



# Grandview Heights/ Marble Cliff Historical Society

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## Discovering, Collecting, and Preserving Our Communities' Heritage

Dear Members,

With this being the **first Society e-news for 2022**, let me wish you all the best for this new year. We had all hoped that COVID conditions would be behind us at this point and we could resume many of our routines. But alas, that has not been the case. Caution remains a keynote in our daily lives. That said, the Society remains active in **preparing for an active year**.

In this e-news edition:

- learn how to research your family's genealogy.
- discover the value of oral histories.
- see what new material donations were added to the Society's archives.
- find the date for the Society's 2022 Tour of Homes and put a "save the date" on your calendar; consider being a volunteer for the event.
- check out [History Walks](#) which offers options for your winter walks.
- learn about the Society's plan to replace the local history digital display at the library.
- read a [Moment in Time](#) reprinted from the Society's archives (*Moment In Time Revisited*).

As winter is upon us, it's nice to have projects from which we can learn more about ourselves, our families and our communities while being warm and safe at home.

Remember if you are a Society *Annual* member to please **renew your annual membership if you have not already**. Or if you're not yet a member, **consider joining** the Society by [clicking here](#). You can also make a monetary donation to the Society [here](#). If you're not sure of your membership status, contact the Society.

Keep in mind that many of the Society's **resources can be accessed** through both the Society website at [www.ghmchs.org](http://www.ghmchs.org) and the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society digital collection online [here](#).

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Discover More About Your Family's History

History need not be about someone else or some other place. You and your family have a history of your own. During our cold Ohio winter months is a perfect time to delve into some research to **discover your family's history**. There are many local resources, including the Society's archives, that may help provide a glimpse into your past. Following are some tips from Grace Freeman, Librarian at the Grandview Heights Public Library (GHPL). Grace has conducted programs to help the public **learn how best to undertake a genealogical search**.



"Genealogy research is fun, exciting, and most successful when you are **strategic and organized**.

In genealogy, **strategy means working backward** and arranging the information you have to identify the information you still need. Though you may be interested in

learning about a particular ancestor or time ("Did I have family in the Civil War?") it can be frustrating, and even misleading, to skip generations.

Working backward means **starting with yourself and your parents**, then grandparents, then their parents. Research each generation as it is uncovered, outlining as much information as you can before moving on to the next. By starting with close generations, you begin with those who are most likely to have verifiable evidence to support your findings. As you move further back, the evidence can become a bit fuzzier, so being able to use information you've already found about more recent generations to support what you find later can help confirm (or disprove!) what you find.

You can see why **organization is so important** to this process. Staying organized helps show which information you have for each generation, and which you still need to discover. The two most **helpful organizational tools** are Ancestral Charts (showing direct ancestors in relation to one another) and Family Group Sheets (outlining all members of a family group, tying generations together). You can print copies of these forms from Ancestry.com Library Edition at the library.

As you research, there will be gaps in your knowledge. It is okay to begin to research someone new if you get stumped; often **you will uncover new information as you research others**. Hit a research wall? Try investigating someone else on their family group sheet (sibling, spouse) - it may lead to a clue!

Much of your **research can now be done online**, with primary resources digitized for easy access. Some favorites are available for free with your library card at [ghpl.org](http://ghpl.org):

- Ancestry Library Edition (available with your GHPL library card, on-site)
- [FamilySearch](#)
- [Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society](#)
- [Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society digital collection](#)
- [Fold3](#)
- [Cyndi's List](#)
- [Columbus Dispatch Archives](#) (beginning 1985) (CML offers beginning 1871)
- [Grandview Heights High School Yearbooks collection](#)
- [HeritageHub](#)"

Thanks to Grace for providing us with some insight into how best to find out more about our family's past.

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## Love Old Homes? Join The Society in Hosting Our Tour of Homes Sunday, October 2, 2022

The tour will feature **six beautiful and historic homes** in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff. We are looking for Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff residents to **volunteer** as home docents on tour day. Home **docents receive a complimentary ticket** to the Tour of Homes.



We are also **seeking sponsors** at various levels. Details on sponsorship can be found in our [Sponsor Prospectus](#).

To be a volunteer or sponsor, please contact the Tour of Homes Coordinator at [ghmctourhomes@gmail.com](mailto:ghmctourhomes@gmail.com).

To see the homes and information from **past tours**, [click here](#).

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## Oral Histories Tell Stories of Family and Community

While historical information can be found through a number of sources, one **not to be overlooked is an oral history**. Based on an interview process, an oral history collects information from an individual and **becomes a repository of local history**.

In 2015, a **local oral history project** was undertaken by the Grandview Heights Public Library to celebrate Grandview Heights High School's (GHHS) Centennial Commencement. With assistance from the Society, oral histories were collected from **11 alumni** who offered insight into their **personal experiences reminiscences of growing up in Grandview Heights**. Former Society Trustee Jackie Day Cherry was one of those interviewed.

Jackie's history is deeply rooted in Grandview Heights. Her parents moved to the community in the early 1920s and bought a house on Second Avenue in 1925 (her mother lived there for 62 years). Her father owned a radio shop at 1187 Grandview Avenue. Jackie is a 1949 graduate of GHHS and then received her BSc in Nursing from The Ohio State University. Jackie, with her late husband Don, lived in many locales both in the states and abroad, but she has called Upper Arlington home for decades.

To listen to Jackie's oral history about growing up in Grandview Heights, [click here](#).

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## Society Receives Donations of Art



Donations were recently made to the Society of art representing two **Marble Cliff homes**, the Manor House at 1427 Roxbury Road (#10 Arlington) and 1492 Roxbury Road.

A print of a **watercolor of the Manor House by Donald Dodrill** (image to the left) was donated by trustees of former Marble Cliff resident Virginia Welch. Welch owned Manor House North from 1983 to 2000, often referring to her

beloved home as "the castle." Donald Dodrill (1922-2017) was a Columbus-based artist and educator. Receiving a B.A. in Fine Arts from The Ohio State University, he went on to earn an MFA from Syracuse University.

Additionally, an **original watercolor by Byron Kohn** (image to the right) was donated by Marnie and Bobby Hoag who lived in Manor House North from 2007 to 2020. Kohn (1926-2010), an artist and owner of Byron's Gallery in German Village for a number of years, produced watercolors of many notable Columbus scenes. He received his B.F.A. from Ohio University and also studied at Akron University and the Columbus College of Art and Design. His works are represented internationally in many private collections and permanent public collections. This piece had once also belonged to Virginia Welch.



An **original pencil drawing of 1492 Roxbury Road** by landscape architect Sue Jacobs Grant (image to the left) was donated by Kent and Susan Studebaker, who lived in the home from 1993 to 2019. The drawing was done in recognition of the home being highlighted on the 2009 Junior League of Columbus Holiday Tour of Homes.

**Both Manor House North at #10 Arlington and 1492 Roxbury Road have been tour homes on past Society Tour of Homes.** Manor House North was featured in [2019](#). The home at 1492 Roxbury

Road was a Society tour home in [1977](#) and [2001](#). Click on the year to see the respective tour brochure for a description of each home.

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## History Walks

### Beat the winter blues with self-guided walking tours of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff

More than 900 of your friends and neighbors have downloaded the free *History Walks* app to date ([Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)). *History Walks* was also featured in the February 2022 issue of *Columbus Monthly* magazine. The app offers eight different walking tours of historic places, notable buildings, ecological landmarks, and other sights within our communities. Each tour is approximately two miles long and will take 1 to 2 hours to complete on foot.



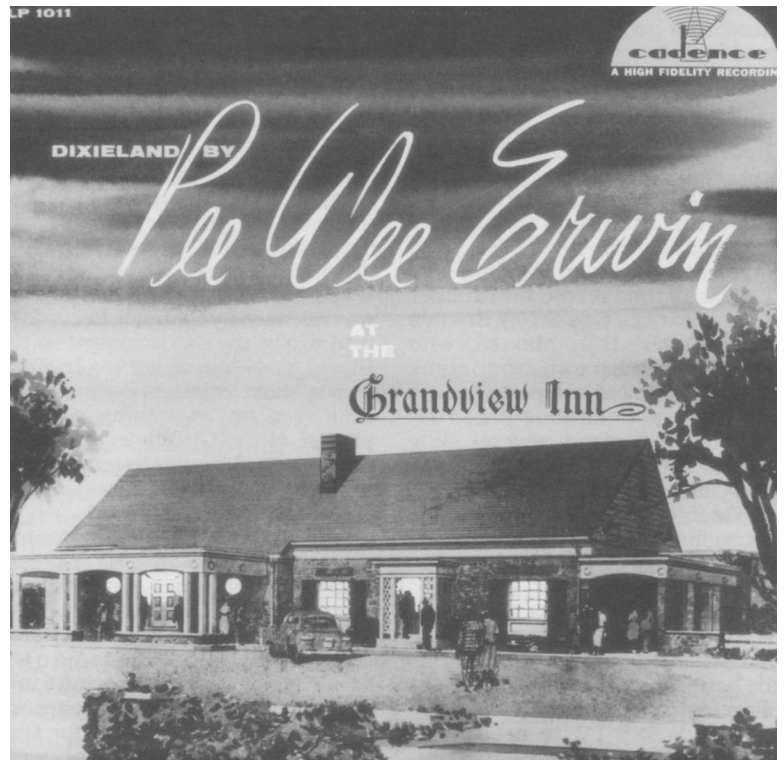
*History Walks* is a collaboration between the Society and the Grandview Heights Public Library.

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## A Moment In Time Revisited

### Jazz at the Grandview Inn

During the 1940s, 50s and 60s **live jazz performance was very popular around Columbus**, with nationally known talent playing at The Deshler Hotel, the Neil House, The Clock and smaller clubs such as Tommy Heinrich's and the Office Lounge. The **Grandview area had two of the more popular venues**, the Gloria Night Club and the Grandview Inn. The Grandview Inn is shown in the drawing on this 1956 album cover of recording artist Pee Wee Erwin, who on many occasions performed to packed houses there. Other **notable bands who played the noted Grandview steak house** included the Dukes of Dixieland, Billy Maxted and the Manhattan Jazz Band, the Novelaires, Bob Haggert, Jimmy Granato's Dixieland Band, Ralph Sutton, and many other musical greats. The business also hosted many wedding receptions and prom parties, and was later revived as a Salvi's Restaurant. After a short time as a local church, it was torn down to make way for a Tim Horton's in 2001.

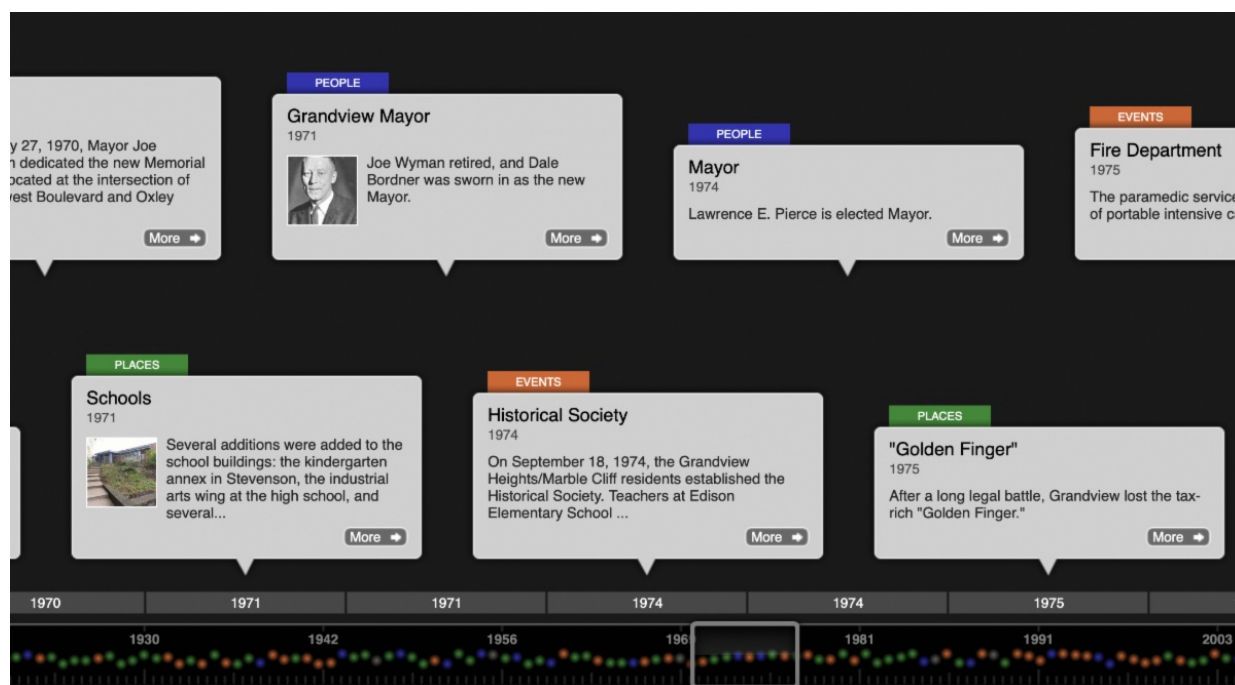


*Moment in Time* - reprint from May 2, 2006

A new *Moment In Time* can be found weekly on the Society's [website](#). To see a collection of past offerings, [click here](#).

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## It's Going to Return



Have you been wondering what happened to the **interactive timeline at GHPL**? Located on the second floor near the reference desk, the interactive timeline monitor is currently a blank screen.

No, it is not being taken down. The 2015 monitor is broken and **will be replaced**. It has been ordered, but like many things, is currently back-ordered.

**However, while we wait for the new touch screen, you can still access the timeline on the Society's [website](#).**

The Society's archivists, Debbie Farynowski and Jill Kuyper, will be **updating the timeline** history as well in the near future.

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## The Society's Mission



The **purpose** of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society is to **discover, collect, and preserve information, materials, structures, and landmarks** which may help to **establish interest in the historic record** of the founding and development of the communities of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and thereby **educate the citizens of these communities and other interested persons**.

It is also to **maintain an historical archives** to support the research and preservation of the early history of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and their environs.

For more information visit [ghmchs.org](http://ghmchs.org).

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