

Community Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Glyndon Neighbors and Friends:

With the leaves starting to turn and a chill in the air, we know fall has arrived in Glyndon. We have had a great summer with the new trees we planted growing along Railroad Avenue, the Orioles winning the American League East division, and neighbors having picnics with friends and family.

Let's keep the fun going this fall and winter! We had a great celebration at the Post Office the first Saturday of October! Read more about the event and the history of postal service in Glyndon on page 5 of the newsletter. Also, hold the date for the annual Glyndon Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

The mission of Historic Glyndon, Inc. (HGI) is to preserve and protect Glyndon's cultural, social, economic, and architectural history, as well as to conduct educational and beautification projects that enrich Glyndon's historic heritage. We are committed to this mission - and will continue to host educational events, work with our community partners to assure Glyndon meets the guidance of living in a historic district, and work to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Please reach out to us with ideas on ways HGI can continue to make Glyndon a great place to live!

Best,

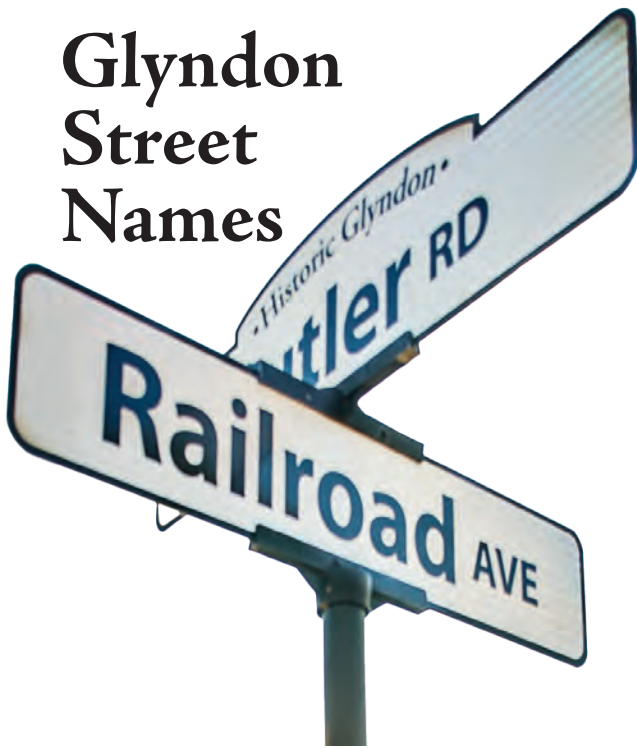
Diane Flayhart
HGI President

MS. STANTON
COMES TO GLYNDON,
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Glyndon Street Names



Have you ever wondered about the origin of some of Glyndon's street names? A few are self-explanatory, such as Central, Glyndon, and Railroad avenues. Others have more of a story to them.

Butler Road, one of the main arteries through our village, pre-dates Glyndon, as it was an early dirt road that connected the large estates in Worthington Valley with the Hanover, Westminster, and Baltimore turnpikes. It was named for the little crossroads of Butler, Maryland, which is situated at the eastern terminus of this road. Butler was most likely named for a family that resided in that area at one time. An 1859 map of Baltimore City and County shows that a post office was already established there by that date, as well as Black Rock Baptist Meeting House (extant), several mills (grist and saw), a foundry, and some residences, later joined by a store, a school, and a hotel. However, our portion of Butler Road was actually named Dover Road in the late 1800s and into the early 1900s. Dover was another crossroads community along the road to Butler, consisting of Dover Methodist Episcopal Church, saw and grist mills, a nearby schoolhouse, and a number of residences. Today, the Methodist Church is still there, but little else is. You may have noticed that there is a related Dover Road that runs non-contiguously through our section of the County.

There is another street that pre-dated Glyndon. When the Baltimore Methodist Conference began holding religious camp meetings in 1868, the name of the road leading from Dover (Butler) Road to the

camp was named **Waugh Avenue** after the eminent Methodist bishop Beverly Waugh. Waugh began his service to the church as an itinerant minister and advanced to hold the highest position in the church. He traveled extensively throughout the country and is responsible for establishing Methodist conferences in a large portion, from Michigan to Georgia, and from Maine to Texas.

Central Avenue is the other principal artery that was established, lined with trees and exquisite country residences. **Railroad Avenue** ran parallel to the Western Maryland Rail Road track. Several side streets connect the two.

Chatsworth Avenue was originally named Reisterstown Avenue. At one time it crossed the railroad track at grade level and led straight into the heart of its namesake, although the road was always named Chatsworth on the Glyndon side of the track. The Reisterstown side was built in the 1880s by William Keyser, a wealthy Baltimore iron and steel dealer who summered in Reisterstown. Mr. Keyser desired a more direct route to the Glyndon train station from his Cockeys Mill Road estate. He later gave the eastern section of the road to Baltimore County. The name-change in Glyndon occurred around the turn of the century; this most likely coincided with the lowering of the railroad bed for double-tracking around 1907, thus preventing traffic from crossing to the other side. The name Chatsworth comes from an 1830 federal-style house in Reisterstown at the far western end of the street (extant), built as a summer home by Baltimorean Daniel Bowers Banks who had family roots in "New German Town," as part of early Reisterstown was once known.

The naming of **Glyndon Avenue** is fairly obvious, although it is not to be confused with Glyndon Drive, a main road established through Reisterstown's suburban Chartley development, established in the late 1950s and further developed well into the 1970s. Another side street is **Belle View Avenue**. While the definition of "belle" is French for a beautiful girl or woman, it most likely was used here to describe the "pretty" view.

Albright Avenue, which connects Dr. Leas' original estate with Central Avenue, is Dr. Leas' middle name. It was also his mother's maiden name. He was born Charles Albright Leas in 1822 in Millerstown, Pennsylvania, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Albright Leas. His father having died when Charles was three years old, Charles spent his early childhood on an uncle's farm. After his basic schooling, he worked in

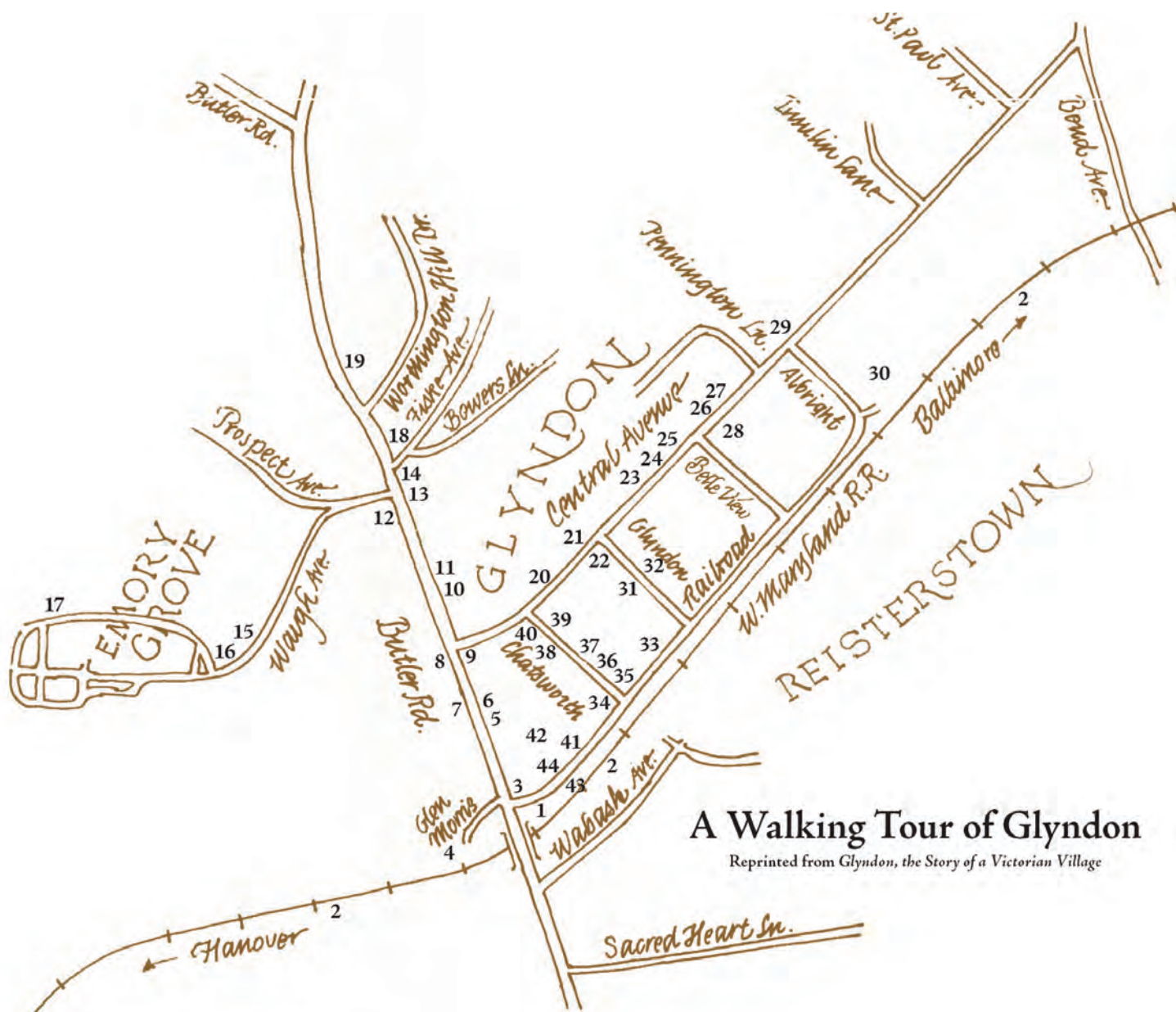
the store of another uncle in Mechanicsburg. At age 18, he came to Baltimore, where he again worked in a store. After a few years of store life, he entered Washington University, from which he graduated with honors with a degree in medicine.

Pennington Avenue is a street on the north side of Central. It is named for Robert H. Pennington, a Baltimore merchant who saw the investment potential of buying property near the newly extended Western Maryland Rail Road. He acquired about 265 acres of farmland between 1864 and 1868 near Reisterstown Station (what would become Glyndon Station) and along the Western Maryland Rail Road. However, he and his partner encountered problems in their retail and wholesale coal business. The dissolution of

their partnership and a lawsuit necessitated the sale of Pennington's land. It was at this time that Dr. Leas bought at a public auction 166 acres, which included a farmhouse and outbuildings. Robert Pennington and his wife Louisa ended up living in the new village, where he built a home at 4819 Butler Road (razed in 2006) and where he managed Samuel P. Townsend's lumber and coal yard next to Townsend's general store. Pennington also served as Glyndon's first postmaster, appointed in 1873.

Stay tuned for Part 2 in the spring newsletter.

Ann B. O'Neill



A Walking Tour of Glyndon
Reprinted from *Glyndon, the Story of a Victorian Village*

Historic Homes of Glyndon 7 Paterwal Court (formerly with a Bond Avenue address)



At first glance, the residence at 7 Paterwal Court, in the midst of a 1980s housing development, doesn't appear to be historic. However, it was there a hundred years before the newer houses. The original entrance to this property would have been on Bond Avenue and it was part of George M. Gill's St. George's development, first envisioned in the early 1870s. To help jump-start his little village, it appears that Gill started building some houses, probably as an investment, but also to help encourage the growth of the little community. This one appears on G. M. Hopkins' 1877 Atlas of Baltimore County Maryland as owned by Mr. Gill. It was bought in 1889 by Mrs. Juliana Rogers Warner, widow of Michael Warner. According to his 1879 obituary, Mr. Warner was "a well-known and highly respected citizen of Baltimore" who "carried on the brick-making business for many years" and was a member of the Maryland Legislature during the Civil War (*The Sun*, Aug. 30, 1879).

"BURRWOOD," W. M. R. R.; beautifully located; refined home; excellent table; moderate terms. BOX NO. 12, St. George's P. O., Baltimore county, Md. j24-6t

The Sun [Baltimore], 5 May 1896

FOR RENT—A desirable COUNTRY HOME, beautifully located in a healthy neighborhood, less than ten minutes' walk from St. George's Station, West. Md. R. R., and near Emory Grove electric road; large and compact Dwelling, Stable, Carriage-House, Henhouse and chicken-yard; high location, plenty of shade; grounds 6½ acres, 2½ grove; pure water. Possession June 1. Terms reasonable. Address B 983, Sun office, or "BURRWOOD," St. George's P. O., Baltimore count Md. a18-s.tu,th10t

The Sun [Baltimore], 24 Jul 1912

Mrs. Warner purchased the property as a summer country home and spent her later years here with three of her unmarried daughters, Julia, Alice, and Susan. She named the property "Burrwood," and, at times, she and her daughters advertised the property as a rental and as a country boarding house.

A side story about Mrs. Warner's family appeared in a *Sun* article (April 8, 1907) that announced her 90th birthday celebration:

One of the interesting reminiscences related at the party was how her [Mrs. Warner's] mother, Mrs. Julianna Rogers, when she was a little girl, was held up to the coach window by her father and shook hands with Gen. George Washington, who passed often down Columbia Avenue, then the Washington Road, on his way to Philadelphia, riding in a yellow coach drawn by four white horses, with postilions and outriders. The General frequently stopped at the house of Captain Nagle, of the Continental Army, who was Mrs. Warner's grandfather.

Mrs. Warner died in 1909. The property was advertised in *The Sun* newspaper (June 13, 1914) under "Auction Sales."

Legally, Mrs. Warner had conveyed the property in 1898 to her daughter-in-law, Ella S. Warner, wife of Juliana's son H. R. Warner. Ella, in turn, deeded the property in 1905 to her unmarried sister-in-law, Susan K. Warner. When the property changed hands again in 1916, it briefly remained in the family when C. Hopewell Warner, son of the adult Warner children's half-brother,

purchased it. He sold it the next year and thus began several ownerships of short duration until the Beach family of Baltimore City, who appear to have been well-to-do, acquired the property in 1924. At this point, the property consisted of two lots, totaling roughly 10 acres. Several adult Beach siblings were owners at various times. Since their official residences were in the City, this property was either a seasonal home for them or, more likely, an income-producing one. Newspaper articles show the Beaches involved in a number of real estate transactions during the first half of the 1900s.

In 1953, the property, reduced to just over six acres, was sold to William and Margaret Lawson who, in turn, sold it in 1979 for \$100,000 to the development firm of Brendon Village Joint Venture. The company acquired additional surrounding land and the new housing development of Brendon Village emerged in the 1980s, hiding this gem of an historic house.

Ann O'Niell

AUCTION SALES.
BY PATTISON & GAHAN.
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE
OF
VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE
COUNTRY SEASIDE
KNOWN AS "BURRWOOD,"
THE WARNER COUNTRY
HOME.
Situating on the County road, at St. George's, Baltimore county, about 10 minutes' walk from St. George's Station, on the Western Maryland Railroad, containing ABOUT SIX AND ONE-HALF ACRES OF LAND, IMPROVED BY LARGE FRAME MANSION, BARN, CHICKEN HOUSE, AND OTHER OUTBUILDINGS.
By direction of the owner, who is declining housekeeping, we will sell by public auction, on the premises, as above, on SATURDAY, June 13, 1914, at 4 o'clock P. M., ALL THAT VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE COUNTRY ESTATE, above described.
The property is beautifully located, fronts on the County road about 700 feet; an abundance of fine old shade trees, fruit, fine water and is easily accessible to the city.
The mansion contains 14 rooms, well situated in a grove of fine shade trees and is in an especially healthful neighborhood.
Terms of Sale: CASH. A deposit of \$250 will be required at time of sale. Expenses adjusted to day of sale and settlement must be made within 30 days from day of sale.
The property may be inspected at any time before sale and is reached by train at the Western Maryland Railroad stopping at St. George's. The train leaving Hillen Station at 2.32 on day of sale will reach St. George's in time for the sale.
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Summer Porch Reading

Continuing a tradition that began in the late 1800s, HGI hosted its summer porch reading this year at the home of Jen and Josh Meltzer. The turnout for the children's porch reading was a success with new and old neighbors gathering on the porch to hear children read excerpts from their favorite books.



Happy 150th Birthday to the Glyndon Post Office!

On Saturday, Oct. 7th, Glyndon gathered to celebrate 150 years of Postal Service! Post Office porch areas were filled with displays highlighting postal delivery to Glyndon, along with Post Office-themed tables and artifacts featuring:

- A look back at the "Santa Letters" delivered each year
- Beautiful hand-decorated "letter" cookies
- A display on the Golden Age of Postcards
- "21071" caps for sale
- A commemorative 150th post card which neighbors could write on and mail

Former postal employees returned and reunited with Glyndonites. A generous crowd sang "Happy Birthday Glyndon Post Office", grateful for our Glyndon Postal Service, which has brought the mail and a community together since 1873! *Nan Kaestner*



May Preservation Meeting

On May 17th, 2023, history came alive in Glyndon! Our community was fortunate enough to have Mary Ann Jung, an award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar, spend the evening with us at the Emory Grove Hotel. She was in character as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the 19th century champion of women's rights. Ms. Jung delivered an interactive performance that allowed for audience participation. It was so inspiring to hear of Stanton's heroic efforts to fight for the rights of women as we celebrated over 100 years of women's suffrage.

In addition to enjoying a "visit" from Elizabeth Cady Stanton, we were also happy to have a brief visit from former Glyndon resident and Glyndon suffragette Rosamunde Smith. Ms. Smith (portrayed by Nan Kaestner) told of her efforts in support of votes for women. She highlighted her success in winning 2nd prize in a National Votes for Women poster contest in 1911 and spoke about suffrage meetings she held in her homes at 14 Glyndon Avenue and 122 Central Avenue. Ms. Smith was the granddaughter of Dr. Charles Leas, founder of Glyndon.

Personally, the night was very meaningful for me as I watched my 10-year-old daughter's surprised look when she heard of all the things that women used to not be able to do. She was so grateful for the work of Stanton and others like her who paved the way for the freedoms we now enjoy. I was also happy to see one of the AP U.S. History students from Pikesville High school (where I am the school librarian) attend the event. He decided to do a report on the event as an assignment from his class after I shared the opportunity with them. He told me how much he learned and how much he and his father enjoyed the event. It truly was an enlightening and unforgettable evening!

By Jennifer Meltzer



So You Live in a Historic District. What Does that Mean?

In 1981, Glyndon became the first designated historic district in Baltimore County. While earlier listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, it is the local designation that provides the most protection for our community.

Across the country, landmarks designation has proven to be an effective way to preserve our nation's heritage and to enhance the value of property and neighborhoods:

- It helps to instill a sense of pride and bring about stability.
- It aids in the control of deterioration and contributes to community and property protection.
- There are financial advantages, as well, such as income tax incentives for restoration.

Experience has shown that property values go up in historic districts.

In Baltimore County, a 15-member Landmarks Preservation Commission is in charge of overseeing the Historic Preservation Legislation of 1976. The Commission has a legal obligation to review and approve plans for any external:

- Renovation
- Reconstruction
- Alteration
- Demolition
- Other structural change to property, including:
 - Excavation
 - Fences
 - Outbuildings

This review process assists an owner in making any necessary changes which will enhance, rather than detract from, a historic property's value or appearance. **A rule of thumb is that any modifications to the property that are visible from the public way are subject to review.**

The red tape involved is minimal; it is just one more step in the process of obtaining a permit for the project. All property owners in a designated historic district must apply for a building permit for any of the bulleted changes above. If the project is consistent with guidelines (the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties), approval by Landmarks is quick. For cases involving major work, such as an addition, or for minor work that isn't in clear conformance with guidelines,

plans must go to the full Commission, which meets monthly (2nd Thursday of each month except for August and December). Because the Commission includes design and construction professionals who are knowledgeable and experienced preservationists, their expertise can often save a homeowner time and money.

The above guidelines and procedures also apply to non-contributing structures within the historic district, such as my 1947 stone Dutch Colonial on Butler Road. While my house is in the middle of the Baltimore County Landmarks district, it is considered a non-contributing structure because it is too new a structure to qualify for historic status. Yet exterior changes still must be approved.

Some additional responsibilities for the owner of landmark property include ensuring that a structure is not demolished through neglect. Also, if the owner of a landmark wishes to sell his or her property, the owner must notify a potential buyer of the property's historic status in writing prior to the sale.

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- Website:
<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/boards-commissions/planning/landmarks-preservation-commission>
- Historic Preservation Design Guidelines:
<https://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Planning/historic/AdoptedDesignGuidelines.pdf>
- County tax credit for residential property:
<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/planning/historic-preservation/historic-tax-credit>
- State tax credit for residential property:
https://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml

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THE WINTER SPARKLES IN GLYNDON!

HGI Holiday Open House: Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10 for HGI's annual Holiday Open House. Invitations with date, time, and location will be hand-delivered to Glyndon residents.

GCA Tree Lighting: Once again this year, the GCA Tree Lighting will be held at Glyndon Station Park (across from the post office) immediately following the HGI Holiday Open House on December 10. Watch Glyndon bulletin boards for details about this festive Glyndon tradition. Refreshments will be available.

We hope to see you at both the Holiday Open House and the Tree Lighting!

Please join us in helping Glyndon glow!

Glyndon is beautiful year-round, but there's something extra special about fall and winter, when houses glow with white candle lights in the windows. It's a Glyndon tradition that helps to welcome the season!



Join us on Thanksgiving morning at 8AM for a 5k run, or a 1 mile family fun walk.

Registration forms and more information available at glyndonca.com or click QR code to pay



\$20 participation fee per participant.
Hosted by Glyndon Community Association



Take a walk through the pages of history.

Take a walk through Glyndon: *The Continuing Story of a Victorian Village.*

\$25
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