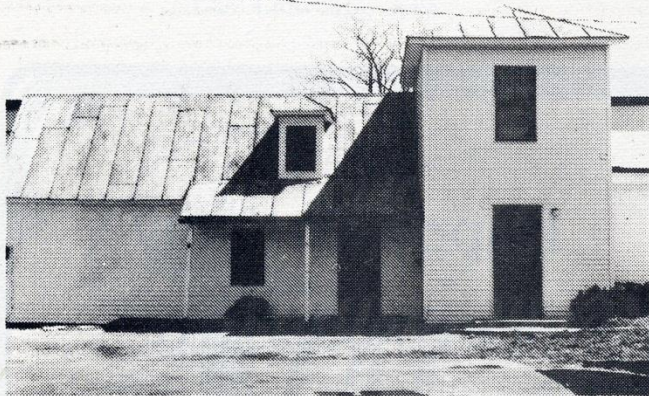
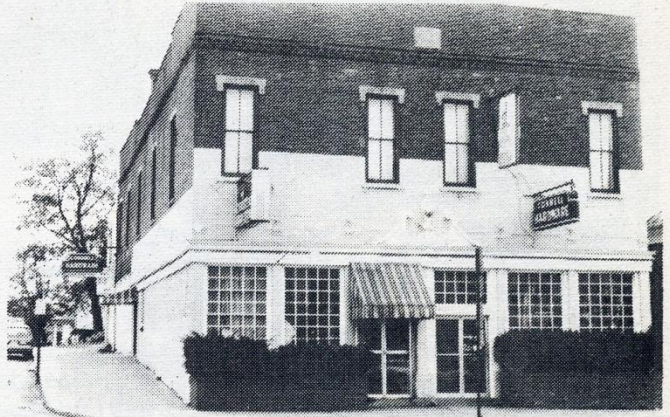


# Walking Tour

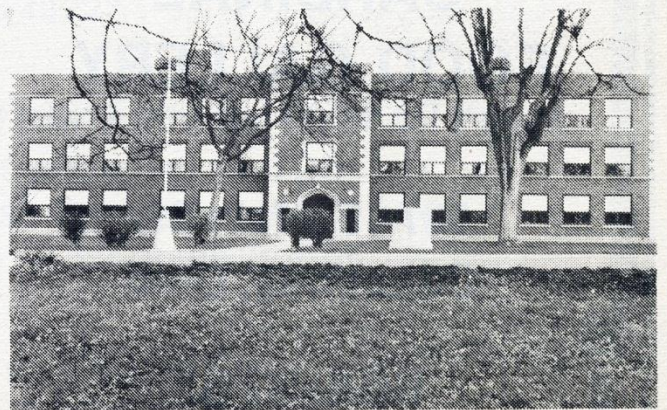
## Sights of Historical Interest

**MASON HALL, 7345 East Main Street.** Built in 1883 by Nathaniel N. Mason, a merchant. For 60 years this was the only place in town large enough to accommodate a crowd. Dances, graduation, Lyceum programs, plays, lectures, Decoration Day ceremonies and other events were held here. The borrowed piano was carried up and down the stairs by strong young men. The lower level of the hall is currently filled with old and new hardware. It is owned by Ralph Connell of Connell's Hardware. The Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society has meeting rooms and a museum in the upper level of the hall.



**HOUSE, 7370 East Main Street, rear.** Note the standing seam roof and horizontal siding on this old home.

**ASHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1482 Jackson Avenue.** The front central part of this building, constructed in 1868, housed the Reynoldsburg Union Academy. Dr. Darlington J. Snyder was the first superintendent and, for some time, the only high school teacher. This was the first public high school in Franklin County. Additions to the building were made in 1925-1926, 1940-1941 and 1952-1953. This school was renamed as Reynoldsburg Middle School which was later changed to Hannah J. Ashton Middle School. Hannah Ashton attended and graduated from this school. She later returned to teach until her retirement. The school was renamed for Ms. Ashton in honor of her commitment to the community.





**BANK ONE, 7112 East Main Street.** The most unusual building in the city, the roof shape is a hyperbolic paraboloid. It was built in 1960.



**HOUSES, 7645 East Main Street and 1292 Lancaster Avenue.** These are the only houses in town built entirely of stone from William Forrester's quarry on Waggoner Road. The cut blue freestone was popularly used in the county for lintels and doorsteps. The quarry was opened by Henry Besse, who took possession of his land in 1828; was later run by George Graham and then by Forrester.



1292 Lancaster Ave.

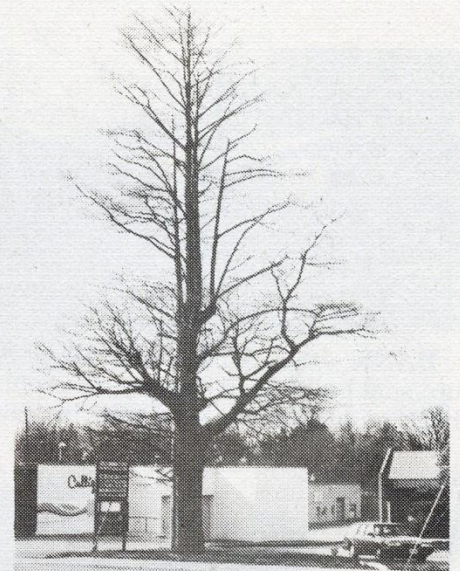


7332-7342 East Main after 1904. Left to right: The Lower Tavern, built about 1833. Township House, where everybody voted and where town council and township committeemen met. The building was moved in the 1940's for \$250. Next, in the 1940's, was Cochenour's Sunshine Restaurant. The flat-roofed building was the Masonic card room. Through this room and up the stairs, the Masons entered the Masonic Hall, the next structure. The dark building was the Knights of Pythias Hall upstairs; Evans's



Grocery at street level. The white object is a 5-ton street scale. To the right of the picture was The Blind Alley, where carnivals and medicine shows were held, and where on Saturday nights in the dim, dark past, men of The Burg tapped a keg together. Above: The I00F Hall, once at Lancaster and Main, had a pool room and a lunch room. Nice girls avoided passing the pool hall, for loafers might say things to make them blush. (Photos courtesy M. Ruvoldt)

**BALDCYPRESS TREE, East of 7500 East Main Street (Culligan's).** The baldcypress trees are of the pine family. According to forester Donald E. Richter, the baldcypress on East Main was 36 inches in diameter and 80 feet tall several years ago. The tree was planted by Samuel Chamberlain approximately 100 years ago. Baldcypress trees sometimes live to be 1,000 years old. They are not common in this area.



**MARTHA TUSSING HOME, 7305 Broadwyn Drive.** Homer and Martha Tussing moved into this house in 1930. The core of this house is thought to have been built by James C. Reynolds around 1840 when he built a large frame grist mill on an adjacent lot. It has been remodeled several times.

**ALEXANDER LIVINGSTON HOME, 1792 Graham Road.** This home was built in 1864-1865 by a cabinet-maker named Nathan Orcutt. Later the house was shingled and two porches were added. Bob and Charlene Foor recently moved into this home. They have done extensive restoration, including the removal of the shingles to expose the original clapboard siding. To the rear of the house is a gift shop. Next to the driveway on the north side of the house is a lovely flower garden.



**HOUSE, 1312 Epworth Avenue.** This house was built by David Graham around 1858. It is famed as an Underground Railroad Station. When Joseph Donavan owned this land, he dedicated a strip as Epworth Avenue to serve as the new Highland Terrace Addition.