

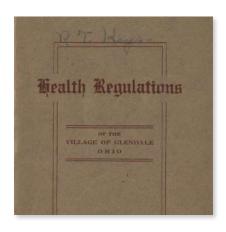
# Heritage News

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# Pandemic in the Archives

A recent article in Time magazine covered comparisons between the 1918 Flu pandemic and today's COVID-19 pandemic. While the 1918 pandemic is more well-known and killed millions of people worldwide, the author pointed out a more apt comparison is with the 1916 Polio outbreak.

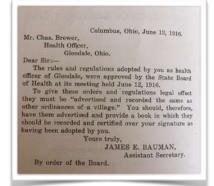
A search of Glendale Heritage Preservation's database turned up a booklet entitled "Health Regulations of the Village of Glendale, Ohio" published in 1916.



The booklet gives specific instructions for isolation and quarantine procedures for patients as well as exposed persons for Acute Poliomyelitis. Specific instructions also cover

Scarlet Fever, Smallpox and many other infectious and contagious diseases, which were all too common a part of life in those times.

The position of Health Officer for the village was an important role. The appointment was made by the State Board of Health, and in 1916 Charles Brewer was appointed Health



Officer for Glendale. One of his many duties was overseeing the disinfection of all rooms in infected houses or buildings, including clothing, bedding and other articles.

Regulations for Physicians, Nurses and the Health Officer are well defined. For example, "No Nurse who is in attendance upon a person quarantined because of a contagious or infectious disease shall leave such house until she has had a disinfectant bath and has been provided with disinfected clothing."

As with our pandemic crisis today, the hope back then was for a vaccine, and some were developed but proved unsuccessful. It would be 39 more years before Dr. Jonas Salk would develop a successful vaccine and then 5 more years before Dr. Albert Sabin of Cincinnati Children's Hospital developed a different vaccine. This version could be taken orally and provided lifelong immunity without the need for a booster shot or vaccination. Because of the dedication of these two doctors and those who worked with them, Polio is virtually non-existent in the U.S. and rare throughout the rest of the world.

We invite you to visit our newly redesigned online database which contains over 3,000 records many of which have full text documents attached. You may be surprised to learn that these records represent just a portion of the actual items in our collections. Plan to visit our Museum when it reopens. In the meantime explore our database by going to Glendale Heritage Preservation's webpage at glendaleheritage.org and clicking on the Research button at the top of the page.

See what you can discover!

Submitted by Joanne Goode.

Sources: Time magazine, 5/25/2020, GHP Archives and https://blog.cincinnatichildrens.org/in-the-news/ remembering-sabin-sunday

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# **GHP President's Message**

On behalf of GHP, let me say we miss seeing you and feel glad that many of you were able to see the fabulous **Women of Glendale** exhibit before we had to close the depot during the pandemic. The good news is the exhibit will remain up through the end of the year, and we hope to reopen long before then.

Since undertaking a major restoration of the railroad depot and opening it as a museum/archive in 1997, GHP has provided excellent stewardship of this Village-owned landmark. GHP's latest investment in the building occurred in early April when we installed two new HVAC systems for a total cost of \$12,650.

GHP treasurer Ralph Hoop oversaw the bidding with help from Mike Beaugrand and Wally Cordes to identify less costly equipment. Fortunately, the contractors were able to complete the work while the depot was closed by the pandemic. Mike generously volunteered to open and close the depot for the contractors and oversee the work and testing. His services were much appreciated.

With great gratitude, GHP received \$4,400 in Village funds for the work, reducing GHP's cost to \$8,250. With our annual operating expenses typically running about \$20,000, you can see this was a significant hit to our finances. This cost exemplifies why GHP needs and deserves your financial support. Because the pandemic has curtailed our gift shop sales and fundraising events, membership dues are vitally important. Please consider becoming a member today. Joining instructions at http://www.glendaleheritage.org/glendale/join/.

# **Kroger Rewards Benefit GHP**

Every quarter GHP receives a small deposit from Kroger for an amount based on what registered shoppers spend at Kroger. If you would like to contribute to GHP through your shopping go to <a href="krogercommunityrewards.com">krogercommunityrewards.com</a> and input Glendale Heritage Preservation, or AN223, as your preferred organization. An online Kroger account is a prerequisite.

## 1855 And All That

In 1855, the year Glendale incorporated, there were only 31 stars in the U.S. flag and the president was Democrat Franklin Pierce. Incorporation gives a community the right to self-government under a charter from the state. While Glendale received theirs in 1855, it wasn't until the 20th century that our neighboring communities received theirs: Sharonville in 1911, Evendale in 1952, Springdale in 1959, and Woodlawn in 1992.

What else was going on in 1855? Most infamously, it was the year the nativist American Party (also known as the Know Nothing movement) clashed with the German immigrant community in Over-the-Rhine. Barricades were erected, shots were fired, and people were killed. Later in the year there were similar riots instigated by the Know Nothing movement against Irish immigrants in Louisville, Kentucky, with the same tragic results.

It was also the year that Michigan State University, the first land grant university, was established, fifteen years before its rival the Ohio State University was established. At Miami University, Oxford, it was the year in which the Sigma Chi fraternity was founded.

The first suspension bridge over the Mississippi River was opened in 1855 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A year later John Roebling started work on his suspension bridge across the Ohio River, which wasn't finished until after the Civil War in 1866. Although it would be six years until the start of the civil war, in 1855 there was already violent civil confrontation in the state of Kansas over the legality of slavery.

Also, in 1855 the construction of Findlay Market was completed by the City of Cincinnati. It was named after General James Findlay, whose family donated the site to the City after the death of his widow.

Submitted by Martin Sinnott

# Jane Pratt, New GHP Secretary

At the beginning of this year, Jane Pratt, a Glendale Heritage Preservation trustee inducted November 2018, stepped in to fill the vacant office of secretary for the Executive Committee, replacing Jim Wesselman. Jane and her husband Randy are newcomers to Glendale, moving here from Lexington, Kentucky in October 2017. Although the move was unexpected and mainly for Randy's career advancement in development at Miami University, the extra benefit of moving here was to be closer to his aging parents, who still live in their home in Oxford, after retiring from their careers as Miami professors. Being near them was well worth the move!



A Kentucky native, Jane and was a high-school Spanish teacher in the Nashville area for several years. But her great passion was spent volunteering with a feline rescue group in Kentucky for many years. She

and Randy were lucky to adopt several furry companions who live indoors with them now and provide much love and affection.

What impressed them most about Glendale was the quaint village and the lovely homes that reminded them of historic neighborhoods they had lived in previously. Even though their last house in Kentucky was built in 1892, they fell in love with the modern home they purchased on Albion Lane. They see Glendale as the perfect place in which to retire!