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WYOMING'S STREET NAMES AND THEIR STORIES

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WHS President Amy Pursley examines the people and places behind Wyoming's street names and the changes to those names over the years. Where was Main Street, Wiley Avenue or Ash Street?

Burns Avenue was named after whom? Did you know that part of Wentworth used to be Mulberry and it still is when you cross the tracks in Lockland! Mort's Pass, Laurence... they all have stories behind them. Even Springfield Pike's name is a misnomer.



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ONWARD, CINCINNATI....by Amy Pursley

In 1928, the Kroger Grocery & Baking Company embarked upon a year-long advertising campaign titled "Onward, Cincinnati". This effort aimed to stir civic pride while promoting Kroger's new warehouse, bakery and meat packing plant.

Three-quarter page ads frequently touted Cincinnati's robust transportation infrastructure and schools as well as thriving industries and the Chamber of Commerce using the tagline "Let's Know Our Cincinnati...and be proud of it." These ads always finished with an artist's rendering of Kroger's new warehouse and the slogan "Cincinnati's Pantry" proudly displayed.

Wyoming's own Thomas J. Milet was so inspired by these ads that he wrote a song! "Onward, Cincinnati" subtitled "I'm Mighty Proud of My Home Town" was published by Kroger in the fall of 1928 and freely distributed 25,000 copies in its stores. A full copy of Milet's song is in the archives of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library.

Milet, who lived at 311 Grove Avenue, was the assistant treasurer for the Fox Paper Company in Lockland.

Lyrics to "Onward, Cincinnati"
Lindy flew across the sea;
He wrote his name in history.
And Lindy solved the mystery alone –
But from the old horizon
Something happened more surprizin'
Right here in the place that I call home –
Since he had the spirit true, Cincinnati caught it too,
Now praise and admiration comes its way.



Every morning, I arise
To greet a new-born paradise,
But I can hardly realize it's home!
Nestled on Ohio shore,
And growing skyward more and more,
While friendship has a meaning of its own;
Since I was a little lad
Cincinnati never had
The praise and admiration like today.



CHORUS

I'm cryin' out loud;
I'm mighty proud of My Home Town.
Behind a cloud I find a sunny sky – why
Everywhere I roam, they have a pleasing "Howdy do,"
And every "rolling stone" is coming home, since Cincy grew.
The old back yards are boulevards in My Home Town,
And every morn the day is born to smile – while
"Onward" is the watchword song until the sun goes down,
I'm cryin' loud, I'm mighty proud of My Home Town.

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WYOMING PASTRY SHOP

The bakery has been serving the Village of Wyoming and surrounding areas since 1934. Phillip and Kimberly Reschke are the fifth owners of this hometown bakery. Phillip is a second generation Master Baker and Kimberly has been decorating cakes for 30 years. We strive for complete customer satisfaction.

We want you to think of us whenever you have a craving for something sweet, a special cake or cookie, or one of our many products we offer. We are a small business and will keep it small so we can control our quality to provide the best product to you.

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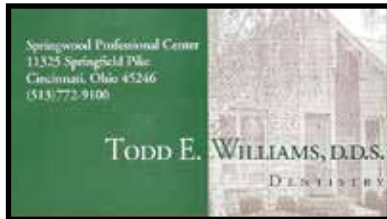
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-- MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR EARLY 2025

March 27, 2025 Thane Maynard, takes us on a journey through the history of the Cincinnati Zoo.

May 8, 2025 Michael George, Naturalist, talks about Cincinnati Parks and how they have grown.

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ANOTHER HISTORY MYSTERY....

Sherry Sheffield

Tuesday (November 5, 2024) was election day. Our Headquarters are located in the Wyoming City Building which is in a former school building. That building has a gym, the place where many of our residents vote at each election. On any election day we usually have someone stop at our headquarters to see what we are all about or to say hello.

This year our visitors were Dick and Jane Woolsey, residents of Beech Avenue and both graduates of Wyoming High School.

Jane brought with her an invitation from 1899 that had been found in the walls of her house years before but she had never found a time to bring it to the Historical Society. This year she remembered.

The invitation is fragile and small, 3 ½ x 2 ½ inches in size. Much smaller than our Post Office would accept today. It had a one cent stamp, a postmark with the readable words, Ohio and 1899. It was hand-addressed to Miss Clara Barney, Wyoming, Ohio.

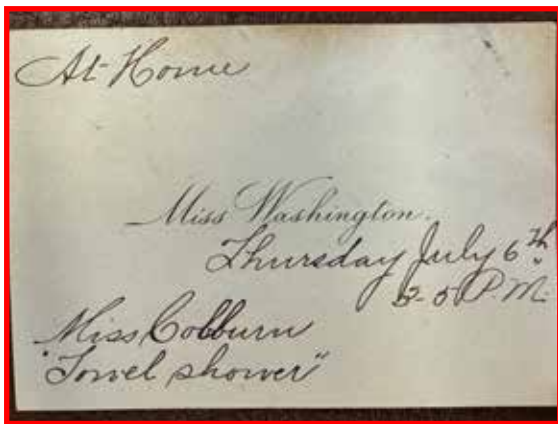


Clara Barney is a story unto itself as her married name was Fisk, the Mrs. Fisk who is widely known in Wyoming as 'The Car Lady'. When she passed in 1965 she had 100 cats living with her in the lovely old Victorian on Glenway Avenue. Clara was the younger daughter of Roderick Barney, Mayor 1886 -1896. The Glenway house was the only home she ever knew. Jane remembers visiting the house when she was growing up as did I. When you collected leaves for your freshmen Leaf Project you were told to ring the door bell of the house where the tree was located and ask permission to take one leaf!

Mayor Barney started a tree planting program in Wyoming and, indeed, in his own yard so that was a great place to find many non-indigenous leaves. Barney's house sat in what we now know as Stearns Woods.

So how did an invitation to Clara Barney end up in the walls of the house at 345 Beech?

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The invitation was on a Calling Card embossed with the name: Miss Washington. Research showed that Miss Washington was Mary Elizabeth Washington, Wyoming graduate, Class of 1897, the same class as Clara Barney. But Miss Washington was raised on Burns Avenue. And Miss Washington married in 1910 so it wasn't her "Towel" shower.

The other name, hand written on the invitation was Miss Colburn. There are no Colburns in the Wyoming High School Graduates database. Some sleuthing in census records found a Martha Sophie Colburn

residing in Wyoming, Ohio. Newspaper searches found Miss Colburn (1878-1955) was married to David F. Thrum on July 25, 1899. The shower date was just a few days before, July 6th!!

We are almost there...we have the bride and groom's names and the date but how did the invitation end up at 345 Beech. That house, in this time period, was owned by the Paddack family. Six Paddack's graduated from Wyoming between 1889 and 1919. Perhaps one of them was also invited to the party. But that still leaves the question...how did Barney's invitation get into the wall on Beech Avenue???

Note: Martha's husband was from Hawaii where they spent their married life. Her father-in-law was Thomas G. Thrum historian of Hawaii and founder of Thrum's Annual, a publication. Her son-in-law was Henry White, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company.

GLENN LEWIS (1932-2024)

MEMBERSHIP...

Our membership year is January-December with our membership drive happening late each fall. However, we gladly welcome new members at anytime of the year. For a year dues are: Individual \$25, Family \$50, Business \$75, Lifetime \$500. High school and college students are free. New members joining after August will be credited through December of the following year. New members please send your check, name, address, phone and email to us and we will handle the rest. 800 Oak Avenue, Wyoming, OH 45215. Thank you.

In December, we lost our long time Volunteer Glenn Lewis. He had volunteered at the Historical Society for some twenty-five years doing everything from writing articles for this newsletter to installing picture molding in our

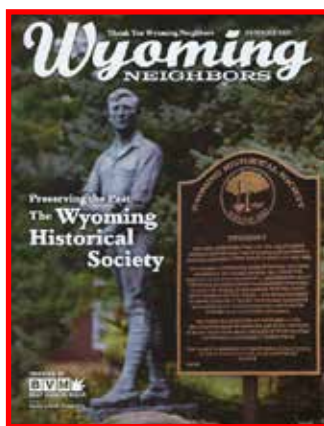
office. Glenn was a true gentleman and we will miss him, his council, his humor and his smile. R.I.P.



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Look forward to seeing you at our
next program on February 20.

NEIGHBORS....



A thank you to *Wyoming Neighbors Magazine* for their November issue on the Wyoming Historical Society and our continuing efforts of preservation, education and appreciation of Wyoming's History.

TROWEL & ERROR GARDEN CLUB

Snow, snow and more snow didn't stop these ladies from having their January meeting at your Historical Society, checking out the museum and archives. Come back again!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER...Amy Pursley



In December, we lost one of our dearest friends, Glenn Lewis. His knowledge, kindness and support for our organization will never be forgotten. Please know that the support this organization receives from each of its members, from knowledge to donations to word-of-mouth advertising for our programs and events, fuels us daily. Thank you all so very much for supporting the mission to preserve and promote Wyoming's history.