

The Lockport Journal: Wednesday September 17, 1902:

“Town and Country Club”

“Society Young People Organize a Pleasure Club Here”

“A large number of Lockport society people held a meeting Tuesday evening (September 16, 1902) and perfected the organization of a Town and Country club, which will have as a club house the fine residence on South Locust Street (471 Locust Street), formerly occupied by H.H. Flagler. Tennis courts and a baseball diamond will of course be among the outdoor attractions there and it is said golf links will be added. Winter will be enlivened socially by balls in the club house. The officers elected were: President, Harold Helmer; Secretary, Ralph S. Keep; Treasurer, Spalding Evans; board of governors to consist of the three officers and W.W. Storrs and William R. Kenan.”

An article in the “Illustrated Buffalo Express” on September 21, 1902, stated:

“The Lockport Town and Country Club was organized on Tuesday evening. It is comprised of prominent Lockportians and will occupy as a club-house the mansion on Niagara Heights, formerly occupied by H.H. Flagler. Golf links, tennis courts and polo grounds are to be laid out in the spring. The winter months will be enlivened by balls at the clubhouse. The officers elected were: Harold Helmer, president; R.S. Keep, secretary; Spalding Evans, treasurer; W.W. Storrs and W.R. Kenan, Jr. were elected members of the board of governors.”

Clint Starke’s investigations found the following additions:

This new clubhouse was moved from the “country” to the city of Lockport.

Apparently the members rented the Flagler home on 471 Locust Street.