



Heritage News

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It All Started 50 Years Ago

Shortly after Doreen Gove moved to Glendale with her husband Bob, she heard about plans of Cincinnati Bell to demolish a Glendale house so they could expand the telephone exchange on Sharon Avenue. Cincinnati Bell had purchased the property next to its exchange in 1970 and applied for permission to demolish the house and build an extension. However Glendale Council had turned it down. Cincinnati Bell sued in Hamilton County Court and won. Glendale appealed all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court and lost.

Coming from Rockport, MA, Doreen was familiar with a similar situation in Ipswich, MA, where Exxon had purchased a 1707 house for development as a gas station. Ipswich residents successfully organized to prevent this from happening. Doreen made contact with Ipswich and brought that knowledge to a meeting of eight concerned Glendale residents in 1973. In 1974, Doreen galvanized residents' concerns and established Glendale Heritage Preservation with the express purpose of retaining Glendale's unique residential qualities.



While it was too late to affect the Cincinnati Bell decision, it wasn't too late to prevent further commercial incursions into Glendale's historic residential fabric. Doreen, as the first President of Glendale Heritage Preservation, set out on a strategy to establish Glendale as a recognized historic community. Doreen enlisted the help of experts in historic preservation from the state and local government. It was decided that Glendale needed to be registered on the National Register of Historic Places.

As a first step in this process, it was recommended that only one building be registered. The 1871 police station building was selected. In 1975, the Glendale Police Station was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Step two was to submit the historic village to the National Register of Historic Places. In order to do this, Glendale Heritage Preservation, led by Doreen, worked with the Ohio Historical Society, Village Council and numerous others to define the boundaries of the historic village, collect pivotal house photos and descriptions, and write the nomination for registration. In 1976, the historic village of Glendale was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

One step beyond being recognized on the National Register of Historic Places is National Historic Landmark status. Only 3% of places registered on the National Register of Historic Places are accepted for landmark status. In 1977, the historic village of Glendale was recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark district due to it being the earliest known planned subdivision in America laid out in a curvilinear plan according to topography.

October 15, 1977, was celebrated as Landmark Day. Doreen was joined in the Village Square by Mayor Matthews and a representative from the Department of the Interior for speeches commemorating the auspicious occasion. Ironically, the Cincinnati Bell exchange extension that started Doreen on this journey was also completed in 1977.



Submitted by Martin Sinnott

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Doreen D. Gove

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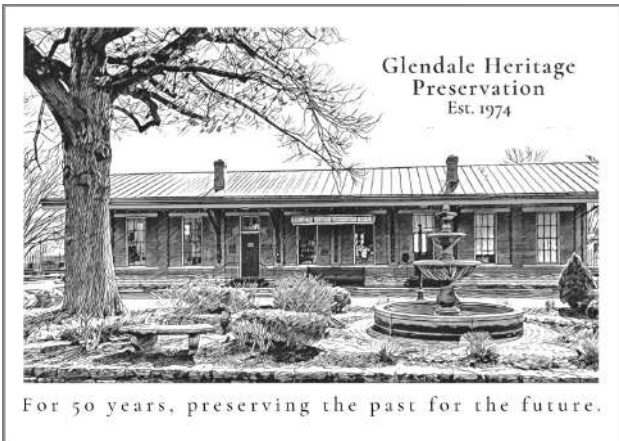
Doreen Gove is the founder and first president of Glendale Heritage Preservation. Doreen is both a visionary and a preservationist. Furthermore, for the last 49 years

Doreen has been a trustee of Glendale Heritage Preservation. At Glendale Heritage Preservation's annual meeting in November, Doreen was recognized for her many years as a trustee with the title and position of Trustee Emerita.



The historic village of Glendale is most thankful for Doreen's contribution to preserving its unique character for the enjoyment of everyone, both now and into the future.

Glendale Heritage Preservation at 50



As part of Glendale Heritage Preservation's celebration of 50 years preserving Glendale's heritage for future generations, a new exhibit will be opening during March in the depot museum. It will present the accomplishment of Glendale Heritage Preservation over the last 50 years: from establishing the National Historic Landmark registration to renovating the village's train depot. You will be surprised by what membership in Glendale Heritage Preservation has achieved over half a century. The museum is open Thursday and Saturday from 11 to 3.

Make Your Mark

On the July 4th weekend of 2022, I moved into my home at 24 E. Sharon Road in Glendale.

After I had settled in, I started to explore ways I could get involved in the community in a manner that fit my passion for all things historic. Of course, I came across Glendale Heritage Preservation. I reached out to volunteer.



I had moved to Glendale from German Village in Columbus. In my time there I had become involved in the German Village Historical Society, mostly writing articles for their 60th Anniversary. I sent some samples to Glendale Heritage Preservation's *Heritage News* editor, and he encouraged me to write an article about my house.



I must admit I had some anxiety. While I love my home (the 1865 "William F. Kloth" house), it's not one of those grand estates with the sprawling, luscious green lawns that put Glendale on the map. I also had my doubts I would find anyone who had resided in this

house in the archives of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

After some contemplation, I realized that this article didn't need to focus on the architectural elements of my home or the prominence of its previous residents but on its heritage. Heritage is important because it helps shape our identity. "Our expression of this identity," according to the Irish Heritage Council, "shows others what we value. It provides clues to our past and how our society has evolved. It helps us examine our history and traditions and

enables us to develop an awareness about ourselves. It helps us understand and explain why we are the way we are. Heritage is a keystone of our culture."

I asked the *Heritage News* editor if I could change the focus of this article after Carolyn Beaugrand stopped by my house one day and talked about the folders in the Glendale Heritage Preservation archives for each house in Glendale. She said, "you can even put a photo of your dog in the folder." (Apparently, she recognized the value I placed upon this mutt.) Shortly thereafter, I stopped by the train depot and was disappointed to see only two pieces of paper outlining the history of my home — a list of residents from 1865 to present. I was hoping for stories – not the ambitious achievements of the more prominent residents of Glendale, but the stories of everyday life.

When I moved into this house a little over a year ago, I came across many artifacts that told a story of the previous residents. I even incorporated some of their remnants into my house and garden décor. This is heritage!



Remnants: Photos 1-3 found around the "Giving Tree" in my front yard. Photo 4 "Don't Wake the Bear" was found in one of the bedroom closets.

I encourage you to make your mark by filling out the archive folders for your home and tell your story. If you need a starting point, you will find forms from Glendale Heritage Preservation in the depot or on their website GlendaleHeritage.org/research.

Submitted by Kim Fry

Connie Halbauer Redden, New Trustee

My family moved to Glendale in the summer of 1962, when my newly graduated father, Stewart Halbauer, bought a dental practice that he had for almost 30 years. Many people still remember my mother, Jinny Halbauer, who co-owned the Century House with my sister .

Growing up in the village was idyllic in the '60s and

'70s. I have seen many changes, but the heart of the community has remained the same. After living in Texas and Prospect, KY, for years, I moved back five years ago. I married Jamie Redden in 2020, who had longtime ties to the community as well. He attended St. Gabriel, and his grandparents were residents on Morse Avenue.



I am still traveling with my job as a Bryn Walker Account Rep in Dillard's stores. Jamie and I have six children and two grandchildren between us and we love visiting them in Kentucky, Texas and Utah.

Being back in Glendale has given me the opportunity to give back as my parents and siblings have over the years. It has also given me a chance to reunite with old friends, to make new acquaintances, and to have my three siblings close by.

I truly enjoyed chairing my first Glendale Heritage Preservation fundraiser in June of this year. I look forward to more outreach in the community and to serving as your trustee.

In the fall 2023 issue, the article *Missing Church Hiding in Plain Sight* incorrectly identified the pastor's house as the house at 33 W. Sharon Avenue. The pastor's house was demolished by the Temple Baptist Church. The house at 33 W. Sharon Avenue was the family home of the Howell family until it was acquired by Princeton School District.

Patrick Myers, New Trustee

My wife Sally and I are both native Cincinnatians who spent a number of years living in various cities (Dallas, Toledo, Chicago) across the country before returning to Cincinnati. We lived in Sharonville for 20 years before deciding to move five years ago to Glendale. While living in Glendale, we have participated in a variety of civic activities, including the HWB Library , the Carruthers Pond HOA Board, and volunteering at Glendale Heritage Preservation.



I am a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and earned an MBA from Indian University. I have recently retired after 33 years with Sun Chemical, where I filled a variety of management roles. As a regular walker in Glendale I have enjoyed seeing all sections of the village, and I look forward to helping Glendale Heritage Preservation explore the rich history and bright future of Glendale.

Sheila Warman, New Trustee

The Thomas and Maggie Ryan House, circa 1891, on Congress Avenue has been our home for over 30 years. I love an old house.

I received my BA from the University of Cincinnati in Anthropology and Archaeology. I studied early Native American artifacts and did research under the direction of Dr. Wes Cowan, Curator of Archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and later the host of the PBS show *History Detectives*.



While studying for my Masters degree in Early Childhood Education, I worked for the Princeton City School district. I also did a year as PTA president at Glendale Elementary school, and I'm quite certain I managed not to embarrass my children. Glendale is a lovely community, and I am honored to serve as a trustee for Glendale Heritage Preservation.