



# Massillon Heritage Foundation

## June 2018 Newsletter

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### President - David Darnell

The \$350,000 grant from the State of Ohio has received final approval. This will allow us to complete many exterior restoration projects that will stop the infiltration of water through the stone walls and roof. Various drawings and specifications are being submitted to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office in Columbus. They must evaluate and approve all proposed work to confirm that it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties as required by the grant. Bids are being solicited for masonry restoration, repairs to the slate roof and gutters and downspout improvements. Work should begin in mid-June when the Woman's Club is closed for the summer and should be completed in the Fall.

Drawings and specifications to stabilize the cracked stone column on the north side of the house have been completed by the engineering firm of Wiss, Janney, and Elstner. This project will involve the placement of specially designed stainless-steel anchors into the weakened areas of the stone. The anchors are small in diameter but will provide substantial strength to the masonry.



Slate roof expert and author of "The Slate Roof Bible", Joseph Jenkins, will inspect and analyze the condition of the roof. In addition to pointing out the immediate needs, this will provide future caretakers of Five Oaks a plan to follow for the continued maintenance and preservation of the roof. Mr. Jenkins has worked on slate roofs throughout the world, from Pennsylvania to Ireland. He will visit on June 14th.



In addition to the state grant, Massillon Heritage Foundation expects to spend an additional \$50,000 on the overall project. This is possible due to the continued support and generosity of the members of Massillon Heritage Foundation. THANK YOU!



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### Summer Tour Schedule –

Doug Scheetz and Nancy Thatcher

**Saturday, June 23**, make it a day at Five Oaks! Ruth & Edna's Lawn and Garden Sale presented by members of the Massillon Woman's Club. will be held from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**Majestic Voice** performs from noon to 2:00 pm. Massillon Heritage will have self-guided tours of Five Oaks during this time. The house tour cost is \$7.00.

Margy Vogt will conduct a **Historic Fourth Street Tour** at 2:00 pm, the cost is \$7.00, payable at the beginning of the tour.

### Sunday Afternoon Tours at 2:00 & 3:00 PM

Join us for Sunday afternoon tours at 2:00 and 3:00 pm., scheduled for the following dates.

July 8, 15, 22, and 29 and August 5, 12, and 19. The guided tours begin at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Massillon historian, Margy Vogt, will lead tours of Historic Fourth Street at 1:00 pm on July 22 and August 19. The tour fee is \$7 per person, payable at the beginning of the tour. Meet on the sidewalk in front of Five Oaks (Massillon Woman's Club)

## Education and Community Outreach

SHOWCASING MASSILLON HERITAGE – *Thank you to our many sponsors!*

We wish to thank all the individuals and businesses that have supported the Showcase with contributions, as well as attending our events. We are so grateful for your support of Five Oaks. The following is a list of contributors to date:

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**VOICES FROM FOURTH STREET**, combining a formal dinner, wine bar and entertainment, was held on JANUARY 20, 2018. The actors portraying the people that were the “movers and shakers” of early Massillon were excellent and so many people commented on how much they learned about the history of Massillon. Everyone enjoyed the lovely evening and the entertainment.



Co-directors Patty Carmola & Lee Lavery

**THE MCCLYMONDS LEGACY**, featuring a Scottish menu, was held on March 10, 2018. The program addressed all that the McClymonds family did for Massillon and Stark County. J. Walter McClymonds' Scottish heritage was celebrated. Guests enjoyed Scottish bagpipe music and Scottish Highland dancing and song along with Scottish mead and Scottish humor. Much fun and many laughs were had by all!



Jacquie & Stephen McLain

Check our website for photos from these past events and information on our next two events Showcasing Massillon Heritage at [five-oaks.org](http://five-oaks.org)

**Don't miss these upcoming events!**

**THE RUSSELL LEGACY June 30, 2018**

**SEE ENCLOSED FLYER!** This program will focus on the contributions that the Russell family made not only to Massillon, but to the world. There will be one or more pieces of machinery that were made by the Russell Company on display.

**CHARLES F. SCHWEINFURTH** and the Birth of Five Oaks, October 6, 2018. The world-famous architect's life will be explored along with his most famous buildings. Five Oaks is one of his last individual residences still standing.

On Friday, November 10, 2017 we held our second Military Muster at Five Oaks. This event is held to pay tribute to all local veterans. It began with the Massillon American Legion Post 221 Honor Guard presenting the colors. The evening featured readings from the diary of Lazer J. Tarzan, Sr., RM3C, who served in the Navy aboard the destroyer, USS Russell #414, during WWII. The readings were presented by his son, Lazer Jr. It was a very moving evening shared with Lazer, his family, and our welcome veterans and guests who attended. Beautiful patriotic music was provided by members of VOCl and all enjoyed refreshments and pies donated by Gardner Pie Company of Akron.

Before his passing, only one month later at age 96, he donated all his military memorabilia to the MAPS museum in Green. Pictured here is Lazer at MAPS with the items donated.



**GOD BLESS ALL OUR VETERANS!**





# Showcasing MASSILLON HERITAGE



## The Russell Legacy

Featuring a Historical Presentation,  
Russell & Co. Equipment, Picnic Foods,  
Refreshments, Music and More.

JUNE 30, 2018 • 4pm

Reservations Due: June 22, 2018



"The Russell Legacy" will feature presentations by the very people (characters) who lived through the beginning years, prosperous years, and eventually the downfall of the company. There will be Russell engines and tractors in operation on the grounds, and memorabilia on display throughout the magnificent home. There will be music and fair style food and beverages for all to enjoy. You do not want to miss this unique presentation of "The Russell Legacy."

### Event Reservations:

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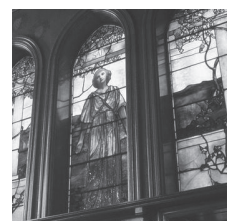
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## Welcome two new board members:

**Fred Horner** is President and CEO of Advanced Industrial Roofing, Inc., a locally owned and operated company serving Stark County and surrounding areas with industrial commercial roofing and architectural sheet metal since 1988. Located in Massillon, Ohio, Advanced Industrial Roofing employs approximately 90 dedicated and hardworking individuals. Ranked as one of the top 250 roofing companies in the United States, they specialize in re-roofing, new construction, maintenance, repairs, and architectural sheet metal.

Fred graduated from Canton South High School in 1974 and began his roofing career in August of the same year, the day after he turned 18. Fred attended Ohio's roofing apprenticeship school and earned his Journeyman's Certificate in 1978. After 14 years working for several local roofing companies, Fred and current A.I.R. Vice President Jeff Rupert founded Advanced Industrial Roofing in 1988.

Fred is the current President of the Ohio Roofing Contractor's Association (ORCA). He is currently part of the ORCA Safety, Insurance and Legislative Committees as well as the Legislative Committee for the Massillon Chamber of Commerce. He is on the NFIB Ohio's Leadership Council and is the Past President and executive Board member for the Builders Exchange of Northeast Ohio. He formerly served as a member of the Midwest Roofing Contractors Associations (MRCA) Board of Directors and is now Second Vice President/Treasurer of the MRCA's Executive Committee.

Fred and his wife Dawn (Office Manager at A.I.R.) have two grown children and four grandchildren. When not working, Fred enjoys spending time with family, working in his yard, boating, and rooting for Cleveland and Ohio sports teams.

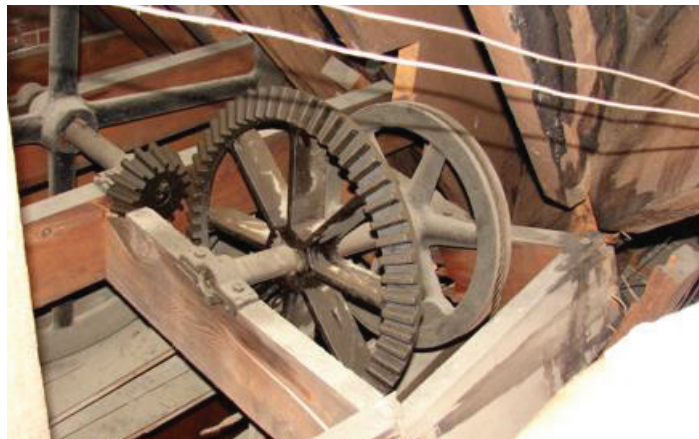
**Rhonda Warren** - was born and raised in Alliance. She has been married to Norm for 39 years and has two grown sons and four grandchildren.

Rhonda attended Aultman School of Nursing and The University of Akron. She graduated with a BA in History and a minor in French then earned a law degree. She worked at several local law firms specializing in medical malpractice. Rhonda retired in 2014.

She currently volunteers as a member of the Massillon Heritage Foundation fund raising committee, the Canton Fine Arts 1st Vice President, President of the Fiddler's Creek Home Owners Association, Junior Warden of St Mark's Episcopal Church and Treasurer of the Altar Guild. She is also a docent at First Ladies Library. Her hobbies include bridge, quilting, card making, and learning the very hard art of watercolor.

## Five Oaks Elevator- Did you know?

Resting at the bottom of the shaft in the basement is the original house elevator car. It appears that long ago a support in the attic broke, disabling the elevator. Even in its present inoperable condition it is still a fascinating piece of engineering and history.



Sometime after breaking down, the first and second floor levels of the shaft were converted to closet space. At the back wall of the shaft, wooden guides are still in place that hold heavy weights that counterbalanced the passenger car. The car was strictly functional, not being finished for appearance. Three sides were completely open to allow access to the outer doors on all four levels. The basement, first and second floor levels opened on the north side of the shaft. The third floor has two doors, on the east and west sides of the shaft, leading to the servants' bath and to the ballroom. It appears that the elevator was water powered. The large tank next to the shaft in the servants third floor bath may be part of the operating system. The upper support of the passenger car has an ingenious safety system in place in the event of a cable failure. The car was supported by heavy steel bars, like a leaf spring, that would, in the event of a broken cable, snap outward locking into guides along the shaft, causing the car to stop safely.

Along a wooden support on the car is an area that appears to have once held a name plate. (Has anyone ever seen this?)

In the fall 2017 newsletter is an article describing Mr. McClymonds' return to Five Oaks from a New York hospital after his 1908 auto accident. It was mentioned that the elevator was used to transport him to the second floor.

Although it is unlikely that the elevator will ever be moved again, we are fortunate that everything is still in place to allow us to see how an elevator from the 1890s functioned. Perhaps we will be able to do a special Elevator Tour at some future date.





## RELATIVES ONLY WERE PRESENT

Miss Ruth McClymonds Be-  
comes Mrs. Leslie M. Maitland

WEDDING WEDNESDAY AT 7 P. M.

Ceremony was Performed Be-  
fore a Mass of Roses and Easter  
Lilies in the Presence of Mem-  
bers of Both Families—The  
Gifts Magnificent.

Miss Ruth E. McClymonds, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClymonds, of this city, and Mr. Leslie M. Maitland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Maitland, of Negaunee, Mich., were married at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at the McClymonds residence in Prospect street. Only immediate members of both families were present because the prolonged convalescence of the bride's father, following an automobile accident last fall, upset plans which had been made for a large wedding. It was attended, nevertheless with all the beauty and charm of a larger function and the social importance of the bride and her family and the affection in which she is held by a large circle of friends in this city and elsewhere lent unusual interest to the event.

The ceremony took place in the large bay window of the drawing room on the south side of the house. The recess was banked with palms, American beauty roses and Easter lilies, and in the center tall cathedral candles rose from a mass of fern. Immense bowls of roses, lilies and other flowers decorated the other rooms.

As the moment for the ceremony arrived the group of relatives in the drawing room, including the groom and the Rev. E. T. Mathison, rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal church, who officiated, turned towards the large reception hall down the broad staircase of which came the bride alone. She wore a magnificent gown of soft white satin with a tunic of embroidered chiffon and yoke and sleeves of point lace. Her long veil of tulle was caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. Among her jewels was a ring set with two large diamonds, the gift of the groom, and a handsome crescent brooch of diamonds, the gift of one of her relatives. At the foot of the staircase she was joined by her father who gave her away. Her sister, Mrs. Arvine Wales, stood beside her during the ceremony.

The wedding supper was served at a round table in the dining room. Among the relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Maitland, the groom's parents; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Maitland, his brother and sister-in-law; Miss Katherine Maitland, Miss Rena Maitland, his sisters, and Mr. Keith Maitland, his brother, all of Negaunee, Mich.; Miss Bertha and Miss Mary McClymonds, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Annie McClymonds, of Morris Plains, N. J., aunts of the bride.

On the table was a cluster of Killarney roses rising from a centerpiece of silver. Surrounding the silver vase of roses were small silver baskets holding bon bons in the form of small pink sweet peas and marguerites; below these were corsage bouquets for the ladies of pink sweet peas and lilies of the valley, tied with pink satin ribbon, which formed the outer portion of the centerpiece. The favors were pink satin boxes containing wedding cake and marked with the initials of the bride and groom in gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Maitland left for Chicago at 10:20 Wednesday evening. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wales they drove to the Pennsylvania station in the McClymonds limousine. A number of friends were gathered there waiting to see them off. Mrs. Maitland looked charming in a gown of old blue tussore. Her coat was long and her hat of leghorn was trimmed with old blue velvet ribbon and blue and yellow hop blossoms.

After their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Maitland will take up their residence at Maitland, S. D., where Mr. Maitland has a new house awaiting their arrival. As the head of extensive mining interests in South Dakota his business headquarters will be in Maitland for some time.

Among the many handsome wedding presents not before mentioned were an automobile, a long sealskin miter, a check for \$5,000, a chest of silver, a dining service of silver, including soup tureen, vegetable dishes, platters, etc., a silver tea service, a

silver mocha set, a beautiful piece of carved ivory, a gold card case set with diamonds and amethysts, many beautiful odd pieces of table silver, fine china and glass, and many art objects.

Mrs. Maitland was born in Massillon and has lived here all her life. She attended the Massillon public schools and afterwards Miss Porter's well known school at Farmington, Conn. She has traveled extensively in Europe and elsewhere with her parents. Mr. Maitland is a graduate of Harvard and has been in business ever since he left college. His father, Mr. Alexander Maitland, was formerly lieutenant governor of Michigan.



Ruth Esther McClymonds

### A Tribute to the Honorable Ralph S. Regula and his wife, Mary

Ralph S. Regula, who passed away July 19, 2017, was our U. S. Congressman in Stark County for 40 years. His devotion and leadership as a public servant was his greatest legacy. He worked tirelessly for the preservation of historic resources throughout the state of Ohio and the people whose lives he touched will forever strive to keep his legacy alive.

Congressman Regula and Mary were frequent guests at Five Oaks. Over the years Ralph assisted in helping to obtain federal grants to help pay for projects to keep Five Oaks in water tight condition.

In 2001, he assisted Five Oaks to obtain a \$100,000 grant when it became a federal law that buildings on the Historic Register had to have handicapped accessibility to all floors. He was quoted in the Independent at that time as stating, "an elevator will be a great addition to what is already a wonderful building."

We pay tribute to Congressman Regula and Mary's wonderful life of service and give thanks for their kindness and vision of historic preservation.

Ralph S. Regula 1924 – 2017 / Mary (Rogusky) Regula 1926 – 2018

### A Note from our Treasurer – Nancy Welch

A special thank you to Nino Millin, Mary Ann Lepp and Ruth Parker for making the effort to submit documentation of their donations to the Foundation to their companies. These members are affiliated with companies that match their contributions to charitable foundations. FirstEnergy and Dominion have very kindly supported the Foundation with a one-to-one match of donations. Please check whether your employer has a matching funds program.

### Membership Chair – Peggy Haunty

Thank you to all the members on the following list for supporting our Massillon Heritage Foundation. We appreciate all levels of giving.

We currently have 313 memberships for the 2017-2018 membership year, totaling \$22,410. Our memberships run from fall to fall. If you do not see your name listed or question anything, please call Peggy at (330) 833-7108.

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— Ronald Balfour *British Monuments Man*

## FIVE OAKS Historic Mansion



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