



***Chesterfield Township Historical Society Mission:
To Preserve and Share Our Community's Heritage***

*This spotlight on the historic **Bullock Mansion** is the first in a series of Facebook highlights of important historic buildings in Chesterfield Township.*



Across the street from the Chesterfield Township Municipal building in the Chesterfield Village Historic District stands the stately Bullock Mansion. Built around 1876 by Anthony Bullock, this expansive stucco building is an example of Second Empire-style Victorian-era architecture. Among the notable features are the prominent three-story centered tower with the signature Second Empire mansard roof and the massive front porch with an impressive arcade of arches. Inside the building, a spiral staircase extends three floors to the tower, and each room has carved marble mantles.

Anthony Bullock served as a U.S. Congressman in the 1880s when Chesterfield Village was called Recklesstown. In 1888 Recklesstown's name was changed to Chesterfield Village, a move that according to legend was a result of a man named Colonel Stone from Pennsylvania ridiculing Bullock for living in a town with a silly name like Recklesstown. Rather than move from his lovely home, Congressman Bullock was instrumental in having the village's name changed to Chesterfield Village.

In 1946, the Bullock mansion was purchased by the Shadyrest Bible Conference by Reverend Virgil Geren and served for many years as a headquarters for the Shadyrest Missionary Fellowship, religious classes, and a children's summer day camp. Several years ago, the Bullock Mansion changed hands once more when the Fellowship CrossPoint Church purchased the large piece of property from Shadyrest Bible Conference and erected a new building for worship next to the old mansion building. While the mansion is not regularly used for church activities, the Historical Society hopes the Fellowship CrossPoint Church can find a new appropriate use for this prominent building so that it can continue to contribute significantly to the history and life of Chesterfield Village.