



BASS LAKE CLUB HOUSE.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GEAUGA.

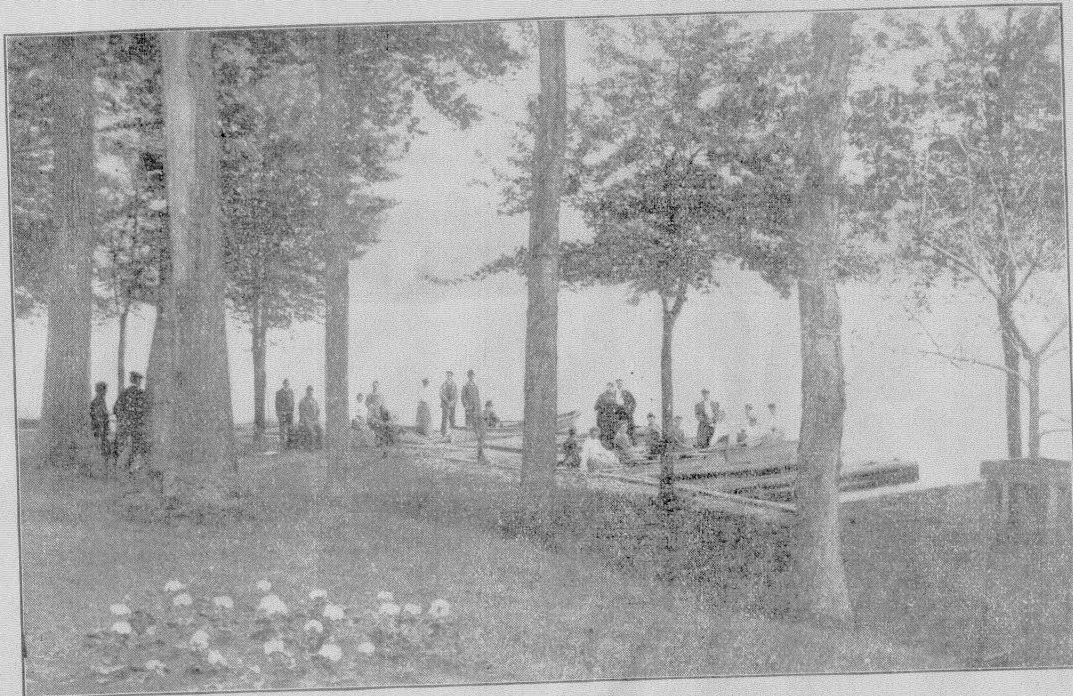
Geauga County is bounded on the north by Lake County, on the west by Cuyahoga, on the east by Ashtabula and on the south by Portage. After being joined to Lake for 25 years, it now constitutes, as formerly, a legislative district. It is in the 24th-26th Senatorial district, and in the Nineteenth Congressional District. It is in the third sub-division of the ninth judicial district and in the seventh judicial circuit. It is in the U. S. judicial district of Northern Ohio, and in the sixth United States judicial circuit. It is in the Cleveland customs district and the internal revenue district, the headquarters of which is in Cleveland. It is in the military division of the lakes. By the loss of its territory at various times, the county has been deprived of several places of historical interest. If Orange had not been given to Cuyahoga County, it would be the birthplace of a president. If Kirtland had not been given to Lake, it would have the Mormon Temple. It was near the mouth of the Grand River that Major Rogers met the chiefs of Pontiac in 1760. The townships are not all perfectly square, owing to the primitive instruments of surveyors and the wooded country where they worked. Hambden, for instance, is considerably wider on the north side than on the south. A peculiarity of the timber of the county is that different varieties of trees grow in spots. This is supposed to be owing to changes in the constituents of the soil. Geauga County furnished one native general to the Civil War—Gen. Hal-

bert E. Paine. He was born in Chardon in 1826 and died last April. Geauga County has had in the past a musical association, a horticultural and pomological society, a Bible society, and a woman's suffrage political club. The township of Middlefield was once known as Batavia and Hambden as Bondstown. The first fatal accident in the county

was in Chester in 1804. Dr. John Miner was killed in a tornado, trees being blown upon his house. When the Chardon Public Square was being cleared in 1811, a tree fell upon Curtis Wilnot and killed him. Among the first settlers of Chardon were Mr. and Mrs. Antony Carter, a colored family. Take The Record for ALL the news.

GEAUGA COUNTY COURT HOUSES.

The seat of justice for Geauga County was established in Chardon in 1808. The county has had four court-houses. Capt. Edward Paine built the first, of logs, near the residence of the late Judge Canfield, on the Public Square. It was occupied for public business in 1812, but only a short time. In 1813 Samuel King took the contract for building a more convenient court house. This also was of logs. It stood on Water Street about in the rear of A. Cook & Son's drug store. It was made of block or hewn timber to the top of the first story, says the "Pioneers' History," and the second story was framed. The court-room was above and the jail below. The court-room was warmed by a Franklin stove, and was used for school purposes, meetings and dances. The building was considered an ornament to the town at that time. Later a large brick court-house, with imposing white pillars in front and a dome, was erected on Main Street, north of Fletcher's store. The old building was used by Judge Noah Hoyt for a barn, until pulled down by Ira Webster, about 1850. On July 25, 1868, the third court house was burned with the business portion of the town. In 1869 the present fine brick court-house was erected by the taxpayers, being used for public business in 1870. In January, 1900, it was damaged by fire to the amount of about \$10,000, but the fire department and citizens were able to save it. It is indeed an ornament to the Public Square and the town, and a credit to the county which erected it.



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