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Special Notes:	
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0 Born in 1938. Both sets of grandparents were Hungarian.
1894 Grandfather moved from Buckeye Road to the Cuyahoga Valley to
1 get into the country.
Father left dental school to help out on the farm. Drove the School bus
2 in the winter
Family lived across the street from the Boston Store. Mother lived
3 through the flood of 1913 on the Cuyahoga River
Cyrus Eaton had 700 acres off of Houghton Road. Our family
4 sometimes farmed some of the Eaton land
Uncle farmed the land on both sides of Schafee Road in the 70's. Talk
5 of the Park had just begun.
6 People were very concerned about the location of the Park land.
Could not tell if the home being built would be in or out of the park.
7 Beautiful land
This was the best thing that could ever happen because this area
8 would have been built up.
Mission of the Council was to act as liaison between the residents and
9 the Park and the civil governments involved
Our mission was changed 2 years ago to include water management
10 with Summit and Cuyahoga county.
11 Regional cooperation is the future

12 Communities and Park alliances work together to better the outcomes
The Gorge in Cuyahoga Falls is working to preserve their Falls from
13 development by the Electric Company.
Deep roots in the area on both sides of my family. We are 5 generations
14 strong in this area.
Cyrus Eaton's family sold the family estate and it was developed within 7
15 years
The trustees of Sagamore Hills acquired land from the Department of
16 Mental health to obtain park land in the city
17 Patients from the Mental health Hospital worked the farm land.
When they were going to sell off land, the National Park, the Metroparks
18 and Sagamore Hills all obtained land for parks.
192 acres went to Sagamore Hills, National Park got 100 acres, 100
19 acres went to the Metroparks.
Stopped development of these areas and saved them in their wild and
20 wooley state.
Acquired some Henis Family Farm acreage to connect their Hike and
21 Bike trail in Sagamore Park to the National Park
22 I have deep roots in the area that go back generations.
Helped the Nordonia Schools to acquire acreage to provide land for
23 future school plans.
24 94 acres were set aside for future school use.
25 Land had been zoned residential

It took 8 - 10 years for people to realize that the National Park was
26 going to develop and come together in the area
Mr. Siberling was instrumental in setting a supportive tone regarding the
27 National Park at the time.
The National Park has become a real asset and stablized home values
28 in the area that surround the National Park
The National Park has added value to the adjoining areas from the Steel
29 Mills in the North to Zoar in the South
Looking for a way to take walkways and bikeways off of Brandywine
30 Road
There are 90 miles of parkway for hiking and biking from Cleveland to
31 Zoar
Hopefully their will be interesting restaurants and businesses that will
32 support the Canal Towpath develop
A place called Grandma's Store once was across the street from Boston
33 Store. It provided refreshments for travelers
Route 631 was the name for Valley View Road long ago. It is also called
34 Canal Road in some areas
Our farm was somewhat self sufficient. We raised cattle, pigs, and
35 chickens and grew crops
Bought what we needed at the A & P Grocery Store, sugar, coffee, and
36 flour.
Dad would hire high school boys to help work the farm; one of them
37 Arch Milani, has been Mayor of Northfield Village
38 Grandfather would call me 'Dushka' Russian for little girl
Arch Milani would visit Grandfather and me as we sat under a shade
39 tree. I would be in a wicker buggy.
People now want to live near the New Park in Sagamore Hills as well as
40 near the National Park.
People love to be in the Parks, they smile, play, bike, and get out in the
41 fresh air
42 More families use the parks, so many people use the parks now
Steady growth in the area; father's 1924 class had 6 students; mother's
43 1932 class was small, my class, 1956, 52
The area around Northfield Plaza was the Ice farm for the City of
44 Cleveland
Chrysler and Ford plants came in and the area began to undergo
45 significant changes
46 Change can be for the good
47 Sagamore Hills is now well developed. Few parcels left.
Now require new developers to put in connecting trails that abutt the
48 Sagamore Park to provide access to the
49 Hike and Bike Trails.
National Park is well developed. Work on restoring some of the
50 buildings inside the National Park
The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway train has been as asset to the
51 National Park. Thomas the Train and the
52 Polar Express has brought families into the National Park
I retired from real estate. We have been able to acquire 250 acres of
53 park land for people in the community of Sagamore
Hills. Being a Realtor, I know that once land is gone it is gone. In order
54 to control land you have to own it.

55 Land across from Greenwood Village was in contention for a while.
It is now zoned for 15 residences in 15 acres of land with access trails to
56 the Hike and Bike Trail
57 Polson is the largest farm land owner in the area
Cyrus Eaton loved his land, he would walk the land in an old cloat and
58 hat with a cane. Enjoyed the farm
Khrushchev visited Mr. Eaton at his farm. Gave him the three beautiful
59 white horses and troika. They could be seen
on the Roads around the farm. Mr. Khrushchev stayed in a small house
60 next to Mr. Eaton's house.
When Mr. Eaton died, Anne, his second wife burned a lot of the historic
61 artifacts and pictures of Mr. Eaton.
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