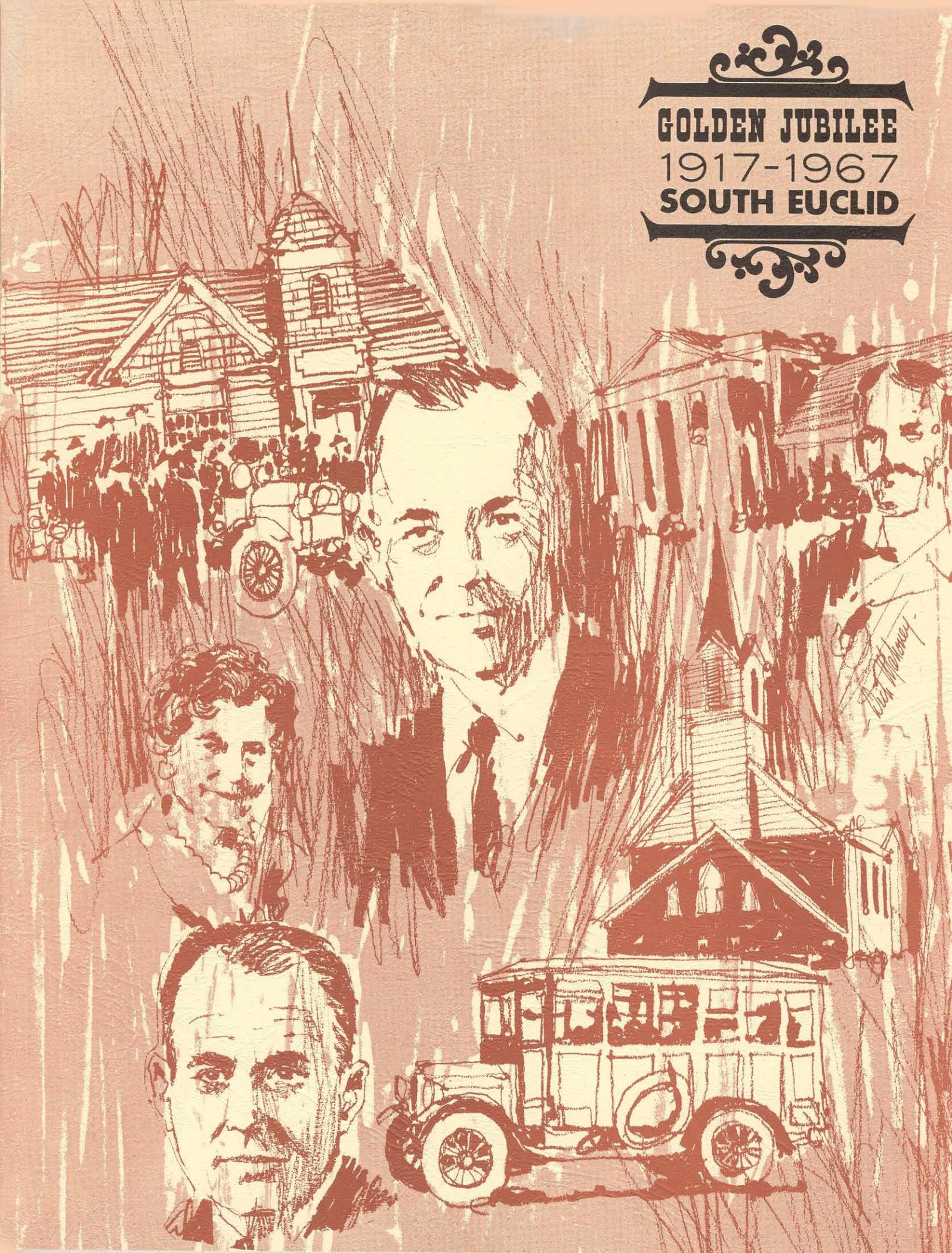


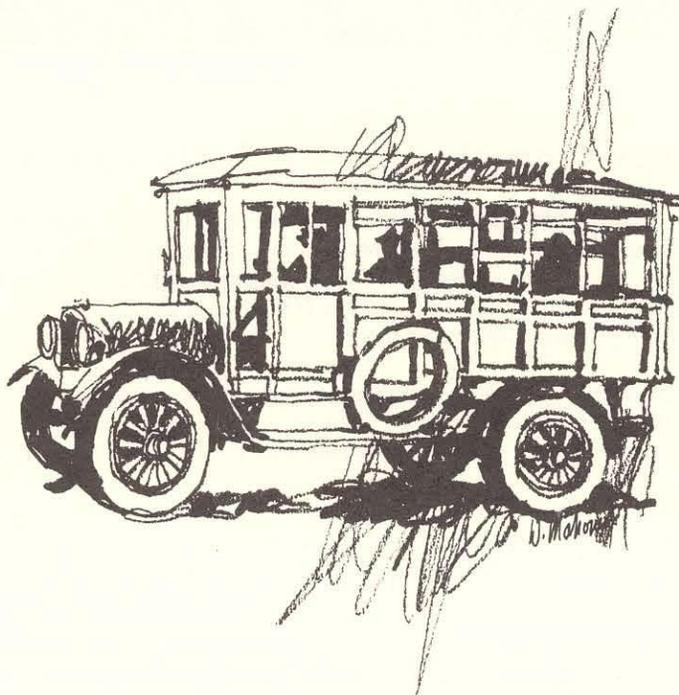
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SOUTH EUCLID**



THE
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HERITAGE

of

South Euclid, Ohio





Greetings from the City of South Euclid

On behalf of the City of South Euclid, I extend to each and everyone of you the best wishes of our City. It is especially fitting that this history be published in 1967 as this year is the fiftieth anniversary of our municipal life. The evolution from the junction of two Indian trails to a thriving community of over 30,000 people is here portrayed.

South Euclid is a good place to raise children. The great majority of South Euclid families own the home they live in. For the past eight years, they have won an achievement award in the National Cleanest Town Contests.

We are proud of Notre Dame College, fine schools, regional Library, Churches, Temples, Parks, good shopping centers, excellent police, firemen, service department personnel and all the good citizens who make this fine community.

"Thank you" to all who have contributed to make this history possible - an accurate record of South Euclid to date.

Sincerely,

George J. Urban

George J. Urban (Mayor)



Old Town Hall

MAYORS OF SOUTH EUCLID

<i>EDWARD C. FOOTE</i>	1918-1922
<i>CHARLES HAVRE</i>	1922-1928
<i>C. H. QUACKENBUSH</i>	1928-1930
<i>O. H. WHIGHAM</i>	1930-1932
<i>DOUGLAS G. OVIATT</i>	1932-1945
<i>LLOYD N. REYNOLDS</i>	1946-1948
<i>GEORGE J. URBAN</i>	1948-

CHIEF OF POLICE (OR MARSHAL)

<i>J. H. BILKEY, MARSHAL</i>	1906-1933
<i>MARTIN SCHMIES, CAPTAIN</i>	1933-1941
<i>MARTIN SCHMIES, CHIEF</i>	1941-1961
<i>WILLIAM VAN VEGHEL, CHIEF</i>	1961-

CHIEFS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

<i>EVERETT McFARLAND</i>	1922-1922
<i>WALTER BROWN</i>	1922-1924
<i>J. A. FALKNER</i>	1924-1942
<i>GODFREY HOFFMEYER</i>	1942-1953
<i>HENRY MEYER</i>	1953-1955
<i>WILLIAM FIBICH</i>	1955-

"As once the hour-glass was turned to recount the passage of time, so the pages of this history are turned to relive an hour, as the sands of our heritage slowly run out Remember"

To the Residents of South Euclid:

While this booklet contains many documented facts, it is in no way a complete history of South Euclid, its founding, settlement and growth. We have endeavored, however, to summarize the most important events and include people who have contributed significantly to our history. It becomes then a running account of South Euclid, its environs, its resources, its growth and its own people who passed through the span of years and preserved a heritage.

Many hundreds of hours have been expended in the research, so that a readable history of our city may be presented. We wish to acknowledge the many people who have contributed pictures, booklets, research and histories. Many organizations have contributed comprehensive histories of their groups, which will be placed on file with the South Euclid Historical Society.

We have relied heavily on a history written by S. Bruce Lockwood in 1941. We are also very grateful to the South Euclid Regional Library for the gift of early South Euclid newspaper files; to Mrs. Betty Owen, daughter of Mr. Lockwood, for access to her father's original source material; and to Mrs. Margaret Leist for material on early pioneer families and history.

The task has been an imposing one and much too large for one person using limited records. Should there be omissions of important events or persons, the committee sincerely hopes that no embarrassment or disconsolation will result.

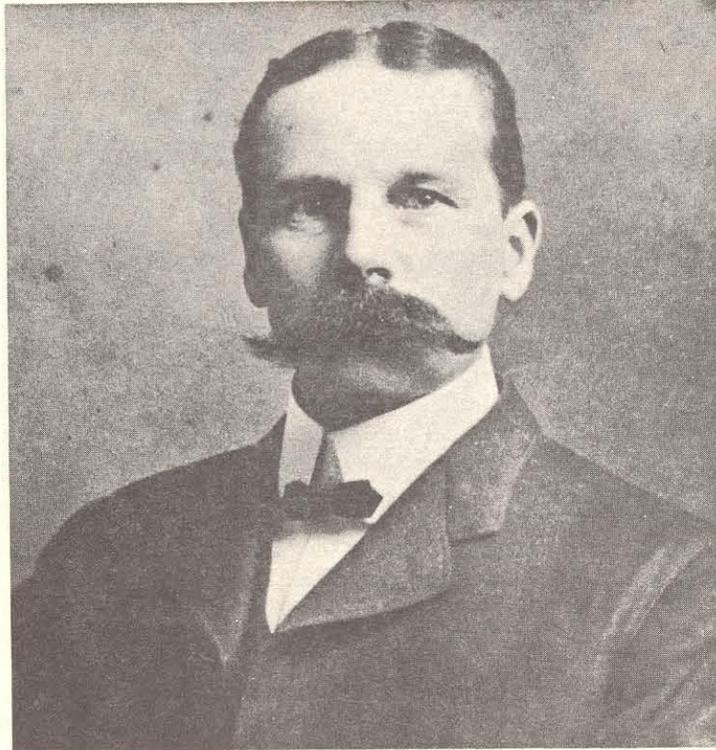
Acknowledgement is made to all who helped in the preparation of this booklet, and particularly to Mrs. George Urban and the South Euclid Historical Society, who cooperated generously in the compiling of this commemorative publication.



Ronald G. Weirick
Chairman

HONORED CITIZENS

Many people have contributed greatly to the progress and well being of South Euclid through the years. Some of the outstanding residents have left an indelible mark on the community, and it is fitting that special tribute be given to those who are now part of our history.



Dr. Justin E. Rowland

Dr. Rowland came to South Euclid in 1891 and entered medical practice shortly after his graduation from Cleveland Medical College, now a part of Western Reserve University. Despite his large medical practice and service at Huron Road Hospital, where he specialized in internal medicine, Dr. Rowland found time to take part in the development of his community. During his lifetime he watched South Euclid grow from a small village to its present rank as a large Cleveland suburb.

He founded the South Euclid Bank, now part of the Cleveland Trust Company, and served as its first president, was active in the Kiwanis, and also served many years as president of the Cuyahoga County School Board. Prior to this he was a member of the Euclid Township School Board. During his association with the County

Board he was instrumental in bringing about the merger of the South Euclid and Lyndhurst School systems, which is now one of the finest in the area. As one of the organizers of the Citizen's League of South Euclid from 1915 through the 30's, he helped guide the village during its early formation. He developed several parcels of land including Garden Drive and Ardendale Road, the latter named for his son Dr. Guy Arden Rowland who also doctored the people of South Euclid for many years.

Dr. Rowland married Miss Adah Mighton who was also a doctor and for many years they ministered to the sick and delivered many of the babies in South Euclid. He was a kind man, and a staunch supporter of the South Euclid Methodist Church, and many remember his generosity to needy families in the area.

HONORED CITIZENS (Continued)



William T. Arnos

William T. Arnos was a real estate developer in South Euclid. He was different from the other developers who planned their allotments, and sold their properties to their best advantage. Mr. Arnos had a dream for South Euclid that would elevate it above some of the surrounding communities.

He came to South Euclid in 1907, and soon began to purchase parcels of land as they became available, and gradually the dream took form in his mind. He envisioned a grand boulevard down Nine Mile Creek Valley winding picturesquely through the heart of South Euclid. To give variety, surrounding streets would also be winding, and each would be given a name with

real meaning. His ideas were too grandiose for the practical citizens of the early village. However, he was persistent and purchased more land, obtained options on other parcels, and continued to badger village officials until his Belvoir Boulevard was dedicated and paved all the way from Cedar to Euclid Avenue.

Mr. Arnos built his home at Belvoir and Princeton Boulevards and raised his family there. Some of the streets he named were Belvoir, Princeton, Monticello, Wrenford, Renwood, Rushton, Beaconwood and Donwell. By following his dream he made South Euclid a more attractive place to live.

HONORED CITIZENS (Continued)



Honorable Frances P. Bolton

We in South Euclid claim the Bolton Family as our own even though they have been residents of Lyndhurst for many years. They have been good friends to South Euclid in many ways, not only to the village and city, but to the individual people living here.

Chester C. Bolton was elected to the Lyndhurst Council in 1921. Two years later he went to the Ohio Senate, where he served for four years. In 1928 he went to Washington to represent the 22nd. Congressional District of which South Euclid is a part. With the exception of the Democratic sweep of 1936 when Anthony Fleger won a single term, Bolton continued in Congress until his death in 1939. In a special election called by Governor John W. Bricker, Mrs. Frances P. Bolton defeated Mr. Fleger and regained her husband's seat in Congress. She has held the position ever since, and was re-elected in 1966.

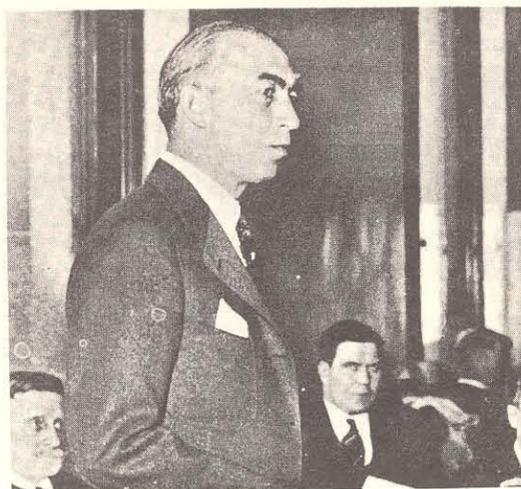
Since January, 1941, Mrs. Bolton has been a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and has served on subcommittees covering Europe, the Near East, the Balkans, Africa, The State Department Organization and Foreign Operations. Now as ranking Republican, she is ex-officio member of all subcommittees, and is considered an authority on legislation dealing with international problems.

In 1955 she made a 20,000 mile study tour of Africa, visiting twenty-four countries east and south of the Sahara. Political and education-

al institutions throughout the country continue to use her report on this first extensive Congressional mission to Africa, a report which has had wide distribution.

Mrs. Bolton has long been interested in nursing and has concerned herself with improving the education and working conditions of the nurses.

South Euclid is proud of Mrs. Bolton not only for her many national accomplishments, but also for her friendship and assistance to our citizens. She has aided many people in our area and no problem is too small for her to try to solve. Her election record shows the confidence the people have in her.



Chester C. Bolton

HISTORY OF SOUTH EUCLID OHIO

Before the settlement of the Western Reserve, various Indian tribes - Eries, Ottawas, Chippewa, Seneca and Wyandots - roamed the area without establishing permanent year 'round villages. It was a land teeming with fish, buffalo, deer, turkey and wild life in abundance. The tribes relinquished their hold slowly and with much bloodshed. In 1796 a final treaty was made with the Iroquois Nation to give all lands east of the Cuyahoga River to the white man. At this point the newly formed Connecticut Land Company commissioned one of its directors, General Moses Cleaveland, to lay out and establish a capitol of the "Western Reserve", and to survey and to divide the land into townships five miles square. After this was done, the Connecticut Land Company hoped to make a fine profit selling the land back East.

Early in the spring of 1796, General Cleaveland and 66 qualified surveyors and helpers

journeyed westward to carry out his company's orders. At Conneaut Creek a camp was made and 41 men remained on that site while General Cleaveland and the others proceeded west to the bank of the Cuyahoga River where a "community site" was laid out for settlement. They were gone 18 days, and the men remaining at Conneaut Creek camp became dissatisfied and mutinied. They had enlisted for the duration, but now they demanded considerations not specified in their agreement. General Cleaveland did draw up a contract with them September 30th for their joint purchase of a township 25 miles square, at one dollar per acre. Each man was granted lake front property as well as a farm back in the rocky hills and plateaus. They were to clear land, erect houses, and sow two acres of wheat and grass, and settle a specified number of families during the next three years. In the early organization proceedings, the men involved named the township "Euclid" in honor of the Greek Mathematician and Patron Saint of Surveyors.



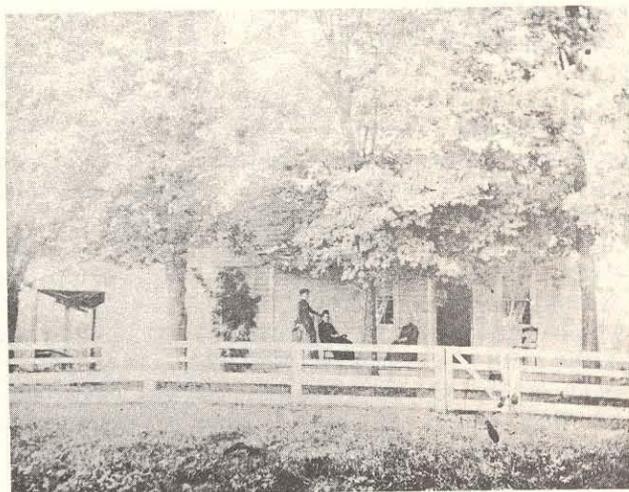
Insofar as the records show, none of the 41 men took up the claim assigned to him. However, Seth Pease, Moses Warren and Amos Spafford did meet the requirements of "settling", in the year each was responsible for, with an accompanying quota of men.

The new township became officially settled in 1797 - one year after the town of Cleveland was laid out and settled. The western boundary of the township began at approximately East 140th Street or Coit Road and the lake, proceeding directly south for 5 miles to what is now Cedar Road; eastward to the present Cuyahoga County line, and north from that point to the lake, a total in excess of 25 square miles. In later years much of the territory became the municipalities of East Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Richmond Heights.

The gigantic trees mentioned in the early settlers records formed a forest which harbored deer, bear, wild turkey and an occasional panther, along with the ever present raccoon. The forests and rocks also harbored another creature - the rattlesnake. Although no rattlers are around today, the old settlers talked of the great numbers found in the ravines and rocky gullies. Deacon John Ruple, whose word was never questioned, killed 38 of these reptiles and became quite ill from the odor of the poisonous varmints.

Euclid Township was incorporated in 1809. On April 22, 1810, the first town meeting was held in the home of Walter Strong, with Timothy Doan acting as moderator. All of the inhabitants of the township resided near the lake but the records of this meeting show that Asa Dille was elected supervisor of highways for the southern district. When the surveyors began to lay out proposed roads it was only natural that they should follow the already established Indian trails. The intersection of what is now Mayfield and Green Roads was the intersection of two Indian trails. One trail led down the west ridge of Euclid Creek to Lake Erie, and the other one led along the top of the ridge west towards what was later named Doan Brook. The intersection of these trails were referred to by the early settlers as "South Euclid".

Following the War of 1812 quite a few settlers came to Euclid Township and settled in many parts of it. William Coleman was made the first postmaster of the township in 1816. About 1818 he built the first gristmill on Euclid Creek and afterwards turned it into a sawmill.



Ruple House 1888. Now the site of Erny's Barber Shop

In 1820 Joseph King, Jason Crosier, and John Allerton purchased 333 acres on the south side of the State road (now Mayfield Road) on both sides of the Indian trail leading south that was known as Township Road to Warrensville. The three men purchased this land at a tax sale. The records do not give the purchase price, but John King built a log house on the land just east of where the Brott Block stands today and right where Ernie Stoetzer's Barber Shop is. It was later the home of the Ruple family. This house after being remodeled numerous times was torn down in 1934. The name of the Township Road to Warrensville was changed to Ruple Road, then to South Euclid Road, and finally to Green Road because there was always grass growing up the middle of it.

In 1828 the township trustees divided the township into nine school districts with one hundred and eighty-three householders in all. South Euclid was No. 7 at that time, although the dividing lines of the districts were not recorded. The names of some of the citizens of South Euclid during the period from 1830-1860 are: John Ruple, John Meeker, James Harvey Hussong, E. G. Eldridge, Thomas D. Webb, Peter Rush, James Boyne, Stephen B. Meeker, John Kellogg, John King, Polydore King, Cephus Hendershott, Chauncey Meeker, Abram Ruple, Smith Meeker and his wife, Abigail, Marcus C. Parker and his wife, Frances A., Solon Rumage, Lucius B. Eager and his wife, Phebe, Henry Wagner, Luke Risley, Edward Telling, George Telling, G. S. Rathbone, Ezra Kellogg and his wife, Catherine, Seth D. Pelton, Thomas Whigham (grandfather of Former Mayor O. H. Whigham) John Morgan, Duncan McFarland, Barney Anderson, after whom Anderson