

The Lilly/Weston house detailed chain of ownership.

The information below shows changes in ownership and the all of the subsequent actions to join together and split off of portions of land that eventually resulted in the current one acre property today.

The house itself is constructed on the extreme western edge of O.L. 35 and the western part of O.L. 35 and eastern part of O.L. 34 have been historically and currently associated with it. Nehemiah Hubbard & Joshua Stow are the Connecticut Western Reserve investors who were granted ownership of all of Dover Township so at first they owned all of O.L. 34 and O.L. 35.

1807 Nehemiah Hubbard and Joshua Stow, investors in the Connecticut Land Co., are granted ownership of all of the land that will become Dover Township.

1811 Dover Township is incorporated one year after the first settlers arrive.

1813 All 160 acres of O.L. 35 is purchased from Hubbard and Stow by Abner Smith.

1814 All 160 acres of O.L. 34 is purchased from Hubbard and Stow by Jedediah Crocker.

1817 All of O.L. 34 is purchased by Samuel Crocker from Jedediah Crocker, Samuel moves to Dover.

1819 Tax records indicate that all of O.L. 34 is still owned by Samuel Crocker and the western 80 acres of O.L. 35 is still owned by Abner Smith.

1821 Abner Smith dies and his property passes to his widow Hannah Smith.

1821 Ozias and Hiram Smith purchase 110 acres of O.L. 34 from Samuel Crocker.

1822 Hanna Smith sells all of Abner Smith's land, including portion of O.L. 35 to their sons Ozias and Hiram Smith.

1826 Ozias Smith sells easterly 60 acres of O.L. 34 and 1 acre of O.L. 35 along road to Hiram Smith.

1826 Ozias and Ruth Smith sell their inherited share of westerly 101 acres of O.L. 35 and SW portion of O.L. 45 to Hiram Smith.

1828 Tax records indicate that Hiram Smith is listed as owner of 82 acres of west part of O.L. 35.

1835-1844 stone portion is thought to have been constructed during this period by either Hiram Smith or Austin Lilly.

1835 Tax records indicate that the tax value of 82 acres of the west part of O.L. 35 increases from \$227 to \$641 in either 1834 or 1835.

1842 - 1846 Tax records indicate that Hiram Smith is still the owner of 82 acres of west part of O.L. 35, now valued at \$720. Austin Lilly is listed as the owner of 5 acres of the "NEC" of O.L. 34 worth \$26. and 1 acre of O.L. 35 "Mid. N. of Rd.", valued at \$6. The "NEC" could indicate the NE corner or the NE center of the property. Either of which could describe the approximate location of the Lilly/Weston house. We believe the actual location of the house is on the 1 acre portion of O.L. 35 described as "Mid. N. of Rd." because of relatively large changes of value on this small 1 acre parcel in 1846 and 1847.

1844 Previous researchers conclude that stone portion of Lilly/Weston house constructed c. 1844, but is more likely to have occurred either in 1834 or 1835 (and then it should be called the Hiram Smith house see above) or later in 1846 or 1847 (and rightly called the Austin Lilly house, see below).

1847 Tax records indicate that Hiram Smith is the owner of the 80 acre west half of O.L. 35 now valued at \$1,869. Austin Lilly is listed as the owner of 10 acres of the NEC of O.L. 34 now worth \$189. and 1 acre of O.L. 35 described as "Corner in W. Line of Rd." now worth \$157.

1848 Tax records indicate that Hiram Smith's acreage and value stays the same. Austin Lilly's 10 acres of the NEC of O.L. 34 remains at the same value. His 1 acre of O.L. 35 described as "Corner in West Line of Road" increases in value to \$282. This may indicate that the stone portion of the Lilly/Weston house was actually under construction in 1846 and 1847 on this 1 acre corner of O.L. 35 in line with the road.

1848 Austin Lilly dies.

1849 – 1852 Tax records indicate that Hiram Smith's acreage and value stays the same. Ownership and values and descriptions remain the same for Lilly land as 1848, despite Austin's death.

1852 Map of property owners indicates Hiram Smith as continued owner of 80 acre west half of O.L. 35 and "A. A. Lilly's heirs" as owners of the extensive Lilly land in O.L. 34, 43, 44 and 45 and possibly O.L. 35, the map is not detailed enough to show the 1 acre parcel of O.L. 35 which continues to be described as belonging to the Lilly family since 1842 by deed.

1853-1854 brick portion of the house is thought to have been constructed during this period.

1853 Tax records indicate that Austin & Albertus A. are each listed as owning $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Lilly property in O.L. 34 & O.L. 35 as described above in common, as well as land owned in O.L. 43 & 44, each with $\frac{1}{2}$ interest. Each of these two individuals is allocated 5 acres worth \$94. or \$194. in O.L. 34 and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in O.L. 34 or O.L.35 worth \$141. The possible increase in value in O.L. 34 may indicate the beginning of construction of the brick portion of Lilly/Weston house, though the house itself nearly straddles the line but is on O.L. 35. Since Austin Lilly had died in 1848, and there is no known Austin Jr. it is difficult to sort this out. "Alanson" is listed as the oldest son of Austin and Roxanna in "Pioneers of Westlake, Ohio" by Jeanne Workman but the only recorded deed for an Alanson Lilly is in Olmsted Township.

1854 Albinus Lilly (Jr.), the nephew of Austin Lilly is listed as the owner of 74 acres of land in O.L. 34 "NWC back to road" worth \$2,134. "NWC" could indicate NW corner or NW center. Albertus Lilly is listed as the owner of all of the 10 acres in the NEC of O.L. 34, worth \$252. as well as all of the 1 acre in O.L. 35 on the "corner in line with road". This one acre has now increased in value to \$420. which may indicate the completion of the brick portion of Lilly/Weston house. Hiram Smith continues to own the 80 acre west half of O.L. 35 now worth \$2,856.

1855 – 1857 All acreages and values remain the same. The only changes are that the 74 acres of land in O.L. 34 previously described as "NWC back to road" are now described as "NWP" probably for NW part. They are now owned by Jerome Beardsley, a former stagecoach driver, rather than Albinus Lilly (Jr.). Jerome Beardsley is Albinus Lilly (Jr.'s) brother-in-law who had married Albinus's sister Achsah in 1846.

1858 County Map of property owners indicates A. A. Lilly as owner of land in what appears to be O.L.34, 35, 43, 44 and 45, with Jerome Beardsley owning land immediately to the west of it and Hiram Smith owning land immediately to the east of it. This map could be interpreted as indicating Hiram Smith as owner of the Lilly/Weston house, again, because like in 1852 the map is not fine grained enough to denote the 1 acre parcel owned by the Lilly's "in line with the road".

1850 All property data remains the same.

1860 Property values decrease slightly. The property description for the Hiram Smith land now clearly states that he owns the west half of 80 acres of O.L. 35 "but 1 acre to Lilley" which most likely is meant to clear up the confusion about the 1 acre parcel in O.L. 35 which the Lilly's have owned since 1842, on which we believe the Lilly/Weston house is constructed on.

1861 Property values remain the same. The 1 acre parcel in O.L. 35 owned by Albertus A. Lilley increases in value by \$200. to \$532. with a notation "B 200" which most likely refers to the construction of a barn. Jerome Beardsley's property drops \$1,000 in value which is inexplicable.

1862 Barn value disappears. But otherwise tax data remains the same.

1863-1865 Barn value re-appears, otherwise tax data remain the same.

1866 Weston ownership begins.

1866 As per recorded deeds, Lilly/Weston property transferred from Albertus & Mary (husband & wife) & Roxanne Lilly (widowed mother) to George & Rhoda Weston (161 acres) They proceed to sell off backland to new owners along what becomes Bassett Road.

1872 Lilly/Weston property transferred from George & Rhoda Weston to James N. & Cora Beardsley. James N. Beardsley is the son of Jerome and Achsah (Lilly) Beardsley, who have owned property next door to the west since 1857 (46.5 acres).

1880 U.S. Non-population Agricultural Census lists James N. Beardsley as the owner of a 25 acre farm.

1884 James & Cora Beardsley to Frank D. & Levia Carpenter (13.68 acres).

1885 Frank & Levia Carpenter to Charles H. Avins (13.68 acres).

1889 Charles H. & Elizabeth Avins to Susan L. Dewey (13.68 acres).

1891 Susan L. & S.H. Dewey to Loretta Gaut (13.68 acres).

1892 Loretta Gaut to W.K Johnston Trustee (13.68 acres).

1892 W.K. & Kittie J. Johnston to Loretta Gaut Guardian of Albert L. Gaut (13. 68 acres).

1905 Loretta Gant to August & Mary Trudel (13.68 acres).

1911 Dover Township is incorporated as the Village of Dover.

1921 Mary Trudel dies and her husband August Trudel inherits (13.68 acres).

1948 August & Emma Trudel sell 6 acres east of Lilly/Weston to Roy & Lillian Albrecht (7.68 acres).

1952 August & Emma Trudel sell 1.25 acres east of Lilly/Weston to Roy & Lillian Albrecht (6.42 acres).

1957 the City of Westlake is incorporated.

1958 August & Emma Trudel to Cora E. Thornton (6.42 acres).

1962 Cora E. Thornton to Alden F. & Phyllis J. Presler (6.42 acres).

1988 Alden F. & Phyllis J. Presler to West Glen Partnership (6.42 acres).

1988 West Glen Subdivision approved utilizing Lilly/Weston backland (1.0 acre).

1995 Westar Building & Development Company with some of the same principals as West Glen Partnership sells 1 acre with house to Alice & Dezso Ladanyi (1.0 acre).

2000 the Lilly Weston House and property (1.0 acre) are donated to the City of Westlake for use as a museum by Alice Ladanyi (descendant of George & Rhoda Weston) & Dezso Ladanyi.