



# Glendale Heritage Preservation Newsletter

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

## From the President's Desk

By Joanne Goode

Greetings from the President

Fall is just about here and with it some Fall events to put on your calendar.

The Glendale Street Fair will take place this year on Sept. 27. This will be the 50th anniversary of the fair. As a bit of memorabilia, included below are two photographs taken by Tom Ratliff. These are labeled Street Sale, 1963. The event must have been a precursor of the Street Fair.

On November 11, Glendale Heritage Preservation will hold our Annual Membership Meeting. This meeting is open to the public and will include a reception before the program begins. This year our speakers will be Glendale's own Nancy Gulick and Bill Oeters. Nancy is a well known canal historian and a trustee of the Canal Society of Ohio as well as a GHP trustee. Bill Oeters is the assistant editor of Towpaths, The Canal Society of Ohio's Quarterly Journal and also serves as a trustee of the Canal Society. They are the authors of a new book, "Miami and Erie Canal" which has just been published by Arcadia Press. Copies of the book will be available in the Gift Shop at the Depot later this month as well as at the Membership Meeting. Information about the location and time will be sent out as we get closer to November. Over 60 people attended our Membership Meeting last year and we hope to see as many or more this year.



Work on redoing our Museum exhibits is ongoing but the Depot and Gift Shop will remain open as usual Thursday and Saturdays from 11-3:00PM.



Glendale Heritage Preservation is an all volunteer organization. As you can see we have lots of interesting things going on and there are many different options for involvement. New volunteers are always welcome. An excellent way to get started is to become a volunteer to staff the Gift Shop and the Museum during the hours we are open to the public.

See you at the Street Fair and in November at the Membership Meeting!

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GHP Museum Hours  
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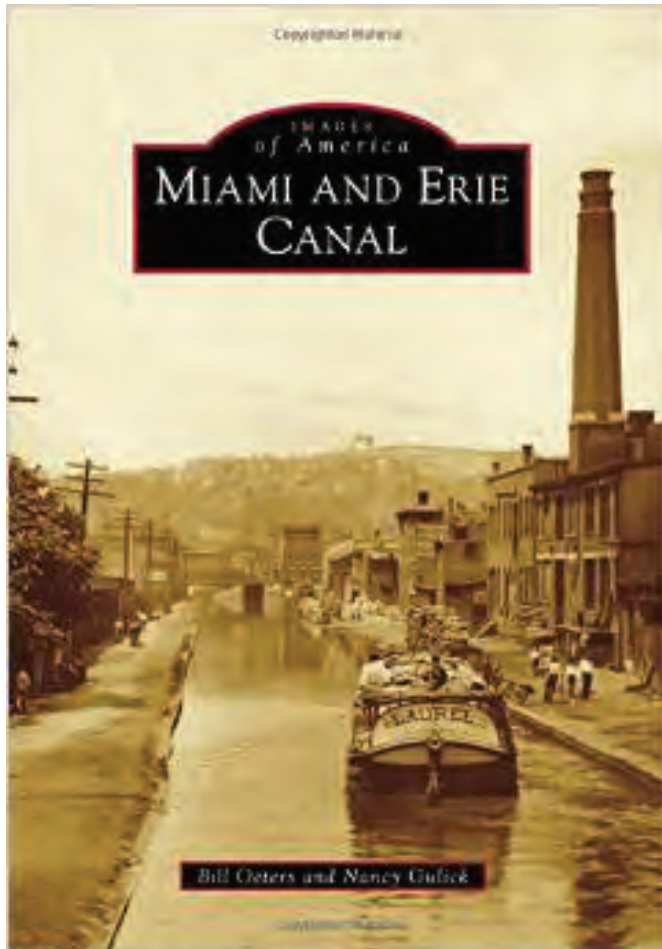
# The Miami and Erie Canal

By Nancy Gulick

A local history book titled "The Miami and Erie Canal" was published in September, 2014 by the Arcadia Publishing Company. The co-authors of the book are Nancy Gulick, a Glendale resident and Trustee with GHP and Bill Oeters of Fairfield. Both Nancy and Bill are Trustees with the Canal Society of Ohio. Together, they tell the story of the history of the canal with over 200 historic photos and descriptions of what it took to bring the canal into existence.

In 1823, following the success of New York's Erie Canal, the Ohio General Assembly determined to construct a canal system to open up the interior of the State to development. Two canals would connect Lake Erie to the Ohio River; the Miami and Erie from Cincinnati to Toledo and the Ohio and Erie from Cleveland to Portsmouth and proved to be the same success story for Ohio.

Arcadia Publishers publish a series called "Images of America" which bring to life various aspects of local history in towns, cities and countrysides all over the United States. This book on the Miami and Erie Canal will be available at the Black Squirrel Gift Shop or online at Amazon.com and Arcadiapublishing.com



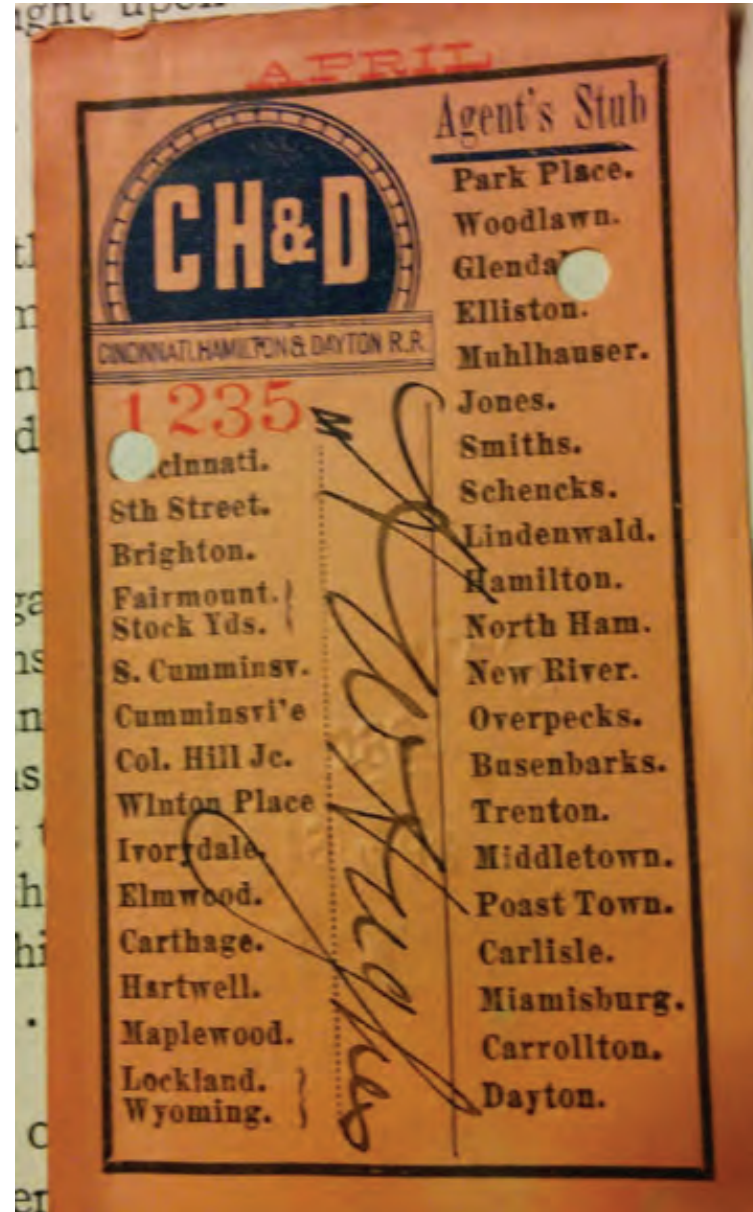
# The CH&D and Glendale

By Jack Buescher

The Village of Glendale was built, starting in 1851, as a result of the extension of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton (CH&D) railroad. Located halfway between Cincinnati and Hamilton, Glendale was a logical stopping point for the passenger trains. It was here that entrepreneurs Robert Crawford and Henry Clark chose to build their American experiment, a planned railroad commuter town using the same topographical overlay as the Romantic villages that had been built around London in the 1840's. The land provided a quiet, clean and safe place for the executives from Cincinnati to go home to every night. The first train stopped in Glendale in 1851, four years before the Village was incorporated. During the late 1800's fourteen trains each day arrived in Glendale, including three commuter trains to Cincinnati each morning and three each evening to carry not only executives but other workers between the city and the Village.

Of the 16 or so trains a day that ran through Glendale, 6 were worker commuter trains. There was the 7 AM "clerk" train, the 8 AM "work" train and the 9 AM "shirk" train for slackers getting to work late. In the afternoon the order was reversed with the "shirk" train returning at 3 PM.

**Did You Know?** Daniel McClaren, Superintendent of the CH&D, lived at what is now 815 Greenville Ave., right along the west side of the tracks. When he arrived home from his office in Cincinnati every day, the train engineer was sure to stop the train right in front of his house to let him off before proceeding the additional 300 feet to the depot.



**Did You Know?** Many of the business men commuting to town arrived at the depot with a coffee cup in hand. They didn't want to take an empty cup to town. What to do with the empty cup? Just hang it on the station fence and retrieve it on the way home. Try to imagine all of those cups hanging on the fence all day long.

The CH&D became part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in 1917 and was then became part of the Chessie System in 1973 before it in turn became CSX Transportation Systems in 1987.

Commuter train service was discontinued in 1927. Passenger trains continued to stop in Glendale on a less frequent basis until 1964. Freight trains continue to rumble through the Village all through the day and night (as we are all well aware) but they no longer stop.

The impact of the railroad on the history of the Village is a well known fact. Without the railroad Glendale would not have been developed.

## Glendale's "Other Iron Horse"

A lesser known fact is the existence of another "Iron Horse" in the history of the Village. Streetcar service to Glendale began in 1901 and ended in 1931. The Glendale Route was #76 and it ran from Cincinnati north on Congress to west on Sharon to the end-of-line at the Sharon Loop on the northeast corner of Sharon Road and Springfield Pike (Rt.4). The "loop" is where the #76 turned around and headed back to Cincinnati. It was immediately around the corner (turning north off Sharon) on the right side of Springfield Pike between Sharon and Maple Knoll. There is evidence that

after 1928 the Sharon Road & Congress Avenue wye (Y shaped turn-around) became the end-of-line. Route #77, which ran beyond Glendale to Springdale, was in service from 1928 to 1930.



## Answers to last issue's quiz.

### Where is this?



This picture was taken of the east side of Myrtle Avenue.

What Glendale streets have only one house on them? Myrtle, Elk, and Maple.

These people responded with partial answers: Snowden Armstrong, Eric Comer. Even GHP didn't have it right: there are three streets instead of two with one house.

**Who required the residents of Glendale to display house numbers?** No one responded to this question. The order was made by the Hamilton County Board of Elections who needed to know exactly where people lived. I recently came across a letter addressed to my mother this way;

Virginia Galbraith  
Laurel Avenue near Sharon  
Glendale Ohio

You can see how this would be a problem for the Board of Elections who must determine where people live down to which side of the street they live on. This precision is necessary since many precinct boundaries go down the middle of a street.

## Gift Shop News

There are new Tee shirts in the black Squirrel Gift Shop that feature the GHP logo on the sleeve. Come in and try one on it is sure to look great.

### Attention

In the next few weeks GHP will be launching our new web site.

[glendaleheritage.com](http://glendaleheritage.com)





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## GHP Donor Spotlight

By Joanne Goode



In this issue of our newsletter we would like to shine our Donor Spotlight on new Glendale residents, Toni and George Marshall, who live at 25 South Lake Avenue. The Marshalls had contacted descendents of the Gerling family who lived in their house from 1920 through 1952. Barbara Strobl, one of those descendents, shared some photographs and family stories with the Marshalls who in turn shared them with GHP. Information accompanying the photograph states, "according to Antoinette (Nettie) Gerling's grandson, John Strobl, she and her sisters worked as maids and cooks for the Procter family. Grandpa Gerling was the gardener. Mrs. Procter would come visit Nettie at their home in her electric car, steering handle in the middle (not bad for a female in those days)". The photograph shows the Gerling sisters sewing on the porch of the Procter estate.

In addition to thanking the Marshalls and the Strobls, we also want to recognize the following for recent donations to our Archive Collection

Mark Rohling

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Submitted by Joanne Goode

