

Southwick House Stands as a Piece of Gates Mills History

The Southwick House in the heart of Gates Mills village, serves as GMLC's "home base." We are grateful to the Gates Mills Historical Society for their generosity in sharing this wonderful facility with us. Here is a piece on Southwick House's history, courtesy of the Gates Mills Historical Society's website:

The Southwick House was built in 1834 by Lemuel Southwick on Chagrin River Road near Rogers Road at the north end of the village. According to Monroe W. Copper Jr., village resident and architect, the house is a fine example of the story-and-a-half "Greek revival" type of early farmhouse architecture. A. C. Ernst and Judge and Mrs. W. T. Kinder were instrumental in acquiring the house, which was moved, in two sections, from its original site to its present location next to the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club and dedicated in 1949. The land was purchased from The Hunt Club and given to the village, which granted it to the Gates Mills Historical Society. Today, Southwick House is a repository of village history, and houses three floors as a museum. The Southwick House Museum contains many local artifacts, historical documents and original furniture handmade by the Southwick family.

The Museum is available for visits by appointment, (440) 423-1040