



*Silver Hills*  
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**Director's Year End Report  
October 29, 2012 to December 31, 2013**

The Silver Hills Historical Society finished out the first year on a high note. Articles of Incorporation were filed with the state of Indiana on October 29, 2012 setting up the Society as a nonprofit, incorporated organization. The IRS application for 501(c)3 tax-deductible status was filed in February 2013. The IRS approved the application this past October. Membership dues and donations in kind made to the Society during the year are now fully tax-deductible. The Silver Hills Historical Society has received \$11,388 to date. The treasurer reports \$6,558 in cash assets after administrative and event expenses.

On May 18, 2013 the Society hosted the first historic event opening the old trolley car line from Spring Street Hill Road to the Main Street Hill Road crossing for a one day line tour. A reception was held for members only at the site of Scenic Park, now the home of Nancy and George Everbach, following the line tour. The reception preceded the dedication ceremony of the first historical marker placed on Silver Hills documenting the New Albany Highland Railway trolley line c. 1891 to 1932. Some 300 people collectively attended the day's events.

The trolley car line was opened again October 26<sup>th</sup> for another one day tour, drawing families and individuals who missed the first tour. The Society's first historical presentation about William Russell Beeler was scheduled the same day in conjunction with the Silver Hills Neighborhood Association potluck dinner. Charles W. Arrington, author of *Wings Over The Falls, A Century of Aviation in Southern Indiana*, captivated a large audience for more than an hour with tales about Mr. Beeler's flying career and his special relationship with Charles Lindbergh. Mr. Arrington sold several books and donated a portion of the sales to the Society.





## Silver Hills Historical Society Annual Members Meeting

The year closed with the Society's first annual members meeting Saturday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The treasurer's report was read and elections for the Board of Directors was conducted. To fulfill the State's requirement of a minimum of three board members for filling the articles of incorporation, Nancy Everbach, Nancy Stein and Anne Banet agreed to make up the board for the first year. All three did an outstanding job the first year and were formally elected to terms of three years beginning January 1, 2014. At the conclusion of the annual members meeting the Board met to elect the Society's officers. The following were elected:

Kelly Carnighan, Director; Bob Caesar, Co-Director, Ric Manning, Secretary and Jim Stein, Treasurer. The meeting concluded with delightful entertainment by the St. Marks United Church of Christ Acapella Choir and a visit from Santa Clause. Anne Banet found a comfortable spot on Santa's knee. One can only guess what was on her list.

## Looking Ahead Historic Events 2014

### Tuley Home Tour

I had the distinct pleasure to meet three direct descendants of the Tuley family: Eugene P. Tuley, Eugene's daughter, Linda Westbrook, and Anna Owens. Eugene Tuley is the great grandson of Thomas P. Tuley, son of Mary Crane Tuley and brother to William, Benjamin, George & Seth Tuley. We have proposed hosting a home tour of the four historic Tuley homes on Silver Hills followed by a membership only reception to meet the Tuleys. We think it will be fun and interesting to have actors portray the Tuleys at each house. For example, we would have an actor portray Squire George Tuley and tell a short story about his life on Silver Hills. Of the four houses still standing today the one below is the only Tuley home, which has not been altered and is authentic to the original house. Date to be announced.



### Highland Country Club Re-enactment of The Grand Opening

May 31, 2014

The Highland Country Club is currently the home of Nick Stein. It's located at the top of Main Street Hill Road, formerly Tuley Avenue. The house was built specifically to serve the community as a Country Club for receptions, parties and dancing. There were two tennis courts available for the member's pleasure. The Highland Country Club opened May 30, 1907 with great fanfare by hosting a reception drawing 250 people. Residents of Silver Hills and prominent individuals from the city were in attendance. Nick Stein enthusiastically agreed to open his house for a re-enactment of the Club's grand opening celebration. Music, refreshments, a silent auction and a historical presentation will highlight the evening. The event will be open to Society members and Silver Hills residents by invitation only.

**Silver Hills Historical Society Website** - is a work in progress as we speak. With the help of Ric Manning we interviewed and received proposals from five web designers selecting the one with the easiest formatting and maintenance over what the others offered. I am currently working with the web developer now. With any luck we should have an active website up by February. What is really exciting about the website is there will be a category to view photo albums in a upscale slide presentation format with text. For example, read on.

**Milton Pritchett Photo Collection** – We recently purchased a collection of six original photographs taken of Mr. Pritchett’s house on Ridgeway including a picture taken just behind his house with the front view of one of the first trolley cars in the foreground *c. July 4, 1892*. Mr. Pritchett was President of the Design School in New Albany and architect of several of the first homes built on Ridgeway. He also provided sketches for the Silver Hills Advantages pamphlet, a booklet used to promote real estate on Silver Hills. What is really interesting, he made a sketch of his home for the Silver Hills Advantages booklet and the sketch is a direct copy of one of the photographs. This strongly supports the fact various scenes depicted in the Advantages booklet are of actual property on Silver Hills and not just an artist’s rendition.

## Roads to Silver Hills

### *Boiling Spring Road, Cherry Street, Tuley Aveune, Camp Avenue & Market Street Hill Road*

The first road to the Silver Hills began with the Boiling Spring Road. Boiling Spring Road was a main road into the City of New Albany from the Knobs. It connected to Old Vincennes Road below the Hill and wrapped around the base of Silver Hills connecting to West 8<sup>th</sup> Street at the foot of Spring Street. A wooden bridge was built where the road crossed Falling Run Creek. The stones for the support columns are still visible on both sides of the creek.

**Cherry Street Hill *c. 1850’s*** was the first road built to the Knob. Asahel Clapp, “pioneer” doctor in the City built Cherry Street Hill Road in the early 1850’s in anticipation of a great real estate boom. Boiling Spring Road connected to Old Vincennes Rd. at the foot of Cherry St. Hill making the Hill/Knob easily accessible from the City. The City connected Cherry Street Hill to State Street not long after Cherry St. Hill was opened. Old Vincennes Road ends at the foot of Cherry Street Hill. If you look beyond you can imagine the Old Boiling Spring Road, which is still visible in the woods today.



**Tuley Avenue & Camp Ave *c. 1867***. Both roads were built in 1867. The Tuleys built a private road from Main Street to their property referred to as Highland Farm and Clifton Heights. Mr. Josiah Gwin, Editor of the New Albany Daily Ledger, built Camp Avenue Hill the same year. His home was in “Oakwood” near Camp Avenue. *“With Cherry Street Road and the private roads of Messrs. Tuley and Gwin the difficulties of getting vehicles on the Knob*

*has been overcome.”<sup>1</sup>* Note, in 1867 there is no reference made to “Silver Hills”. The Hill has not yet been formally named Silver Hills.

**Market Street Hill Road *c. 1870*** Spring Street Hill Road as we know it today, “*a first class carriage road*” was built by G.W. Morrison and J.B. Winstandley in 1870. It was by far the most aggressive undertaking of all the roads to Silver Hills. The road required a bridge to be built to cross Falling Run Creek. At Ninth Street off Market an iron bridge was built and a road was constructed “*to a point west of the residence of Mr. Morrison*”. Mr. Winstandley owned the property where the Water Works was built in 1876. The name Market Street Hill Road was actually coined by the residents of Silver Hills.. The bridge was severely damaged in the 1937 flood, which forced the bridge to be permanently closed. The center support column is still standing today and can easily be seen from the Spring Street Hill Road in the winter months. The old roadway from the bridge is still intact. I believe this was the most widely used road of all being directly connected to the city streets.

## *Silver Hills Historical Society Members & Patrons*

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

Caesar, Robert & Jean  
Carnighan, Harry E.  
Carnighan, Kelly & Barbara  
Everbach, Nancy & George  
Wolff, Tom & Carla

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

Brown, Helen & Ken  
Gohmann, S. F. PHD & M.J.  
McCrickard PHD  
Hammer, Helen "Bunny"  
Stein, Nicholas F. & Elaine Waller

### Resident (\$100 - 199)

Breece, James E. III & Susan  
Garner, Mary J.  
Hawkins, Lehand & Bonnie  
Hess, Gloria  
Kelso, Emilie S.  
Lipps, Bobby  
Senn, Bob & Rita  
Sonne, Irvin & Diane  
Stewart, Scott & Christi  
Tate, Michael MD & Patricia MD  
Tuley, Eugene P.  
Westwood, Linda (Tuley)

### Honory Members

Daugherty, Dorothy  
Ellis, Margaret Jordan  
Hammer, Helen "Bunny"  
Hublar, Chester  
Roberts, Dorice

### General Membership

Barksdale, David & Debbie  
Bonn, Roger & Candice  
Bowling, Stanley & Carolyn  
Breece, Anthony T.  
Breece, James E. Jr. & Jane  
Brown, Gere  
Bundy, Molly  
Cannon, Daniel H. MD  
Cannon, David H. & Barbara  
Caudill, Anne F.  
Coulter, Katie  
Craig, Ronald W. & Beverly  
Culwell, Diane S.  
Denny, Joyce R.  
Detenber, Steve & Cathy  
Dodge, Victoria (Gohmann)  
Ellis, Wiley William  
Elsby, Robert & Ruth Ann  
Endris, Nathan  
Erni, Joe & Betty  
Finn, Jill  
Fry, Jim & Geneva  
Garner, William MD & Ann

Gohmann, Julie & Stan Farrell  
Gohmann, Kathleen  
Gray, Barbara  
Gregorinci, Nancy (Ellis)  
Hamilton, Bob & Michelle  
Hansford, Carol Sue  
Hawkins, Lynn  
Haywood, Rod & Linda  
Hocker, Carol  
Holland, Christen (Kelso)  
Hottis, Michael & Georgette  
Houchen, Mary Ann  
Huffaker, Alice (Sloan)  
Jakoby, Gary & Kristina  
Jinks, Richard  
Kelso, Robert  
Knable, Alfred MD & Jessica  
Kraft, Kurt & Dorothy  
Kraft, Ben & Katie  
Lorch, Mathew & Kelly  
Mason, Kay  
Maetschke, Bill & Sharon  
Manning, Ric & Jeannene  
Meyer, Jason, Andrea and  
Nora & Henry Meyer  
Minnich, Alex  
Minton, John  
Murphy, Diane  
Parker, Eloise Kelly  
Pruitt, Betty  
Rider, Barbara  
Schroder, Greg & Marcia

Schultz, Mike & Jenifer  
Shope, Gregg  
Sprecher, Jeremy & Kirsten  
Smith, Sara  
Stein, Jim & Gail  
Stein, Pete  
Streepey, Robert & Helen  
Stumler, Irv & Pat  
Summers, Edward  
Tyler, Scott & Alison  
Williams, Paul & Carolyn

### Officers

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

### Board Members

Anne Banet  
Nancy Everbach  
Nancy Stein

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*<sup>1</sup>The New Albany Daily  
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