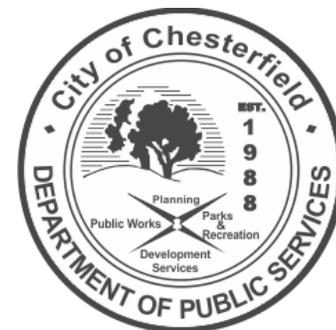


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Memorandum Planning & Development Services Division



To: Planning and Public Works Committee
From: Aimee Nassif, Planning and Development Services Director
Date: August 8, 2013
RE: Chesterfield Historic and Landmark Preservation Committee request for submission of news articles

Summary

Lynne Johnson, Chair of the CHLPC, is requesting that members of the CHLPC be permitted to submit news articles, on a regular basis, to West News Magazine. These articles will be written from oral interviews conducted in 2005 by members of the original Chesterfield Historic Commission. The articles would then be sent in to West News Magazine along with photos (if available) as well. The first such article was recently written and submitted which focused on the Eberwein Family. Attached is a copy of the submitted article.

As this would be an ongoing, monthly project, City Policy Number 3 establishing the CHLPC requires that such a project be presented before the PPW Committee for approval.

Lynne Johnson will be in attendance if the PPW Committee has any additional questions regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Nassif, AICP
Planning and Development Services Director

FAMILY NAMES LIVE ON IN CHESTERFIELD

By

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Many of the places and street names in Chesterfield commemorate families who settled here. The August Hill family is one example. A shopping center, a housing development, and two streets bear the Hill name. August Hill, Sr. (b. 1814, d. 1890) and his wife, Maria E. Weinrich (b. 1823, d. ?) arrived in the Chesterfield area of Bellefontaine around 1837. They purchased farmland along Olive/Clarkson Roads from a Mr. Humphreys for \$18,000 and hired Otto Nelkier to build their house. Chesterfield Mall now occupies this site. The area along Olive/Clarkson Roads became known as Hilltown in honor of August Hill, Sr. and today a shopping center on Olive Boulevard bears the name Hilltown Village. August and Maria had three children—Ernst, Mary and Augusta. In 1888, Ernst married Mary Woerther and they also had three children—August E., Ernst V., and George E.

August E. (d. 1971) and his wife Lydia (d. 1963) continued to live on his grandfather August's farm called Orchard Hill Farm. While August farmed, Lydia taught school at Melrose, Bellefontaine, and Fern Ridge Schools. Since Lydia's teaching positions left her husband in need of help, Donald Karl, a teenager who lived with Hills, took over feeding the chickens, milking the cows, trimming the fruit trees, and performing various other chores. During the summers, Lydia sold peaches from a roadside stand near their house. Today you can find August Hill Road off of Baxter Road, Lydia Hill Drive off of Chesterfield Parkway West, and August Hill on Conway, a development of attached homes.

Have you been to the City of Chesterfield's new Eberwein Dog Park? It is at the site of the former Eberwein Farm on Old Baxter Road, south of Clarkson. You can still see the original red farm barn at the dog park. As of 1878 that farm once covered 427 acres south of present I-64 between Schoettler and Baxter Roads.

Henry Zacharias Eberwein arrived by ship in New Orleans from Gottingen Prewsen, Germany in 1835 and bought his farm property the same year. He built his second farm house in the 1850's and lived there until his death in 1888. That house still stands on Old Baxter Road, across from the dog park. The youngest of Henry's sons, Ernst Eberwein (b.2/16/1852, d.2/23/1939), built the 1895 white farmhouse which, with the remaining barn, was purchased by the City of Chesterfield for a park in 2009.

Ernst married Estella Kummer and raised their 4 children on their farm. The Eberwein children went to the one room Bellefontaine School on Conway Road in Chesterfield where the August Hill gated development now stands. Since I-64/US 40 had not yet been constructed, it would have been easy for the kids to run from the Eberwein Farm across the valley to the school on Conway. Where did the family shop? Their groceries came from Rinkel's Market where Charlie Gittos Restaurant is now. There were no department stores or Malls so everything else came from either Sears or Montgomery Ward catalogs.

SOURCES

Karl, Donald interviewed by Jane Durrell and Arland Stemme in May 1991.

Collins, Kathleen, Sachs Properties, Inc., & Dorothy Steiner Hill provided additional information from picture captions.

Eberwein, Nolene interviewed by Marcella Mertz in January 2001.