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From the Indian Hill Historical Society



**Buckingham Lodge
1861**

The Hauck Library and Resource Center

The Hauck Library and Resource Center (named to honor the late Andrew C. Hauck, Jr.) is a treasure trove of information about Indian Hill. Located at Buckingham Lodge (8650 Camargo Rd.), its contents grow every year.

When the Indian Hill Historical Society was created in 1974, the original library consisted of two file cabinets and a few boxes of books in the basement of the Little Red Schoolhouse at 8100 Given Road. The office and library were moved to their current location after the 1988 renovation of what once was called Bonnell House. The library was located on the second floor in the northeast corner. It subsequently spread across the hall to the northwest room, as the acquisition of materials relevant to Indian Hill continued. Then it expanded to the easily accessible cabinets of the ground floor as the collection grew.

In 1998 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hauck III were approached by President Peg Gillespie and her husband, Roy, who were spearheading the establishment of an endowment fund. Their idea was to develop a meaningful library and resource center, which the Haucks were delighted to support. The library was named in tribute to Andrew C. Hauck, Jr. in recognition of his contributions to the Indian Hill Historical Society over the years.

The late Mr. Hauck described his involvement with the Historical Society in his own words: “In 1969 the Washington School reverted to Village ownership. Council initially voted to raze the building, but my sense of appreciation of its architectural beauty and its physical location caused me to campaign for its restoration. The idea of our own historical society came to me, and I proceeded in that direction. I approached Tyler Emerson – a perfect choice as she became a real enthusiast. Council came up with some money. The A.G. Hauck Co. served in many ways, and there were always a few volunteers to help.” A steering committee was formed, the first Board of Trustees was named, the schoolhouse was restored, and the Historical Society was founded.

Today the library shelves are filled with Indian Hill directories, biographies and autobiographies of present and former residents, genealogical information, books by local authors, and yearbooks from Village schools. The collection of Village publications is represented by bound volumes of *Indian Hill Living* and the *Indian Hill Bulletin* – from the date of first issue. Back issues of the *Indian Hill Journal* are also saved. The majority of the library’s content is about Indian Hill, with additional information on the Cincinnati area and Ohio. Besides 407 items, there are 17 historic maps of the area, including two of Hamilton County in 1848. Additionally, the Resource Center contains file folders that are rich with information relating to Village cemeteries, churches, schools, structures, customs, celebrations, and much more. There are archives on Indian Hill families and local residences. Oral histories, archival boxes, and activity files are also part of the Hauck Library. All of these materials are catalogued in Past Perfect software designed for small historical societies.

A wide variety of people use the Hauck Library and Resource Center. New residents, students, and real estate agents frequent the office to investigate the historic background of homes; genealogists photocopy family pedigrees; and researchers visit to ascertain facts. As emails, letters, and phone calls arrive at the office, the Historical Society staff assists others with research. People inquire where their grandfather is buried, or which architect designed a specific house. Just recently, a PhD professor from the University of Cincinnati sought information about Indian Hill’s World War II veterans. For additional information about the Hauck Library and Resource Center, call the office at 891-1873 or visit the website www.indianhill.org.

