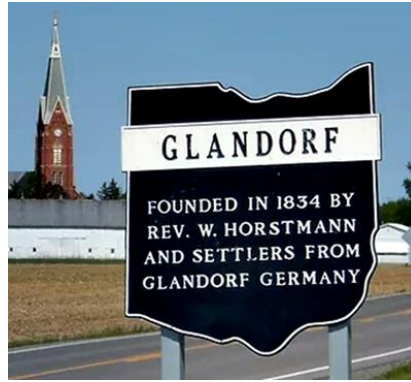


300 SOUTH Main St. - 300 - 105 OG Road



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300 - South Main St. - 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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SOUTH Main St. - 100 - 105 OG Road

100 - Ottawa-Glandorf Road (South corner of South Main and OG Rd. 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. The Heckman Division on Ottawa-Glandorf road was named after Theodore and William Heckman, one-time Glandorf blacksmiths.



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105 - Ottawa-Glandorf Road (North corner of South Main and OG Rd.) This home was the residence of the station-master of the Findlay, Ft. Wayne and Western Railroad at Glandorf and also at times housed other employees of the railroad.

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SOUTH Main St. - 279 - 214

279 - 261 South Main - Formerly the site of the Glandorf Woolen Mills. This business was founded in 1896 by a number of influential Glandorf Businessmen. Among the men were Bernard Mershman, William Ellerbrock, and John P. Uphaus. The mill was first known as Ellerbrock and Uphaus Co. It was the first of its kind in Putnam County and for a number of years was under the supervision of George H. Uphaus, the son of John P. From 1884 until 1891 John P. Uphaus was a judge of the Probate Court.

2020 - Private Property

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214 - South Main

The 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). Of particular interest is the garage to the south of the home. This was formerly the depot for the Findlay, Ft. Wayne, and Western Railroad.

2020 - Private Property - The garage in this photo is not the Findlay, Ft. Wayne, and Western building. It was replaced sometime after 1976.



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SOUTH Main St. - 207

207 - South Main

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.

2020 - Private Property



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207 S. Main - Area where Heckman Blacksmith Shop stood.

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SOUTH Main St. - 195 - 183

195 - South Main.

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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183 - South Main

Once the Kolkmeyer 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 Kolkmeyer 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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SOUTH Main St. - 148 - 142

148 South Main

Originally 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 a sawmill where the present-day Glandorf Savings and Loan is located.

2020 - Private Property



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142 - South Main

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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SOUTH Main St. - 138

138 - South Main

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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SOUTH Main St. - 136

136 - South Main

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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SOUTH Main St. - 135 - 133

135 South Main - The Glandorf Savings and Loan Association. Formerly the Glandorf German Building and Loan, founded in 1887 by J. H. Uphaus, William Altekruse, 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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133 - South Main (Actual street number unknown) 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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SOUTH Main St. - 117 - 105

117 - South Main - Manufacturer's Supply formerly the brothers Frank and Oscar Nienberg operated the "Glandorf Garage" on this site.

2020 - Manufacturer's Supply



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105 - South Main - 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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103 S. Main St.

103 - South Main - 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 pastorate of Father Brackman, is owned by the parish.

2020 - St. John's Parish Hall



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Saint John (St. Johann) Catholic Church Glandorf, Germany**

109 S. Main St.

109a South Main - 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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109 S. Main St.

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St. John's Rectory

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SOUTH Main St. - 109c

109c - South Main - 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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Pioneer Cemetery & Marian Shrine



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Marian Shrine

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