

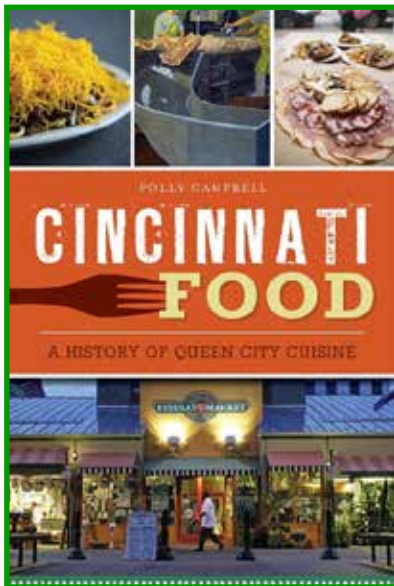
THE HISTORICAL RECORD

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POLLY CAMPBELL... ON THE HISTORY OF CINCINNATI CUISINE

Cincinnatians are staunchly proud of our namesake chili, and fiercely loyal to our legacy food makers. Polly Campbell documented this love affair for nearly 25 years as the *Cincinnati Enquirer's* food critic, and has compiled her vast knowledge into a book. Join Ms. Campbell as she takes us on a tour of Cincinnati Food: A History of Queen City Cuisine.



MARCH 23, 2023

**PROGRAMS ARE AT
7 PM
Wyoming Civic Center**

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CHECK OUT OUR WORK-IN-PROGRESS WEB SITE.....

Thanks to board member Amy Pursley we are on our way to getting a new, up-to-date, web site. You can check it out now and watch it grow over the next months. Right now it's highlighting our Business Members.

NADINE WATERS....Exceptional Cincinnatian

A year ago, we ran a three-part story on Nadine Roberts Waters (1892-1985), Wyoming's own opera singer. We lent Nadine's scrapbook to the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library and they have scanned the pages of Nadine's life. In the past year, they have put together a documentary using the scrapbook and the great memories of Jennifer Greenwald Sauers. Jennifer, a personal friend, accompanied Nadine at some Wyoming concerts in the early 1980's.

On March 30th, 6-8 PM CHPL is showing that documentary followed by a panel discussion. You are invited to the Walnut Hills Branch Library for the program. You can find the trailer at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTT_vj6L9gY.

The Friends of Music Hall also did a story on Nadine. The link to that is: <https://friendsofmusichall.org/2022/03/20/nadine-roberts-waters-la-cantatrice-de-cincinnati/>



After its release, the documentary will be on the CHPL's YouTube Channel.

LEED PRESENTATION.....

Our program in January was on LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and how you might make your home more energy efficient. That program was recorded and is available online at the city's web site. The direct link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XN3cYKRh5y8>.

Our thanks to Wyoming resident Krutarth Jain and his friends Jim Ratliff, Chuck Lohre and Sanyog Rathod for sharing their expertise. Enjoy the video.

MEMBERSHIP...

Our membership year is January-December with our membership drive happening late each fall. However, we gladly welcome new members at anytime of the year. For a year dues are: Individual \$25, Family \$50, Business \$75, Lifetime \$500. High school and college students are free. New members joining after August will be credited through December of the following year. New members please send your check, name, address, phone and email to us and we will handle the rest. 800 Oak Avenue, Wyoming, OH 45215. Thank you.



Thanks to Scott Ferree, we have added Mayor Frank Bonham's collapsable top hat to our museum!

BUSINESS MEMBERS



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-- NEW MEMBER WELCOME --

Peter Roman
 Graydon Sikes
 Melissa Monich
 Old School Craftsman - Brent Sears
 Tim Metcalfe

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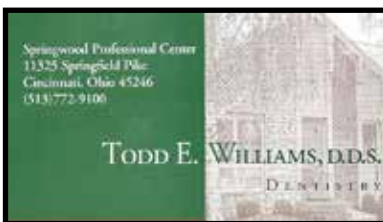
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ADDED

Thursday, June 8th....Ed Creighton will regale us with stories about Powell Crosley Jr. and his brother Lewis. Crosley radios, Crosley cars, Crosley Field learn more about these and the other Crosley inventions in this interesting presentation.

-- IN MEMORIAM --

Jan Sears
 Sudie Stewart

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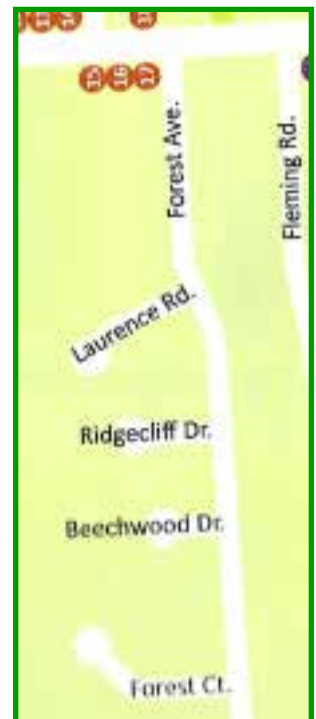
LAURENCE ROAD'S STORY.....

Laurence is one of the four short streets off of Forest Avenue. Its history, we know, is fairly straight forward. About 26 acres were owned by Daniel Laurence who in February 1927 sold them to C. Dean Poage for development. According to the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Poage could rent the property for \$1080 a year or he had the privilege of purchasing it for \$18,000.

The story of Daniel Laurence is actually more interesting than the story of the street. He was born in Reading in 1873, graduated from UC in 1894, served as the mayor of Reading in 1898, then served as a Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Southern Ohio District 1899-1903. For the next 68 years, he worked for the University of Cincinnati. He started as Clerk of the University Board of Directors, moved on to University Secretary and, when he retired was Vice President.

Laurence lived on Grove Avenue for a few years around 1910 but moved to Millsdale in Hartwell and remained there for the rest of his life. Even though he was on the Hartwell side of that street, he and his wife's names showed up in the Wyoming social columns. He was a member of the Wyoming Lodge and served on the Wyoming Board of Education. But he never lived on Laurence Road!

When Laurence retired from UC, he was given the title Vice President Emeritus and awarded an honoray degree of Doctor of Laws. Why he owned those 26 acres of land that became Laurence Road will probably always be a mystery.



WELCOME LIFETIME MEMBERS



Access Audio
 Deborah Allsop
 Tom Bond
 Sheri & Bryant Callaghan
 Old School Craftsman
 Ethan & Susan Pagliaro
 John Sears
 Kathryn Shahani
 Sherry Sheffield



IMAGINEERING.....Amy Pursley

Many people that live or lived in Wyoming have 'invented' something. Whether its a formula for a soap, a cooking spray or a piece of art. We continue to highlight some of those people who helped make our life better in their special way.

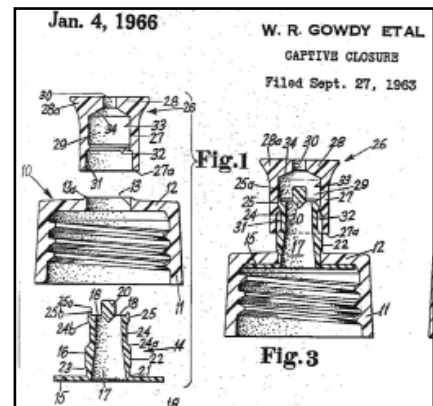
William Gowdy

Gowdy is the co-inventor of a "Captive Closure". Although William Gowdy's time living in Wyoming was short, his impact on his country and community was quite large. Gowdy and his wife, Catherine, lived at 219 Charles Street from 1947 to 1950. Before moving to Wyoming, William served his country in WWII as a B-17 pilot in the Pacific Theater.

William graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in chemistry in 1941. His father was the dean of the College of Commerce and Engineering at the University of Cincinnati. In July of 1941, William joined the armed forces. He earned his pilot wings in February of 1942. In August of that year, he was commissioned to serve in the Pacific area as part of the 403rd Bomb Squadron. One month later, he began piloting night attacks over the Northern Solomons Islands and the Bismarck Sea. In May of 1943, he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

In July of 1943, Gowdy and his crew of the B-24D "Liberator" were assigned to a night mission. He and his team were very experienced in flying B-17 "Flying Fortress" bombers, but were relatively new to the B-24 models. During take-off, the plane sustained damage to the landing gear, which failed to fully retract. Due to the darkness of midnight, a visual assessment of the damage could not be ascertained. However, they were certain that the bomb bay doors had been damaged and were jammed shut. This posed a huge problem for the crew because landing a crippled aircraft with a 1,000 pound bomb aboard was too big of a risk for the those aboard the plane and those stationed at the airfield. The crew worked tirelessly to manually open the doors just enough to be able to jettison the bomb load (unfused) into the ocean.

Throughout the rest of the night, Gowdy circled the airfield to burn off fuel while trying to figure out how to land a large plane with compromised landing gear. Once daybreak came, the crew could see that the landing gear was not simply stuck, but that it also had lost one of its hydraulic lines. At this point, Captain Gowdy decided there was no safe way to land the plane, so he ordered his crew to bailout. Since no one in the crew had any parachute experience beyond training, Gowdy managed to ease their tensions by announcing over the intercom: "whoever shows up on the ground without his ripcord buys the beer!" Normally, aircrews are instructed to discard their ripcords after they are pulled. But Gowdy gave his men something else to focus on beyond their fears. Everyone landed safely on the ground at the airfield, Gowdy being the last to jump. No one knows who bought the beers. The abandoned plane crashed into an uninhabited hillside. The wreckage is said to still be there today. Below is a crew photo taken after the bailout. Captain Gowdy is on the far right. (<https://www.kensmen.com/129Jan2015.pdf>)



If you know of someone who deserves recognition for their 'Imagineering' please let us know!

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Look forward to seeing you at our
next program on March 23rd.

REMEMBER WHEN????

A special thanks to Public Works for unearthing this trash can from the late 1950's and 1960's. They were on every corner, now this lonely survivor sits in our museum!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER...Jim Walton

Dear Members,

Local business owners can purchase an Historical Society Membership for \$75 annually. Your business card will be featured in our newsletters, our website and at the programs we host at the Wyoming Civic Center.



And thank you to all our members, volunteers and contributors. We couldn't do this without your ongoing support.