

## CHARNWOOD HISTORY LESSON

*Pat McCardy located this history of our subdivision. We thought you might find it interesting.*

### 1. Who were the original owners of our Charnwood section?

Lewis Hedges, Elizur Goodrich, and Aaron Webster were the original owners of the property, which we know today as Charnwood and Charnwood 1,2, and 3. These three men owned large farms and developed a strong German community in this area. Most of the area was heavily wooded and land had to be painstakingly cleared by men and their horses and oxen in order to plant their crops.

### 2. How was this land purchased?

At this time in the history of the United States, the federal government sold land in sixty and eighty acres parcels. One hundred and sixty acres sold for \$120.00. This is seventy-five cents per acre. The section of Charnwood that we live in is called Section Six on most maps. It was originally forested land that was divided into three large lots and cleared for farmland.

### 3. Who was Elizur Goodrich?

Elizur Goodrich was the founding father of Troy. He bought 276 acres of land from the federal government in 1893 to farm. He later sold two parcels to his sons for \$50 a parcel. Elizur originally owned twenty-five percent of Section Six and fifty percent of the Charnwood property.

### 4. Was our city always called Troy?

Troy was originally divided into Troy Corners Village and Niles Village.

### 5. How did Beach Road get its name?

D.P. Beach bought land in 1872 from Lewis Hedges, one of the original owners. The road dividing his farm from the neighboring farm was named Beach Road. In his lifetime the original farms were divided to form six farms.

### 6. What was the cost of an acre of land in 1876?

An acre of land in 1876 jumped from seventy-five cents in 1870 for wilderness land to nineteen dollars an acre for cleared farmland.

## POSTING HOUSE NUMBERS

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