



The history of the names of Barrington Hills roads

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Aberdeen Drive: This street was named after a royal burgh, city, and capital of Aberdeen shire, the sixth largest county in Scotland. Called the “granite city” because it is built largely of grey granite, and also called “the silver city by the sea.” Its early recorded history is tied to the Cathedral of St. Machar. The strong, church/city relationship was of interest to Al Borah, who named the street.

Acorn Lane: The Merry Oaks, for which James Kemper named his farm, sprang from acorns. The name was given by Gary Asmussen. He was born in Le Mars, Iowa, in 1934, the son of William and Madaline Schorg Asmussen. He married Earline McClintock of Le Mars. Their children are Linda and Mark.

Alderberry Lane: Named after Alder trees of the Barrington Hills subdivision. The berry from an alder tree is mostly seed.

Ascot Lane: Beginning in 1711, the royal families of England, and later royalty from the entire continent, gathered at Ascot, England, for the Royal Ascot Horse Races. The village is southwest of London. The street was named as a tribute to the thoroughbreds that have raced on the grass for nearly 300 years.

Ashbury Lane: This street was named for Ashbury Farm, which was located where the street is located. The family who named the farm is not known. Al Borah developed the property as 1 acre lots, which provided the momentum for the formation of the Village of Middlebury to stop the urbanization of the countryside. The subdivision was later annexed to Middlebury, which later became part of the Village of Barrington Hills.

Auburn Road: John J. Majewski, owner of Minute Man Oil on Main Street in Barrington until 1986, loved college football and especially the Auburn Tigers. The street was named for the university that is named for the City of Auburn, AL, settled in 1815.

Autumn Trail: The street was named by Charles B. Burtell, who resided at 5719 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. In the plat of Autumn Trail Subdivision, the street is named Oak Leaf Drive. It was changed to the name of the subdivision by common usage.

Barrington Bourne: The street is named after Barrington Bourne subdivision, which is named with an out of use Victorian word that refers to a steady stream that is strong enough to support floating material. In modern parlance the street might be named Barrington Brook or Creek. The name was selected by Al Borah, who enjoyed intellectual play with words. He felt the name also suggested the inherent rights of landed aristocracy.

Barrington Hills Road: Al Borah developed Barrington- Donlea Subdivision in 1958, one year after incorporation of the Village of Barrington Hills. Friends at Barrington Hills Country Club chided him about not naming the subdivision “Barrington Hills” Donlea. In a moment of wry humor, he named a street in recognition of the new village. The name Barrington Hills was coined by founders of Barrington Hills Country Club in 1926.

Bateman Circle: This private road was named after Bateman Road. In 1949 Lawrence F. Bateman became owner of his father’s estate. He created the half circle drive off Bateman Road and began selling large lots. He was born in Chicago on February 13, 1907, and married Charlotte E. Hughes. His career started as a sales engineer with Sinclair Oil. Later, he was President of Griswold & Postema, a warehouse company in Chicago. He was very influential in the creation of Middlebury Village and later annexing it to Barrington Hills Village.

Bateman Road: Although the 1850 census of Barrington Township shows a Thomas Bateman, age 42, from Ireland; the road was named in 1930 when the name appeared on both Cook County and public service maps. Floyd Bateman established the Bateman Estate in 1928 with the purchase of 1,000 acres between County Line and Algonquin Roads. He was born in Grand Island, NB, in 1875 and worked his way up through the railroad bureaucracy to become president of Continental Freight. He married Alta Edna Aspinwall, who was born in 1878 in Chicago. Both died in 1949. Their children were Lawrence F., Floyd, Donald “Tony,” and Barlou “Bibbs,” who married Paul Corbett.

Bellwood Drive: The estate of Herbert Bell is the origin of this street name. Part of his estate was sold for the Country Day School (Countryside School). This street is across Lake Cook Road on property that was originally Wakefield Farm of George Van Hagen. Upon Van Hagen’s death, the property was purchased by Herbert Bell, who died about a year later. When the Wakefield property was later sold, a restrictive covenant was placed in the deed requiring that any subsequent subdivision would be named “Bellwood.” The street is named after the subdivision.

Bisque Drive: An ancient golf term, “bisque drive” is an opportunity given by a golfer's opponents to take a second shot off the tee and to count the better of the two drives as part of the total score. It is a “mulligan” in current vernacular.

Bow Lane: The configuration of the street is the shape of a drawn bow string. The bow was an Indian weapon and hunting tool made of a curved piece of hardwood that had been tempered with heat and strung with an elastic thong for launching arrows. The street is half way between the Algonquin Trail and the Northwest Trail, both used as portages between the Des Plaines and the Fox. The forest and grass meadow would have been favorite hunting spots of travelers on these trails.

Braeburn Road & Lane: Peggy Money, granddaughter of F.G. Taylor, recalls helping her grandfather place the Braeburn Farm sign at the roadside after the old farm home had been remodeled in 1936. The farm was named after his Scottish ancestral home. Mr. Taylor was the owner of F.G. Taylor Chain Co. in Hammond, IN.

Brinker Road: Henry Brinker farmed several parcels that bordered the farm path that became a road. He came to Barrington about 1890 and was successful at buying low cost land, improving it, and selling it dearly. By 1903 he had sold all his farms and had moved into Barrington Village where he became a sort of private banker by purchasing mortgage notes. Several of his loans were to widows who found it necessary to refinance their property after the loss of a bread winner and to first time buyers moving to Barrington. His faith in the future of the Village is his legacy. The 1900 Census of Barrington Township shows Henry Brinker, age 48, his wife, Mary, age 42, and children, Mary, age 23, Charles, age 21, Minnie, age 10, Les, age 9, and Ella, age 6.

Buckley Road: The road was named for the family of Robert R. Buckley, who was born in Peoria, IL. He purchased a 200 acre Barrington Area estate in about 1925 and named it Brookmoor Farm. His father, Charles W. Buckley, came at the same time and had a residence on Oak Knoll Road. The Buckleys owned a LaSalle Street Brokerage firm, Buckley & Co. About 1900 Robert W. married Alice Kelton. They had two children, Charles W. and Robert S. Alice died in 1918. Robert W. married Mary Grubbs of Kennett Square, PA, born Aug 11, 1889. Their children were Katherine, Walter Grubbs, and Mary. Charles W., Jr., took over Brookmoor Farm on his father's death. He was born June 1, 1910, in Highland Park, IL, and married Leona Banks of Barrington, daughter of Ira and Ethel Banks. Their children are Alice (Lewis Carroll), Charles W. III, & David Parrish. Charles W., Jr., died Aug 3, 1990. His son, David P., now resides at Brookmoor farm. He married Katherine Buzzell, and they have 5 children, Mary, Katherine, David Parrish, Jr., John Andrew, & Timothy.

Burning Oaks Trail & West & South: The majestic, old oaks that border the prairie of northern Illinois lived through a "refiner's fire" to gain their majesty. The growing cycle of prairie grass includes destroying grass fires every 4 to 7 years. These fires consumed everything except the taller oaks, which had the lower branches eaten away by hungry deer so they rose above the white hot igniting flame. Early settlers described the silhouette of solitary oak against a flame red sky as having a transcendent beauty.

Butternut Road: The White walnut or butternut grew wild in the hardwood forest of the Donlea farms. Some were transplanted around the farms to serve as wind breaks when the forest was cleared. The road was named after these trees.

Caesar Drive: Orville Caesar was born in Rice Lake, WI, where he also married a hometown girl, Alta Peterson, who was born in the same town. He worked for Greyhound Corporation as terminal manager before moving to the corporate headquarters in Chicago where he became President. In 1935 he purchased part of Spencer Otis Hawley Farms, including one of the round barns, where Orville started Dorvillee Dairy. He built a herd of 100 cows and a poultry roost of 1,000 chickens. Two daughters, Doris and Athalie, were born before the family moved. Doris married Dr. Lymon Smith and had two children, Stephanie and Melissa. Athalie married Arthur T. McIntosh, Jr., and had two children, Heather and Arthur III. Her second husband was Willis Littell, with whom she had a daughter, Dana. The street was originally named Old Orchard, but it was changed to the name of the family that lived at Dorvillee Farms.

Chapel Road: This was named after the Chapel at St Paul's Cemetery. The chapel was built by the first Roman Catholic settlers in the Fox River Valley about 1872. It was named St. Peter & St. Paul Parish at that time. The parish name was changed to Margaret Mary in 1927. Regular services were discontinued at the chapel in the 1940's. Now it is used for funeral services.

Church Road: The street is named for St. John Cemetery, which fronts on the street at the intersection with Plum Grove Road. The cemetery was established with the St. Peter & St. Paul Parish in about 1872. (See Chapel.) It is now operated by St. John Nepomucene Catholic Cemetery Association in Cary, IL.

Country Oaks Lane & Court: The name is from the Estate Farm of John Sbarounis. It was originally a Virginia plantation name. The name described the farm. Sbarounis was born in 1921 in Athens, Greece. He came to the United States after graduating from Athens High School. In 1955 he married Barbara. They lived in Barrington for 15 years beginning in 1962.

County Line Road: The Lake, Cook, & McHenry County boundaries, which run down the middle of the road, gave this street its name. Lake County fronts on Lake Michigan for which it was named. Fort William McHenry of Star Spangled Banner fame is the origin of that county name.

Crabapple Drive: William Donlea planted these trees around his farmhouse to provide beauty and shade and some fodder for pigs that he raised. The white and pink blossoms were pleasing in the spring and the small sour apples were gobbled up by the pigs and songbirds grazing on the lawn in the fall

Crawling Stone Road: A rock outcropping made the wagon path too bumpy for automobile traffic. An attempt to remove the impediment uncovered large 60 ton granite bolder embedded 20 feet deep. A large tracked Caterpillar tractor was brought in to push the stone out of the excavation and away from the road. The slow movement of a tractor pushing a burden is called "crawling" by teamsters. Reports are that for six days the stone crawled over Barrington Hills farms.

Creekside Lane: Named after Sutton Creek subdivision. The street crosses the creek bed in several places.

Cross Timber Road: The street was named by the Porrazzo Family after a street in California from which they had recently moved. Log cabin construction method is called "cross timber." The logs were placed in a trench to create a foundation, and then the crossing pattern was accomplished by notching the ends of the logs so they would fit against each other at right angles and form four weather-tight walls.

Dana Lane: The street is named after Dana Littell, granddaughter of Orville Caesar, who created Three Lakes subdivision. The daughter of Athalie Caesar and Willis Littell was born in 1949.

Deepwood Road: For many years the road was called "Deep Cut." This name came from two ravines that the roadway passed through. The name was changed to a more marketable environmental version when homeowners placed a sign. The State highway department followed suit.

Donlea Road: The road is named for the Donlea family, which owned farms along the road from 1865 to the 1930's. Patrick and Ann Donlea and a son, William (1837-1858), came to the Barrington area in 1865. Three sons were born at the farm: James (1837 -1868), Henry (1869-1931), and John (1870-1937). William married Mary Brinker Dec. 13, 1905, and had three children, Anna, Frank, and George. Anna Donlea moved to West Main in Barrington Village and built the Donlea-Kinkaid house in 1905 after the death of Patrick.

Dormy Lane: A dormy or dormie is a situation where a golfer is ahead of all opponents in a golf match by as many strokes as there are holes remaining to be played. It's a situation that Al Borah, who named the street, often dreamed about, especially if he had bets on the match. Borah was born in Chicago in 1906; he attended Illinois Wesleyan on a football scholarship and graduated as an engineer. He obtained a law degree attending Kent Law School at night. He had the demeanor of a Roman Senator, being an excellent orator, philosopher, and story teller. He died Oct.7, 1990, in Barrington Hills. The front page of the Barrington Courier Review read, "Mr. Barrington Dies." He was a friend of the Barrington Area communities in which he developed property. He had a sharp sense of economic development, and he worked hard to insure that his developments created valuable assets for the community tax base as well as profiting his company.

Dundee Lane: This lane was named by Orville Caesar as part of Barrington Lakes subdivision. The road is an extension of Dundee Road. (See Dundee Road.)

Dundee Road: Probably the first wagon road in the Barrington area. Alexander Gardner and his brother migrated from Dundee, Scotland, to this Illinois town, originally named Adams but later changed by the Scots who followed the Gardners to Dundee. Gardner married Sally Miller in 1837, who was one of three women that were the first settlers of Miller's Grove, (later Barrington Center). The relationship was made possible by this road as Gardner used it to haul logs from Miller's Grove to his mill in Dundee. They are the maternal great-great-grandparents of President Gerald Ford.

DunRovin Road: Originally the street was named Woodale, but Al Borah changed it when he incorporated the street into Steeplechase subdivision built on George Van Hagen's Wakefield farm. The name relates to both Steeplechase and Wakefield. Dunrobin Castle has been the ceremonial home of the Dukes of Sutherland since 1275. When a Duke of Sutherland married a Duchess of Wakefield, he gave her a racing stud named after the castle. The horse finished last in the Steeplechase that year and lost its value at stud. Wags around the race tracks began calling the horse 'Done Roving'.

Eagle Point Drive: This is the highest natural point in Cook County. The street was named after this knoll, which may have been named by Indians who hunted in the area.

East Lane: The road runs through an area Spencer Otis called "east field" because it was located east of the main farm road that served the Hawley farms.

Far Hills Road: According to Pam Bateman Massey, daughter of Lawrence Bateman, who owned the property on which the road is located, the name described the hills created by the ice flow, which loom into view from the garden of her father's estate house at Barrington Hills Farm.

Fernwood Drive: Fernwood Estate was named by Dr. Sumner Koch for the abundant ferns that grew on the forested property. Koch, a Professor at Northwestern University Hospital, was awarded a Presidential Certificate for his pioneering work in burn treatment. Upon his death in 1976, his son John moved to the estate. John's wife, Constance, subdivided the property and named the street after the estate.

Fox Hunt Road: This street was named as a tribute to the Fox River Valley Hunt. 1938 was the first year foxhounds came to Barrington. Because of open land, low traffic, and the abundance of foxes, Barrington was an ideal place for hounds to chase a live fox rather than a scent laid out artificially. Edgerton Throckmorton and his two Virginia Redbone hounds chased foxes on Pond Gate Farm and his Hail Weston estate for two years before Dennison Hull came from the Longmeadow Hunt in Northbrook to chase live foxes. While there were plenty of foxes, there were not enough hounds to make a pack. (A foxhunt is like a marathon, the hounds are exhausted as the hunt progresses. Only the courageous that push themselves beyond endurance finish.) Because of the war in Europe, a shortage of rations caused a surplus of highbred and trained hounds. Hull arranged for 24 to come by destroyer. These hounds are the backbone of today's pack.

Goose Lake Drive: Named after Goose Lake Subdivision, which takes its name from Goose Lake. Old timers' recall that in the spring and late fall, during the migration of water fowl, the lake was covered from shoreline to shoreline with thousands of honkers and a wide variety of ducks. For as long as two weeks the water was invisible.

Haegers Bend Road: Haeger's Bend subdivision was originally a 280 acre farm owned by Arthur & Mae Haeger where the Fox River makes a sharp, right angle turn. "The Haeger's had a couple of cows, but mostly Art raised fighting cocks, which he sold at a very high price at cock fights held around Cook County and on the south side of Chicago.

Hart Court: This private street was originally planned as an extension of Hart Road. The plan was discontinued when deep organic soils were discovered further north.

Hart Hills Road: This Road was named after the family of Harry Stillson Hart, whose Hartwood Farm was across Lake Cook Road.

Hart Road: Harry Stillson Hart was a successful captain of Chicago Industry. He owned the Rodger Ballast Car Company. Born in Clinton, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1870, he came to Barrington in the early part of the century. He married Cora Zelowa and had three daughters, Mariah, Elizabeth, and Pauline. The road was described by his daughter, Pauline. From Lake Cook Road, a trail (there since the early days) wound north and then west through woods, it became a wagon path and later Hart and Oak Knoll roads.

Hawley Road: Named for Hawley Lake. In the 1850's the lake was surrounded by six Hawley households, each on a separate farm. The 1850 census shows George Hawley, age 22, born in Mass., living on a farm valued at \$2,700, his wife, Hannah, age 18, a son, Edgar, and his mother, Rosa, age 67. Charles Hawley, age 24, born in Massachusetts, was living on a farm valued at \$1,920, with his wife Ann, age 22, and Charles, Jr., age 1. Edward Hawley, age 31, born in Massachusetts, lived on a farm valued at \$1,600 with his wife, Almira, 25, a daughter, Ellen M., and a son, Myron, age 1. William Hawley, age 43, born in Massachusetts, lived on a farm valued at \$2,750 with his wife, Harriet, 39, sons, Charles, Hiram, and Franklin, and daughters, Emaline and Adeline. Henry Hawley, age 27, born in Massachusetts, lived on a farm valued at \$2,000 with his wife, Susan, 19. Woodbridge Hawley, age 30, born in Massachusetts, lived on a farm valued at \$4,000 with his wife, Elizabeth.

Hawthorn Lake Drive: Originally named Lakeshore Drive, the name was changed by usage after the lake was named Hawthorn after Hawthorn subdivision. (See Hawthorn Road.)

Hawthorn Lane: Part of the Hill and Dale farm of Spencer Otis. There was a grove of hawthorn trees near the street.

Hawthorn Road, IL 59: The original name of the Highway was Barrington-Elgin Road. In 1911 Spencer Otis purchased the Hawley farms and named them Hawthorn Farm after a stand of hawthorn trees that bordered the wagon road. In 1940 Orville Caesar bought the farm and persuaded Cook County to change the name from Barrington-Elgin to Hawthorn Road. Later, when the highway was widened, the location of the hawthorns became the highway. They were never replaced.

Healy Road: The 1895 Cook County Clerk's Subdivision of Southwest Barrington Township shows a W. A. Healy as owner of a 250 acre parcel. An unnamed Right of Way runs through the property. The 1880 Census of Barrington Township shows a Billy Healy, a farmer, age 45, born in NY, his wife, Mary, age 36, born in CT, three sons, John, Walter, and Charles, and a daughter, Mary.

Helm Road: Opel Helm gave a taped interview to Bill Klingenberg in 1975. She answered his question about the origin of the road name as follows: *"My uncle Rudolph Helm owned the big farm. His two sons Amos and Charles (Carl) bought adjoining farms. Helm Road was how you got there. And it was a bad road. It was hard to get through with a load of grain or anything of heft."*

Heron Lane: The low water around the edge of Goose Lake is a favorite feeding spot for both the Black Night Heron, which nests on Bakers Lake, and the Great White Egret, which nests at Crabtree Nature Preserve.

Hickory Road: The street was named by Robert & Helen Santor after Hickory Farm, which they subdivided.

Hills and Dales Road: “Over hill, over dale as we hit the dusty trail and those caissons keep rolling along.” This line from a popular WW I song was inspiration for Spencer Otis to name one of his farms Hills and Dales farm. The farm roads used to move machinery around the farm later became roads in the Hills and Dales subdivision, which Spencer created. Later, Arthur T. McIntosh took over the subdivision and reconfigured the roads. He named one Hills Road and another Dales Road and the intersection as Dales Road Crossing

Honeycutt Road: When Arthur T. McIntosh reconfigured Hills and Dales Subdivision they created this street between Hills Road and Dales Road. The wildflowers growing in the fields next to this “short cut” provided nectar for honey bees.

King Road: Bradford Korha, who named the street, was intimately called “King Korha.” His wife, Francis Hendre, came from Hamilton, Ontario, CAN, where the King is supreme. They had four children: Mrs. Michael Jackson of St. James, BC, Judith, Sally, and Janice H., who died while enrolled at middle school May 20, 1975.

Kresmery Lane: This is the story of a driveway marker growing up to become a street name. The year of the big snow, 1967, Charlie Crooks, after a few drinks at the Union Club, decided to move back to Virginia and sold the property on the spot. The new owner built a house on the back of the property, which needed a long driveway. By leading a Caterpillar D-5 on a path around trees and bushes, the driveway was engineered. The family placed its name on a marker at Plum Tree Road. As other lots were sold and the driveway paved, the driveway marker was replaced by a street sign. Kenneth Kresmery was born at Chicago in 1933, the son of Ferdinand Kresmery and Estelle Worek. He married Nicola Wheaton, born at Muskegon, MI, in 1933. Their children are Mark, Kurt, and Eric.

Lakeview Lane: Named by Orville Caesar. This street provides a view of three lakes, Stephanie, Heather, and Keene. Stephanie Smith is the daughter of Doris Caesar and Dr. Lymon Smith. Born in 1942, she married James Gould and has three children. She presently lives in Ketchum, ID, near Sun Valley resort. Heather McIntosh is the daughter of Athalie Caesar and Arthur T. McIntosh, Jr. She was born in 1938 at Barrington, married John Walbaum, and has a daughter, Dana. A Northwestern graduate, she now resides in Naples, FL, where she is active in real estate brokerage. Walter Keene was the last owner of the property that has been a lake since the early 1940s.

Leeds Drive: Named after a country borough in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. In the city square is the colossal equestrian bronze statue of the Black Prince (1901) by Sir Thomas Brock. The history goes back to the 12th century. The Adel Church was built in about 1200, and the early history of the borough is closely associated with the church. Al Borah, who named the street, had an interest in old communities.

Little Bend Road: The street was named by Thomas Finnerty, a partner in Spring Creek Subdivision and resident manager. He was born Nov 1941 in New Jersey and married Charmaine. Their children are Thomas, Jr., Marjorie, and Patrick. The name describes the shape of the street, which makes two sharp bends.

Long Meadow Drive & Court: Named after the Longmeadow Hunt of Northbrook, IL. Dennison Hull came to Barrington from Longmeadow as the first master of the Fox River Valley Hunt. His kennels were across Bateman Road. He described the excitement of his first hunt in Barrington in his book, *"Thoughts on American Fox Hunting."*

Marmon Lane: The street was named after the Marmon Wasp, which in 6 hrs & 42 minutes won the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911 at an average speed of 74.57mph with Ray Harroun driving. The car was named after its engineer Howard C. Marmon, who, at age 23, was Chief Engineer for the Nordyk & Marmon Milling Machine Co. of Indianapolis. Marmon's hobby was automotive engineering at which he was a genius. The company manufactured autos from 1902 to 1933. Alexander Reichman's legal firm represented Nordyk & Marmon, and he owned some of their cars, which are collectors' items today.

Meadow Hill Road: Edward Hardy, Sr., (see Ridgecroft) purchased a farm fronting on this street in the early 1920's and named his farm after the name of the existing road. Haeger School was on this farm as was a half timber frame, mud, and daub house, which dated to about 1850, and a small family cemetery. It is speculated that a farm road was built to the Haeger house and later served the school. The name was apparently in common use before 1900 when it first appeared on real estate maps.

Merry Oaks Road: Named after the estate of James Scott Kemper. The name originates in colonial Virginia where it was used on several plantations. Kemper was born at Van Wert, OH, on Nov 18, 1886, the son of John Peter & Mary Jane Scott Kemper. He married Mildred Estelle Hooper, b. at Chicago, IL, Apr. 5, 1913. Children were James Scott, Jr., Rosemary, Mildred, and Jean. After a successful career as an insurance agent, he became an executive at Lumbermans Insurance, which later was the backbone of an insurance holding company bearing his family name.

Mid Oaks Lane: Named for Mid Oaks Estates subdivision. The subdivision is located in a large oak forest, which includes the area on which the Barrington Hills Golf Course is built. The golf course is laid out so the oak forest is now part of the rough. The land for the golf course was provided by Harry Hart and George Van Hagen, who was President of Standard Forgings, a railroad wheel foundry. The Van Hagens bought land in the Barrington Area in 1907.

Middlebury Road: Named after the Village of Middlebury, which was incorporated in 1953. The 1960 Census shows a population of 216. The Village was named by Bruce Benson, the only Village President. His father had gone to school at Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT. Middlebury residents voted to annex the Village to the Village of Barrington Hills in 1963.

Moate Lane: A storm drainage canal forms a sort of moat around Canavan subdivision during heavy runoff. There are no fortifications, however, and a drawbridge is not used for access.

North River Road: The street follows the east bank of the Fox River north to the south border of Fox River Grove where it turns east and meets Plum Tree Road. The name comes from both the river and the fact that it is on the north end of Barrington Hills.

Oak Knoll Road: Named after Oak Knoll Estate subdivision. Oak Knoll Farm was part of the Cardwell Estate. The road appears on Public Service maps as an unnamed path until 1938 when the name Oak Knoll appears. Jay Cardwell left the big city and came to Barrington in the early 1920's. He donated his land, Oak Knoll Farm which swelled along the winding Oak Knoll Road, to form part of the newly founded Barrington Hills Country Club.

Oak Lake Drive: Named after Oak Lake in Plum Ridge Acres subdivision. The name comes from the century old oaks that grow around the lake.

Oakdene Road & Drive: In 1850 Alexander Reichman and 6 brothers came to America and settled along the eastern seaboard. The Civil War was kind to the group; they all survived. Alexander moved west to Iowa. His son Alexander, Jr., grew up in Le Mars, Iowa. The family sold their first home in Le Mars to the family of Edith Cheevers Dent, who Alexander, Jr., later married. The couple came to Chicago where he became a nationally prominent corporate lawyer with the firm of Pam, Hurd, & Reichman. In the fall of 1921, they purchased the Hammond estate in the Barrington Countryside. Their plans to use the estate as a summer home soon changed. After they moved in full time, Edith, who had gone to school in Europe, named the estate Oakdene after an estate near London, which she visited during a summer to meet her roommate's family. These streets were named after Reichman's Oakdene Estate.

Oakwood Drive: Oak Knoll Estate was created just prior to the formation of the Village of Barrington Hills. William Landwehr created the subdivision remarkably close to the 5 acre lot size that became the hallmark of the new village.

Old Hart Road: The original farm path, which may have been an Indian trail (see Hart Road), was named on Public Service Maps for the Hart family. In 1979 one end of this road was closed at the rail crossing and replaced by a new Lake County Highway. The name of the new street was Hart Road. The Village of Barrington Hills changed the name of this street to Old Hart Road to "avoid confusion."

Old Sutton Road: Some old timers recall a David Sutton who they say owned property along the route of this road. No records have been found showing that name. Because the road runs through the hardwood forest, others speculate that it was named for Sutton in Ashfield, which contains part of Sherwood Forest of Robin Hood fame. Still others speculate the name comes from Sutton Hoo Ship, which is the burial place of the earliest known Anglo Saxon King. (This finding gave credence to Beowulf who reports kings being buried in ships.) In this case an 80 foot long mastless boat was used as a casket. The ship was filled with treasure, which indicated the little known wealth of Anglo Saxon monarchs.

Otis Road: Spencer Otis and his wife, Julia Melchers, came to Barrington about 1910. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and known as a “college educated farmer.” His successful use of innovative machinery allowed him to buy several farms, each of which he gave an interesting name. The road was a ribbon that tied the farms around Hawley Lake together. Later he subdivided the farms into smaller estates and the road tied the subdivisions into a community. He died Jan 18, 1931, leaving six children: Helen Bunbaum, Katherine Scott, Winifred, Julia, Elizabeth, and Spencer, Jr.

Overlook Road: This road is located on the Barrington Hills Farm estate of Floyd Bateman. It runs along a ridge exposing a majority of the farm to view. It was named by Patricia Corbett, daughter of Paul Corbett (see Polo Drive) and Barbara Bateman, daughter of Floyd. They were married at Barrington Hills Farm in the gardens beneath this street on June 23, 1932. Patricia was born Sep 28, 1939.

Pagancia Drive: Named after Pagancia subdivision. The name comes from an ancient Roman game played with a crooked stick and a leather ball filled with feathers. The ball was hit toward a goal. The player who required the fewest swings won the game. The street was built near Barrington Hills Golf Course. It was an attempt to cluster homes with an average lot size of 5 acres, thereby creating huge open spaces near the golf course. Lake County refused septic permits for the cluster homes. The Village of Barrington Hills requested that Barrington Village provide water and sewer service to the property at the owners expense so that the open space concept could be maintained near the fairways of the country club.

Pheasant Drive: Named by G. William and Mary Pixley.

Plum Tree Road: This road was named after Ridge subdivision, which was named after Plum Tree Farm, owned by Robert and Helen Santor. The farm road was lined with wild plum, cherry, and hickory, which was the inspiration for the name.

Potters Lane: This private street was named after Potters Lane subdivision, which was named after four generations of the Potter family who lived in the Barrington Area. Albert & Elinor Potter moved to Barrington from Lombard in 1950. Their son, Donald W. Potter, married Nell Weil, and they moved to a farm at Algonquin and Sutton Roads. There they raised six children: John, Nancy, William, James D., Thomas, and Charles. James D. developed Potters Lane subdivision. He married Leslie Englehart. Their children are Megan and Kelsey.

Raintree Place: The road was named by Gerald Meese for a family of tropical shade trees that grow from Florida to Brazil called “monkey pods,” including one that has branches that form a 100 ft. canopy. Its leaves drip insect secretions giving the appearance of rain. Its delicate red and white flowers are almost as colorful as the song birds, which hunt its insect population. Rain Tree County, IN, is a legendary place made popular in the poetry of James Whitcomb Riley. The legend of the rain tree lives on in Barrington Hills.

Rebecca Drive: The street was named by Dr. Keith Wertz, born Sep 20, 1920, in Elmwood, WI. He named Floral Acres subdivision after his wife, Dr. Flora Brown, who was born May 22, 1922, in Aveda, IA. Their children are Rebecca, Carl, & Tricia. Dr. Rebecca Wertz was born Jun 5, 1957, in Arlington Heights, IL. She specializes in infectious diseases at Evanston Hospital. She married a chap named Miller; they have two children, Isaac and Ariel.

Regan Drive: Named for John T. Regan of Palatine, who owned the property in the 1940's and 1950's. He leased it for farming.

Ridgecroft Lane: The street is located on a farm established by Edward K. Hardy, Sr. The street was named by his son Edward K. Hardy, Jr., who named it after a family holding company. The company was named after the Evanston, IL, estate of Francis Alonzo Hardy, which was built about 1880 on Ridge Road. Edward Keasbury Hardy was born May 24, 1905, in Akron, OH, the son of Edward K. Hardy, Sr., and Helen Young. He married Marjorie Wilson, who was born in Chicago, IL, in 1919 to Charles Andrew Wilson and Blanch Greely. Their children Edward, Jr., and Marge are Edward K. III, and another child.

Rock Ridge Road: This road was named after Rock River Farm Oliver Hoffman. The Rock River subdivision was given the name because it crosses Spring Creek where it is shallow and flat like the Rock River as it runs through Grand Detour, IL, where John Deere developed the first steel plow in his blacksmith shop.

Rolling Hills Drive: This drive was named after Rolling Hills subdivision, which is located on Cardwell's Rolling Oaks Farm. The farm was used for training hounds and horses and for assembling the Fox River Valley Hunt. It lay between Edgerton Throckmorton's Hail Weston Hounds Farm on Helm Road and Dr. Magnuson's Pond Gate Farm on Penny Road. The area was frequently used for hunting the wily fox.

Round Barn Road: The second round barn built by Spencer Otis was on one of the former Hawley farms and named Round Barn Farm. The road was originally an access to the round barn.

Royal Way: In 17th Century France, a system of roads were built by the aristocracy and maintained by the King. This road system came to be known as the Royal Way. The street was named for the original French highway.

Rub of Green Lane: The lane lies just east of the 7th green at Barrington Hills Country Club. Irish golfers have used the term rub O' the green to describe a golf ball that comes to rest just short of the green putting area as if rubbing against the putting surface.

Sandalwood Drive: Oakdene subdivision was created in 1959 after the Jesuit Order had purchased Ben Hect's estate for a retreat. The ancient sandals worn by Jesuits had a carved wooden sole with leather thongs attached. The wood used had to be soft enough to carve yet hard enough to wear well. Sandalwood, which is used to make perfume and incense, was first used to make sandals.

Sara Lane: The street is named after the Sara Lane subdivision, which was developed by William T. Nyden after his retirement from industrial sales. The subdivision was named after Sara Nyden, his wife.

Seville Row: Named after an architectural feature in Seville, Spain, near the Alcazar Garden. It offers one of the finer examples of medieval Islamic architecture with its geometric patterns and arch corridors and windows with geometric ironwork. This row of apartments was once a fortification, which was removed about 1870 to make way for the park and garden.

Sieberts Ridge Road: Sieberts Ridge subdivision was in the industrial part of Arthur McIntosh's Barrington Highlands. The undeveloped part was subdivided into larger residential lots. Walter Siebert was a successful salesman for the Arthur McIntosh Company. The subdivision was named for him.

Spring Creek Road: This street crosses Spring Creek after it flows out of Spring Lake and Mud Lake. The creek has a wide organic flood plain, which makes hundreds of acres unbuildable. In Cook County the flood plain is part of the Forest Preserve District, but in McHenry County, where the street crosses the creek, the flood plain is preserved by private landowners.

Spring Lane: Named after Spring Creek Road, which was named after Spring Creek.

Steeplechase Road: The street was renamed from Bellwood by Al Borah as a tribute to the Barrington Hills Riding Club.

Surrey Lane, Court, & West: The street follows the path of a farm road that served three farms. James Ruby, the owner of the easternmost parcel came from Surrey, England. The farm road may have had this name before the subdivision was created.

Sutton Road: The only record of David Sutton in the Barrington area is a Trust Deed recorded in 1904. It is not known from where he came or where he went. The name appears on the first Public Service map and the 1931 Cook County Highway Map.

Tamarack Lane: Named after Tamarack subdivision, which was named by William Brough, who remembers the hackmatack that grew in San Antonio where he grew up. On moving to the Barrington Area he discovered that Alex Stillman had landscaped parts of the Glen Urquhart Farm with tamarack, which had been shaped to provide a different ornamentation during each season of the year. He named the subdivision after these trees.

Three Lakes Road: This street is named after Three Lakes subdivision, which was created by Orville Caesar around three small lakes. The lakes are named Dana (see Dana Lane), Melissa and Third Lake. Melissa Smith is the daughter of Doris Caesar and Dr. Lymon Smith. She was born in 1938, married John Derse, and has two children, Athalie and Stewart.

Tricia Lane: Dr. Tricia Wertz was born Jun 13, 1958, at Arlington Heights, IL. She is a professor of Forestry at Alaska University. She married Knut Kielland, a Wildlife Management professor at Alaska U. They adopted two girls, Flora and Elinor.

Wagon Wheel Lane: The terrain at the north end of Surrey Lane was rugged before it was graded. Many farm wagons and carriages broke wheels on the old farm roads. "Foxy" Scharf, whose father was a blacksmith at Barrington Center, said, "You could pave a road with the wagon wheels out there."

Waterloo Lane: A battle between the French and England and her allies took place on June 18, 1815, near a small village outside of Brussels Belgium. It was the final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte. The defeat was so crushing that today when one suffers a reversal of fortune it is said the person has met his (her) Waterloo.

West Lane: Spencer Otis bought the old Hawley farms and gave them distinctive names. The main road through the farms was named Hawley Road. Two large fields on either side of the road were called east field and west field. When he subdivided the property he used the farm roads for streets and named the streets for the fields that they served.

Windrush Lane: Rapid shifts of air temperature over the warm water of shallow Hawley Lake causes unusual gusts to blow north up the south branch of Flint Creek, which in times past was called Windrush Creek.

Wood Creek Road: Etter's Woodcreek Estates was developed by Etters Construction Company, which was founded by George and Kate Mae Etters. They had nine children, Harry, Mae, Roy, Mildred, Marion, Earl, Leslie, Richard, & George, Jr. All raised families in the Barrington area causing the saying, "There's always an Etters in school." The road runs through a heavily wooded area near Spring Creek.

Wood Rock Road: Near the road is a large bolder deposited during the Ice Age. (See Crawling Stone Road.) The rock was partially covered with soil, and trees had begun taking root. The street was named by Dr. Humphries.

Woodfield Road: The street name is used in place of Far Hills Road on some maps of the Barrington Area. (Click [here](#) for proof)

Woodhaven Lane: Named after Woodhaven subdivision, which was named after the Woodhaven Corporation, a property development company.