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Ridgeway Avenue was the first residential plat to be established on Silver Hills in 1891. The Avenue was laid out with a two-lane drive and a lovely median down the center. Trees were planted along the sidewalks and down the median to create a canopy of shade for the warm summer days. The setting inspired the construction of beautiful Victorian homes, designed by Milton Pritchett. Milton was the first resident to build a house on the Avenue. Property at the end of the Avenue was reserved for a hotel. The



hotel was part of a grand plan to establish a resort in New Albany. Scenic Park and the Highland Dance Hall were located north of the Avenue. The Highland Railway trolley car line was opened in 1891 to provide transportation to and from Silver

The picture on the far left is of Cecile Clark McClure. Cecile and Helen Stoy are in the photograph behind her. Above is the Jamie Aebersold band. Lois Farmer and Wayne Lewis are standing in front of the historic Strunk house. The picture below is of one of six vintage cars parked on the Avenue.

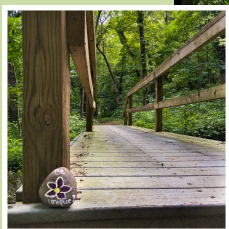


Hills. The Silver Hills station was located on the north side and adjacent to the Avenue.

Ridgeway An Historic Event was held June 22, 2017. The celebration included a home tour of the Strunk house built in 1895, carriage rides around the Avenue, and vintage photographs from the early 1890s to

Painted rocks left behind by hikers convey simple messages.

"Be unique."



A painted rock placed under a bench.

"Eyes on the trail."



The Silver Hills Historical Nature Trail and Wildlife Sanctuary opened in June of 2016.

The trail has been a huge success. Runners, walkers, dog walkers, cross-country teams training, and families use it frequently. The community has treated the trail with respect. Michael Kauffer (pictured above) lives at the bottom of Spring Hill Drive on West 8th Street. He took it upon himself to landscape beside the guardrail at the foot of the road and

around the Nature Trail sign at West 8th and Spring Streets. There is a local resident on West 8th Street who walks her dogs on the trail almost daily. She calls us immediately if she spots trees down or other maintenance issues. The trail has inspired a sense of pride in the local community in a historical area once abandoned and forgotten.

The Highland Railway began operation in 1891. In the Fall of 2017, the Society installed an historical marker at the beginning of the trolley car trail to document

the Silver Hills trolley car line. Pictured above are the officers and board members of the Society. Back row: Kelly Carnighan (Director), Ric Manning (Secretary), Jim Stein (Treasurer) and Bob Caesar (Co-Director). Front row: Al Knable (Board Member), Nancy Everbach (Board Member) and Pat Leist Stumler (Board Member). Daniel Forrester and his two sons, Bentley 4 and Aidan 2, from Edwardsville, Indiana, love to "HIKE" the Nature Trail.

In Loving Memory

Jerry Ellis Bourdeaux, a member of the Silver Hills Historical Society, passed away at her home in North Carolina July 30, 2017. She was born May 23, 1944. Jerry's parents, Wiley & Margaret Ellis, were the second generation to occupy the Ellis home on Riddle Road. The home was given the

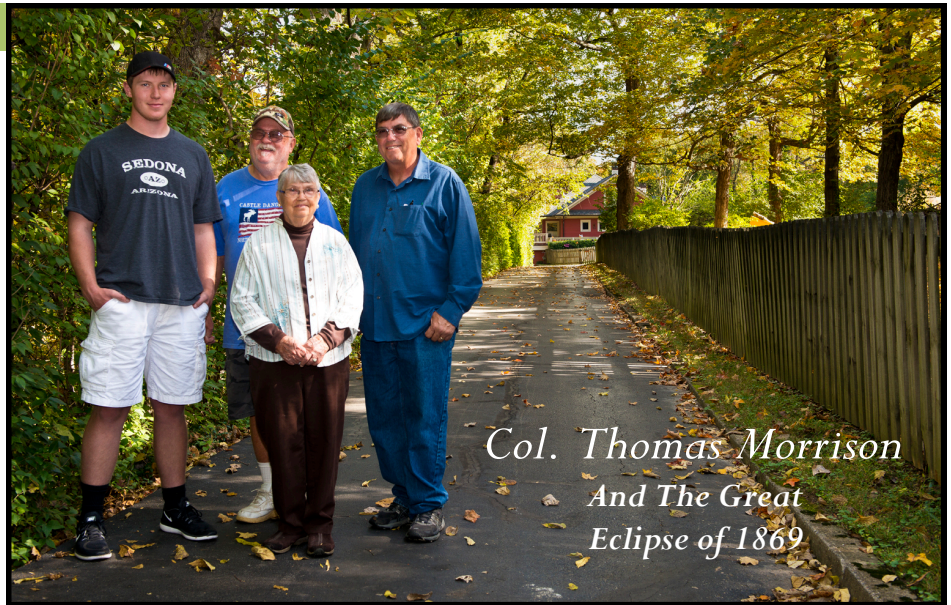


name, Stonehenge, by the original owners, William and Anne Lewis circa 1891. The Ellis family were widely known for their love of the sport of tennis. Pictured: *Charlie Ellis, Bill Ellis, Karen Sanders, Jerry Ellis, Nancy Ellis, David Gohmann, John Stein, Harry Carnighan, Wiley Ellis, and Mark Gohmann.*

the 1930s. The event featured a lovely reception with wonderful food, and music by the Jamie Aebersold Band. Hundreds of people attended the event, which beautifully illustrated the historical prestige of Ridgeway Avenue.

**Morrison
Family Descendants**

*From the left, Ian Thomas Guthrie
Morrison, Franklin Tracy Morrison, and
Jack Marion Stampler, Jr.
Centered: Catherine Louise
Morrison Stampler*



*Col. Thomas Morrison
And The Great
Eclipse of 1869*

The lunar eclipse that occurred August 21, 2017 inspired the Society's fall historical presentation held October 22, 2017. The event told the story of the Great Ellipse of 1869 as observed on Col. Thomas Morrison's property on Caney Knob (Silver Hills). Col. Morrison's home was perched on the east side of the knob with a commanding view of New Albany below. On August 7, 1869

an entourage of scientists and observers set up newly developed telescopes and scientific equipment on Col. Morrison's property to study the eclipse. The eclipse in 1869 marked the first time scientists could fully study a lunar eclipse during totality. Dr. Gerald Williger, from the University of Louisville, was our keynote speaker. He had everyone captivated minutes after

opening his presentation. Four Morrison descendants traveled from Virginia and Minnesota to join us to participate in the event. They are pictured above standing in the road leading back to the property Col. Morrison purchased in 1867. He served in the Civil War, where he was captured once and wounded twice. He and his wife died in 1903 and are both buried on the property.

Looking Ahead

Crestview An Historic Event June 2018

Crestview was developed in 1946, not long after the end of WWII. Johnathan Gandy was the original owner of the property. Born in 1777, he came to New Albany from Maryland. In 1852, at the age of 75, Johnathan sold the 40+ acres to Reece McMullen and his wife. The McMullens set aside land for a cemetery, which still exists today. Crestview is very much a part of Silver Hills. In the 1920s and 30s locals used the land to hunt quail, rabbit and squirrel. In 1950, Marian and Jim Thornton built one of the first houses in Crestview. It is a lovely dark red brick tutor-style house located on Crestview Drive just off Sunset Drive. The property behind the house provides a panoramic view of New Albany and the valley below looking east. The June event will be about the history of Crestview and the founders, plus the opportunity to tour the lovely Thornton home. Date and time to be announced.

The Silver Heights Camp Ground was established in 1888. The first Inter-State Holiness Association meeting was held July 26 through August 5, 1888. July 25, 1888, the New Albany Ledger reported, "a large Tabernacle in which the worship will be held is the central feature of the encampment. This is surrounded by

Silver Heights 130 Year Celebration October 2018



fifty canvas wall tents." The wooden Tabernacle building on the site today was built in 1892. The event will celebrate the 144-year history of the camp beginning with a short service in the Tabernacle followed by a formal dinner and the unveiling of a historical marker. Date and time to be announced.



Harry Elsby Carnighan, a member of the Society, passed away November 21, 2017 at the age of 89. Harry was born April 30, 1928. He was one of the last residents on Silver Hills to live his entire life on the Hill. Harry's mother, Dorothy Elsby Carnighan came to New Albany in 1918 when her father, Samuel Joseph Elsby, moved the family to Silver Hills from English, Indiana. Samuel purchased, Edgemont, a large three-story house on Adams Street built by Jefferson S. Conner in 1891. The Carnighan family lived next door in Edgemont Cottage. Harry learned to fly in 1946. He is pictured next to a Piper J3 Cub on the day he first soloed. Harry was 17. He barnstormed his way across Southern Indiana for several years before he married Mary Ann Steinhauer of New Albany.

George Everbach

was inducted into the New Albany High Hall of Fame September 24, 2017. George was a three-sport star while at New Albany earning all-state honors in football. With the help of his football coach, Forrest McCaffry, George received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1956. Alexander Hamilton first proposed the idea of developing a military academy. It was Thomas Jefferson who established West Point

Mary C. Tuley (\$500 - \$1,000)

Caesar, Robert & Jean
Carnighan, Harry Elsby
Carnighan, Kelly & Barbara
Everbach, Nancy & George
Elsby, Ruth Anne & Robert
Means, Mary
Stein, Nicholas F.
Westbrook, Linda (Tuley)
Wilson, Elizabeth & Michael

G.W. Morrison (\$200 - \$499)

Cody, Peggy & John T.
Knable, Al & Jessica
Thornton, Mary Anne
Wolff, Carla & Tom

Resident (\$100 - \$199)

Breece, Susan & James E. III
Brown, Helen & Ken
Gohmann, Myra McCrickard & Steve
Hammer, Helen "Bunny" Shaw
Humphrey, Gary
Kraft, Dottie & Kurt
McIlvoy, Debbie & Bob
Pruitt, Betty
Sisk, Elsa Haddad & John R.
Sonne, Irvin & Diane
Stinson, Daniel
Tate, Patricia & Michael
Wolford, Mary Kay & Carl

Honory Members

Caudill, Anne F.
Daugherty, Dorothy
Hammer, Helen "Bunny"
Roberts, Dorice
Stein, John E. Jr.

General Membership

Alpha Club
Anderson, Jim
Anshutz, Steve
Banet, Anne
Banet, Mr. & Mrs. Gerry
Barksdale, David & Debbie
Barlow, Sue & Fred
Barr, Sarah E.
Becht, Steve
Bedan, Fran & Rick
Berry, Mia Maudlin & Sebastien
Blunk, Lorene & Richard
Bodner, Winnie & Louie
Bonn, Candice
Bourdeau, Jerry Jordan Ellis

2017 Membership List

Bowling, Beth
Bregle, John E.
Britton, Eileen, Jerry & Thomas

Bryant, Albert
Bundy, Mary Lynn
Bundy, Molly
Campbell, Holly
Cannon, Barbara
Cannon, Tom

Carnes, Margaret
Cicarella, Ann (Carnighan)
Clear, Karen & Pete

Conlee, Peggy
Coulter, Katie
Craig, Jan & Ron
Crone, John
Culwell, Diane S.
Denny, Joyce R.
Detenber, Cathy & Steve
Dodge, Victoria (Gohmann)

Ellis, Raymond Charles II
Ellis, Wiley William
Elsby, Robert & Ruth Ann
Endris, Nathan
Epler, Kent & Rick Milburn
Eplion, Cherie & David
Erni, Betty
Farmer, Lois M.

Finn, Jill
Fry, Geneva & Jim
Garner, William
Gilstrap, Tim
Gohmann, Julie & Stan Farrell
Grace, Diana & Jack
Gray, Barbara (Baker)

Greckel, Fay E.
Gregorinci, Nancy (Ellis)
Guarnaschelli, Monica & Dominic
Hall, Mary M.

Hamilton, Bob & Michelle
Hammer, Sue
Hansford, Carol Sue
Hansford, Leslie Anne
Hardy, Gayle
Huffaker, Alice (Sloan)
Hawkins, Bonnie & Leland W.
Hawkins, Lynn A.
Haywood, Rod & Linda Stein
Hess, Charlotte
Hess, Lois
Hesselman, Jim & Cary Wiger

Hicks, Linda (Kelso)
Hobble, Joe
Hobbs, Christina & Tim
Hocker, Carol
Holland, Christine (Kelso)
Holwerk, Colleen & David
Hottois, Michael & Georgette Kleier
Houchen, Mary Ann

Irvine, Rebecca & Robert
Jakoby, Gary & Kristina
Janes, Julie M.

Jenks, Richard
Johnson, Susan & Gregory
Kaelin, Suzanne
Kelso, Emilie
Kelso, Robert
Kiger, Paul R. II
Kraft, Ben & Katie
Kraft, Bobby

Krupski, Annette K. & Kevin J.
Lewis, Barb & Gerry
Lindgren, Britt Marie
Lipps, Bobby
Lopp, Debra & John
Lorch, Vivian & Buz
Maetschke, Sharon & Bill
Manning, Ric & Jeannene
Mason, Kay

Maudlin, Mia & Sebastien Berry
McDonald, Ernest
McClure, Cecile
Mean, Mary (Terstegge)
Meyer, Jason, Andrea & Family
Miller, Meegen & Kyle
Minnich, Deborah A.

Minnich, Alex
Minton, John
Mullineaux, Carrie & Dick
Murphy, Diane M.

Munroe, Susan & Richard
Naville, Stephen
O'Daniel, Deanna
Offit, Anne (Garner) & Ronald
Parker, Eloise Kelley
Peters, Pam & Kurt
Price-Hobbs, Christina & Tim
Proctor, Tiffany
Rahe, Steven
Randolph, Meghan & Kirk
Richards, Greg & Cindy
Rider, Barbara

Robinson, William & Donna
Roos, Tammy & James
Ruckman, David
Ryan, Rhiannon & Michael
Samsel, Sandra & Dennis
Stark, Mary R.
Schamel, Julie & Steve
Schremser, Tara & Chris
Schroeder, Marcia
Schultz, Mike & Jenifer
Scott-Downs, Susan Jane
Senn, Rita & Bob
Shope, Gregg Kaiser
Sidebottom, Janice & Jamie
Smith, Brook
Smith, Ruth
Smith, Sara
Spears, Stella
Speed, Savanna
Sprecher, Kirsten & Jeremy
Stein, Emma
Stein, Jim & Gail
Stein, Louis & Paula
Stein, Nancy
Stein, Pete & Martha
Stern, Walt
Streepey, Robert & Helen
Stumler, Pat & Irv
Summers, Edward
Sutter, Katie & Chris
Trinkle, Lore & Bob
Tuley, Naydeen
Tyler, Scott & Alison
Walker, Susan & Jim
Whitus, Laura Whelan
Wilcox, Lynda & John
Williams, Paul & Carolyn
Wilson, Linda & Bruce
Witt, Loretta
Witt, Linda K.
Wolfe, Alice (Erni)

Officers

Director – Kelly Carnighan
Co-Director – Robert Caesar
Secretary – Ric Manning
Treasurer – Jim Stein

Board Members

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Robert Caesar
Nancy Everbach
Dr. Alfred Knable
Pat Stumler