

History on the move

4 historic buildings find new home at Carillon Park

On Sunday, July 12, Dayton History, DP&L, Time Warner Cable, AT&T, Cincinnati Bell, Dayton, Kettering and Moraine Police Departments, Wagner Smith and Edwards Rigging and Moving collaborated to move four buildings from the Kettering-Moraine Museum to Carillon Historical Park.

This long-anticipated move included the original Deeds Barn, Miller House, Hetzel House and Newcom Greer house. Coordination of this event began over six weeks ago. This relocation required two weeks of excavation around the buildings' sites, but despite preparation the move alone took over two and a half

hours.

Dayton History initiated the move because it is the most efficient way to maintain the long-term preservation and public interpretation & accessibility of the buildings.

The following is a brief history and future plans for the buildings being moved:

History of Deeds Barn - From inventions, to nicknames, to the creation of DELCO 100 years ago, Deeds Barn swells with historical significance. Within its walls Charles Kettering, Colonel Edward Deeds and other members of the Barn Gang created the automobile self-starter engine and the ignition system.

Future of Deeds Barn - Deeds Barn will be moved into an expansion of the Kettering Family Education Center where it will then be filled with multi-media displays. This expansion will be built around the Deeds Barn making it permanently changed from an exterior building to an interior artifact. Once opened, the public will be able to view the upstairs workshop for the first time.

History of Miller House - Built in 1806, the Miller House is the last remaining structure from the Watervliet Shaker community. The Miller House is a two-story frame building that will contain a collection of Shaker artifacts.

Future of Miller House - The Miller House will be moved to the early settlement zone of the park and will allow Dayton History to interpret this fascinating utopian society.

History of Newcom-Greer House - "The Newcom-Greer house is one of the finest Greek revival homes in the Miami Valley" stated Brady Kress, President & CEO of

Dayton History. It is an early residence from East Dayton.

Future of Newcom-Greer House

-The Newcom Greer House will be moved next to the William Morris House. Here it will serve the purpose of comparing and contrasting an urban dwelling and a rural dwelling of the 19th century. "It gives us an opportunity to talk about early domestic life in urban Dayton," stated Kress.

History of the Hetzel House -The Hetzel House is a 19th century building. Its original location was on Stroop Road where it was used as a summer kitchen.

Future of the Hetzel House

-The Hetzel House will become an out building for the Morris House where baking and weaving will take place. This position will enhance the domestic programming of the park including Carillon's popular Tavern Dinner series.

Dayton History is Montgomery County's official historical organization. Consisting of Carillon Historical Park, the Archive Center, Hawthorn Hill, NCR Old River Park, the Paul Laurence Dunbar House and Patterson Homestead, Dayton History brings the past to life to understand the present and inspire the future by collecting, preserving, interpreting, presenting and promoting the region's past.



Newcom-Greer house



Miller house



Deeds Barn



Hetzel house

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