



## The Clubhouse Chronicles



(By Bess Scholler)

One of the oldest houses in Johnson county is now the home of the Johnson County Golf and Country Club, just one mile east of Franklin. It was built in the year 1826 by Lewis Hendricks, who with his bride, Sally Lamasters Hendricks, came to Indiana from Kentucky.

Lewis Hendricks was born March 15, 1795, and Sally Lamasters Hendricks was born November 26, 1804, in Kentucky. They were married in 1822 and came to Johnson county in 1826. They were the parents of twelve children. Six sons were in the Civil war.

Lewis Hendricks died September 13, 1847 and Sally Hendricks died October 12, 1867, in the home they built on the hill and which is now the Country club.

Lycurgus Waggener, a Franklin College student, married Mary Hendricks, the youngest daughter of Lewis and Sally Hendricks, January 18, 1855. They lived in the old homestead most of their lives and reared their eight children on the farm. Their daughters, Mrs. A. J. Marvin and Mrs. Lola Allen McCaslin, were married there.

Last summer when Mrs. Mollie Waggener Myers of Benton Harbor, Mich. was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. McCaslin, she visited the Country Club and later with Robert O. Schaefer, also a descendant of Lewis and Sally Hendricks, wrote the following poem about the old Hendricks homestead:

*Written by Hendricks descendants Mrs. Mollie Waggener Myers and Robert O'Schaefer, the poem below details the familial experience of growing up and spending time in the farmhouse that transformed into the original clubhouse of Hillview Country Club.*

*FUN FACT: The farmhouse was one of the oldest homes in Johnson County at the time that the article was printed (And prior to the fire that destroyed it) on Saturday, February 25th, 1933.*

### THE OLD HOUSE ON THE HILL

The Johnson County Country Club would surely like to know  
Of him who built its domicile a century ago.  
If its old walls could only speak what legends they might say  
Of those who trod its oaken floors but long since passed away.

Six generations link the past with those who gather here  
Beneath the roof that Hendricks built for those he held most dear.  
Today his great grandchildren meet with their grandchildren, too.  
The thrill they have in gathering here may they impart to you!

Where Hendricks had his cider mugs around the flowing bowl  
The festive golfers gather now to play the nineteenth hole.  
If he could see the duffers slice the sod that once he tilled,  
Would Louis Hendricks saddened be or rather greatly thrilled?

Where Sally rocked the kids to sleep and knit and wove and spun  
Bright dancers trip with graceful step mid gaiety and fun.  
Yet these same walls no strangers were to music, mirth and joy,  
For folks knew how to have good times when Grandpa was a boy.

His home begot an orchestra; he taught the kids to play.  
He tutored in the dancing step and "manners" of his day.  
His fame extended miles around; he played for fete and ball.  
His courtly grace and fiddle bow were known to one and all.

Born in an Old Kentucky Home hid in a blue grass valley,  
Lamaster was our Grandma's name. Her given name was Sally.  
Before Grandmother shooed us to our big poster bed  
She often told us legends about this old homestead.

In eighteen hundred twenty-two, when she was just eighteen,  
Young Lewis Hendricks married her; they sought new pastures green.  
Toward Indiana's fertile soil they turned with spirits high  
And settled down near Franklin town to love and live and die.

On eighteen hundred acres there a little cabin reared,  
Its paper windows water-proofed with bear grease richly smeared.  
When bears sniffed at the doorway where just a curtain hung  
Young Sally chased them with a broom or skillet deftly flung.

The honeymooners in their cote, with many-an eco and bill,  
First dreamed about, then drew the plans for the big house on the hill.  
From hill top down to Sugar Creek the land was slowly cleared.  
Four winters came and went before the new homestead appeared.

And Franklin Seminary boys helped clear the Hendricks land,  
And many worked their way through school because they lent a hand.  
And many a well-hewn sill or beam that holds the house today  
Stands tribute to some hours purloined from Greek or algebra.

Then came house-warming time; how well did Grandma remember!  
The year was eighteen twenty-six; the date was in November.  
The neighbors came from miles away to join in hearty glee,  
In making it a grand affair to long remembered be.

Each glowing fire-place in the house with logs piled high that night  
Cast glamor on romantic scenes reflected in their light.  
And other flames were kindled there enduring to this day.  
(See Johnson County History Books confirming what we say.)

The flames danced to the fiddler's tune competing with the men,  
And grandma recalled the fact that men were graceful then.  
Forgotten in some moldering chest close by may still be laid  
The relic of adornment worn that night by some fair maid.

If Lew and Sally Hendricks now returning might survey  
The old home place's happy fate, sans ruin or decay,  
Re-animated with the charm of music, life and mirth,  
How proud they'd be, as authors of the dreams which gave it birth.

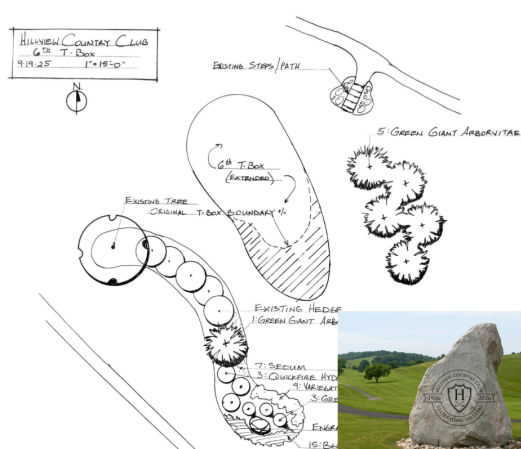
*Do you have a historical artifact or story pertinent to Hillview Country Club's tapestry?  
Connect with Jess Giles at [jess@hillviewtime.com](mailto:jess@hillviewtime.com) to schedule a time to chat!*

## Centennial Dedication Opportunities



Installation to honor the people, milestones, and moments that shaped the club's journey. A curated display featuring archival photographs, artifacts, and stories that reflect a century of growth. To be displayed in the Augusta Room.

The wished-for project of expanding the 6th tee box paired with a monument crafted from native Indiana limestone. Designed to stand as a quiet sentinel on the course, it marks a foundational moment in the club's history and represents the timeless elegance of the game.



HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

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★ COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR BOOK  
★ HILLVIEW HUNDRED MATERIALS

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## LOU'S DEN AT HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

# WINTER HOURS

### WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST 9AM-12PM  
KITCHEN OPEN 9AM-2PM

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY

BREAKFAST 9AM-12PM  
KITCHEN OPEN 9AM-2PM



Trying to find a place in Franklin to grab hot breakfast on the weekends? Lou's Den is the place for you!

**Winter hours set to start on November 1st.**

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*This segment was inspired by our wonderful Office Manager, Cathy Watson.*

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