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Rochester, Mich. – Visitors to Meadow Brook Hall this summer will get a glimpse into the privileged life of the Wilsons from the beginning of their life together to the development of Meadow Brook Farms and the building of the grand estate that is Meadow Brook Hall.

"Visitors often forget when they are surrounded by the immense beauty of the Hall that a family actually lived in this space," said Meredith Long, Museum Services Coordinator for Meadow Brook Hall. "We are exploring the real life and the day to day of the Wilsons; the life their wealth afforded them but also the sense of duty and responsibility that came along with it"

Objects from the Hall's collection that are not usually on display will be brought out of storage to help tell the story of the life and times of one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women, Matilda Dodge Wilson.

Guests also will get a rare opportunity to tour the staff wing and see how the staff lived and worked at Meadow Brook Hall. The new tour opens on May 26. Visitors can tour the estate Monday through Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Reservations are not required.

Tour admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Children age 12 and under are free.

For additional information on Meadow Brook Hall, call (248) 364-6200 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

MEADOW BROOK HALL is a historic American estate that is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. Built in the 1920s as the residence of OAKLAND UNIVERSITY founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband lumber broker Alfred G. Wilson, the 110- room, 88,000 square - foot, Tudor – revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings.

Listed on both the national and state registers of historic places, MEADOW BROOK HALL strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape and fine decorative art so that visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by history.

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SUMMARY

Visitors will get a glimpse into the development of Meadow Brook Farms and the building of the grand estate that is Meadow Brook Hall.

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