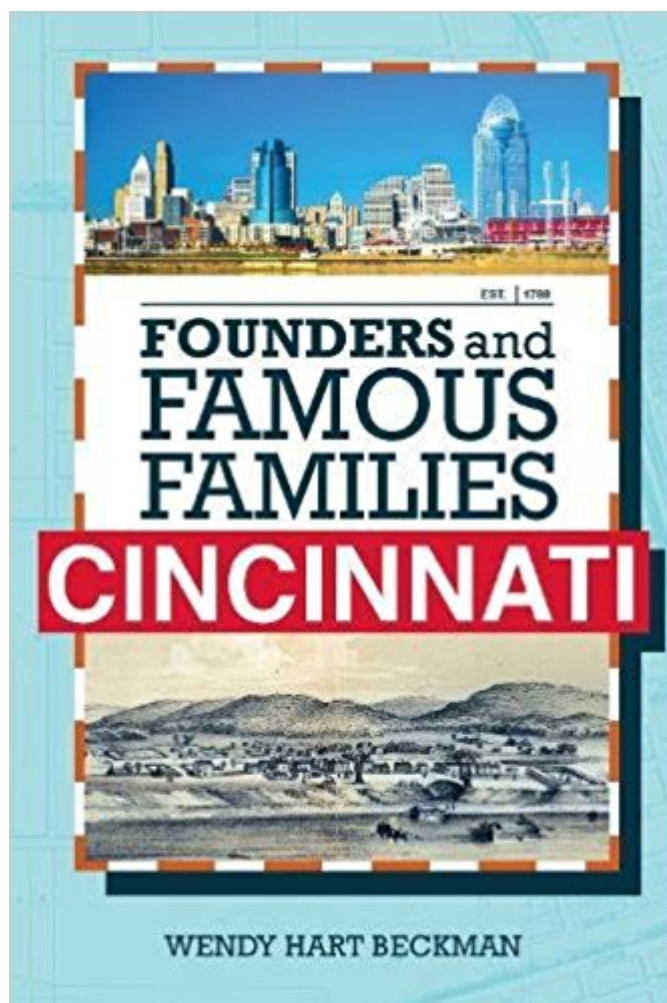


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# Founders And Famous Families Of Cincinnati



## Synopsis

When gazing at the city's impressive skyline, we too often forget the notable individuals who built these grand and glittering buildings, as well as the nearby museums, parks and neighborhoods we also treasure. Reflected in the character, reputation and even design of our city, the legacy of the early settlers continues on today. Through their efforts, almost always imbued with a civic entrepreneurial spirit, they stamped their mark on our burgeoning regional reputation, while also allowing current leaders to bolster and broaden our national reputation. From its very beginnings, Cincinnati offered an enticing combination of personable welcome and worldly sophistication. At one point, Cincinnati had more native-born residents than any other American city, a testament to the values that attracted and retained its citizens. In *Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati*, author Wendy Hart Beckman brings to life the founding families' histories, sharing these intertwined and fascinating tales with readers near and far. A charming history of lives lived large -- truly the Who's Who (as well as the When and Where) of Cincinnati -- that when considered together, made the Queen City the great place to live and work that it is today.

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"Have you been to Losantiville? No? Think again. You may live there, for this was Cincinnati's first name. And it is just one of many fascinating details unveiled in Wendy Beckman's new book *Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati*. The names may be familiar but the facts are often fresh in this depiction of the Queen City's past. Beckman not only shows us Cincinnati's significance to the nation from the start, both culturally and economically, but she deepens our understanding of

the individuals who shaped the city's uniqueness and spurred its success. The struggles, the risks, the sacrifices, the wealth, the crises, the excitement. It's all there. Did you know that Cincinnati's 1813 volunteer fire department was the first in the nation, that 8,000 Cincinnatians perished in the 1849 cholera epidemic, and that 150 furniture factories once thrived in the town? It's a good read for all of us who love Cincinnati and always want to know more." --Ann Hagedorn, author of "Wild Ride, Beyond the River," and more.

Wendy Hart Beckman is an award-winning freelance writer and editor. "Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati" is her sixth book. She has published more than 300 articles in print and online publications, and has received a baker's dozen of awards for her writing, editing, and desktop publishing. Her articles have been published in "Writer's Digest, Cincinnati Magazine, M.D. News Magazine, Cincinnati Enquirer, " and elsewhere. Beckman's bachelor's degrees are in geology and natural science/technical communications. She has a master's degree in English--with a concentration in editing and publishing--and a graduate certificate in professional writing from UC. Beckman's hobbies are singing, reading, and writing. When she's not engaged in those activities, she can be found with one of her paintball teams, working on behalf of the nonprofit that she co-founded, Athletes Joined Against Spondylitis. She lives in Cincinnati with her husband and three sons, and sings with the historic Cincinnati May Festival.

Seller: Book looks, feels and smells brand new! It was shipped quickly too!Book: It is a very good book about Cincinnati! I have learned several new things about a city that I love! Thank you Ms. Beckman for such a wonderful book!

This is a present for my spouse.

Absolutely fascinating local history! Well researched and beautifully written.

Very surface ... rather biased.

Cincinnati author, Wendy Hart Beckman, has written an informative and delightful account of Cincinnati history called, Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati. She cleverly weaves in factoids about the old and modern Cincinnati area regarding geology, geographic landmarks and common names we locals might otherwise take for granted. With impeccable attention to detail,

Beckman tells entertaining stories about well-known and lesser celebrated personalities throughout Ohio history who have left their influence on Cincinnati's development via their contributions to fine arts, politics, athletics, academia and business entrepreneurship. Many of these people had combinations of local and national "fame" or had social and familial ties to other historical figures. As a reader, you realize that even in a large city, it's a small world. This book also contains photographs, maps, timelines and other graphs which help the reader to easily grasp and understand the wealth of information shared in this work. Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati is perfect for people who enjoy local Ohio history, visitors who would like to know more about Cincinnati's heritage and readers who have home town pride for this area. Every city has appreciation for their history and contributions to the world. This work clearly shows the author's love and respect for her adopted city. Although it's a swift and concise read, this book is jam-packed with well-researched knowledge about Cincinnati and the surrounding area. From the origins of Cincinnati Chili to the building of bridges, Beckman covers it all. Founders and Famous Families of Cincinnati is like being able to ask your ancestors the popular question, "What was it like in the old days?" around a cozy kitchen table in a rustic, warm house along a flowing river, where mighty barges and paddle boats cruise along peacefully filled with promise and prosperity for everyone.

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