

## **Lowell Thomas** **"The Voice of America"**

Lowell Thomas, a Darke County native, earned the titles of adventurer, explorer, world traveler, author, and broadcaster.

The house where he was born in 1892 was later moved to the museum grounds in 1989 from Woodington, Ohio. Lowell relocated from Ohio to Colorado when his father, a surgeon, journeyed west to treat the prospectors and miners. The stories from these often itineraries inspired Lowell to travel the world.

After graduating from the University of Northern Indiana, he worked as an editor on several papers and returned to college as a graduate student while continuing his career as a journalist. As a broadcaster with CBS radio, his nightly newscast remains the longest continuous program in broadcasting history.

He traveled around the world over thirty times and authored some sixty books. Among his fantastic experiences, he filmed the campaign when the Turks were driven from Jerusalem; traveled with Lawrence of Arabia; dined with communist leaders at the Kremlin, cannibals in New Guinea, and pygmies in Africa; helped rescue Ramses from the rising waters of the Nile; and journeyed to Nepal, Siberia, Arabia, Afghanistan, Tibet, Antarctica, and the Arctic, essentially every corner of the world.

Lowell's first marriage ended with the death of his wife Frances after 57 years and one son, Lowell Thomas, Jr. Two years later, Lowell married Marianna Munn from Darke County. They made their home in Pawling, New York, where Lowell died in 1981 and was buried.

The Lowell Thomas exhibit features many photos of past world leaders with Lowell and artifacts from his travels.

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