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Recall When Cleveland Was Suburb of Newburg? Mrs. Helman Does

"Cleveland, a suburb of Newburg. That's what we used to say in 1849," says Mrs. Elizabeth M. Helman, who lives on Granger rd near Turney rd.

Mrs. Helman, who has entered the Press contest which aims to find the oldest man and woman in Cleveland, is 96.

She was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to this country in 1849, settling on a farm on what is now Turkey rd.

"Newburg was larger than Cleveland in those days," says Mrs. Helman.

"Whenever I see the old mill stone on the Public Square it awakens memories. That stone was used in a mill close to our farm. It was the only one in Cuyahoga-co."

Mrs. Helman had ten children, eight of whom are now living.

"At first our farm was surrounded by dense woods," she says. "But as the children grew older, they cleared away the trees."

"I liked to work on the farm. I still like that kind of work. Last year I had a war garden and raised all my own vegetables."

"There weren't many conveniences in those days. I used to walk eight miles to church every Sunday."

"There was only one store in Cleveland when I first moved here. It was down by the river. It was a general store. Everything from buggy whips to fatirons were sold there."

"Plenty of plain food" has been one of Mrs. Helman's rules of life.



She still does most of her own cooking."

Mrs. Helman still takes a 15-minute walk every day.

Are some of your acquaintances older than Mrs. Helman? Send us their photographs and a sketch of their lives. The Press wants to print the pictures, reminiscences and philosophies of the oldest man and oldest woman in Cuyahoga-co.

Expert Urges Equal Pay

Charles S. Bedaux, industrial engineer, spoke at the 19th annual convention of the Consumers League at the Hollenden Saturday on "Women in Industry." Bedaux is now organizing seven large plants employing over 3000 women.

"France doubled its manufacturing capacity during the war and threatens to become the greatest industrial rival of the United States in the near future," said Bedaux. "I earnestly hope that the Consumers League will continue its fight with the raising of the standard of women's pay and women's lot in this country. I believe in equal pay for equal work."

This legislation, said Mrs. Howard Thayer, was to include minimum wage scales for women elevator operators, taxicab drivers, garment workers, meter readers and others.

Another proposed law was to prohibit women from working in factories between 10 p. m. and 5 p. m.