

The Farrington's Grove Book Project—by Donna Christenberry

Behind every house is a story, they say, and Farrington's Grove certainly has its share. Princes of industry, poets, pilots and rogues all have connections to this historic neighborhood, the oldest in Terre Haute.

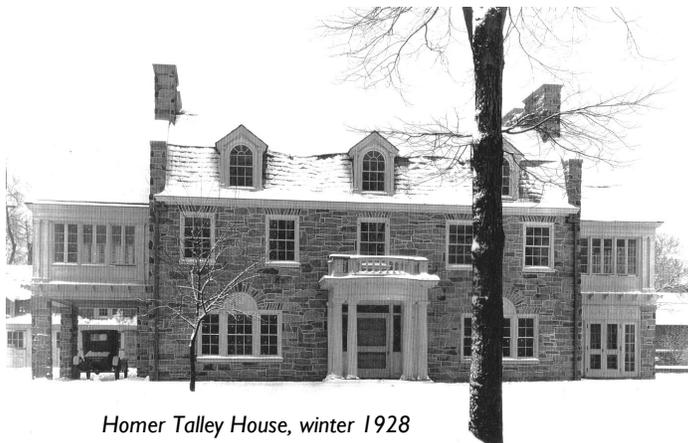
Help tell the story about Farrington's Grove. A book of historic photos of Farrington's Grove Historical District is in the works by Arcadia Publishing, and material is being collected by me, Donna Christenberry -- a resident of the Grove, longtime reporter and editor at the Tribune-Star, and now a freelance writer and editor. I will be writing a book that is scheduled for publication next year.

If you have old photos of your house that you would like to share, stories that have been passed down, old newspaper clippings, or other mementos that show life in Farrington's Grove in decades past, please contact me at donnachjournal@gmail.com or 201-8435. I would love to talk with you. Old photos can be scanned onto a computer and returned to you.

I also will be at the Farrington Fest neighborhood block party from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 29 on the lawn of the Vigo County Historical Museum at

Sixth and Washington. I'll have a table set up where you can visit and discuss information about days past in the neighborhood and make arrangements to temporarily loan old photos for scanning.

Make your mark on history. Share your home's story. Dig out those old boxes and find those historic photos.



Homer Talley House, winter 1928

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Upcoming Events

FGHD, Inc. board meetings

First Tuesday of every month except December at 7:00 p.m. at the Former Crawford School Park in south lot, come in back door and up to second floor. Everyone is welcome!

Farrington Fest— Sunday, August 29 1:00-4:00 pm Vigo County History Museum

Fall Clean-Up— Saturday, October 2

Holiday Home Tour— Sunday, December 5

Thinking About Christmas?

Kaylynn Sanders is thinking about Christmas. As Chair of the Holiday Home Tour, she needs folks to open their homes and show off their holiday decorations. The Holiday Home Tour will be, as always, the first Sunday in De-



cember which is December 5th this year, and it will be from 2 to 6 in the afternoon.

This event is a fundraiser for the neighborhood organization, but it is also a fun way to showcase Farrington's Grove to others.

In past years we have had homes on the tour that range from tiny jewel box shotguns to Craftsman bun-

galows and cottages to large Victorians or Colonial Revival homes. Please consider participating.

If you're not ready for your home to be on the tour, we also need volunteers to serve as docents.

Contact Kaylynn Sanders at 235-3116 or sandersarch@hotmail.com

Across the Backyard Fence

By **Anne Burkett** (moanbeach@yahoo.com) send Anne your news

Summer is a busy and exciting time in our neighborhood. Many neighbors have been traveling.

Sandra Brake, Mike Magnin, and their son, Ben, were on a cruise ship to the Holy Land. This included the Greek Island of Patmos, where St. John wrote the "Revelations." Then on to Turkey to the town of Ephesus ("Letters to the Ephesians from St Paul".) From there they went on to Israel and the Sea of Galilee and the pyramids of Egypt. They were not allowed into Jerusalem due to political troubles at the time.

Steve and Rose Aldrich have just returned from a busy summer visiting their families. Rose was visiting her family in Michigan. Steve traveled to Vermont to visit his family and then joined her in Michigan.

Tom and I and our family trav-

eled to Ireland. We saw the Cliffs of Mohr, and the Burren, as well as St Mary's Church where my grandfather was baptized. We also visited the Immigrant Ship in New Ross which showed how immigrants had to travel to get to America. It made our plane trip seem so easy.

Steve and Joni Prescott, with their children, Keegan, Brena, and Sheena, went to Phoenix, Arizona, and saw the beautiful Grand Canyon, and the Sedona area. What a site that is to see. (We were there in March)

Dan and Kaylynn Sanders took the train, "Empire Builder," from Chicago through the Glacier National Park and on to Seattle, Washington. From there they rented a car and drove to the Redwoods. We have such beautiful country in the USA.

I tried to find out where globe trotter, Harriet McNeal, had traveled to but she was already on her way. I'll try to catch up to her next time!

Wedding bells are in the air! Ryan Young and Ashlee Schulwitz

were engaged this summer and are looking forward to a wedding in Oregon.

Also Mike and Jackie Carroll have a reason to go to Hawaii some time soon as their son will be stationed there. Also they have news that their daughter has announced her engagement. (Seems just yesterday she was playing softball for Sarah Scott!)

Jacob and Stefanie Hellmann are redecorating and rejuvenating their new home on South 6th street. They are hoping to be moved in sometime this August. So happy to have you with us.

Congratulations to Keri Berg and Bassam Yousif on their newest arrival, baby girl Iris, who was born Friday the 23rd of July. We wish to send a welcome to our newest neighbor.



Letter from the president . . . By Steve Pontius



Greetings:

Since the May Newsletter many things have been happening in the neighborhood. The list includes:

Neighborhood Cleanup. In May we had a very successful neighborhood cleanup in conjunction with the city-wide cleanup effort.

We were grateful that the City of Terre Haute provided us with a dumpster again this spring. Thanks to the efforts of all of you, plus the Fiji fraternity from Rose Hulman, the neighborhood got a thorough cleaning. I want to thank Tom Burkett and Colleen Chestnut for leading this effort. If you were among the many who worked that day, you know that we not only filled our dumpster but several others located throughout the city. Mark your calendars now for the October 2 clean up.

The Community Development Corporation

between FGHD & ISU. On June 2, 2010 I met with President Bradley and he approved moving forward with this joint effort to revitalize the neighborhood comprehensively. Since that meeting, an organizing committee was formed to develop By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. This group has met twice and hopes to complete the initial work by early August. At the FGHD Board retreat, the CDC documents were distributed and input was sought from all attending. The CDC will be on the August 3 FGHD meeting agenda.

The Annual Retreat of FGHD. On July 18, 2010 the FGHD board held its annual retreat. We had a very productive meeting focusing on three major agenda items. The first item was an update on the progress of the CDC. Drafts of the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were distributed and discussed. Many good points were raised and will be incorporated into the documents that will be presented to the CDC organizing committee.

At the board retreat, we also spent considerable time discussing the annual block party, now called Farrington

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

By Barbara Carney

The Historical Museum's special exhibit, "Batter Up", is continuing to run through October. Inspired by Terre Haute's new baseball team, the Rex, the display includes, not only memorabilia from the present, but many photographs, posters, print material, and objects from our city's long and rich history of the game. The exhibit covers both amateur and professional teams, plus players from Terre Haute who "made the big leagues." Among items on display are uniforms worn by Brian Dorsett, the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame plaque awarded to Bob Warn (former ISU baseball coach), the Terre Haute Babe Ruth League World Championship trophy won in 1955, and items from Little

League teams. Some local old time players who became household names in baseball, such as Max Carey, Mordecai Brown, Vic Aldridge, Harry Taylor, Art Nehf and many others are featured. Those who remember Memorial Stadium as the place to be for baseball games will enjoy photos of this landmark. This has been one of our most popular displays, so don't miss it!

The Vigo County Historical Society's Annual Membership Dinner is scheduled for September 17th. This year, the dinner will be held at the Bethany United Church of Christ in West Terre Haute as we join them in celebrating their 125th anniversary. This will be an "old fashioned church supper" with a program

to follow. All are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling 235-9717.

A series of events is being planned to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the War of 1812. Fort Harrison, situated along the Wabash River, played a major part in this continuing battle. On Saturday, September 4th, groups who are planning War of 1812 commemorative events through the years 2010 to 2012 will be greeting "William Henry Harrison" on the lawn at the Vigo County Historical Museum. Come, meet "Mr. Harrison" and hear his com-

ments; witness the raising of the flag of 1812, and meet the newly formed Vigo County War of 1812 committee. The winner of the logo contest will be announced and the winning entry unveiled. Hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.



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Fest. Committee chair, Marty Woods, led the discussion. This Farrington Fest will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2010 from 1 until 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Vigo County History Museum at the corner of Washington and 6th. We have two sponsors of the event this year: Terre Haute Saving Bank and the Indiana State University Foundation. To promote the event it was suggested that we have lawn signs made that could be placed throughout the neighborhood, similar to the ones developed for the Strawberry Fest. Look for

them at strategic locations throughout the neighborhood. During the discussion of Farrington Fest there was considerable discussion about the need to have more events in the neighborhood for residents. If you have ideas please let us know. Recently Marie and I went to West Lafayette Indiana to tour their historic neighborhoods. If you believe the brochures, those neighborhoods where residents are most engaged in a variety of activities

throughout the year are the most successful.

Finally the board spent time discussing the problem of crime in the neighborhood. Everyone agreed that if we are to resolve crime issues in the neighborhood we need to approach it from a more comprehensive perspective. In the near future the crime task force will be working with the code enforcement and infrastructure task forces and the City of Terre Haute to address the crime issue from several fronts. Again, thanks

to all of you that attended. It was a very productive three hours and if you couldn't attend, you missed a lot of good discussion about the future of the neighborhood and an abundance of great snacks.

I hope to see you at the Farrington Fest on August 29, 2010.

Farrington Fest

**Sunday, August 29
1:00 to 4:00 pm**



This will be an event for people to come out and get acquainted with their neighbors. Here are some of the things Marty Woods and Cyndee Jenkins are planning: Games for the kids, as always (the Farrington's *Groovers* of Sarah Scott will help). Food of various kinds – and we'll have ice cream –

back by popular demand. Several artists will show and sell their work. We're still looking for a provider of music. We'll have a "garden produce" booth where people can exchange their zucchinis for someone

else's over-abundance of tomatoes or cucumbers. Indiana Landmarks will have a booth with fliers on how-to-renovate-your-historic-home. Our own author, Donna Christenberry, will have a booth to show and collect historic photos and stories of the 'Grove as part of her research for a book of historic photos of Farrington's Grove. We'll sell Farrington's Grove T-shirts (cheap!) and have a booth to sign up your home for the Holiday Home Tour or your garden for next spring's Farrington's Garden Walk. The Crime Watch Task Force will have a booth with material on how to keep your homes and neighborhood safer. The

History Museum will be open for tours. Plan to come outside, bring the whole family and play with us. Maybe we'll have dancing in the street! This neighborhood wouldn't be a **community** without you.



Join your neighbors on Sunday, August 29 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on the lawn of the Vigo County History Museum. The old block party / ice cream social is now Farrington Fest.

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**Guiding and Promoting the Preservation
and Restoration of Farrington's Grove**

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Farrington's Grove Historical District, Inc. 2010 Membership Application

Make checks payable to FGHD, Inc. and mail to FGHD, Inc. P.O. Box 9281, Terre Haute, IN 47808

I have included a tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

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- \$200 Benefactor membership
- \$100 Corporate membership
- \$35 Patron membership
- \$20 Regular membership