

About
Cecil Dwight Hine (1849-1920)
and his daughter
Elizabeth “Bess” Hine-Cates (1878-1972)

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In late 2005 while doing research for his Riverside Review newsletter, Poland, Ohio resident and Riverside Cemetery trustee Ted Heineman came upon the following material regarding Cecil D. Hine and his daughter Elizabeth Hine-Cates (known as Bess to her relatives). Biographies of them subsequently appeared in the January and February 2006 issues of the Riverside Review. Mr. Heineman was kind enough to send me the copies of his research which appear below.

Cecil Dwight Hine was the son of Samuel Hine and his first wife, Elizabeth Montgomery. Since I descend from Samuel Hine and his second wife (Emma Kirtland-Hine) Cecil was my half great uncle and Bess Hine-Cates my half first cousin once removed. Cecil became a respected and wealthy attorney in Youngstown, Ohio. His only surviving child, Bess, married a wealthy industrialist (Charles Henry Cates). Bess and Charles had no children and when Bess passed away in 1972 the terms of her will set up the Cecil Dwight Hine and Elizabeth Woodruff Hine Memorial Fund in honor of her parents to which she left the vast majority of her substantial fortune in trust for the benefit of handicapped children in the Youngstown, Ohio area.

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About Cecil D. Hine (undated)

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CECIL D. HINE was born August 3, 1849, in Hubbard, Trumbull county, Ohio, where his parents then resided. They were Samuel Hine, now of Poland, Ohio, who was born in Youngstown, and was a son of Homer Hine, one of the earliest lawyers of the Reserve, and Ellen L. (Montgomery) Hine, of Coitsville, Ohio, daughter of Robert Montgomery, an early settler, and who, in 1806, built and operated in Poland, Ohio, a furnace for making iron, one of the first furnaces in Ohio.

He attended the Western Reserve college to the beginning of senior year. That college has since conferred on him the degree of A. M. He read law two years with Taylor & Jones, at Warren, Ohio, and was there admitted to the bar, by the district court of Trumbull county, April 15, 1872. He soon after commenced practice at Youngstown, where he now resides, engaged in practice. He was married at Poland, Ohio, October 9, 1872, to Miss Lizzie W. Woodruff, a native of that place.

1992 Report about Cecil, Bess, and the Hine Fund

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The Cecil Dwight Hine and Elizabeth Woodruff Hine Memorial Fund was established in 1974 under the terms of the will of their daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Hine Cates, who died Nov. 22, 1972 at her Wick Avenue home in Youngstown.

Mrs. Cates' will provided that the balance of her estate after numerous bequests be entrusted to the Youngstown Foundation and the annual income be distributed by the Foundation's Committee for the Distribution of Income. The Youngstown Foundation had been established in 1918 by directors of the Dollar Savings and Trust Co.

Over the years, Mrs. Cates had had a close relationship with the bank and its president Carl W. Ullman and its judicious handling of her affairs increased her holdings considerably.

Because of the size of the Hine Fund and its complexities, a special board is charged with attending to requests and other business. ^S This committee in turn makes recommendations to the Youngstown Foundation's Committee for the Distribution of Income.

Current members of the Hine Fund board are Miss Elaine Parella, Mrs. John F. Tyler, Mrs. Charles B. Cushwa Jr., Dr. Alexander K. Phillips, Dr. Barclay Brandmiller and Joseph Nohra who is liaison with the Committee for Distribution of Income. Atty. Herbert Fridham, of the Foundation and the bank serves as ^{an} advisor and Mrs. Barbara Amstutz is executive director. Hine Fund offices are located in the Stambaugh Auditorium building.

Mrs. Cates' will ^I provided generally for the care and assistance of crippled children in and about Youngstown. In probating the will, the late Probate Judge Charles P. Henderson issued a

broad interpretation of "crippled" children with the result that a number of agencies dealing with the handicapped have benefitted over the years. **Currently more than \$1 million is distributed annually through the caring of the Hine and Cates ~~families~~ ^{FAMILIES}.**

On the following pages are outlined biographies of Cecil D. and Elizabeth Hine and their daughter, Elizabeth Hine Cates.

A reserved and retiring family they quietly made possible long-term philanthropies for the community they called home.

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A series of articles published in 1925 under the title "Knowing Youngstown" and edited by the Public Library contained a segment on the Organization of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. It relates that in the late summer of 1900 selection of a site led to much discussion with Crab Creek first being considered but careful surveys proving a lack of sufficient water. "It ~~was~~ ^{largely} ~~was~~ owing to the vision of the late Cecil D. Hine that the present site of the plant at East Youngstown (now Cambell) was secured. It contained 300 acres and fronted on both river and railroads."

This is but one of the laudatory comments on the times and works of Mr. Hine. Perhaps the greatest tribute was paid him when his former partner, Justice John H. Clarke of the Supreme Court of the United States, had printed in The Vindicator a eulogy after attending Mr. Hine's funeral in Youngstown in March, 1920.

Justice Clarke noted the prominent role played by Mr. Hine in the professional and business life of the community during his lifetime. Wrote Justice Clarke, "For forty years he was the ~~the~~ chief and most trusted legal adviser of the men, almost without exception, who originated and conducted the really great business enterprises of the Mahoning Valley and an enduring record of his professional learning and of his wise business judgment and foresight is written in the organization, ~~and~~ extension and consolidation papers of the great companies operating in that busy district."

Justice Clarke was associated with Mr. Hine as a law partner from 1886 to 1897 and as an intimate friend until Mr. Hine's death. He lauded Mr. Hine's ability to be clear and straight to the point. "He was the soul of honor and his standards of private and professional life were high and clean."

Justice Clarke also described Mr. Hine's natural reserve of manner which gave the impression ~~of~~ of coldness and austerity to ~~the~~ those who knew him only casually while a large professional and social circle knew him to be of a warm-hearted, generous and affectionate nature, the most delightful of companions and the most helpful and devoted of friends. He added that Mr. Hine was singularly free from political or professional ambition for official place.

At one time it was suggested to Mr. Hine that he permit his name to be put up for U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio "but he smilingly said, 'No, I prefer the freedom and independence of private practice.' "

Mr. Hine was born Aug. 3, 1849 in Hubbard, a son of Samuel Hine and Ellen Montgomery Hine. The Hine family history in the Mahoning Valley goes back to Homer Hine who came to the Western Reserve ^{in 1801}. Homer Hine was a graduate of Yale and was admitted to the bar in 1801 and married Mary Skinner of Painesville in 1807. Cecil Hine's father, Samuel, was among their eight children. Samuel was born in 1816 and died in 1893.

Cecil Hine's mother, Ellen, was a ^{daughter} ~~daughter~~ of Robert and Louisa Maria Morris Montgomery. Her father was one of the valley's early ironmasters. Samuel and Ellen also had a daughter Mary who married a James Phelps. Mr. Samuel Hine later married Emma Kirtland and they had five children.

Cecil Hine was educated in the local schools and then entered Western Reserve College. He attended until his senior year and then dropped out to study law with Taylor & Jones in Warren for two years.

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He was considered a brilliant student at Western Reserve and in later years his alma mater conferred the degree of Master of Arts on him. Mr. Hine was admitted to the bar in Trumbull County April 15, 1872. Soon after he^g entered the practice of law in Youngstown.

It wasn't^g all books for young Mr. Hine. An article in the Mahoning Register of Aug. 21, 1867 has him playing catcher of the Poland Resolutes^(baseball team) in a game against the Ironsides. While the Ironsides won 47-42, it was noted that Mr. Hine had four runs.

On Oct. 9, 1872 Mr. Hine married Elizabeth Woodruff of Poland, a daughter of George and Sarah Crawford Woodruff. Throughout her lifetime she took part in philanthropic undertakings and maintained a graciously hospitable home. The young couple entertained in their home frequently.

Mr. Hine had served on the varsity baseball team at Western Reserve and followed athletics after coming to Youngstown. He was first ~~base~~ baseman on the first semi-professional baseball team known as the Mahoning baseball club.

Their only child, Elizabeth Hine Cates was born in Poland July 23, 1878. In 1882 ~~Mr.~~ Mr. and Mrs. Hine built a lovely home at 725 Wick Avenue and Mrs. Cates kept the home even after their deaths. The interior was elegant and one of the leading home of the "avenue." The home was finally demolished in the late 1970s after Mrs. Cates' death. The home contained many fine artifacts from all over the world, witness to the many travels of the family.

The list of Mr. Hine's work in the Mahoning Valley is long and witness to his great ability.

Mr. Hine initially opened his practice ~~in~~ in Youngstown with H.H. Moses, who ~~subsequently~~ subsequently sold his home in Bryson Street and his interest in the law practice to John H. Clarke in 1886. Later the firm was Hine, Kennedy and Manchester.

Probably one of Mr. Hine's closest friends was James A. Campbell, president of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. At the time of Mr. Hine's death in 1920, Mr. Campbell noted that the lawyer organized Sheet & Tube in November, 1900 and was its general counsel and advisor until the time of his death.

Said Mr. Campbell, "Mr. Hine was the most valuable man in the early days of Sheet & Tube. He was not only a splendid lawyer but he had in that connection, that quality and asset so few attorneys had, a good, general business knowledge." He emphasized Mr. Hine's counsel during early financial crises. L.A. Manchester, Sheet & Tube counsel in later years, said Mr. Hine was a pioneer in handling legal work which made the valley's big institutions possible.

Said Mr. Manchester, "He had the greatest analytical mind I ever met. He always went direct to his point. He was the soul of honor, integrity and uprightness. He ~~hated~~ ⁺trickery, underhanded methods, dishonesty and sham."

One of the first steel mergers in the valley was handled by Mr. Hine and Mr. Clarke. Youngstown Iron & Steel and Cartwright & McCurdy were merged into American Steel. Also Ohio Steel Co. became part of the Federal Steel Co. and finally Carnegie Steel Co.

Mr. Hine remained a director of Sheet & Tube until his death.

Mr. Hine was one of the incorporators of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society in 1909 and was the author of its articles of

incorporation. He had many other interests too. Served as a Rayen⁷ School trustee in 1883. He was a trustee when the Mahoning County Law Library Association was set up in 1904. He also served at one time as president of the Holland Land Co., the holding corporation for the Youngstown Country Club in 1912.

Mr. Hine also had numerous real estate holdings both in downtown Youngstown and east of the city including a ~~farm~~^{FARM} at Haselton.

In the last few years of his life Mr. Hine experienced a gradual decline in health. He had a siege of pneumonia and abdominal surgery and had shown signs of weakening. As was his custom for many years he spent part of the winter in California and left Youngstown for the West on Jan. 10, 1920. He suffered a fatal heart attack Feb. 22, 1920 in Pasadena, Calif.. Funeral services were held March 2, 1920 in Youngstown with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Poland.

The bulk of Mr. Hine's estate - more than \$1 million - was left to his wife, Elizabeth. ~~There~~ The estate included a wide variety of stocks and real estate holdings. Among the provisions was one leaving property he ^{co-}owned at the southeast corner of Central Square in trust for his wife and later his daughter and then to St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Since his will had been made in early January, 1920 the provision for St. Elizabeth Hospital was ruled invalid because the will was less than one year old. However, his widow carried out his wishes and in her subsequent will she made the same provision. The land on which the Realty Building (Renaissance Bldg.) was erected provided rentals in subsequent years to Mrs. Hine and Mrs. Cates and upon Mrs. Cates' death that portion of the land belonging to the

family went to the ~~new~~ hospital which received a substantial amount⁸ in the sale of the property.

During his lifetime Mr. Hine also donated land for several playgrounds in the city.

Mr. Hine's will also made provisions for several household retainers. Justice Clarke was bequeathed Mr. Hine's set of Johnson & Stephens Shakespeare, six volumes published in 1807. Other law books were bequeathed to Leroy M. and Curtis Manchester.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Hine took an active part in a number of community philanthropies. She traveled extensively with her daughter, lived in the West during the winter months and spent summers in New England and in Europe. She died at he family residence Sept. 23, 1927.

Mrs. Cates always considered the Wick Avenue home her permanent residence even after her marriage in 1903 to Charles Henry Cates, a New York manufacturer. For 35 years they lived in the Ansonia Hotel in New York City and spent winter months in Pasadena, Calif.

She was educated at Miss Brown's School in New York and was active in several organizations in Youngstown. She was one of the organize of the New Century Club.

Following the death of her mother she came to Youngstown to ~~see~~^{sell} the Wick Avenue home but decided to keep it. The home ~~as~~^{was} filled with memorabilia and beautiful articles from around the world. Her husband died in 1939 and she lived in Youngstown ~~which~~ wintering in Pasadena, Calif. She died Nov. 22, 1972.

Mrs. Cates made 39 separate specific bequests of personal and household goods, jewelry and money to relatives, near and distant, to friends ~~and~~^{by} employes. She ~~made~~ set up trusts providing annual

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income for life to a number of persons with these funds to be added to the memorial fund following their deaths. The family library of books was left to Virginia Military Institute as well as \$50,000 in a trust for scholarships at VMI. These scholarships are known as the Charles and Elizabeth Cates Scholarships.

Mrs. Cates had a ~~devotion~~ a deep interest in the care and assistance to crippled children. She had suffered an attack of ~~polio~~ polio as a young girl and in 1953 had broken a hip.

Among her other bequests was a certain gold bracelet for the Metropolitan Museum in New York. A painting of herself, an oil painting of her husband and a pastel of her mother were left to the Butler Museum of American Art. *

This then is the story of a caring Youngstown family and their influence on the life of the community.

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THE MUSEUM HAS NO RECORD
OF RECEIVING THESE PAINTINGS.
DO YOU HAVE ANY INFO?

Newspaper Article about Bess Cates (Youngstown Vindicator, 8/30/1959)

Title: "Mrs. Cates Symbolizes Gracious Living of City's Golden Era"

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Wick Ave. Home Hasn't Become Toll of Time

By Esther Hamilton

I walked up the front steps of 725 Wick Ave. and stepped right into yesterday.

Etched into the glass panes on the door was "Hine." I hadn't seen that sort of entrance since the Homer E. Hamilton home at 111 W. Woodland Ave. was torn down to make way for a new church.

The windows were shuttered with oldtime wooden shutters. The brass around the doorknob and the entrance gleamed as though it had just been polished. In starched uniforms, Miss Minnie Beckman, with the Hine family for 46 years, admitted me.

The lady I had come to see, Mrs. Charles Henry Cates, was in the drawing room. In these old Wick Ave. homes they had drawing rooms. She reminded me of a piece of lovely china, gracious, elegant, fitted neatly into her surroundings.

Mrs. Cates' Only Home

Mrs. Cates has never lived in any other home and nobody but her immediate family has ever lived there. She was taken to the house as a child. She is probably the only person on Wick Ave. with this record. One after one, the residents of the old homes have given them up and moved away. Many have died. The avenue isn't the avenue anymore. Business has crept in where society used to move. Old homes have become all sorts of establishments. Only Mrs. Cates' home has remained unchanged since that day in 1882 when Cecil D. Hine, leading Youngstown lawyer, moved in with his wife and daughter.

Hine was one of the first directors of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. He had many other interests, including a farm at Haselton, which was considered some distance from the city. The timber for the house came from the farm and was cut and properly cured before the house was built. The big rooms are paneled in oak, bird's-eye maple, butternut, black walnut and cherry from the farm. The house is so well built that passing traffic is not heard.

The ceilings are high and the house was cool although it was one of the hottest days of the year. Everything is polished and kept in perfect order. Four fireplaces stand ready to have a match touched to them. Mr. and Mrs. Hine made a special trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., to select much of the furniture in the home.



Portrait study of Mrs. Charles Henry Cates in her beautiful old home at 725 Wick Ave.

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Sunday, August 30, 1959

the residence was "away out on Wick Ave., almost to the edge of town. The neighbors, all in big, roomy houses like her own, were the H. O. Bonnells, the Robert McCurdys, the Peter Joyces and others. They sat on their front porches in the evenings and called back and forth. "Jack" Tod moved next door in a fine new house, very modern. (It is now the McVean Funeral Home).

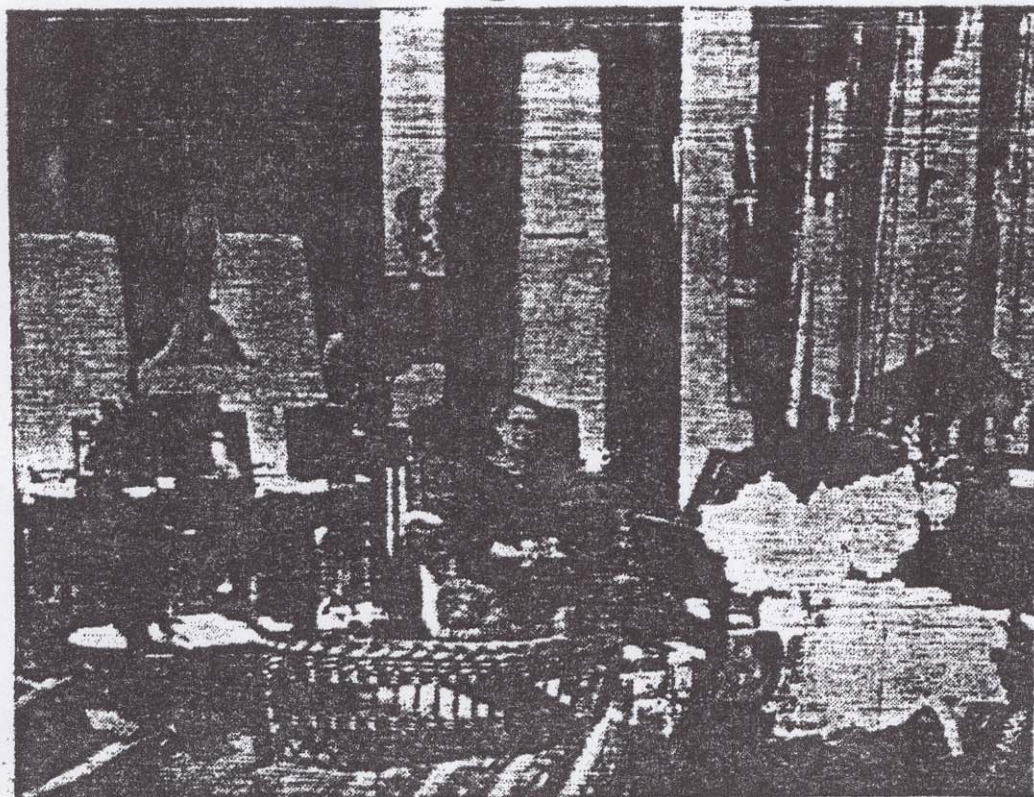
She was one of the Wick Ave. beauties and cut quite a figure on her pony, horseback riding out into the country (the present North Side). And there was the day a spirited team and beautiful buggy was driven to the door, gift of her father.

Her marriage to Charles Henry Cates in 1903 was the social event of the year. He was a New York manufacturer who knew everyone. Cleveland caterers handled the wedding reception held in the home, which was the proper custom in those days. There were 18 in the wedding party.

Lived 35 Years in N.Y.

and friends waiting for them to hear of the journey. Everything on the car was extra, the horn, speedometer and top, Mrs. Cates

acious Living of City's Gold



Mrs. Cates sits in her gracious living room, surrounded by mementos of yesterday.

recalls. Later Mr. and Mrs. Cates had one of the few Royce ever owned here.

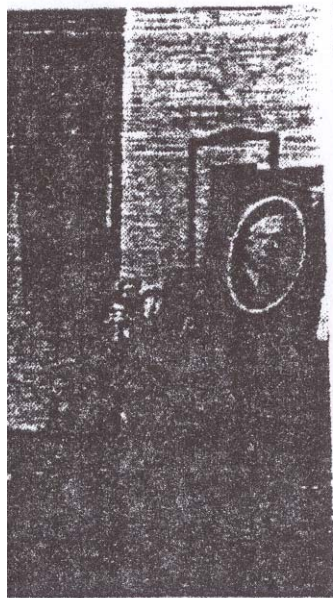
She was educated in Miss Brown's School in New York and prepared for college, but other interests engaged her more. Throughout her life she has been a great reader and her home is full of books.

After the death of her parents, she came to Youngstown in 1927 to sell the property but decided to keep it instead and make it her legal residence. Mr. and Mrs. Cates traveled all over the world. She figures she has

been around the world three times. Since her husband's death in 1939 she has spent

most of her winters in Pasadena. She was one of the organizers

Golden Era



of the New Century Club and attends its meetings when she

is here. As a girl she attended the First Presbyterian Church but following her marriage, joined St. John's Episcopal Church where she has kept her membership. She is also a member of the Youngstown Club and Youngstown Country Club.

Grows Vegetables

Until fairly recent years, the family kept a cow in the barn on the five acres that is part of the property at 725 Wick Ave. The vegetable garden is producing and the flowers are lovely. Few persons who drive by in their hurry realize the atmosphere just beyond their reach.

Among the most interesting things in the home is the number of photographs of family members and friends, persons whose names bring back many memories to the Youngstown resident who knows the history of the city. There are paintings by Count di Formian, celebrated in his day.

The long library reflects the culture of the family, books, paintings, quiet ease, good

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Wick Ave. Home Is Sentinel of the Past

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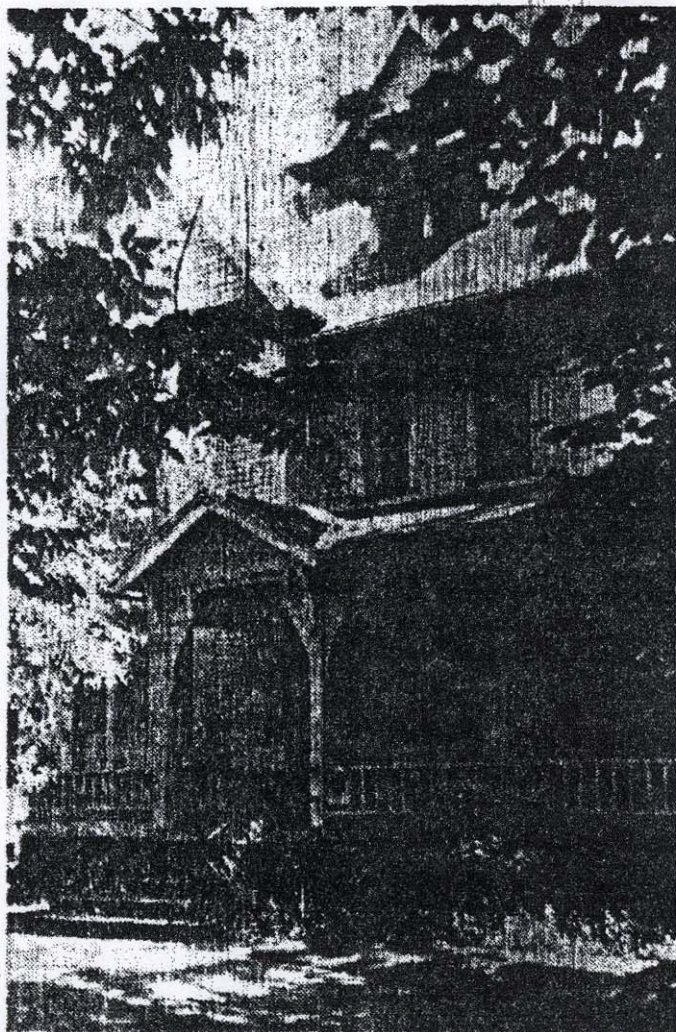
taste. No television set is about but a radio brings the news.

Some years ago, Mrs. Cates was approached by a person who said they had come to buy the property. She explained it was her home and not for sale. Quite firmly she added, "at any price." This was something new to the would-be purchaser, who could not understand that it was not for sale.

"It is my home. It has always been my home. It will never be for sale," said Mrs. Cates in her well modulated voice reflecting the proper training of a young girl of many years ago. Without raising her voice, she conveyed her meaning as final.

She rang the bell, (one is in every room). Miss Beckman appeared and the interview was terminated.

And don't try to beat her in bridge either. She's a whiz at that.



This old home at 725 Wick Ave. is one of the last to be occupied by the family of the original owner, C. D. Hine, one of the original directors of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., built it in the early '80s. It is occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Charles Henry Cates.

Mrs. C. H. Cates' Rites Set; Last of Early Family

52 Youngstown Vindicator
Thursday, November 23, 1972

Private funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at her home at 725 Wick Ave. for Mrs. Elizabeth Hine Cates, 93, the last of the grand dames of the elegant era of Wick Avenue, who died of infirmities at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday. The family residence was built by her father in 1882.

In recent years, Mrs. Cates had been unable to go out, but for many years was a familiar figure as she had her chauffeur take her for an outing through the city. She broke her hip in 1953 but recovered from that.

A member of pioneer Mahoning Valley families, Mrs. Cates was born July 23, 1878, in Poland, a daughter of Atty. Cecil D. Hine and Elizabeth Truesdale Woodruff Hine. Her great-grandfather, Homer Hine, was one of the earliest and most successful lawyers of the Western Reserve, coming here in 1801.

Mrs. Cates' father was at one time a law partner of the late Justice John H. Clarke and later associated with Hine, Kennedy & Manchester. He helped organize the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. and was a director until his death in 1920. Mrs. Hine died in 1927.

As a child of four, Mrs. Cates moved into the house built by her father at 725 Wick Ave., and it has remained in the family, its interior a reminder of the days of quiet elegance along "the avenue." In recent years, she turned down several offers for the property.

Rode Horseback

In her youth, Mrs. Cates rode horseback out into the country (the present North Side) and often was seen driving the beautiful buggy given her by her father. She was educated at Miss Brown's School in New York and prepared for college, but other interests engaged her more.

Her marriage to Charles Henry Cates, a New York manufacturer, in 1903 was the social event of the year. For 35 years the couple lived in the Ansonia Hotel in New York. They also spent much time in Pasadena, Calif. They were among the early owners of automobiles and owned one of the few Rolls Royces here.

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Mrs. Charles H. Cates

mother, Mrs. Cates came to Youngstown to sell the Wick Avenue home, but decided to make it her legal residence. She and her husband traveled all over the world. Mr. Cates died in 1939 and she began spending more of her time here, wintering in Pasadena.

New Century Organizer

Mrs. Cates was one of the organizers here of the New Century Club and attended meetings until the past few years. As a girl she attended First Presbyterian Church but following her marriage joined St. John's Episcopal Church. She also was a member of the Youngstown Club and Youngstown Country Club.

Until the mid-fifties, the family kept a cow in the barn that was on the five-acre tract. They also cultivated a vegetable and flower garden.

She was fond of memorabilia and kept numerous articles about her family and friends as well as hundreds of photographs. She also was an avid reader.

Mrs. Cates leaves a cousin, Mrs. Nure Schaeffer of Lake Milton.

There are no calling hours. Arrangements are being handled by the McVean and Hughes Funeral Home.

Newspaper Article about Bess's estate shortly after her death

Crippled Children Benefit From Mrs. Cates' Estate

Mrs. Elizabeth Hine Cates, last member of one of Youngstown's older and more prominent families, who died last Nov. 22, left the bulk of her estate for the care and assistance of crippled children "in and about Youngstown."

The value of Mrs. Cates' estate will not be known until an official appraisal of her estate is completed.

After a hearing in Mahoning County Probate Court, Common Pleas Judge Elwyn V. Jenkins admitted Mrs. Cates' will to probate. There had been some question, largely concerning the many heirs named and possibly others who may have died unknown to bank officials and the court since the will and brief codicil were made in 1958.

Judge Jenkins sat in for Probate Judge Charles P. Henderson, who is ill.

Mrs. Cates made 39 separate specific bequests of personal and household goods, jewelry and money to relatives, near and distant, to friends and employees.

One specific bequest orders a certain gold bracelet be given to the Metropolitan Museum in New York and then made other provision for its disposal should the museum not be interested.

The family library of books was left to Virginia Military Institute as well as \$50,000 in a trust to establish scholarships at VMI. The scholarships are to be known as the Charles and Elizabeth Cates Scholarships.

Mrs. Cates specifies that recipients of the scholarships (from the income of the \$50,000) are to cover all expenses, even transportation to and from VMI and to provide the recipient "with at least \$15 a month in pocket money."

She left the family home at 725 Wick Ave. to a relative, Paul Schaeffer, or his heirs.

There also is to be a \$20,000 trust, the income from which will support the maintenance of family burial lots in Poland Cemetery.

The will leaves \$5,000 to St. John's Episcopal Church.

The residue is in trust with certain recipients to receive stipulated amounts for the rest of their lives from the income. These include Lt. Col. A. Soden English, \$2,400 a year; her husband's nieces, Phyllis Ruth Farmer and Catherine Cates Caston, \$500 a year each; an

employee, Minnie Beckman, and Amanda Johnson, \$1,200 each a year.

After these specific bequests from the trust's income, all other income from the residual trust is to go to the Committee for the Distribution of Income of The Youngstown Foundation.

However, the will dictates that this money in The Youngstown Foundation is to be channeled into the care and assistance of crippled children in and about Youngstown. It also says that "if expedient" over a period of years that the money could be accumulated to provide a home or hospital for the care of said crippled children but this is not a must.

After the deaths of the above named individual beneficiaries of the residual trust, the money previously paid them is to go to the Youngstown Foundation for the crippled children's work.

Mrs. Cates was a daughter of Atty. Cecil Hine.

THE HINE MEMORIAL FUND

OF THE
YOUNGSTOWN FOUNDATION



Elizabeth Hine Cates with her mother,
Elizabeth Woodruff Hine.

(Courtesy of Mahoning Valley Historical Society)

PORTRAIT OF A LADY

The woman whose beneficence began the Hine Memorial Fund saw generations of change in her lifetime, from travel in a horse-drawn carriage to landing a man on the moon.

Elizabeth Hine Cates was born in Poland Township near Youngstown, Ohio on July 23, 1878. Her father, Cecil Hine, was a young attorney when he married Elizabeth Woodruff in 1872. Young Elizabeth came from a family of attorneys and industrialists. Her great grandfather, Atty. Homer Hine, came to Connecticut Western Reserve territory in 1801 after graduation from Yale. Her grandfather was an early ironmaster, and her father was instrumental in the organization of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. Cecil Hine was known nationally as a competent lawyer and businessman.

The Hine family built a home on Wick Avenue, Youngstown's "Millionaire's Row" in 1882. Elizabeth, who suffered an attack of polio as a young child and walked with a limp, would ride her pony into the "country" north of her home and later rode in her own horsedrawn carriage, a gift from her father. Miss Hine, an only child, was educated at Miss Brown's School in New York City. She returned to Youngstown and was active in many civic organizations. She joined together with other young women who shared her interest in books and travel to form the "New Century Club" in 1900.

In 1903, Elizabeth was married to a New York manufacturer, Charles Henry Cates, in a lavish ceremony at her home. The young couple moved to New York City where they maintained a residence at the Ansonia Hotel for 35 years. Flo Ziegfeld was a neighbor and friend. The Cates had no children and travelled extensively. Once she commented that she had probably travelled enough to circle the globe three times. She spent winters in Pasadena, California.

Mrs. Cates always considered the gracious Wick Avenue residence as "home" and made many visits to the area. In those times, she travelled with her husband in a horseless carriage from New York City, a journey of six days.

When Mr. Cates died in 1939, Elizabeth returned to Youngstown. She lived quietly but maintained a keen interest in her city. She suffered a broken hip in 1953, which heightened her sensitivity to the problems of those who suffer disability. Her desire to aid and care for crippled children, combined with a family tradition of generosity in the community, led her to establish The Cecil Dwight Hine and Elizabeth Woodruff Hine Memorial Fund as a lasting tribute to her parents.

PHILOSOPHY

The Hine Memorial Fund Committee has as its mission to review and fund proposals that provide direct services to handicapped children. Grants are awarded to Ohio non-profit agencies that are qualified under the Internal Revenue Service code 501 C3 for the care and treatment of such children in the greater Youngstown area. Requests for equipment to be used to benefit children with disabilities are considered in the final quarter of each year after direct service requests have been satisfied.

A Hine Memorial Fund Caseworker at the Visiting Nurses Association of Youngstown gives specific aid to individual children with disabilities by evaluating the needs of the family, making appropriate referrals and providing financial assistance when indicated.

EXCERPT FROM THE TRUST

The Cecil Dwight Hine and Elizabeth Woodruff Hine Memorial Fund was established in 1974 under the terms of the will of their daughter, Elizabeth Hine Cates, who died November 22, 1972 in Youngstown, Ohio.

In the will, Mrs. Cates specified that the income from her estate be used for "...treatment of, care for and assistance to crippled children in and around the City of Youngstown." Mrs. Cates directed the Committee for Distribution of Income of the Youngstown Foundation to take responsibility for disbursement of funds.

In 1976, The Probate Court of Mahoning County defined the word "crippled" to include a person who is "...lame, or partially disabled, or flawed or impaired in almost any manner which would deprive him of strength, activity, and or capacity to act as a normal person.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Applications for grants from the Hine Memorial Fund are studied and evaluated by the Hine Memorial Fund Committee which then makes recommendations to the Committee for Distribution of Income of the Youngstown Foundation. The Youngstown Foundation employs a Liaison/Coordinator to work with potential applicants, present proposals to the committees and work with the agencies who receive awards.

All proposals submitted to the Hine Memorial Fund should be in written format with an original and six copies included. The proposals should be concise and include the following:

- * a brief summary of the history and purpose of the organization;
- * a description of the governing structure of the agency, including the names of the board members;
- * a description of services offered, the service area and service statistics from the previous year, and a profile of the clients served;
- * a definition of need, how the need will be met and how the program will be evaluated;
- * an estimate of the number of children with disabilities who will be served as a result of funding;
- * a statement of income and expenses for the preceding year and a current budget;
- * a copy of the project budget related to the proposed grant.

One copy of the following documentation should accompany each application:

- ** an audited financial statement;
- ** the most recent annual report,
- ** a copy of the I.R.S. letter verifying tax exempt status.

All applicants submitting complete proposals will receive written notification of the Distribution Committee's decision within a few weeks of the meeting. The Foundation reserves the right to contact other funders and/or professionals in the field regarding a grant request. In order to allow staff and committee members adequate time to carefully review each completed application, deadlines for receiving proposals have been established.

DEADLINES

DISTRIBUTION MEETINGS

Phone 330.744.1435
for current application and
appropriate deadlines.

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