



COUNT NOBLE

"THE GREAT PROGENITOR"

ACROSS THIS LAWN ONCE FROLICKED THE FAMED ENGLISH SETTER, COUNT NOBLE [1879-1891]

COUNT NOBLE Sired many generations of field and show champion setters and is considered the cornerstone of the breed in America. The Count was imported from England and owned by Benjamin Frederick Wilson [1830-1896], a prominent citizen and businessman of the 'Iron City'. The stately B.F. Wilson House stood on this site. The mansion was razed in 1973 for the construction of the Osborne Elementary School. The school building stands on the site of the J. Barr Haines House, later the Austin Murdock House, also razed in 1973. A life-sized portrait of Count Noble by Edmund Henry Osthaus [1858-1928] hangs in the collection of the Duquesne Club. The death of Count Noble was reported in the New York Times, Jan. 22, 1891. His body was mounted and displayed at the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. Since 1999, the Count has been a permanent exhibit at the National Bird Dog Museum, Grand Junction, Tennessee.



Count Noble by Edmund Henry Osthaus

Image Courtesy of The Duquesne Club

Save The Date!

Dedication of the Count Noble Historical Marker

Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 1:30 pm

In Front of The Osborne Elementary School

1414 Beaver Street, Glen Osborne Borough

Reception to Follow at Sewickley Cultural Center

200 Broad Street, Sewickley