

*New Book from MPF Trustees
Presents History of Mariemont-
area's Pioneer Settlers*

MPF Trustees Terry McConville and Fred Rutherford look back on the pioneer life of the area's first families, who landed their flatboats at Columbia, and settled the land in and around what became the Village of Mariemont. They included: the Ferns, Stites, Muchmore, Armstrong families and their neighbors. At first life was hard. They cleared land, hunted for food, planted crops and built their homes. Soon there were bad roads, mills, general stores, churches and taverns. Near by, the towns of Newtown, Madison, Plainville and later Terrace Park and Red Bank appeared. The story concludes at the time of the coming of the railroad and the Civil War when the grandchildren of the first families carried on the farming community. Descendants of six pioneer families still live in the area over two centuries later.



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MPF Trustees McConville and Rutherford have done an excellent job of researching and codifying the pre-Civil War history of the Mariemont area. It is a significant addition to the Rogers, Hill, and Parks histories of Mariemont's modern era.

Pioneers of the Lower Little Miami Valley provides great insight into the early history of Columbia Township and the communities in it. It also is a rich and interesting chronicle of the Stites and Ferris families and the daily travails and dangers endured by them and other pioneers settling in the area.

Pioneers gives all of us a fresh understanding of the historic era when the United States moved from being a group of Colonial states toward becoming a great nation. It covers the bringing of civilization to the area Kentuckians knew as "The Miami Slaughterhouse."

PIONEERS of the Lower Little Miami Valley



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