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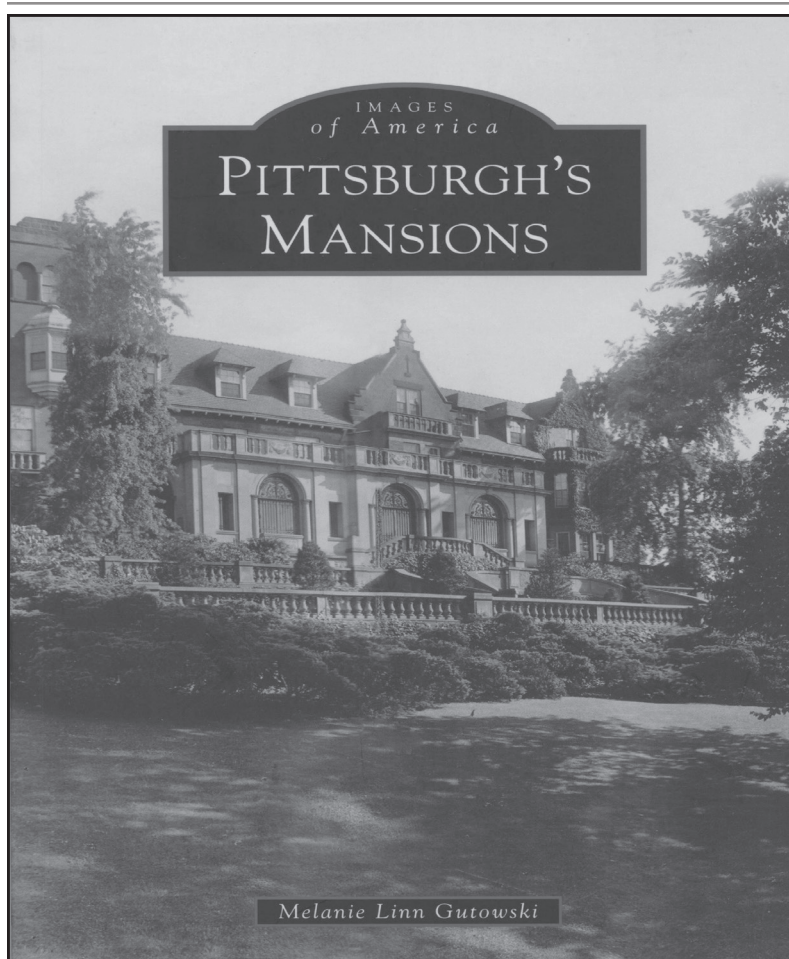
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Pittsburgh's Mansions

A Presentation by Melanie Gutowski, Author



In the 19th century, the positioning of Pittsburgh as a major manufacturing center and the subsequent rise of the area's steel industry created a wave of prosperity that prompted the beneficiaries of that wealth to construct extravagant residences. Wealthy enclaves sprang up in the city's East End, across the river in neighboring Allegheny City, and into the countryside. Pittsburgh's Mansions explores the stately homes of the area's prominent residents from the 1830s through the 1920s. Businessmen such as H.J. Heinz, Henry Clay Frick and members of the Mellon family commissioned elaborate homes from the preeminent architects of their day. Firms such as Alden & Harlow, Janssen & Abbott, and Rutan & Russell left their marks on the city's landscape, often contributing iconic public buildings as well as expansive private homes. Though many of the residences have since been lost, Pittsburgh's Mansions offers a look back at the peak of the city's prominence.

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The mission of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society
is to promote interest in and to record, collect, preserve, and document the history of the Sewickley Valley.

The Residences of the Sewickley Valley

Our lecture this month on Pittsburgh's Mansions reminds us that many of the mansion owners in Pittsburgh's Allegheny City and East End neighborhoods found the Sewickley Valley to be a popular location to build country retreats from the 1890s into the 1930s. They joined others who had come here earlier, especially after the railroad was constructed beside the Ohio River in 1851. Some structures were initially only summer homes but were converted to year round use. Virtually all bore picturesque names. Naming a house or property is not a new trend. It has long been a custom in England and other parts of the world to name castles, halls, manors and even small structures. Naming can raise the profile of a property. It makes it appear prestigious. Recently our list of named properties in the Valley has been revised and updated. It is quite a collection of evocative names. Please share with us any errors that you may find.

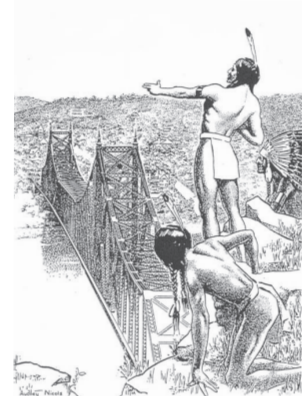
Alanro Terrace	Edgeworth	G. E. McCague	Muottas	Edgeworth	W. Walker
Ardarra	Sewickley	F. B. Smith	Newbury Hill	Edgeworth	R. M. Dravo
As You Like It	Sewickley Heights	W. Thaw, Jr.	Newington	Edgeworth	D. Shields
Assiwikale	Sewickley Heights	J. Beck	Oak Grove	Sewickley	G. E. Tener
Bagatelle	Edgeworth	J. G. Pontefract	Oak Knoll	Sewickley Heights	T. McGinley
Barberry Farm	Sewickley Heights	J. O. Burgwin	Oak Ledge	Sewickley Heights	H. L. Mason, Jr.
Bellamona	Sewickley Heights	R. R. Quay	Old Edgeworth	Edgeworth	C. Quay
Blackburn Farm	Sewickley Heights	L. C. Neal	Old Orchard	Edgeworth	H. C. Campbell
Bonaveen	Edgeworth	W. J. Tener	Orchard Hill	Sewickley Heights	J. H. Childs
Braeface	Edgeworth	J. C. Slack	Paddock Farm	Sewickley Heights	J. Burgwin
Brandywine	Sewickley Heights	M. Schiller	Pen-Y-Bryn	Sewickley Heights	J. M. Schoonmaker
Broadlawn	Sewickley Heights	G. Earp	Poplar Hill	Sewickley Heights	A. M. Byers
Burnbrae	Glen Osborne	K. McIntosh	Pulpit Rock	Edgeworth	S. Walker
Cardome	Edgeworth	H. Oliver	Red Gables	Edgeworth	F. Alden
Casa Leon	Sewickley	W. Lyon	Pine Manor	Bell Acres	J. A. Friday
Cassella	Glen Osborne	G. W. Cass	Red Gate Farm	Sewickley Heights	H. N. Van Voorhis
Chestnut Hill	Edgeworth	D. Shields	Ridgeview Farm	Sewickley Heights	E. J. Horne
Cloverton Hills	Leet Township	H. Buhl, Jr.	Ridgewood	Edgeworth	W. L. Jones
Dundee Farm	Sewickley Heights	H. Chalfant	Robindale	Sewickley	J. A. Huston
Dury Lane	Edgeworth	J. D. Dury	Robinwood	Sewickley Heights	W. A. Gordon
Edge Hill Manor	Edgeworth	W. H. Singer	Rockledge Farm	Sewickley Heights	G. Benney
Eldomar	Sewickley	W. M. Scaife	Romayne	Sewickley	F. G. Dippold
Elm Cottage	Sewickley Heights	C. A. Painter	Sally Valley	Sewickley Heights	J. Hill
Elm Ridge	Leetsdale	J. G. Coffin	School House Hill	Edgeworth	D. Leet Shields
Fair Acres	Sewickley Heights	B. F. Jones, Jr.	Seven Gables	Edgeworth	J. D. Culbertson
Fairway	Sewickley Heights	B. Townsend	Shady Brook Farm	Sewickley Heights	W. B. Scaife
Farmhill	Sewickley Heights	H. R. Rea	Skipton	Sewickley Heights	R. Binns
Feathered Farm	Sewickley Heights	S. S. Leggitt	Snow Hill	Sewickley Heights	H. H. Robinson
Ffoliofoot Farm	Sewickley Heights	W. B. Schiller	Sucasa	Edgeworth	W. J. Crittenden
Franklin Farm	Sewickley Heights	B. F. Jones	Sunny Hill	Leet Township	D. T. Watson
Gladmore	Sewickley Heights	A. J. Willock	Sunnymede	Sewickley Heights	C. A. Painter, Jr.
Glenfrew Farm	Edgeworth	R. F. Shannon	Sunset	Edgeworth	E. P. Young
Glimmer Glen	Sewickley Heights	R. L. McKallip	Tanglewood	Sewickley	M. McDonald
Goodwood	Sewickley Heights	J. F. Byers	The Barracks	Sewickley	G. A. Gormley
Hampton Farm	Edgeworth	M. B. Cochran	The Ledges	Leet Township	H. Walker, Jr.
Harton Hall	Edgeworth	G. H. Singer	The Little House	Sewickley Heights	W. P. Snyder
Highlawn	Sewickley Heights	H. Darlington	The Tulips	Sewickley	W. C. Gundlefinger
Hillcrest	Edgeworth	W. H. Singer, Jr.	Tree Tops	Sewickley Heights	G. Hann
Hillcrest	Sewickley Heights	J. W. Oliver	Tullymore	Edgeworth	J. C. Oliver
Hillcrest	Sewickley Heights	J. B. Semple	Twin Hollows	Edgeworth	D. E. Nevin
Hillside	Sewickley Heights	L. Park	Upland Farm	Sewickley Heights	J. S. Brown
Hohenberg	Sewickley Heights	R. H. Boggs	Vineacre	Edgeworth	R. P. Nevin
Ivy Hall	Sewickley	F. S. Willock	White Cottage	Edgeworth	M. Foster
Lanes End	Sewickley Heights	R. T. Wilson	Wilpen Hall	Sewickley Heights	W. P. Snyder
Linganore	Edgeworth	A. Laughlin	Windward	Sewickley Heights	H. O. Rea
Manada	Sewickley	A. C. Robinson	Windy Knoll	Sewickley Heights	R. L. Clause
Maplehurst	Edgeworth	P. V. Stowe	Wisteria	Sewickley	E. O'Neil
Meadow Gardens	Sewickley	McCready	Woodland	Sewickley Heights	S. A. Woods
Mogkiomp	Bell Acres	G. E. Tener	Woodmont	Sewickley Heights	C. C. Scaife
Mosscroft	Edgeworth	J. Haworth	Wyonissing	Sewickley Heights	J. D. Lyon



Above: A photograph of Sewickley Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School Class #18 on a field trip out Little Sewickley Creek Road for a watermelon party. It is obvious who ate all the watermelon. This comes from a wonderful album donated by Kristin Gratton, dated 1899.

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DID YOU KNOW? The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin, but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin TWICE REMOVED, and HIS child is your first cousin THREE TIMES REMOVED.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grand-parent's brother's (or sister's) great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child your third cousin twice removed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

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