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Around the Society…

Christmas in Mt. Healthy

We will be celebrating Christmas in Mt. Healthy Saturday, December 5, along with the rest of the city. The museum will be open from noon to 4, with stories for children from 2 to 4. We will also be selling hot chocolate at the community room from noon to 4.

Holiday program

Our annual holiday program will be Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. Featured speaker Greg Hand will talk about turn-of-the-century cars and racing around the Cincinnati area. The event is free and everyone is invited.

Holiday dinner

Our potluck holiday dinner will also be Dec. 2. This is open to Historical Society members only and will precede the program, beginning at 6 p.m. If you wish to attend the dinner, please call president Joan Knox at 513-675-7279 to let her know what dish you want to bring.



Please note: Our monthly meetings are now held in our museum, at 1544 McMakin Ave., the first Wednesday of the month, March through November. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

The museum will not be open Saturday, Nov. 28, or the morning of Saturday, Dec. 5.

Mt Healthy's First Lady

Caroline Lavinia Scott was born on October 1, 1832, in Oxford, Ohio, to the Reverend Dr. John Witherspoon Scott and Mary Potts Scott. John was a professor of mathematics and natural sciences at Miami University and a prominent abolitionist. In 1844, following a change in university leadership that brought in men who opposed his views, he lost his position. The family soon relocated to Mt. Healthy, where Reverend Scott began teaching at Farmers' College.



Scott House

The Scott family lived at what is now 7601 Hamilton Avenue, at the northwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Compton Road. Their home, along with Farmers' College and the homes of others connected to the college, served as stops on the Underground Railroad, helping people escaping slavery seek freedom.

While teaching at Farmers' College, Reverend Scott tutored a young student named Benjamin Harrison in the family home. Harrison would later become the 23rd president of the United States. After just five years in Mt. Healthy, the Scott family returned to Oxford when Miami University's leadership became more welcoming of abolitionist views.

Although their time in Mt. Healthy was brief, it had a lasting impact. Harrison had formed a friendship with the Scott family and followed them to Oxford to continue his studies at Miami University. In 1853, he married Caroline at her family home, with her father officiating the ceremony. Caroline Scott would later become known as Caroline Scott Harrison, First Lady of the United States from 1889 to 1892.

Education, art, music, and literature played important roles in Caroline's upbringing and remained central to her life. She also championed causes that reflected her progressive beliefs, including women's rights and the abolition of slavery. She helped raise funds for Johns Hopkins Medical School, advocating for the inclusion of women as students. She helped design plans to expand and improve the White House, many of which were later carried out. She also took an interest in American history and helped establish the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as its first president general.



A young Caroline Scott

Today, Caroline Scott Harrison's legacy lives on through her contributions to education, history, and the arts. Visitors to the Mt. Healthy Museum can see a print of a painting created by this remarkable former resident during regular museum hours and discover more about the woman whose story connects Mt. Healthy to the history of the White House.

Article contributed by Doug Johnson

Our Mt. Healthy-opoly games are now on sale for just $10 each . (Original price $25.) You can order online through our website or buy in person at the museum when we're open (see first page).



Membership news

Our annual membership runs January-December with our membership renewal happening late fall. However, we gladly welcome new members any time of the year.

This year only, new and renewing members will receive one free Mt. Healthy-opoly game. The games can be picked up at the museum when it's open (see first page), and we will have some on hand at the holiday dinner and program.

Annual dues are:

Individual $10.00; Lifetime $200.00

Business $25.00; Lifetime $300.00

Renewing and new members please complete the form included in this newsletter and remit check payable to

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or pay using PayPal (no PayPal account required) at
www.mthealthyhistory.org/membership.html

We welcome new lifetime member Doug Johnson and new lifetime business member Mt. Healthy Fraternal Order of Eagles.

December is a busy month for the Mt. Healthy Historical Society. We hope to see many returning and new members at our upcoming program and activities.

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