

Photograph of Owens' birthplace needed

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When the Jesse Owens Memorial Park in Oakville is completed, a replica of the olympic great's birthplace will be standing.

For this reason, officials with the park's committee are searching for an actual photograph of the

wooden house.

The Owens home, according to James Pinion, was built around 1900 or 1901.

A sketch of the house has been drawn, but no photograph of the facility has been located.

Once constructed, part of the house will be used for a museum. That section of the facility will

house artifacts of Owens.

Pinion said Owens' widow, Ruth Owens, has indicated that the museum will be able to acquire some of her husband's possessions from The Ohio State University.

Anyone with a picture of the house in Oakville where Owens was born in 1913 can contact Pinion at 974-2464.

A statue of Owens is slated to be the centerpiece of the 17.5-acre park.

A \$75,200 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission will be used to cover part of the cost for constructing the statue.

The estimated cost of the monument is \$94,000, according to park officials.