



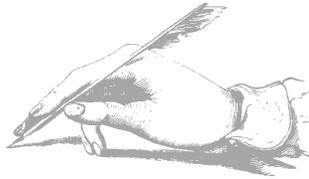
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HAPPY 100, MARBLE CLIFF!

AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS/MARBLE CLIFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Society Members and Friends,

As we approach this Thanksgiving and Holiday Season, I have been considering all for which we are thankful. We are blessed with being part of our beautiful, front-porch community, our families and loved ones. This, we should never take for granted!

Your Society has been very busy this year. Our accomplishments include the recently dedicated Bank Block Ohio Historical Marker—in conjunction with the Ohio Bicentennial Commission; increasing program requests from a variety of organizations; and the ongoing digitization of original materials in collaboration with Grandview Heights Public Library.

As part of the Village of Marble Cliff's Centennial Celebration, our May 2001 Home Tour resulted in the highest attendance ever. In September, a visual historical program was presented for the residents of Marble Cliff.

We have been very actively increasing our collection of textual and visual history of older homes, as information has become available from residents and through research. Please visit our website (www.gbmchs.org), where much of this new information is available.

Officers and Board Members for 2001-2002 are: President: Tracy Liberatore; Vice President: JoAnn Curry; Treasurer: Tom DeMaria; Secretary: Sally Kosnik; Wayne Carlson; Ruthanne James; Skip Karlovec; Win Keller; Patrick Mooney; Terry Smith.

We currently have over one hundred members, with several new life members on board this year. We encourage new memberships and renewals, as well as an active membership body. Contact any Board Member, print a membership form off the website, or use the form in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, or if you are interested in helping in any way.

Yours sincerely,
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A Year in Review Highlights of MARBLE CLIFF'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

by Susan Studebaker, Centennial Committee Chair

Looking back over the centennial year of Marble Cliff I am struck first by the generosity of those who gave their time and energy to make our series of celebrations reality. Our goals this year were simple: to get to know our neighbors and to celebrate the wonderful community in which we live. Although the events that follow represent the tangible highlights, the work of individuals who made this happen reflects the true sentiment of our centennial year.

The Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society

kicked-off our year with a tour of homes. The five residences showcased the wide variety of historical significance and contemporary commitment in our neighborhood. This outstanding event provided the first glimpse into "behind the scenes in Marble Cliff." A month later the second glimpse came when nine backyards were opened for view during the Garden Tour. The variety, personality and care that go into those gardens were a delight to see.

The visual, culinary, vocal and instrumental talents of residents were also showcased

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SOCIETY PROVIDES MARBLE CLIFF HISTORY PROGRAM

by Terry Smith

Marble Cliff's year-long centennial celebration continued Sunday evening, September 16, at Our Lady of Victory Church with a presentation by members of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society. The program was a computerized selection of photos and moving images of Marble Cliff, prepared by Wayne Carlson and narrated by Tom DeMaria, supplemented with a booklet of newspaper clippings from 1889-1936, prepared by Terry Smith. Copies of the booklet were distributed to the nearly 100 area residents in attendance. The booklet is available for reading in the Grandview Heights Public Library reference department, and visuals from the presentation are currently on view in the Bank Block "breezeway" on Grandview Avenue.

Among the highlights of the evening was the introduction of the family of Court Hall, Jr., direct descendants of Timothy J. Price, who with his son and daughter, were the founders of Marble Cliff as "Arlington Place" in 1889. The Hall family brought with them a large color portrait of Timothy J. Price. Mr. Hall earlier this year gifted the Society with copies of the original abstract of Arlington Place and photos of early members of the Price family, and their homes in Marble Cliff and Columbus.

The earliest newspaper clippings in the Terry Smith collection date from 1889 to 1891, and are short blurbs prepared as correspondence to the Columbus Daily Press. An 1891 mention is made of the plan to widen Fifth Avenue to "Arlington" and macadamize it with crushed stone. There are 1901 articles on the impending election to incorporate Arlington Heights, Grandview and adjacent areas under the name Marble Cliff. A September 1901 article announces the imminent opening of the first street railway to connect the Grandview/Marble Cliff area to Columbus.

Another year of great interest is 1904, when the diminished incorporated area (Grandview Heights and other area residents withdrew from the incorporation in 1903) had great turmoil between Mayor J. S. Ricketts and some council members and the marshall. An April 1904 article begins, "There is more trouble brewing in the village of Marble Cliff, and if the scheme which is now on foot is carried to a successful termination that sensational place will live only in history, as do some of the great ancient cities..." After a turbulent election and the mayor's jailing and acquittal, he resigned in February 1905. Grandview Heights incorporated separately in 1906.



Gathered around the circa 1894 portrait of Timothy J. Price are (L-R): 3g-grandsons Brian and Tim Hall, 2g-grandsons Court Hall, Jr. and Dr. John Hall (flanking the portrait), and 3g-grandchildren Jenny McGonagle and Bill Hall.

The presence of the Price descendants was a highlight of the joint Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society and Marble Cliff Centennial Committee presentation of Marble Cliff history on Sunday 16 September.

Timothy J. Price, together with his son and son-in-law platted "Arlington Place" in 1889.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Terry Smith is our newest Board member. Terry was born and raised in Grandview Heights, a graduate of the Class of 1954. He graduated from the University of Chicago and after 2 years in the U.S. Army returned to Grandview where he served 2 years as Administrator for Boulevard United Presbyterian Church.

Terry and his mother, Helen Smith, operated the Smith Bridge Studio in Grandview from 1965 to 1975. For 6 of those years Terry worked at the national headquarters of the American Contract Bridge League overseeing the tournament division.

He then spent 25 years in southern California working as an administrator/director of operations with half a dozen different small companies engaged in the computer industry. He retired in 1999 and returned to Ohio where he now resides in Marble Cliff living with his sister and brother-in-law Joan and Dick Klitch on Cambridge Blvd.

Since his return Terry has joined the Board of Trustees of the Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association and holds the position of Treasurer. He has extensive experience in the field of genealogy and still plays duplicate bridge once a week.

SOCIETY COLLECTION GROWS WITH NEW DISCOVERIES

by Tom DeMaria

The Society's archives have expanded considerably due to the interest and enthusiasm generated by the Marble Cliff centennial celebration. Descendants of early Marble Cliff residents from around Franklin County have generously shared treasured family memorabilia.



An exciting new discovery is identification of the "Arlington Inn" (shown above), which was a magnificent Victorian structure that first occupied the northern portion of the St. Raphael property from about 1890 until 1908, when it was presumably razed to build the Bush mansion. It faced west, and was located across from the Roxbury Road entrance to the Our Lady of Victory parking lot. Deed searches of the property indicate numerous leases suggesting that many individuals, including Charles Lindenberg, father of Frank and Carl Lindenberg, two prominent early Marble Cliff residents, used this as a temporary summer residence.

The photo below depicts the summer homes of Timothy Jenkins Price and his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Charles Courtland Griswold. This is another new discovery. The photo, generously provided by Mr. Court Hall, provides the first conclusive documentation that the current McGregor home at the southeast corner of Arlington and Cardigan is in fact the Timothy J. Price home at the right in the photograph. The house was indeed moved a considerable distance to its present site, as local lore has suggested for years. This photo dates from 1890-1892, and shows members of the Timothy Price family relaxing in the front yard. Members of Court Hall's family inherited the Mary Jane Price Griswold home, pictured at the left. It was razed in 1960 for the construction of the French Quarter.

The GHMCHS welcomes and appreciates the opportunity to digitally copy any historic materials that its members or the community can provide.



BECOME A MEMBER of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society!

Please complete the information below and send with your check made out to: **GH/MC Historical Society Mail** or **drop off** at the **Grandview Heights Library, 1685 West First Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212**

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Welcome our new Design/Production manager, Melissa Rady, a local graphic artist. Ms. Rady is providing her services to GHMCHS at no cost, as a contribution to the community.

We are enormously grateful!

CENTENNIAL YEAR...

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with the publication of the Centennial Cookbook (copies are still available, contact Marcia Gantz 486-6337), Ken Frick's photojournal of significant events, and two "Music in Falco Park" evenings dedicated to local talent. A float in the Memorial Day Parade, centennial T-shirts, and special celebrations at the Summer Picnic and upcoming Holiday Party also marked the year.

No centennial year is complete without focusing on the past that brought us to today. Tom DeMaria, Wayne

Carlson, and Terry Smith's outstanding presentation on Marble Cliff history provided a look at our neighborhood through the eyes of those who began it over 100 years ago. Tom's detailed historical account, Wayne's exceptional visual presentation and Terry's collection of news articles from the past received rave reviews.

A final activity is underway; documentation of the year for the 2101 Bicentennial Committee! Although this packet will clearly show what we accomplished this year, it will also show how it was achieved: through a true community effort.

Library Program of Interest

Historian Charles C. Cole, Jr. will speak at the Grandview Heights Public Library on Thursday 10 January 2002 at 7:00 p.m. about his new book, *A Fragile Capital*, published by the Ohio State University Press.

Mr. Cole will explain how Columbus came to be Ohio's third capital, and how the women as well as the men who lived here in the early 1800s contributed to the city's development.

For more information call Ginny Culver at the Library: 486-2954

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