

August E-News

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HHA's Research on Historic Hudson Homes Now Available Online

Researchers, owners of historic homes and anyone else interested in Hudson's history can now easily access some of the town's most historically significant documents.

Hudson Heritage Association has digitized and uploaded to its website its collection of house reports, which document the homes and other structures that have been awarded iconic HHA Historic Markers. These reports offer rich and deeply researched information on land ownership, architecture, construction of homes/additions, commerce, religion and important biographical information on the owners and occupants of more than 160 historic homes in Hudson built from 1806 to the early 20th century.



Baldwin-Buss-Merino House (1825) is one of the homes whose full research report can now be found on the HHA website.

"Each of these house reports is a one-of-a-kind history textbook of a property, building and occupants," says HHA President Chris Bach. "Put them together, and these reports paint the most comprehensive historical portrait available of Hudson's early years, its residents, buildings, properties and way of life."

Until now, the reports were available only on paper in the HHA archives and at the <u>Hudson Library and Historical Society</u>. Thanks to a grant from the Historical and Environmental Fund, a fund of <u>Hudson Community Foundation</u>, HHA was able to digitize and upload the documents, giving instant access to anyone around the globe.

The house reports can be accessed and downloaded at <u>HudsonHeritage.org</u> by selecting <u>Find a Property</u> under the <u>Research & History tab</u>. Digital versions are also available to visitors and researchers at the Hudson Library and Historical Society.

"Allowing easy access to these house reports to researchers and anyone interested in Hudson history is important to Hudson Heritage Association's mission of preservation, advocacy and education," says Bach. "We are deeply grateful to the Hudson Community Foundation for recognizing this mission and devoting resources to this project. I'd also like to thank HHA Board member Liz Leonard for her countless hours organizing and reviewing documents and moving the project along. It wouldn't have been completed without her."

Don't Delay - Join HHA Today!

Now is the perfect time to renew your membership or join for the first time if you have yet to respond to our mailing. If you didn't get our letter in the mail, or you prefer an even easier online payment option, you can pay by credit card on our website by clicking here.

Your membership dollars are critical in funding our programs, research and advocacy efforts. Please consider joining at a higher level this year!

There's no time like the present to support the past! Please renew or join by August 31!

Thank you to all who have joined already!

Annual dues are critical to our mission. They help us cover the general operating expenses that bring monthly programs to the community, they fund the research of historic homes, and they support our ongoing community advocacy. Annual dues are also an affirmation of the trust our members place in us to protect the unique architecture and streetscape of our special town.

It's easy to renew online at www.hudsonheritage.org or send a check to cover membership fees at one of the following levels:

\$35 Individual \$55 Couple \$100 Historian \$100 Business \$250 Preservationist \$500 David Hudson

Mail to: Hudson Heritage Association, Box 2218, Hudson, OH 44236

Please contact us at info@hudsonheritage.com for more information.



Summer Coloring Challenge with Prizes Continues Until August 31!

Grab your crayons, markers and pencils and send your kids, grandkids - or yourself - on a colorful summer journey through Hudson's architecture and history with Hudson Heritage Association's first-ever Summer Coloring Challenge.

The challenge is open to anyone, regardless of age, and everyone who completes it, child or adult, will be awarded:

- A certificate of completion.
- A coupon for a free Hershey's ice cream cone.
- An HHA kevchain.
- A chance to win a \$25 gift card to the Learned Owl Bookstore.

All prizes have been donated to HHA!

HHA will also feature, with parental permission, the completed pages on its social media networks.

To participate in the Summer Coloring Challenge, visit Hudson Heritage Association's website, www.HudsonHeritage.org, and click the For Families tab. There, you'll find downloadable and printable coloring pages featuring seven of Hudson's most well-known and historic structures:

- Brewster Mansion
- The Barn at Case Barlow Farm
- The Clock Tower
- Baldwin-Buss-Merino House
- The Chapel at Western Reserve Academy
- Presidents House at Western Reserve Academy
- Loomis Observatory at Western Reserve Academy

Download the coloring pages, get creative and start coloring! While you're staying within the lines (or not), make sure to read the short histories of the buildings on the bottom of each page. Also take the time to visit the buildings in person to marvel at their design, beauty and history.

Once completed, take photos of your artwork (include the artists in the photo if you'd like) and either email them to HHA at info@hudsonheritage.org or post them to Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram using the hashtag #HHAColorHudson and make sure to tag Hudson Heritage Association in your post.

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HHA will contact participants to request the names and mailing addresses of the artists.

"The summer of 2020 is no ordinary summer," said HHA President Chris Bach. "The HHA Summer Coloring Challenge offers all of us - kids, grandkids and adults - a therapeutic chance to return to a simpler time, by coloring pictures, spending time with our family and learning about our town's history."

The HHA Summer Coloring Challenge ends August 31, 2020. However, the coloring pages will be available indefinitely on the Hudson Heritage Association website.

The challenge was made possible, in part, with support from Ohio History Connection and its Ohio History Fund COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program. This temporary grant program helps history organizations address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For full details on the Summer Coloring Challenge, visit www.HudsonHeritage.org.

START COLORING! The HHA Summer Coloring Challenge ends August 31!

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