

Tell Us About Your House!!

For 30 years Glendale Heritage Preservation has kept records on many of the historic homes in Glendale. Research in the 1970's on 59 pivotal structures lead directly to recognition of the Glendale Historic District by the National Park Service. Now GHP would like to expand its archives to include information about all the homes in Glendale.

Please tell us as much as you can about the history of your house so we can preserve this information for future generations. In 100 years, even a new house today will be historic.

Suggested information:

- Your house address

Two Forest Place (or Circle)

- Names of persons currently living at this address. How long? 40 yrs.

Alene & Ed Rice

four children - Tedd, Daley, Margay, Dan

- Tell us as much as you know about previous owners or occupants. Do you know the names of the original occupants?

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- Tell us as much as you know about when the house was built and any significant changes over the years. Do you know the name of the builder?

originally - James Keys Wilson in 1855
redesigned about 1920's

then about 1958 by Archibald Dewson

- Do you have pictures of your house or occupants that you would give to us or let us copy?

you already have them

- Do you have any maps, drawings, or records about the history of your house?

the architectural plans for redesigning the house
in 1958 by Arch Dewson

- What interesting events have happened at your house? Is there a link with other Glendale residents or organizations?

said to have a ghost - we've never seen one

Please mail information to: GHP, 44 Village Square, Glendale, OH 45246

If you can drop by in person, the Depot Museum is open Thursdays and
Saturdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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The best estimate we have is that Oakhurst was built in 1854 by James K. Wilson, early in his prominent career. He had purchased six acres from William & Elizabeth Moores who'd acquired the property from Crawford & Clark, founders of the subdivision.

Old man Davis soon bought it, and according to reports, he had many out buildings. One of them was a museum of sorts, another was the barn that Archibald Denison turned into the house at Three Forest Place. What once was the driveway for the farm is now the street (Forest Place).

The Matthews family owned the house from 1925-64, but rented it out for most of that time. Miss Elizabeth decided to live in it herself in about 1958 in order to be close to Dr. Fasoldt. Unfortunately, he and his family were renting it at the time - and they moved far away. Actually, it was less than a mile away - to a house on Clester Road, which was then country!

Archibald Denison, who lived across the circle in the ex-barn, totally re-designed the house for Elizabeth Matthews. Among other improvements, he included part of the porch in the living room, put the window she wanted into the bedroom so she could see Christ Church, and installed an elevator through the middle of the house. It has multiple stops, as this old house has lots of levels.

Jenny Blackman, an old retainer who was living in the house when we bought it, said she saw ghosts.

James Keys Wilson bought the land from Wm Moore

Mar 6th 1854 \$7000

built the house, ^{lived in it, and} sold it to Richard W. Keys, 1858

who sold it to Charles Davis (old man Davis) 1865

then NDC Hodges

then Mrs. Marianna Matthews, 1925

rented for years to: Neil Campbell
SE Burr

John McKnight, 1944-7

Wm Slade, Jr.

Dr. Lawrence O. Fasold

about 1958 Miss Elizabeth Matthews moved in

we bought it from her estate in the fall of 1964

moved in Jan 17th 1965

and have loved it these 40 years—