

1912 PETITION OF AREA "MM" TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COMMENTS

This petition was found in the files of the Cuyahoga County Archives on June 12, 2018. Dated September 11, 1912, it shows how the voters in the small area roughly defined by Fairmount Road (now Fairhill Road) in the north, Woodland (now Larchmere) on the south, East 118th Steet at the west and East 127th Street at the east, did not want to be annexed to Cleveland. With the annexation of area GG (see Cleveland's annexation map) to their west to Cleveland approved in March 1912, area MM is now adjacent to the city. Its voters can apply to be annexed. They do not do that. Six months later they petition the county to make their neighborhood into a new township named Woodland Township.

At a time when villages next to Cleveland with thousands of residents are voting to be annexed to Cleveland (Glenville and Newburg City are examples), the county commissioners would not approve creating a tiny township with perhaps 50 voters, next to Cleveland.

The county archives held no rulings or resolutions by the commissioners regarding this petition. The file's copy of the September 3, 1913 Cleveland City Council approval of the area's annexation to Cleveland tells us the outcome.

Arnold Berger
June 19, 2018

[9/11/1912]

Shaker Village, Ohio,

1912

To the Commissioners of Cuyahoga County,
State of Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

We, the undersigned, being a majority of the freehold electors, having a life estate in lands in the following territory, situated in the Village of Shaker, County of Cuyahoga State of Ohio and more particularly known and described as follows, to-wit:-

Beginning at the center line of Woodland Avenue at a point two hundred and sixty-five (265) feet easterly of the center of the intersection of said Woodland Avenue and East Boulevard; thence northerly parallel with said East Boulevard to a point in the center of Fairmount Road to a point two hundred and sixty-five (265) feet easterly from the center of the intersection of East Boulevard and Fairmount Road; thence westerly along said center line of Fairmount Road to the northwest corner of Original Lot Number 420; thence northerly along the west line of Original Lot Number 412, 530.18 feet to a point which bears south 0° 28' 40" east 28.96 feet from the intersection of said lot line with the northerly line of City Parkway; thence south 73° 12' 50" east through the City Parkway to the easterly line of Original Lot Number 422; thence southerly along said east line of Original Lot Number 422 to the center line of Woodland Avenue; thence westerly along the center of said Woodland Avenue to the place of beginning.

An accurate map of which territory is hereto attached, respectfully pray to have said portion of territory detached from said Village of Shaker and erected into a new Township to be known as Woodland Township and A.E. Wood of Mount Overlook Avenue is hereby authorized to act as agent of the petitioners in securing said detachment from the Village of Shaker and erection of same into a new Township to be known as Woodland Township.

NAME

RESIDENCE

DATE

Frank J. Horacek	Mt Overlook Ave	Sept 11-1912
B H Summers	Mt Overlook Ave	Sept 11 1912
S H White	Mt Overlook Ave	Sept 11/1912
Chas V. Martin	11918 Overlook Ave	Sept 11-

Frank Benson	11919	Overlook Ave	9-11-12
Mr. Geo. E. Schreffel	11923	Mt Overlook Rd.	
John Donk	12014	Mt Overlook Rd.	9-11-12
A. T. Gallatin	11817	Woodland Rd.	
Andrew McQuinn	11813	Woodland Ave.	
J. Saastamoinen	11901	Mt Overlook Rd.	8-12
George Wahrenberger	11906	Mt Overlook Rd.	
Frank Jensen	11825	Woodland	
J. F. Schaefer	2480	E. 130 St	
H. W. Gray	2481	E. 128th St	
Andrew Burns	11907	Woodland ave	Seh 12
W. A. Roney	11820	Woodland Rd	
Wm. Yartue	2160	E. 120 St	x
W. F. Cummings	18101	Woodland Ave	x
B. W. Shorb	2484	E. 130 St.	
A. E. Woods	11915	Mt Overlook Rd.	
Joseph Dunant	11805	Mt Overlook Rd	

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

The following Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of
Cleveland, *Sept 3^d* 1913 and approved by
the Mayor *Sept 8th* 1913

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Ordinance No. 29905.
 AN ORDINANCE to authorize the annexation of territory to the City of Cleveland.
 Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Cleveland, State of Ohio:
 Section 1. That the annexation of the following described territory to said City of Cleveland be and the same is hereby authorized to be made:
 Situated in the Village of Shaker Heights, being parts of Original Lots Numbers 420, 421, 412 and 413 of Newburg Township, and is further described as follows:
 Beginning at a point in the center line of North Woodland Road, which point is in a line parallel with and distant 265.0 feet easterly from the center line of Rice Avenue, now known as East Boulevard.
 Thence from said place of beginning northerly, parallel with and distant 265.0 feet easterly from said center line of East Boulevard to the center line of Fairmount Road.
 Thence westerly along said center line of Fairmount Road to the intersection of said center line with the southerly line of Original Lot No. 412.
 Thence westerly, along said northerly line to the southwest corner of Original Lot No. 412.
 Thence north 0 degrees, 23 minutes 40 seconds west along the westerly line of said Original Lot No. 412, 530.18 feet to a stake which bears south 0 degrees, 23 minutes 40 seconds east, along said westerly line, 28.96 feet from the intersection of said westerly line with the northerly line of Ambler Parkway, said stake also marking the southwest corner of Cleveland Heights Village.
 Thence south 73 degrees 12 minutes 50 seconds east, along the southerly line of said Cleveland Heights Village to the intersection of said southerly line with the extension northerly of the easterly line of a ten (10) acre parcel of land in Original Lot No. 421 owned by A. F. Ditz.
 Thence southerly along Ditz's easterly line and said line extended northerly to the center of North Woodland Road.
 Thence westerly, along said center line of North Woodland Road to the place of beginning.
 Sec. 2. That the Solicitor of said City be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to prosecute the proceedings necessary, and make application on behalf of said City and the Council thereof, to effect said annexation of said above described territory.
 Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.
 Passed Sept. 3, 1913.
 W. F. THOMPSON
 President of the Council