

**Mound Science and Energy Museum Association**  
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**The Story of Runnymede**  
**The Legacy of the Houk and Talbott Families**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**

**Mound Cold War Discovery Center, 1075 Mound Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342**

**Summary:** Please join us as we review the history of the Runnymede estate, which began with the Dayton lawyer George W. Houk and his wife, the writer Eliza Phillips Thruston Houk. We'll review the lives of the Houks and their family, including the noted singer and philanthropist Katharine Houk Talbott and her husband, the engineer and industrialist Harold E. Talbott. We'll also trace the history of Katharine's "Runnymede Playhouse," which served as a social and entertainment center from its completion in 1927 until its conversion in 1944 into a top-secret lab that served a crucial role in the Dayton Project during development and use of the atomic bombs in World War II.



Sketch of *Runnymede*, home of the Houk and Talbott families from the 1850s through the 1930s

**Speaker:** Dr. David Schmidt completed his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University and is currently Director of Undergraduate Programs in the College of Science and Mathematics at Wright State University. He is a lifelong resident of the South Dayton Area and a consulting member of the Oakwood Historical Society.

For additional details call 937-353-4457. The presentation is free and open to the public and has ample free parking.