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A look back at Blue Ash History...

This is Part 3 of our series on historic homes in Blue Ash. We'll continue to feature some of the other interesting properties in Blue Ash, including several homes built in the mid to late 1800s that have been designated "Historic Homes in Blue Ash" by the Blue Ash Historical Society.



4548 Ellman, Alpine, built in 1890. 2-story frame and siding home has 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths, consisting of 2,559 square feet, situated on an irregular lot 58 x 160.95 feet. It features a partial basement, central air, open frame porch and detached garage.

9360 Floral, built in 1865. 1-story frame and siding home has 6 rooms, 2 bedrooms and 1 full bath, consisting of 1,451 square feet situated on a lot 100 x 150 feet. It includes a partial basement, 2 open frame porches, balcony, and detached garage.



9519 Highland, Mission Baptist Church, built in 1890. 2-story frame and siding home is part of the Mission Baptist Church campus. It features 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, situated on an irregular 50 x 140 feet. There is a partial basement, 2 open frame porches, and a detached garage.

9527 Highland, built in 1880. 2-story frame and siding home with 2 bedrooms, 1 full and one half-bath, consisting of approximately 1,560 square feet situated on an irregular lot 52 x 160 feet. There is a fireplace, partial basement, attached garage, covered patio, 2 open frame porches and a utility shed.





The City of Blue Ash regrettably announces the loss of its Mayor, Thomas C. Adamec. Mayor Adamec passed away on August 30 while vacationing in France. He succumbed to complications related to an auto-immune disease which he valiantly battled for the last several years.

“Tom devoted his life to serving others. He was a great friend, husband, father, and mayor and will be sorely missed,” said Vice Mayor Marc Sirkin, “the City of Blue Ash has lost an important, caring leader.”

Mayor Tom Adamec was first appointed to Blue Ash City Council effective April 23, 2009, and elected to Council on December 1, 2009. He was sworn-in as Vice Mayor on December 2, 2013, and was sworn-in as Mayor on December 1, 2017.

Mayor Adamec served on the Charter Revision Committee, Civil Service Commission, Board of Site Arrangement/Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission prior to his election to Council.

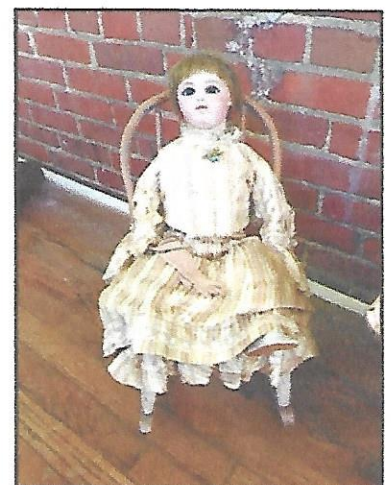
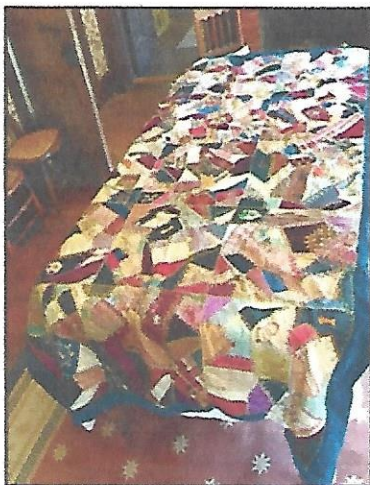
Mayor Adamec's activities in the community included serving on the Blue Ash Civic League, serving as a tutor at Operation Give Back, holding the office of Past President of the Sycamore Schools Planning Commission, member and past president of the Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary Club, past Board Member for six years on the OKI Regional Board of Governments, past Board Member/Treasurer of the Greater Cincinnati Master Gardener Association and Trustee/Secretary-Treasurer of the WBA Owners Association.

Tom is survived by his wife, Diane, and two daughters. One is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, while the other attends the University of Cincinnati; both daughters are graduates of Sycamore High School. He was 65-years-old. Services were held on September 9 at Summit Park.

New Acquisitions

We have recently received the donation of several items that were owned by members of the Hunt family. The quilt was made by Margaret Hunt (born 1846), and the doll and miniature furniture belonged to her daughter, Lilles. The donation was made by Ann Bunnes Tillinghast, Margaret's great granddaughter. It's

exciting to have items that were owned and handed down for several generations of the Hunt family! Be sure to check them out when you visit the Hunt House and Museum again.



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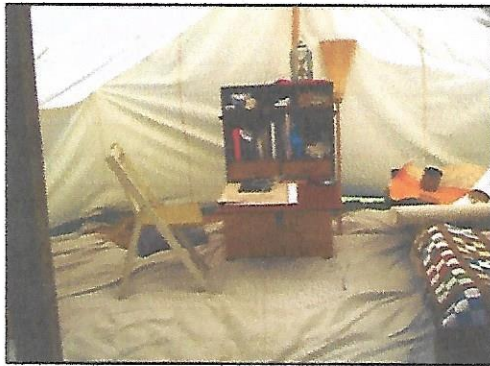
We have also received a stunning 126-piece set of Limoges china. The donor, Mr. Mark Bowers, visited our July open house and was attracted to our display of Limoges dinnerware in the dining room built-in cabinet, and decided on the spot to gift us with his great great-grandmother's treasured set. The set includes everything from individual butter dishes to serving dishes to large platters. We look forward to setting our table with this beautiful dinnerware, and thank Mark for trusting us with his family heirloom.



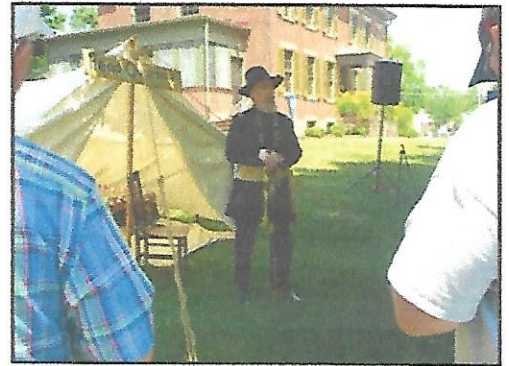
Lastly, Blue Ash resident Joyce Sikes has donated a 5-disc CD player so we can now have background music during our open houses, as well as a gas grill which will allow us to offer cook-outs at future events.

Thanks to all for their generous donations - they are very much appreciated!!

*Hunt House Welcomes General Lew Wallace**



Visitors to the July 13 Open House were treated to a presentation by General Lew Wallace (aka Bernie O'Bryan) as he described life in a Civil War camp and his participation in the Union Army. Guests were able to go into an authentic general's



headquarters tent and see the furnishings and resources that were available.

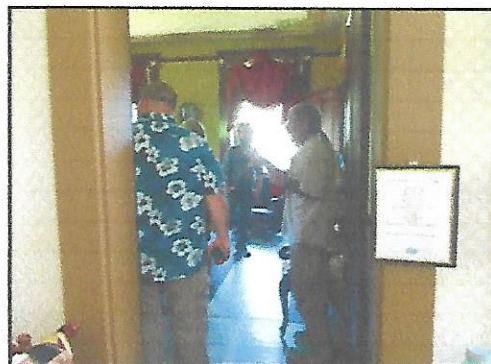


After the presentation, guests enjoyed the array of cookies and read about several of the Civil War monuments that are erected throughout Hamilton County.



As always, tours were available before and after the presentation.

Thanks to City of Blue Ash employees Peggy Behm and Nathan Doppes for their assistance with the event.



* Mr. O'Bryan's speaker's fee was provided by a generous grant from the Blue Ash Civic League. We thank them for their continued support.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We have been notified by the City of Blue Ash that a very hungry type of beetle has done considerable damage to the infrastructure of the Hunt House. It is estimated that repairs will take several months, and only city employees and contractors will be permitted in the building.

We have arranged to hold our October 12 program about Aviation in Blue Ash in the North Tower Room at Summit Park - there is no more appropriate place for a program about aviation than the former Blue Ash Airport!! See page 5 of this newsletter for additional information.

We will be looking for alternate locations where we can hold additional programs, invite speakers, and keep in touch with our friends and supporters. We will let you know once we have a new schedule worked out.

We will continue to provide updates through our website (blueashhistoricalsociety.org), Facebook page (Blue Ash Historical Society), and our quarterly newsletter.



Blue Ash Civic League Celebrates 75th Anniversary!



The Civic League began in 1944 when it was incorporated and was preceded by the Blue Ash Improvement League which began to meet in 1939 and the Good Citizens League which began meetings in the 1920s. These civic organizations have served the Blue Ash community since the early 1900s providing civic, social, and community services.

The Civic League building, located at 9306 Towne Square Ave in Blue Ash, was remodeled 3 years ago and is available as an excellent venue for banquets, meetings, graduations, birthdays, small weddings and most other occasions. The income generated through rentals of the facility is then donated back into the community's various worthwhile programs and organizations.

Some of the local organizations that the Civic League supports are the American Legion Post 630, The Wellness Community, Scholarships to UC Blue Ash, youth sports teams, and the PTO service programs. They also support and charter 3 BSA Scouting units - Boy Scout Troop 299, Cub Scout Pack 179 and the Venturing Crew 264. The Civic League is also the founding organization of the Blue Ash Memorial Day Parade.

The Civic League looks forward to another 75 years of encouraging and promoting the civic advancement of the City of Blue Ash and the welfare of its merchants and residents. The Blue Ash Historical Society salutes the members of this outstanding organization.

Join Us
Saturday, October 12

Aviation Comes to Blue Ash
Program will be at
Summit Park, North Tower Room
1:00 p.m.

Did you know that Blue Ash was the site of one of the first municipal airports in Ohio-first called Grisard Field, then Watson Airport, then Blue Ash Airport? Learn the history and importance of aviation and how it helped develop Blue Ash in the early 1900s and beyond.



Presented by
David Vornholt, Chairman
Cincinnati Aviation Heritage Society and Museum

In addition to a psychology degree from Ohio State, David can claim 16,000 flight hours, 400 Atlantic crossings, 100 Pacific crossings, one complete around-the-world-trip, and 12,000 hours in jet aircraft, as well as FAA and NBAA safety awards..

Speaker fee courtesy of Blue Ash Civic League

