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Lakewood Landmark Designation for First Private Residential Property

Lakewood, Ohio – December 31st, 2013 - The Lakewood Historical Society is pleased to announce the designation of the home located at 17855 Lake Road as a Historic Property by the City of Lakewood on December 5th, 2013. It is the first designation awarded to a private residence.

Located in the Clifton Park neighborhood of Lakewood, the Arts and Crafts style home was constructed in 1905. The large wood 2 ½ story frame, clapboard, and shingle house has a large raised front porch. The large porch was modified several times by previous owners and has been reconstructed handsomely by present owners Brian E. and Maureen S. Powers. Notable original features of the house are entrance doors and first and second floor windows. A lovely pattern of diamond shaped lights appears in transoms above the doors as well as the home's long, narrow windows.

Notable interior features of the house are fireplace tiles made by the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works along with two wall murals leading to the basement which were painted by Akron artist Joseph Stanley Schultz.

The home has had notable owners since 1905. Original owner Alfred Horr was a Vice President of the Cleveland Trust Co. and helped to establish the Cleveland Foundation, one of the largest community foundation's in the United States. The home's second owner, Frederick Roberts, a prominent businessman, founded the F. W. Robert & Co. in 1881 and owned a premier retail store in downtown Cleveland. A yachtsman, he held leadership roles in the Cleveland Yacht Club. His second wife, Lillian, was active in the Lakewood Garden Club and known for the gardens at their home.

Present owners Brian and Maureen Powers are responsible for the exterior renovation of the house which won a preservation award from the Heritage Advisory Board in 2011.

The mission of the Lakewood Historical Society is to enhance the quality of life in Lakewood by offering educational programs for all ages; providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings; and advocating for our historic community.

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