

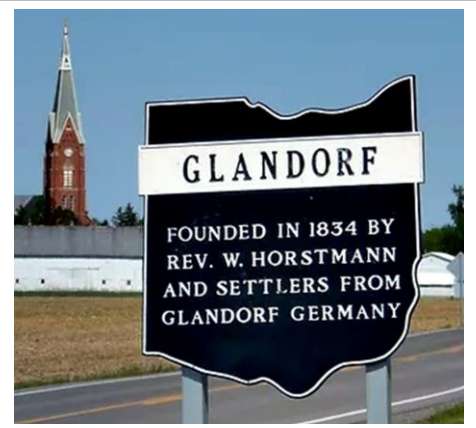
South & North Main St. Glandorf

Site 1 - 300 South Main St.

The Village of Glandorf was founded by the Rev. J. W. Horstman and A. Iburg, Christian Strop, J. Wischmann, Ferdinand Bredeick, Matthais Bockroth, William Gulker and J. F. Kahle. They came from Glandorf, Kreis, Osnabroeck, Germany to find a counterpart of their native village on American soil.

The town was laid out by father Horstman and was located on lands previously attached to the Ottawa Indian Reservation, between the Blanchard River and the Cranberry Creek.

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Site 1 - 300 South Main - Glandorf Feed Company

This business was founded in 1892 by George Henry Mersman. His father, Henry Mersman, had worked on the canal, been a partner with a Mr. Myers in a sawmill, owned a grist mill, a general store, and had been involved in the earlier stock yards and pork-packing plant on the site of the Glandorf depot. Since 1942 the elevator has been in operation under the name Glandorf Feed Co.

2020 - Glandorf Feed company

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Site 2 - South Main St. - 100 OG Road

Site 2 - 100 OG Rd. (South corner of South Main St and OG Road.

Formerly the site of the depot for the Findlay, Ft. Wayne and Western Railroad. That building is presently located at 214 Main St. The railroad property once contained a stockyard. Prior to the railroad, a packing house and store were also located there. Produce at that time had to be taken to Cincinnati via the canal.

2020 - The Bombshelter

If you were to travel down the Ottawa-Glandorf Road, you would be on what once was the roadbed of the Findlay, Ft. Wayne and Western Railroad. The railroad was completed in 1894, and ran through Gilboa, McCulloughville, Ottawa. Glandorf, Avis, Crosswell, Dornington, Cascade and Cloverdale in Putnam County.

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Site 3 - South Main St. - 105 OG Road

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Site 3 - 105 OG Rd.

(North corner of South Main & OG Rd)

This home was the residence of the station-master of the Findley, Ft. Wayne & Western Railroad at Glandorf and also, at times housed other employees of the railroad.



Site 4 - South Main St. - between 279 & 261 South Main St.

Site 4 - SOUTH Main St. - between 279 & 261 South Main St.

Former site of the Glandorf Woolen Mills. This business was founded in 1896 by a number of Glandorf businessmen. Among the men were Bernard Mershman, William Ellerbrock, and John P. Uphaus. The mill was the first known as Ellerbrock and Uphaus Co. It was the first of it's kind in Putnam County and for a number of years was under the supervision of George H. Uphaus the son of John P. Uphaus, who from 1884 to 1891 was a judge of the Probate Court.

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Site 5 - 214 South Main St.

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This large brick home was erected by John William Ellerbrock while he was associated with the Glandorf Woolen Mill. it was later owned by Henry Schmenk (sometime before 1920) It is still owned today by Henry Schmenk relatives.

2020 - Private Property



Site 6 - 207 South Main St.

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The Heckman Blacksmith Shop. This firm was founded by Henry Heckman, a native of Westphalia-Prussia, who had learned the blacksmithing trade in Cincinnati. He later trained his sons Theodore, Joseph and William. The carriage shop was located across the street at 202 South Main. The business was in operation from 1887 until 1912 when Theodore Heckman was elected Putnam County Recorder.

In 1935 it became Heckman Bros. Grocery, operated by Henry and Edward Heckman from 1935 to 1965 when Edward Heckman was elected Putnam County Treasurer.

Clarence Heckman and Len Drerup operated a hatchery in the former carriage shop for a short time in the late forties.

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Site 7 - 195 South Main St.

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Previously the site of the Matt Shumacher's tailor shop. Later the property was owned by Andrew Unverferth who operated a cooperage in an adjacent building. Mrs. Unverferth also operated a millinery in the home. This log home is now located on the Putnam Pierman farm south of Ottawa.

2020 - Private Property

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Site 8 - 183 South Main St.

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Once the Kolkmeier Funeral Home. The summer kitchen, attached to the rear of the home, is of particular note. This was originally the office of Dr. Adam Borman and was located at 148 South Main Street. Later the building was moved to the Kolkmeier home and used as an embalming room. Eventually it was located at its present site and was used as a summer kitchen. The summer kitchen was a structure usually removed from the home, where cooking, washing, canning and so forth were done in the summer to avoid adding additional heat to the residence. The home was originally built by a Gerhardt Nordhaus who had a wagon shop on the premises.

2020 - Private Property

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Site 9 - 148 South Main St.

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Originally the site of the home of Dr. Adam Borman, one of Glandorf's early doctors and civic leaders. The home was later owned by Henry Landwehr, the owner of sawmill where the present-day Glandorf Savings & loan is located.

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Site 10 - 142 South Main St.

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The home of Dr. Hubert Huber, a native of Villingen, Baden, Germany, and a graduate of Heidelberg and Berne Universities. He served the Glandorf people from 1853 until 1882 when he moved to Ottawa. He was followed in practice at the location by a Dr. Northern. For a number of years the home was owned by Harry Nienberg, owner of Nienberg Hardware & Implement.

2020 - Private Property

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Site 11 - 138 South Main St.

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The present Nienberg Hardware and Implement Company was founded by Joseph Thome and Joseph Nienberg in 1893 as Joseph Thome & Co. In 1875 Mr. Nienberg opened a general merchandise store and served as Glandorf's first postmaster. He had previously been active in the tinning trade.

2020 - NIENBERG Supply Company

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Site 12 - 136 South Main St.

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It seems that this site has long served Glandorf as a restaurant and tavern. We know, with certainty, that in 1860 H. W. Halker founded a saloon on this site. In 1881 his son John W. added a grocery and saloon directly across the street. The present Glandorf Inn was founded in 1972 and contains woodcarving from Oberammergau, Germany, which depict early occupations in the Glandorf community.

Previous owners of the business include Fred Recker and Charles Ellerbrock, Bert and Paul Deters, Carl Kuhlman, and Bill Schmiedebusch.

Street Number unknown - South Main - The Inn Parking Lot was formerly the site of a creamery, Nienberg Furniture Store, and the house to the right of the lot was Mary Thome's Millinery Shop.

2020 - Touches From The Heart, Restaurant

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Site 13 - 135 South Main St.

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Formerly the Glandorf German Building and Loan, founded in 1887 by J. H. Uphaus, William Altekruise, J. W. Halker, Joseph Horstmann, Francis Nigsch, I. H. Kahle, William Rampe, Sr., Joseph Winkelmann, Joseph Nienberg, and William F. Hoffman. The present building dates from the early fifties, with two large additions within recent years. The first offices were located where the Glandorf Mutual Fire Insurance Assoc. offices are now situated.

2020 - First Federal Bank

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Site 14 - 133 South Main St.

Site 14 - 133 South Main St. (Street number not confirmed.)

Across the street from the Inn, where the present Building & Loan Parking lot is located, have been a number of business places through the years. Halker's grocery and bar was once located there. Henry Buddlemeyer purchased that establishment in 1915. Later William Ossege operated a post office and candy store. Felix Gulker tore down part of the building erected by Buddlemeyer, added a cement block addition and operated a garage on that site. Adolph Nordhaus, Bernard Mass, and the S & M Garage were recent occupants of the site.

2020 - Parking lot

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Site 15 - 117 South Main St.

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Former location where brothers Frank and Oscar Nienberg operated the "Glandorf Garage"

2020 - Manufacturer's Supply

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Site 16 - 105 South Main St.

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The corner brick building was once the home of Joseph Nienberg grocery and general merchandise. The building, externally, is little altered from its form at completion. The grocery was located in the lower section of the building, while the section to the right was the Nienberg residence. To the rear of the store section is a brick storage building where dairy products were stored and kept cool in an early water-cooled refrigerator.

2020 - Schnipke Builders

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Site 17 - 103 South Main St.

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Glandorf Elementary School, the oldest elementary school in Putnam County, founded by Father Horstmann in 1834. The former Glandorf High School, founded by Prof. Henry J. Benning in 1909, and now consolidated with the Ottawa school system, formerly occupied this site. The school building, erected under the pastorship of Father Brackman, is owned by the parish.

2020 - St. John's Parish Hall

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Site 18 - 109a South Main St.

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The present St. John's Rectory, or priesthouse, was erected in 1902 under the pastorship of the Rev. Theopistus Wittmer, C.P.P.S. It replaced a house erected in 1864 by the Rev. Augustine Reichert, C.P.P.S. The former rectory was used for a time as a doctor's office; bank; and school. It stood near the sidewalk to the right of the present rectory driveway. At one time a bowling alley was also located on the parish grounds.

2020 - St. John's Rectory

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St. Parish Sesquicentennial 1834 - 1984



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Site 18 - 109b South Main St.

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Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist. The cornerstone of this church was laid June 24, 1876, and the structure was completed in 1877. The interior work was completed in 1878, with much of the ornamentation completed in the 1880's.

The church is the largest Gothic structure in Putnam County, and when built, it was the largest Catholic church in Northern Ohio. Of particular note within the church are the pulpit, purchased at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876 and considered the finest example of carving at that exposition; the side altars, the work of the Ohio Waisenfreund (the altar to the left as one enters the edifice contains a replica of the statue of the Blessed Mother in the mother church in Glandorf, Germany); the magnificent High Altar, the work of the Schroeder Brothers of Cincinnati, the carvers of the pulpit and the altar railing. The stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross were imported from Munich. The church measures 175 feet in length, 86 feet in width at the transept, 70 feet at the nave; and the spire reaches a height of 225 feet.

2020 - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Site 18 - 109c South Main

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The Pioneer Cemetery and Marian Shrine (Across from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

This cemetery served the Glandorf congregation from the founding in 1834 until 1900. The oblique which stands to the right of the cemetery contains the remains of the Rev. J. W. Horstmann, Glandorf founder. The monument was erected in 1883 and is located where the main altar stood in the church erected in 1848.

2020 - The Pioneer Cemetery and Marian Shrine

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End of SOUTH MAIN ST.

Site 19 - 203 North Main St.

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Glandorf Fire Department and Municipal Building. The early meetings of the Glandorf Town Council were held at Nienberg's Grocery; However, in 1900 a red brick Town Hall was erected on this spot. The building also contained an auditorium for plays, graduations, and so forth. The auditorium was also used for early basketball games until St. John's Hall was erected in 1950. The present Municipal Building was erected in 1977. It also houses the Glandorf Volunteer Fire Department.

2020 - Glandorf Fire Dept. Glandorf Municipal Building

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Site 20 - 210 North Main St.

Site 20 - 210 North Main St. Fischer's Hardware and Lumber

This firm traces its history to Frank Recker and August Fischer. Frank Recker founded a hardware and lumber business on this site and later sold it to Frank Giesken. He, in turn, sold the business to August Fischer. At one time the building, some of which has been moved to this site from other locations, housed a grocery, dressmakers, undertakers, private residence, and today, a hardware store and lumber yard. The present frame addition to the south was formerly the parish parking lot, during horse and buggy days.

2020 - Glandorf Lumber

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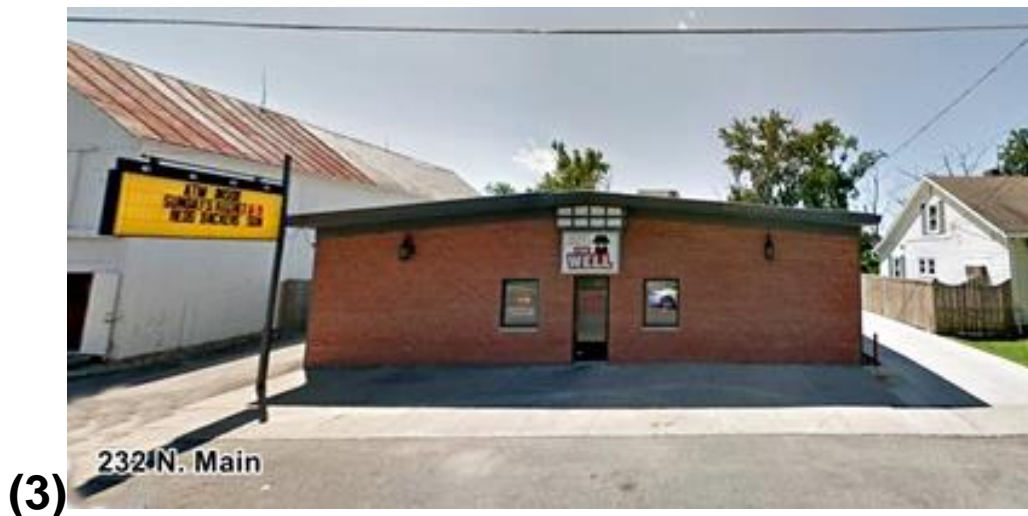
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Around the turn of the century A. I. Borman operated a tavern on this spot. The two-story addition to the south was supposedly constructed in one day - the result of Mr. Borman's bet with the carpenters that it could not be done in one day. Since that time the building has housed, among others, the Frank Sager Grocery, the Pop Giesken Saloon and Grocery, Nienberg's IGA Market, C & C Bar and Carry Out.

The building directly across the street has an interesting history. It is constructed in two sections. The section to the south was originally the Wm. Hoffman Grocery and located back of the creek on Lake Shore Drive. The building has been used as the Glandorf Post Office, Mickey Roofs Barber shop, Stella Crane's Beauty Shop, Hoffman's Shoe Shop, and Schroeder's Electric.

2020 - Your Place - Tavern and Food.



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Site 22 - Between 238 & 250 North Main St.

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This area was once the site of the F. N. Ellis & Company, a large bent work and lumber yard. Founded in 1889, this building was destroyed in a tragic fire on August 5, 1901. The fire claimed a number of other business in the immediate area. Mr. Ellis was also part owner in the tile yard in Glandorf. then known as Winkelman & Ellis. The home at 250 North Main Street was moved to that spot following the fire.

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From 238 N. Main to 250 N. Main

Site 23 - 239 North Main St.

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Was formerly the home of William Hoffman. He was a Glandorf school teacher and had a shoe shop across from the present Town Pump. His wife, veronica, ran a millinery shop in their home.

2020 - Private property.



239 N. Main

Site 24 - 256 North Main St.

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Once the site of Rosengarten's Cooper Shop and Shierloh's Butcher Shop. In later years Leo Wortkoetter operated a blacksmith shop to the rear of the property. The house on this property was moved in after the Ellis fire.

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256 N. Main

Site 25 - 257 North Main St.

Site 25 - 257 North Main St. The site of the Fox Grocery.
The present building was erected in 1901 following the Ellis fire, which completely demolished the frame building erected by John W. Fox. Mr. Fox had been a clerk, bookbinder, salesman, and Glandorf postmaster before he began his grocery. The iron support posts in front of the building, were once used as hitching posts for horses. At one time Hixon's Lumber Yard was located behind Fox's Store.

2020 - Private Property

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Site 26 - Between 269 & 287 North Main St.

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This area once contained the Fipp Garage, operated by Charles Fipp; Henry Wortkoetter Tailor Shop; Hageman's Funeral Home. 2020 - Private Property

Site 27 - 287 North Main St.

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Site 27 - 287 North Main St.
Former site of Henry Kolhoff's furniture factory and Shorty Ellerbrock's Garage
2020 - Glandorf Park entrance area.



Site 28 - 292 North Main St.

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The Frank N. Ellis house was constructed in 1891 using the finest lumber available at F. N. Ellis & Co. The home boasts some of the finest woodwork and fireplaces in the area. Mr. Ellis was also part owner in the tile yard in Glandorf, known then as Winkelman & Ellis.
2020 - Private Property



Site 29 - Between 299 & 303 North Main St.

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William Rampe established a shoe and boot making firm on this site in 1850. Rampe had learned the trade in his native Glandorf, Germany, and, at one time, he had thirty men working for his firm. Across the street was a tavern owned by Rampe and later by Theodore Ellerbrock.
2020 - Private Property.

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Site 30 - 344 North Main St.

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For many years a tavern occupied this location. One of the owners was Henry Fipp. Across the street was the Joseph Roof Firm which prepared feathers for pillows and featherbeds. The company also included a hatchery and poultry house.
2020 - Private Property



Site 31 - 348 North Main St.

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At one time Mrs. Brinkerhoffs Barber Shop occupied this site. David Schumacher had a catalogue house at this site. He also had a printing press and printed his own catalogues. Next door, to the north, was located a glove factory owned by the Ottawa Bank and managed by Harry Kahle. Across the street was the John Smith Livery.
2020 - Private Property



Site 32 - 360 North Main St.

NORTH Main St. - 360

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Site 32 - 360 North Main St.

The William Altekruise home. Altekruise was a prominent Glandorf businessman. At one time he was associated with Joseph Kersting in a dry goods store next to the residence and was also a partner in the tile yard. Part of the bricks used in the construction of the present St. John's Church were from the Altekruise firm.

2020 - Private Property



End of NORTH MAIN ST.