



## Col. Edward A. Deeds

1874 – 1960

***Inducted 1996***

Colonel Edward A. Deeds (1874-1960) was an engineer, inventor, industrial organizer, leader in the fight for flood control of the Miami Valley, and chief of aircraft

procurement in a world war. Out of all of these activities, Deeds himself singled out the establishment of the Miami Conservancy District as key, claiming that the system of dams protected half a million people from the ravages of flooding. He served as the first President of the Conservancy District, a position he held for 36 years. Col. Deeds helped Charles Kettering invent the self-starter for automobiles and form the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company, later known as DELCO. With Kettering, Deeds built, equipped and donated the Engineer's Club of Dayton and purchased land for a public aviation field. He gave Deeds Point to the city and also contributed the Deeds Carillon, along with the Carillon Trust Fund which helped establish Carillon Park.

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