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Glendale Heritage Preservation Newsletter

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

From the President's Desk

By Nancy Macenko

"When you're gone...who keeps your flame? Who tells your story?"

--Aaron Burr, "Hamilton: An American Musical."

It seems positively amazing that volunteers are responsible for keeping the flame and telling the story of Glendale. But it's been this way since 1974, when Glendale Heritage Preservation was formed by neighbors concerned about our legacies. The next time you're in the Village Square on a Thursday or Saturday, I invite you to stop by the depot to see how well this venture is going.

We're especially proud of our newest exhibit. It tells the story of the evolution of the original Matthews property, which included the area from the current Princeton High and Middle Schools to Landmark Baptist Temple, and everything in between. The land defined Glendale's eastern-most boundaries since the incorporation of the Village in 1855.

Come follow the changes through large aerial photos of this property over the decades, and learn about the remarkable Glendale family who owned and shepherded the use of the land for more than 100 years.

While you're here, ask one of our volunteers to take you into the archives, where we keep the flame with nearly 800 files of Glendale families, organizations, events and enterprises. Or let us show you the stories of Glendale's historic homes and public buildings. If you can't make it to the depot, visit us on line at www.glendaleheritage.org.

Aaron Burr asked the right questions. For our Village, Glendale Heritage Preservation is pleased to head into our 43rd year with a good number of the answers.

Nancy

PS. Save the Date

Join us for this year's Glendale Heritage Preservation Annual Meeting, which is being held at Christ Church Glendale. We will continue our tradition of featuring some of the most fascinating speakers around with a presentation by Dr. Stan Hedeem, author, professor, natural historian and leading force in the conservation of the Mill Creek Watershed. This free evening starts with refreshments at 7 pm.

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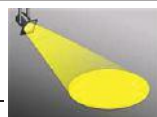
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GHP Donor Spotlight

By Joanne Goode



In this issue of our newsletter we would like to shine our Donor Spotlight on Monica O'Connell for forwarding a newspaper article, a public auction advertisement and a property sale advertisement from the Cincinnati Enquirer containing clues to the location of the Sulfstede Bakery. In our last newsletter we asked for help in trying to determine the location of this business. We knew that it was at one time located in Glendale because of the engraving on a token that the Bakery had issued.

The Public Auction statement was printed in the Enquirer on August 1, 1879. The property being auctioned is a residence in Glendale situated on Sharon Avenue. Quoting from the ad it states the house was located "3 1/2 squares from the railroad depot, one square from the Female College, 1/2 square from the Town Hall, and one square from the Public School, in the center of Glendale adjoining the Glendale Bakery". It also says "any required information given by the proprietor, John Fuhrmann, Glendale Bakery."

We do know that a building, now a residence, located at 50 Sharon Avenue East was once a bakery.

In 1918, the Enquirer published an ad for the sale of "Sulfsted's Bakery, Glendale, Ohio" The specific location is not mentioned but it does say "Owner called to army Tel. Glendale 143 or address T24, Enquirer."

The best clue is in the article from 1967 which is titled "The Village That Revels in Antiquity". A paragraph about the Village Square lists its "Pioneer establishments" which includes Sulfstede's Bakery.

If there are more history detectives out there, we would appreciate your help in learning more about the bakeries that existed in the early days of Glendale. The articles quoted here are available in our archives.

Donations like these allow GHP to grow and enrich the Glendale archive collections. If you have materials relating to Glendale consider donating them to us. We can scan documents and photographs if you prefer not to donate the originals.



About our Newest Exhibit

The current exhibit in the Glendale Heritage Preservation museum focuses on the land once owned by Mortimer and Marianna Matthews. Most of this land is now the site of the Landmark Baptist Temple and the Princeton High School and Middle School complex. In 1930, Opekasit Farm was incorporated in the state of Ohio and operated a large dairy farm on this property for many years.

One of the first steps in planning this exhibit was to identify just exactly where this property is located. All of the property transfer records in Hamilton County are kept in the Hamilton County Recorder's office. These records show the first grant of property was to John Cleves Symmes in 1794. By researching property transfer records, we were able to identify all of the deeds that were granted to Mortimer and Marianna Matthews and determine all of the land they owned.

Between the years 1886 and 1928, Mortimer and Marianna Matthews bought the land that is the subject of the exhibit. We took our research one step further.

Tracing the transfer of this land as far back as possible, we developed a transfer tree that starts with that original grant to Symmes. He bought an area of land totaling roughly 330,000 acres (520 sq mi) in what is now Hamilton, Butler and Warren counties from Congress in 1788. President George Washington signed the purchase on October 30, 1794. Known as the Symmes Purchase, or the Miami Purchase, Symmes paid \$225,000 for the land and used notes issued by the Congress to raise money during the Revolutionary War.

Our exhibit on the Matthews property is made up of aerial

photographs of this land in 1938, 1968 and 2015; some of the actual deeds as far back as 1854; information on the early settlers in this area, the Delaware Indians; artifacts and information on Opekasit farm and a display on the Matthews family. It will be available through Thanksgiving.



Aerial images of the Matthews property dramatically trace the changes from 1938 to 2015.

Thanks to those who made our
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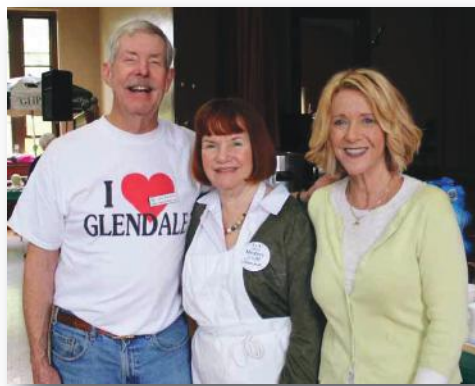
A Silver Anniversary of Pancakes

On May 21 we had a beautiful day to celebrate the 25th annual Glendale Heritage Preservation Pancake Breakfast, and our volunteers delivered as always.

This year we had the added participation of the women and men from the Glendale Fire Department.

We served more than 500 guests with our tasty Hungry Jack pancakes and syrup donated by Smucker's, along with coffee from Millstone.

Workers at our 25th Annual Pancake Breakfast included veteran flippers (photo right, from l to r) Scott Ellis, Stu Clipson and Randy Green. Volunteers included (first photo below) Bobby Swaine and Mike Beaugrand, (middle photo) Breakfast Chairman Jack Buescher, Joanne Goode and Sandi Baker, and (third photo) Breakfast Foundress Debbie Grueninger.



An Illuminating Project

Glendale Heritage Preservation has been patterning with the Village Service Department to refurbish gas lamp posts in the historic district.

The project is being funded by Glendale Heritage Preservation, and headed up by Street Foreman Tom Aldefer and GHP member Rachel Schmid. Glendale Heritage Preservation Trustees and Members have volunteered to do the painting.



Rachel Schmid primes a lamp post on Annadale Lane while (above) Dave Schmid, Ralph Hoop (below) Mark Godbey and Don Lofty tackle the globe tops in the Schmid's garage.



We are grateful for these neighbors who generously supported our work to restore the historic gas lamps:

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