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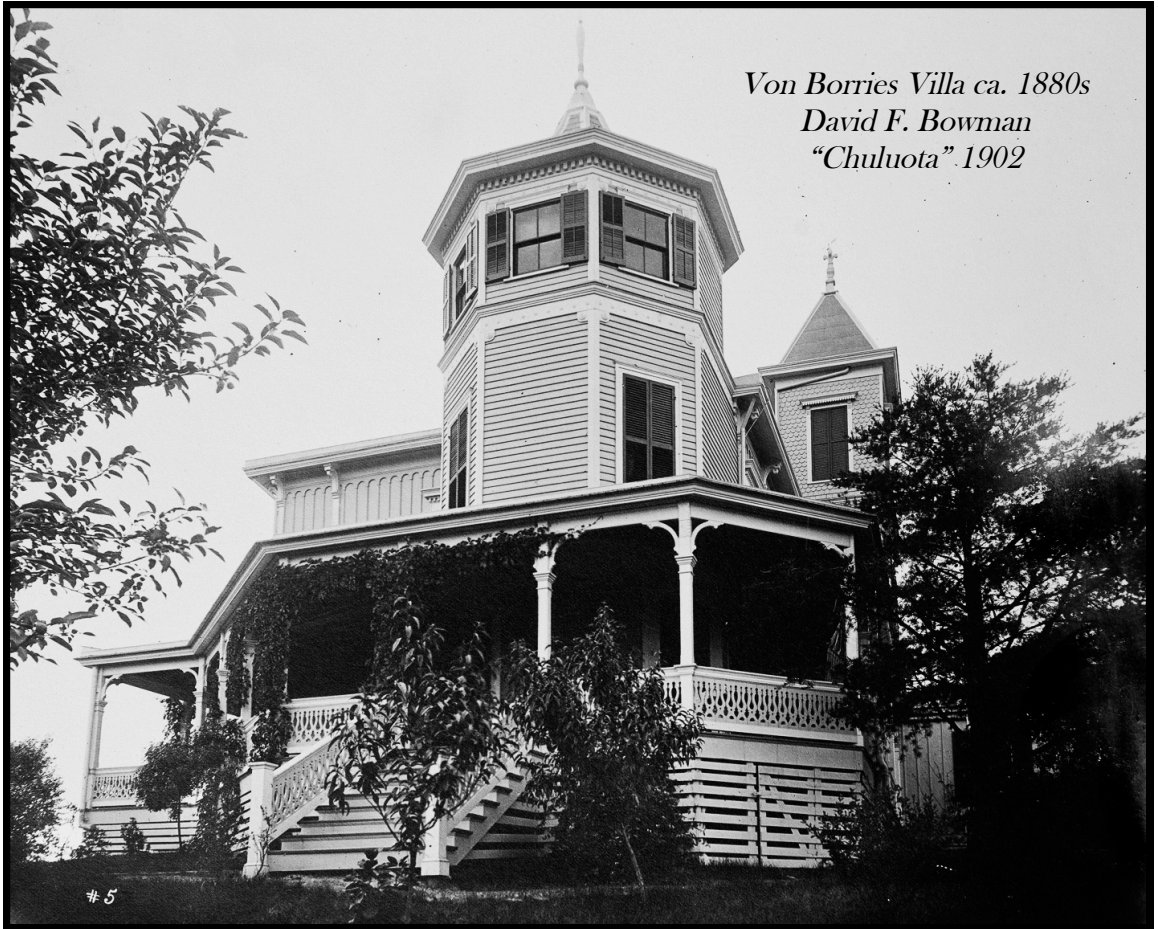
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*Right is the front
of the Von Borries
Villa. Below is the
driveway from
Vincennes Road.
Photos courtesy
the Silver Hills
Historical Society.*



*Von Borries Villa ca. 1880s
David F. Bowman
"Chuluota" 1902*

Crestview, Silver Hills was developed in 1946. It has been regarded as a separate subdivision from Silver Hills but history tells us otherwise. Native Americans, indigenous to southern Indiana, called the knobs west of the city Silver Hills for the silvery reflection the trees emitted at various times during the seasons. In 1832, Jonathan Gandy purchased the 40 acres by patent from the government land office in Vincennes, Indiana. Jonathan sold the land to Reece McMullen on October 2, 1852. Reece's occupation is listed in the 1860 Census as farmer. He and his wife, Mary, farmed the property



and raised six children. In the southern portion of the property they set aside land for the McMullen cemetery. There are no records of anyone buried there but the property remains an official cemetery today. In 1862, Reece McMullen sold 1.75 acres in the northeast corner adjacent to

Vincennes Road, or Boiling Springs Road, to James Hyslop. The land was located on a hill overlooking the entire 40 acres. James was from North Carolina. The 1870 Census listed him living in New Albany, Floyd County, occupation, fruit grower. The McMullen family continued to farm the remaining acres until 1864 when they sold it to John O. Green. A year later, John sold the property to his brother Peter T. Green. In 1873, Peter sold the farm to James W. Conner and his wife, Ellen. James was a steam boat captain. His son, Harvey S. Conner, became a pharmacist in New Albany. Harvey and two

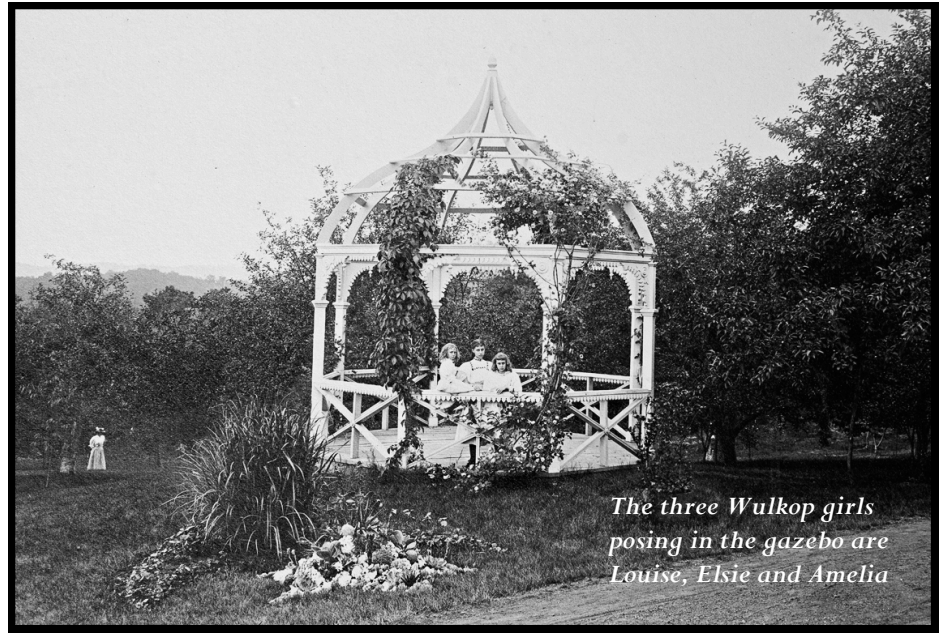
other men founded the Silver Heights Camp on Silver Hills in 1888 and organized the Ohio Falls Holiness Association.

The land James Hyslop bought became the focal point of the 40 acres when two men from Louisville bought the property on May 6, 1884. Frank Von Borries and his brother-in-law, Frederick H. Wulkop, purchased the property and built a large three-story home sporting two towers and a wrap-around porch. From the hill, they had a spectacular view looking south over the farm. Frank Von Borries was the son of a prominent German family of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1864, his father, Juluis Von Borries, founded the prestigious firm of Von Borries & Company, located at 521 W. Main Street in Louisville. The firm dealt in clothier and tailor supplies. Baxter Avenue in Louisville was formerly Von Borries Avenue. The August 29, 1890 addition of the New Albany Evening Tribune reported the passing of Julius C. Von Borries, Frank's brother.

"J.C. Von Borries died last night at French Lick Springs.. The deceased was well known in this city, having spent two seasons at the Von Borries villa on the Silver Hills."

In 1890, Frank sold his interest in the villa to his brother-in-law. In 1897, Frederick died leaving the property to his wife, Mary Louisa. She and her daughters remained there until May 12, 1902, when Mary sold the beautiful home and property to David F. Bowman and his wife, Carrie.

David and his wife were pro-



The three Wulkop girls posing in the gazebo are Louise, Elsie and Amelia

minent residents of New Albany. David was born in Pennsylvania in 1857. He was first connected with the New Albany Woolen Mills then later established a business on West Main Street. He was a close friend of John Gebhart, founder of the New Albany Water Works on Silver Hills, the Silver Hills Highland Railway, President of the K & I Bridge Company and Superintendent of the New Albany Woolen Mills. David was instrumental in the sale of the New Albany Water Works and Silver Hills Highland Railway to Samuel Insull of Chicago between 1903 and 1905. David and his wife lived in the old Von Borries house off Vincennes Road at a time when Silver Hills was rapidly expanding. Carrie was an active member of the Alpha Club, founded in 1895, and hosted the Alpha Club many times at their home, "Chuluota". Chuluota has several meanings: "Isle of Pines", "Pine Island" but specifically, *"beautiful place."* The Courier-Journal social column described their activities taking place at "Chuluota", Silver Hills. Their property was considered

A part of Silver Hills.

—The Alpha Club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. David Bowman at her home on Silver Hills.

David passed away in January of 1916. In August, Carrie sold the property to Conrad Hertlein. From then on what happened to the Von Borries Villa is a mystery. It's not known how much longer after 1916 the house survived. By the mid 1930s it was no longer standing and survivors of that time recall nothing more than a farm house on the Crestview property. There was a hedgerow separating the land from what is today Sunset Drive. It was also noted the property was still being farmed.

In 1946 three men, Tilford Orbison, Wallace Rutherford and Frank de Villa of Silver Hills, purchased the property and platted the land for development. Tilford was a lawyer, Wallace was in real estate and Frank was a builder. These men were a perfect combination of experts to carry out the establishment of Crestview.

Crestview. The name was derived much like other property on Silver Hills. Oakland Heights, the Gwin property, was named for the large standing oak trees. The Elms, the Roberts property, for the Elm trees, and Hill Crest, the Terstege property as it was located at the crest of Silver Hills on Knob Ave. Crestview Drive is located at the crest of the knob commanding a panoramic view of the valley below, so it was a befitting name for the new residential site. The three men were neighbors on Riddle Road, Silver Hills. On December 26, 1946 Crestview plat no. 634 was entered into record signed by Tiflord Orbison, Wallace Rutherford,

and Frank de Villa beginning the creation of Crestview.

Development work began in 1946 and continued through 1948. By 1949 four families had built houses and moved to Crestview: Clarence Lopp, Henry Evans, Daniel Cannon and Robert Galloway. By 1951 there were 14 residents. Between 1951 and 1959 Crestview exploded. Woodland Road and Westwood Lane had been developed and there were now 64 residents living in what was once an open farm. Harry Carnighan, who was born on Silver Hills in 1928, said he hunted quail on the property and in 1947 he claims he landed a

Piper Cub there. Frank Riley remembers the hedgerow separating Sunset Drive and the farm, recalling there was nothing more than a small farm house on the property.

Whatever became of the beautiful Von Borreis Villa is anyone's guess for now. All that is left are historic photographs of a time and place that once was grand in appearance and as history claims, was very much a part of Silver Hills.

*Photographs Courtesy
Silver Hills Historical Society*



The Crestview Historic Event was held at the home of Fran and Rick Bedan, formerly the home of James and Miriam Thornton, located on Crestview Drive. The beautiful English style two-story house sits on the edge of a hill with a panoramic view of the open country below. James Mathew Thornton and his wife, Miriam Moser Thornton, built the house in 1956.

James and Mariam were married on January 20, 1945 not long after James returned from active duty in the Navy where he first served on the USS Gunnel,

a Gato-class submarine. He was later transferred to the Archerfish, a BALAO-class sub where he served out his duty in the Pacific until the end of WWII. His primary duty was Torpedo and Gunnery Officer. James was a native of New Albany. He was born on January 10, 1920 to James A. and Ann L. Thornton. Mariam was also a native of New Albany. She was the only child born to Julius C. and Irma Moser. Julius was the son of George Moser, founder of the George Moser Company, formerly the Moser Leather Company. A German immigrant, George came to New Albany and founded the Moser Leather Company in 1878. He passed away in 1914 and his sons George Jr., Julius and Karl took over the company. James and Mariam purchased lot 4 in Crestview in 1954 and on the same day Miriam's father, Julius, purchased lot 3 as a gift to his daughter and son-in-law.

E. P. Hutchins of Louisville was commissioned for the design work. Construction was put under contract with Earl Embry of New Albany. Once completed, the house became their home where they raised two children, James J. and Mary Ann. James and Miriam lived in the home for 58 years. After Miriam passed away in 2014 their children sold the house to Frances and Rick Bedan. Frances is from South Bend and Rick is from Jeffersonville, Indiana. Much of the Thornton furniture remains in the home today including a lovely grandfather clock in the entryway next to the front door.

*Pictured on the previous page -upper left - Chris & Sarah Hellman, and Mary Means of Louisville (Mary is a descendent of the Terstegge family of Silver Hills).
Pictured - lower left - Steve & Myra Gohmann, and Beth Bowling.
Pictured to the right is Chris & Tara Schremser, and Rick Bedan*

The Society would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fran and Rick Bedan for opening their home for tour and for hosting the evening event. We also want to thank Nancy and George Everbach for again sponsoring the hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Those who volunteered to help make the Crestview Event a success include: Bob Caesar, Barbara Carnighan, Rachel Gish, Nancy Stein, Paula Stein, Pat Stumler, and Ric Manning.

Looking Ahead

Tuley Avenue Historical Marker Dedication

Tuley Avenue was constructed by the Tuley family. The Tuleys owned Highland Farms on the south side of Silver Hills from 1823 to 1912. Construction of the road began sometime in the late 1860s. The drive was also referred to as Tuley Carriage Way. The name was eventually changed to Main Street Road because the avenue began at the foot of Silver Hills off West Main Street. Main Street Road was officially closed in 1979.

The Silver Hills Historical Society plans to install a historical marker on Tuley Avenue just below Highland Avenue sometime late August or early September. The marker will identify and document the historical road.

Decedents of the Tuley family will be on hand for the dedication. Eugene Tuley passed away on December 4, 2016. The marker was sponsored by Linda Tuley Westbrook and her family.

The date and time will be announced in a special flier, which will be mailed to everyone on Silver Hills. Come join us for the short dedication ceremony in tribute to one of the first families to make Silver Hills their home.

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 fifty canvas wall tents." The wooden Tabernacle building on the site today was built in 1892. The event will celebrate

Silver Heights 130 Year Celebration Sunday, October 21, 2018



the 130-year history of the camp beginning with a short service in the Tabernacle followed by a dinner in the Parnell Center and the unveiling of a historical marker. The event will be open to the community by reservation. Seating for this event will be limited. An RSVP card will be mailed. If you wish to attend the event, please return the card. Details of the event will be mailed in advance of October 21.