

**COPY OF DEED TO MADISON PUBLIC SQUARE**  
**Taken from an old Township Record Book**

Many interesting items of the early history of Madison Village have come to light and have been related to us since the story on old houses of the Village. In looking over an old record book, kept by the township trustees, a copy of the deed of the public square (now known as the Village Park) might be of interest to the local residents. The deed reads as follows:

April 19, 1816

To all People to whom these presents shall come Greetings—Know ye, that we Abraham Tappan and Elisabeth Tappan (wife to the said Abraham) both of the town of Madison, County of Geauga, in the state of Ohio, in consideration of the sum of Thirty Two Dollars and sixty four cents, received to our full satisfaction of Jesse Ladd, Jr., Silas Newcomb, William W. Cady, Abel Kimball, Elijah Hanks, Curtis Antidel, Lemuel Kimball, James Miller, Timothy Holcomb, Nathan Warner, Cotton Foss, Justin Cole, John H. Montgomery, John Sherwood, Levi Loveland, Horace Ensign, Benjamin Hanks, Moses Geer, Ezra Isham, John A. Mapen, William Ensign, Edmond Bissel, Samuel S. Collins, Asa Turney, William Cady, Nathan Warner, Jr., Phineas Mixer, Jr., Josiah Goodrich, Soloman Kimball, John Emery, Julius U. Mixer, John Hanks, Gideon Armsby, David Hill, Archibald Harper, David Miller, Ephraim Morrison, Ethdwin Newcomb, John Wood, William Bollard, David White, John Hill, Jacob Hill, Benjamin E. Waterman and Lewis Davenport, all of the same town, County and State aforesaid—Do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey, and confirm to them, the parties named above, their heirs and assigns, in trust and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; all that piece or parcel of land, known and distinguished as follows-to-wit—It being the north part of lot No. three, in the subdivision of that part of tract No. one, in the eleventh Town and sixth Range in said Geauga County that was set of to Gideon Granger- said piece or parcel of land being on the Ridge Road at the north east corner of lot No 2 in said subdivision and runs from thence south 2 degrees east, 6 chains and 50 links north, 73 degrees east 5 chains and 50 links thence north, 73 degrees east 5 chains, to the east line of said lot No 3 thence with said line north 2 degrees west 6 chains and 50 links to the said Ridge road thence with the line of said road, south 73 degrees, west 5 chains to the place beginning containing 3 acres and one quarter of land more or less—To have and to hold unto them (reserving to ourselves and our heirs and assigns, a right and interest in the above described premises and appurtenances; to be by them held in trust on the conditions and for the purposes as follows to wit: The above described piece of land is to be improved, tenanted, occupied and made use of as a common, and may be occupied and used by any or all religious societies of Christians of the Township of Madison, who may associate hereafter to build a meeting house or meeting houses, or other place or places of worship on the premises thrown open to common as aforesaid- a part of the said common not exceeding 4 rods width and on the east side, may be occupied and improved as a burying ground-and also we the Abraham Tappan and Elisabeth Tappan, do for ourselves, our heirs, executors or administrators covenant with the said persons before named their heirs and assigns, that at and until the ensealing of these presents, we are well seized of the premises a good indefeasible estate in fee simple, and have good right to bargain and sell the same, in the manner and form and for the purposes above mentioned, and that the same is free of all encumbrances whatsoever and furthermore we the

said Abraham and Elisabeth do by these presents bind ourselves and heirs forever to warrant and defend the foregoing bargained and described premises, to them the persons before named, their heirs and assigns, against all claims and demands whatsoever.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, 1816.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Wm. A. Harper, Sally R. Harper, Abraham Tappan, Elisabeth Tappan.

State of Ohio

Ashtabula, Co. ss

Personally appeared before me the above named Abraham Tappan and Elisabeth Tappan and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing Deed. (She being examined separate and apart from her said husband) to be their free voluntary act and deed.

April 19, 1816      William A. Harper, Justice of the Peace

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