

Thomin Log Cabin



15. 4231 Princeton Road, parcel D2010-005.000-053

Constructed around 1803-1810. The log cabin is on its original foundation. When the current property owner, Robert Thomin, purchased the ten acres with a two-story home from David Proeschel in 1980, he was not aware of the existence of the log cabin. David Proeschel purchased the home from Maratha Rahfuse. Maratha was shocked when she heard what Mr. Thomin paid for the property, as it was 1/3 of what Mr. Proeschel paid her for the entire farm. Mr. Thomin rented the two-story home and the tenant asked permission to cut a window in the structure, which Mr. Thomin agreed to allow. When the tenant told him it would be a difficult job because there was a log house underneath all the asphalt shingles that were covering both the home and log house, Mr. Thomin told him he would give him six months rent free to allow him time to find another place to live. After Mr. Thomin's daughter told him she didn't think her father should make the tenant move because he had been there a long time, he told him he could remain at the property, but do no work. A year later the tenant asked permission to re-wire the home and install a furnace in the part of the home that was the basement. Mr. Thomin again gave six month free rent so that he could find another place to live because he became worried that something may happen to the log home. Once the tenant moved, Robert began removing the shingles. The two story home, constructed in 1843 was in too poor condition to save. Robert went to the Butler County Courthouse to find more information on the home. He contacted Maratha Rahfuse, but she had a limited amount of information about the structure. Her maiden name was Seward and the home had been in her family a long time. She referred to the house as the weaning house, for all new brides to start their families there. The property was part of the land grant to John Cleves Symmes who was in the Revolutionary War. The first deed was to Frederic Blue and then to the Seward family. The barn was constructed in 1843. The property has tow hand dug wells, ten to twelve feet and that have in them at all times. Since Mr. Thomin has owned the property he has had a windmill and a silo installed. The windmill was built by the Amish people from the eastern part of Ohio with a telescope at the top. Many people use the property to take photographs and mistakenly think that the Township owns the property.

1836 Map	Frederick Blue Sect 7
1868 Map	Ayers Seward
1875 Map	Ayees Seward
1914 Map	Albert Seward
1875 Atlas	No

Wagner Home



16. 4800 Millikin Road, parcel D2020-031.000-001
Constructed in 1926, Shawn D. and Tamara L. Wagner home