



IN MEMORIAM

JACK KNIGHT (Employee)

A blue spruce amid the apple trees between Aquinata and the pool

GALLMEIR FAMILY

TRACY FAMILY

Lilac tree

DEWYSE FAMILY

White pine - South of Marywood Health Center

KELLER FAMILY

By St. Dominic statue at the Marywood Health center

LEADERSHIP TEAM 1988-94

Flowering crabapple trees in the Aquinata Hall Parking lot

MARYWOOD EMPLOYEES

East side of Fulton Drive

SISTERS ANGUS BLACK AND MARIE EMILE RIVARD

East wing/breezeway

JANOWIAK FAMILY

St. Francis path

CLASS ~ SR. MARGARET THOMAS

Grotto



Photo by Terrence O'Neil



Earth Day 2016

Friday - April 22

Trees for the Earth

Let us celebrate the trees that have given us our name ~ **MARYWOOD!**



Dominican Sisters
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Emboldened by faith, serving with joy

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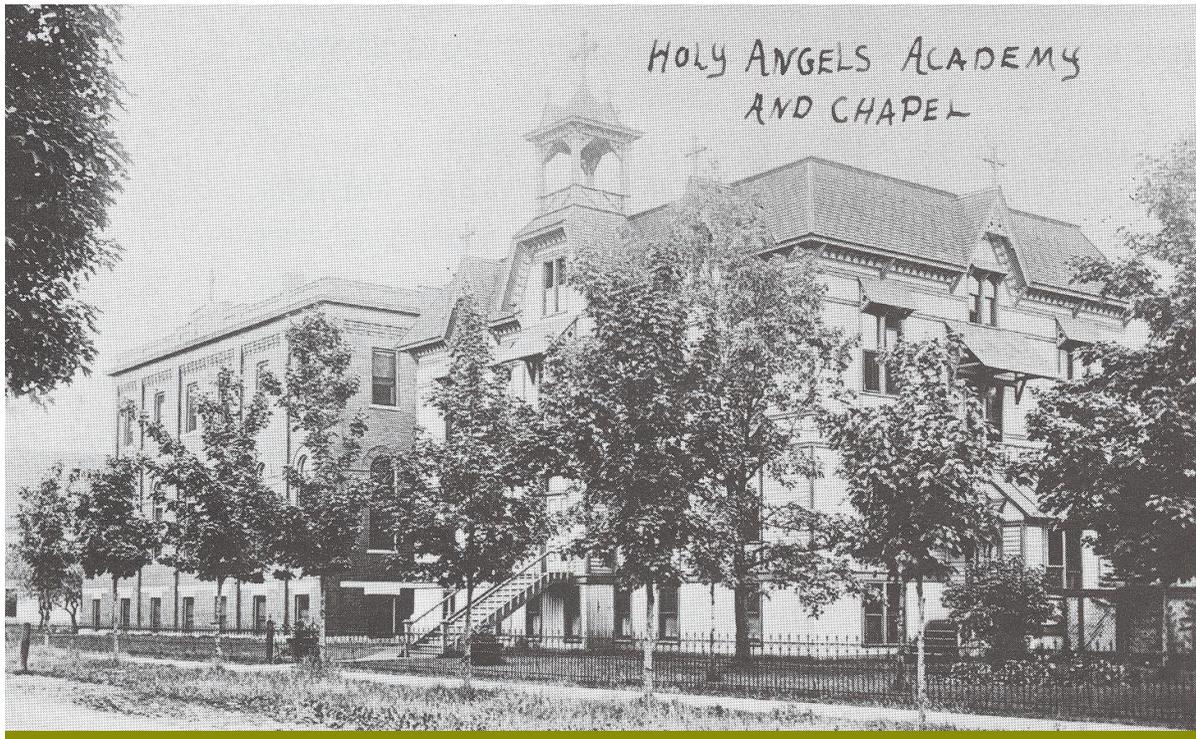
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NOT ON OUR PATH ~ TODAY

We, the Grand Rapids Dominicans, have loved our trees since time out of memory ~ since the beginnings of our story of being.

Our first “recorded” memory is about Holy Angels Academy in Traverse City. We read in *Period Pieces* (p.31)



“The convent-academy at 120 10th Street benefited from several civic improvements:...(in 1886), Sister Scholastica Burghardt planted the trees which distinguished the stately building for years to come.”

The Grove

In 2002, three large red oaks and one smaller one had to be cut down. One of them had 150 rings indicating that in 1852, it had been an acorn. By the time we purchased the property these trees located on the west side of the property were known as “The Grove” and were a favorite picnic site for the our Sisters living in the city. In the 1920s, Mother Benedicta had a gazebo built there for summer gatherings, a place to read, to pray, and have afternoon teas. The trees surrounded Blessed Imelda Kindergarten (and later Whistlestop) and the children’s playground. They were also a “botany classroom” for Sr. Leonard’s children.



The dying trees gave new life as some of its wood was saved and transformed by our wood carvers. Other pieces were carried to the woods to provide food and shelter for critters. What was left became mulch and ground cover throughout the campus. (Thanks to Glen Dells for preserving these memories for us.)

The Sanctuary

In the spring of 1935, the Fulton Street property was officially designated by the State of Michigan’s Conservation Department as a wildlife sanctuary and was posted as such until 1945.

(PP/202)





Camperdown Elm: One of the rarest of biological trees. Whoever made the purchase of such a marvelous specimen did us a great favor. One tree specialist told us it is irreplaceable.

Some history: About 1835–1840 (often mis-stated as ‘1640’), the Earl of Camperdown’s head forester, David Taylor, discovered a young contorted elm tree growing in the forest, in Dundee, Scotland. The young tree was lifted and replanted within the gardens of Camperdown House where it still remains to this day. The original tree is less than 3 m tall, with a dramatic weeping habit and contorted branch structure that grows on its own roots. The earl’s gardener is said to have produced the first of what are commonly recognized as Camperdown elms by grafting it to the trunk of a Scotch elm (*Ulmus glabra*). Every Camperdown is descended from the cuttings taken from the original, and is usually grafted on the Scotch elm trunk. The tree cannot self-reproduce. These unique trees are specially grafted with a technique that puts the root system of the tree on top, giving the tree its distinctive shape. This magnificent tree depends on humankind to keep it alive as a species.

Corner of East Wing/Breezeway: Flowering dogwood in honor of Srs. Angus Black and Marie Emile Rivard

Front of Main Wing: Columnar maples

Flagpole: Cedars

Grotto: Magnolias

West Wing: Chinese dogwood at main building and a shagbark hickory by the bike storage. Along the chapel wall are magnolias. The spruces in that garden were planted as part of the original construction of Marywood.

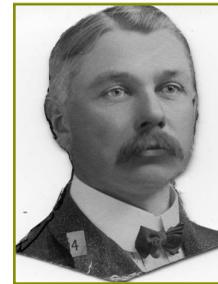
Between Aquinata and Pool/Boiler: Two apple trees and a blue spruce (memorial for Jack Knight).

MARYWOOD

“The property was in the Fulton Heights area, a **wooded** hill district east of the city limits.” (PP/33)

Sept. 28, 1918

“Mother Gonsalva and her council met on the grounds of the new motherhouse site. Joseph Brielmeir, a prospective architect from Milwaukee, James Mallory, realtor, and Mr. Cukerski, a landscape gardener, joined them. (PP/85)



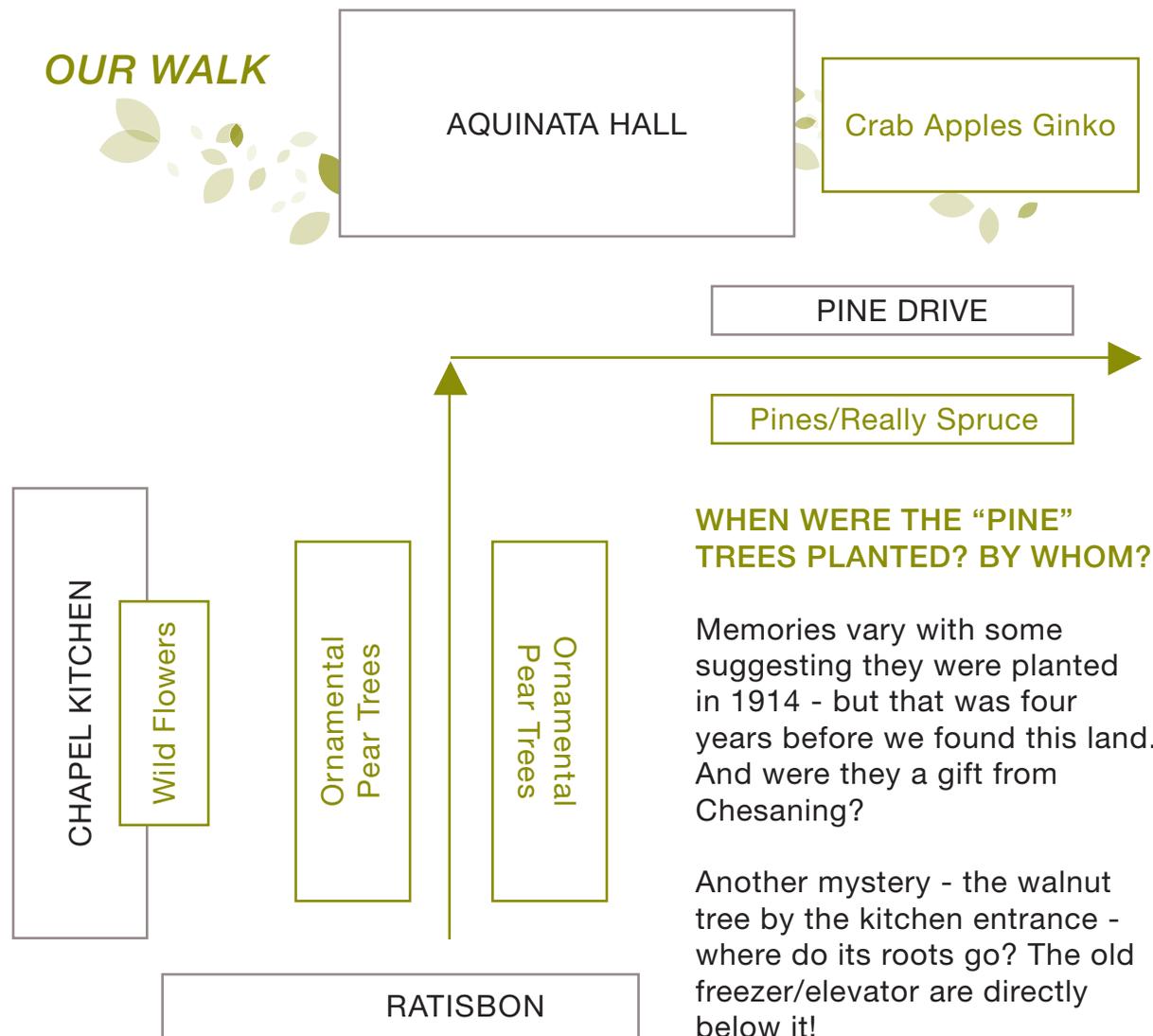
Mr. Wenzel L. Cukerski
Superintendent of the
Grand Rapids Park System

“With rare sound sense, he has not sought to replace the beauties of nature, but rather to preserve and embellish them.”

Designer of John Ball Park Zoo and Holy Cross Cemetery
<http://kent.migenweb.net/>



OUR WALK



WHEN WERE THE "PINE" TREES PLANTED? BY WHOM?

Memories vary with some suggesting they were planted in 1914 - but that was four years before we found this land. And were they a gift from Chesaning?

Another mystery - the walnut tree by the kitchen entrance - where do its roots go? The old freezer/elevator are directly below it!

Benincasa: Large magnolia and Mountain Ash. The rose bushes on the west side were transplanted from the west garden of the Motherhouse.

Marywood Health Center (east): The red bud trees in the circle are transplants from Aquinas College.

Prairie Habitat: To the east, two tamarack trees.
To the south, two weeping willows.

South of Path: Three trees given by employees to the Sisters (2002)
Across the road: three spruce planted by the county for a water project

North on Drive: Cedar and spruce trees also part of erosion project planted in the 1920s (NOT TO BE SEEN - THE TENNIS COURT SURROUNDED BY TREES FOR THE PRIVACY OF PLAYERS...)

Marywood Health Center (west): More Aquinas red bud trees

St. Dominic Statue: Snow fountain cherry tree ~ Keller Family Memorial

Grove of Spruce Trees: Small tree (one of two original) from an unknown donor from Lowell. One was dedicated to ALL Grand Rapids Dominicans for "strength to carry out our promises." The other was dedicated to further vocations to the Order. (From notes by Sr. Teresa Gallmeier OP)

Top of the Drive:

Triangle: Weeping mulberry

Entrance to East Wing: Flowering dogwoods and the Camperdown Elm

Three things we DO KNOW!

1. Those trees are not pines but Norway Spruces.
2. In the fall of 1930, 100 trees were planted under the supervision of Sr. Seraphica Brandstratter the month before she died. (PP/137)
3. The trees on the north side of the drive were transplanted to the Fulton Street Drive in 2003. (per Glenn Dells)

