

The Kohler Boxelder

The Kohler Company, of Kohler, has a soft spot for trees. Along with numerous other philanthropic pursuits, the Kohler family has long been engaged in an active program of tree planting, in the town, on the grounds around the company buildings, and on their various personal estates.

In the 1920s, an old and unusually pendulous boxelder tree served as the focal point around which former state governor Walter Kohler, Sr., built his home, "Riverbend." A huge, spreading tree, with branches dipping down to the ground and rooting themselves, the tree shaded an area more than 108 feet across. Unfortunately the tree began to die in the late 1970s and is now gone.

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Bill Reichenbach, Kohler



*Kohler Boxelder at Riverbend
with Mrs. Walter Kohler, Sr.*

Julilly Kohler Hausman (c. 1929)