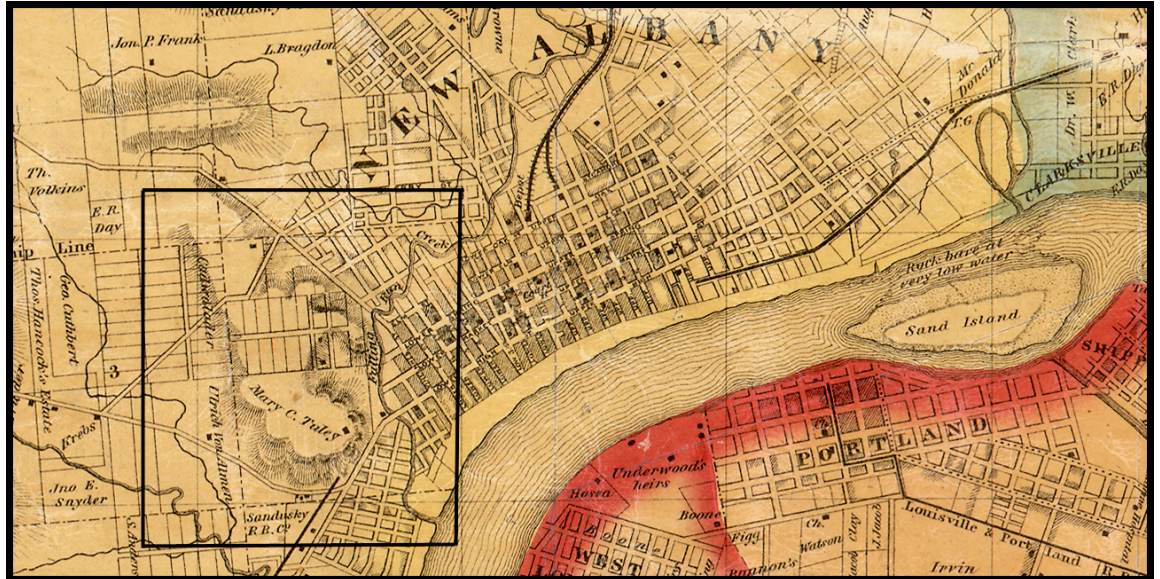




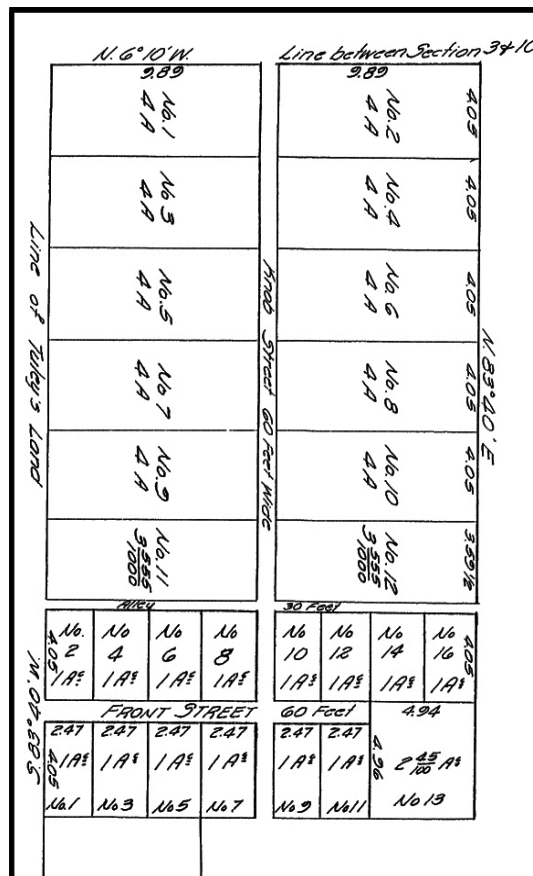
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1845 - Maps and Plats - 1932



The map above is of Jefferson County, Kentucky in 1858. It was by chance an incredible find. The map includes Jeffersonville, Clarksville, and New Albany. The New Albany portion clearly illustrates Caney Knob (Silver Hills) as it was in 1858. The map identifies the location of structures. Look closely, and you will see four square blocks on the knob identifying the location of four structures. George Ashton's residence was located on the north side of the hill, Squire George W. Tuley's residence is depicted on the south side of his mother's (Mary Tuley) property. The two on Front Street (Asahel Clapp plat 169) is where the George Morrison residence was located.



Cherry Street Hill Road is clearly identified, and what is Adams Street today is shown running west where it continues at an angle down to the Corydon Plank toll road. Camp Avenue Hill Road wasn't developed until 1888. It is located on the map along the hatched line running north and south. The Corydon Plank Road toll booth was located at the foot of Camp Avenue Hill. The road off Adams Street angles down to Corydon Pike most likely served as a short cut from State Street to Corydon Pike, and possibly a way to by-pass the toll booth. It was likely abandoned after Camp Ave Hill was built.

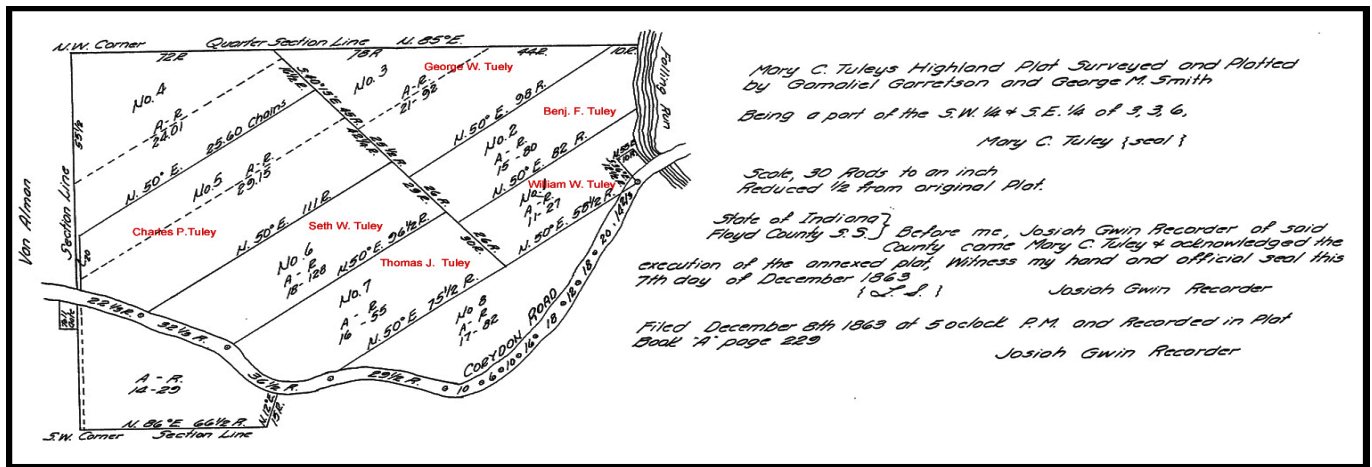
The 1858 map gives us a clear idea what was on Caney Knob (Silver Hills) 167 years ago.

Asahel Clapp plat 169, 1845.

Asahel Clapp plat 169 was the first real estate development on Caney Knob (Silver Hills). Dr. Clapp, New Albany's first physician, came to New Albany in 1817. He purchased property on the Knob west of the city from the Scribner brothers in 1822. It wasn't until 1845 when he divided the property into individual lots for sale. Dr. Clapp is credited for the construction of Cherry Street Hill. Cherry Street Hill Road was then the first road to the Knob. Dr. Clapp appropriately named the main road through the plat, Knob Avenue. He named the road on the east end of the plat, Front Street, which is today Spring Hill Drive. Spring Hill Drive, originally Ciffton Ave wasn't developed until the late 1860s.

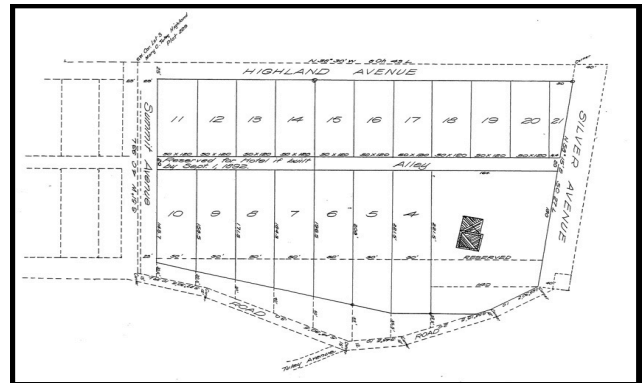
The second plat on the Knob was established in 1863 when Mary C. Tuley subdivided her property and sold each section to her children.

It wasn't until 1891 when the property on the Knob began to be subdivided into individual lots for sale, and the residential community of Silver Hills was established.



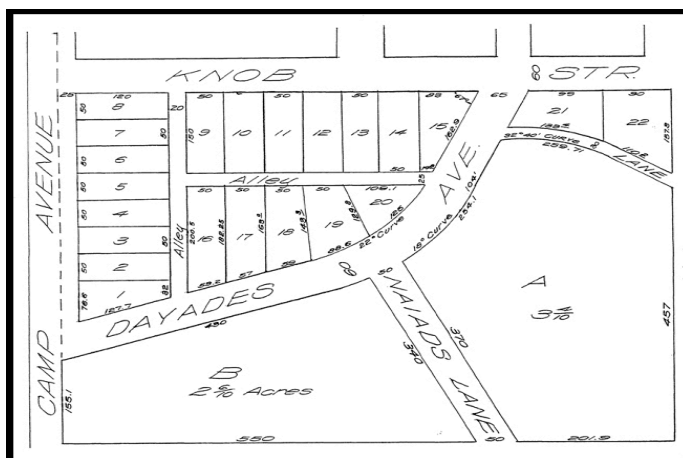
Helfrich Plat

The opening of the Highland Railway trolley car in May of 1890 marked the beginning of the development of the residential community of Silver Hills. In April of 1891 when George Philip Helfrich established plat 382 (right) on Highland Avenue. The structure depicted on the plat is the residence belonging to George Tuley. It is where Greystone Gables is located today.



Oakwood Plat

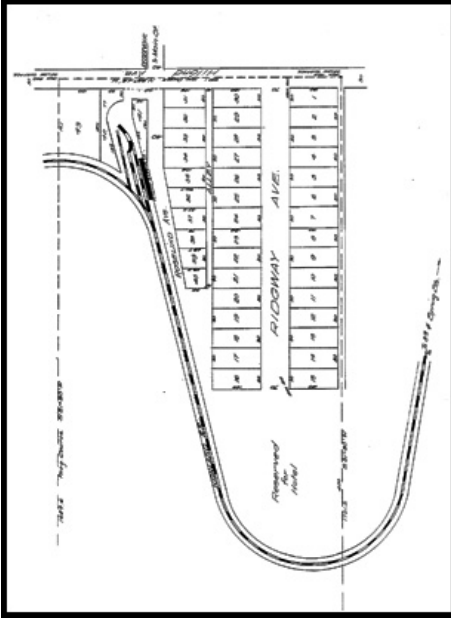
Oakwood (left) was the second plat developed in May of 1891. Andros Huncilman, a local realtor, and his wife, Annie, along with Raph S. Windstandly, established Oakwood across the street from the Silver Heights Camp. It was home to Oakwood Park, a park set up for the community of New Albany. For many years the property was home to vendors and merchants catering to the camp grounds, including the occasional sale of alcoholic beverages.



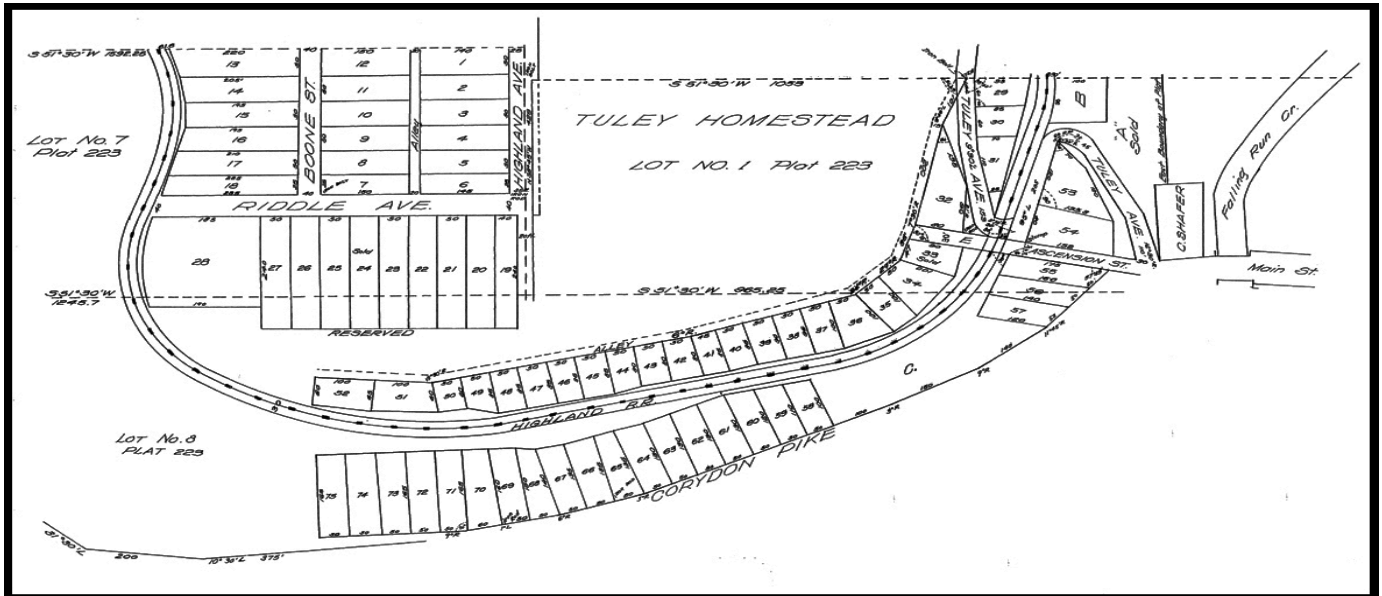
Ridgeway Plat

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Col. William W. Tuley Plat



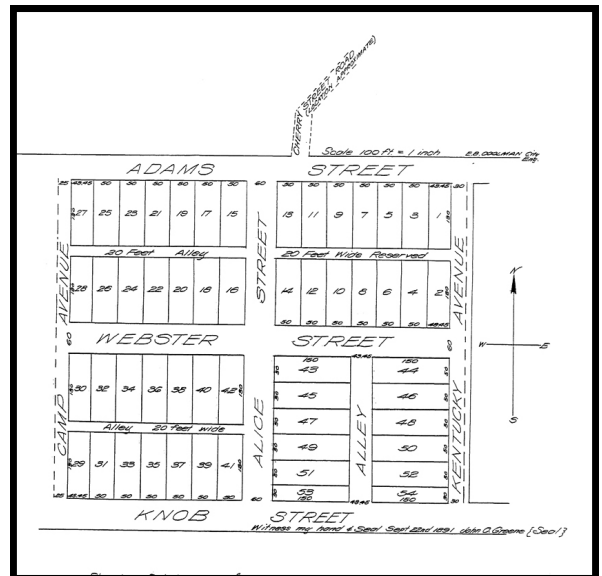
In August of 1891 Robert F. Burk, a local realtor, and John F. Gebhart, the man behind the development of the Highland Railway trolley car line, purchased a section of Tuley property and established Ridgeway plat 383 (left). At the same time, Col. William W. Tuley and his wife, Charlotte Riddle Tuley, subdivided an area west, east, and south of the their homestead (below). The Tuleys developed lots along the hillside along the Highland Railway line, and down along Corydon Pike. A road off Tuley Ave (Main Street Hill) led back to the lots. A few



houses were built on the side of the hill. Several foundations still exist today identifying their location.

John Owen Greene Plat

In September of 1891, John Owen Greene who owned some 23 acres of land on the north side of the Hill, subdivided part of his land where he established a plat between, Maple Lane (formerly Kentucky Avenue, Adams Street, Knob and Camp Avenue (right). Alice Avenue was named after his daughter, Alice Greene, founder of the Silver Hills Alpha Club in 1895. Webster Street was never developed, or if it was, it was for only a short time before it was vacated.

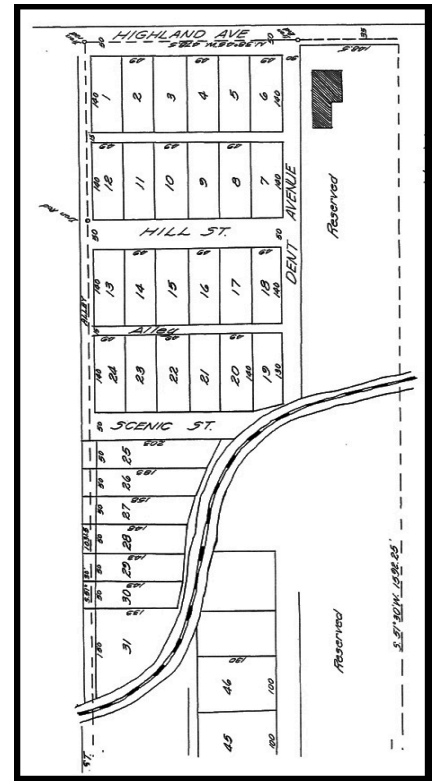
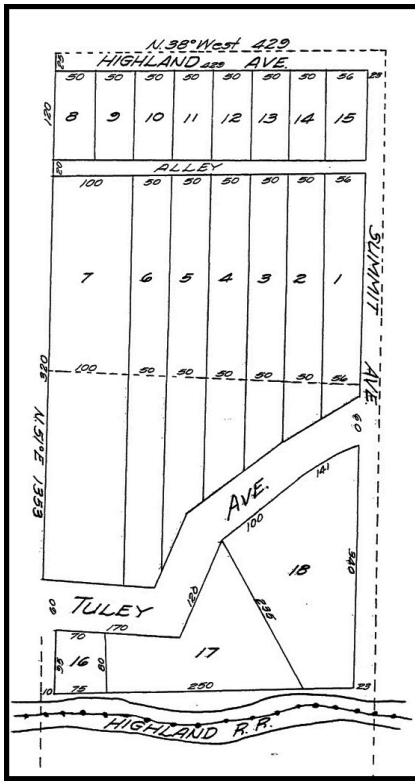


Plat 481

In October 1891 the following prominent businessmen of New Albany purchased Tuley property and established plat 386 (left). Joseph V. Reed, George Philip Helfrich, Charles R.W. Ressce, Henry E. Jewett, Fred Sauer, Robert W. Morris, Raul Reising of Reising Brewery, Charles L Jewett, and Frank Gwin.

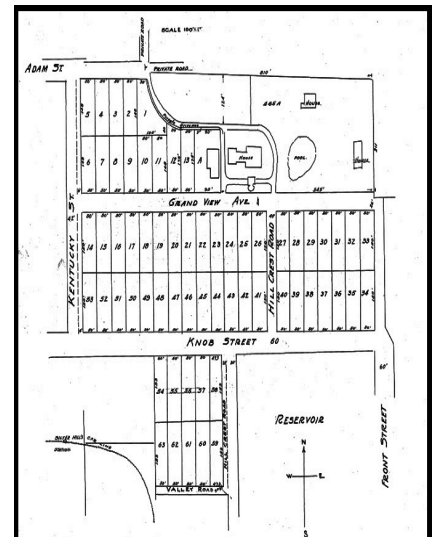
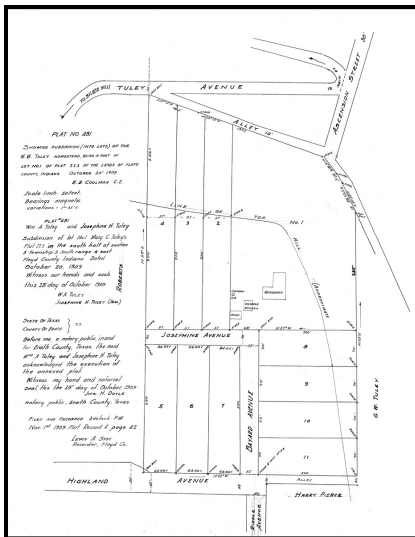
Kelso Plat

In the 1880s, James V. Kelso purchased the property formerly owned by Seth Tuley. In 1892 James subdivided the land and established plat 386 (right).



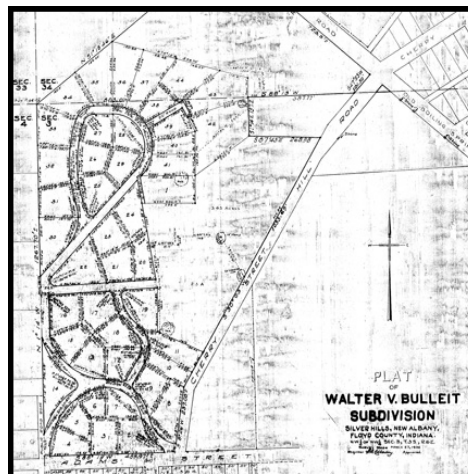
Tuley Plat

William and Charlotte Tuley both passed away in 1902 leaving their homestead to their only child, William Addison Tuley. Addison and his wife subdivided the property in 1909 establishing 11 individual lots (left). Josephine Avenue was named for Addison's wife, and what is Riddle Road today was originally given the name Bayard Ave for Addison's son, Bayard Tuley.



Walter V. Bulleit Sunset Subdivison

Walter and Elizabeth Bulleit bought the J.O. Greene estate in 1915. In 1932 the Bulleits subdivided the property into individual lots and established Sunset Drive. Walter died in 1936. Elizabeth sold their house to Sherman Minton in 1941.

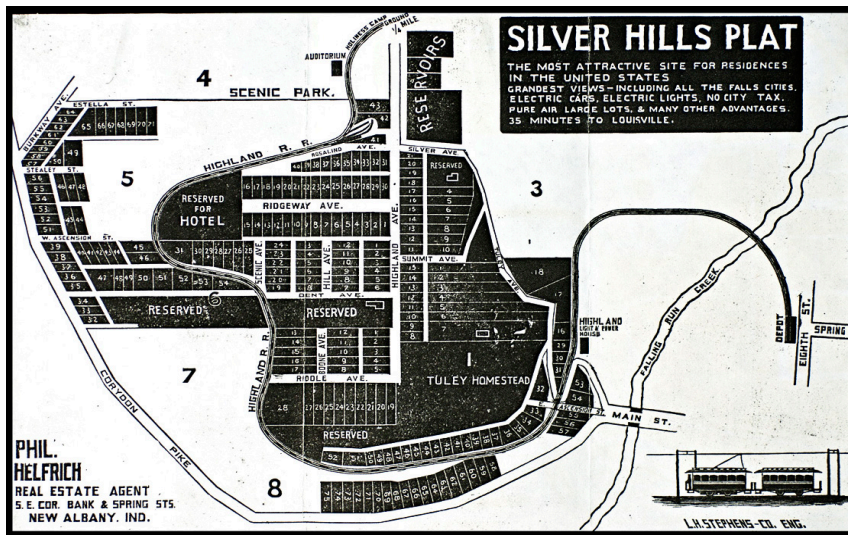
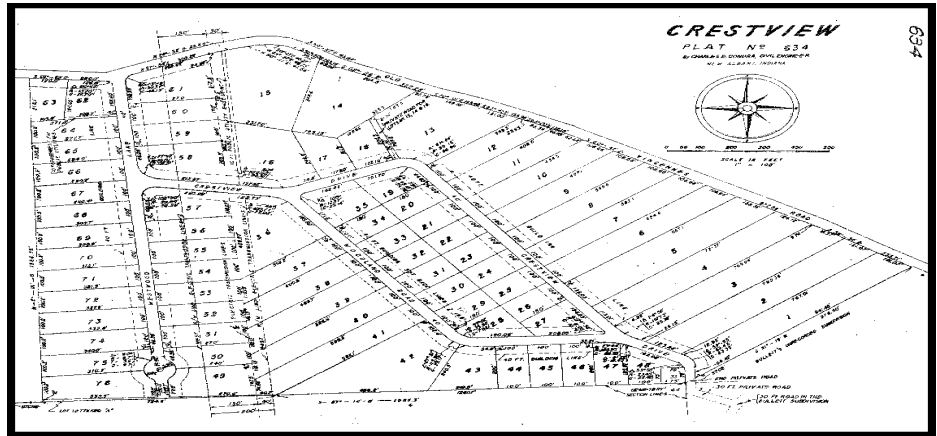


Terstege Property

Henry Terstege of New Albany purchased the home and estate (above) from Morris McDonld in 1891. Henry died in 1912. In 1916 the property was subdivided into individual lots. Jessie Paul bought the house and property sometime in the 1920s. The house was destroyed by fire in 1926.

Crestview

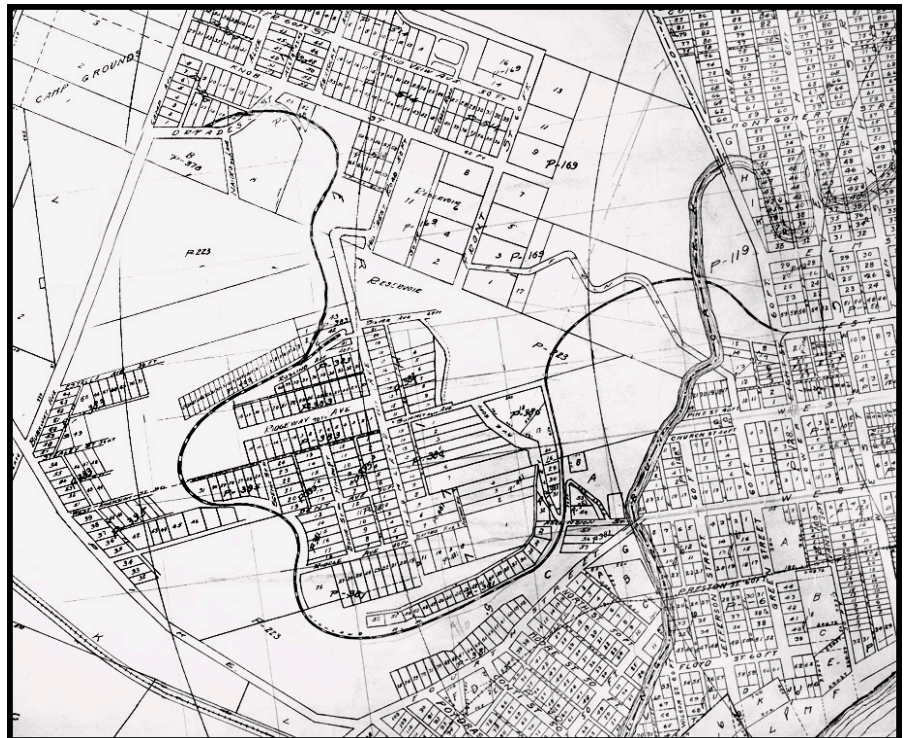
Crestview (right) was the last of the Hill to be developed, when in 1946 Frank De Villa, a builder, Telford Orbison, a local lawyer, and Wallace Rutherford, a realtor, purchased the land and divided it into 78 lots.



Silver Hills Plat

The Silver Hills Plat (left) is the most iconic plat establishing the residential community of Silver Hills. The plat was published in a Silver Hills prospectus, believed to have been written by George Philip Helfrich in 1891. It clearly depicts the lots laid out and the New Albany Highland Railway that provided transportation to the Hill from West Spring and Eighth Streets.

The map (right) is of New Albany in 1924. The map was cropped to focus on Silver Hills and the Highland Railway. Actually, in 1924 the trolley car line was the Highland Railway division of the Louisville and Southern Indiana Traction Company. This is the only map that exists today depicting the entire trolley car line as it ran from West Spring Street to the Silver Heights Camp. It also details all the property subdivided on Silver Hills in 1924. Sunset Drive was still part of the Bulleit farm. There were no lots north of Adams Street.



*Silver Hills Plat Courtesy Floyd County Library
Plats Courtesy New Albany Records Office*

1924 Map of New Albany Courtesy Indianapolis Public Library

Gohmann-Hayes Reunion

Barbara Hayes, Elizabeth Gohmann's daughter put up for adoption in 1932 was finally reunited with her family on Silver Hills. The full story was published in the Society's December newsletter. Barbara came to New Albany May 2, 2021 to meet her family, and tour the Gohmann family home on Riddle Road.



Pictured: Barbara Hayes, Karen Sanders Clear, Jim Stein, Linda Stein, Victoria Gohmann Dodge, Pete Stein, John Stein, Jr., Steve Gohmann, Emma Stein, Nancy Stein, Jenifer Stein, and Paul Gohmann (the Stein family's mother was Eva Gohmann Stein)



Easter Parade

It's fun watching history being made. Morgan Sprigler put together a Silver Hills Easter Parade in 2020 during the peak of the COVID pandemic. It was a huge success. On April 3rd of this year, Morgan put together another Silver Hills Easter Parade. Friends and neighbors gathered along the streets of Silver Hills to celebrate the Easter Parade. Sandy Samsel is pictured (left) with her nephew, Aaron William. Yet Another moment in the evolving history of the Hill.

Nature Trail Update

The installation of the water line to the tank on Silver Hills was completed when in late spring the Indiana American Water Company and contractor planted an estimated 450 trees along the entire length of the construction zone. Two new volunteers, Mike Price and Tim Wheat (right), helped Bob Caesar and Kelly Carnighan to install split rail fencing and hand railings on the part of the Market Street Hill Road trail where the trail was cleared and cut to allow heavy equipment access to the work zone. Scott Tyler happened to be walking the trail and volunteered to help us transport material to the work site. The area where one can view the old stone column (ca. 1868) on the Market Street Hill Trail has been fully restored. One of the original cut stones for the column was found



buried on the Market Street Hill road trail. It is on display. The entire trail is now open again for all to enjoy. Restoration materials were made possible by a \$3,000 donation from Infrastructure.

In Loving Memory

Frank Z. Riely,

Gerry Lewis

James T. Eiler



Frank Zinsmeister Riely, 91, passed away on January 5, 2021. Frank was the last surviving resident who lived most all of his life on Silver Hills. Frank's parents, John C. and Gertrude Riely, purchased property on the south side of Dent Avenue from the Stoy family in 1937, there the Riely family built their home. Frank was seven years old when he moved to Silver Hills. From that day on Frank fell in love with Silver Hills, where he quickly became good friends with all the Hill kids and their families. Frank's claim to fame growing up was his participation in the publication of the *The Weekly Disappoint*, where he served as Errand Boy & Reporter along with Co-Editor, O.P. Hartman, Jr., John Minton, and Charles and Robert Kelso.

Pictured: Frank Z. Riely & his daughter, Jenny Riely Plasencia

James (Jamie) T. Eiler, 72, of Silver Hills, passed away May 4, 2021. Jamie was a member of the Silver Hills Historical Society along with Janice O'Rear Sidebottom. Both lived on Highland Avenue in the house originally owned by John and Leota O'Rear, parents of Janice O'Rear Sidebottom. Jamie was a historian best remembered for his portrayal and reenactment of historical characters. He had a knack for finding the most intimate details of one's past life then bring that detail to life. Jamie was active in New Albany's Stories Behind The Stones, presented every fall at Fairview Cemetery, Tale Talk, Corn Island Story Telling Festival, Locust Grove First Person Redactors, and Six Gun Entertainment. Jamie is standing to the far right in the picture (left) at the Heritage event sponsored by the Silver Hills Historical Society, where he portrayed Squire George



Pictured: Mandy Dick, Eugene Tuley, Janice Sidebottom, Linda Tuley Westbrook, and Jamie Eiler

W. Tuley. Jamie leaves behind his significant other, Janice O'Rear Sidebottom of Silver Hills.

Gerry Lewis, 81, passed away January 9, 2021. Gerry and his wife, Barbara were members of the Silver Hills Historical Society. Gerry was a graduate of New Albany High School in 1957, and a graduate of Indiana University School of Business in 1961. Gerry was a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army, where he served 30 years both Active and Reserve. He received multiple awards which included the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Award (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and The Army Commendation Medal. Gerry greatly enjoyed coming to the Society events and visiting with his neighbors.



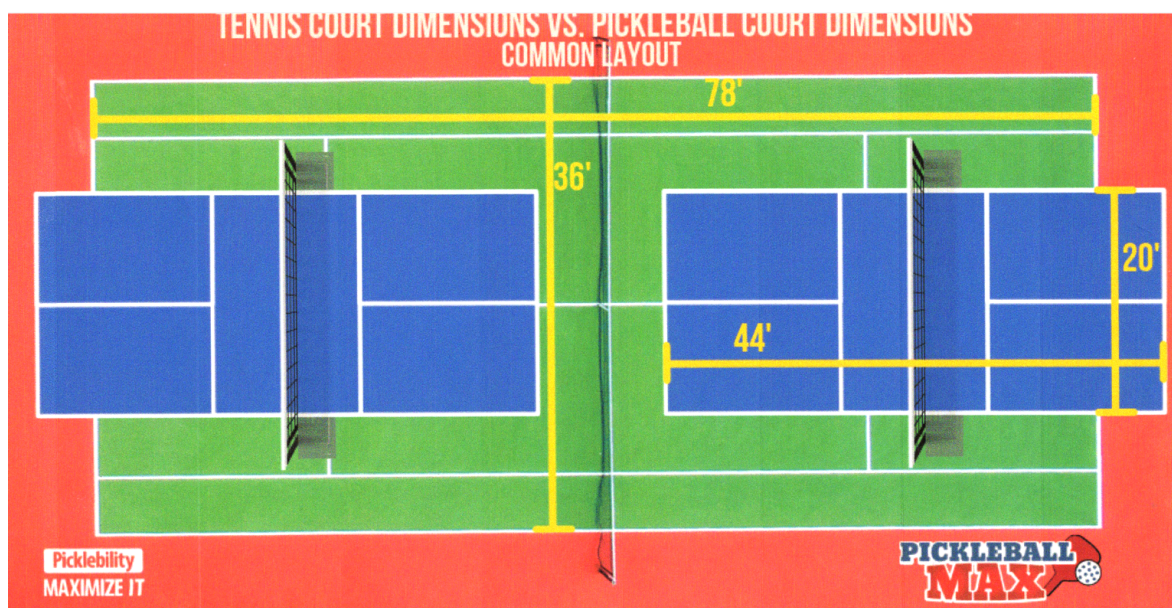
Fall Event

It's time for a party! Now that better than 70% of Americans are vaccinated and the COVID-19 social restrictions are being relaxed, the Silver Hills Historical Society is planning a fall dinner event at the Silver Heights Camp Grounds. The Society will cater a dinner to be held in the Parnell Center. This will be an open event to all who wish to join together for an evening of good cheer. Mark your calendar now for Sunday, October 3, 2021. Fliers detailing the evening event will be sent out closer to October.

The historical tradition of the popular sport of tennis will continue on Silver Hills. In 1906, the Highland County Club built the first two tennis courts on Silver Hills. Since then Silver Hills has been home to 12 courts. The Wiley Ellis clay court was the first of two iconic courts established on the Hill. The Benjamin tennis court was the second most popular court. The Ellis court existed for close to 30 years, and was where most, if not all, the Hill kids learned to play tennis. The Benjamin court was built around 1972 about the time Wiley Ellis passed away. The Benjamin court then became the center of tennis on Silver Hills where two generations of men played tennis every Saturday and Sunday morning all year round in some of the most inclement weather. The Benjamin court last saw play in 2012.

Kelly Carnighan has purchased the Benjamin property where the court is located, and will fully restore the tennis court for the community of Silver Hills, hence, preserving the tradition of tennis on Silver Hills. The court will be lined for tennis, pickleball, and a basketball goal will be installed.

Nancy Stein and her daughter, Rachel Gish, have launched a capital campaign to raise money to be used for the restoration. The court will remain in the Carnighan family indefinitely, and will always be open to the community of Silver Hills. There will only be one pickleball court. The illustration below shows two.



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