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Highland Country Club Historic Event
Saturday, May 31, 2014

The Silver Hills Historical Society hosted an historic event Saturday, May 31, 2014. May 31st was the 107 year anniversary of the grand opening of the Highland Country Club c. 1907. The original clubhouse is the lovely home of Nicholas Stein located at the top of Main Street Hill Road, formerly Tuley Avenue. Articles of Incorporation were filed the week of January 5, 1906 and state, "the object and purport of this association is to build a club house for the use of members, and for the promotion of social and outdoor amusements. It is the intention to build a clubhouse sufficiently large for receptions, social gatherings and dances, with a bowling alley in the basement." "The land contains several level stretches upon which several tennis courts will be established commanding a fine view of the Ohio River Valley. It is the intention of the Club to have a pleasant resort in the

pure atmosphere of the breezy uplands in which to hold entertainments of proper character, concerts, dances etc.... the house of the Highland Country Club will surpass any near New Albany and Louisville on account of its delightful location. The beautiful building is situated at the brow of the Silver Hills, overlooking the cities, and affording a magnificent view of the bridges, cities, the valleys and the distant Kentucky Hills."

With Nick's enthusiastic support, the Silver Hills Historical Society staged a reenactment of the grand opening of the Highland Country Club. An estimated 100 people turned out for the celebration, which took place from 4 to 6:30, the afternoon of May 31st. Music, refreshments and a historical presentation provided guests with entertainment "of proper character."

We thank Nick and his family for opening their lovely home for the historic event. "Hundreds" were present at the grand opening reception c. 1907. "All were loud in their expression of praise and admiration for the pretty and comfortable home." We also want to recognize Nancy and George Everbach for providing the refreshments. Nancy worked with Lilly's in Louisville to cater the event. Nancy & George, we thank you. A silent auction was held to help offset expenses and support the Historical Society. The auction was well received grossing \$3,000. We thank those who graciously donated items and who generously participated in the bidding.

Special guest – Mayor Jeff Gahan.

The event was dedicated to Nick's late wife, DeeAnne Stein.

Milton Pritchett Architect of Ridgeway



Photo c. 1892

Pritchett Collection

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July 2, 1892, two days before the 4th of July, Milton Pritchett had the picture above taken of his house on Ridgeway Avenue. His wife, Mary Pritchett, and his daughter, Lois are seated on benches along the sidewalk. Mary is in the white dress and Lois to the left. The house is draped and windmills line the medium in celebration of Independence Day. This is the first house built on Ridgeway. On August 21, 1891, Milton Pritchett bought two lots for \$1,000 from J.F. Gebhart and Robert E. Burk. The deed stipulated a house set at a minimum value of \$1,500 had to be built on said property within one year or the \$1,000 would be forfeited and the deed annulled. Milton and Mary Pritchett married in 1881 and had one daughter, Ethel Lois Pritchett. Lois was living at home when her parents divorced; she remained at home with her mother, Mary, until her mother's death in 1932. Her father had moved to Bedford, Indiana. Shortly after her mother's death, Lois' father moved back with Lois until his death in 1939. Lois sold the house around 1962 and moved off the Hill. The house was torn down and a new house built in its place. Lois passed away in 1966.

Milton Pritchett was the principal of the New Albany School of Design and later taught at the DePauw College. He is attributed with the design of the five original houses on Ridgeway Avenue, including his own. He had offices in both New Albany and Louisville. In addition to being an architect, Milton was an accomplished wood carver. Two of his works survive in the present-day St. John Presbyterian Church, the communion table and lectern.¹ Pictured right is a small wooden shoe matchstick holder carved by Milton Pritchett, courtesy the Alpha Club. Mr. Pritchett also contributed illustrations for the Silver Hills Advantages, a real estate prospectus promoting the wonderful attributes of living on Silver Hills c. 1892.



¹ Information provided by David Barksdale & Greg Sekula

Looking Ahead we are planning our next historical event Saturday, October 25, 2014. The Silver Hills Historical Society and the Silver Hills Neighborhood Association will host a pot luck dinner at the Silver Heights Camp Ground Parnell Center at 5:30 P.M. The historical presentation will be about the Tuley homestead with actors portraying several Tuleys who lived on Silver Hills. Special guests will be direct descendants from the Tuley family. Come meet the Tuleys and enjoy an evening of stories.

John O. 'Jack' Endris 1932 – 2014

Jack's Home Changes Hands Bringing To A Close 112 Years Of The Endris Family On Silver Hills



Photo c. 1893

New Albany Illustrated

John Otto 'Jack' Endris passed way Monday, February 17, 2014 at the age of 81. Jack was born November 16, 1932 to Joseph Otto and Gertrude Endris. Joseph Otto Endris was the son of John Otto and Mary G. Terstegge Endris. John Otto founded Endris Jewelry in New Albany in 1880. John Otto and Mary G. Terstegge Endris had four children: Edith Rosina Endris Kannaple Joseph Otto Endris, Cletus Emil Endris and Florance Gertrude Endris Furlong. Joseph Otto and Gertrude had two children: Joyce Endris & **John Otto 'Jack' Endris**. Mary G. Endris was the sister of Henry Terstegge. Henry Terstegge bought Morris McDonald's beautiful

beautiful home on Silver Hills in 1891. It was known as the "Towers". Morris McDonald built the home in 1883. The "Towers" was located on what became an extension of Highland Avenue about a block from Knob Avenue. The Terstegge home eventually burned down (TBD). Henry's sister, Mary G. Endris frequently visited her brother on Silver Hills at the "Towers" not far from the property belonging to George W. Morrison. G.W. Morrison died in 1893, and the estate remained in the family until 1902 when Mary Endris purchased the land from the Morrison heirs. Mary and John owned all the property from Silver Hills Lane down over Spring

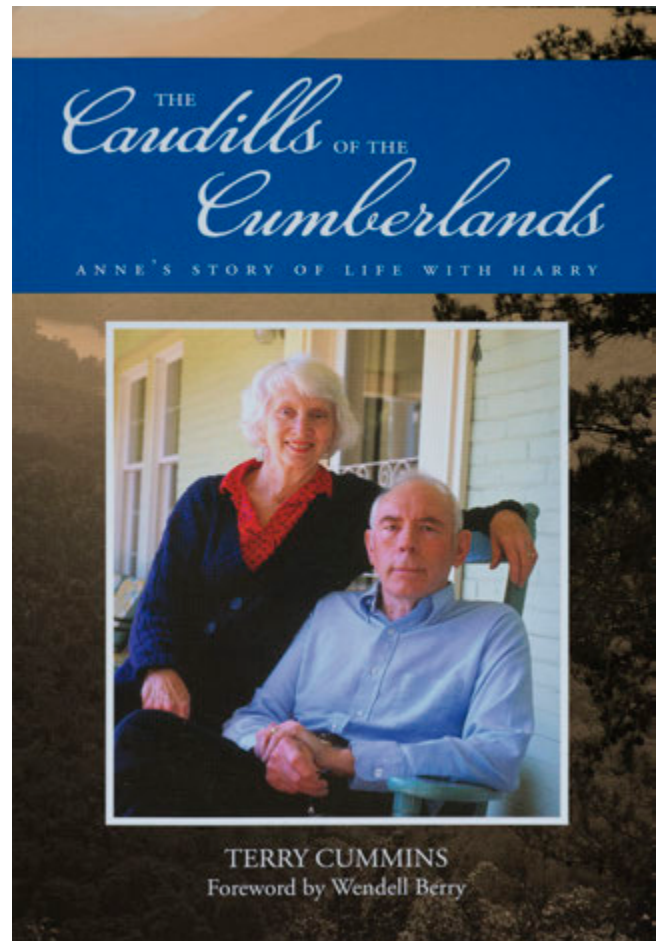
Hill Road to Falling Run Creek. John Otto and Mary Endris built a lovely home on the property and moved in to raise their family. Over time Florance Endris Furlong, Edith Endris Kannaple, Cletus Endris and Jack Endris built homes on the Endris estate. There were five homes in all. Four of the five houses are still standing today. The photo above is an image of the Morrison property c. 1893. The house on the hill is the home belonging to G.W. Morrison. This is the property which became the Endris estate. With Jack's passing and the sale of his house brings to a close 112 years of a beloved family on Silver Hills. *Visit our website for more information about G.W. Morrison and the Towers.*

Website is up and running. The Silver Hills Historical Society website has finally been completed and is live on the Internet. It can be accessed at SilverHillsHistoricalSociety.org. There are several categories, two in particular: **Learn**, and **Then & Now**. Under the Learn category there are five historical essays about the early years and the first settlers on the "Knob west of the City". Under the Then & Now category there are two photo slide shows we believe everyone will enjoy. More essays and photo slides will be added going forward, expanding the website's historical content. Historical events are posted under Looking Ahead. Send us an email with any questions or comments.

The Caudills of The Cumberlands Ann's Story of Life With Harry

Ann Caudill established residency on Silver Hills in May 1991. Ann moved to New Albany shortly after her husband, Harry, passed away. She bought a small house in Crestview adjacent to dense woods extending south and west down toward what was formerly Dawson Hollow. The setting is much like the hollows back in Whitesburg in the heart of the eastern Kentucky Mountains. Ann chose New Albany and Silver Hills to be near her daughter, Diana Grace. Diana and Jack Grace live on Adams Street across from the historic Edgemont estate belonging to Barbara and David Limeberry. Ann Caudill is a remarkable woman. She is best described in the book, *The Caudills of The Cumberlands – Ann's Story of Life With Harry*. Harry Caudill wrote the internationally acclaimed book, *Night Comes To The Cumberlands, A Biography Of A Depressed Area* published in 1962. Ann's story is filled with devotion, commitment, humor, tragedy, love for her family and their love of the Appalachian community. The author, Terry Cummins, conducted some 52 interviews with Ann over a course of a year. He recorded her stories then carefully edited the contents to write a delightful book. It was published in 2013. It's an enlightening and entertaining read, one I strongly recommend.

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