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Did You Know?

On the southwest corner of the Elm and Wooster Pike crossroads stood the Terrace Park Tavern. In the 1870s, Virginia Marquett's great grandfather, Joseph Iuen, built the two-story building of hand-fired bricks, an addition to the original frame tavern or inn. Travelers could spend the night there and lodge their animals across Wooster Pike in Iuen barns before going onto markets and slaughterhouses in Cincinnati the next day. Later the Inn was run by the Kuntz and then the Vilardo families. The United Dairy Farmer now occupies this site.

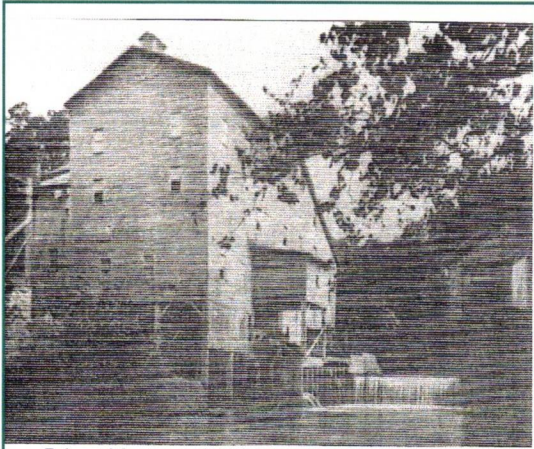


Brunner's Service Station was on the southeast corner of Elm and Wooster Pike. It was built in 1929 by Frank Weniski, Sidney Mayer, and Ed Schreiber. Clarence Brunner was the operator and his brother, Bryan, was the chief mechanic. At least by 1940 the Brunner family was living at 408 Elm, right behind the station. In 1958, Cities Service



rebuilt the station and renamed it Citgo. It was later sold to the J. D. Streett Company of St. Louis, who operated it as the Zephyr station. Other operators after Brunner were Lowell Cramer, Eddie Vinup, Bill Cuski and Ken Hinners. This information comes from the Brunner's daughter, Betty, who married Robert Strathman. He grew up at 761 Wooster Pike. Robert and Betty lived at 417 Washington, which his father Fred built for them after World War II. A Georgian Colonial office building has replaced the service station.

“Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami Valley”



Enlarged Armstrong Middle Mill on Bass Island about 1900

While detailed histories of the Cincinnati area are available, slight attention has been given to the community of Columbia, which preceded Cincinnati, or to the families that established communities which became Newtown, Plainville, Madisonville, Terrace Park, and Mariemont. Before the arrival of white settlers to the area in the late 1700s, the lower Little Miami Valley had been home to the prehistoric Fort Ancient Indians, who were followed by the modern Miami and Shawnee tribes. Claims to the area by France and England gave way to the Virginia colony. And the story goes on and will take us through the development of the area up to the mid-century, arrivals of railroads and the Civil War. Grandchildren of the first families still live in the area over two centuries later. McConville and Rutherford were awarded the “History Outreach Award” by the Ohio Association of Historical Societies for their book *Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami Valley*. Also, the Ohio Library Association gave the book one of their new literature awards for 2005.

*Terry McConville and Fred Rutherford will present
Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami River Valley*

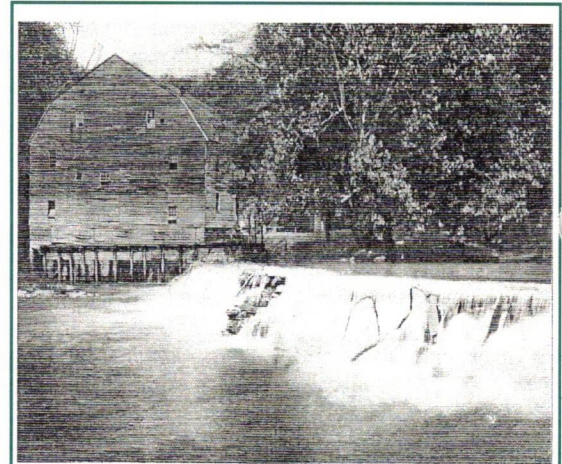
SUNDAY, MAY 7

3:30 PM REFRESHMENTS

4:00 PM PROGRAM

TERRACE PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING

This program is sponsored by the Terrace Park Historical Society and is free and open to the public. It is a 45 minute, 30 illustration, PowerPoint presentation based on McConville’s and Rutherford’s book of the same title. Both presenters are Trustees of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation



Armstrong “Upper Mill” at Avoca Park, 1908

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TPHS ON LINE

House Histories Are Unique "In The World"

By Lee Cole

Since its inception, the Terrace Park Historical Society (TPHS) has used the Internet to make its information available to the entire community as well as to former residents, family members, and interested persons around the world. Today we have two websites which serve different purposes. E-mail ccole4@juno.com if there are any questions about the following information or for a demonstration.

► **The Terrace Park Survey (www.tpsurvey.org).** This website was started and maintained by the Terrace Park Woman's Club and contains all the known history of each building, past and present, in the Village. You can find houses by address or you can search the entire site by name, location, or any text string (series of letters, numbers, or symbols). Houses for sale are so designated. Everyone is encouraged to look-up their own home and to submit corrections or any additional information they may have. We firmly believe Terrace Park is the only community in the **WORLD** that has a complete history of **ALL** their houses!

► **The TPHS (www.terracepark.org).** This site provides information about the Society, including meeting dates, times, location, and speakers. A second section has Historical Society articles written for the *Village Views*.

NOTE: Current issues of complete *Village Views* are on www.terracepark.org and are searchable. A third section has other articles, reports, videos, presentations, papers, etc. about the Village. For example, a video of the Miami Grove Preservation Ceremony is available in streaming video. Streaming just means that the video starts to play in a few seconds, even before the entire video has been downloaded onto your computer. Another example is a roster of students at the Terrace Park High School. Former students and friends are encouraged to visit the site to verify and add additional information.

Both sites are continually being updated with new information. They can be a real asset to individuals researching families and friends. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated as the Society endeavors to be of service to the world.

Promote Your Business!

You can promote your business by underwriting one or more of the quarterly **Trackers**. For a reasonable price, you can exclusively "sponsor" an issue. This means that your business will be very prominent in a half-page ad of the **Tracker**. You will have ownership in a very up-beat, vibrant quarterly publication which will reach over 200 members. For more information, call Susan Frank at 513-607-3066.

Artist Corner

Rosell Shundich

Rosell Shundich is a Terrace Park watercolor artist I'm sure many of you know. If you do not, let me introduce her to you. Rosell "Rosie" grew up in Pleasant Ridge. Her father, Frederick G. Heinz, had a farm where he raised cattle, pigs, sheep and chickens. He also was the second generation of his family to own and operate a meat business at Stand No. 4 in Findlay Market. That's where Rosie, with her parents, sister, and grandmother spent long days. Saturdays were especially long. In the market everything had to be fast, waiting on perhaps 2 or 3 customers at once because you did not want to lose one to the shop across the way. When the market closed at the end of the day, there were still deliveries to be made to many downtown restaurants as well as to homes. It was hard work but it was the family business so everyone was involved.



Rosie graduated from Withrow High School and the University of Cincinnati. How did she get started as an artist? Perhaps some of it was in the genes since her grandfather was an especially artistic cake decorator. Rosie's seventh grade art teacher noticed what she could do and encouraged her by entering her in a poster contest. She won! That must have given her confidence to continue painting.

Rosie works mainly in watercolor. Some of us think of her as a landscape artist but, in fact, she paints a great many different subjects, as you will notice when you attend one of her exhibitions. You will find her works in a great many Terrace Park homes. Of course, it's Rosie who did the wonderful watercolor of the old Terrace Park Market with the Kroger Line car in front for the Terrace Park Historical Society Lifetime Members. Most recently she has started making somewhat of a specialty of watercolor house portraits. Rosie says these make great gifts for weddings, graduations and many other occasions. Contact her at (513) 831-7506.

TERRACE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the Quarterly Meeting of the Terrace Park Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit Ohio corporation, will be held at the Community Building, 428 Elm Avenue, Terrace Park, Ohio, on Sunday, May 7 at 3:30 P.M. for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following:

To elect 2 Trustees listed below for the term set forth opposite their respective names.

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| Debbie Long | 3 years, expiring Fall, 2009 |
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To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.



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248-1777

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the Society will also have
internet capabilities.

The Archive Office is
open on Thursdays from
1:00-4:00 PM.