

Clues Continued...

Walk with water on left. Stop across from yonder wood dock. Picture the diving board that once occupied nearby spot. In past summers, Seiberlings played, fished, canoed, and swam. The water level was 10 feet deep; up to the dock's base it ran. Continue on path, keep left at Y, left turn to cross two bridges here. Continue on path and turn right up set of stone steps near. At the end of a long narrow path an informative plaque, you'll arrive. Underfoot you'll notice that you're standing near Pleasure Drive.

Head toward Tea Houses on high and walk across a bridge. A left and a right leads to a rock incline. Up 7 steps. Face left: the ridge! Secretly lift up corner rock at foot level. Remove quest box. Stamp your brochure, sign the logbook, and replace all, you clever fox.

Continue up stairs to where changing took place in two rooms. Even in summer, men and women wore wool bathing costumes.



Swimming in the Lagoon

“Roque” Rhymes with Croak

Continue up more stairs to the top where two Tea Houses are found. Cross over gravel onto grass. Pause where cement frames the ground. Here a fast-paced American game called roque was once played. The name dropped the C and T from the English game of croquet. Like a pool table, the sunken court was smooth and firm with four corners. Short mallets shot balls through arched wickets, banking off the borders.

You've reached the finish line of this vigorous quest. Hope you're not sore. Return to the Carriage House along Ribbon Drive, or continue to explore.

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How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign the logbook, make a unique stamp, and return the box to its hiding place.

The questing season runs from April 15 through November 15.

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Toivo Motter at 330.315.3261 or tmotter@stanhywet.org.

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About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 100 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at cuva_questing@nps.gov

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The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

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Irene Seiberling, c. 1915.

Canalway Quest

Seiberlings at Play Quest

Discover leisure activities enjoyed by Seiberling family and friends via this moderate walk around Stan Hywet



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 60 minutes. Most surfaces are relatively level, but lawns and trails may be soft or muddy. There are uneven stone stairs in places. Walking shoes, a camera, and a sunhat are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp.

This quest is entirely outdoors. Note that the Estate has an admission price. Members are free. The grounds are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 888.836.5533 or visit stanhywet.org for information about extending your visit with a house tour. Bring extra money if you want to visit Molly's Shop & Café.

Getting There

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is at 714 North Portage Path, Akron, Ohio 44303. At Admissions, **pick up a visitor's guide containing an Estate Map** to assist you on this adventure. Your quest begins by the fountain in the courtyard outside the admissions exit.

Clues

In 1915, from city to country the Seiberling family* came, Moving into their new estate west of Akron. Stan Hywet is its name. A place where all were welcome was their generous intent. With friends, family, and business associates, many a day was spent.

The estate was filled with beautiful places to feed soul and mind. A healthy body was also key, so facilities for recreation were designed. Indoors they built a pool called "The Plunge," a sauna, and a gym. Outside too, areas were fashioned to keep one fit and trim.

A Horse, of Course!

Face Molly's Shop and Café which housed carriages and a stable. Where a prize stallion named "Lex" once stood, there's now a table. An apartment was above. A groom and his family called it home. **Irene** recalled moonlight rides with brother **Fred**, arranged by telephone.

Left of double doors go to CARRIAGE HOUSE plaque (letters white). Below, a stone mounting block helped those challenged by height. Over Sand Run Metro Park, the estate's bridle trails once did strew. Turn toward the entrance drive and giddy-up to your next clue!



Horseback Riding at Stan Hywet

Tennis, Anyone?

Turn 'round back through the courtyard, ahead a white tent. On a grass court beyond, staff and visiting chauffeurs' time was spent. Imagine them gathering to exchange tennis shots and stories here. Years later, what was discovered? Empty bottles of Burkhardt beer!

Now, jog through the apple orchard's rows until a marker is seen. Perhaps you'll even break a sweat like sisters **Virginia** and **Irene!** At the marker, catch your breath and read about this spot Where a famous battle for health and well-being was fought.

Chasing Golf Balls

At nearby Portage Country Club, wealthy golfers would mingle and play. Goodyear executives had their own course by Fairlawn Heights, thanks to F.A. At Stan Hywet, he built a four-hole challenge for family and guests. Here at Hole 1, sons **Franklin** and **Penfield** teed off their sibling contests.

Cross the drive. Stand and gaze beyond the WELCOME sign. With your eyes, aim for Hole 2 at the intersection of two tree lines. Are you close? Did you slice? Well, if you did, please don't grouse. Follow the ball or take a more direct route to the Manor House.

Pause at the top of the circle drive. On this round green, clock golf was played. From the "hour" marks toward a central hole, players putted over bent blades. **F.A.** included this family-friendly game among the estate's facilities, Because "no matter what your age, there should be recreational activities."

Face the manor. Turn right, then "chip" past the triangle of grass. Cross the drive into the Elliptical Garden. You're by Hole 3 at last. After you "hole out," look back toward the manor once more. Hole 4's green was just in front. Don't walk there—just yell, FORE!

Lawn Games

Behind an island of flowering bushes, find the gap in the evergreens. Go down stairs. Turn left. Toward the brick service court, please careen. Climb two sets of cement steps. Now stride down a stone pathway. After zigzag, look right onto the lawn bordering Birch Tree Allée.

In a sunken area nearby, a game called lawn bowls was played. The winning team's "bowl" stopped closest to where the "jack" stayed. Another contest on this court was a version of English croquet. **F.A.** and his in-laws wagered one cent per match on many a Sunday.

Beyond the court, an archery range with arrows fired toward trees. Continue on the path. Down stairs, keep right, past a garden Japanese. Take a right at the Y. Cross a waterway. Keep right on the stone path. Hurry along, but don't fall in. This is no time for a cold bath!



English Croquet

Game, Set, Match

Pause at the first hydrant, on right, used to refill lagoons drained. Find the second one. The clay tennis court needed water to be maintained. **F.A.**, daughters, sons, and even **Gertrude**, volleyed for serve on this slab. **Franklin** remembered how roses climbed the fence, giving many a jab.

Tennis was mainly played indoors until rubber was used for sports. The game moved outside once balls could bounce on grass courts. By the 1920s, this pastime of the rich became a popular sport for all. Professionals competed in tournaments, many an audience to enthral.

Game. Set. Match. You won! Now continue along the pathway. You're atop a "key wall," a dam to keep the lagoon water at bay.

Picnicking, Water Fun, and Pleasure Drives

Cross two bridges. The first one, reflected, forms a full moon. From the second, Look up and spot where a stone overlook was hewn. The Seiberlings picnicked up on this "hidden aspect," as it was styled, Gazing upon the lagoon and its vista—a view unique and wild.

Winter brought family and friends together here to ice skate. Held by warming fires, the parties featured many a figure eight. When young, **F.A.** was known on the rink as the "wonder boy." Near this spot, later in life, a grape vine pattern he employed.

*F.A. and Gertrude Seiberling had six children: Fred, Irene, Willard, Penfield, Virginia, and Franklin. F.A. co-founded The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.