

A BEAVERCREEK HISTORIC TREASURE

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The Shoup-Schantz House

Located back in Hagenbuch Lane at 1088 Old Mill Lane (off of North Fairfield), the grand, old vernacular-style house with colonial influence had its beginning in 1810. The first section, built by George Shoup for his son Solomon, is the small two-story east wing having just one room on each floor. The first floor remained as the kitchen throughout the years. It has an enormous brick fireplace with a crane holding hand wrought chains for pots and kettles. To the right of the fireplace is a rectangular bake-oven. Later Solomon built the room now considered the dining room and connected it with the first section with a covered passage-way known in those days as a “dog run”.

Following the death of Solomon, John Schantz, father of Louise Schantz Hagenbuch purchased the property, which still contained the Shoup Mill, in 1868. He made all of the later additions. The bricks for all of the rooms beginning with the one in 1810 were burned on the property. The foundations are made of limestone. The windows are 6x6 with stone lintels and sills. The last additions brought the house up to its grand stature. It was the first house in Beaver Creek to have steam heat and a bathroom. The water was pumped up to the second floor.

Following the death of Louise Schantz Hagenbuch, plans were drawn for remodeling the old mansion, but the uncertainty of how the configuration of the Route 35 and the North Fairfield interchange would impact the property, resulted in the plans being dropped. The mansion now stands unoccupied.

Solomon Shoup Springhouse

Dating back to 1810, the Solomon Shoup Springhouse has been restored by the Hagenbuch. It is the only Springhouse known to be still standing in Beaver Creek. It is made of mortised and pinned frame construction with batten board style siding. The foundation is limestone.

The Upper level, now a tool room, was used as a smoke house in the old days. The lower level is where the cool spring water is continuously flowing through the trough on its way to Little Beaver Creek. The water is a constant 50 degrees and has never been known to freeze over.

Cooling and maintaining coolness was vital in those days. Of foremost importance was the cooling of the warm milk from the cows and keeping it “sweet” until it was either used in the home or shipped to the milk processing plant.

Just west of the springhouse is the foundation of the Shoup Mill – circa 1805. It stood there until 1921 when it was moved across Little Beaver Creek to its present location. It is now known as Daytona Mills and is the oldest continuous business in Beaver Creek.