



The Glendale Historical Society

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Gala Celebrates Doctors' House Opening



Above: Construction Superintendent Glenn Luft, Project Coordinator Marie Luft and Project Historian Sue Lazara welcome Landmark Benefactors Chuck Davis, H. L. Moe Co., Inc., Jim Kieser, Atom Heating Co., and Cultural Benefactors Dick and Natalie Montgomery to the Gala opening.



Right: Vonnie Rossman, Gala Chairman, riding high on way to Grand Opening. Ginger Bremberg, Honorary Chairman, and Marie Luft greet Cultural Benefactors George and Shirley Seeley and Genevieve Sultenfuss.



A gala evening celebration on Friday, May 4 will mark the completion of our principal project for the past four years, the restoration of The Doctors' House. The Celebration will take place at The Verdugo Club and will include trips to The Doctors' House by vintage cars and double-decker bus for tours of the interior. The full evening affair, ongoing from 6 to 10 pm, will include champagne and hors d'oeuvres, dancing to the music of Earl Weatherwax and his orchestra, and singing by Gay Nineties Songstress Barbara Cramer. Adding to the fun will

be Old Time movies, the barbarshop quartet "Four at Random", and honky-tonk piano played by Joe Rinaudo. Many in attendance will be in period dress.

The Doctors' House will be open to the public on a regular basis starting June 3, Sundays from 2 to 4 pm. Docents will give their first tours on the night of the gala. We invite all our members and friends to join with us in this celebration of the completion of the project which was the catalyst for our formation as an organization nearly four years ago. The cost is \$20.00 per person. For information, please call Isabelle Meyer, 242-7447, by April 27.



Above: Gala Committee meets for lunch at the Verdugo Club: Left standing: Dick Montgomery, Nello Iacono, Audrey Hales, Rita Fell, Lee Sale, Sue Lazara, Bob McFall, Marie Luft. Seated left: Isabelle Meyer, Bill Dodson, Chairman Vonnie Rossman, Zee Blanton, Jim Kieser, Carole Dougherty.

Right: Past President Carole Dougherty gives a tour of the house to Cultural Benefactors Don & Carol Platz.



As part of the Docent Training Program, Lee Sale, Chairman, models a period costume in a fashion show put on by Jean Eden.



Cultural Benefactors "Dr. Bogue" Barksdale and Audrey Hales, Frances Grigsby and Zee Blanton, President, beside the medical examining table donated by Frances.

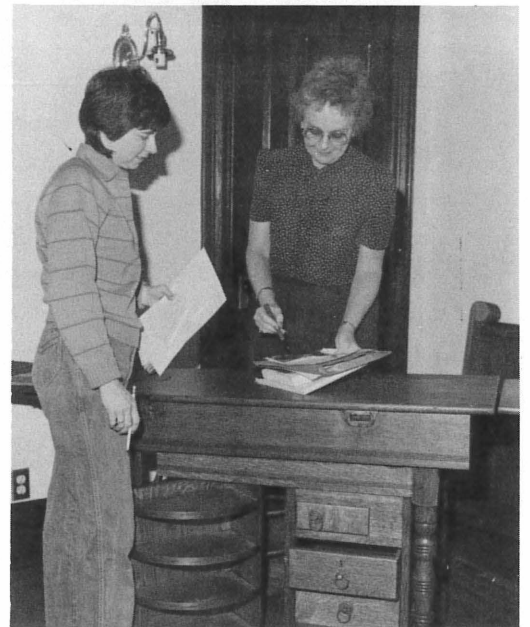


Left top, Heritage Benefactors Sheldon Haase, Haase Plastering; Roger Krost, On Time Construction; L. D. Johnson, Painting Contractor; Joe Rinaudo, Rinaudo's Antique & Reproduction Lighting; Graham Latta, Architect. They are welcomed by Zee Blanton, President, and Sue Lazara, Vice President and Project Historian.

Maureen Miller, Acquisitions Committee, consults with Bonnie Dunlap, Appraiser and a Heritage Benefactor.



Back to front: Cultural Benefactors B. A. Gamble, Wright & Gamble Wallcoverings; Robert Inslee, Architect; Joel Marnette, J. M. Electric; Al Murray, Murray Flooring; Sam Carson, Carson Upholstery. Lee Sale, Wallpaper and Carpeting researcher, says thank you.



THE DOCTORS' HOUSE -- ITS HISTORY

In the late 1880's, when Glendale was a small agricultural community with fewer than 300 residents, a prominent Glendale real estate entrepreneur, E. T. Byram, built a Victorian home in the Queen Anne-Eastlake style as a speculative venture. When construction began, the city was experiencing boom times; but as the decade ended, hard times set in. It was in January, 1890, in that dismal economic climate, that Byram managed to sell for \$1,500 cash the idle and probably unfinished house at what is now the corner of Wilson and Belmont.

In 1895, the first in a series of notable doctors bought the house. Of the four doctors who eventually gave the house its name, three were physicians and the fourth was a chemist. They all contributed to the social, cultural, and economic growth of the fledgling community, and the picturesque house at Wilson and "B" Streets held an undisputed place as one of the more fashionable homes in the district.

After the final doctor sold the residence in 1914, the house changed ownership only twice, though it was for some time occupied by boarders. The long six-decade residency of the final owners, the Dzaich and Kordch families, accounts for the survival of the house in the period after World War II, when so many of its contemporaries across the city perished.

In the 1950's, with the revival of interest in Victorian history and architecture, this structure became known as "The Doctors' House." In 1977 the Glendale City Council recommended that the home be preserved, as it was one of the last remaining Queen Anne style houses in the city and one representing an important phase of Glendale's history.



The Doctors' House c. 1904-5. Dr. David W. Hunt is seated in his prize automobile, with daughter Little Dorothy. His wife Susan stands to the left.

THE FOUR DOCTORS

Dr. Charles Virgil Bogue, the third owner, was the first physician to acquire the house and several adjacent lots. In 1895 the Bogues paid \$3,000 cash, mostly proceeds from the sale of the nearby Sanchez Adobe and surrounding ranch, where they had lived for the previous year. Dr. Bogue was a young man of 39 when he came to Glendale from Vermont and Chicago to practice medicine with his physician brother Dr. Homer Bogue. In July, 1895, Homer returned to Vermont while Charles, a highly skilled surgeon for the times, stayed on to build a successful medical practice. He was postmaster in the late 1890's and was physician to the Verdugo family, establishing a lasting friendship with Teodoro Verdugo.



Dr. Bogue

(Jose Maria Verdugo, Teodora's grandfather, owned Rancho San Rafael, the 36,000 acres which included what is now Glendale.) Nellie Bogue was one of the initial group of Glendale women who began The Tuesday Afternoon Club, the city's first social and philanthropic organization.

Dr. David Winslow Hunt of Stirling, Minnesota, was the second physician to occupy The Doctors' House. He purchased the property and the medical practice in 1901 from Dr. Bogue, who then returned to Vermont. Dr. Hunt and his new wife Susan immediately became active in civic affairs, and in 1902 he was chosen president of the newly-forming Glendale Improvement Association. That organization secured right-of-way for the Pacific Electric Interurban Line into Glendale in 1904 and brought about incorporation of the city in 1906. Hunt served also as vice president of the city's first bank and was instrumental in the formation of the union high school district. Dr. Hunt is well remembered for his jolly humor and his proud ownership of the township's first automobile.



Little Dorothy, or "Dot" Hunt, about age 2, approximately 1901 when the Hunts purchased the house.

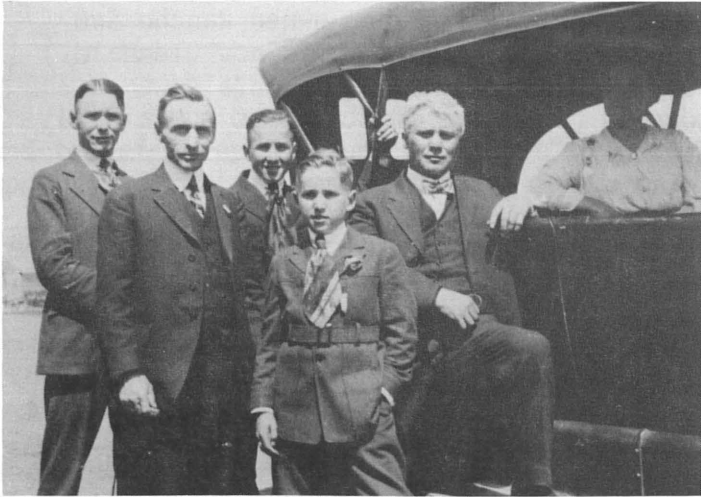


Dot about 1908, around the time the Hunts sold the house.



A later photo of Dorothy Gillson Jackson, a childhood friend of Dot Hunt, found among Susan Hunts's possessions. Mrs. Jackson was a great help in the research phase of the restoration.

In 1907, Dr. Allen Lincoln Bryant assumed the home from Dr. Hunt. Young Dr. Bryant had arrived in Glendale three years earlier with his wife Josephine and children from Marshalltown, Iowa. Bryant actually lived on the property for only one year. He then built a new residence, remained active in community work, and maintained his medical practice for over 40 years. He served 12 years on the old high school district's Board of Trustees. He was also first chairman of the Library Board, which obtained Carnegie support and built the city's original library.

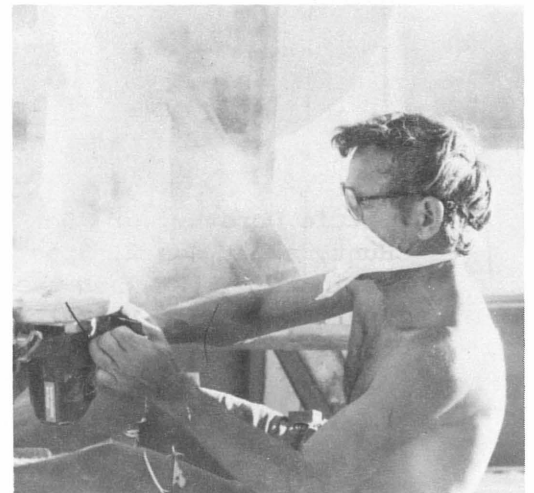


The Bryant Family, left to right standing: Son Dean, Dr. A. L. Bryant, son Albert Allen, adopted friend Louis Titus, and wife Josephine in car.

Dr. Leonidas Hamlin Hurtt, a chemist from Columbus, Ohio, came to Glendale after a long professional life in New York City as president of Pond's Extract Company. Hurtt, a bachelor in his sixties, purchased the handsome home and began carrying out extensive plans to make it a suitably fashionable one for his fiancée, Sadie Pepper. During their seven year residency the property gained new repute as a showplace of the city. Hurtt formed the very active real estate firm of Hurtt & Rogers and built the Hurtt Block, one of the Jewel City's most solid and ornate early business buildings. Dr. Hurtt, dubbed "the genial doctor" by a newspaperman of the day, was also a principal in the formation of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce and was its first president.

THE RESTORATION

In 1979 a group of local citizens became concerned when demolition threatened the 1890 home. They incorporated to become The Glendale Historical Society, joined efforts with the City of Glendale, and assumed responsibility for their first project--preservation of The Doctors' House. In 1980 the house was divided in half and, in the early hours of September 16, moved from 921 East Wilson to its present location in Brand Park. Municipal, federal, and matching private resources were then used toward restoring the exterior and interior to their original condition. There was wide-based support from local businesses, and more than 150 civic-minded volunteers contributed over 18,000 hours in manual labor, research, and fund-raising activities.



Restoration work began from the ground up.



Researchers...

Authenticity was the prime concern throughout the restoring and refurnishing of the house. Exterior and interior paint and varnish layers were analyzed so that wherever possible the early hues could be duplicated. The decorative elements of the exterior, including the three Moongate-Arch porches, were dismantled, individually repaired or remilled, and placed in their original positions; lost items were duplicated with the aid of early photographs of the originals. Special interior features, such as the speaking tube, the doctor's office, and authentic plumbing and lighting fixtures, were faithfully recreated in all possible detail. The wallpaper patterns in the major rooms were custom replicated from pre-1900 fragments surviving in remote and protected areas. Extensive, continuing efforts are making the furnishings truly representative of the period, with many long-time Glendale residents donating collection items of appropriate period and style.



Saturday volunteers...



Contractors...

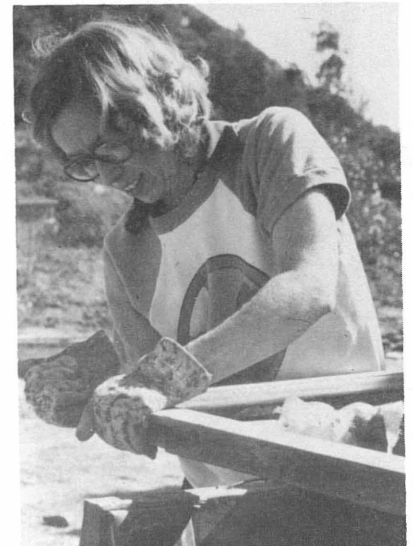
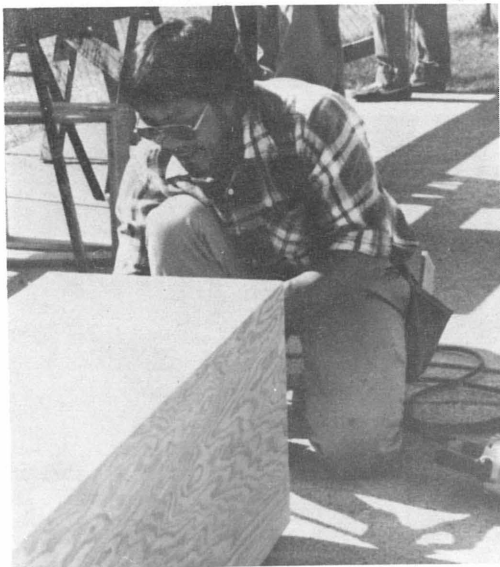


Acquisitions Committee...



Patient craftsmen and women...

bring The Doctors' House back to life.



THE GLENDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Calendar of Events for Spring and Early Summer, 1984

- APRIL 18-
MAY 13
Wednesdays-
Sundays
Pasadena Showcase of Design, presented by the Pasadena Junior Philharmonic Committee and the American Society of Interior Designers. Open house, entertainment, and meals at a spectacular Italian Renaissance villa built in 1920, 455 Bradford Street, Pasadena. Admission \$8. For Further information phone 441-2221.
- MAY 2
Wednesday
General Meeting of TGHS. Paul Gleye, one of our survey consultants, will discuss the historic resources survey of Glendale currently in progress.
- MAY 4
Friday
GALA CELEBRATION AND PREVIEW OPENING OF THE DOCTORS' HOUSE.
See story on Page 1 for details.
- MAY 19
Saturday
Open house at Judson Studios, makers of stained glass since the early part of the century. 200 South Avenue 66, Highland Park, 1-3 pm, free. For further information contact Robert Ebinger, Highland Park Improvement Heritage, 257-0060.
- JUNE 3
Sunday
Public tours of The Doctors' House begin. Sundays 2-4 pm, free admission.
- JUNE 6
Wednesday
General Meeting of TGHS. Elections for three seats on the Board of Directors, annual awards.
- JUNE 9, 10
Saturday,
Sunday
TGHS benefit garage sale, 418 Spencer, 9 am - 4 pm. Donations and helpers needed for this large-scale, popular event. Contact Audrey Hales, 243-6320.
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General meetings are held monthly (except December, July and August) at 7:30 pm, on the first Wednesday of the month, in the Carillon Room, Glendale Federal Savings, 401 North Brand Boulevard. Telephone: 242-7447

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THE GLENDALE ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SURVEY NEEDS YOU!

The survey, which is documenting architecturally and historically significant buildings in the area bounded by Brand, Wilson, Chevy Chase, and Colorado, needs your skills as a photographer, map reader, typist, researcher, phone answerer and general helper. Our deadline to meet the requirements for our state grant in terms of volunteer hours and building documentation is fast approaching. If you have about four hours a week available from now until the end of May, and are interested in this worthy project, please contact the survey coordinator, Leslie Heumann, at (213) 271-9551. We will provide you with the necessary materials and training. Thanks for your support!

TGHS REPRESENTATIVES AT HERITAGE TASK FORCE PUBLIC HEARING

On Saturday, March 3 four members of our organization attended the public hearing at Los Angeles City Hall concerning the California Heritage Task Force Report. Carole Dougherty, Bob Jillson, Suzanne McKay, and Robert Newcomb took this opportunity to go on record regarding this important report, which was requested by the State Legislature about 18 months ago. The purpose of the Report, which is being produced by a cross section of Californians who represent preservation, business, government, education, and labor, is to give the Legislature information about the status of historic preservation in California today and to develop a long range master plan to meet the state's preservation needs now and in the future. The 150 page draft document addresses three broad areas of concern: financial incentives for preservation; state and local policies; and museums, archives and education.

Over 75 people attended the hearing, and at least 35 individuals voiced opinions regarding both general and highly specific aspects of the Report. Robert Newcomb expressed our concerns about the potential conflicts between historic preservation goals and the aims of urban redevelopment.

We all await the final Report, which will appear this summer and which will provide road signs for the Legislature in Sacramento.

Robert M. Newcomb

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JUNE BALLOT MEASURE WOULD BENEFIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION

In the coming June election voters will be asked to decide for or against the California Park and Recreation Facilities Act of 1984 -- Proposition 18. This Act would budget \$370 million, including \$10 million specifically for local historic resources protection, for the protection and running of various public properties throughout California.

If Proposition 18 passes, grants will be available to cities, counties, districts, and non-profit organizations for their historic and natural resource protection projects.

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GLENDALE HISTORY BOOK--ON OUR BEST SELLER LIST

Sales of Glendale: A Pictorial History by E. Caswell Perry and Shirley Catherine Berger (sponsored by Fidelity Federal and the Glendale Chamber of Commerce) are approaching the 150 mark and have enriched our organization by over \$1,000. This popular book features over 200 pages of photographs and text about Glendale from the eighteen-eighties to the present. Of the \$25 purchase price, the Glendale Historical Society receives \$7 for each book we sell. To buy the book, contact Shannon Pedlow (242-7066), Dick Montgomery (241-2775), or The Glendale Historical Society (247-7447).

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members Kathleen S. Wooley, Marjorie Fox, David A. Davidson, Dr. Karen Lynn, and LeRoy E. Siders.

Thanks to all renewing members for your continuing support. Since January, renewing members have been Doyle A. Kutch, Frances Grigsby, Ginger Bremberg, Katherine Yamada, Mary Woodring, Henrietta Goforth, Sid Gordon, Lumir Ruzicka, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John S. Clauss, Dolores Dayen, Lee Sale, Henry and Helen Rousseve, Jane Kneedler, First Nationwide Savings, Bridget Mahoney, Kenneth and Margaret LeDuc, George Rutter, Kena Jean Olsen, and Suzanne McKay.

Your renewal month appears in the upper right-hand corner of your mailing label, and you will receive newsletters and other notices while your membership is current. Annual dues are \$15 for single active, \$25 for family active, \$50 for sustaining, \$5 for student/senior/disabled, \$25 for non profit organization, and \$100 for corporate.

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