



## ***BICENTENNIAL BULLETIN No. 27*** ***—Sheffield Celebrates 200th Birthday***

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### ***LEWIS WOODRUFF HOUSE*** (built in 1880s—home of Sheffield Lake’s first mayor) *5165 Lake Road, Sheffield Lake, Ohio*

*B*uilt circa 1880, this Italianate-style house on the lakeshore was the homestead of Lewis Woodruff (1834-1922) and his wife Huldah M. Woodruff (1932-1908). The Woodruff family’s 99-acre farm was on the Lake Erie shore, adjacent to Sheffield Township District No. 3 Schoolhouse, which was also built in the 1880s. Lewis and Huldah Woodruff are buried side-by-side in Garfield Cemetery (Block B, Lot 16, Graves 18 & 19).



Italiante-style homes were modestly popular in Sheffield Township during the period from about 1850 to 1885. This style is typified by rectangular, almost square, two- or three-story houses with very wide eaves usually supported by large brackets. They exhibit tall

narrow first- and second-floor windows and a low-pitched hip roof commonly topped with a cupola. Pronounced moldings and other details often accentuate the formal balance of the house. This elegant style typically contains some of the following identifying features: (1) round and segmental arched windows with decorative “eyebrows” above, (2) Doric porch columns and pilasters, (3) rusticated corner quoins, (4) a bracketed cornice, and (5) double doors with glass panels.

Lewis and Huldah Woodruff’s son, Harry L. Woodruff, who eventually owned the house, was the first mayor the Village of Sheffield Lake when it was formed in 1920. The first airfield in the area was located on the mayor’s farm at the southwest corner of Abbe and Lake Roads.

*East side entrance to Lewis Woodruff House*



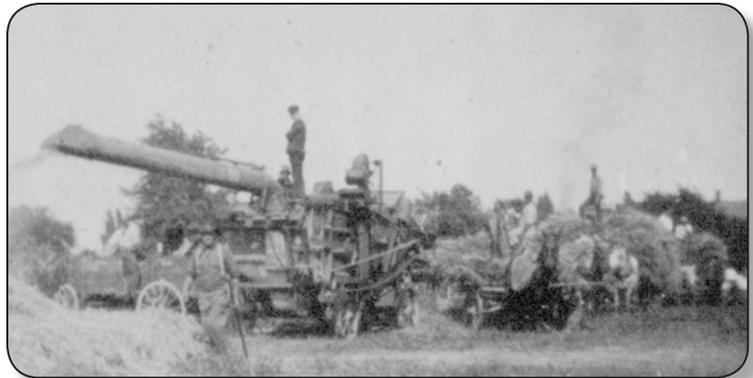
*Woodruff House front and west entrances*



*Lewis Woodruff House in the 1970s with Lake Erie behind the house*



*Horse-drawn thrashing machine at Woodruff farm circa 1900*



*Harry L. Woodruff and his wife at their home circa 1920*



*Woodruff airfield at the southwest corner of Abbe and Lake Roads in the 1920s*

