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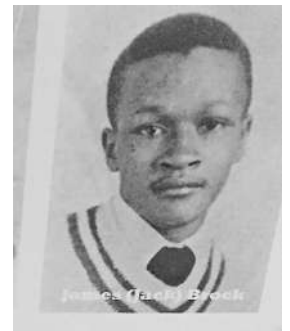
Spotting a Familiar Face at the Museum



Jack Brock, a basketball legend at Glendale High School, was inducted into the Cincinnati and Kentucky High School Hall of Fame.

More than one visitor to our February exhibit found a direct connection to family and friends, but few were as poignant as Jack Brock's.

It was his 90th birthday, and Jack's daughter brought him to the depot to see "An Underground Community; How Blacks Settled in Historic Glendale," the popular exhibit produced by Bill Parrish.



After spotting his photo on the panel devoted to important figures in sports, Mr. Brock lingered a while, charming other museum visitors with stories about his days as a basketball star at Glendale High School.

What's in Your Attic?

By Joe Dubinski

He walked up the attic steps carefully carrying the boxes Ray asked him to put up there. As he got to the top step, he let out a small scream. Silhouetted in the light of the attic window was the form of a woman in an old wedding gown.

Had he just seen a ghost in one of the oldest houses in Glendale? Was this apparition real?

Down below, Ray began to chuckle. You see Ray knew what his nephew would find in the attic. He knew that a previous owner had left an old dress in the attic and with a quick look one might think that it was a ghost.



Kim and Ray Wood own the house at 25 West Fountain Avenue, one of the pivotal structures in Glendale known as the Samuel Allen house. The house was built in 1859 and was on the most recent Glendale Holiday Home tour.

The Woods don't know much about the dress other than it has been in the attic for years.

Obviously old, it was showing signs of deterioration and they felt that it should be preserved. They decided to donate the dress to Glendale Heritage Preservation where steps would be taken to preserve this piece of Glendale's history.

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A Note from the President:

“Man this stuff is old!”

—A recent visitor to the museum

She was maybe five. She came into the depot with her mother, who wanted to stop by to look up a distant relative in the Glendale Heritage Preservation archives. As Mom sorted through documents and news clips about her family, the little girl took herself on a private tour of our museum – respectfully looking at books, peaking into drawers and cabinets, even trying on a period hat from the manikin in the Civil War exhibit. After a few minutes, she walked back to the archives room and announced to her mother and everyone nearby, “Man this stuff is old. But it’s cool.”

We think so too. And there’s nothing quite like having our work acknowledged by guests and first grade experts.

What our young guest didn’t know is, volunteers are the engine of Glendale Heritage Preservation. They serve as trustees, staff the Black Squirrel Gift Shop, act as museum docents, and they catalog and care for the thousands of documents and artifacts in our archives. Others handle our communications and look after our building and grounds, the office operations, and our technology.

We have room for more volunteers because we want to do more! We’re especially on the lookout for storytellers and graphic artists who can help us share Glendale’s history through exhibits. If this sounds like you, please consider joining the team that will stage our next exhibit, which will focus on Glendale during World War I. Just call or send an email with your contact information, and we’ll take it from there.

The pay isn’t so hot, but we’ve been told the work is cool.

Nancy

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We also benefit from the Amazon Smile program (www.smile.amazon.com).



Once you set up your account designating us as your preferred community group, any time you shop with either business group, we get a portion of the sale.

Thanks, in advance for your support!



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: JOAN WENGLER



It was during the late 1980's, when the Village Administration Office offered men's ties for sale. They were embroidered with the Glendale logo and available in four colors: brown, green, navy and red.

At that time, Harry Matthews was the Mayor of Glendale. It was said, he was browsing through a catalogue when he noticed an advertisement for customized ties. Mayor Matthews requested a sample tie in brown with white stitching.

The ties sold for \$15 and were offered at several sites in the village square. They became a chic addition to a gentleman's wardrobe and were worn proudly at many social occasions. They can still be seen around town on at least one former mayor.

After Harry Matthews' death in 1995, his widow, Jeanne, thoughtfully presented the original, brown sample tie to Herb Wengler, in remembrance of the years of friendship the two men enjoyed.

A collection of ties in all four colors, was recently donated to the Glendale Heritage Preservation Archives by Joan Wengler.

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You may have seen the dress if you went on the Glendale Holiday Home tour where it was prominently displayed at the Glendale Lyceum.

Asked if she thinks the house is haunted, Kim said, "Given the age of the home and the dress, everyone asks if the house is haunted. We have never felt anything but a sense of warm welcome in our home.

"I personally believe," she continued, "that our home is 'happy' with the restorative work we have performed.

Ray and I view ourselves as caretakers, rather than owners of

our home. Our goal is to help the house survive intact for another 150 plus years."

Kim added another chapter to the story. "When we purchased our home, there was a great deal of water damage. Wallpaper in several areas needed to be removed and replaced.

"One major area was the barrel up the grand sweeping stairway in the front hall. I had initially selected a woven burgundy wallpaper that looked very striking and accented the woodwork below. Our wallpaper hanger got four strips up before 'faults' were noticed in the paper. That paper had to be removed.

"We attempted to hang a similar style a second time and the same problem occurred, at the same location.



"I finally selected a damask paper that went up without any issues. It was like the house rejected the first two options and accepted the third."



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**The Centennial
of World War I
(1914-19)**

“The Great War and Glendale”

Coming in June!

Please check your attic and family files. Let us know if you have any WWI memorabilia you could loan to Glendale Heritage Preservation for our next exhibit.