

Massillon Heritage Foundation

June 2016 Newsletter

President – David Darnell

You may have noticed in the news recently that Gov. John Kasich has signed into law a bill that will greatly benefit Five Oaks. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Scott Oelslager, and with efforts by Rep. Kirk Schuring, will mean that Massillon Heritage Foundation will receive a grant for \$350,000 for Five Oaks. This will allow us to proceed with some of the many restoration projects that still remain, including more exterior masonry and chimney repairs.

This newsletter also has an article about architect J.M. Bostick, provided by MHF member Craig Bobby. We have many significant Bostick designed buildings in Massillon that we pass every day without stopping to think about their history. We appreciate Craig's research and sharing his knowledge of architecture and history. I'm sure that we will have a greater appreciation for some of the history surrounding us.

It is time for summer tours at Five Oaks, and if any members have visitors this summer that have never toured the house, by all means bring them. A common remark that we hear from many first time visitors is that Five Oaks is far more beautiful than many other historical homes that they have toured. I'm sure that we can all agree on that. Thanks to all Massillon Heritage Foundation members for all their work and continued financial support. Your efforts will help to preserve our great treasure.

J. M. Bostick – by Craig Bobby, Heritage Member

While all of you are of course familiar with Mr. McClymonds' selection of architect for his residence, who of you are aware of who his 'favorite' architect was? Possibly motivated by wanting to 'shop local', he chose more than once to use Stark County native James Matthew Bostick. He used him not only for the McClymonds Building at Lincoln Way



and Erie, with which most of you are familiar, but he also used him for an earlier commercial building a couple of blocks away (not extant), and even his own automobile garage (altered and now a residence). Bostick and examples of his work were regularly highlighted in architectural periodicals published in Cleveland. Some of his other commissions include the old Massillon City Hall, fire department engine houses, several commercial blocks, theaters, and elegant private residences for the local elite, in Massillon and Canton. Some of these structures have survived; of these some are altered, some are not. More needs to be researched about this mostly forgotten Stark County success story.



*Residence of Mr. J.E. McClain, Massillon, Ohio
36-4th St. SE, Massillon, OH*

J. Matthew Bostick, Architect, Canton and Massillon, Ohio



*Residence of Mr. Wm. Barber, Canton, Ohio
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Give to the Ohio History Fund on your State Tax Return

The Ohio History Fund is a way for Ohioans to contribute to state and local history projects by making a donation on the state personal income tax form. Donations are tax deductible.

The Massillon Heritage Foundation was one of only thirteen organizations statewide to receive an Ohio History Fund Grant in 2015. The foundation received \$17,900 to continue the restoration of Five Oaks Historic Mansion. The grant enabled the foundation to initiate interior restoration by repairing damaged plaster and paint in the mansion's parlor, library, music room and second floor hallway.

The history fund is a competitive grant-matching program that is one of four "tax check-off" funds found on Ohio taxpayers' income tax forms. If you are not receiving a refund, you can still donate by giving directly to the Ohio History Connection and designate your gift to the "Ohio History Fund." Website is: www.ohiohistory.org/about-us/ohio-history-fund

Did you know...

J. Walter McClymonds - The portrait of J. Walter McClymonds above the fireplace in the Massillon Public Library was painted by William Matthews in 1897. He is seated in what appears to be one of the dining room chairs at Five Oaks.

Five Oaks Lighting - When completed in 1894, Five Oaks had both gas and electric lighting installed. It was common during this period to use both systems. A newspaper description of the new C.M. Russell mansion in 1891 stated that "From the basement to third story the residence is lighted by incandescent electric lamps, the chandeliers having the usual gas fixtures also."

Summer Tour Schedule

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

Sunday tours at Five Oaks will begin July 10 through August 21. The guided tours begin at 2:00 and 3:00 pm each scheduled Sunday. Adults are \$6 and Children \$3. Heritage members are free.

JULY – 10, 17, 24 and 31

AUGUST – 7, 14, and 21

Last summer's restoration project returning the parlor, library, and music room to original condition make the trip worthwhile! Our docents are waiting to welcome you.

Interested in becoming a docent for group or summer tours? Contact Sue Keller 330.833.8449, or Nancy Thatcher 330.833-0520

Board of Trustees and New Board Member

Massillon Heritage Foundation Officers for 2016-2017 are:

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Board members include: Alan Edie, Gene Feller, Betsy Fink, Edward Hare, Peggy Haunty, Michael Jacobs, Susan Keller, Gary Marzolf, and Michael Thompson.

We welcome Michael A. Thompson, Attorney at Law, as the newest member of the Massillon Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees. While on the board, he will be assisting with grant writing and education and outreach. Michael was educated at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He resides in Canton with his wife, Mindi.

A Note from our Treasurer

The Foundation has three financial accounts, two checking accounts and an investment account. One checking account is for general expenses, i.e., fees, repairs, postage, printing, 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, cap-

ital 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. Hopefully, the principle will continue to grow and help us to eventually become self-sustained.

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. 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. Please contact any board member if you have any questions.

Spring Gala Report

– Mary Ann Poling, Chair

The annual Spring Gala was held at Five Oaks on Saturday, April 16. A 'jazzy' evening was provided by Jackie Warren Jazz Trio. After dinner Jackie belted out tunes on the Massillon Woman's Clubs Steinway concert grand piano. Even though our attendance was small, we thoroughly enjoyed sitting around Jackie and watching her & her musicians entertain us! Before and after the program we were also entertained by Heritage Board member Mike Jacobs and Heritage member Nino Millin!!

Special thanks for baskets and wine donations from Lorie & Vince Pedro, Mary Ann Poling, Jean Rice, Pam Stephan and Sue Reid/Massillon Woman's Club Gift Shop.

Our wonderful sponsors and guests contributed \$2,658.59 with matching funds pending of \$100. These dollars will go toward the restoration of Five Oaks.



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As of the June, we have 314 memberships. We have received a total of \$16,045 for dues. All dues help in the restoration and preservation of our beautiful “Five Oaks”. Thank you so much for your support. Additional contributions of \$3,790 were donated toward restoration work by dues paying members. Total funds received during our fall membership campaign is \$19,835.

Peggy Haunty, Membership Chair (330) 833-7108.