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MARCH-APRIL, 1990



**Dedication of Marker in honor of Ramona Kaiser Bradley.
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CHAPTER DEVOTIONS

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He is risen; he is not here: Behold the place where they laid him. Mark 16:6

The forces of evil have always tried to bury goodness and truth and seal the grave with stones. We ask the same question as the women who went to the tomb of Jesus. Who will roll away the stones for us, of war, of hatred, of selfishness? Who will roll away the stones of despair, of doubt and fear, and finally, of death?

The women went to the tomb uncertain about how the stone might be removed, but they went in faith that it would be done. Their faith was rewarded, for when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back. When we are willing to approach the stones of life with faith, we, too, will discover that God does indeed roll them away. There is no burden or problem too heavy or too impossible to remove.

Donald B. Taylor

EASTER IS A TIME OF MANY MIRACLES

Flowers sleeping 'neath the snow
Awakening when the Spring winds blow;
Leafless trees so bare before,
Gowned in lacy green once more;
Hard, unyielding, frozen sod
Now softly carpeted by God:
Still streams melting in the Spring,
Rippling over rocks that sing;
Barren, windswept, lonely hills
Turning gold with daffodils.
These miracles are all around
Within our sight and tough and sound,
As true and wonderful today
As when "the stone was rolled away"
Proclaiming to all doubting men
That in God all things live again.

Helen Steiner Rice

CENTENNIAL THOUGHTS

Edwina Dunn, in 1915, was the first woman political cartoonist in the United States. Her drawings appeared in the Columbus Saturday Monthly.

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PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the provision Thou hast made for our salvation, even the giving of Thy Son, who suffered death on the cross for us. We rejoice in the face of the resurrection. Give us grace that we may follow in the Saviour's footsteps, dying daily to sin, that we may live evermore with Him.

In our Saviour's Name Amen.

Happy Easter to all Ohio Daughters and their families.

Patricia W. Borton
State Chaplain



ON THE COVER

Dedication of Marker in honor of Ramona Kaiser Bradley who persuaded Chester Kroger to buy Waldschmidt House and donate it to the Ohio Society DAR, along with \$5000 for maintenance. Those pictured are: Mrs. Charles R. Wright, Waldschmidt House Local Coordinator; Mrs. Judson Bradley, (Ramona Kaiser Bradley), now deceased; and Mrs. Charles P. Jones, State Librarian and Conference General Chairman.

CORRECTIONS

February issue, p. 2, change Teri Okrutny's area code to 513; change Rena Wischmeyer's phone number to 1-513-747-2178.

OHIO DAR NEWS- MARCH-APRIL, 1990

From the desk of:
National Defense

Nancy O. Whitaker
State Chairman



WHAT NOW?

So Communism has collapsed in Eastern Europe and may be, in the process of doing so, in the Soviet Union itself. Democracy has triumphed; but are our problems solved?

Our forefathers believed that Democracy can lead to tyranny and had the historical evidence from Greece and Rome to prove it. They saw that democracy could become a simple tyranny of the majority. They also saw that democracy could lead to its own destruction if an ambitious individual could excite the emotions of the masses efficiently enough to put himself in power and keep himself there. In more modern times, democracy has often shown its darker side in the kind of nationalism that is little different from tribalism. The people of Soviet Armenia and Soviet Azerbaijan have already shown that, if given their freedom to determine their own fate through democracy, they would use that freedom to massacre each other.

The new-born democracies of Eastern Europe face two very grave challenges. The first is fairly obvious. It involves the awesome task of repairing and reviving their economies from the disastrous mess left by the Communists. This will demand many sacrifices and much patience from the people involved. It is often said that in a democracy, people get the kind of government that they deserve. Will the people of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland have the stamina and strength to make these sacrifices while maintaining their democracy, or will they be seduced by a demagogue who offers easy and emotionally satisfying answers?

Perhaps the most satisfying of these simple answers is to blame all problems on other national groups. This brings up the second threat to stability in Eastern Europe. This area has a history of ethnic conflict which goes back to the days of the Austrian Empire, if not earlier. An ethnic map of this area shows a crazy quilt of different groups, all of whom consider themselves to be separate nationalities. The political map of the area, as drawn by the Versailles Conference of 1919 and partially modified at the end of World War II, probably does the best job that can be expected of satisfying the desires of the largest of these groups for natural self-determination. But each of these states (Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland) contain large minorities of people who feel they belong with the states in the area. If the people in Eastern Europe ever decide (democratically) to blame other ethnic groups for their problems instead of governing themselves, stability in the area will go out the window and with it perhaps the democracy they have yearned for so long.



We Hold In Memory

RAMONA KAISER BRADLEY

It was with deep sadness that word recently reached us. Ramona Kaiser Bradley had passed away in Riverside, California on July 10, 1989. The OSDAR will always be grateful to this daughter whose vision was responsible for our wonderful Christian Waldschmidt House. She approached Chester Kroger and persuaded him to buy the house and donate it with \$5000.00 to the OSDAR, then served as chairman of the restoration committee and launched the beginning of the beautifully restored house the society owns today. Ramona was born August 9, 1909 at Cincinnati and lived the early part of her life in Indian Hill not far from the house. She told me that every time she passed the W.H. it seemed to reach out and speak to her and even in its derelict condition, it had an air of importance and grandeur. She said it seemed to be pleading with her to help it and finally, she thought of approaching the Kroger family. The rest is history. Ramona joined her mother's Marimont Chapter DAR in 1939 and later, when her mother became the organizing regent of Indian Hill chapter, transferred her membership there to become a charter member of that chapter. After her marriage to Judson Bradley, she moved to Riverside, California and eventually moved her DAR membership there. Her heart remained always with the Ohio Society though and when she died, she asked that all of her pins be returned to her Ohio sisters as she had no children. Ramona's husband was a Cherokee Indian and a Doctor of Letters. He founded the Sherman Indian School and Museum at Riverside, California where he taught and Ramona served as curator of the Indian museum. The school took in Indian children from all over the west and gave them an education while the museum preserved the Indian culture and history. I was lucky enough to meet Ramona in 1981 when she returned for the 50 year anniversary of the Waldschmidt House. At that time Phyllis Jones and I did a taped interview with her about the beginnings of the W.H. project and restoration. Ramona was a daughter the Ohio Society DAR is truly honored to have claimed as their own and was a valuable member of society until her death. She was buried at Cherokee, North Carolina, beside her husband and his people to whom she had given so much of her time and herself. We will miss her. The world will miss her.

Submitted by
Phyllis Wright

Waldschmidt House Local Coordinator

OHIO DAR NEWS - September Issue

Chapter News

On August 5, 1981, at the annual Waldschmidt Day Celebration, Mariemont Chapter dedicated a bronze plaque which honored a former member, Ramona Kaiser Bradley. Mayor Clarence M. Erickson of the Village of Mariemont proclaimed the day in recognition of Mrs. Bradley's efforts in securing this grand old house for the DAR and serving as First Restoration Chairman. The plaque, which is affixed to a granite boulder, was donated by Miss Dorothy Crull, Treasurer of the Chapter. The boulder was a gift of Mr. Richard Poe, of Poe Excavating Co., Miamiville, Ohio. He delivered the boulder and placed it beside the walk at the entrance to the house.

Mrs. Bradley, now a member of Rubidoux Chapter, Riverside, California, travelled to Cincinnati for the occasion. She spoke to the 220 members and guests as they celebrated the 40th anniversary of Mr. Chester Kroger's gift of Waldschmidt House to the DAR. The Kroger Company sent beautiful cakes, decorated with the American Flag, for the luncheon dessert.

RAMONA K. BRADLEY
9130 ANDREW ST.
ARLINGTON, CALIF.

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*Miss Dorothy Cruell
719 Cincinnati - Batavia Pike,
Cincinnati, Ohio*

45245



Feb. 27th

Dear Dorothy:

I have made a copy of the Kroger letter confirming who had a hand in the Waldschmidt House originally. I will have the original letter photographed, if needed.

I have a list of original committees, which is also enclosed.

I would appreciate a little credit on the printed pamphlet, the next time it is done. The house was given by the Krogers. They owned the property. The word "purchased" on the last page should be omitted. The Krogers gave \$5,000 with the deed to the

property. Please make this
clear to the present committee

Thanks again for taking
us to the place.

Loves,

Ramona

Original letter in possession of Ramona Kaiser Bradley

C O P Y

CHESTER F. KROGER
PROVIDENT BANK BUILDING
CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 11, 1939

Miss Ramona Kaiser,
Drake Road, Indian Hill,
Route # 10, Station M,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Miss Kaiser:

Your letter of December 8th received
and read with interest.

Answering the question in the last paragraph
of your letter, I will say that I have no objection to your
placing a bronze marker on the old Kugler house at Camp Dennison.

It occurs to me that through your association
with the Daughters of the American Revolution you might know of
some channel which would lead to my disposing of this house as a
gift to some historical society. If I could dispose of the house
in this way I would be willing to deed the property and contribute
a small sum toward an endowment for the maintenance of this place
as a historical site.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter,
I am

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Chester F. Kroger

Waldschmidt Restoration Committee

1941

Ramona Kaiser (Mrs. Judson M. Bradley) Chairman

Mrs. Robt. Matlack (Dorothy Crull)

Mrs. Harry G. Binder

Mrs. Miller Dartt

Mrs. Clifford Pohl

Mrs. C.P. Sticksel

Mrs. Chester F. Kroger, Honorary Member of Committee

Advisory Board: Oliver B. Kaiser (1941-44)

Philip J. Schneider

Victor Tyree

1942-44

Ramona Kaiser (Mrs. Judson M. Bradley) Chairman

Mrs. Miller Dartt

Mrs. Allen Collier

Miss Dorothy Crull

Mrs. Harry Binder

Mrs. Frank Kugler

1944-47

Ramona Kaiser (Mrs. Judson M. Bradley) Chairman

Mrs. Allen Collier

Mrs. William M. Phillips

Miss Ethel G. Kroner

Mrs. Clifton Crawford

Mrs. C.P. Sticksel

1947-50

Mrs. P. Freeman Mooney, Chairman

1950-53

Mrs. J.K. Browning, Chairman

July 15th =

Dear Dell:

Thank you so much for your efforts in the plaque placement. It came as a very thoughtful gesture on your part and that of the Chapter.

I'm sure that Dorothy will do a great job; and this has been worth waiting for in forty years.

Thank you for the copy of the letter to the State Regent. You might have her refer to Miss Amanda Thomas.

I will leave everything in your hands.

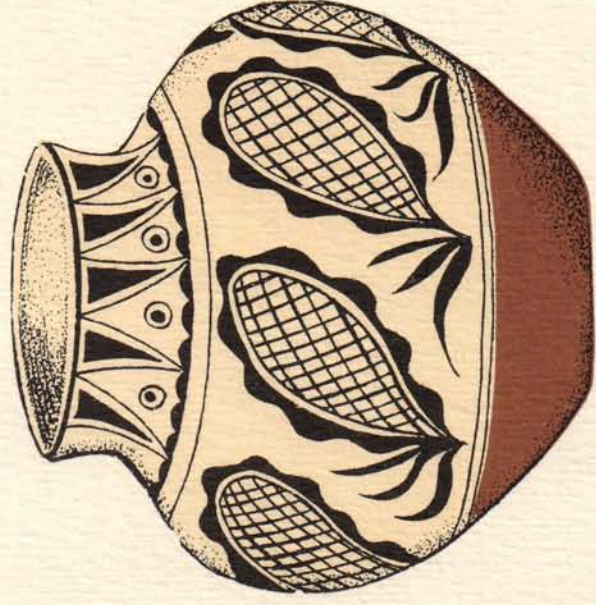
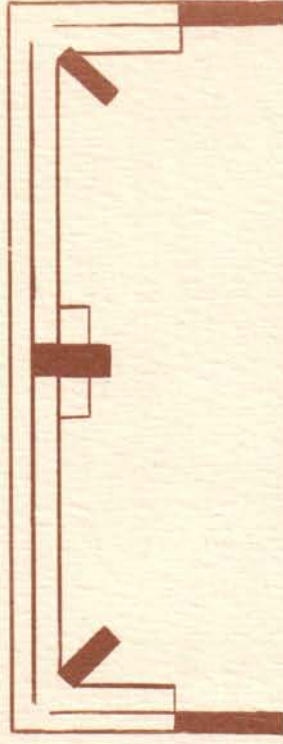
Again thank you,

Ramona K. Bradley

San Ildefonso Pueblo Pottery

This lovely pot was made at San Ildefonso Pueblo in New Mexico. San Ildefonso Indians have been in this area since 1300. The village has 226 residents on 26,000 acres. Through the efforts of the pueblo's pre-eminent potter, Maria Martinez, pottery making was revived in the early 1900s.

Tewa Enterprises, 1979
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Special Report:**Waldschmidt House Wins Friends for D. A. R.**

Waldschmidt House cornered the attention of more than 500 persons last month as Camp Dennison celebrated its sesqui-centennial. Registrations for house tours totaled 478, but many children were not registered and nearly 30 D. A. R.'s were on hand to help with the three-day celebration, Aug. 24, 25, and 26.

Visitors came from 31 Ohio communities, and from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia, Virginia, California, Maryland, and Tennessee.

Without a doubt, our Waldschmidt House made a lasting and favorable impression which can only bring credit to the Ohio Society.

Flowers Add Note

Adding greatly to the gracious appearance of Waldschmidt House were the ten flower arrangements, made in antique containers by members of Mariemont Chapter. The trustees are grateful for this help, and also join in thanking all the chapters who sent hostesses. It would have been impossible to handle the crowds without them.

The Camp Dennison celebration climaxed a summer profitably spent by the Waldschmidt trustees. A large number of truly fine gifts which must be seen to be fully appreciated, were received.

For example, from the Morris family, fifth generation descendants of Christian Waldschmidt, are these items—a meal box, a bread box, a fruit basket, and an all-white quilt made by Christian's daughter, Catherine Kugler in 1839. These were all used in the home in 1840 and perhaps before.

Add Chest, Settle

Other items of interest include a small chest which possibly was a humidior, made from a log of the cabin of General

St. Clair, first governor of the Northwest Territory. It was given by Miss Blaine of Cincinnati Chapter. Mrs. Ralph Mittendorf, director of the southeast district, has donated a fine settle for the front hall. It's eight feet long and stenciled in colors on black.

A source of wonderment to all who have visited Waldschmidt House this summer is the outstanding collection of early lighting devices. These could become a real "drawing" attraction in years to come and are the gift of Mrs. Gaston of Cincinnati Chapter.

Still another unique gift of such beauty as to defy description is a cupboard, or in Dutch, a 'kas' for clothing. A gift of Mrs. Russell, vice-president of our trustees, it was made in Bavaria in 1714.

Not even pictures can "put these lovely furnishings over," so why not plan a visit soon and see them yourselves?

We have rearranged the furniture and made many small improvements. There are now skirts and ruffles on the beds, and simple white curtains at the windows. Indeed, the whole house has a charming air.

The trustees are asking that each chapter keep Waldschmidt House in the budget. We must maintain the house in a manner in keeping with the many fine gifts we are receiving.

Repaint Trim

It has been necessary to have the exterior trim painted, and this actually figures out to a cost of \$5 per chapter. Next year some, if not all, of the interior walls will require attention and we are also hoping to get adequate curtains.

The trustees welcome opportunities to show the house to groups of D. A. R.

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Urge Support Of Indian Aid

Recipient of an Ohio D. A. R. Indian scholarship this year is Joseph Poodry, a Seneca Indian from the Tonawanda Seneca Reservation in New York.

A sophomore studying architecture at the University of Michigan, he is highly recommended by the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, and also by the supervisor of Indian Affairs in New York state.

Joseph graduated from high school with high honors, receiving the Bausch and Lomb Science Plaque awarded the senior with the best record in science. Last year he attended Michigan on a scholarship granted by the Akron, N. Y., Teachers' Association.

His parents are said to be refined, educated people determined that their three children shall have college educations. A younger brother hopes to enter college this fall. The Poodry's are independent, self-supporting, self-respecting individuals who are leaders in their community.

Joseph himself is a quiet studious young man, popular with all. This past summer he worked with a surveying crew for the New York State Department of Public Works.

Joseph is the type of student we D. A. R.'s are always anxious to help. Because he is an Indian, we should in-

WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE . . .

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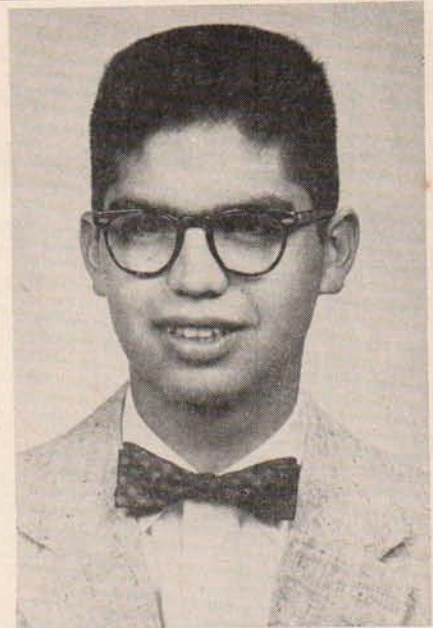
members and other visitors. Just write for a date.

In addition we can come to you, speaking on the house and our plans for it. Program chairmen may also be interested to know of the paper on the story of Waldschmidt House which is available for loan.

Your acquaintance with Waldschmidt House will win your support. Why not make that acquaintance first hand soon?

—Mrs. James L. Cast

P. O. Box 125, Monroe.



JOSEPH POODRY

crease our efforts in his behalf. Few Indians have the opportunities of the white man; few can attend college. Here is a boy whose future can be very brilliant. Let's give him a helping hand.

Please send your money for this Indian Scholarship Fund to the State Treasurer at once so that Joseph can be assured of staying in college. If every chapter contributes, we can also help an Indian girl. There are almost no scholarships available to Indian girls, and there are many applicants.

Your prompt contributions will not only give Joseph the help he needs but also make it possible for us to extend aid to another this year.

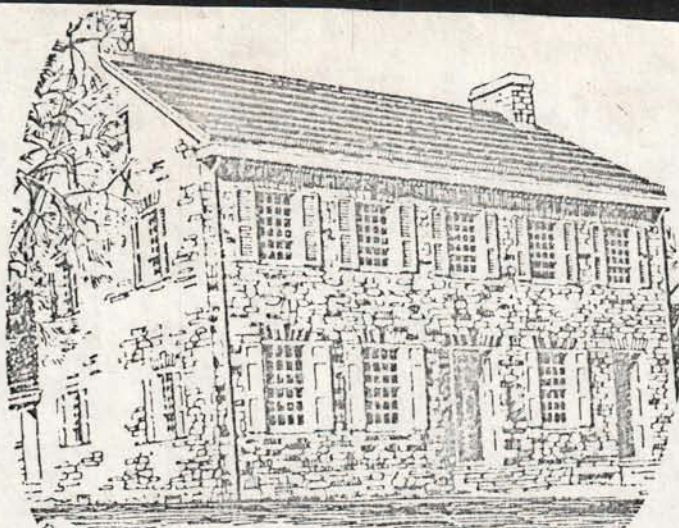
—Mrs. Harley C. Lee

2675 Ashley Rd., Cleveland 22.

Chapter Officers, Committee Chairmen:

Please note that all should review their plans for the coming year at the October meeting. Program chairman suggests time be taken for two-minute resumes from each.

Are you going to be one of those chapters listed on our beautiful honor roll when the state conference is held next March? Start now.



CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE
7567 Glendale-Milford Road
Camp Dennison, Ohio 45111

*Christian Waldschmidt House
Camp Dennison, Ohio
Built in 1804
Historic Shrine of Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution*

It was in 1795 that the first of the families arrived to make a new life in the wilderness. By 1804 Christian had this lovely stone, held together with white mortar, large house built for his family. He is said to have built the smaller stone house near by for his daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, who married Matthias Kugler. These homes are of the Pennsylvania Dutch style of Lancaster County.

The first store was kept in the large room now designated as the Museum Room in this house. Here the women often brought produce or woven cloth to exchange for staples. This room also served as a school and for church services on the Sabbath which was observed, the outside entrance making it convenient for the community.

The Tavern Room also had an outside entrance down the steps. Here much business was transacted and tales were told, as friends and strangers passed news along.

Catherine Bollender Waldschmidt died in November, 1810, and the following year, when fifty-six years old, Christian married Magdalena (Polly) Kern Custard, a thirty-three year old widow, who became the lady of the house. Their daughter, Sarah, was born the next year.

Both Christian and his son John died during an epidemic of "cold plague" in March, 1814. His son-in-law, Matthias Kugler, became the manager and the family lived in this house until 1849, when the Kugler fortune was lost through over speculation.

After a succession of tenants the house was appropriated by lease to the War Department in 1861, and became known as Gen. Joshua Bates' headquarters and commissary, until the close of the war in 1865. Later it was used to store wheat, corn and hay. The house became delapidated, and a blot to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger donated the house and grounds to the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1941. Mrs. Ramona Kaiser Bradley served as chairman for the restoration of this historic Christian Waldschmidt House. This committee spent hours to research the Pennsylvania houses even before beginning the task of remodeling the building. An architect's bid was accepted and work begun. Then the war was declared and with additional expenses not included in the bid stopped the restoration until later.

Due to the dedication of the administrations of Ohio State Regents and the labor of love of many Ohio Daughters we can be proud of the refurbishing since the dedication of the House in 1952.

WALDSCHMIDT REPORT

Ohio Daughters can be justly proud of the early 19th century stone house near Milford, Ohio which they have restored and maintain as a museum. Although it had been known to us before, we were reminded again of the high regard in which Waldschmidt House is held as an excellent example of an early home in the Ohio country when recently perusing a copy of "Heritage of Early American Houses" and saw again the pictures and accompanying text of the Christian Waldschmidt Home as an outstanding example in its class.

The Board of Trustees who are responsible for the care and operation of the house and surrounding property, met there on October 29th for their final meeting of 1979. It has been a successful year under the capable leadership of Miss Mary Buss, president of the Board.

A new roof, the state regent's project for this administration, was put on the house last year but payments were completed this year. Needed septic tank repairs and improvements were made and all three houses were sprayed for pest control including termites, rodents and bats.

The large 17-star flag, given a number of years ago by Mrs. Frank O. McMillen (state regent 1947-1950) was badly in need of cleaning and repair. After some research this work was undertaken by Mrs. Georgianna Chamberlain and Mrs. Ann Kittle of the Wooster-Wayne chapter who worked under the direction of Miss Mary Buss. The colors of this early version of Old Glory are bright once more; the delicate fabric has been reinforced with a fresh backing of unbleached muslin so that it should last for many more years. In doing this work it was determined that this was at least the second restoration on this venerable flag.

During the summer the genealogy in the Kugler Bible kept in the house was updated when members of the family visited the ancestral home. It was at that time that the lovely "tie quilt" was presented. (For a description of the

quilt see the November issue of the News.)

The house has been open for visitors each Sunday afternoon from the first Sunday in April thru October. An average of 12 to 15 visitors stop each Sunday when the trustees take turns in keeping the house open and guiding the visitors through the rooms. Most of those visiting come from the surrounding areas but many bring their visiting house guests, some of whom have come from as far away as Australia.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, school classes, senior citizens and various other clubs make up group tours who come by special arrangement during the week. Two DAR chapters have held meetings at the house this past year.

The matter of financing is of continuing concern. Ten cents of each Ohio Daughter's state dues is allocated to the maintenance of Waldschmidt House. This amounts to only slightly over \$900.00 and did not pay for the heating alone last year, so the trustees have to depend to a large extent on the chapter donations to Waldschmidt House Maintenance. Your contributions to this fund are greatly appreciated. It is hoped that the "100 Club" can be enlarged to the extent that the principal will be sufficient to produce enough income that, taken together with the allotment from the state dues, there will be a sum sufficient to cover the usual current expenses of operating Waldschmidt House.

In an effort to conserve heat and reduce the oil bill over the winter months, simple "storm windows" have been constructed to fit on the inside of the deep window frames to be put in place when the house is closed for the winter. It is necessary to keep a certain amount of heat in the house during the cold months in order to protect the antique furniture and other artifacts.

A current project is that of researching the records to compile a fairly comprehensive history of the restoration of Waldschmidt House, what had to be done, when it was done, what methods were used, who helped to do it, donations made and the names of those in

any way involved. It was felt that it is important to gather this information together while there are those living who can help to obtain this data.

Plans are in the making for the Waldschmidt Breakfast at state conference in March. There will be a further report on progress at the house; the Curator's committee is planning one of its delightful skits; you won't want to miss it. So y'all come.

Merry Christmas

DEDICATION DAY K.D.S.

The open Board meeting of K.D.S. was held on the evening of October 22nd following the dinner at the Sheraton Inn in Huntsville, Alabama. The new administrator, Henry D. Click, gave his report. There are still eight class rooms in the new Home Economics building on the campus which have not been underwritten as to costs, which means that contributions are urgently needed for the financial completion of that project. The building itself has been completed and is in use.

Mr. Joe Teal, principal of the high school and Mr. Herbert Weeks, elementary principal gave their very favorable reports concerning the educational aspects of the school.

The senior choir, under the direction of Miss Janice Price, gave a delightful program of patriotic songs followed by several solo and small ensemble numbers. The music teacher, whose salary is paid entirely by the DAR, has done much to enrich the lives of these students with her musical training.

The Dedication Day program was held the following morning in the Doris Pike White Auditorium. At this time the Junior High choir furnished the music.

The basket lunch traditionally furnished by the ladies of the mountain, was served in the multi-purpose room of the new Hom Ec building. This expression of gratitude given each year fosters a bond of cooperation between the DAR members and the community on Gunter Mountain.

M. Heiser

OHIO DAR NEWS — DECEMBER, 1979

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR
RESERVATIONS FOR THE
81st STATE CONFERENCE
AT THE NEIL HOUSE
IN COLUMBUS?**

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

How about—

Waldschmidt House Cup Plates?
(start a grandchild
on a collection) \$2.00 each

Waldschmidt House Coasters,
(pkg of 12)50 each
(For your entertaining also
a good stocking stuffer)

Handsome Red Cover Waldschmidt
House Folio 2.00 each
(Even a non-DAR friend will love
this)

Make check payable to and order from

Mrs. David Starr

1266 Day Circle, Milford, Ohio 45150

Include \$1.00 for postage and handling.

Mr. Chester F. Kroger,
Cunningham Road, Indian Hill,
Hamilton County, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Kroger,

In driving through Camp Dennison yesterday, I was most happy to observe that someone had taken apparent interest in the old Waldschmidt home, Hamilton County's oldest stone house.

I stopped in to see Mrs. Pinkvoss, and she stated that you had bought the property. I have always been interested in the old house ever since I could remember, and to see that someone else had seen its value to restore it was most gratifying.

In a recent visit to Miss Julia Kugler, the great granddaughter of Christian Waldschmidt, builder and original owner of the home, I was most happy to receive some valuable information regarding the village and the Waldschmidt, Kugler families. I learned that Christian Waldschmidt erected the first paper mill in the State of Ohio in 1800. If you are at leisure at any time, I would be most happy to show you the historical material.

I have been historian for the Mariemont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and have been recently compiling historical and genealogical records for our society. If at any time our local chapter or State society would desire to place a bronze marker on the house, commemorating it as an historic site, would you have any objections to our doing so?

Awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dec. 8, 1939.

Miss Ramona Kaiser
Drake Road, Indian Hill,
Route #10, Station M,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHESTER F. KROGER

PROVIDENT BANK BUILDING

CINCINNATI, OHIO

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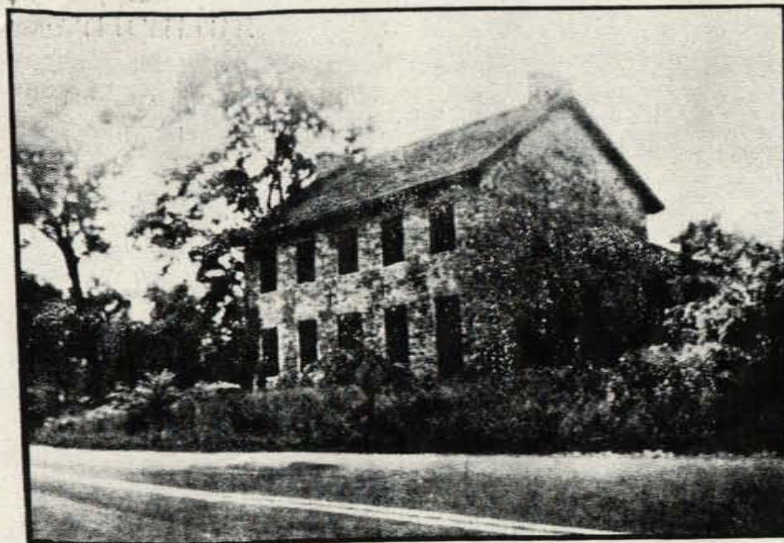
CHESTER F. KROGER
684 PELICAN LANE
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Dear Ramona -

I cannot attend
the meeting on March the
eleventh but I will be at
home in time for the
dedication on March the
thirteenth and will be so
happy to attend. I will
be delighted to come to
Lunch at the Gilcraft.

It all sounds
wonderfully thrilling to
me - and you are the
one who really started
it all!

I will see you on
Thursday March 13th. So
sorry that Mr Kroger
cannot come - Sincerely
Jane Kroger



Inscription

"This Stone House was built in 1804 by
CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT
who established on this tract of land
THE FIRST PAPER MILL IN OHIO
and thereby advanced the influence of the early Newspaper
as a medium for disseminating the Ideals of Religion, Law
and Government of the Founders of the Northwest Territory.

This Mill furnished most of the paper for the
First Newspapers of Ohio:
"Centinel of the Northwestern Territory"—1793
"Western Spy and Hamilton Gazette" 1799

During the Civil War this house was the headquarters
for General Josuha Bates—Camp Dennison.

This Historic House was presented by
Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Kroger, Cunningham Rd., Cincinnati,
to the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

DEDICATED BY OHIO SOCIETY
 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 1890 — GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR — 1940"

Ceremony of Dedication

Presiding Mrs. R. W. Finsterwald, Athens Ohio
 State Vice Chairman of Historic Sites, D. A. R.

Waldschmidt Settlement Mrs. O. D. Dailey, Albany
 State Historian, D. A. R.

Committee's Report Mrs. A. H. Dunham, Dayton
 State Vice Regent, D. A. R.

The Presentation of the Old Stone House to the Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Kroger, Cunningham Rd., Cincinnati

Acceptance by Ohio Mrs. J. F. Donahue, presiding

Dedication of Plaque Mrs. J. F. Donahue, Cleveland
 State Regent of Ohio Society D. A. R.

Bugle Call—Attention Mr. Victor Hill and Mr. Arthur Holt

Unveiling Descendants of Christian Waldschmidt,
 Miss Josephine Kugler, Great Granddaughter, Cincinnati,
 Miss Julia Kugler, Great Granddaughter, Cincinnati.

The Protectorate Mariemont Chapter,
 Miss Ramona Kaiser, Chairman Historic Sites

Benediction Mrs. W. A. Rexer, Bellefontaine,
 State Chaplain, D. A. R.

PLACING OF TABLET AT THE "OLD STONE HOUSE"

Thursday, March 13, 1941 at Three o'clock

There will be a luncheon served at the Gillcroft Inn, Milford,
 Thursday 1:30 P. M.—Mariemont Chapter will be in charge.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS

THE WALDSCHMIDT-KUGLER HOUSE

(BUILT IN 1804)

*The old stone house is lifeless now; it stands
Like some huge clock, run down; the whirring wheels
Of past activity are still, and busy hands
Have ceased their daily rounds. Yet search reveals
A wealth of history here. An early date,
A family name, out in the stone, appears;
And long-forgotten documents relate
Fantastic tales of dauntless pioneers.*

*Worn memories cling to these worn walls like vines
Upon some monument. Religion found
A refuge here, romance has flowered; and signs
Remain of soldiers quartered all around.
This spot should be a cherished shrine; and then
The old stone house would come to life again!*

Written in 1935 by Mrs. Frank Kugler (Julia Closterman),
Cincinnati Chapter, D. A. R.

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1890



1940

Golden Jubilee

of the

National Society

celebrated by the

Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution



*Recognizing the influence of the First Public
Newspaper and the First Paper Mill in Ohio
as a medium of disseminating the Ideals of
Religion and Government of the Northwest
Territory.*



Marking of the Old Stone House (1804)
Home of Christian Waldschmidt,
Camp Dennison, Ohio.



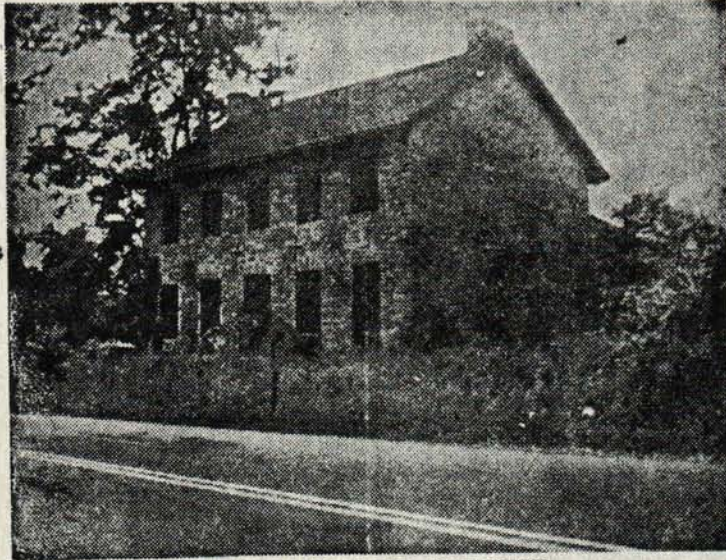
D. A. R. State Conference

NETHERLAND PLAZA HOTEL

Cincinnati, Ohio, March, 1941.

March 1, 1941

Gift Presented to Ohio Daughters of American Revolution



THE WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE

By Mrs. Orville D. Dailey
State Historian

For the first time in the history of the organization, the Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution are the recipients of the gift of an historic house, and \$5,000.00 for its restoration and repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger are the donors of the Old Stone House which has stood since 1804 near Milford, on homelands now owned by Mr. Kroger. Realization of the historical value of the house and its architectural interest prompted the Krogers to place it in the hands of some historical organization which would accept it for restoration and preservation. Together with the deed for the house and lot came the gift of \$5,000.00 to assist in this project. The Daughters do appreciate the honor of being chosen to receive this gift, and of having this great opportunity to carry forward jointly the first purpose of their society, "the preservation of historic landmarks."

Mrs. R. W. Finsterwald of Athens, State Chairman of Historic Sites, is announcing the dedication of a tablet, commemorating the events which centered around this house and locality, at the State Conference to be held in Cincinnati the week of March 11.

It was through the interest of

Miss Ramona Kaiser, chairman of Mariemont Chapter, D. A. R., that the importance and offer of this Stone House was presented to the state committee who chose it as the most outstanding for dedication this year.

At the 1940 State Conference a resolution was passed "that recognition be taken of the influence of the public newspaper, as the medium of disseminating the ideals of the religion and government of the Founders of the Northwest Territory by placing a tablet on the Old Stone House at Camp Dennison, commemorating the publication of the first newspaper in Ohio, 1793, and the first paper mill, 1800."

The Stone House was built by Christian Waldschmidt 137 years ago. He with twenty other families came to the New World from "Gergenbeck on the Kinzig" in 1786 on account of religious persecution, and in 1795 chose this locality for their new home. When it was possible to obtain paper to continue to publish the first newspaper in Ohio, "Centinel of the Northwest Territory," (1793) and "Western Spy and Hamilton Gazette," (1799); and the laws of the Northwest Territory, Waldschmidt put to use his knowledge and experience in paper-making and built Ohio's first paper mill.

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THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Ohio Briefs

D. A. R. Gets Protectorate Over Its Historic Shrine

\$5000 Provided for Restoration of Christian
Waldschmidt Home Located At
Camp Dennison.

CINCINNATI, MARCH 12.—(AP).—The Ohio chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has acquired its first historic shrine—the stone house of Christian Waldschmidt, built in 1804 at Camp Dennison.

At yesterday's opening session of the 42nd annual state conference of the D. A. R., Miss Ramona Kaiser, chairman of the historic sites committee of the Mariemont chapter, accepted protectorate of the eastern Hamilton county landmark from Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Kroger, who also provided \$5000 for restoration of the shrine and donated many of its original furnishings.

A bronze plaque to be placed on the house late Monday recounts how Christian Waldschmidt established there Ohio's first paper mill serving "the first newspapers of Ohio: Centinal of the Northwestern territory, 1793; Western Sp and Hamilton Gazette, 1799."

During the Civil war the house was headquarters for Gen. Joshua Bates.

Mrs. Homer H. Heath of Toledo in awarding the Cincinnati chapter a \$25 prize for the largest membership increase, reported statewide membership of 7502.

1, 1942

Cincinnati
Times-Star

"Know Ohio" Show



Plans for picturing the first DAR shrine, the 138-years-old Waldschmidt home at Camp Dennison, in the Museum's "Know Ohio" exhibit, which opens Wednesday, are being made by the group shown, left to right: Mrs. C. P. Sticksel, Mrs. Miller F. Dartt, Miss Ramona Kaiser, state chairman of the restoration of the old home, and Miss Dorothy Crull. Mrs. Sticksel, Mrs. Dartt, Miss Kaiser and Miss Crull are all members of Mariemont Chapter DAR, which is the protectorate of the old home. Inset in circle is Mrs. A. H. Dunham, Dayton, O., Ohio DAR regent, who met with the group. Absent when the picture was taken, but present at the meeting, was Mrs. Allen Collier. Mrs. William Mason Phillips of Springboro, state chairman of historic sites of the DAR, was present at the meeting also.

By **GEORGE ELLISTON**

Ohio's first historic DAR shrine, the Waldschmidt home, at Camp Dennison, marches on in glory as the day of its complete restoration and opening to the public approaches.

Its latest honor is inclusion in the "Know Ohio" show at the Art Museum, which opens Wednesday. A picture of the house and its history will be a part of the show.

Plans to this end were completed at a meeting of the DAR state committee on the house at the Hotel Gibson, when other matters relative to it also came up.

It was announced by Miss Kaiser, who is chairman of the restoration, that a gift of \$150 to aid in bringing the house back to its original appearance has been received. The

donor is a Cincinnati DAR member but wished her name withheld.

Miss Kaiser appointed Mrs. Sticksel and Miss Crull in charge of the landscaping, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Frank G. Kugler in charge of gifts to a museum to which one-room of the old house is to be devoted and that other members of the committee to assist on the ways and means committee. These include Mrs. Harry Binder and Mrs. C. Pohl.

It was reported that the work of putting the old house into its original state and including conveniences which will fit it for visitors is progressing finely.

The heating, wiring and plumbing equipment are in. The first flooring and partitioning are in. The fireplaces have been made usable

after complete reconstruction of the building from foundation up. The stone work on the exterior is being repaired and roofing and gutters are being replaced where necessary.

Plans have been submitted for finishing the interior and it is hoped that a small portion will be completed on the first floor before the summer is over.

The building, which was the home of Christian Waldschmidt, Ohio's pioneer papermaker as early as 1800, will be used as a meeting place and museum.

This museum will house articles of interest pertaining to the paper industry; early Ohio newspapers, for which Waldschmidt and his son-in-law made the paper; family relics

(Descendent of
Chester Kroger)

Dear Mrs. Stringfield,

I am sorry but I find
that I will be out of town
on August 5th.

I hope your luncheon and
program will be a success. Thank
you for inviting me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gray Robinson

MARIEMONT D.A.R. CELEBRATES
CONSTITUTION DAY AT SEPT. 17, 1977,
MEETING

Seventeen members of the Mariemont Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution were guests of C. Wesley Rahn and his daughter, Mary Jordan, at his home on the Milford-Glendale Road in Camp Dennison.

Mr. Rahn's home and his adjoining properties were acquired by purchase-loan for the Ohio Society of D.A.R. in

Nov. 1975

These properties were originally a part of the Waldschmidt estate; his home having been built for the Waldschmidt daughter. The oldest part of the structure was built shortly after 1804. However, the house has not been continuously used as a home. It was a guard house during the Civil War.

¶ Mr. Rahn acquired ^{Another} ~~the~~ house, presently being used to house the caretaker of the Waldschmidt Museum, as a home for his parents and himself in 1920. His present home was included in the ¹⁹²⁰ purchase price ~~for~~ ^{for} Lagnappe. After his marriage in 1925, his wife inspired him to restore the old stone house that had been used for storage. A kitchen and bath were added to the

"two-rooms downstairs and two-rooms
upstairs" architectural gem, ^{at that time} Mr. Rahn
himself, ~~doing the addition~~ and beautifully
restoring the mortar lines. ~~Three~~ ^{Four}
generations of Rahns have lived ~~on~~
the ~~house~~. ^{properties}

Visible on the front of ^{his home} the house are
^{Catawba} grapevines that have been there for
many years. The oldest knowledge of
the vines was given to Mr. Rahn by the
son, ^{Rob Pinkvoss} ~~of the son of~~ the previous owner
of the property ~~in~~ ^{Rob} ~~in~~
his 95th year, Mr. Pinkvoss remembered
the vines as a child. Across the
highway still stands the structure
that housed the Waldschmidt distillery.
C. Wesley Rahn is well known in
the Mariemont, Terrace Park and Milford
area as the owner of the restaurant that
was under the railroad bridge on Wooster
Pike. Mr. Rahn served the best sand-
wiches available in the area. ~~He also~~
~~baked his own bread.~~

The Mariemont Chapter of D.A.R. has been
interested and involved with the Waldschmidt
House Museum since it was acquired ~~by~~ ^{through} the efforts of
one of its members, Ramona Kiser Bradley,
in 1940. The chapter members are
dedicating themselves to that same

kind of involvement with the Rahn
properties.

The October 15 meeting ^{included} will take the
~~chapter members to~~ a tour of the
Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
in Covington, Ky.

The Mariemont Chapter of DAR will visit Sharonwood Village on Sept. 15. The September meeting will be held in that historic setting. Mrs. L. H. Stringfield/^{Regent} will preside. Other newly elected officers of the chapter who live in Mariemont are Mrs. Lillian McElroy, Vice Regent and Miss Gertrude Addicott, Board Member. Lunch and a tour of the Village is also planned.

Some of the members enjoyed Waldschmidt Fun day in Camp Dennison on Aug. 1. Ivanette Wright Miller spoke about her famous uncles Orville and Wilbur Wright. The most recent item being considered as an addition to the museum is a patchwork quilt finished by 2 Waldschmidt daughters on Sept. 3, 1886.

Restoration of Waldschmidt tavern was completed last year. The Mariemont Chapter honored Ramona Kaiser Bradley, a member in 1947, in engraving the mug they presented to the tavern. Mrs. Bradley was responsible for acquiring

Waldschmidt House for
the Ohio Society of DAR.

4412 Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
July 2, 1980

Mrs. Ann L. Kitzmiller, State Regent
5026 Wintersong Lane,
Westerville, Ohio 53081

Dear Ann,

The Mariemont Chapter membership has voted to install a plaque at Waldschmidt House honoring Ramona Kaiser Bradley who was a member of our chapter at the time she was instrumental in acquiring the grand old house for the OSDAR. We'd like to acknowledge her service as "protectorate" until caretakers could be provided through the use of the adjacent Waldschmidt properties.

We ask that you authorize the installation of such a plaque and a dedication service with Mrs. Bradley present. Remembering that Mary Williams was presented the Waldschmidt House scrapbook at State Conference and that she may still have it, I am enclosing copies of documentation which may help you make your decision in time for our chapter to include this activity in our program planning meeting on July 16.

I have spoken to Kim Starr. She promised to discuss this with you at Lakeside Day. Sorry, I cannot join you then but will see you at Waldschmidt Day. Hopefully, many will turn out to "Guard that which was committed to thy trust" through Ramona Kaiser Bradley.

Thank you for any consideration you give this request.

Sincerely,
L. H. Stringfield
Mrs. L. H. Stringfield(Dell)

Att: correspondence between Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Kroger
Program for DAR State Conference, Mar. 1941
Publicity from Cincinnati Times Star on Conference
Times-Star article "Gift presented to Ohio Daughters of American
Revolution
Times-Star article DAR Shrine in "Know Ohio" Show

Copy Ramona Kaiser Bradley

April 2, 1981
4412 Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
Tele. 1-513-271-4248

Mrs. Charles P. Jones
Box 135 New Garden Road
Williamsburg, Indiana 47393

Dear Phyllis:

Was glad to see you again at State Conference. I had to leave early so left a statement with Kim Starr about our plans to honor Ramona K. Bradley at Waldschmidt House on April 18. Actually, I was soliciting ideas to honor Ramona which would be acceptable to the Board of Trustees, hoping still to use the date we had set up for the program. Kim wrote me a note after the conference, saying that there were no new recommendations from the Board. Since the Board could not authorize the plaque at the entrance and since our Chapter did not want to plant a tree, I decided we did not have time enough to carry out any new plan by April 18. I have written to our State Regent and I have spoken to your Secretary, Jean Armstrong to notify them that we would not be celebrating at Waldschmidt House on April 18.

Now for the new plan. While I was toying with the idea of an upright concrete marker with plaque somewhere around the entrance, Dorothy Crull, Mariemont Chapter Treasurer and I went to the house and photographed spots where such a monument could be considered by the Waldschmidt Board. A couple of days later, I visited with Helen Webster at a charter signing for a the Cincinnati Colonial Dames XVII chapter. Helen told me that at a gathering in Akron the idea of a boulder, where the tree stump of the cut-down tree remained, might be a place for this monument to Ramona. Later Jean Armstrong called me to confirm the cancellation our program on April 18. She too remarked about the placement of a boulder. I had already got the ball rolling, after talking to Helen, and had a date to see a boulder in the yard of a friend who is an excavator, Mr. *Ricker* Poe of Miami ~~Ohio~~, Ohio. It is a beautiful granite, oval stone with streaks of glittering glass-like substance running across the top. He had hit the boulder with the blade of his machinery and exposed beautiful red granite on each end. He has offered to deliver the boulder after a notice of two to three weeks after we tell him the stump has been removed. Dorothy and I have decided to pour a level spot of concrete where it will be placed so that it will not tend to sink in the newly-dug soil. Jean Armstrong tells me that she was ordering the removal of the trunk right away.

You'll be interested to know that Mary (Sloan) now Jordan, daughter of Mr. Rahn of the other stone house was instrumental in leading me to Mr. Poe when I told her I was looking for a boulder. Mary is the author of the book, History of Camp Dennison, which sells at Waldschmidt House functions. She is my husband's cousin and we are very good friends, seeing each other at least once a week.

Now, about a date for this celebration. Ramona will need to travel from California and the Waldschmidt Board should be present as well as some State officers. How about Waldschmidt Fun Day in August? Is it possible to fit us in and save everyone a lot of travelling later? My Regency ends in June, but I will be serving as Vice Regent the next two years and can help the new Regent carry this off. Hope you can forgive my boldness at planning this far without talking with you. Jean Armstrong seemed to think we could move ahead. Write me if you have any objections. Also

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cc: Dorothy Crull,
Ann Kitzmiller

Sincerely,
Mariemont Chapter Regent

aug 5 - Waldschmidt Day

April 14, 1981
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
4412 Grove Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poe
6650 Loveland-Miamiville Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Richard and Edna,

I want to thank you first for your hospitality during my visit to your home with Mary (Georgie) Jordan. I do love making new friends. Also, thank you very much for the offer of the beautiful boulder and the task of moving it to the Waldschmidt Museum. Your generosity is almost overwhelming, but my Christian ethics tell me to accept and be grateful.

The Waldschmidt Board has decided to remove the tree stump in the spot where we plan to place the boulder. The caretaker is taking bids for its removal but hopes to have the cooperation of the Camp Dennison Maintenance Department who will be doing that kind of work around the village next week. When the stump is gone, I plan to have a solid base of sackrete poured for the boulder before it is set in place. Our plaque is being produced and I have hopes of the boulder being in place for the Waldschmidt Board's meeting about mid-May. I'll surely notify you as soon as the spot is ready.

About Mid-August, Waldschmidt House Trustees are hostesses to a fun day at the house. I have asked to hold our celebration around the boulder on that day. I certainly hope you will be able to attend. A written invitation will be sent when the date and time is set.

Best wishes for a joyous family gathering this weekend. Happy Easter!

Most Cordially,

Mrs. L. H. Stringfield
Regent, Mariemont Chapter

cc: Dorothy Cfull
Phyllis Jones

Day at landmark

Ohio Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, will celebrate Waldschmidt House Day on Aug. 5 at the historic landmark in Camp Dennison.

Highlighting the day will be special recognition for several chapters, craft and white elephant sales to help with maintenance of the house and luncheon under a gigantic tent.

Mrs. Gerald Taylor, American History Month chairwoman for the area's Beech Forest Chapter, will present two awards to

Tricia Ross of Milford, one of four top seventh grade winners nationally for her essay on "Cornwallis — An Important Military General." She will receive the East Central NSDAR award and a token from the chapter whose contest she won and then progressed to state and national levels.

Mrs. Ramona Bradley, former Mariemont DAR member who now lives in California, will be present to accept a plaque recognizing her efforts in influencing the Chester Kroger family to donate the Waldschmidt House and surrounding property to the Ohio DAR 40 years ago.



MRS. ANN L. KITZMILLER, *State Regent*
5026 Wintersong Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081

July 10, 1981
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Dear Bell,

Appreciate the update about the boulder and the plaque.

You are doing such a super job — and August 5 should really be a great day for the Waldschmidt House 40th anniversary celebration.

See you soon.

P.S. Sorry, thought that I had mailed this card.

Sincerely,
Ann

June 29th, 1981
Poe Excavating Co. truck
arrived with OVERSIZED LOAD



Richard Poe plans unloading
stragedy



Mike Smith came to help





May 30, 1981

Dorothy Crull

A job well done -

She engineered the preparation of this concrete base for the boulder



Dell Stringfield

A willing helper -

Landscaped the area around the boulder in preparation for its delivery.



Dell, Dorothy and Richard Poe
An angel in disguise. He gave us the boulder and transported it to the site.

June 29, 1981



Mr. Poe and Mike remove the props



Positioning for unloading



Dedicated to the task of placing the boulder on the base.

The Plaque is ready and our wonderful, new friends have put it in place. Thanks.



Now, Dorothy, all we have left to do is affix the plaque to the boulder.



We did it! With the help of Mike Quire on June 30th, 1981





The Trustees of Waldschmidt House of the Ohio Society of Daughters of the American Revolution cordially invite you to the annual Waldschmidt House Day on Wednesday, August 5, at 11:00 A.M., Camp Dennison, Ohio, on Route 126.

The program is to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Chester Kroger's gift of the Waldschmidt House to the Ohio Society DAR. Mrs. Ramona Kaiser Bradley, a former member of the Mariemont Chapter DAR and the first Chairman of the Waldschmidt restoration Committee will speak. The Mariemont Chapter will dedicate a plaque to her that day.

Please plan to come to lunch at 11:00 A.M. or to the program at 1:30 P.M. Please phone your luncheon reservation by July 15, to

Mrs. Leonard Stringfield, 271-4248

1412 Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
July 17, 1981

Dear Wayne,

The Waldschmidt Board allowed me to extend 10 invitations for
lunch on Waldschmidt Fun Day. The following have accepted:

- 1 Clarence Erickson - Mayor of Mariemont Village
He will proclaim the day Ramona Kaiser Bradley Day
- 2, 3 Mr. and Mrs. Leon Strickland - Member SAR, Cincinnati Chapter
- 4 Rosemary Munsen - Editor of People Today, Cincinnati Enquirer
- 5, 6 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poe - Donated and transported boulder to house
- 7 Mike Smith - Involved in moving of boulder
- 8 Paula Demling - Editor and photographer, Milford Advertiser
- 9 Leonard Stringfield - Contributor, Mariemont Town Crier

Three Kroger descendants all sent regrets. Helen Fix, Robert Taft II,
and Bill Gradison are all vacationing in August.

I believe the above acceptances will make our day interesting. See
you on August 4 at Ramada Inn.

Sincerely,

Dell Stringfield
Vice Regent, Mariemont Chapter

CC; Ann Kitzmiller
Phyllis Jones

AGENDA - DEDICATION CEREMONY AT WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE
AUGUST 5, 1981
HONORING RAMONA KAISER BRADLEY - FIRST RESTORATION CHAIRMAN
1941-47

11:30 A.M. - At boulder on which plaque is affixed, beside walk at entrance
to Waldschmidt House, Camp Dennison, Ohio

Ex-Regent Mariemont Chapter, Dell Stringfield - (Welcome)- Madam Regent, Chairman and
Board of Trustees, Daughters and Guests

(Introduce Ramona)- I welcome you, in behalf of the Ohio Society and the Mariemont
Chapter. We are proud to introduce a former member of our Chapter and a present
member of the Rubidoux Chapter of Riverside, California, Ramona Kaiser Bradley.
Ramona will be speaking to us during the program but Chapter pride tells me to take
this opportunity to tell those of you gathered here of important contributions she
has made to society.

Ramona was a member of our Chapter when she secured the Waldschmidt House from
Mr. Chester Kroger. In December, 1939, she offered to place a marker on the house,
commemorating it an historic site. Permission was granted and Mr. Kroger asked
her cooperation in helping him dispose of the house to some historical society.
Ramona presented the historical value of the house and Mr. Kroger's offer to the
State Committee for consideration. At its' 42nd Annual State Conference/the ^{Mar. 11} 1941
Ohio Society had acquired it's first historic shrine and could now proceed to
carry out the first purpose of the Society, "The Preservation of Landmarks".
The plaque at the front door was placed on the house during the conference.
Mariemont Chapter was in charge. Ramona served as Protectorate and First
Restoration Chairman. Restoration of the first flooring and partitioning, the
reconstruction of heating, wiring and plumbing and updating of the fireplaces
had been accomplished by May 1, 1942. At that time, the first Ohio DAR shrine,
the 138-year-old Waldschmidt Home at Camp Dennison was pictured in the Cincinnati
Art Museum's "Know Ohio" exhibit

Ramona will be honored by the Rubidoux Chapter in the fall and will receive her
50 year pin. The Chapter Regent writes that Ramona is a very capable, loyal,
patriotic member and friend.

Ramona was honored at a tea last year by the Mayor of Riverside for various community
works. She has given years of loyal service at Sherman Indian High School as
Director and Curator of their museum.

Today, we pay special tribute to this gracious lady for her many years of service
and extend best wishes for her future endeavors.

Prayer - Jessie Jones, Chaplain, Mariemont Chapter

Dedication - NOTHING IS REALLY ENDED UNTIL IT IS FORGOTTEN.
WHATEVER IS KEPT IN MEMORY STILL ENDURES.

Therefore, we the Ohio Society and Mariemont Chapter Daughters of American
Revolution dedicate this marker in grateful recognition of Ramona Kaiser
Bradley's service as First Restoration Chairman of Waldschmidt House.
May it help to keep alive an appreciation for her works. We think of her
untiring efforts in securing our museum from Mr. Chester Kroger, whose
generous gift has been deeply appreciated by all historians.

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Present Recognition Pin to Ramona and certificates to Dot Crull and Richard Poe
(Dorothy Crull gifted the plaque as a memento of her abiding friendship
with Ramona and their mutual interest in DAR affairs.)
(Richard Poe, for his generosity in giving the magnificent boulder, his
time and the use of his equipment to transport the boulder to the house)

* Miss Dorothy Crull, Treasurer, Mariemont Chapter DAR

Present to Chairman of the Board - Madam Chairman, in the name of the Ohio Society and of the Mariemont Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, I present this marker to Waldschmidt House.

Acceptance - Chairman of Waldschmidt Board of Trustees, Mrs. Charles Jones

Benediction - Jessie Jones, Chaplain, Mariemont Chapter DAR

The Trustees of Waldschmidt House invite all Ohio Daughters and guests to the annual "Open House" on Wednesday August 5, at 11:00 AM.

The program is for the 40th Anniversary of ~~the~~ Chester Krogers' donation of Waldschmidt House to the Ohio Society DAR. Mrs. Ramona Kaiser Bradley, Chairman of the Restoration Committee, will speak; the Mariemont Chapter will dedicate a plaque to her.

Please send names and chapter with \$5.00 for each reservation (which will include a fried chicken lunch at noon) before July 25 to: Mrs. Donald S. Blair, 756 Treecrest Drive, Akron, Ohio 44313. You will receive your name card when you register.

At your June meeting, begin plans to bring a car load of members. COME ENJOY THIS "FUN DAY"! Bring donations of items for the Sales Table.



Village of Mariemont

6907 WOOSTER PIKE
MARIEMONT, OHIO 45227

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, August 5, 1981, marks the 40th Anniversary of the acquisition of the Christian Waldschmidt House in Camp Dennison.

WHEREAS, this historic stone house was secured largely through the efforts of Ramona Kaiser Bradley representing the Mariemont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with the support and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger.

WHEREAS, the Mariemont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have continued to be responsible for the maintenance and improvement of this historic house built in the year 1804.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clarence M. Erickson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Mariemont in the State of Ohio do hereby proclaim August 5, 1981 as Ramona Kaiser Bradley Day in recognition of her efforts, determination, and perseverance in securing and improving this historic landmark.

Signed: _____

Clarence M. Erickson
Clarence M. Erickson, Mayor

Date: _____

July 27, 1981
July 27, 1981

Village of Mariemont Ohio

TO: Mrs. Leonard Stringfield
4412 Grove Avenue
Mariemont, Ohio 45227

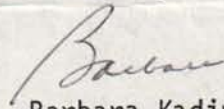
DATE: July 28, 1981

Dear Mrs. Stringfield:

Mayor Erickson asked me to forward a copy of the Proclamation recognizing Ramona Kaiser Bradley which he will read at the 40th Anniversary celebration on August 5, 1981 at the Waldschmidt House.

Please review. We hope this Proclamation meets with your approval.

Sincerely,



Barbara Kadinger
Village Secretary

Enclosure

MARIEMONT CHAPTER D A R
RESERVATIONS FOR
BRADLEY FUN DAY AT WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE
WED. AUG 5, 1981

MISS GERTRUDE ADDICOTT
MRS. GEORGIANA BILLINGSLEY
MRS. HELEN BINDER
MISS DOROTHY CRULL
MRS. ^{Betty} BETTY BILLINGSLEY FEHRMAN
MRS. BETTY GOOD
MRS. BEVERLY GOOD
MRS. MILDRED GADE
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August 5, 1981

RAMONA KAISER BRADLEY DAY

at

WALBSCHMIDT HOUSE

40th Anniversary of Chester Kroger's gift.

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Ann Kitzmiller, State Regent
 Chats with Ramona



Dedicating plaque and boulder, honoring
 Ramona . L to R Ramona, Dorothy Crull,
 Dell Stringfield and Jessie Jones, Chaplain



Ann Kitzmiller, State Regent and
 Dottie Crull look on as
 Dell Stringfield, Ex-Regent Mariemont
 presents Recognition Pin on Ramona.
 After Dedication of plaque to Waldschmidt
 House



Under the great tent on August 5, 1981



Ann Kitzmiller, State Regent
accepts the plaque and boulder
and praises Ramona for acquiring
Waldschmidt and giving much of
herself to the restoration
Jessie Jones, Mariemont Chaplain
opened ceremony with a most gracious
prayer.



Members gather for the
dedication. To the
extreme left are three generations
of Billingsleys, Georgiana, Betty and
Betty's daughter.



Mayor Clarence Erickson
proclaims the day
RAMONA KAISER BRADLEY DAY



Ramona addresses the
250 guests and members



The group
lines up
for chicken
dinner and
beautiful
flag-decorated
birthday cake
from the Kroger
Company



AROUND TOWN

DAR Preserves Past At Walds

BY ROSEMARY MUNSEN
Society Editor

You've probably driven by it a dozen times on Sunday afternoons . . . a well-preserved, well-proportioned old stone house on Ohio 126 in Camp Dennison.

Built in 1804, it belonged to the Waldschmidts and Kuglers (of Kugler Mill) and was headquarters for Gen. Joshua Bates during the Civil War.

It was unoccupied and in ruins after 1861. The house later was bought by Chester F. Kroger and in 1941 he gave it to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) with a \$5,000 grant for refurbishing.

"It wouldn't go very far today," said Romona Kaiser Bradley, who was instrumental in the transaction. But then, it went a long way toward basic renovation.

Today, the Christian Waldschmidt 1804 home is open to the public on Sundays. It is an excellent example of the style of life of the families who arrived in 1795 to make a new life in the wilderness.

The old house was used variously as a store, a tavern, a community meeting house, school and church.

Wednesday, all those uses (except the tavern) were recalled at the 40th anniversary of its new life under the protectorate of the Ohio Society DAR.

MRS. BRADLEY, who was born

in nearby Indian Hill, used to ride by the house as a child.

"We would go by and I would wish somebody would get this building and restore it," she said. And as it turned out, she was the person who led the way in so doing. She was a member of the Mariemont Chapter DAR and chairwoman of historic sites. Mrs. Bradley came from her home in Riverside, Calif., Wednesday for the "Waldschmidt House Day," and its 40th anniversary dedication.

She had presented the project in 1940 to the state DAR conference in Cleveland. It was accepted as an historic site. In 1941, the Krogers gave the house to the DAR. Wednesday was the anniversary of that event.

A plaque set into a glacial boulder dredged up in the area and donated by Richard Poe marks the occasion.

"We no longer put plaques on historic houses—it defaces them," said Mary Jordan, who has written a history of Camp Dennison.

Wednesday there was a large tent set up on a side lawn, reminiscent of the ice cream socials of bygone days. About 200 people had box lunches, including city and state officials, among them State Rep. Helen Fix, R-Cincinnati.

State DAR regent Ann Kitzmiller accepted the plaque, and everyone toured the stone house—a nice, cool interesting place to visit with its antiques and

memorabilia—a good place to take children to see a household of the early 1800s.

MRS. BRADLEY, whose husband is in Indian Affairs, now is in charge of a museum at the Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, Calif. She is still close to the history of the Indian Hill area. She lived at the corner of Drake and Shawnee Run Rds. which now belongs to Indian Hill Fire Department. Her father, patent attorney Oliver B. Kaiser, "was the one responsible for bringing water, telephones and electricity to Indian Hill," she said.

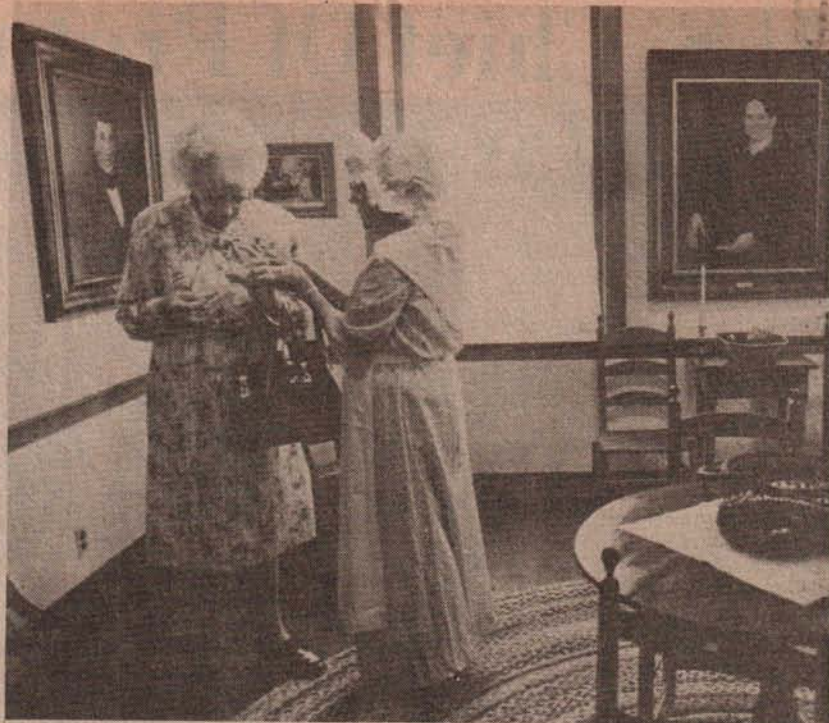
"My, how the Indian Hill farmers fought those big tele-



chmidt

phone poles coming in," she recalled. "A Mr. Hetzler was one of the biggest objectors, and don't you know, the first phone call we got was a message for him." Her mother was an "Adopted Daughter of the Grand Army of the Republic," a special honor for patriotic service and for what she had done for the old veterans of the Civil War.

The Waldschmidt House is open every Sunday, April-September, during the afternoon, with either a hostess or guide on duty. Special arrangements for groups may be made at other times through the vice chairwoman of the Waldschmidt trustees, Mrs. Phyllis Wright, at 575-9284.



Enquirer photos BY MICHELLE JONES

BETSY MARTIN helps Dorothea Egan with her chaplain's pin. Both are from Columbus DAR chapters.



Photographer: JACK KLUMPE

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DAR honors early pioneer

By Nancy Berlier
Post Staff Reporter

MILFORD—Two hundred people were milling around the pioneer home of Christian Waldschmidt near here Wednesday, a site the early developer would have expected to see in a settlement he called New Germany.

Despite Waldschmidt's dreams of creating a town here, there remains only a museum home which hosts occasional visitors and annual gatherings of the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Wednesday was the DAR's annual Waldschmidt House Day, in an area now called Camp Dennison, located on Ohio Route 126 between Milford and Miamiville.

ABOUT 200 members of the organization from around the state gathered here and toured the home of a family whose lives affected Cincinnati, but failed to make New Germany into the reality Christian Waldschmidt planned.

"The dream died when he died," Phyllis Wright, a trustee of the house and regent of the Beech Forest Chapter of the DAR, said.

Wearing a long gown, Mrs. Wright dressed as though she belonged in Christian Waldschmidt's immediate family, and she talked about the pioneer as though she knew him well.

HER INTIMATE knowledge of the pioneer, his home and family come from the DAR's detailed research when restoring the Waldschmidt home and her own recitations of the history during Sunday afternoons tours when the house is open to the public.

A Revolutionary War soldier and native of Pennsylvania, Christian Waldschmidt first came here in 1794 and began dreaming about the potential for development.

He bought his property between the Great and Little Miami rivers from John Cleves Symmes and returned to Pennsylvania in 1795. He left three men to clear the land, build block houses and construct a fortress to protect settlers from Indians.

HE MOVED his family here in 1795 and 1798. Waldschmidt's fortune flourished here where he built a paper mill, cooperage, distillery, wollen mill and dyeing house and blacksmith shop. He started a school and kept a midwife in his house, in an effort to attract settlers.

"A lot of Clermont Countians had grandparents and great-grandparents born in this house because they had a midwife here," Mrs. Wright said.

A large kitchen, with an enormous fireplace used to feed family and employees is filled with cast iron cooking utensils, antique lights, German cookie molds and period furniture.

The dining room contains furniture built by the trees cleared off the Waldschmidt property. Cabinets hold some of the dishes the Waldschmidt family used.

A MAIN room contains Waldschmidt's "tobacco chair" and family portraits of his daughter, Sarah, and her husband, James Given. The pioneer's grandson, John Kugler, and his wife Rebecca also keep a watchful eye on the homestead from their portraits on the wall.

Upstairs, visitors see cloth-



Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution gather, above, for an invocation before entering Waldschmidt House. Ramona Raber Bradley smiles as she receives recognition pin for her work to restore home.

ing, quilts and needlework of the period in the Waldschmidt bedrooms. Canopy beds and children's toys appear still ready for the pioneer's family.

Waldschmidt's dream of building New Germany here died with the settler, Mrs. Wright said. His children eventually lost the fortune he accumulated and never developed the town.

HOWEVER, HIS home continued to hold a place of prominence in Ohio's history.

In the Civil War, the home was used as a recruitment center for the Union Army and was the headquarters for Gen. Joshua Bates. The home was once attacked by Morgan's Raiders, she said.

Civil War soldiers left their mark on the house in the kitchen.

A section of the bullet-rid-

den original wall is framed under glass.

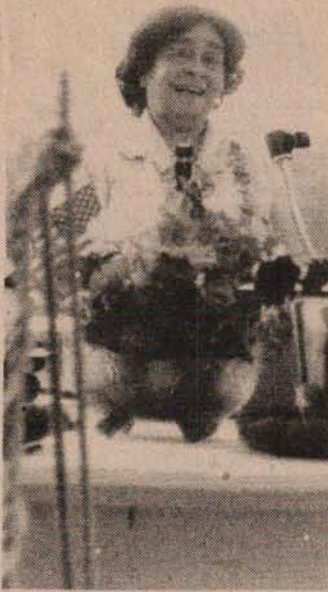
"The soldiers, not having anything else to do, used it for target practice," she said. There is an elbow door handle devised by a soldier who had lost an arm, so he could open the kitchen door with his elbow, she pointed out.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger bought the house in 1941 and donated it to the DAR, along with a check for \$5000 to begin restoration. The DAR's restoration project was halted by World War II, but the Waldschmidt house was dedicated in 1952.

The house has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is open to the public from 1-5 p.m., May 1 through October 1, and special tours can be arranged by calling or writing Mrs. Wright at 575-9284, 6071 Donna Jay Drive, Loveland.

DAR holds statewide meeting at Waldschmidt

By Jean Fudge
Advertiser staff
The Waldschmidt House



**RAMONA KAISER
BRADLEY**

was again the site of many ladies in long dresses having a good time as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met there for a statewide meeting last Wednesday.

The ladies also celebrated the 40th anniversary of DAR's acquisition of the 177-year-old house, which is on SR 126 near Camp Dennison.

Special guests were Ramona Kaiser Bradley, the DAR member who arranged the acquisition, and Tricia Ross, a Milford student, who received a national award from DAR for an American history essay.

The week of Aug. 3 was named "Tricia Ross Week" by a proclamation from Milford Mayor James Dahlmeier, which was presented at the meeting by City Manager Harry Hodges. Aug. 5 was dedicated to Bradley through a proclamation presented by

Mariemont Mayor Clarence Erickson.

Ross is one of four 7th graders around the country to win the DAR award. Her essay about General Cornwallis was written while she attended Main Middle School.

Bradley flew in from California for the occasion and expressed her feelings about the house.

"Whenever I would go by the house it seemed to speak to me," she said. "It always haunted me."

By 1941 she had persuaded its owner, Chester Kroger, to donate the house to the DAR. With the deed also came \$5,000 for renovation.

However, the \$5,000 "didn't go far," even back then, Bradley said, because the house had laid empty since the Civil War.

Bradley said she was quite pleased with the work done by

DAR members.

"I've seen my dreams come true," she said. "You've worked more enthusiastically than (we did in) the beginning."

Before DAR's acquisition the house served many purposes, including being the headquarters for General Joshua Bates. Bullet holes can still be seen on a kitchen wall.

Christian Waldschmidt built the house in 1804, one year after Ohio became a state. Separate entrances were used for family quarters, Waldschmidt's shop and the tavern in the basement.

Pewter mugs donated by DAR chapters around Ohio now line the tavern's whiskey shelves. Upstairs, an 1803 flag is displayed on the wall.

DAR members currently use the house as a museum which is open to the public (Cont'd. on page 2)



THE HISTORIC WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE was the site of the statewide DAR meeting last week.



TRICIA ROSS

DAR honors Bradley

(Cont'd. from page 1)

from 1 to 5 each day until Oct. 1 and by special arrangement after that. For more information call Mrs. Wright at 575-9284.

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August 12, 1981

CITY OF *Riverside* CALIFORNIA 92522 • 714/787-7551 •



AB BROWN
Mayor

October 17, 1980

Mr. & Mrs. E. Trausch
7815 Potomac
Riverside, CA 92506

I CORDIALLY INVITE YOU

on behalf of the members of the Cultural Heritage Board and Councilman Sam Digati to attend a reception on Thursday, October 30, 1980 honoring Ramona K. Bradley who has been a dedicated member of the Riverside Cultural Heritage Board for over six years. The reception will be held in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room, 6th floor, City Hall from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Ramona's term on the Board expired October 1st, 1980 and we wish to recognize and pay special tribute to this gracious lady for her many years of fine community service.

Again, we hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, October 30, to express *heartfelt appreciation* to Ramona K. Bradley and extend *best wishes* for much happiness in her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ab Brown
Mayor

SISTER CITIES



SENDAI, JAPAN



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ENSENADA, MEXICO



SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA



RUBIDOUX CHAPTER
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

July 26, 1981

Dear Mrs. Stringfield,

It is with sincere regrets that I will be unable to attend the August 5th annual Waldschmidt House Day program celebrating the 40th anniversary of Chester Kroger's gift of the Waldschmidt House to the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

I thoroughly enjoyed the enclosed history of this building and will share it with my chapter at a meeting in the fall. And if we are in Cincinnati, my husband and I intend to visit this truly historic house.

Mrs. Bradley will be honored at our Rubidoux Chapter meeting this fall and will receive her 50 year pin. She transferred to our chapter June 14, 1955. She has served us in many offices, being Regent from 1960 to 1962. We know her as a very capable, loyal, patriotic member and friend.



RUBIDOUX CHAPTER
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

She has served our city in many ways. Our Mayor Ab Brown honored her at a tea last October. Many people spoke in glowing terms of her work on various committees and projects. She received several beautiful plaques.

She has given years of loyal service at Sherman Indian High School as Director and Curator of their museum. The student body as well as the Administration treasure and love Ramona.

I will enclose a few clippings that I am sure you will enjoy reading. My note has grown lengthy but I thought Ramona might "forget" to tell you how much Riverside thinks of her.

Sincerely,
Wilma M. Trausch, Regent

...Sherman museum curator

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of the National Congress of American Indians. "My sister was quite surprised because I had never shown any interest in men before," she says. "It never concerned me too much. But when it hit me, it hit me hard." Married in 1954, she was widowed in 1972.

It was with "Mr. Bradley," — printing instructor at Sherman for 28 years and manager of the California Baptist College printing department for five years — that she started working with the museum six years ago. She receives no pay for her work there, from 1 to 4 p.m., weekdays, other times by appointment. "You might say it's one of my hobbies," she says. "I'm a collector of hobbies."

Sherman Museum — Bradley emphasizes that the school and its museum are named after James Schoolcraft Sherman, former vice president — is housed in the former administration building of the school. It is a small building, conspicuous on Magnolia Avenue, right across the street from the Baptist Temple.

Inside, the museum illustrates the Bradley knack for putting many things in a little space. Pictures of Sherman graduates line the walls — up to 1960. "That's all we have wall space for," says Bradley. Now, she keeps up-to-date with yearbooks.

In every case and on every shelf is something to catch a visitor's curiosity — delicate beadwork, kachina dolls, finely woven basketry. In one case is a collection of pre-Columbian bowls from the cliff-dweller civilization in the Southwest. In another, the contents of the copper cornerstone box from the old school building, now replaced with modern facilities. Large papier-mache figures made by students stand next to the display cases.

On one wall hangs a rug, woven in a design of Navajo sand painting by a Sherman student. One of Bradley's prizes, the rug was purchased with the help of several local antique dealers.

The museum collection, some 300 catalogued items, emphasizes Indian cultures of California and the Southwest, those of the students that attend Sherman. Bradley attempts to make it "more of a personal museum," rather than a dead one, unrelated to the present.

Most of the museum's treasures are gifts, for the museum, although sponsored by the school's alumni association and helped by donations, runs on a shoestring. (The Riverside Antique Dealers Association is sponsoring a benefit auction for the museum, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at Clark's Gallery in Rubidoux.)

Occasionally, Bradley will buy student-made items for the museum's collection or to sell to museum visitors. It helps students out when they need a little extra money, she says. But, "they're getting quite smart in their prices!" She remem-

ber for her own collection for \$50, the market price.

The museum is very much Bradley's personal project. In fact, says Loretta Lanning, administrative clerk at the Sherman student health clinic and one of Bradley's personal friends, "We wouldn't have a museum if it wasn't for Mrs. Bradley." Bradley is the only one at the museum, unless someone volunteers to help her out.

But the museum reflects only one of Bradley's interests, although her most enduring one. At home, her living room is dark and cool, decorated with late Empire furniture. The draperies are gold; the furniture, upholstered in a variety of fabrics — flowered, striped and solid color.

Bradley clicks off the television by remote control and begins to talk this evening, laughing. She collects so many things. "I like most any kind of pretty figurine. My main problem is I don't have the space." And she likes antiques. Good books. Character dolls, although she's cut down her collection.

She creates, as well. She oil paints. And also has written various things, including four plays and two books. The book, "Weavers of Tales," legends of the Eastern Cherokee, which was printed privately, with her own illustrations, has done very well, Bradley says. "I have material enough for another one, or maybe two, it's just getting around to it." She purses her lips for emphasis, and then laughs.

The comfortable house is warm with the pleasure of Bradley's hobbies. In the summer, she says, she has many people over. "Mr. Bradley," she says, loved people, too.

But she is a busy woman. A former member of the city's library board, she is now a member of the city's Cultural Heritage Board.

She belongs to the Pioneer Historical Society of Riverside, the Riverside branch of the National League of American Pen Women, Riverside Museum Associates and the Rubidoux chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). "I think those are the most important ones. There are other things that are just minor."

But then, she goes to meetings of the Citrus Belt Club of Printing House Craftsmen as an honorary member, and she describes herself as "sort of an honorary member" of the Riverside Antique Dealers Association.

Working hard for her community, she is also a member of the parent advisory committee for the Riverside Unified School District's Indian education program.

And she doesn't even drive. "I have attempted on many occasions to take lessons and I freeze at the wheel." She goes places with the help of friends and by public transportation.

In the DAR she has been active in Indian activities; at one point, national vice-chairman of the group's American Indian committee. She



"I like beautiful people, and I try to look for the good in people — if I possibly can."

liam Augustus Atlee of Pennsylvania, a civilian active in the Revolution.

But she has found other ancestors in her own genealogical studies. One ancestor, she says, challenged two British officers to a duel when he heard them make disparaging remarks about the colonies. "He was of very fiery temperament. I admire him."

Bradley likes to be busy. And she almost always is. "She's certainly a dynamic little getter if there ever was one," says old friend, Agnes Worsley of Riverside.

Evenings may be quiet. But there are always her collections — her favorite flamenco dancer dolls from Spain, a beautifully worked Indian basket, a good book. "I enjoy my collections," says Bradley. "They are company to me."

HELP!

The 40 Year Reunion Committee of SAN BERNARDINO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1936

requests your assistance in locating lost or strayed classmates. If you are one - or know of one that has not received an invitation to our Oct. 9 party, please get in touch with us at the phone numbers given below. If you are a member of the 1935 or 1937 class, and would like to join the 'Special' class of 1936 celebrate their reunion, we welcome you. Just phone or write for an invitation form.

PH: 714-885-1455 or 714-884-1912
P.O. Box 2632 San Bernardino, CA 92416



Sherman Museum: "M

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Staff photos
by Jim Edwards

Ramona Bradley,
volunteer curator at
the museum at Sher-
man Indian High
School in Riverside.



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ctor of people and things

By PAT EICKMAN
Press-Enterprise Staff Writer

Ramona Bradley, 67, curator of the museum at Sherman Indian High School museum in Riverside, is short, plump and friendly.

Not just hello-how-are-you friendly, but a laughing friendly that chuckles through her conversation. "I always say my mouth is as big as a house when I laugh."

She is a collector of people and of things. "I like beautiful people, and I try to look for the good in people — if I possibly can," she says. She enjoys all ages of people with different interests.

She doesn't feel her age. "In fact, I don't like to be called a senior citizen." Pause. "I like to take advantage of it, of course." She laughs.

There is a diorama at Sherman Museum that perhaps tells something about the way Bradley collects things. One of several in the museum, this diorama, made by Bradley, represents Indian plains culture in the Black Hills area, she says.

"If you had seen these little figures, I got them at Sage's toy department," Bradley says, pointing at the figures in the diorama, their pink plastic bodies now covered in more human tones. The buffalo in the diorama was a find at Knott's Berry Farm; the pony came from a toy shop at Tyler Mall; the dog, from an antique store. The rustic canoe fell from a palm tree outside.

With perhaps some of the same serendipitous abandon, Bradley replaced some drab old draperies at the museum with sheets from the May Co. "I just cut them in half, taped them and hung them up." She is not bound by stuffiness.

Although not Indian, Bradley has been interested in native American cultures since she was a little girl growing up in Indian Hill, a small community outside Cincinnati, Ohio. "It just seemed inborn," she says.

She met her husband, the late Judson M. Bradley, who was part Cherokee, at a meeting

(See SHERMAN, Page F-4)



THE OHIO SOCIETY

Daughters Of The American Revolution

Dear Dell,

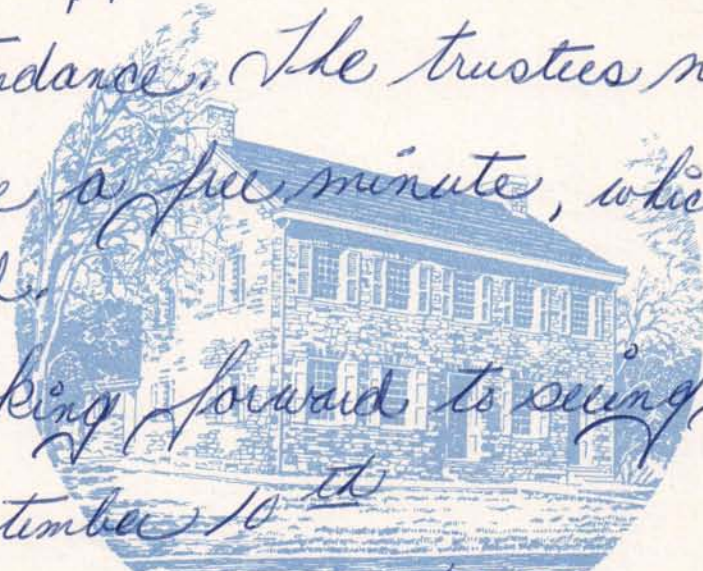
Thank you so very much
for your many hours of hard
work to make the fortieth
anniversary of Waldschmidt
House a big success.

Thank you and the
Mariemont Chapter for an
outstanding dedication ceremony.
I know Ramona Bradley is a
very deserving lady and gave
much to the labor of love for
Waldschmidt House.



THE OHIO SOCIETY
Daughters Of The American Revolution

I was down August 30th
and the publicity has made a
big difference in the Sunday
attendance. The trustees never
have a free minute, which is
good.
Looking forward to seeing you
September 10th



Christian Waldschmidt Home
Camp Downing Ohio
Built in 1892
Patented Home of Ohio Daughters of the A. R.

Thank you,
Phyllis Jones



MRS. ANN L. KITZMILLER
State Regent
Ohio Society DAR
5026 Wintersong Lane
Westerville, Ohio 43081

August 9, 1981

Dear Dell,

With the many months of preparation for Ramona Kaiser Bradley Day August 5, you and the members of the Mariemont Chapter are to be congratulated for the most beautiful ever Waldschmidt House Day.

Not only was the day a salute to Ramona but to all of you for honoring a dear lady. Truly, it was a privilege to accept the boulder and plaque

in behalf of the Ohio Society. Being a part of Ramona's dream will be a memory that I will always cherish.

To insure protection of the bronze plaque the Waldschmidt House Board of Trustees voted to place a plexiglass shield over the plaque. We want to insure that the monument to Ramona remains forever.

What a personal joy it was to know each of you better and to plan together for such a momentous day.

Again thank you from the bottom of my heart for your loving tribute - and best wishes to each of you.

Affectionately,
Ann Kitzmiller

Aug. 25th -

Dear Dell:

Thanks so much for your part in the Waldschmidt affair. I appreciate your efforts in making it an eventful day.

I was sorry not to see you before you left on your vacation. I hope that you had a good time.

I was so happy to have had such a pleasant visit with you. You and Dorothy were so good to me, in fact, everyone was so kind.

15/ Best Wishes
Ramona Bradley

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WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE

The accompanying picture was taken on March 10, 1981, following "Waldschmidt House Breakfast" at State Conference in Akron. From left to right front row: Mrs. James Borton; Mrs. David Starr, retiring Chairman of Trustees; Mrs. Gerald Horner; back row: Mrs. H. G. McPherson, State Treasurer; Mrs. Charles Wright; Mrs. Francis Webster; Miss Alice Whitcomb; Mrs. Richard Armstrong and Mrs. Charles P. Jones, Chairman of Trustees. Mrs. Ann Kitzmiller, State Regent, and Mrs. Wallace B. Heiser, a retiring Trustee, were not present when the picture was taken of the 1979-1980 Board of Trustees.

I hope that you did attend both the Breakfast at State Conference and the "Open House" at our DAR Shrine on August 5th, the two main events planned by the trustees during the year for the pleasure of the Ohio Daughters.

It is appropriate that we do recognize the fortieth anniversary of the presentation of Waldschmidt House by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger to the Ohio Society. It was due mainly to the foresight of Mrs. Ramona Kaiser Bradley that this was accomplished, and as Chairman of the Restoration Committee, she did much of the research and planning. The Mariemont Chapter is to be complimented for honoring Mrs. Bradley with the dedication of the beautiful plaque.

One only needs to view pictures of Waldschmidt House taken around 1941 to know that succeeding State DAR administrations and many devoted members and friends have contributed much to the "Labor of Love" that we may have this house to enjoy today.

We welcome newly elected Trustees to help carry on the responsibilities,

namely: Mrs. Katharine McComb, Mrs. Betty Lowden and Mrs. Betsy Martin. Also the Trustees want to thank the Curator's Committee for their traditional skit at State Conference and the opportunity of working with them.

Phyllis Jones, Chairman
Waldschmidt House Trustees

ESSAY IN BRAILLE

Whittier School sixth grader Ann Marie Bovaird received an outstanding award on the national level in the **Junior American Citizens Contest**. She was sponsored by the **Fort Findlay Chapter OSDAR**.

Ann, blind since birth, composed her essay on the contest theme "Faith In My Heritage" using a Braille typewriter. She attends a public school where there are no special facilities and she requires no special help, other than her Braille for transcribing assignments. She estimated that it took her an hour to compose the winning essay.

Findlay had 48 students winning awards in the Junior American Citizens contest program — six on the national level. Mrs. Donald Brumley served as chairman of the project and the awards were distributed at closing school assemblies.

Helen Brumley

DAR MUSEUM

Accolades in the June Issue of the Ohio DAR News should have included the following "In Memoriam" gift:

FORT GREENEVILLE CHAPTER

DAR Museum \$100.00 memorial for Mrs. Sallie Reese Eby, mother of Mrs. Jay W. Minich and member of Ft. Greeneville Chapter.

Three books have been purchased by the Curator General for the DAR Museum: namely, **Pressed Glass Salt Dishes of The Lacy Period (1825-1850); Wrap and Weft, A Textile Terminology,** and **Spode's Willow Pattern and Other Designs After The Chinese.**

Please contact me for blanks to be used in sending monies to the DAR Museum. If money, other than the regular report, is sent through the State Treasurer, do send me a copy also. Another \$100.00 or more, would be appreciated by the DAR Museum and Friends of the Museum. Chapters — see what you can do. Thank you.

Portia L. Lynch,
State Chairman



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August 5, 1981
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Ann Boehner Kitzmiller
State Regent



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HIGHLIGHTS OF KINDERVELT #54

Kindervelt #54 is charging ahead for the 1981-1982 events. We appreciated the community support of the Memorial Day Donut Sale and the Ice Cream Social. Upcoming events for Kindervelt #54 are: Pumpkin Sale at the Bell Tower October 17-18, Kinderklaus Market at the National Guard Armory on Reading Road, November 4-5, and the Sale of Luminaria Kits.

Start thinking about Luminaria for the Holidays. Christmas looks so beautiful when houses are lighted by Luminaria. It's also a unique way to decorate your house for your holiday entertaining. For details about luminaria kits contact Donna Cutcher 271-3900 or Linda Osgood 271-6410. A luminaria kit costs \$5.00.

We are introducing the community to our on-going project of selling Glass Bud Vases that can be attached to your window. These cost \$5.00 each and can be purchased by calling Kit Petricone at 272-2409. This is a perfect gift for the person who's has everything.

Again, a tip of the hat to YOU who support us. All proceeds from Kindervelt benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center.

FOCUS ON ICE SKATING

Many residents may not be aware that there is a Mariemont Ice Skating Club. For over twenty years village residents have been meeting ten Sunday afternoons a year to ice skate. We are encouraging Mariemont families and their friends to join the skating sessions at the Northland Ice Center on Reading Road. Most of the members are novice skaters who are happy to stand up and glide forward. Come and join the friend-

ly, relaxed, and uncrowded atmosphere. The membership fee is \$30.00 per family for the season.

The specifics of the Mariemont Ice Skating Club are:

Northland Ice Center - Skating time 4:15 - 5:45 P.M.

Cost \$30.00 per family with skate rental available.

Skating Dates - Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & 15, Dec. 6, Jan. 17 & 31, Feb. 14 & 28, Mar. 14 & 21.

For anyone who may be interested, contact Membership Chairman, Sharon Bevis 271-0468.

PEPPERMINT PREVIEW V

Crafty hands from our village community and surrounding areas are busy preparing their wares for the fifth year of the much awaited Peppermint Preview. Along with the past favorites, new exhibits are being added assuring shoppers of an even larger selection of gifts and goodies. Make your Christmas list and plan to attend the Peppermint Preview V at the Parish Center on Tuesday, November 10 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Prepaid luncheon reservations may be obtained by calling Diane Sabo 561-4014 or Joyce Rosselot 271-2524.

DAR Dedication

Two hundred and twenty DAR members and guests attended the Annual Celebration at Waldschmidt House, Camp Dennison, Ohio. Mayor Clarence M. Erickson proclaimed the day in the name of Ramona Kaiser Bradley, a former member of the Mariemont Chapter.

A bronze plaque, donated by Miss Dorothy Crull, Treasurer of the Chapter, honoring Mrs. Bradley was dedicated.



DAR Dedication.

The granite boulder on which the plaque was affixed was given to the chapter by Mr. Richard Poe of Miami, Ohio.

Now a DAR Museum, The Waldschmidt House is 178 years old. The first stone house built in Hamilton County, it was gifted to the Mariemont Chapter by Mr. Chester Kroger in 1939 and Mrs. Bradley was named protectorate.

Mrs. Helen Fix, our State Representative of the 26th District was a guest at the ceremony.

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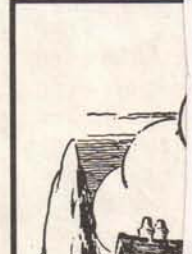
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The Mariemont Inn & Lodge

Announces the Appointment of

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WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE DAY — August 5, 1981. Pictured is State Regent Ann Kitzmiller with Mrs. Eugene Worden on her right. Mrs. Worden, Regent of Col. Jonathan Bayard Smith Chapter, Middletown, is a Registered Genealogist who was the speaker at the SE-SW Leadership Council meeting August 4th in Cincinnati. They are admiring the cakes which were given by the Kroger Company to the celebration of our 40th Anniversary of Kroger's gift of Waldschmidt House to the Ohio Society DAR.

Ramona K. Bradley, honored at the 8th annual Waldschmidt House Day for her efforts in securing the property and for serving as the first Restoration Chairman, sent the following letter, dated August 25:

"Dear Mrs. Kitzmiller: Thank you and the Ohio Daughters for your kind expression and thoughtfulness at Waldschmidt House. It was deeply appreciated. The plaque was beautiful; and it was most gratifying to see the enthusiasm.

It makes me quite happy to see the beautiful work put into the house over the years; and, above all, to be remembered, especially Aug. 5th. Signed, Ramona K. Bradley."

NOTE: The report of the ceremony was printed on page 7, November 1981 Ohio DAR News.

HISTORIC BUILDING

The Waldschmidt House Chronology now contains a copy of the Historic Buildings Survey which was supplied to them by the Library of Congress. This Survey was begun in the 1930s as a Federal Works project and continues to date. Waldschmidt House was included because of its use during the Civil War. Several of the structures now owned by the Ohio Society DAR are shown in pictures taken in 1936 when the survey was compiled.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE

The house is in need of a canister vacuum sweeper with attachments. Anyone willing to donate this needed gift, please contact

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The barn, which was dedicated last year, served as the setting for lunch and the afternoon program. The tables were decorated with old-fashioned flowers fresh from the garden of Mrs. Harry Kirby, Regent of Beech Forest Chapter. Fans, made from colorful wallpaper, held upright in holders, were placed along the tables. Each guest received a fan with the picture of the Waldschmidt House on it and saying, "I am a Waldschmidt House Fan".

The lunch, a delicious rib eye steak with all the trimmings, was cooked by those "master chefs" Charles and Phyllis Jones. Mrs. Jones is the OSDAR Librarian. Mr. Brandon Cordes served as their helper.

Dr. Gary Hicks and Mr. Eric Ellis were afternoon speakers sharing background information of the area and artifacts found on the property. Their knowledge of the area was most interesting as well as enlightening and gave all present a "feel" for our history. Dr. Hicks and Mr. Ellis have been collecting articles on the Waldschmidt property over the past couple years. Display cases containing some artifacts were shown, and two beautifully mounted cases full of items found on the property were presented to the Waldschmidt House to be placed in the Civil War Museum. This gift was received by Mrs. Bennett Marlin, president of the Curators' Committee.

Special guest, Mrs. Robert Kennedy, whose husband was the architect instrumental in the excellent restoration of the Waldschmidt House, was introduced. A plaque in recognition for Mr. Kennedy's services was dedicated and placed in the kitchen.

Vice President General, NSDAR and former OSDAR Regent, Mrs. Robert King, announced that the Waldschmidt House had received a plaque from the

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Special thanks go to Mrs. Michael Clevenger, Page Chairman, caretakers of the Waldschmidt property, Ms. Brenda Hartman and Mr. Price Gaines who were in charge of the registration table.

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FAMILY HEALTH HISTORY HELPFUL FOR DIAGNOSIS

HEALTH BULLETIN

By Dr. John H. Renner

The next time you're at a large family gathering, take a look around. You may have inherited not only your Aunt Meg's hair coloring and your grandfather's nose but your Uncle Raymond's heart disease and your Aunt Kate's diabetes as well.

Blood relatives account for not just characteristics such as color, shape, size, vigor, fertility, longevity and the like but also tendencies toward more than 2,000 diseases transmitted by faulty genes. Among these are allergic disorders; coronary artery disease and high blood pressure; certain types of cancer; blood abnormalities such as hemophilia, pernicious anemia and sickle-cell anemia; metabolic disorders such as diabetes mellitus, gout and obesity; osteoporosis; dermatologic diseases including baldness; skeletal malformations; a host of mental and nervous diseases such as schizophrenia and Huntington's chorea; and now even some types of alcoholism.

Even if these problems are not purely genetic, they may be related to social or environmental factors or to family traits or habits that predispose future members to the same conditions. Some of these problems are apparent at birth; others do not appear until later, sometimes in adulthood. Some of these conditions may lie dormant and skip a generation before they recur.

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Minnie (Florence Monter) and her famous bargain table will be in her usual place again this year. We understand that she is accepting donations of handmade items and your attic treasures again, and will, in turn offer for sale many lovely items you just don't see every day. Reservations may be made by sending your name with \$5.00 to Mrs. Donald S. Blair. We are again limited to 200 reservations due to space so send them in early.

The Waldschmidt House Board of Trustees would like to welcome three new members to our board. Mrs. Albert E. Bradbury of Columbus Chapter, Mrs. Edwin M. Smith of Cincinnati Chapter, and Mrs. Leonard Stringfield of Mariemont Chapter. We also want to give our sincere thanks to the three outgoing trustees who have given so much of themselves and their time to the house. Thank you Mrs. Francis (Helen) Webster, Mrs. Jean Armstrong, and especially Mrs. Charles P. (Phyllis) Jones, the outgoing chairman of the board.

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WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE BREAKFAST

Trustees wish to say "Thank You" to the Curator's Committee for presenting the skit entitled "Visit of a Southern Cousin." It was in keeping with the visit of Mrs. Richard Denny Shelby, our President General. Mrs. Phyllis Jones, past Chairman of the W.H. Board of Trustees, received a note from Mrs. Shelby expressing her appreciation for the adorable skit. The cast of characters were: Polly (2nd wife of Christian Waldschmidt) played by Vera Louise Buller; Catherine Kugler (daughter of Christian) by Virginia Marlin; Sarah (daughter of Polly) by Florence Monter; Mary Jane Smith (cousin from Picayne, Miss.) by Jane Dement; Patricia D. Shelby (President General DAR) by Helen Huber; and Ann Kitzmiller (Ohio State Regent NSDAR) by Mary Stahl.

To each of the new names we are honored to place in the "100 Club Book" we say a sincere "Thank You" for your support to this Ohio DAR Shrine.

We again express appreciation for the lovely "China Doll" sponsored by the Captain William Hendricks Chapter designed by Mrs. Curren and Mrs. Jones. This drawing of the lucky name adds much interest and many \$\$\$ for the benefit of Waldschmidt House. This project will continue as long as the Ohio Daughters support it, so please remember having a preview of next year's "Molly Pitcher" doll.

Welcome to the newly elected Trustees: Mrs Edwin M. Smith, Mrs. Leonard H. Stringfield and Mrs. A. E. Bradbury as they assume their duties. Best wishes for continued success to Mrs. Charles Wright, Chairman; Mrs. James W. Borton; Miss Alice Whitcomb; Mrs. Ray Lowden; Mrs. Anthony Martin and Mrs. John R. McComb, board members; and to Mrs. Ann L. Kitzmiller, State Regent, and Mrs. Hilda Grace McPherson, State Treasurer.

Mrs. Charles P. Jones

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papers at the age of twelve. He was the
youngest publisher and editor of his
time. Later on he found happiness work-
ing with chemicals and a homemade tele-
graph. One day Edison saved a boy from
a train accident. The boy's father taught
Edison to operate a telegraph. After be-
ing a telegraph operator, he became an
inventor.

Edison had many accomplishments and
inventions. His first patent was for the
stock ticker in 1869. After that, Edison
set up a lab at Menlo Park, New Jersey.
At the age of twenty-three he retired
and did nothing but invent. Edison de-
veloped many inventions that we still
use today. Among these were the mimeo-
graph, wax paper, fire alarm and tele-
graph messages. He also worked on im-
provements in Alexander Graham Bell's
telephone. In 1877 he invented the
phonograph. Edison's greatest class of
inventions was the incandescent lamp
and complete system of electric light,
heat and power. His most important to us
was the electric light which he invented
in 1879. In 1880 Edison formed the Edi-
son Electric Light Company. In 1889
Edison invented the motion picture
camera. He was granted patents on more
than 1,400 inventions!

On December 25, 1871, he married
Mary Stillwell. Their first child was
Marion. She was born February 18, 1873.
Edison nicknamed her "Dot." Thomas Jr.
was born in 1876. Edison nicknamed him
"Dash." William Leslie was born in 1878.
On August 9, 1884 Mary Stillwell died.

WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE


On August 5, 1981, at the annual Waldschmidt Day Celebration, **Mariemont Chapter** dedicated a bronze plaque which honored a former member, Ramona Kaiser Bradley. Mayor Clarence M. Erickson of the Village of Mariemont proclaimed the day in recognition of Mrs. Bradley's efforts in securing this grand old house for the DAR and serving as First Restoration Chairman. The plaque, which is affixed to a granite boulder, was donated by Miss Dorothy Crull, Treasurer of the Chapter. The boulder was a gift of Mr. Richard Poe, of Poe Excavating Co., Miami, Ohio. He delivered the boulder and placed it beside the walk at the entrance to the house.

Mrs. Bradley, now a member of Rubidoux Chapter, Riverside, California, travelled to Cincinnati for the occasion. She spoke to the 220 members and guests as they celebrated the 40th anniversary of Mr. Chester Kroger's gift of Waldschmidt House to the DAR. The Kroger Company sent beautiful cakes, decorated with the American Flag, for the luncheon dessert.

Mrs. L. H. Stringfield
Ex-Chapter Regent



L-R: Mrs. Ann Kitzmiller, State Regent; Mrs. Ramona Kaiser Bradley, Miss Dorothy Crull, Treas. of Mariemont Chapter, Mrs. Leonard H. Stringfield, Past Chapter Regent, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Chapter Chaplain.



GIFT CLOCK

Pictured with the Waldschmidt House longcase clock, given to the house by the **Cincinnati Chapter Juniors** in September, 1960, are HODAR Addison H. Clipson and Mrs. Francis L. Webster, a Waldschmidt House trustee and past Regent of Cincinnati Chapter. The clock was presented in honor of Mrs. Ralph Hodges, a member of Cincinnati Chapter who had been president of the Waldschmidt House Board of Trustees.

For twenty years the clock had stood, useless as a timepiece, on the hall landing, when Mr. Clipson saw it in 1980 and remarked that the best way to preserve antique clocks is to keep them in running order. His offer to restore its works at no charge was readily accepted by the Board of Trustees when they learned that repairing antique clocks was his hobby which he had spent some time studying.

On Waldschmidt House Day, Mr. Clipson told how he had dated the clock as having been made in 1815 by Adam Cockburn of Haddington, Scotland. Now once more, as long as it is wound up once a week by our helpful caretaker, Kenneth Williamson, the clock keeps time and chimes cheerily on the hour. Its face has been cleaned and a beautiful little second hand turns merrily.

For his generous donation of time and effort in repairing the clock, State Regent Ann Kitzmiller presented Mr. Clipson with a certificate of appreciation while his wife Jerry, first vice regent of Cincinnati Chapter, looked on.

Helen Webster

Waldschmidt House Trustee



DAR Dedication.

The granite boulder on which the plaque was affixed was given to the chapter by Mr. Richard Poe of Miami, Ohio.

Now a DAR Museum, The Waldschmidt House is 178 years old. The first stone house built in Hamilton County, it was gifted to the Mariemont Chapter by Mr. Chester Kroger in 1939 and Mrs. Bradley was named protectorate.

Mrs. Helen Fix, our State Representative of the 26th District was a guest at the ceremony.

1981
DAR Dedication ✓

Two hundred and twenty DAR members and guests attended the Annual Celebration at Waldschmidt House, Camp Dennison, Ohio. Mayor Clarence M. Erickson proclaimed the day in the name of Ramona Kaiser Bradley, a former member of the Mariemont Chapter.

A bronze plaque, donated by Miss Dorothy Crull, Treasurer of the Chapter, honoring Mrs. Bradley was dedicated.

Dec. 1982 ~~1982~~ *girlscouts*

CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE

The Christian Waldschmidt House, Historic Shrine of OSDAR, located at Camp Dennison, Ohio, about 18 miles NE of Cincinnati, is worthy of every type of support from every Ohio Daughter. The complex of property consists of over 3 acres of land, three houses, all over 130 years of age, and several outbuildings. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

If you do not know the history of Waldschmidt House, may I recommend you avail yourself of a copy of "Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution — 1946-1978" (Available from your District Director, from OSDAR Publications Chairman, and at the House) and become more familiar with this fascinating shrine.

Artifacts in the Museum represent the era when Christian lived there — prior to 1830; Civil War memorabilia (the Main House was Headquarters for General Bates, Commanding General, Camp Dennison, during the Civil War); and artifacts belonging to the Waldschmidt family and descendants. Please check with your members to find out if they have any pre-1830 artifacts or Civil War memorabilia that they would like to donate.

While the buildings are in good repair, it costs money to keep them in good condition. Encourage your Chapter to be generous in its budgeting for Waldschmidt House; encourage members to join the "100 Club." Their \$100.00 contribution (tax deductible) is maintained in an interest-drawing account and only the interest is devoted to care and maintenance.

There is an interesting slide program about Waldschmidt House. A narrative is included. The program is about 30 minutes. Reserve the program (allow 3 weeks ahead of the meeting). There is a \$3.00 charge for postage and handling.

Phyllis Jones, Chairman
R 31, Box 261, Williamsburg, IN 47393

OLD GLORY



L-R: Barb Anderson, Adm. Director of Mari-Elders Program; Melissa McDonald and Stephanie Blozy, Girl Scout Troop No. 472.

Mariemont Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, began a 21-day salute to Old Glory at the Mariemont Village Assembly Ice Cream Social, Sunday, June 13. This event, held in Dogwood Park, gave the Chapter an opportunity to promote membership by handing out a printed sheet of the society's aims and goals taken from the booklet, "Know Your DAR."

Members of the community registered by number for a 3 x 5 flag, donated by the chapter. The winner, Mrs. Barb Anderson, is Administrative Director of the Mari-Elders Program. The flag was folded and presented to her by two members of the Mariemont Girl Scout Troop #472, Melissa McDonald and Stephanie Blozy.

The Mariemont Chapter continued to honor the Flag with a special program at their June Meeting and by flying their own flags daily through July 4.

Dell Stringfield
Membership Chairman

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WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE, PATRIOTIC SHRINE
OHIO SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION
OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION — DECEMBER 3, 1982

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The year is closed
The last deed done, the last word said
The memory alone remains

Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains
And with purpose full and clear
I turn to meet another new year.

As 1983 gives the privilege to begin anew, may each of you be inspired by the enduring values of life — FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE as you confront the challenges of a new year of service to God, Home and Country.

Faithfully,
Ann Loehnert Kitzmiller
State Regent
Ohio Society DAR

THE OHIO SOCIETY, NSDAR
INVITES YOU TO STEP BACK TO 1804
AT THE
CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE



7567 Glendale-Milford Road, Camp Denison, Ohio

Christian Waldschmidt came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1794 and set out to explore the land between the Two Miami Rivers. He liked what he saw and hastened to purchase land in the Valley.

Waldschmidt's fortunes flourished in the new country. He built a paper mill, cooperatge, distillary, woolen mill and dying house, blacksmith shop and started a school. By 1804, he built for himself a large home. It was built of fieldstone held together with white mortar.

Waldschmidt House has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, thereby insuring it's future. The house is indeed unique, having been built and lived in by a soldier of the American Revolution and now being owned and operated by a society dedicated to the purpose of preserving this period of our history. The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution

THE OHIO SOCIETY, NSDAR
PRESENTS THE
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE
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A MEMORIAL BARN
HONORING
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March 5, 1988



Waldschmidt House Trustees

Left to Right:

Mrs. Francis J. Froehlich, Chairman; Mrs. Robert E. Davis; Mrs. Clyde J. Ingels; Mrs. Robert R. King, Ohio State Regent; Mrs. James Leech; Mrs. James Preston, Miss Mary



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Ms. King
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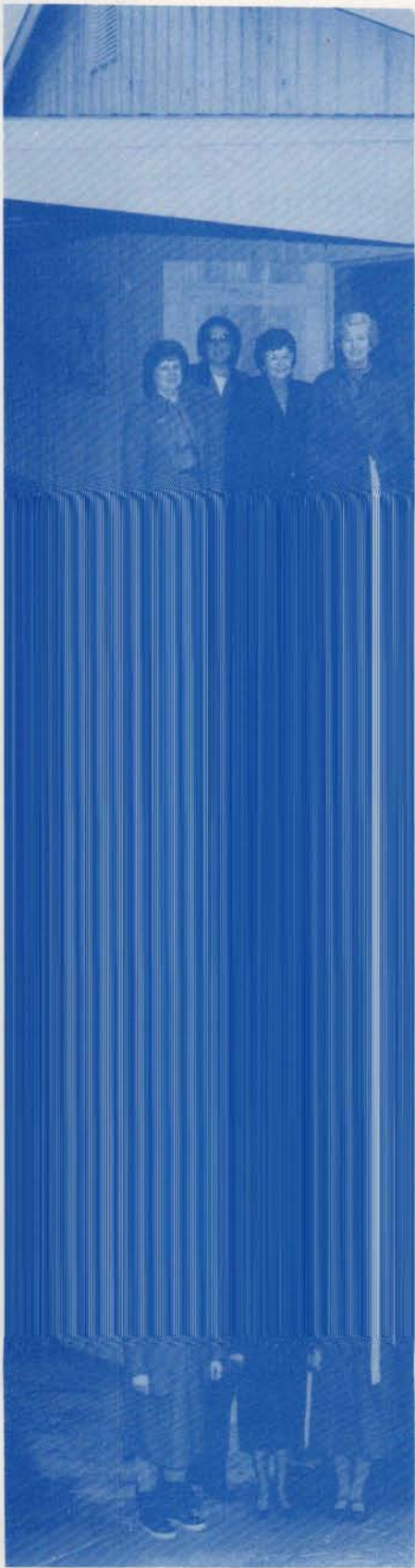
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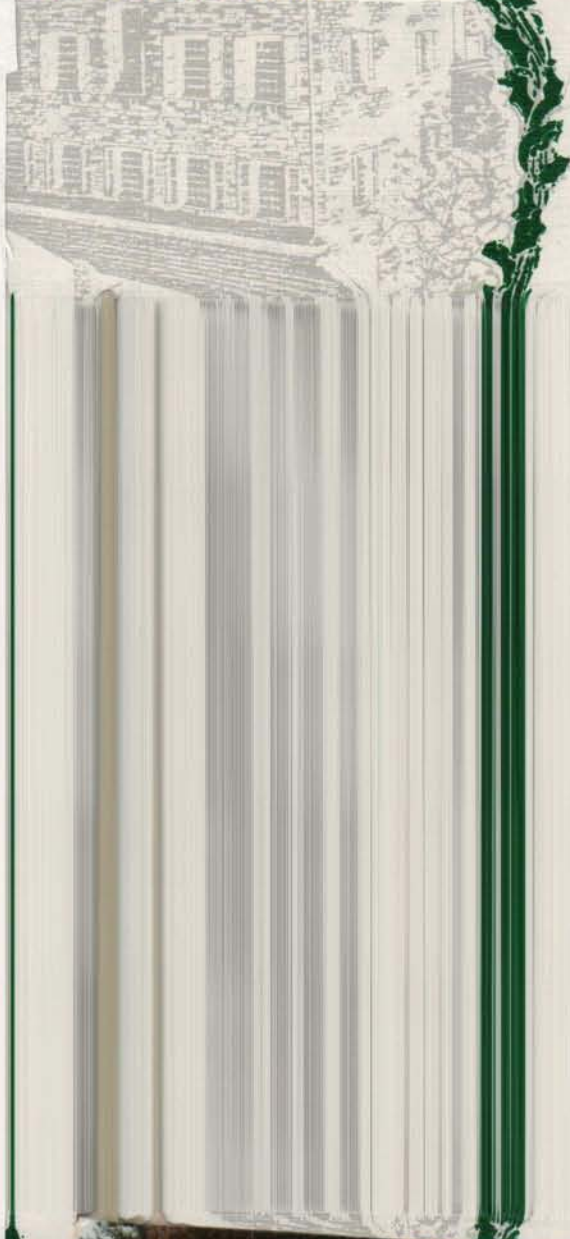
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The Waldschmidt House Memorial Barn - from left to right are: Mrs. James Preston, Chairman, Waldschmidt House Trustees; Mrs. Charles P. Jones and Mrs. Herbert C. Randolph, members of the Barn Planning Committee; and Mrs. Robert R. King, State Regent. Missing from the photograph is Miss Marjorie Günther, another member of the Barn Planning Committee.



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WALDSCHMIDT MEMORIAL BARN

On Saturday, January 14, 1989, our barn builder, Mr. Omer Slabaugh, turned over the keys to our new Waldschmidt House Memorial Barn honoring the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance. The Barn now houses our restored Conestoga Wagon and our prestigious collection of primitive stone-cutting tools and farm implements.

It was a miserable day, weatherwise, with rain which turned to sleet and ice on all of the bridges which caused numerous accidents.

It was a winter version of the Waldschmidt Fun Day where it rained

so hard that the iced tea glasses overflowed! That was the day that inspired the construction of the barn. And the construction concluded with all too similiar weather. We are hoping that the weather for next August's Waldschmidt House Fun Day will be bright and sunny, since that day will be a day for rejoicing for all Ohio DAR members.



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Friday, December 3, 1982 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

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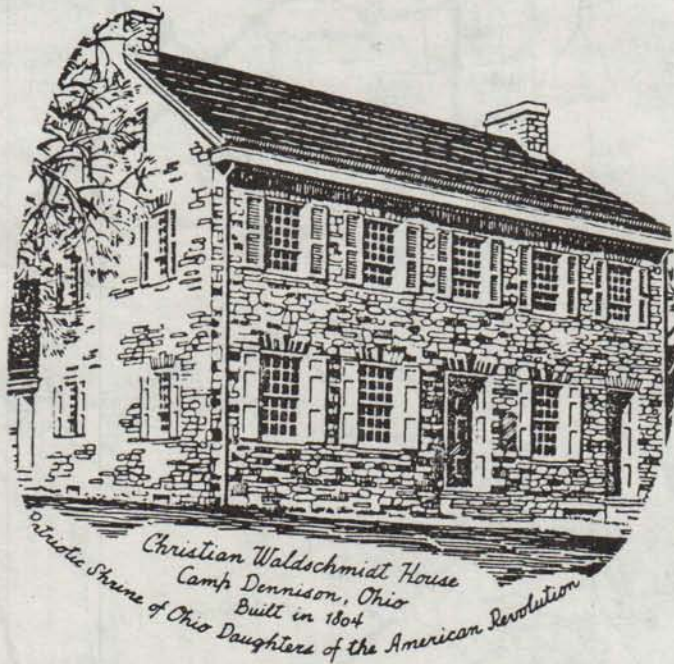
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THE CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE

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Built by a veteran of the American Revolution, this beautiful old home is open to the public for visits to the American past. Christian Waldschmidt was the leader of a group of settlers who made the arduous trip from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1794 to settle in the rich bottom lands of the Little Miami River. Their new home was, at first,



named Little Germany, but the name was changed to honor Governor Dennison of Ohio during the Civil War.

The industrious and far-sighted Waldschmidt remained a leader in his community for the rest of his life, dying in 1814. He encouraged new settlement, helped to found and run a school and began industries vital to the survival of his new home, such as a saw mill, an inn and Ohio's first paper mill.

In 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger generously gave the house to the Ohio Society of The Daughters of the American Revolution plus \$5,000 to help with the restoration.

The house is open to the public without charge although donations are most welcome.

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WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE

The Waldschmidt House Breakfast and State Conference was enjoyed by a large group of early risers. The Curator and her committee gave their farewell skit - we'll miss them. Mrs. Clara Preston, Waldschmidt House Trustee Chairman, gave her year's report. Mrs. Jane DeMent pinned eight new Waldschmidt House 100 Club members.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Schwarz for the donation of \$100.00 for a Podium for the new Waldschmidt House Barn.

Welcomed were the three new Waldschmidt House Trustees, (they were elected at the Saturday session of the Conference). Elected for three years were: Mrs. Culver Linn (Alma), Beech Forest Chapter; Mrs. Joseph M. Sheldon, (Margery), Isaac Van Wart Chapter; and Mrs. T. Dale Ulrich, (Marilyn), Turtle Creek Chapter.

Also introduced were Miss Doris Penrod, President of the Waldschmidt House Docents' Club and Mrs. Phyllis Wright, Secretary and Treasurer of the Docent Club.

The following new Waldschmidt House officers were elected after the close of State Conference: Miss Mary E. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Price Gaines, Jr. (Patsy), Vice Chairman; and Mrs. Estavon Matthews, Secretary.

We wish to give our sincere thanks to the ongoing trustees for time and many hours of work. They are: Miss Clara Preston, Outgoing Chairman, Mrs. Phyllis Leach and Mrs. Charne Fisher.

We also wish to thank Mrs. Marilyn King and Miss Marjoris Gunther for the help and support they have given the Trustees.

The house will be open every Sunday from 1P.M. to 5P.M. from May 7th through October. The Trustees will be glad to open the house by Special Appointments at other times during the season.

Mary E. Wilson
Chairman, Waldschmidt House Board
of Trustees

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DOCENTS' CLUB AT WALDSCHMIDT

Outgoing State Regent Marilyn King announces formation of a Docents' Club to serve at Waldschmidt House. At the State Conference, the following members were elected to office: Miss Doris Penrod, President; Mrs. Charles R. Wright (Phyllis), Recording Secretary and Treasurer. These two officers and two appointed members, Mrs. Richard Armstrong (Jean) and Mrs. James Preston (Clara), were instructed to act as a By-Laws Committee. Mrs. Ann L. Kitzmiller was appointed Public Relations Officer.

The first meeting of the By-Laws Committee was held at Waldschmidt House on March 29, 1989. All four members were present. Several items were addressed at the meeting besides writing a first draft of guide lines. These items are reported here - not necessarily in the order in which action was taken. Other matters will be reported in other articles and at different times.

- 1) Mrs. E. William Monter (Florence) was appointed corresponding secretary. Her duties will also include maintaining a calender of docents and special tours.
- 2) Any Ohio former trustess who wishes to be a part of this activity should contact Mrs. Charles R. Wright, 6071 Donna Jay Drive, Loveland, Ohio 45140. Dues are \$2 per year and a docent pin (very attractive) is \$5.
- 3) The By-Laws Committee wishes to state that many eligible persons who do not wish to travel the stairs will have many positions open to them, and their contributions both financial and in person will be most welcome.
- 4) The committee requests any persons who have donated items to Waldschmidt House to send all of the information available to Florence Monter, even though you believe the information may have been previously recorded. The committee is endeavoring to assemble historical facts concerning the artifacts in Waldschmidt House which will then be made available to all docents for use during tours. In addition, if any past trustee has any interesting historical stories about the House, these should also be sent to Mrs. Monter, 8566 Clough Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Miss Doris Penrod



History comes to life in Waldschmidt House

Restored home
185 years old

ANET C. WETZEL
Cincinnati Enquirer

Walk into The Christian Waldschmidt House and take a trip back to the 1800s.

Nearly-American-clad hostess welcomes visitors at the door of the Dennison museum house, and the journey begins.

The tour goes back to a time when kerosene provided the only lighting; food was cooked in iron kettles over an open fire; spinning wheels made home-spun fabrics and bed covers to ward off winter's chill.

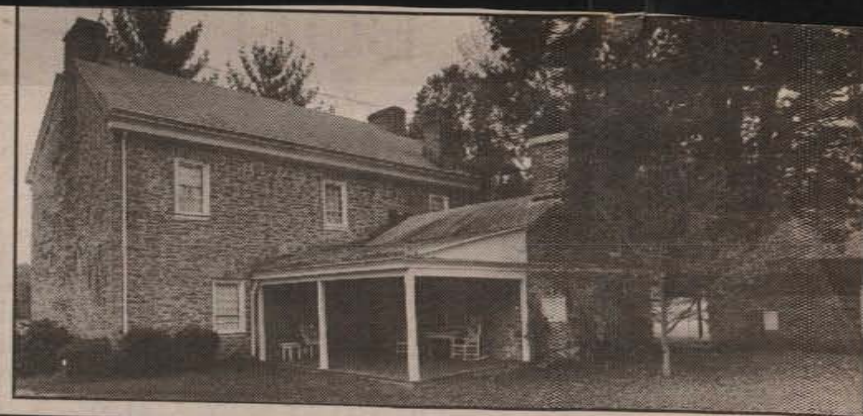
The tour takes you to the entrance hall, the downstairs office that was also used as a parlor and church, into the parlor, dining room, kitchen; then up to the two large bedrooms, and back down into the basement bedroom. This is a home that has been lovingly restored.

Personal pieces

Personal pieces of Waldschmidt furniture and personal goods fill the house, including tapestries, quilts and a light collection.

"If this old house could only tell the stories it could tell," Phyllis Wright, the Regent of the Cincinnati Chapter of The Ohio Daughters of The American Revolution, and the state Waldschmidt local coordinator. The DAR owns and operates the house.

The stories might begin in 1752 when John Waldschmidt (Christian's father) left his native home in the Rhine Valley of Germa-



The Cincinnati Enquirer/Fred Straub

Phyllis Wright, left, feels a special presence in the Waldschmidt House, above, considered an excellent example of Pennsylvania Dutch architecture.

and hay. During the Civil War it was the headquarters of Gen. Joshua Bates as well as a military induction center and a hospital.

After the war, the house was left in ruins and abandoned.

It somehow survived the ravages of time and was bought in 1941 by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger. They donated the property to the Ohio DAR, along with \$5,000 to help with restoration.

"Every dime in this house and property has been donated by chapters of the DAR," Wright said. Last year the DAR built a \$55,000 barn to house the large collection of primitive farm tools.

The property is on the National Register of Historic Places. An estimated 3,000 people tour it annually. It's open Sunday 1-5 p.m., May through October, and by special appointment for groups.

The house, which has been called one of the finest examples of Pennsylvania Dutch architecture west of the Alleghenies, was dedicated in 1952, said Wright.

"There's a special presence in the house," Wright said. "It's very comfortable to me. I love this place. It has a fascinating history."

ny — and traveled to the United States to pursue his interest in the "Pietist" faith, a stricter form of the Lutheran religion, Wright said.

He wound up in Lancaster County, Pa., and became pastor of four area churches. His son Christian, born in 1755, enlisted for the Revolutionary War in 1775, and married in 1780, Wright said.

In 1794, eight years after John Waldschmidt's death, Christian and several companions left Pennsylvan-

ia and journeyed to the Miami Valley.

After Waldschmidt and a partner bought about 1,000 acres of that land, he sold his vast holdings in Pennsylvania and moved his family and other settlers to the "New Germany" he established here in 1796.

In 1804 he built Waldschmidt house for his large family (eventually nine children) and lived there until he died of influenza in 1814.

He built Ohio's first paper mill, introduced the crop of flax to the area to supply the mill with cloth, and built a cooperage (a shop where a cooper repairs barrels and casks), a distillery, woolen mill and dyeing house, and a blacksmith shop. He started a school, a church, and a community store.

Left in ruins

Over the years the house was used for tenants and to store grain

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 Sale Ends: October 28!

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**GET
 INTO
 SAVINGS!**



Inside the Waldschmidt Memorial Barn behind the lectern beautifully constructed by Clara Preston's son, James, for Ohio Society DAR. (L-R) Charlotte Boerger, (Mrs. Robert Boerger), State Treasurer; Grace Yerian, (Mrs. Edgar A. Yerian), State Conservation Chairman; Barbara Taylor, (Mrs. Richard P. Taylor), Past Librarian General, NSDAR; Marilynn King, (Mrs. Robert Ray King), Honorary State Regent and Vice President General, NSDAR; Katherine Colburn, (Mrs. Joseph L. Colburn), State Regent; Patsy Gaines, (Mrs. Price Gaines, Jr.), Waldschmidt House Trustee; Miss Mary E. Wilson, Chairman, Waldschmidt House Trustees.

WALDSCHMIDT HOUSE FUN DAY

Wednesday, August 2, 1989, What a beautiful day it was, sun shining, friends meeting, having time to visit and tour our lovely Waldschmidt House and Barn.

More than two hundred members and guests were present for Phyllis' and Charlie Jones' delicious Rib Eye steak lunch. Many thanks to Phyllis and "Pork Chop" Charlie who worked so hard to feed this number of people.

The new Podium was in place - A beautiful piece built by James Preston, Jr., son of our former Waldschmidt House trustee, Mrs. Clara Preston. The money for the Podium was donated by Mr. & Mrs. L. T. Schwarz of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

After lunch, Mr. James Honnert of Dent, Ohio, gave a most informative talk on "The Civil War in the Cincinnati Area." The new Barn was dedicated by our State Regent, Mrs. Joseph L. Colburn, and Honorary State Regent and Vice President General, Mrs. Robert R. King.

Shrubbery at the ends of the Barn Porch were dedicated by Mrs. Edgar Yerian, Conservation Chairman, and Mrs. Robert Boerger, East Central Division Conservation Chairman.

Dedication of Camp Dennison Bicentennial Marker. (L-R): Mr. Michael Burroughs, a member of the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township; Patsy Gaines (Mrs. Price Gaines, Jr.), Waldschmidt House Trustee; Katherine Colburn, (Mrs. Joseph L. Colburn), State Regent; (in the background) Eleanor Tootle, (Mrs. James Tootle, Jr.); and Ruth Moser (Mrs. Robert B. Moser).



Shrubbery Dedication at Waldschmidt Memorial Barn. (L-R) Grace Yerian, (Mrs. Edgar A. Yerian), State Conservation Chairman; Gege Marlin, (Mrs. Bennett M. Marlin), Curator, Waldschmidt House; Barbara Taylor, (Mrs. Richard P. Taylor), Past Librarian General, NSDAR; Marilynn King, (Mrs. Robert R. King), Honorary State Regent and Vice President General, NSDAR; Katherine Colburn, (Mrs. Joseph L. Colburn), State Regent; Charlotte Boerger, (Mrs. Robert B.), State Treasurer.

The Camp Dennison Bicentennial Marker was dedicated by Mr. Michael Burroughs, a member of the Board of Trustees for Symmes Township.

Most overnight members and guests stayed at the lovely, historical Mariemont Inn. It was a real pleasure to have Mrs. Barbara Taylor, past Librarian General, as a special guest.

Many thanks to Mrs. Katherine Colburn and Mrs. Marilynn King for their advice and help. Thanks to the three pages present; you helped make the day special. A big hand goes to Mrs. Florence Monter, who sold \$183.05 at the Minnie Pearl table.

A special thanks goes to the hard-working Waldschmidt House trustees, and many thanks to Mrs. Phyllis Wright, a former trustee, for filling in for an absent trustee. John and Kathy Messer were on hand for two days helping out — they are the caretakers of our house and barn — many thanks. It takes so many working together to have a successful Fun Day. We are looking forward to seeing you next year.

—Miss Mary E. Wilson
Chairman of Waldschmidt House
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Our favorite caterers at Fun Day at Waldschmidt House, Phyllis Jones, State Librarian; and "Pork Chop Charlie" Jones, her husband.



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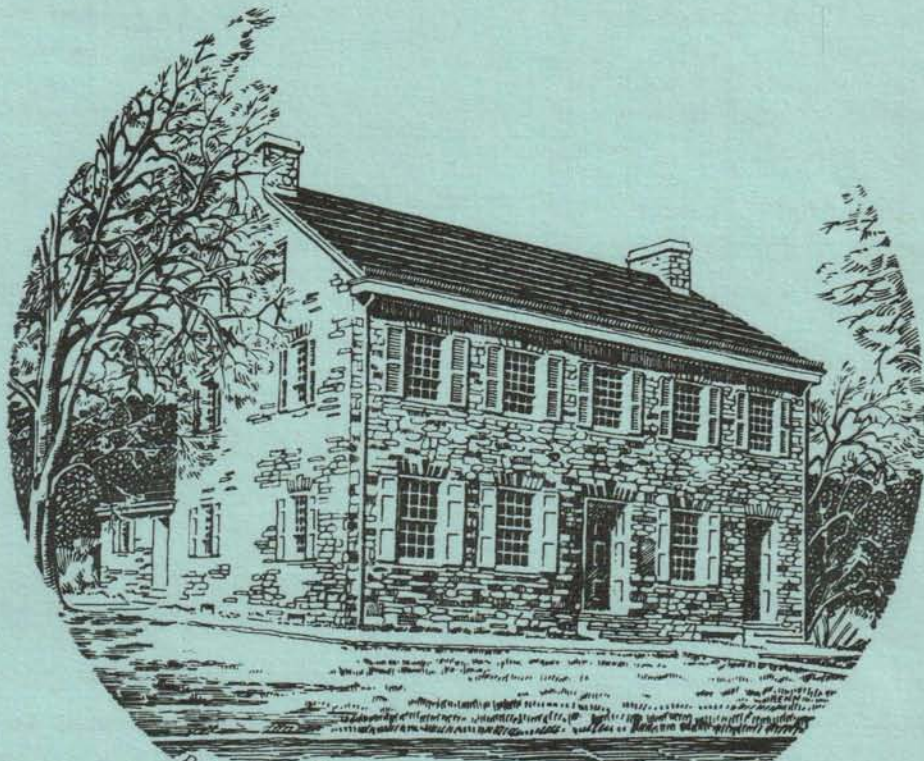
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Mrs. Robert R. King, Ohio State Regent, 1986-1989, standing in front of the Memorial Museum Barn honoring the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance.

This cedar-sided barn now houses a restored Conestoga Wagon and a collection of Primitive farm and stone cutting tools. It complements the Ohio Society's 1804 Christian Waldschmidt House, one of the oldest stone houses in Ohio. Co-Chairman: State Regent's Project: Mrs. Norman H. DeMent and Mrs. Bennett M. Marlin. Barn Planning Committee: Marjorie Giinther, Mrs. Charles P. Jones and Mrs. Herbet C. Randolph.

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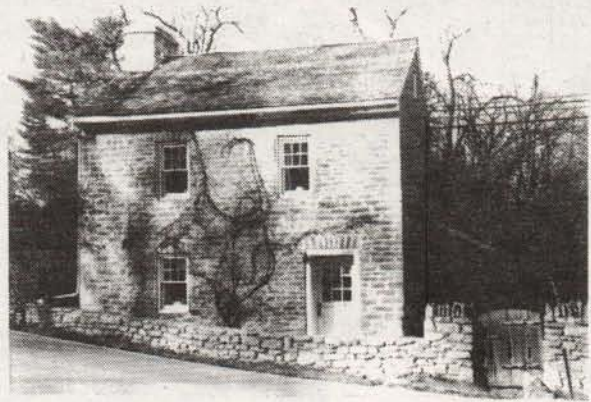
There are 37 troops - 480 girls participating in crafts and decorations

GATE HOUSE

This fieldstone house, situated on the South edge of the property was acquired in early 1976. Christian Waldschmidt probably built this house for his eldest daughter, Catherine, who married Mathias Kugler. Therefore it was referred to as Mr. Kugler's house.

During the Civil War this was the Gate House and the Guard House for Camp Dennison.

Eventually the plans are to make this house a Civil War Museum.



NUT BRITTLE

Spread hickory nut meats in a shallow pan. Melt white or brown sugar in a saucepan. Pour over nuts quickly, shaking it all the time. Let set. Break into small pieces.

NUT BRITTLE SQUARES

Butter the outside bottom of an 8" pan & spread evenly with 1 c. finely chopped nuts. Set pan, nut side up, on tray. Put 1 c. sugar in skillet & heat, stirring until golden brown. & syrupy, pour over nuts at once. When slightly cooled, remove in one piece to a board & cut into 2 inch squares.

CORN CAKES

2 c. corn meal, 1 tb. flour, 2 eggs, 1 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. B.P., 1 tb. melted butter or lard, milk. Beat eggs, add meal, flour, salt, B.P., & butter. Add enough milk to make a thin batter. Pour out into hot griddle & flip to other side when brown. Good with butter and syrup.

BLACK WALNUT PUDDING

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. finely chopped walnuts, 1 tb. butter, 4 tsp. corn starch, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. milk, 2 egg yolks, 3 egg whites, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, pinch cream of tartar, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sugar, 1 tsp. maple flavor. Butter a baking dish. Mix all ingredients except egg whites. Place in greased baking dish. Top with well-beaten egg whites. Bake at 350 about 45 minutes.

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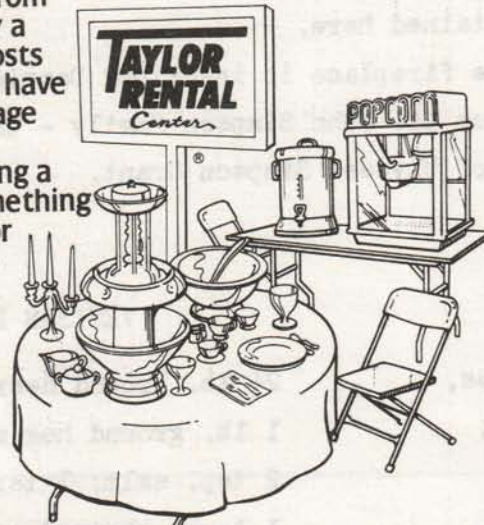
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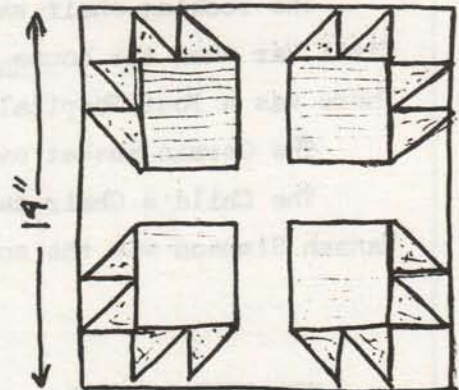
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BEAR PAW PATTERN

FISH SAUCE:

Chop dill fine. Blend with melted butter; pour over fish, or mix together $\frac{1}{4}$ c. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. parsley. Spread over fish & boil.

FRIED ROSE PETALS:

Dip in whiskey, then in batter. Fry in deep fat, dip in sugar and serve.

CARETAKER'S HOUSE

This is the frame house on the property. It was probably built before 1850.

It is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williamson and their daughter Marlene, who so ably provide constant care of the property.



PERSIMMON PIE

1 c. persimmon pulp, 2 c. sugar, 1 c. milk, 1 tb. flour or cornstarch, 3 eggs, 1 tsp. nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt. Peel & crush persimmons until smooth. Add sugar and beat. Add 3 egg yolks & 1 egg white. Add milk, nutmeg, & salt. Beat until smooth. Pour into 9" pie shell & bake until done. Make meringue by beating whites of eggs until stiff. Add 4 tb. sugar. Put on top of pie & brown in moderate oven.

PERSIMMON NUT BREAD

$\frac{1}{3}$ c. shortening, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar, 2 eggs, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour, 2 tsp. B.P., $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. soda, 1 c. mashed persimmons, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped hickory nuts or black walnuts. Cream shortening & add sugar & eggs. Beat well. Sift dry ingredients, add to creamed mixture alternately with persimmons and nuts. Pour in greased loaf pan & bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Persimmons can be used instead of prunes or pineapple for upside down cake or used as a topping with nuts & sugar on coffee cake.

PERSIMMON PUDDING

2 c. ripe persimmons pulp, 1 c. brn. sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ c white sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cloves, 1 tsp. cinnamon, dash nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, 2 c. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. soda, 4 tb. melted butter, 2 egg yolks, 2 egg whites, beaten stiff, 3 c. milk. Put persimmons through a colander to separate pulp from seeds. Add sugar & spices to pulp. Mix thoroughly. Add beaten egg yolks. Blend dry ingred. & milk alternately. If lumpy beat with rotary egg beater, as batter should be very thin & smooth. Add butter & fold in egg whites. Pour in buttered baking dish until $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Bake at 325 until firm (about 1 hr.) Serve plain or with whipped cream & broken nuts.

ENTRANCE HALL



The house is entered from the main entrance into this gracious hall with the beautiful stairway. The treads and the landing are original. The bannister has been reconstructed and the spindles have been replaced.

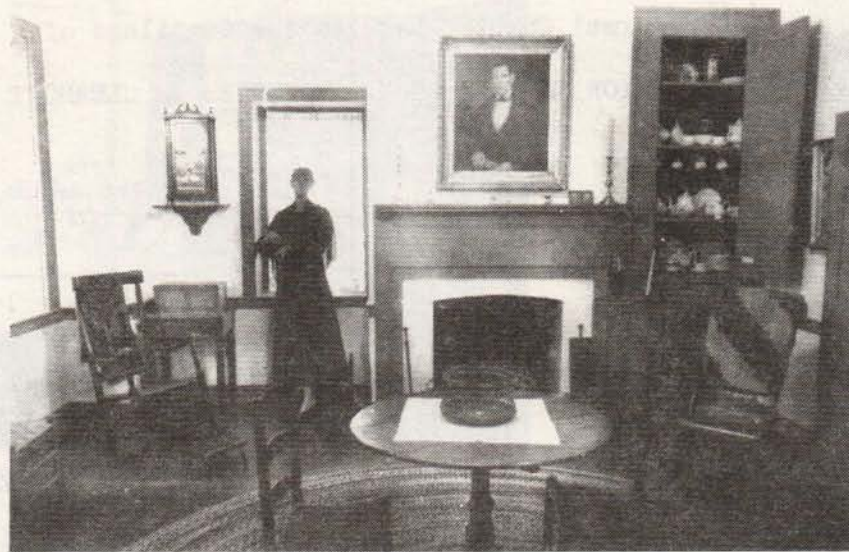
The settle is an excellent antique and quite suitable for the house and the period. It has been restenciled.

CROCHETED RAG RUG

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Materials 4 to 5 yd. lengths of cotton. Tear fabric into $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips the length of the fabric. Sew ends of strips together into one continuous strip, mixing colors and patterns at random. The rug can be made to any desired size by adding or subtracting strips. A single Crochet stitch is used throughout. Start a single crochet chain and work for 16". Then turn crocheting into first stitches. Work up and down sides of first chain after 4 or 5 complete rounds, or when work starts to pucker, add 2 extra stitches at end of work so that finished rug will lie flat. As rug gets larger, increase number of extra stitches in order to keep work flat. When body of rug is finished, add the pigtail fringe. To make 18" pigtails, use same fabric strips used in rug, cutting to 36" lengths. Run 3 strips through every other stitch at edge of rug. Pull ends even & braid, leaving a 2 or 3 inch fringe at the end. To finish, sew through and wrap tightly with embroidery thread just before beginning of fringe.

PARLOR



This mantel is the only original one in the house. It was skillfully done by Joseph Boone, a cousin of Daniel. Over this fireplace hangs a portrait of John Kugler, son of Mathias Kugler and grandson of Christian Waldschmidt.

The wooden rocker at your right is a "Tobacco Chair" that belonged to Christian Waldschmidt. It has an interesting curved back seat.

The Tobacco Humidor on the table under the clock is indeed a treasure. It was made from a chestnut log from General Arthur St. Clair's cabin. He was the first Governor of the Northwest Territory.

1795 GINGER COOKIE RECIPE

1 c. sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ c. lard, 4 tbs. molasses, sorghum or substitute, 1 egg, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. soda, tsp. ginger, 1 tsp. cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt. Mix above ingredients. Let stand 20 min. Add 2 cups flour. Roll into balls the size of a hickory nut. Coat with sugar. Bake in medium oven for 10 min. Cool and Store in a stone jar.

BLUEBERRY CRISP

4 c. blueberries, $\frac{1}{3}$ c. sugar, 4 tb. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. brn. sugar, $\frac{1}{3}$ c. flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ c. quick oats. Put berries in a baking dish & sprinkle with sugar. Cream butter with brown sugar. Blend in flour & oats with a fork. Spread over berries and bake.

DINING ROOM



The fireplace mantle is from an old house in Clermont County. The rosewood clock was used by Sarah Waldschmidt Given in her home. Over the mantle hangs a framed crazy quilt made by Julia and Josephine Kugler. These sisters were the last generation of the family to be born in the house.

The table, a beautiful example of a drop leaf banquet table was made from cherry wood cut on the place. It was given to Sarah Waldschmidt as a wedding gift.

Flax was raised in "New Germany". Christian Waldschmidt taught the women to spin it on a wheel such as this and weave it into cloth. This was a home industry that not only met family needs but was an income commodity. The women took their finest to the Waldschmidt Store and sold it for cloth. The second grade Waldschmidt purchased to use in the making of paper.

The Gaston Lighting Collection is housed in a lovely cherry corner cupboard and is an admirable collection of early lighting devices. They were collected by Dr. R. E. Gaston of Cincinnati. After his death his widow, who was a member of Cincinnati Chapter DAR, gave them to the house.



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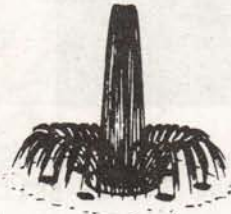
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THE WALDSCHMIDT FAMILY

Christian Waldschmidt first came to this area in 1794. From John Cleves Symmes he purchased 1140 acres of fertile river bottom. He dammed the Little Miami River, deflecting its waters into a mill race. Immediately he constructed a saw mill. He then left several men to clear land and build cabins. He returned to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to bring his family. Others joined him. By 1798 twenty families lived in this small settlement which he named "New Germany".

By 1800 in addition to the saw mill, New Germany had a General Store, a school and a church. A distillery, a linen mill and a blacksmith shop were also added to the Waldschmidt empire. In 1810 a paper mill was built. This was the first paper mill in the Ohio Country. The power to operate these enterprises was furnished by the water in the mill race.

Waldschmidt's fortunes flourished in this new land. By 1804 he had built this lovely Pennsylvania-Dutch style mansion. It is built of fieldstone held together with white mortar. The interior is supported by heavy oak timbers. This house is one of the best examples of Pennsylvania-Dutch architecture west of the Allegheny Mountains.

After Waldschmidt died in 1814, Mathias Kugler became the manager of "New Germany". The family lived in this house until about 1850 when their fortune was lost through over-speculation.

During the Civil War, the United States Government used this property. Camp Dennison was established in May, 1861 as a depot for Volunteer Recruiting Services. It had a Hospital and served as a rendezvous for returning troops awaiting muster out of the Service at the close of the Civil War. This house was used as Headquarters for General Joshua Bates.

After the War, the house saw a succession of tenants and finally fell into near ruin.

In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kroger gave the house and the land it stands on to the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution along with \$5000 to start restoration. The work was slow and halted for a time because of World War II but finally was completed. Ramona Kaiser Bradley was greatly responsible for this.

In October 1953 the house was dedicated and opened to the public. Since that time DAR Daughters have collected bits of Americana and many furnishings, some of which were used by the Waldschmidt family. 1830 is the cut-off date of all items unless they have been used by the family or belong to the Civil War period.

In 1975 The Ohio Society DAR purchased the adjoining property to the south. This includes a smaller fieldstone house of the Waldschmidt period and the white frame house of a later period which is now occupied by the caretaker and his family.