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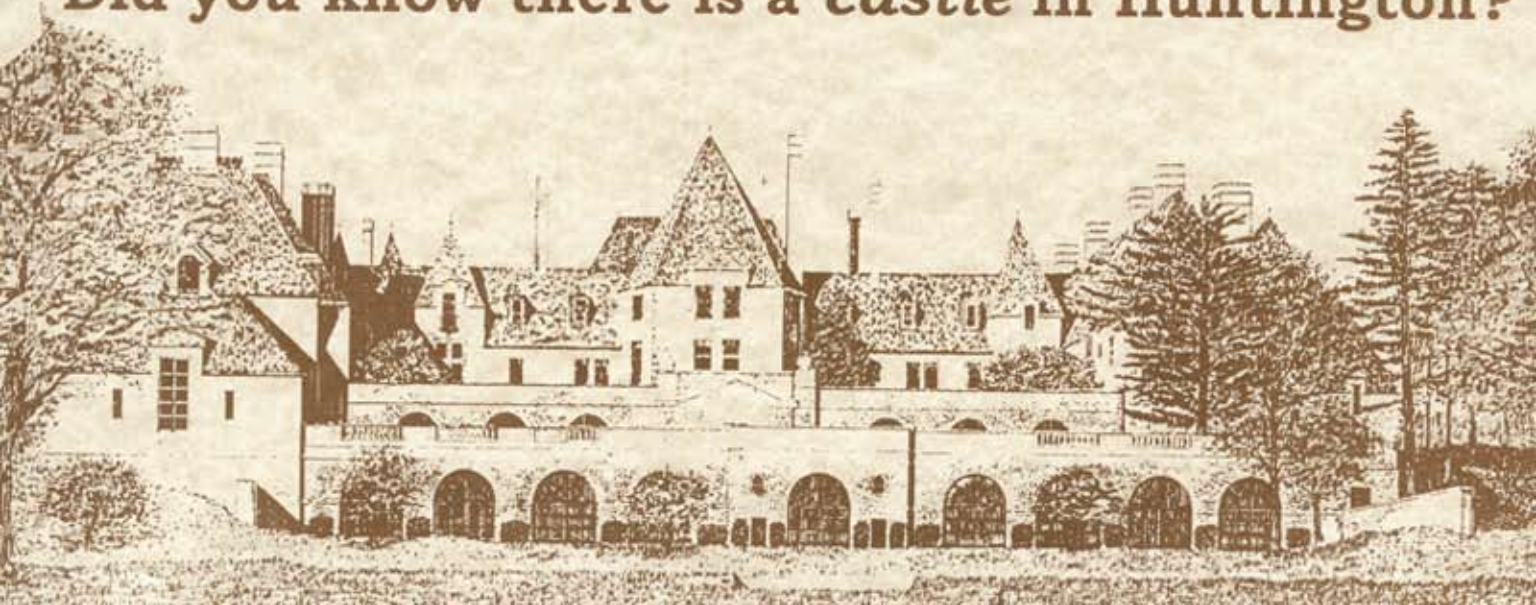
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Did you know there is a *castle* in Huntington?



ABOUT OHEKA CASTLE

Enrico Caruso sang in its great ballroom. Arturo Toscanini lifted his baton to its soaring ceiling. Orson Welles used its exteriors in his film classic "Citizen Kane." Heads of state, royalty and America's most notable families graced it luxurious guest rooms.

OHEKA Castle, completed in 1919 by legendary financier and patron of the arts, Otto H. Kahn, stands majestically in Huntington, Long Island as the largest home ever built in New York State and the second largest in America. At 109,000 sq. ft., OHEKA is twice the size of The White House and nearly double the size of the Hearst Castle.

So proud of his Long Island country estate, Mr. Kahn used a combination of his own initials to name it: Otto Hermann **K**Ahn.

Otto Kahn enjoyed OHEKA as a summer home and as a weekend retreat from the rigors of the banking world. His 127 room palace included every amenity befitting a gentleman's country seat. Its lavish interior included a sweeping marble staircase patterned after the Chateau Fontainebleau in France, a sparkling 2,500 sq. ft. ballroom, opulent formal dining room, elegant billiards room, stately library, school room and more. So large and so complete, OHEKA was once described by the New York Times as the "finest county house in America."

The palatial estate included an 18-hole golf course and horse stables (today Cold Spring Country Club), greenhouses (today Otto Keil Florists), gatehouse (today a real estate office), sunken garden with reflecting pools, fountains and statuary, formal gardens, a working farm and dairy, indoor lap pool, tennis courts, airstrip, and racetrack.

But Mr. Kahn's enjoyment of OHEKA during the "Roaring 20s" came to an end upon his untimely death in 1934 at the age of 67. Soon after, the estate was sold.

From 1939 until 1940, the City of New York used OHEKA as a retreat for sanitation workers, renaming it "Sanita." Thereafter, the mansion housed a training center for WWII radio operators until 1945.

In the late 1940s, the Cold Spring Hills community was carved out on 256 acres of estate property. In 1948, a boys' military school, Eastern Military Academy (EMA), bought the mansion and 23 acres. EMA remained there for 30 years until bankruptcy forced its closure.

For the next six years, OHEKA was abandoned. Over 100 fires were set by vandals, completely destroying the mansion's interiors. But OHEKA's fireproof structure of concrete, steel and brick would not burn.

In 1984, Long Island developer Gary Melius began restoration of OHEKA. Under Mr. Melius's expert direction, OHEKA's first floor, roof, exterior and formal gardens were returned to their original magnificence during the 1980's. However, residential zoning restrictions became an obstacle to OHEKA's full restoration.

Hence, the birth of the not-for-profit preservation organization, Friends of OHEKA, Inc. in August of 1996. With the support and encouragement of Friends of OHEKA, on December 16, 1997 the Huntington Town Board unanimously approved an historic overlay district for the OHEKA property. This special zoning classification encourages continued restoration of the historic mansion by permitting weddings, corporate and charitable events. Today, OHEKA's restoration is completed and it stands as the largest restored home in America.

As a landmark historic building, OHEKA Castle exists as a monument to a bygone era and testament to the Town of Huntington's commitment to historic preservation.

BECOME A FRIEND OF OHEKA!

In its continuing mission, Friends of OHEKA seeks to raise public awareness about the Castle's past, present and future. Join us today! Call (631) 367-2570 for information about our "Kids at the Castle" Tour Program.

To learn more about OHEKA, visit its web site at:
OHEKA.com

FRIENDS OF OHEKA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Complete and mail to: Friends of OHEKA, Inc., 135 West Gate Drive, Huntington, NY 11743

- I want to join Friends of OHEKA! Please add my name to your mailing list.
Enclosed is my check for _____ payable to Friends of OHEKA, Inc.

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