



# Historical Society News

*Knowing where you've been, helps you see where you're going*

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## Who was Margaret in Margaret Avenue?

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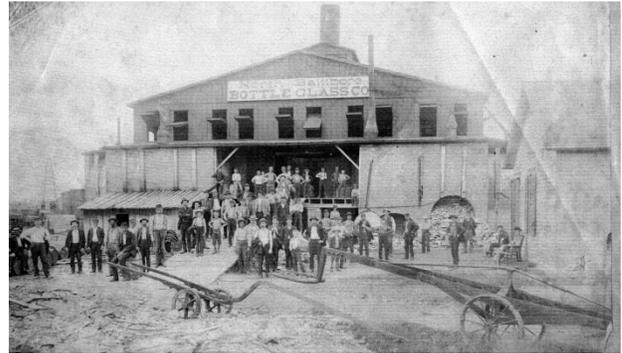
Having lived my entire life on the corner of W. Maple St. and Margaret Avenue, I have been curious as to how Margaret Avenue got its name, since no other streets in the area have similar names. This is what I discovered.

In 1887 John Geghan, a N. Baltimore resident originally from Cincinnati, was seeking funding for construction of a glass factory in North Baltimore, which was enjoying growth due to the gas boom. He returned to Cincinnati seeking \$50,000 in construction funds. A Cincinnati businessman, A. L. (Albert Lincoln) Pfau, put up the first capital, and others promised the rest. The factory was named The North Baltimore Bottle Glass Company. Mr. Pfau's father was a wealthy wholesale liquor merchant. In December 1887, when he was 22 years old, Mr. Pfau, his wife and young son, Armin, moved to temporary quarters in North Baltimore.

Pfau purchased the land between Main St. and Jewett, which became the A. L. Pfau Addition. Two streets in the addition are named for family members: Margaret Avenue for Pfau's mother and Jewett Avenue for his wife's family.

A.L. Pfau was born on May 7, 1865 in Cincinnati to Jacob Peter and **Margaret** (Bogen) Pfau. He married Carrie Louise **Jewett** on October 6, 1886, and they had five children: Armin Jewett, Albert Lincoln, George Harold, Norman Jewett, and Lucy Margaret. Their first son, Armin Jewett Pfau died in N. Baltimore in 1892 at the age of 4 of an unknown ailment. He was buried in Hartwell Heights, the family home near Cincinnati. Their third son, George, was born in N. Baltimore in 1893.

The North Baltimore Bottle Glass Factory, which was located in the area of the France Stone Quarry, was up and running in May 1888. The factory made primarily fruit jars and beer, soda, and mineral waters bottles. Blowers could turn out 125 gross of fruit jars in a day. Pfau was instrumental in its construction and operations. He preferred to deal in carload lots, and much of the business came from major brewers and bottlers in



**The North Baltimore Glass Company's workforce assembled for a photograph, circa 1890.**

Philadelphia, Chicago, and Milwaukee. He became president of the company and Geghan served as vice president. Pfau soon became the richest man in town.

The end of the gas boom caused the North Baltimore Bottle Glass Factory to be moved to Albany, Indiana in 1895, and a new plant was later built in Terre Haute. The Pfau family also moved to Indiana at that time.

### Upcoming Events

- The Historical will be open every Tuesday morning from 9 to 12, April through December.
- The May NBOAHS Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Historical Center. Monthly Board meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. If a change is necessary it will be announced in local media. All members are welcome.
- Garden Club May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am
- Broken Needles Quilting Club May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.

## Preserving North Baltimore High School Graduating Class Photographs

The North Baltimore Ohio Area Historical Society (NBOAHS) is engaged in an ongoing joint project with the North Baltimore Local School District to preserve the High School graduating class pictures previously displayed at the old high school building. However, many graduating class photographs are missing from the collection and the Society would like to obtain copies of the missing class photographs for its archive.

The missing graduating class photographs are for the following years: **1965, 1966, 1967, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.**

If you have a missing class photograph, please consider sending a digital scan or donating the original to the NBOAHS. The Society will also scan an original photo and return it to the owner for free.

For further information, please call the Society at 419-257-2266, email us at [nbahs@wcnet.org](mailto:nbahs@wcnet.org) or send a letter to NBOAHS, 229 North Main St., PO Box 174, North Baltimore, Ohio 45872.

### New Members and Renewals

NBOAHS always welcomes new members. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to renew your annual membership or to apply for a new membership.

Members who can spare a few hours a month can help with a variety of tasks including maintaining our inventory records, greeting and assisting visitors, and helping create and maintain displays.

### Share Your Historical Photographs

The Society can scan old photos of the NB area in order to create digital images for our archives. Originals will be returned. If you have photos to share, contact Tom Boltz at 567-336-6040 or any Society Board member.



Check our website at  
**[northbaltimorehistory.org](http://northbaltimorehistory.org)**  
for new history articles  
and Society news.

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**The Hammansburg school bus picking up students, circa 1925**

## 2013 Membership Application

(January through December)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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