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Bill Moose, the Last of the Wyandots Part Two: Bill Moose Run's Revenge?

by Scott Williams

In our last *Salem Lamplighter*, I shared the story of “Bill Moose, The Last of the Wyandots” and how “Indian Bill” might be considered Salem’s most famous settler. As a legend in his own time, he even has his own Historical Marker along High Street where Adena Brook flows under it. Interviewed at age ninety by *The Worthington News* in 1927, Bill Moose—in his own words—said, “Our tribe were of a religious nature, and had their worship trees, under the branches of which they worshipped God...” This got me thinking: Is Bill Moose’s spirit haunting Salem for the damage we did to “his” creek?!

After all, Ohio’s most famous Wyandot Indian, Chief Leatherlips, is renowned for haunting a local golf course. Leatherlips was executed by his own tribe in Dublin, Ohio in 1810 for leading a minority faction of native leaders who signed the Treaty of Greenville (1795) and sold “God’s” land to white settlers. It is said that in anger at Jack Nicklaus and his Memorial (Day) Golf Tournament for desecrating his grave, the spirit of Leatherlips rained down upon his international golf event. It got so bad that Jack was forced to move the original date to mid-July, a dryer month (but not always!).

I have identified three incidents that show Bill Moose’s spirit could be practicing revenge on how we have treated his namesake stream.

The first incident correlating with Bill Moose’s spirit haunting his Salem stream sadly ended in the death of five people. On December 8, 2004, “Dime Bag” Darrell was killed on stage while performing at Al Rosa nightclub with his band. Three others present were also shot and killed by a deranged fan. Fortunately, a



The “new” Bill Moose Run as it flows under a length of Freeway Drive.

Columbus police officer providing security outside heard the gunfire, and rushed in to shoot dead the culprit and end the carnage. This incident got national, if not international, coverage.

I had not equated this incident to Bill Moose until, in my researching Bill Moose Run’s history, I found potential evidence staring at me from an old map. Incredible! Bill Moose Run, after flowing under Sinclair Road bridge, used to quickly turn northward, looping westward, and

then southward before turning west again to go under the railroad tracks. Yep, Al Rosa had covered up the stream with landfill to expand their parking lot southward. The owners of land on the south bank did the same. And thus, between Sinclair and the railroad tracks, Bill Moose Run became a straight line at the bottom of a steep ravine where “convenient” illegal dumping takes place.

A second occurrence, that almost killed a friend of mine, is known as the “sink hole” incident which made ‘breaking news’ on local TV stations. As many Salem residents discovered during the Sinclair Road bridge closure, there was a “secret” detour you could take using Freeway Drive. It had a lot of curvy, hilly, kinks to it! Early in the morning of June 23, 2016, my friend, Marko, got an urgent call about Freeway Drive being flooded. As grounds and building manager for the warehouses to the south of Salem’s residential area, he was soon on the scene. Unfortunately, he could not see that Bill Moose Run had blown out of its buried concrete tube (culvert) and washed out Freeway Drive. The ensuing accident caused broken vertebrae and a

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Salem Civic Association Meetings

The June 23 meeting of the Salem Civic Association has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, depending on the Coronavirus situation. Meetings are held at Salem Baptist Church on Sinclair Road at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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gashed head from which it took Marko six months to recover.

As I observed those first emergency repairs to Freeway Drive, one worker said to me, "That stream can turn into a raging torrent."

I wanted to say, "But of course! Any stream whose natural meandering is buried and turned into straight channels with 90-degree turns is going to get pretty angry."

In the 1960s, a lot of land in this area of town was bulldozed to channel water to flow into Bill Moose Run. Around 1970, this entire south end of Salem had its forest removed for the warehouse district we see today. This was about a decade after Salem residential and I-71 were built. Different digital maps on the web reveal different stories. One map shows Bill Moose Run as an *underground* storm sewer running *under* houses headed northward as far as Garvey Road.

The Freeway Drive "sink hole" incident that almost killed Marko really woke up our city engineers. Several sections of Bill Moose Run that course *under* the warehouse district had collapsed from heavy rain. They also realized Sinclair Road bridge was in trouble.

That leads us to the third incident, still fresh in our minds, of the *emergency ordinance* Columbus City Council passed in July of 2019 to replace the Sinclair Road bridge over Bill Moose Run. If that bridge's old concrete had collapsed, people speeding down Sinclair on a stormy night would have died. Thankfully, the city had \$1.6 million to fix the impending disaster.

However, Bill Moose's spirit seemed to waste no time following the opening of our new bridge! Dangerous gullies emerged along the west side of Sinclair Road where the open storm sewers drop into Bill Moose Run. I reported such to the city's 311 website. In the inspection that followed, a worker shared how those fresh gullies would soon undermine the new bridge's foundation. But the city acted quickly and re-landscaped the precipitous drop that water must fall from the road to the creek below. But will the fix last?

Luckily for Salem, our curse may be over! An effort is currently underway that will surely please Bill Moose's spirit:

The **Bill Moose/Wyandotte Nation Metro Park** is being proposed for the land immediately to the west of Indianola Avenue where Bill Moose Run flows in its natural state toward the Olentangy. We can thank people in the Indian Hollow neighborhood that we pass when driving up Indianola to Lincoln from Morse Road. Thanks to their efforts, we could someday have a 40-acre park to preserve the woodlands, fields and natural meandering course of Bill Moose Run. For Salem residents interested in helping this cause, and preserving this land for future generations, please email: friendsofbillmoosemetropark@gmail.com. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a nearby park with long wooded trails to hike?!

Further Resources:

The OSU Press published in 2018, under their "Trillium Books" label, the first real history of the Wyandot people. Divine, Lloyd E., Jr., *On the Back of a Turtle*.

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed. Better known as FLOW, you can see their report on Bill Moose Run at: <http://wiki.olentangywatershed.org/watersheds/bill-moose-run>.

Friends of the Ravines. <https://www.friendsoftheravines.org/Ravinia/>. Bill Moose Run articles are in these issues of *Ravinia*: Fall 2005, page 8; Fall 2002, page 6, "Bill Moose Run, An Urban Treasure"; and Fall 1996, pages 5-6 about Graceland and Sharon Heights Association's concerns about "Adena North," which was Bill Moose Run's earlier name.



The shooting at Al Rosa on Bill Moose Run caught the interest of California film producers in documenting the last show of "Dime Bag" and his band.

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Salem COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**Saturday, August 1
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A map of participating homes is provided by the Salem Civic Association and made available at multiple locations within the neighborhood.

To be included on the map, let Charlene Combs know you plan to participate by sending your name and address by July 27 to:
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The Ohio Dept. of Health recommends the following COVID-19 precautions for yard sales:

- Place signs encouraging social distancing for customers to see upon arrival and while shopping.
- Set up tables and chairs six feet apart.
- Use heavy-duty tape to form a flow for customers to follow throughout the sale.
- Ask customers to stand in a line, spread apart, during high traffic times.
- Clean all tables and chairs several times throughout the day.
- Make sure all merchandise is washed and dried and/or wiped down with a disinfectant product before placing on a table or chair for sale.
- Wear masks and disposable gloves at all times during the sale.
- Have hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on tables and other places for customers to use.

Observations...

by Doug Moody

I started writing this edition of "Observations..." thinking I would say something pithy about coronavirus, racism and "New Normals." After an hour of attempted wordsmithing, I came to realize that no matter how eloquently I wrote about these issues, some of you, maybe even most of you, would end up angry with me. I threw that away and decided to go another way. I will offer one piece of sage advice on our current state of affairs. If you find yourself getting more anxious, angry, frustrated, worried or concerned, turn off the news, get off social media and take a walk. Greet your neighbors from six feet away and make new friends. You may well find that the friendly camaraderie of Salem is an excellent balm for your frayed nerves. More on that later.

I have a recent life experience that I would like to relate to you. One evening around 5:00, I started having a pain in my stomach. I thought maybe I was hungry so we ate dinner. While that went down well, the pain didn't go away. It just sat there like a hot coal. After a couple hours, Audrey started getting worried and suggested we go to Urgent Care.

I, being a man, said, "Ahh, it's not *that* bad." Of course, Audrey was not convinced (or impressed) by my machismo and called our neighbor across the street who is a retired nurse, handed me the phone and told me to describe to her how I was feeling. After explaining the situation, she thought that this was something I shouldn't play with and I probably should go and be seen. I listened to her advice... and waited. After all, the pain wasn't necessarily bad and, you never know, it could go away. By 10:00, I began to understand that there was something truly wrong, so I put away my Man-card and told Audrey, "I think I'd like to go to Riverside."

Upon arriving at the ER, it became apparent that the coronavirus has at least one positive side effect. Given the fear of the virus, nobody wants to go to the hospital. I walked in, had my temperature taken and was led to an exam room in an otherwise deserted Emergency Department. After an hour or so, I was examined by the doctor, who ordered up a CT scan.

After another hour or so, the doctor came back with the diagnosis: "It's appendicitis."

"But," I said, "it hurts up here in my stomach, not down there in my appendix!"

He blithely responded, "Well, if you wait long enough, it'll hurt down there." Then he added, "We're going to admit you."

Thus began the most traumatic event of this entire experience. You see, to be admitted, the nurse had to administer a COVID-19 test. The results would determine if I was to be admitted to an infected or virus-free floor. Now, if you've had sufficient experience with nurses administering tests, you know they speak in a kind of "discomfort code." Things like, 'You're going to feel a little pressure,' 'This is going to sting a little,' or 'You're going to feel a prick,' that sort of thing.

This time the nurse said, "This is going to be uncomfortable." This was a new one to me and my "uh-oh" meter immediately began to go off. As she prepared the test, she added, "You might want to grab the arms of the chair!" Now my meter was screaming, "RUN!!" She then proceeded to insert a six-inch long flexible swab all the way into my sinus cavity. Hanging onto the chair, I was concentrating hard to keep my head still as the rest of me danced in the chair. And then, very apologetically, she counted slowly to fifteen. Obviously, "uncomfortable" in nurse code is "This is going to hurt like hell!" to us common folk. For all of you who want universal testing, be careful what you wish for! At the conclusion of the test, she informed me that the results were only good for seventy-two hours and, should I have to return after that, I would have to undergo another test. Deciding that once was plenty, I swore to her I would not be coming back!

Happily, the test came back negative, I was admitted, and my appendix laproscopically removed later that morning. I was home by 7:30 that evening, suffering no ill effects from the surgery.

I would like to sing the praises of the staff at Riverside Hospital and of all those healthcare workers and first-responders who put their lives in jeopardy for the sake of

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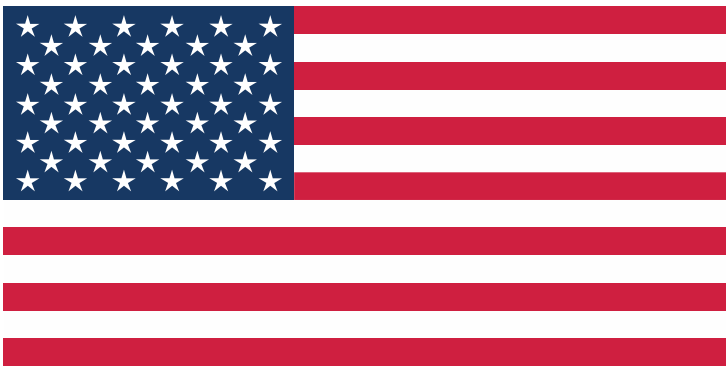
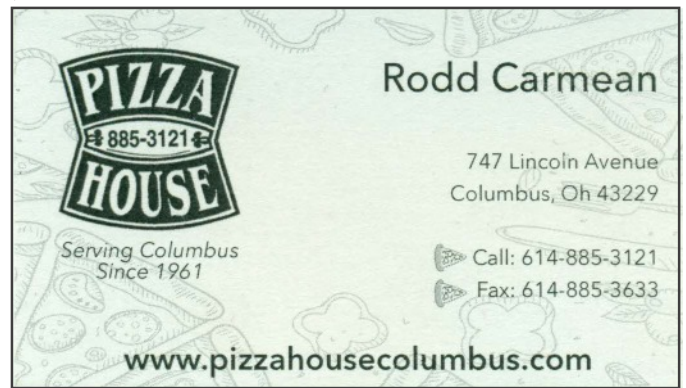
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their patients. Given the COVID crisis, Audrey was not permitted to accompany me through much of this adventure. Hospitalization is tough in the best of times but being denied the comfort of your loved ones makes it just that much tougher. All the staff who attended to me during my stay, while admirably competent at their jobs, also provided compassion and friendship to their patients when family and friends were not available. They are truly the heroes of this pandemic.

Now back to the friendly confines of Salem. During our thirty-plus years of living here, Audrey and I have always been impressed by the geniality and outgoing nature of our Salem neighborhood. Recently, Salem has experienced a sizable influx of new residents. This is very encouraging to us old-timers. It means the quiet enjoyment of living here is being passed on to a new generation of Salem-ites. It also means we have to create new friendships with our new neighbors. To that end, I would like to offer you all a tool to help that process along.

In this edition of the *Lamplighter*, you will find an insert that has nine squares on each side. Think of the squares as a map. The center square is labeled "Our House." Obviously, that is where you live. The other eight squares represents your neighbors' houses, three across the street, three behind you and one to each side. Your task is to go and meet your neighbors and fill in the map. On the side labeled "Our Neighbors,"

put the house number of your neighbors in the upper left-hand corner of the appropriate square. Then list every individual's name who lives there, along with primary contact information. The reverse side, labeled "Our Friends," is for collecting more personal data, like occupation(s), hobbies, birthdays and the like. Don't feel like this must be done in one sitting! The goal here is to make your neighbors your friends and a friendship, like a good scotch, takes perseverance and a little time. As your neighbors change from "the folks next door" to Margie, Jack, Pat and Marilyn, you will find that your world has grown bigger, your heart softer, and your compassion greater. And Salem will live on as the greatest neighborhood in Columbus, a win-win for everyone! So, step outside your comfort zone, mask up and go knock on some doors. I dare you!



Basic Flag Etiquette

In the late nineteenth century, an organized flag protection movement was born in reaction to perceived commercial and political misuse of the flag. After a failed attempt at obtaining federal legislation, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota adopted state flag desecration statutes. By 1932, all the states had adopted flag desecration laws.

On June 22, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Federal Flag Code, which led to Congressional enactment on December 22, 1942. From that code:

★ Display the flag only between sunrise and sunset on buildings and stationary staffs. The flag may be

displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated in darkness.

The American Legion defines proper illumination as a "light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer.

- ★ Do not display the flag in inclement weather except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- ★ Whether displaying the flag vertically or horizontally, make sure the canton of stars is viewed on the upper left-hand side.
- ★ The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- ★ The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. You can contact your local VFW Chapter and ask them for help properly disposing of your flag. Consider providing a small donation to them for their assistance. Or you can contact your local Elks Lodge (who created the idea of Flag Day, established officially by President Truman, himself a member of the Elks), the American Legion, or the Knights of Columbus. Some Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops also can provide this service.

In Defense of School Employees

by Angie VanHulle

I was at a small, socially distant gathering recently and overheard a comment about school employees being paid but “not working.” This especially captured my attention because 1) I am a public school employee, 2) I was paid during the school closure, but 3) I was *not* “not working.” Nor were most other public school employees.

As a result of the sudden closure of schools in March by the governor, school districts were forced to immediately and radically change the way they would educate students. Here are some of the ways this was accomplished:

- The day before the closure, teachers were providing as much work (on paper) as they could to send home with students for what they thought was a three-week period. Students were packed up with additional school supplies and boxed lunches.
- Teachers began learning the technology that would best help them communicate face-to-face with students in a virtual classroom setting. They dropped off additional educational materials to families who could not pick them up at designated spaces. When announced that the closure would be for the remainder of the school year, efforts ramped up to improve the quality and enrichment of the remote learning content.
- Teachers, principals and support staff found creative ways to reach out and connect with students. Some schools provided morning announcements on YouTube. Music teachers performed storytelling to music for elementary students. Art teachers developed engaging and doable drawing classes, including lessons about the artist whose work they were doing. Physical education teachers held challenging Zoom workouts and virtual Olympics. I know these were challenging because I participated in a few...whew! Librarians held book clubs and technical lessons.
- Chromebooks were provided to families who expressed a need and wifi hotspots were installed in households that don't have internet access.
- Secretaries worked remotely to perform their administrative responsibilities and provide teacher support. They worked to ensure that newly enrolled students were expeditiously processed and placed in a

classroom to join in the remote learning so as not to miss out on any educational opportunity.

- Support staff packed and delivered hundreds of lunches every day and helped place signs in students' yards in lieu of their traditional exit activities. The majority of our staff wrote heartfelt, personal cards and stickers to every sixth grade student to encourage them and wish them good luck as they move on.

I would say that, in addition to all the work that was performed, the best of humanity was demonstrated by school employees.

I want to close with excerpts from this email from a parent about her children's experience of staff efforts during the closure:

“The connections to staff were not lost for my children. We loved seeing staff members join each others' Zoom meetings. Seeing so many staff members in the library book club Zoom, and others popping in and out of class Zoom lessons, really speaks to the cohesiveness and community feel of our school. We could not be more proud of the education and love our children receive on a daily basis from our school.

“Everyone has gone so far above and beyond expectations. One of my child's teachers has incredible technology skills, and her Google classroom dashboard was very organized and easy to navigate. She took the time to write individual letters to every student in her class, and made phone calls to students to check in with them. Her Zoom lessons were excellent, engaging, and she has the patience of Job! My child had the most incredible school year, and her continued academic growth this year is a testament to her teacher's dedication, hard work and personal connection that was made.

“The related arts teachers are invaluable: weekly, uplifting song tales, weekly book chats and keyboarding challenges, fun Zoom drawing lessons and fitness classes that had our children worn out!”

So you see, school employees were, indeed, working and earning the pay they so greatly deserve. We should thank teachers and school personnel for the innovative educational and practical support, love, and encouragement that was continuously poured into children during the school closure. They are truly heroes!




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A Note from Officer Clinger

Police Update

Since COVID-19 took over my police duties in March, I have not had much opportunity to get in the neighborhood and see what has transpired. We left abruptly and began taking telephone reports so as to limit officers on patrol from having face-to-face contact with the public. This was enacted to help stop the spread of COVID-19 within the Columbus Police. Then, when the businesses were being destroyed downtown, we were given twelve-hour shifts with our first days off cancelled. Needless to say, the world has shifted and we must all be patient and allow it to find a peaceful and healthy path on which we can all travel together.

I find myself overwhelmed with many tasks that had been sidelined but not forgotten. We were in the process of finalizing agreements with several hotels/motels. During our absence, we were unable to start these agreements up as we had planned. Currently, we are in the process of ensuring these business are operating as had been negotiated by Assistant City Attorney Sarah Pomeroy through an agreed court order which was signed by Judge Mingo.

Please let me know if you need anything and hopefully I will be able to connect you to the right channel!

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Submitted by Pat Hammel, SCA Acting Treasurer

May 2020

	2020 Budget	Actual as of 5/7/20
INCOME	\$5,075.00	\$ 4,350.50
EXPENSES	\$5,075.00	\$1,088.41
Net Income or (Loss)	\$0.00	\$3,262.09
Checking Account Balance as of 3/6/20		\$7,755.52
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 5/7/20		\$3,986.59
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,355.00
CASH AVAILABLE as of 5/7/20		\$1,433.93

June 2020

	2020 Budget	Actual as of 6/5/20
INCOME	\$5,170.00	\$4,788.00
EXPENSES	\$5,170.00	\$1,091.00
Net Income or (Loss)	\$0.00	\$3,697.00
Checking Account Balance as of 6/5/20		\$ 8,191.02
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 46/5/20		\$ 4,079.00
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$ 2,355.00
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Butterfly Gardens at Our Curbs

by Leslie Baab

Most of us know how important butterflies and bees are to pollination. They, along with other pollinators, pollinate over 75% of the world's flowering plants. However, monarchs' numbers have declined drastically in recent years and scientists are baffled by the troubling collapse of bee colonies.

Pictured here is the small patch of tree lawn between my driveway and my next door neighbors' driveway. Last year, I planted it with native plants beneficial to butterflies: Yarrow, salvia, coreopsis, phlox, lavender, sedum, and butterfly weed—which is the *only* host plant of monarch butterflies. This year, as you can see, the plants are starting to fill out nicely and some are in bloom already.

I propose Salem residents with a similar patch of tree lawn (most will be larger than this one) consider planting it with colorful native flowers beneficial to butterflies and bees. In particular, I encourage the planting of butterfly weed, as it is critical to the survival of monarchs. If you plant nothing else, plant butterfly weed!

Some of the flowers in my butterfly garden were transplanted from somewhere else, some I bought. I did not pay more than \$3 for any plant. They are all perennials so plant them once and let them propagate themselves! Top with some mulch, water if rain is not forthcoming, and watch for butterflies!



Information as to which plants butterflies prefer and also prefer your growing conditions is readily available on the internet. Choose your favorite combination of colors and styles. There are many more possibilities than what I've shown here. But, please, make butterfly weed one of them. **The only restriction:** *by code, plants must not be more than 30" tall.*

Lend nature a hand and plant flowers that support pollinators. Let's line the streets of Salem with beautiful butterfly gardens—and beautiful butterflies!

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Northland Community Council (NCC) Report June 2020

by Pat Hammel

- Karl Rd. Library curbside pickup and delivery now available.
- Karl Road Library is providing Grab-and-Go lunches for children from noon-1:00 p.m.
- 161 Task Force Saturday morning litter clean-ups will resume in July or August.
- 161 Task Force mowing of 161 currently on hold due to business closures and difficulty collecting funds during COVID-19 distancing requirements. If you have problems with road visibility—especially at intersections—due to tall grass, please report it to 311.
- City of Columbus 161 Corridor Housing Market Report has been completed. Rental market projected to grow 4.2% by 2024. Currently, the Northland area contains 47.5% rental and 52.5% owner-occupied housing units. City of Columbus overall currently contains 37% rental and 63% owner occupied housing units.
- Fourth of July Parade has been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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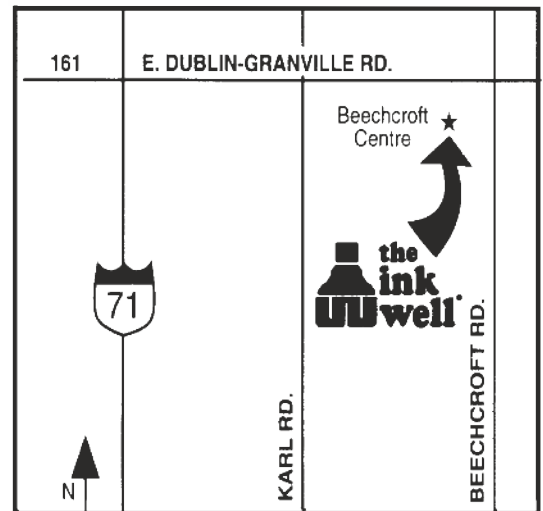
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