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*A* N OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS/MARBLE CLIFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members,

The dog days of summer are nearly over, and what temperatures we have had! The school year has begun, along with the fall sports. Go, Bobcats!

Your GH/MCHS Board has been very busy all year with our usual tasks of receiving, archiving, and digitizing donated materials for our website and our files, as well as continuing research. Our newsletter, ViewPoints, continues publication, as well as our weekly column in ThisWeek Grandview. During the Grandview Heights Centennial Celebration the Society had a column in the TriVillage News. The Society has been very involved in Grandview Centennial events, including the Mayor's Centennial Cookout on August 20, where we operated a continuous slide show of historic photographs, prepared by Wayne Carlson. We had a table at events throughout the 100 days of celebration, beginning at the May Kickoff and continuing all summer at Music on the Lawn and Lazy Daze of Summer Festival. We had high visibility, and made our publications available, including the newest, *Between the Rivers*, which has sold extremely well since its publication last fall.

In a few months we will begin preparations for our next Tour of Homes, in May 2007. Be alert for forthcoming information!

Welcome to new life members, Carol Farmer and Sam Randozzo, who live in a lovely restored home on Broadview Avenue, which was featured in the 2004 GH/MCHS Tour of Homes.

The annual Meeting will be Sunday, September 17. (See more information on this page.) We hope to see all of you there! Interesting things are planned for the day! At our short business meeting I will summarize the 2005-2006 year in more detail.

Sincerely,

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## Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1685 WEST FIRST AVENUE

Take part in a hands-on exploration of our community's history.

There will be informal presentations and displays of artifacts, as well as an overview of the past year's activities of the Society.



Learn how you can be involved in future projects highlighting the fascinating past of what was once called the "Millionaire Suburb."

Historical Society publications will be available for purchase, featuring our newest title, *Between the Rivers*.

Join the society for \$10 and receive our award-winning newsletter.

Don't miss the final celebration of the Grandview Centennial Year—complete with a 100-candle birthday cake!

Check [www.ghmchs.org](http://www.ghmchs.org) or call 488-5114 for more information.

### A Special Invitation

If yours is one of the Grandview doorways on the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Arts Council poster:

**A Century of Welcomes,**

attend the meeting, identify yourself  
(and your doorway) and be recognized!



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# UNCOVERING THE STORY

## Grandview Heights Founding Resident John E. Hussey

In the June 2006 *ViewPoints* we published the list of all land owners whose names appeared on the original 1906 petition to incorporate Grandview Heights, and asked if any reader could tell us anything about those listed. A call from Grandview resident Nancy Connor Mock Walter, and her subsequent help with contacts, led to the following story of 'founding resident,' John E. Hussey. Nancy's first husband, David Mock, who was killed in Korea, was Hussey's grandson, and Nancy well remembers "Grandpa Hussey." Thanks, Nancy, for your contributions, and thanks also to Hussey's granddaughter, Mrs. Kathryn Smith, of Florida, who sent the photographs we reproduce here. Additional information came from OSU Archives, Franklin County records, Columbus City Directories, and newspaper microfilm.

John Edwards Hussey was born in Burlington, Lawrence County, Ohio on September 6, 1864. He attended Ironton High School and in 1881 the family moved to Columbus, where 17 year-old John E. entered Ohio State University to study art. Since OSU as yet had no Fine Arts Department, he was advised to transfer to the newly formed Columbus Art School (now Columbus College of Art and Design), where he graduated in 1885 and then spent more than 25 years there teaching drawing and design, and serving as director, as well as curator of what became the Columbus Museum of Art. He became a founding member of the Pen and Pencil Club and the Columbus Art League (now the Ohio Art League).

In 1889 Hussey married Margaret Bowen. (see wedding photograph) They had two children, Donald B. (b. 1894) and Eleanor (b. 1902), later Mrs. Harold Mock.

In December 1904, John E. Hussey purchased from John J. Chester for \$550 Gladdington Heights Subdivision Lots 505 & 506, now the site of 1367 Wyandotte Road. The house was built sometime during 1905/06. In a 1965 interview Hussey claimed to have built the first house on Wyandotte Road. The 1909 Columbus City Directory lists the Hussey residence as "west side Wyandotte, third house north of 1st Avenue." The interior photographs, one showing daughter Eleanor (b. 1902), were likely taken during the first few years of the Hussey's residence there. The

interior shows strong Arts and Craft design influence. The exterior photograph with Eleanor holding an umbrella, looking north across what became Third Avenue, with Fifth Avenue buildings visible in the far distance, is clear evidence of the very early date of this home. Another photo is of Donald and Eleanor on the back steps of the house.

Hussey was a founder of First Community Church, and the church's first Sunday School superintendent. In 1959 he attended the opening of the original 1909 cornerstone.

Sometime before 1920 Hussey retired from the Columbus Art School and moved his family to 10 acres in Linworth, Ohio, where he developed extensive gardens and an orchard. The Husseys apparently retained ownership of the house on Wyandotte Road.

During the next decades it was occupied by relatives, including their daughter Eleanor Mock and her family in the

late 1940s. For more than 50 years the house was owned by Dr. George Clouse and family, until his death in 2006.

In 1920 Hussey was brought out of retirement by Professor Wendell Paddock, Dean of the OSU College of Agriculture, to take the position "Assistant in Horticulture".

For the next 26 years, until his retirement in 1946, as the university's oldest staff member. Hussey beautified the campus, designing gardens, supervising the planting of trees and





## 2005-2006 GH/MCHS Report to Members

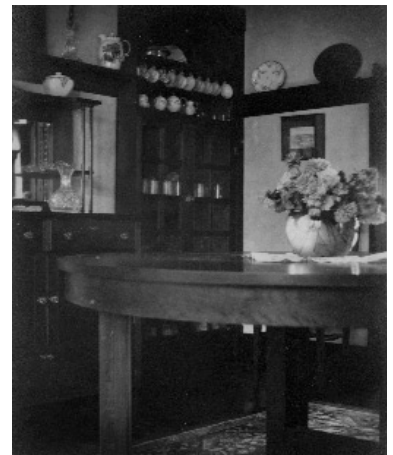
Another busy and successful year! Here are the highlights:

- 2005 Annual Meeting on September 11 celebrated the imminent release of the Society's newest publication, *Between the Rivers*, authored by GH/MCHS trustee, Wayne Carlson. The program at the meeting featured a visual presentation on Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff architecture, focusing on how the new book addresses that topic, among others.
  - On October 8 a group of GH/MCHS board members attended the awards luncheon at the annual meeting of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums in Columbus, where our newsletter, *ViewPoints*, received the Excellence Award in the History Outreach category.
  - Copies of the first printing of *Between the Rivers* arrived in time for holiday sales. Sales dates in Grandview Heights Public Library were scheduled in December. Two local businesses also made the book available at their locations, and early sales were brisk. The book has continued its popularity, and additional copies were ordered in mid-2006.
  - ThisWeek Grandview* has continued the weekly feature, "Moments in Time", with material provided by Board members Wayne Carlson and Tom DeMaria.
  - ViewPoints* newsletter, now in its eighth year, continued publication under the editorship of Patrick Mooney, with community sponsorship, and design and production provided gratis by Grandview resident and graphic designer, Melissa Rady.
  - Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society, with trustee Jeri Diehl Cusack as liaison, was involved in Grandview's Centennial Celebration from the planning stages through the 100 Days of Celebration from May to August. The society provided information, worked with planners, and was a presence at every event of the centennial year.
- Highlights included:*
- In April, Tom DeMaria and Wayne Carlson prepared a handout and conducted a walking tour of Grandview Avenue at the request of the Grandview Heights Planning Commission.
  - A historical presentation by Wayne Carlson and Tom DeMaria at the city's Kick-Off Ceremony and continental breakfast at the Grandview Heights Senior Center on February 3, the exact date of the successful 1906 vote for incorporation.
  - Pat Mooney's program of Grandview history at Greenlawn Cemetery's First Saturday program on May 6, which featured stories of Grandview founding residents who are now residents of Greenlawn.
  - Wayne Carlson's PowerPoint presentation on May 13 at the Grandview Area Merchants Association Kick-Off of the 100 Days of Celebration.
  - Tom DeMaria was an invited speaker at the GHHS class of 1946 60th reunion in June.
  - The society's continuously running slide show of historic photographs at the Mayor's Centennial Cookout on August 20.
  - The GH/MCHS has been approached by Grandview Heights Mayor DeGraw to identify significant and historic homes in the community.
  - An anonymous friend of the society proposed the project and underwrote the printing in May of 1000 8-page booklets containing a short history of Grandview Heights, prepared in 2003 for a proposed but never completed *Book of Franklin County*. According to the donor's wishes, copies of the booklet have been distributed in the schools and have been made available free at all events of the summer. A second thousand was printed in July. To promote greater knowledge of the community's history, free distribution will continue.
  - New life members of the society during 2005-2006 are: Mrs. Richard Klitch, Jamie Greene, and Sam Randazzo and Carol Farmer
  - Current society membership is 149 individuals in 116 memberships, of which 53 are life memberships (76 individuals) and 2 are institutional memberships.

shrubs, and developing OSU's own nursery to avoid the need for outside sources. In the early years the work was accomplished with labor from the Ohio Penitentiary.

A lifelong watercolorist, Hussey for many years wintered in Hawaii and on Catalina Island, California, both favored locations for his plein air work. A 1946 exhibition of 60 of his watercolors in the Southern Hotel mezzanine art gallery featured work completed during the preceding 12 years of winter vacations.

After the death of Mrs. Hussey at age 87 in 1958, John E. Hussey moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mock, in Upper Arlington. An avid hiking enthusiast until his later years, Hussey attributed his long life to his love of the outdoors. He died in November, 1969, at the age of 105.





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### Reminder to Annual Members

Renewal time is here! Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society membership year runs from October through the following September. The mailing label on this newsletter shows the expiration date of your membership. Your continued support is solicited and very much appreciated.



*John E. and Margaret Hussey, Catalina Island.  
Married 68 years.*