



## STAN HYWET FACT SHEET

### STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio. 44303. It is 30 miles south of downtown Cleveland and about 5 miles south of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

### About Stan Hywet and the Seiberling Family

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is the former country estate of the F.A. Seiberling family. Mr. Seiberling co-founded (with his brother, C.W.) The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in 1898, and the Seiberling Rubber Company in 1921. In 1957, Stan Hywet became a non-profit historic estate museum so that the public could benefit from the cultural, educational, and inspirational riches of one of the most significant achievements in architecture and horticulture to come out of America's Industrial Age. Stan Hywet is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is Akron, Ohio's oldest National Historic Landmark.

F.A. and Gertrude Penfield Seiberling married in October, 1887. They had seven children, six of whom lived to adulthood. It was a very close-knit family where holidays, birthday celebrations and life events were noisy, crowded, frequent affairs. Mrs. Seiberling passed away in 1946 and after the death of F.A. Seiberling in 1955, it was the Seiberling children, "the heirs," who had the vision to transfer ownership of Stan Hywet to a non-profit entity.

### Stan Hywet Name

Stan Hywet derives its name from its pre-history, the site of an old stone quarry. It is pronounced "stan HEE'wit" and is Old English for stone quarry.

### Crest & Motto of Stan Hywet

The crest and motto of Stan Hywet above the front door of the Manor House is *Non Nobis Solum* or *Not For Us Alone*.

### Architecture/Furnishing

*Architect:* Charles Sumner Schneider, Cleveland offices of George B. Post & Son, New York City

*Interior Decorator:* Hugo Huber of The H. F. Huber Co. of New York City

*Landscape Architect:* Warren H. Manning Boston, Mass.

*English Garden Designer:* Ellen Biddle Shipman, New York City

*Woodwork & Paneling:* The Hayden Co. of New York City

*Plaster Ceilings:* The Hayden Co. of New York City; and McNulty Brothers Company of Chicago

*Leaded Glass:* Heinigke & Bowen (later known as Heinigke & Smith)

*Stained Glass:* Thorton Smith & Otto Heinigke

*Iron Work:* Samuel Yellin

*Rugs:* Beloochistan Rug Weaving Company of India; Wilton Royal Factory, England

*Tile Work:* Mary Chase Stratton, Pewabic Pottery, Michigan; and The American Encaustic Tile Company, Zanesville, Ohio

*General Contractor:* The W.B. McAllister Co., Cleveland, Ohio

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### **Stan Hywet Hall (Manor House) Construction**

*Style:* Tudor Revival

*Construction Dates:* 1912-1915

*Length:* 300 feet, the basement extends the length of the house

*Height:* Main Structure: three stories. Music Room: two stories. Tower: four stories

*Manor House Square Footage:* 64,500 sq. ft.

### **Construction Materials**

Red brick, steel, sandstone, Vermont slate, copper, oak and plaster.

The interior woods include American oak, chestnut, black walnut, sandalwood, teak and rosewood.

### **Stone Source**

Stone from the Lagoon was quarried to produce sand and gravel. Stone blasted and removed from the basement excavation was used to build the "Double divided Garden walls" along Garman and N. Portage Path. All exterior steps and door sills were specified to be Euclid Bluestone supplied and installed by R. C. Blum & F.O Delbridge of Cleveland. The cut stone was specified to be "first quality Ohio sandstone" supplied by the Donnelly & Ricci Co., NY.

### **Acreage of the Estate**

Originally, approximately 3,000 acres (1916). Today: 70 acres.

### **Manor House Details**

Number of Rooms: 65

Number of Bedrooms: 18 total: 5 are guest bedrooms, 5 family bedrooms, 8 servants' bedrooms.

There are also 2 sleeping porches, a nursery and a dormitory.

Bathrooms: 25, including 14 complete baths and 9 lavatories (without tub/shower)

Fireplaces: 23

Chimneys: 12

Doors: 73 doors plus 20 sets of French Doors

Windows: 21,455 panes of glass

### **Domestic Staff**

There were 22- 24 servants. The Gate Lodge, Gardener's Cottage, Carriage House, and Poultry Manager's House (now a private residence on Reynolds Avenue nearby) were homes for domestics and their families.

### **Architectural Inspirations For Stan Hywet**

Compton Wynyates, Warwickshire, England: built 1509-1528. Ockwells Manor, Berkshire, England: built ca. 1446-1466. Haddon Hall, Derbyshire, England: Built 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Open April through December, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is one of the most important remaining examples of an American Country Estate built during the Industrial Age at the turn of the twentieth century. Stan Hywet was home to F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and his family.

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