

## Mayors of Madeira by Carol (Klenk) Heck

But who were they? Recently, I was asked to publish the list of Madeira mayors and to highlight one in particular. A granddaughter of Albert Swift told me that she saw her grandfather's picture on a website that had only a question mark for the caption. She misunderstood the site to be that of Madeira Historical Society and contacted us to set the record straight. We can now add a name to the face on that unknown portrait. That would be Mayor Albert Barton Swift, seen here. Albert Swift lived from 1903 until 1982. "He was the youngest mayor in Ohio when he first held office in 1938 and 1939." \*<sup>1</sup> While serving as mayor of Madeira, he lived at 7308 Juler. He and his wife, Ruth Morgan Swift, had 2 children. He served 2 or 3 terms as seen below. "While in office he helped to form the Hamilton County Police Association and a river clean-up system." \*<sup>1</sup> He also helped establish the county's police communication network.



Albert was born in Texas, but at age 16 he was living in Bond Hill with his mother and some of his younger siblings. He completed two years of high school. Some of his other professions include toolmaker, efficiency engineer, and method engineer. He owned several dry-cleaning stores and earned his realtor's license.

Albert's brother-in-law, Robert Morgan, may have served as city treasurer during the time that Albert was mayor. Robert was married to Erma Dodson Morgan and they lived in Madeira at 7717 Camargo Rd.

### The complete list of Madeira Mayors are as follows:

Samuel K. Druce 1910-1913	George F. Kirkwood 1944-1947
John Hudson 1914-1919	H. Russell Brown 1948-1951
W. P. Black 1920-1920 ( <i>died in office</i> )	James H. King 1952-1953
John A. Hosbrook 1920-1923	Howard M. Bosse 1954-1957
George Bauer 1924-1925	Russell Patten 1958-1959
Charles Cochran 1926-1927	Daniel McDonald 1960-1977
Joseph Hinson 1928-1929	Allen Reed, Vice Mayor, <i>served McDonald's last 4 months</i>
H. E. Hoes 1930-1930	Forest Atkins 1978-1981
Charles Cochran 1931-1931	Mary Anne Christie 1982-1985
Joeseeph Hinson 1932-1933	T. Jeffery Corcoran 1986-1989
Clifford E. Denman 1934-1935	Charles Weisbrod 1989-1991
Frank Norton 1936-1937	Richard Staubach 1991-1993
<b>ALBERT SWIFT 1938-1939</b>	Clyde Dorn 1993-1995
John Hoffman 1940-1941	Melvin D. Martin 1995-1997
<b>ALBERT SWIFT 1942-1944</b>	

Michelle G. Schneider 1997-1999  
John P. Murray 1999-2001  
Stephen K. Shaw 2001-2003  
Sherry Mattes 2003-2004  
David A. Sams (*last 2 months of Mattes' term plus*) 2005-2007  
Sarah A. Evans 2007-2009  
Kenneth Born 2009-2011

Rick Brasington 2011-2013  
Mike Steur 2013-2015  
Melisa Adrien 2015-2017  
Traci Theis 2017-2019  
Nancy Spencer 2019-2021  
Chris Hilberg 2022-2023  
Doug Moormann 2024 -present

I believe that the portraits of the mayors will again be displayed at City Hall after the decision is made as to their new location.

\* *Images of America, Madeira*, by Stephan Johnson and Cheryl Bauer, 2010,  
Additional references; City of Madeira, Ancestry.com, The Houston Post 1908, The Cincinnati Enquirer 1952, 1982, and 2018.

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