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**Supreme Court Justice** 

Sherman Minton

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**Celebrating 10 Years** 

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James E. St. Clair, April Minton Kieser, and Linda C. Gugin



Minton family: Sherman, John, Gertrude, Sherman, Jr., and Mary Ann *ca 1935* 

The Silver Hills Historical Society closed out the year with the Fall Historical Event November 6 drawing 90 plus attendees. The story of the life of Sherman Minton was presented by Linda C. Gugin and James E. St. Clair, authors of the book, Sherman Minton: New Deal Senator, Cold War Justice. Our special guest was Sherman Minton's granddaughter, April Minton Kieser,

daughter of Dr. Sherman Minton, Jr.

The Minton family lived on E. Market Street. They moved to Silver Hills in 1928, where they rented a house on Highland Avenue, built in 1892 by Fanny DePauw, wife of Washington C. DePauw. The Mintons moved back to East Market Street only to return to the DePauw house in 1933. In 1941, the Mintons bought the Bulleit home located on Cherry Street Hill Road.

Sherman was born in 1890 in the small town of Indiana. Georgetown, He attended New Albany High School where he excelled in his studies, notably, the debate club, as well as in sports - baseball, track, and football. Sherman continued his education when in 1911 he enrolled at Indiana University.

Sherman's real break in higher education came when he won a scholarship for a year of postgraduate study at the Yale University School of Law.

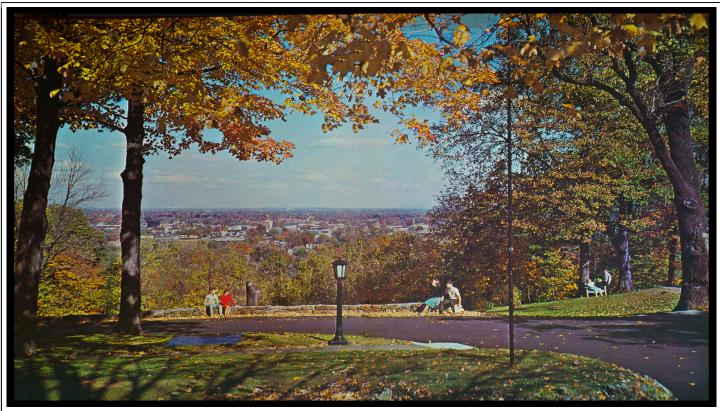
The young man from Georgetown began to practice law but his real interest was in politics. His first attempts to run for political office failed, so he returned to practicing law. It would not be until 1935 when he was elected to the U.S. Senate from Indiana.

In 1941, Sherman was nominated and confirmed for the

Chicago-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He believed making law should be left up to the state and federal legislatures and not the judges. Minton felt it was a judge's responsibility to uphold the laws, a belief he carried with him when he was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1949. Sherman's most notable contribution came when he penned the court's opinion ending the 'Separate But Equal' doctrine in education, а landmark civil rights case. Sherman retired from the Supreme Court in 1956.

The Minton family were our neighbors and friends. Gertrude loved children. She welcomed the neighborhood kids when they asked to play in her front yard.

Sherman died in 1965. Gertrude sold the house three years later and moved east.



The picture above is of the first turn on Main Street Hill Road, formerly Tuley Avenue, below Highland Avenue. The photograph was taken by Chase Studios of New Albany for the 1965 New Albany High School yearbook. The picture appears at the front and back of the vearbook, what is referred to as end sheets. It's a full two page spread capturing the view of New Albany from Silver Hills. The photograph is remarkable in that it documents a scene framed by beautiful old maple and oak trees, an old stonewall, benches, a vintage street lamp, and a wellmanicured grassy knoll. Residents and friends were welcome to sit and enjoy the grand view of New Albany.

The picture includes one of two vintage electric street lamps that lined the sidewalk in front of the what was originally the Highland Country Club. It's not known when the lamps were first installed. If one had to guess, they were installed either by the Highland Country Club or by Henry Prinz.



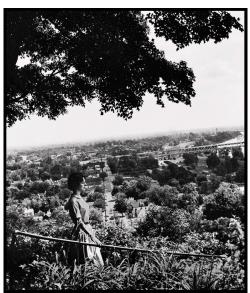
The property once belonged to the Highland Country Club founded in 1906. The clubhouse was located on the hill above the first turn facing the scene in the photo above. The Highland Country Club existed until 1912 when the property was sold to Charles Kelso. A women's club, possibly the Alpha Club, were interested in the property but it was eventually converted into a residence. In 1921, Henry Prinz bought the old clubhouse where he lived with his wife, Blanch, until his death in 1979.

Henry was born in 1881 in Louisville, Kentucky. He had one child, Winfield Prinz. Henry had a passion for automobiles. In the picture to the left, Henry is sitting in the front of a vintage European car next to the driver.

Henry owned the Model Baking Company in Louisville, KY. In 1919, he purchased a lot on Pearl Street between Spring and Elm in New Albany, where he built a new plant, and moved his baking company. There is a picture of the plant in New Albany on the next page. The delivery trucks parked out front date the picture ca. 1920s.

With the help of a gardner, Henry kept his property on the Hill in immaculate condition. The picture in the 1965 New Albany High School yearbook clearly illustrates the stunning beauty of the property in front of and across the street from Henry's house.

Silver Hills offered striking views of New Albany and the Ohio River valley below. The panoramic scene from the Beeler's front yard was captivating. Russell and his wife, Inez, welcomed everyone to come sit and enjoy the view, of what would become known as





Beeler's Point.

The Point was a popular location for photo shoots for proms, weddings, and scenic pictures. The picture to the left is of Meri Anderson Krebs, editor of the New Albany High School yearbook in 1962. The image was captured at Beeler's Point with the view of New Albany in the background. She is standing on steps that led from the Beeler's front vard down to Ascension Street, where it connected

to the Silver Hills trolley car line at the Main Street Hill Road crossing. Like the Main Street Hill scene, the picture of Meri taken at Beeler's Point illustrates one of several grand views from Silver Hills.

> Photograph Left, of Meri Krebs Courtesy Meri Krebs

Photographs of Henry Prinz and of The Model Baking Co. Courtesy Nicholas Stein

<u>In Loving Memory</u>

Beverly Jan Craig Mary Catherine Osbourn Wolford

**Beverly Jan Craig** passed away on November 22, 2022 after a long battle with cancer. She was 85. Jan was born January 11, 1937. A native of New Albany, she married Ronald William Craig of Silver Hills in 1957. Ron's parents, Roy W. Craig and his wife, Lucille, moved to Silver Hills in 1953, where they built a house on Crestview Drive. Not long after Ron and Jan were married they bought a home on Westwood Lane in Crestview. In 1973 they bought the house on Sunset Drive built and owned by Joe and Eileen Binford. The Binfords purchased the land from Elizabeth Bulleit in 1951, and built a lovely Bedford stone house. Jan was a member of the Silver Hills Alpha Club and Silver Hills Historical Society. She will be remembered as a dear friend, loving wife, and a dedicated mother to her family.

*Mary Catherine Osbourn Wolford* passed away December 5, 2022. She was 88. Mary was born on July 8, 1934. Mary married Carl H. Wolford in 1955. They moved to Silver Hills in 1992. Mary Kay was a retired schoolteacher where she was instrumental in establishing the Gifted and Talented program for the NAFC Schools. Mary Kay was actively involved in the community: Harvest Homecoming, Caesar's Foundation, Alpha Club, Spalding University, St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Mary and Carl were also active members of the Silver Hills Historical Society.

# 2022 Membership List

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Baker, Dan & Pamela Bedan, Richard & Frances Bergman, Mathew & Jessica Breece, James E., III Breece, Tony Caesar, Robert Cody, John T. & Peggy Everbach, George & Nancy Gadjen, Sue Garner, James & Deborah Gish, Hanna Gish, Rachel Glordan, Susan Gohmann, John MD & Cindy Derer Gohmann, Steve & Myra Harritt, Hunter & Maria Holland, Dave & Christine (Kelso) Jakoby, Gary & Kris Janes, Julie Jenks, Rick & Ann Mason Kiger, Paul Kleier, Liza M Zavakos Knable, Al & Jessica Kraft, George Kraft, Paul Kraft, Stephen Lorch, Basil & Vivian Manning, Ric McClure, Jimmy Meyer, Jason & Andrea

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## Officers

Director – Kelly Carnighan Co-Director – Vacant Secretary – Ric Manning Treasurer – Rachel Gish

# Board Members

Kelly Carnighan Robert Caesar Paula Stein Pat Stumler James Walker

## 2023 - 2026 Board Election

The Board of Directors serves a three-year term. Terms expired at the end of 2022. The Silver Hills Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting held at the Society Fall Event on November 6, 2022. Those nominated for election to serve the next three years were: Kelly Carnighan, Tina Kelso Holland, Bobby Lipps, Paula Stein, Nancy Stein, and Pat Leist Stumler. Those elected were: Kelly Carnighan, Tina Kelso Holland, Paula Stein, Nancy Stein, and Pat Leist Stumler. The votes for Tina Kelso Holland, Nancy Stein and Bobby Lipps were very close. Since Nancy had served as a Board Member in the past, she offered to step aside to allow Bobby Lipps to serve on the Board. Bobby gladly accepted Nancy's offer, and will serve on the Silver Hills Historical Society Board for the next three years.

The Society Board will meet in January to appoint a new Director, Co-director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Anyone interested in serving as an officeer, please contact Kelly Carnighan @ 502-494-0840 or email us at <u>Silver, Hills@twc.com</u>.