



## The Glendale Historical Society

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### MARJORIE BARTLETT COLLECTION OF VICTORIANA DONATED TO TGHS

*By: Dr. Robert M. Newcomb*

My family has known Marjorie Bartlett for over 30 years, so when it came time for her to sell her home and move to the Sequoias Portola Valley in Northern California, we found ourselves in the fortunate position of helping her to find new homes for her collection of family treasures. She had inherited a vast quantity of lovely antiques from her grandparents as well as from her parents and those of her husband. When we had an opportunity to tell her about The Glendale Historical Society and its work to preserve and restore portions of Victorian Glendale, she decided to share portions of her family legacies with us. On the strength of this decision and after discussion with the Society's Doctors' House Museum Acquisition's Committee, Marjorie set to work in her home to select, pack up, and label 39 boxes and parcels of wonderful heirlooms. These were shipped south to us, and were stored for the Society in a local self-storage facility.

It was there on Saturday, April 4, 1998, that the Acquisitions Committee enjoyed a veritable "Elves in Santa's Workshop" morning when we attacked, unpacked, Ooh'ed and Aah'ed over, listed, and sorted the contents of the 39 boxes and parcels. We unwrapped a child's tea service, two boxes of stereoptican photos, several amazingly valuable books, kitchen utensils and enough linens to stock a whole hotel. A complete wicker picnic basket, a huge sprinkling can, a pitchfork, a sledgehammer, an 1890 Sears cuckoo-clock, a tiny dinner-call xylophone, and complete tea set of fine china were outstanding items discovered in this great gift from the past. A rough sorting was achieved with items set aside for the Doctors' House Museum and for the Goode House and a pile to be sorted out at a later time.

The following Saturday, April 11, 1998, after the Spring cleaning of the Doctors' House, a second conference took place during which Marjorie's set of fine photos, taken by her son, Winston, were used to refresh the memories of the Acquisitions Committee. (Continued on Page 5)

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## TGHS IS ON THE INTERNET!

By: Terry Richman

The City of Glendale maintains a lively and informative web site that now includes several connections to information about TGHS and the Doctors' House. If you have access to the Internet, log onto: <http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us>. The Glendale Home Page will then direct you in several ways, but most easily through the Quick Reference Guide at the left of the page, to subjects of historical interest.

For example, to test your knowledge of the city's historic people any place, click the "Glendale History Game." You will find the Doctor's House pictured as part of Game IV and referred to in Game III, which includes a photo of Fanny Briggs Carr's famous cucumber lotion.

Did you miss the Nell Shipman exhibit last fall? Take an online tour at the "Nell Shipman Site," which guides you from room to room through the entire exhibit with text and photos. Additional information is included, such as an exciting photo I found in the Special Collections Room while doing research for the web pages. Shipman wrote the screenplay for *Under the Crescent*, a 1915 Universal production. Amazingly, I discovered a picture documenting that the movie was filmed at the Brand's mansion! Nell would have appreciated the irony of her house being relocated just a parking lot away from the set of one of her movies. I also found in the library archives the novel (of the same name) that Shipman wrote from her screenplay. The book is a collector's item because the Universal stills are included as illustrations. The Shipman site can be reached through [http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/doctors\\_house/nell/](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/doctors_house/nell/) and will be noted in other Shipman/movie web sites, such as Boise State University's western artists forum.

For those times you cannot remember the address or name of Glendale's 24 landmarks,

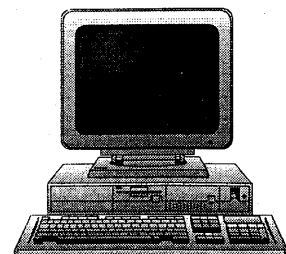
direct your pointer to "Historic Sites in Glendale" and review the map displaying locations with descriptions (including the Alex Theatre, the Doctors' House and the Goode House). The initial map is divided into Central, West, East and North Glendale; click on the area (in blue type) you are interested in and a large map will appear.

Finally, look under "Clubs & Organizations" for TGHS goals, address and phone number, and requests for volunteers for Doctors' House docents and members of various committees.

The Glendale web site receives around 45,000 visits a month and is an excellent way to promote TGHS programs and special events. It would be great to get other recurring exhibits online, and the monthly education program and new exhibits should be posted on the "Community Calendar."

The Internet staff and the Glendale Home Page Volunteers are working on additional projects, such as new History Games featuring lampposts throughout the city, *Glendale News Press* ads from the 1920s and 1930s, the story of the Glendale-Montrose Railroad, and the Glendale Airport.

Knowledge of computers or the Internet is not necessary to participate in the volunteer group to which Suzanne McKay and I belong. If you have some ideas and/or information about Glendale (past, present or future) that might interest the community, call TGHS at (818) 242-7447 and leave a message for one of us.



## DOCTORS' HOUSE REPORT

By: *Isabelle Meyer*

Following this article, you will find the agenda for the Doctors' House for the rest of this year. Later this year, we will plan next year's events and will publish a new calendar. We hope knowing what events and exhibits are planned for the entire year will help you plan to come visit the museum on several occasions.

During May and June, museum visitors were able to admire a vast array of needle-art objects, from mono-grammed table linens to lovingly stitched mottoes, frilly lace dresses and historic quilts. Every room held its own surprises, and we hoped you agree that these meticulously stitched textiles deserved our admiration even 100 years after their creation.

We have had five new docents join our ranks: Anet Baghdasarian, Barbara Conry, Michael Kouri (who used to docent some years ago), Colin Legerton and Sue Nelson. I hope you will have a chance to meet and welcome these enthusiastic newcomers in our midst. I know they will be a great asset to our group.

Our cleaning committee is doing a wonderful job giving the museum a loving sprucing up every three months and we want to invite any of you who take satisfaction from a job well-done to join our mutual admiration society. Just call Marie Luft - I promise she will be thrilled.

Many of the items from the Bartlett Collection are now on display. The sale of some of the other items which are not suitable for our museum will help us in purchasing a much-needed vacuum cleaner and some other necessities to keep our museum in prime shape.

## DOCTOR'S HOUSE MUSEUM AGENDA

**September - Continuing Exhibit.** Come see how grandmother and grandfather lived in 1900.

**October/November - Mourning Customs During Victorian Times.** A unique look at the ways Victorians grieved over their loved ones, including a wake in the parlour, sentimental hair jewelry, art-work, etc.

**December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Candlelight Tours.** The Museum can be viewed illuminated by candlelight and decorated for Christmas during these special night-time tours. A bake sale will be held both evenings and Victorian style Christmas gift items are offered for sale.

The Doctors' House Museum is located in Brand Park at 1601 W. Mountain Street in Glendale.

Open for regular tours every Sunday (except major holidays) from 2 to 4 p.m. The last tour begins at 3:30 p.m. Closed on rainy days. Special group tours at other times can be arranged by calling Glendale Parks and Recreation at (818) 548-2147.

The Museum is operated by volunteers from the Glendale Historical Society. Tours are free, but a \$1 per person donation is suggested to help defray the costs of operating the museum.

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### HAVE FUN BECOME A DOCENT!

If you want to have fun, join the Doctors' House Docent Guild. Call TGHS at (818) 242-7447 and leave a message for Isabelle Meyer.

## E.D. GOODE HOUSE REPORT

By: Nancie Pike

The Goode House Committee has made great strides over the past year in raising public awareness about the E.D. Goode House as an historic landmark, and its adaptive use as a community center for adults with disabilities.

On October 26, 1997, the Goode House Committee hosted a Victorian High Tea for local historic preservation organizations. Guests enjoyed homemade scones, fruit breads and cucumber sandwiches, listened to music of the period, and sampled a variety of flavorful teas. As a party favor all in attendance received the Goode House mug and current issue of *TGHS Quarterly*. Nancy Carlton of Pasadena-Heritage has since written an article entitled "Glendale's Newest Old Landmark- E.D. Goode House" which appeared in their March 1998 newsletter. We thank Nancy for sharing the Goode House story with Pasadena Heritage members.

On February 28, 1998, the Goode House Committee hosted a luncheon for the tenants of the Ivy Glen Apartments, who use the Queen Anne/Eastlake home as their community center. The luncheon was followed by a short program given by three of the committee members. Katherine Schlottman, Ph.D., Vice President of the Crippled Children's Society and Chairman of the Goode House Committee, welcomed Ivy Glen residents and introduced the speakers. David Smith, TGHS President, spoke on the history of Glendale and discussed Edgar Goode's many contributions to the city. Nancie Pike, TGHS member and Goode House Furnishings Representative, invited people to imagine that they were visiting the house in 1904 as guests of the Goode family. She discussed the social customs of the day and their influence on the design and use of furnishings. Bill Shepherd, TGHS Board Member, explored ways that tenants could become involved at the Goode House, such as giving school tours to teach children about living independently with disabilities. Several of the Ivy Glen residents showed interest in participating. The Goode House Committee plans to hold an event in the fall of 1998 to introduce the program to local school officials.

Articles in the *Glendale News Press* have generated interest within the community resulting in additional donations of period items. Susan Wood, a native of Glendale, recently contributed a collection of turn-of-the-century housewares, china, clothing and photographs. Her father, Randall Muhleman, came to Glendale with his family in 1906. This was the year that Glendale became incorporated as a city. In 1914, Randall's brother, Frank, was elected mayor. Mrs. Wood's mother, Alma Neuenschwander, traveled from Hannibal, Ohio to Glendale in 1910, upon the invitation of Minnie Muhleman, one of Randall's four sisters. She arrived in February and by June Alma and Randall were married. Mrs. Wood stated that at this time it was proper for one young lady to invite another to make such a journey, but not for a gentleman to do so. For this reason, Randall did not ask Alma to come himself. These and other early Glendale stories have been documented in the inventory records at the Goode House.

Sue Lazara, long time TGHS member and member of the Goode House Committee, has moved to Texas. Sue was one of the original committee members and her dedication of historic preservation in the City of Glendale will be missed.

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**E.D. Goode House Report (Continued from previous page)**

Richard Montgomery, TGHS Treasurer and member of the Goode House Committee, has donated a Victorian side chair with needle-point seat, a wing hair, a Victorian mirror and china. His earlier contribution of the library furniture was featured in the article, "Our Goode Friend" (Spring/Summer 1997 *TGHS Quarterly*), and has inspired other Glendale residents to donate items to this historic home.

The Goode House received three items from the Marjorie Craig Merrill Bartlett collection. A majolica ware cabbage plate, glass vase and 1890 cuckoo clock. They will soon be placed on permanent display.

A donation of professional services to the Goode House has been made by Jon Longworth, Piano Tuner and Restorer, Eleanor Stern, Master Certified Appraiser, and Ray Gallego, Antique Furniture Restorer.

The Goode House Committee (Katherine Schlottman, Chairperson, David Ahern, Roy Cain, Peggy Cooley, Bettye Griffith, Sue Lazara, Richard Montgomery, Nancie Pike, David Smith, and Bill Shepherd) wishes to thank all those who have contributed goods and services to the E.D. Goode House.

For more information about the Goode House Committee, please contact Katherine Schlottman,, Vice President, Crippled Children's Society at (213) 874-3300, extension 306.

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**Marjorie Bartlett Collection (Continued from Page 1)**

As show-pieces for display during the Spring Needlework Exhibit at the Doctors' House, a number of Marjorie's collection of crochet samplers were immediately put to use. Other items will be used in future special exhibits

and as part of the "regular" Doctors' House display. The Goode House is also profiting from items which have found a welcome way thither. Isabelle Meyer has subsequently conferred with specialists in old books regarding suggestions as the best homes for some of the museum quality volumes. She will also be conferring with our antiques' appraiser to evaluate the condition and worth of the various items. Items kept for the Doctor's House will be incorporated into the Doctors' House Inventory of Antiques. Items donated to the Goode House will undergo a similar process. A few items, not "right" for either House, may be sold and the funds used to enhance the Society's ability to properly store and care for the many wonderful furnishings at the Doctors' House Museum.

It remains for me to offer Mrs. Marjorie Merrill Bartlett the deepest thanks of the Society for her having been willing to part with these family treasures in order that Victorian Glendale and Glendale of the teens and 20's may be more fully endowed for presentations by our Society as it seeks to delight and to inform our fellow citizens regarding these past epochs in our shared historical experience.

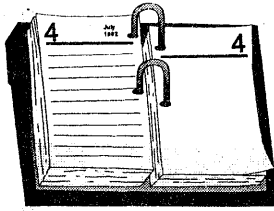
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**THANK YOU ELLEN PERRY!**

Local Historian and friend of TGHS recently donated a wonderful piece of memorabilia to the Doctors' House Museum. At the May 6, 1998 meeting of the Society, Ellen presented us with Doctor Virgil Bogue's bill for medical services to Theodoro Verdugo.

Thank you, Ellen. As always, your generosity to TGHS and to the people of Glendale is appreciated.

## EVENTS TO CALENDAR!



**October 2-4, 9-11, 16-18,** Tour the newly restored Robert R. Blacker House designed by Greene and Greene. Contact the Gamble House at (626) 793-3334 for information.

**October 3, 1998,** "Great Tragedies" - Angeles - Rosedale Cemetery Tour presented by West Adams Heritage Association. Call (323) 731-3900 for information.

**October 7, 1998, 7:30 p.m.** - TGHS 1998-99 Lecture Series presents a discussion by Edith Young and Florence Chase of "Life Time Associates" who will talk about creating video packages to showcase your family history. Boy Scout Service Center, 1325 Grandview Avenue, Glendale. Call (818) 242-7447. Free and open to the public.

**October 11, 1998, Noon - 4:00 p.m.** - Los Angeles Conservancy's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Call (213) 623-2489 for information.

**October 24, 1998, 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.** - The Alex Film Society presents Karloff and Lugosi in *The Black Cat*. Call (818) 754-8250 for information.

**November 4, 1998, 7:30 p.m.** - TGHS 1998-99 Lecture Series presents a roundtable discussion by Chevy Chase Homeowners on the Restoration and Preservation of Historic Homes. Boy Scout Service Center, 1325 Grandview Avenue, Glendale. Call (818) 242-7447. Free and open to the public.

### TGHS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

TGHS is elated that the following persons have joined our ranks to preserve Glendale's past:

Warren Binzley  
Pam Hasbrouck  
Ann Lathrop  
Carol Polk

### TGHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS OFFICERS

At its August 24, 1998 meeting, the Board of Directors elected the following officers to lead TGHS during the next year:

President - David L. Smith  
Vice President - Deborah Dentler  
Secretary - Dr. Robert Newcomb  
Treasurer - Richard Montgomery  
Research Historian - William Shepherd

# An Invitation to Join the Glendale Historical Society

The Glendale Historical Society was formed in 1979 by a group of citizens who banded together to save the Doctors' House from demolition. The Society led the grass roots efforts of the 1980s to relocate the house to Brand Park and to authentically restore and furnish the house to its 19th century appearance. From this beginning, the organization quickly grew and initiated other programs related to the preservation of the heritage of Glendale.

The goals and objectives of the Glendale Historical Society are to:

- Advance the study and appreciation of local history.
- Promote the preservation of structures and sites that are culturally significant for their historical or architectural importance.
- To be an advocate for the preservation of historical resources.
- To insure the continued public access and enjoyment of the Doctors' House.

The Glendale Historical Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization and membership is open to men and women of all ages. Members receive the *TGHS Quarterly* newsletter, announcements to all meetings and events, discounts on selected TGHS merchandise and tours. Special membership events include the annual Christmas party, Awards Program, Fall Picnic and Installation Ceremony. New members will receive an initiation to a special welcoming reception. Members joining at the sustaining and higher levels will receive special recognition in the *TGHS Quarterly*. All new members will receive a copy of the TGHS map *Historic Sites in Glendale, California*.

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## Membership Application

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