



Massillon Heritage Foundation

Spring 2023 Newsletter

President – David Darnell

We are pleased to report that the board is now working with Perspectus, an architectural firm that specializes in Historic preservation. We believe that the recommendations that we will receive from Perspectus will enable us to prioritize restoration projects and to utilize the best methods available. This will also assist us in the compliance of an agreement with the State of Ohio, that any restoration projects are to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. We hope to gain a better idea of the scope of the work that is needed and the costs involved.

The initial field work is underway. We are looking forward to working with Perspectus, and proceeding with restoration projects that will make noticeable improvements at Five Oaks.

If there is a project or need at Five Oaks that you would like to sponsor, or contribute to, let us know. The continual support of the members of this organization continues to make the preservation of Five Oaks possible. The renewal of memberships, and the wonderful generosity of members that provide additional donations all contribute to the success of the Massillon Heritage Foundation's mission. Thank you!

From time to time, we need new members for the Board of Trustees. If this is something that you might consider, give us a call at 330-737-1106.

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Five Oaks House Report

During the previous winter ice was once again a problem at Five Oaks, with ice dams forming on roof areas that caused water to leak into the house. One of these areas was above the large window at the top of the stair landing, another at the second floor back hall window. We have worked with our roofer to install heat cables to prevent ice from building up at these locations, hopefully eliminating further water intrusion.

The cable is not visible from the ground. It was necessary to provide a separate exterior electric outlet to provide power to the



cable. Ice was also forming near the outside elevator door. To avoid this, a new copper gutter and downspout was also installed at the rear of the porte cochere roof. It is larger than the previous gutter and should be able to handle a greater volume of water. At the same time as this installation took place, additional repair work on the spouting around the front dormer window was completed.

A Moment in History

The following is an article from The Evening Independent, dated 1892. The Watson property is, of course, the present site of Five Oaks. The McClymonds home, at that time was at the NW corner of Prospect and North Streets (4th St and North Ave today). That home, built in 1881, is still standing across 4th Street from Five Oaks. It was being sold to George Russell, an uncle of Mrs. McClymonds. The George Russell home was at the SE corner of S. Erie and South St. It is no longer standing. The Nahum S. Russell residence had been the home of Mrs. McClymonds parents, and is now the Library Apartments, across North St. from Five Oaks. The second photo of the stone lion at the entrance to Five Oaks faces the earlier McClymonds home across the street.

WATSON PROPERTY SOLD.

MR. J. W. McCLYMONDS BECOMES
ITS NEW PROPRIETOR.

Consideration of \$12,000—Mr. G. L. Russell Purchases the McClymonds House—A Handsome Residence to be Erected Next Spring.

The Watson property, at the corner of Prospect and North streets, was transferred yesterday by Frank L. Baldwin, attorney for Mark W. Watson, of Pittsburg, to J. W. McClymonds, the consideration being \$12,000. There were a number of offers for the property, which was held at \$15,000. Mr. McClymonds left yesterday for New York, and could not, therefore, be seen. His intention is, however, as may be readily imagined, to build thereon a modern mansion, that will be a fitting companion to the several other fine residences which now adorn that beautiful street.

Mr. McClymonds has not yet commissioned his architect, and plans are not likely to be definitely adopted until his return from Europe, in the fall. Everything will then be got in readiness, and construction will begin the following spring.

Before purchasing the Watson property Mr. McClymonds sold, to George L. Russell, his present residence, directly opposite the site on which he will erect his new house. The purchase price was \$15,000, although with the various changes that have been made, it represents an actual investment of \$25,018. Mr. Russell is to take possession March 15, 1893, and, in the meantime, will dispose of his own commodious house at the corner of Erie and South streets. During the erection of their future home, the McClymonds family will occupy the N. S. Russell residence.

These transactions are the most important that have taken place in private property for several years.

Education and Community Outreach – Massillon Woman's Club, Patty Carmola and Massillon Heritage Foundation, Linda Tarle, Co-Chairwomen

We are pleased to announce that Five Oaks and Spring Hill will be hosting nearly 700 students from Canton City Schools this coming March! We will be looking for volunteers to help facilitate this program!

If you are interested in training and helping with the program, please contact Linda Tarle at 330-312-2653 or Patty Carmola at 330-575-0898.

SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Dinner Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2023

- See the invitation in this newsletter for more info!

Spring Gala – Saturday, April 15, 2023

Member Spotlight – Mrs. Virginia P. Sorg

Before our Annual Wassail Bowl, the Heritage Board received a lovely letter from one of our long-time members, Mrs. Virginia P. Sorg. She has been an active member since 1954 and it is apparent that over the years that followed, she has shared her appreciation for Massillon history with her family. After her husband was deployed with the Navy during the Korean War, Mrs. Sorg lived with her in-laws at 414 4th Street which is just up the street from Five Oaks. One of her daughters even had her wedding reception at the home around 1978. Mrs. Sorg wrote to us saying that 4 generations of her family would be attending the Wassail Bowl and that she could not wait to show the youngest ones how beautiful Five Oaks is at Christmastime. Though she had been living in Wooster and now Hudson, she expressed how excited she was to be returning to Five Oaks.

We are thrilled Mrs. Sorg and her family were able to attend the Wassail Bowl and we sincerely hope that they will be able to come back to experience more events this year. We love to hear about how these places of historical significance have touched so many lives. The Heritage Board would like to extend our thanks to Mrs. Sorg for her letter and for giving us a reminder of why what we strive to accomplish is so important to our community and the generations that follow.



Membership Chairwoman – Kathleen Bachtel

The 2023 Membership Drive is happening now! We look forward to your continued support of our mission; to receive and administer funds for the purpose of acquiring, restoring, preserving, and maintaining

properties of historical significance to Massillon and the surrounding area for use in scientific, educational, and charitable purposes.

If you have any questions about membership, renewals, or restoration contributions, you are welcome to contact me at 330-605-1937 or at bachka916@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIPS/ DONATIONS

When you donate to the Foundation, you are welcome and encouraged to specify how you would like your donation used. It can be applied to the general fund, the restoration and preservation fund, or the investment fund. The Foundation has three financial accounts, two checking accounts and an investment account. One checking account is for general expenses, repairs, printing, postage, fees, etc. This account is funded with the membership income. The second checking account is used for restoration and preservation projects. This account is funded by donations, capital campaigns and grants. The third account is an investment account held by the Stark Community Foundation. Any memorials received are deposited in this account and the account's principle is not used. As the principle grows, it will help us to eventually become self-sustained. You can also donate a memorial directly to the Massillon Heritage Foundation investment account through the Stark Community Foundation. If you currently have a personal account with SCF, it is a simple funds transfer, or anyone can mail in a donation to SCF. SCF will notify us of the donation.

WEBSITE

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website! This comprehensive site is designed to be more user-friendly and includes information on our history, events, membership, and volunteer opportunities. It's an excellent resource and a good way to introduce people to our wonderful treasure. We would welcome any feedback or suggestions. You can visit us at www.massillonheritage.weebly.com



The Massillon Heritage Foundation
Annual Dinner Meeting



Monday, February 13, 2023
At Five Oaks - 210 Fourth Street NE,
Massillon, OH 44646
5:00 PM- Punch
5:30 PM- Dinner
6:30 PM -Meeting & Program

A brief business meeting and our honored speaker Alison Caplan, the Director of Education at the National First Ladies' Library will follow dinner. Her program "From Frontierswoman to Flapper" will give an in-depth look at the first ladies from Ohio!

Menu:

Mandarin Orange Salad, Stuffed Porkchop, Baked Potato,
Glazed Carrots, Texas Sheet Cake with Ice Cream, and
Beverage. \$32.00 per person.

For Reservations, please contact Kathleen Bachtel at 330-605-1937.
Deadline for dinner reservations is Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Dinner payments can be collected that evening or sent to:

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