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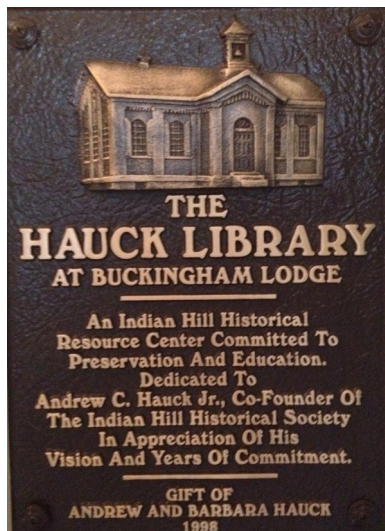
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From the Indian Hill Historical Society



Buckingham Lodge-1861

The Hauck Library and Resource Center



The Hauck Library and Resource Center (named in honor of the late Andrew C. Hauck, Jr.) is a treasure trove of Indian Hill information.

When the Indian Hill Historical Society was formed 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 8650 Camargo Road after the 1988 renovation of Buckingham Lodge.

The library was located in the upstairs northeast room of Buckingham Lodge, and then spread across the hall to the corresponding northwest room, as the acquisition of materials relevant to Indian Hill continued. Then subsequently, it expanded to easily accessible cabinets on 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 eager to support. The library was then named the Hauck Library and Resource Center in tribute to Andrew C. Hauck, Jr. in recognition of his many contributions to the Indian Hill Historical Society from its onset.

In a remembrance, the late Mr. Hauck, who was serving on Council at that time, described his involvement with the organization thus: "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." Restoration ensued, a steering committee was formed, and the first Board of Trustees was named. The Historical Society was born.

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 Bulletin*, *Indian Hill Living*, and the *Indian Hill Journal* – all from the date of first issue.

In its desire to preserve the history of the community, the majority of the library's content is about Indian Hill, with additional information on the Cincinnati area and Ohio. Besides 731 volumes, there are 14 historic maps of the area, including one of Hamilton County in 1847. Additionally the Resource Center contains file folders that are rich with information relating to Village cemeteries, churches, schools, structures, customs and celebrations, and much more. There are archives on Indian Hill families and on 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 sought after facts. As emails, letters and phone calls arrive at the office, the Historical Society staff regularly assists others with research. People inquire where their grandfather is buried or which architect designed a specific house. Just recently a PhD. sought information on Indian Hill's World War II veterans.

For additional information about the Hauck Library and Resource Center, call 891-1873 or visit the website www.indianhill.org.