

Massillon Public Art Project: Street Signs



James Duncan, Massillon's founder 2013 Heather Bullach

James and his wife Eliza founded the city of Massillon in 1826. The Massillon Museum, formerly located in the Duncan home, is now the site of the Massillon Public Library.



Lillian Gish, actress 2013 Scot Phillips

Gish began acting onstage as a child, and became a star of the silent film era. Her career spanned 75 years, still performing in her nineties. During her time between films, she would sometimes visit her aunt in Massillon.



Margy Vogt, historian 2013 Scot Phillips

Author, photographer, and local historian Margy Vogt is the former Registrar and current Public Relations Coordinator for the Massillon Museum. She also works closely with many local institutions, historic sites, and organizations to promote and preserve our heritage.



Tommy Henrich, baseball player 2013

Painted as part of a public workshop by Massillon Museum visitors and Intern Alexander Myers

Nicknamed "Old Reliable," Henrich played for the New York Yankees as a right fielder and helped to bring the team to seven World Series championships.



Jacob Coxey, activist 2013 Painted by Massillon Museum Intern Alexander Myers

Coxey is credited with having lead the first protest march in the United States in 1894. Taking "Coxey's Army" on foot from Massillon to Washington, D.C., he protested unemployment and lobbied for job creation. Running for political seats many times, his only elected office was Mayor of Massillon in 1931.



Oscar the Skeleton 2013

Painted as part of a public workshop by Massillon Museum visitors and Intern Alexander Myers

While not a native Massillonian, Oscar has become a part of the city's historical fabric, on display in the Massillon Museum since 1934. Many Museum visitors have participated in the tradition of "daring" to open Oscar's cabinet door. Will you dare to visit him on the Lower Level of the Museum?



Paul Brown, professional football coach 2013 Tim Carmany

Paul Brown was the legendary football coach for the Massillon Tigers from 1932-1940. He also coached Ohio State, the Cleveland Browns, and Cincinnati Bengals. Brown is recognized as a "Hometown Hall of Famer" by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



Caroline McCullough Everhard, women's rights activist 2013 Tim Carmany

Everhard fought for the women's right to vote starting in the 1890s. She held many leadership roles in her community not usually accessible to women, including bank president. She was also president of the Ohio Women's Suffrage Association and organized the Equal Rights Association of Canton.



Robert Pinn, African American Civil War soldier 2013 Thomas Heaton

Robert Pinn joined the first black Ohio regiment of the Union Army in 1864. On April 6, 1865, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Army's highest military award for bravery in combat, for his leadership in the battle of Chaffin's Farm. He became a lawyer after the war and was the first African American admitted to the Stark County Bar Association in 1879.



Nell Dorr, photographer 2013 Thomas Heaton

Dorr was born in 1895. Her father operated a photography studio in Massillon, and at the age of twelve she learned to mix photo chemicals. Dorr went on to have an internationally recognized career as a photographer.