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**Buckingham Lodge
1861**

Indian Hill Roads Commemorate American Political Leaders



John Adams was the second President of the United States (1797-1801). Born in Massachusetts and the descendant of Puritan colonists, he graduated from Harvard and was admitted to the bar in 1758. He supported patriot causes and advocated uniting the colonies. While representing Massachusetts at the Continental Congress, he was on the team appointed to draft the Declaration of Independence. After the Revolutionary War, he spent 10 years in Europe. “Bonny Johnny” served as the nation’s first Vice President. Then Adams narrowly won the election of 1796 to become President. During his term there was strife within his political party. His major accomplishment was securing peace with France. After losing the election of 1800, he retired to his home state. He died on July 4, 1826 on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



Andrew Jackson was a courier in the Revolutionary War at the young age of 13 and was orphaned at 14. He moved to Tennessee and became a self-taught frontier lawyer. As a colonel in the militia, his forces acquired substantial acreage in Alabama and Georgia after the Creek War. During the War of 1812 Jackson’s victory at the Battle of New Orleans made him a national hero and inspired the song *The Battle of New Orleans* whose lyrics begin “In 1814 we took a little trip, along with colonel Jackson down the mighty Missisip, we took a little bacon and we took a little beans, and we fought the bloody British in the town of New Orleans.” His forces dubbed him “Old Hickory” in honor of his toughness. Elected as the seventh President, he was the first President from west of the Appalachians. His 1829 inauguration was unprecedented as 10,000 people attended. He was a champion of the common man for two terms and was known as the “People’s President”. Andrew Jackson is featured on the front of the \$20 bill.



Robert Alphonso Taft was a member of the Taft dynasty in Ohio, which spanned four generations. The oldest son of William Howard Taft (27th President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court), Robert was born in Cincinnati in 1889. A graduate of Yale and then Harvard Law School, he entered Ohio politics in 1921. In 1917 Taft and his wife purchased Sky Farm, a 56 acre parcel at the terminus of south Drake Road in Indian Hill. The property remained in the family until 2009. Taft was a US Senator from 1938-1953. He cosponsored the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Act which dealt with the bargaining rights of labor and management. Nicknamed “Mr. Republican,” he was a candidate for President three times. A valued adviser to Dwight Eisenhower, Taft died in 1953 during his third Senate term. His son Robert Jr. also was a US Senator, and his grandson Robert III was Ohio’s 67th Governor.