



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Stan Hywet Opens Submissions for 2026 Exhibit About Akron**

2026 Exhibit Coincides AMERICA 250-OHIO Theme

June 30, 2025 – Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is developing a new exhibit for 2026 called **The Families That Built Akron**, exploring the history of the Greater Akron area through stories and documents of its residents. Stan Hywet is looking for photos, video/film and other historical documents — including diaries/journals, emigration records, letters, military records — that capture important and pivotal moments in the lives of residents. This exhibit will focus on the broader story and local cultural history, so family stories and documents do not have to connect to Stan Hywet and its history.

Greater Akron residents who would like to have personal stories and/or family documents considered for The Families That Built Akron may learn more and complete a submission form at [stanhywet.org/share-your-story](https://stanhywet.org/share-your-story). The deadline to submit is August 31, 2025.

This exhibit coincides with America 250-Ohio, the state of Ohio's celebration and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Questions about submissions or the exhibit may be emailed to [byoder@stanhywet.org](mailto:byoder@stanhywet.org) or [kneff@stanhywet.org](mailto:kneff@stanhywet.org).

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Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, located at 714 N. Portage Path in Akron Ohio. It is the former residence of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company co-founder F.A. Seiberling and his family. 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. Open for tours April through December, Stan Hywet is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is Akron, Ohio's oldest National Historic Landmark.