



Heritage News

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“Women of Glendale” Opens with Great Fanfare

After more than a year of planning, the “Women of Glendale” exhibit opened in March, celebrated by many of those in the exhibit, their families and friends. Including Glendale Heritage Preservation trustees and members, more than 150 visitors experienced the exhibit that showcases the achievements of 34 Glendale women who made timeless contributions to the Village and beyond, between 1855 and 2000.



Six of the women featured in the exhibit were part of the opening night ceremonies. They are (l to r) Nikki White, Nancy Floyd, Jane Wagner, Peg Shardelow, Melna Burchenal and Debbie Grueninger.

“Women of Glendale” Honored



President Jim Brewer and Mayor Lofty

At the council meeting on March 2, Dr. Jim Brewer, President of Glendale Heritage Preservation, accepted a proclamation from Mayor Don Lofty, recognizing Glendale Heritage Preservation for its efforts in creating the Women of Glendale exhibit.



Several members of the “Women of Glendale” exhibit committee served as hostesses for the opening night event including (l to r) Nancy Macenko, Carolyn Beaugrand, Susan Swaine, Judy Skillingstad and Carol Muntz. Committee members not pictured are Beth Sullebarger and Becky Terrell

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Due to the coronavirus, the Glendale Heritage Preservation Museum is closed until further notice, but you can still view the Women of Glendale exhibit on the Glendale Heritage Preservation website at <http://www.glendaleheritage.org/glendale/events/women-of-glendale/>

A Winning Baseball Team

One of the most rewarding moments of working with GHP's archives is helping people with their family history. We received a request regarding an image of the Glendale Baseball Team, which won the National Championship of the American Amateur Baseball Congress in 1958. Headed by Jim and Tom Carruthers, the Glendale team was the first-ever team from Ohio to win this recognition.

Karen Terry, who requested the image, is the daughter of Norman Fitch (1933-2018), a pitcher who joined the Glendale team in the 1958 postseason after playing for a local competitor. Fitch had previously pitched for 1½ years for the US Army team in Albuquerque, NM, and the Army team had won the 5th Army Championships.



Norman Fitch is in the back row, second from the left.

After the 1958 season, Fitch pitched a couple of years for the LA Dodgers minor league system, but he injured his pitching elbow and his baseball career ended.

Karen was pleased that "Now I have a picture to go with the Championship Baseball Ring, the bat, which I believe has all the names on it, and his jacket."

Submitted by Joanne Goode

Census 1860

Now that the 2020 census is in progress, it is instructive to look back to the 1860 census, the first census after Glendale's incorporation in 1855.

The questions on the current census haven't changed that much from 1860. Both censuses ask for responses to sex, age, race and country of origin. The difference between them is that the question of origin in 1860 asks for the country in which you were born, whereas the 2020 census asks for the country of origin of your ancestors. There was one question on the 1860 census that you don't find on the 2020 census, and that was whether you could read or write. Also, the 1860 census asked about occupation, which doesn't appear on the 2020 census. For slave states there was an additional form that counted the number of slaves a person owned.

In 1860, the USA population was 31.4 million, compared to 327.2 million today. In Hamilton county there were 216,410, of which 211,802 were "white" and 4,608 were "free colored". Glendale had a population of 690, as compared to 2,157 in the last census.

On the question of where you were born, Hamilton County had 127,403 born in the USA and 88,917 born outside. For all of Ohio there were slightly more foreign born residents than those born in the USA. It comes as no surprise that the largest group were Germans, by a wide margin, then Irish, and then English.

Across Ohio, one third of the population were farmers followed by laborers, servants, carpenters, shoemakers and blacksmiths. Some occupations from back then have disappeared, such as those involved with horses and buggies, but others are still alive and thriving, such as brewers and wine makers.

The census has been taken every 10 years since 1790, making the 1860 census the eighth. The 2020 census is the 24th in a long line of surveys tracking the changes in the country's population.

Submitted by Martin Sinnott

Martin Sinnott Joins GHP Board

Martin has lived in Glendale, with his wife Pam, for 34 years. They live on Little Creek Lane. The subdivision was developed by Melna Burchenal, recognized in the Women of Glendale exhibit as the first woman developer in Glendale.

Originally from England, Martin moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota, in 1977 for the computer company he was working for in London. The company was subsequently purchased by NCR Corporation, and in 1986 he moved to NCR's Dayton headquarters to head the PC Division's development center. Dayton would have been a natural place to live, but Pam had secured a job with Procter & Gamble. So they sought to buy a house in a community from which they could both commute. After a tour of Glendale and dinner at Grand Finale, they knew it was going



to be Glendale. Moving from a Victorian house in Saint Paul, they expected to buy a Victorian in Glendale, but there was only one on the market, which wasn't a good fit. The only other option was a recently built home in Little Creek.

Martin retired from NCR in 2003. He then took up an adjunct teaching position in the business school at the University of Dayton, from which he retired in 2018. Now he has turned his computer industry knowledge to the benefit of Glendale Heritage Preservation, with updates to the museum's touch-screen computer and the Glendale Heritage Preservation website.

While in Saint Paul, Martin was on the board of the Summit Hill Association, charged with preserving the historic character of the area in which their house was located. Now Martin is keen to continue his interest in historic preservation by becoming a trustee of Glendale Heritage Preservation.

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