

LUNCH AT THE FOWLER HOUSE MANSION

STARTERS

Charcuterie / Cheese Box

An Assortment of Dried, Smoked and Cured Meats with Gourmet Cheeses, Fresh Fruit, Olives, House-Made Jam, & Our Pickled Vegetables, Served with Our House-Made Crackers & Toasted Crostinis. | 15

Gazpacho Shrimp Cocktail

Cooked and Chilled Cocktail Shrimp with a Blend of Savory Vegetables in Our Tomato-Horseradish Gazpacho, Served in a Marie Antoinette Champagne Glass with a Lemon Wedge. | 8.5

SOUP & SALADS

Soup & Signature House Salad

Creamy Tomato Bisque Topped with Basil Chiffonade & Our Signature House Salad with Your Choice of Dressing, Served with Toasted Crostini. Dressings: Ranch, French, Raspberry Vinaigrette or Red Wine Garlic Vinaigrette. | 8

Mixed Berry Salad

Fresh Spring Mix, Sliced Cucumbers, Feta Cheese Crumbles, Strawberries, Blueberries & Raspberries with a Side of Raspberry Vinaigrette. | 11

SANDWICHES & MORE

**All Served with Our In-House Seasoned Pub Chips.*

Upgrade to Natural Cut Fries | 2, Fresh Fruit Cup or Side Salad | 3, & Soup | 4.

Shorty's Cheeseburger

Our Half-Pound, Hand-Spanked Burger Made to Order with Cheese and Garlic Aioli on Fresh Potato Bun, Served with Your Choice of Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles and Onion Toppings. | 12

The Moses Meatloaf Sandwich

Savory Meatloaf with Whiskey & Brown Sugar Glaze, Served on our Made-From-Scratch White Bread & Topped High with Crispy Fried Red Onion Slivers. | 13

Eliza's Roasted Chicken Salad Croissant

Sweet & Savory Chicken Salad with Toasted Almonds, Red Grape Halves & Herbs - on a Buttery, Golden-Brown Croissant. | 10

Roasted and Seasoned Shaved Pork Loin

Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Thinly Sliced and Marinated in Au Jus on a Baguette with Garlic Aioli, Muenster Cheese & Garlic and White Wine Sautéed Kale. | 12

Old-Fashioned Grilled Cheese

Classic Grilled Cheese - Four Slices on our Made-From-Scratch White Bread, Buttered & Toasted Golden Brown. | 7

ENTREES

Fish & Chips

Lightly Breaded & Seasoned Filets Served with Our Sweet & Savory, Creamy Cabbage Slaw with Diced Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Sweet Red Apples & Red Onion. Served with 2 Crispy Hush Puppies, Side of Tartar Sauce and Lemon Wedge. Malt Vinegar Upon Request. | 14

Crawfish & Grits

Decadent Cheesy Grits with Chipotle Pepper, Diced Smoked Sausage, Sauteed Onions & Bell Peppers in a Tomato Cream Sauce, Topped with Crispy Fried Crawfish Tails. Served with Toasted Crostinis. | 16

Pan-Seared Salmon Filet with Dijon Butter Sauce

6oz Pan-Seared Salmon Filet Topped with a Dijon Butter Sauce on a Bed of Asparagus & Herb Buttered Angel Hair Pasta. Served with Toasted Crostinis. | 16

SIDES

Natural Cut Fries | 2, Fruit Cup | 3, Side Salad | 3, Cup of Soup | 4

BEVERAGES | 2

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Tea, Lemonade

BEER | 4

Bud Light, Miller Lite, Blue Moon, Stella Artois, Yuengling

WINES | 5

House Red or House White

~WEEKLY SWEET TREATS~

3 pieces | 4

Fowler House Mansion History: Moses Fowler moved from Ohio to Lafayette, Indiana with his friend and business partner, John Purdue, who went on to found Purdue University. Fowler married Eliza Hawkins in 1844. During his travels, Fowler's imagination was struck by Gothic Revival architecture and he built his dream home based on the plans of renowned designer A.J. Downing. Fowler broke ground on his dream in 1851 and saw it completed in 1852.

Fowler began making his fortune in the mercantile industry but branched out into numerous other fields notably becoming one of the "Prairie Cattle Kings." His ventures also included a railroad line to Chicago and three different successful banks. At the time of his death, Moses Fowler was one of the wealthiest men in the country, having amassed a fortune of over 3 million dollars, which would be roughly 90 million today. Throughout the years, the Fowler House Mansion has been renovated and updated to keep pace with the modern world. In 1902, after the death of his grandmother, Eliza Fowler, Cecil Fowler inherited the property. In 1916-1917, Cecil and his wife, Louise, were committed to extravagant renovations of the mansion. These renovations included an English Tudor-style dining room, a garden room that doubled as a living room, an Italian-style patio and gardens, complete with terraced steps, fountains, a tea house and reflecting pool, as well as servant quarters. The upstairs of the mansion now houses seven bedrooms and five bathrooms, including a full attic, which served as a playroom and gymnasium for the children.

The Fowlers lived in grand style and loved to host elaborate parties. Like many during the period, Prohibition did not slow them down one bit and their parties were somewhat legendary. One of the attic rooms served as the storage area for alcohol during that period. Their eldest son, James, even operated a "speakeasy" complete with a game room in the basement called the "Crock Club." This was a frequent hangout spot for his friends and Purdue students. Fifty cents bought you all the beer you could drink and "Shorty" (the gardener) served up hamburgers for a nickel each. By 1941, Cecil and Louise's children were grown, and the couple wished to downsize. They made the difficult decision to relinquish the mansion. After almost 90 years in the Fowler family, the house was sold to the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. The house became the home for the Association's offices, collections, and served as the County Museum. Following an extended period of marked decline in visitation, the Association closed the museum in 2005, although it was still partially used for offices, storage, and rented out for weddings and other events. In 2014, the TCHA sought a new, modern location to house their offices. Understanding the importance of the property, they sold it to the 1852 Foundation, which was created by Matt & Dr. Ann Jonkman.

The 1852 Foundation continues to preserve its legacy to this day. The mansion now actively operates as an all events venue, which specializes in weddings and offers an array of catering operations both onsite and off. This includes house events such as our lunch service, Wines on the Terrace, Pints on the Patio and our Sunday brunches. All events are open to the public and private rentals are available. All proceeds go to the continuing preservation of this one of a kind architectural piece of history.