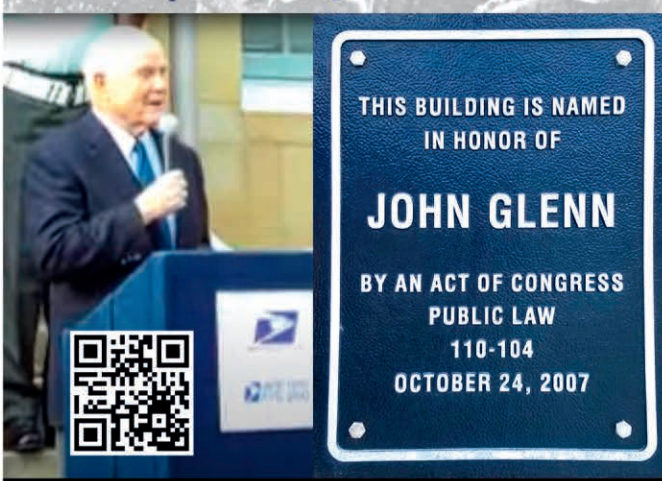
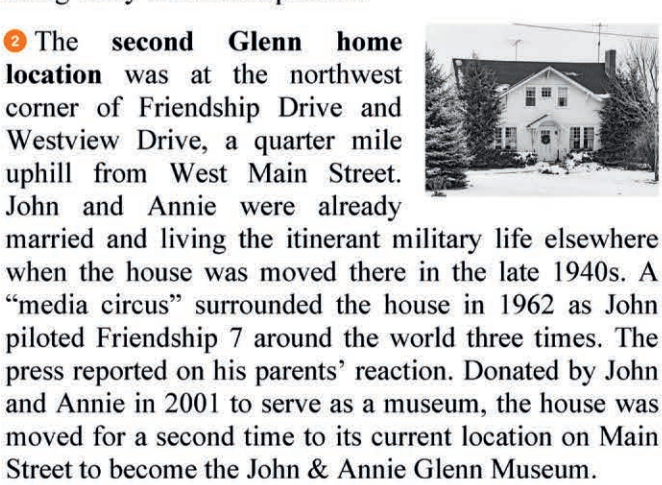




John and Annie Glenn donated John's boyhood home to teach about what life was like growing up in New Concord in the 1920s, '30s, and '40s.



John and Annie Glenn both appeared at the dedication of the John Glenn Post Office in Cambridge, June 16, 2008. You can hear John's dedication speech at the QR code below.

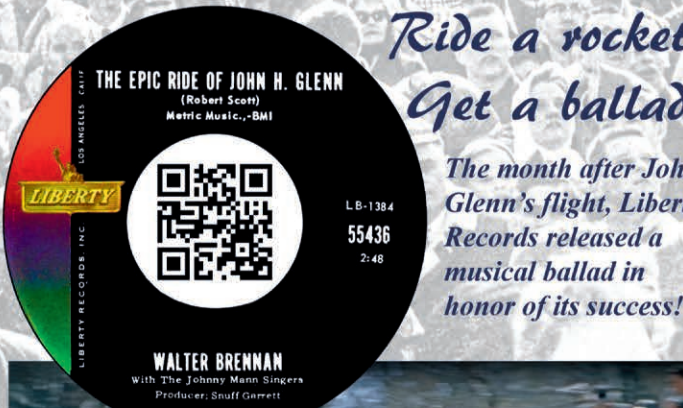


The original Glenn family home site was a few dozen yards east of today's intersection of Shadyside Drive with the west end of Main Street. Built starting in late 1923 on the hillside above what was then known as the National Road, it faced south and overlooked both the road and the nearby "S" Bridge. When a Route 40 widening and straightening project shortly after World War Two bypassed the old bridge and cut into the hillside in front of the house, the resulting ground destabilization made it necessary to move the house to a different location. The Glenns chose a new home site a quarter mile to the north along today's Friendship Drive.

The second Glenn home location was at the northwest corner of Friendship Drive and Westview Drive, a quarter mile uphill from West Main Street. John and Annie were already married and living the itinerant military life elsewhere when the house was moved there in the late 1940s. A "media circus" surrounded the house in 1962 as John piloted Friendship 7 around the world three times. The press reported on his parents' reaction. Donated by John and Annie in 2001 to serve as a museum, the house was moved for a second time to its current location on Main Street to become the John & Annie Glenn Museum.

The Homecoming, March 3, 1962

It is hard to overstate the joy and excitement America felt at the complete success of the daring flight of Friendship 7 on February 20, 1962. Nowhere was the happiness greater than in New Concord and in John and Annie's two home counties. After parades in Washington and New York, John, Annie, son David, and daughter Lyn came home to a cheering crowd of an estimated 70,000 proud American citizens.



Ride a rocket, Get a ballad!
The month after John Glenn's flight, Liberty Records released a musical ballad in honor of its success!

By fortuitous chance, as of 1962 New Concord had outgrown John and Annie's old high school on Stormont Street and built a new one on farm fields a mile north of town, scheduled to take in its first students in the fall of that year. Naturally, following John's world-inspiring flight, the town and its school district elected to name the new building the **John Glenn High School**. In an interview many years later John explained, "I was so proud of that... To have a school named after you is about as high an honor as you can have."

Though Annie's first home in New Concord was on Maple Avenue, the **home Annie's parents built** in the late 1920s when Annie and John were in grade school is today a *private residence* at 865 Friendship Drive, half a mile north of West Main Street. Looking not unlike a Spanish mission building more typically seen in America's Southwest, townspeople took to calling it good-naturedly "The Alamo." The Castor and Glenn families became close friends and socialized frequently together from John and Annie's earliest days. It is said John and Annie first met in a playpen when the parents got together for a visit.

John and Annie's parents had a close bond of friendship between the families that extended even to the choice of their side-by-side gravesites in **the town cemetery** on Friendship Drive, a third of a mile north of West Main Street. Easily found near the woods at the end of the northern cemetery driveway, flags mark the graves of both fathers, honoring their service in the First World War. John, a trumpeter, and his father, a WWI bugler, would long ago together perform "Echo Taps" here for Decoration Day (Memorial Day) services. John's father would play a phrase first, and John, hidden in the woods, would play the solemn echo refrain. He recalled in later years, "The sound drifted across the gravestones and sent chills up my spine... Echo Taps still gives me the chills."



It took just five minutes, from liftoff to orbit, to put America back in the Space Race. Listen to the onboard capsule recording from tense countdown to outer space – exactly as John Glenn lived it!



The house in which John Glenn grew to adulthood is now the **John & Annie Glenn Museum** at 72 West Main Street, telling the life stories of both John and Annie with emphasis on showing what small town life was like here in 1930s and '40s during the Great Depression and World War Two. Though not in its original location, the house has been restored to its appearance in those years, both outside and in. Living history actors greet and guide guests stepping back in time on the first floor of the home. The second floor features traditional museum exhibits.



The Wilds
Have you ever met a camel? No?! How about a rhinoceros? Or maybe a curious ostrich, zebra, giraffe, or bison? You actually may meet these animals and many more at **The Wilds**, North America's largest wildlife conservation center, located on 14 square miles of reclaimed strip mine land in southeastern Muskingum County, just west of Cumberland. The site offers many activities for visitors, including ziplining and horseback riding, but a favorite adventure is the two-hour open air bus safari tour. It's an unforgettable family experience!

Salt Fork State Park
Located five miles northeast of Cambridge, this 31-square-mile largest state park in Ohio includes a 2,952-acre lake, fishing, hiking, and myriad other recreational activities.

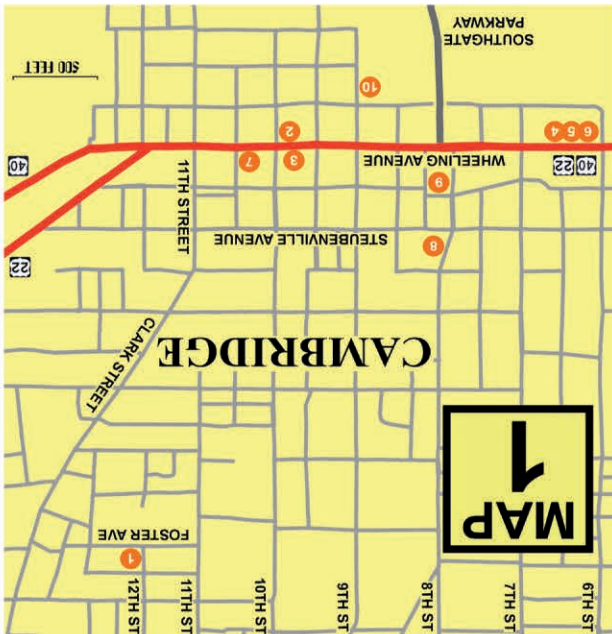
The National Road and Zane Grey Museum is a sister museum to the John & Annie Glenn Museum. It is located five miles west of New Concord and half a mile east of the I-70 Norwich exit on Route 40. It tells the story of the National Road, built in the early 1800s, which nourished the growth of all the communities on this trail. It also teaches about Zanesville's Zane Grey, author of many Westerns, and about locally made art pottery.

Muskingum University's **Brown Chapel** at the top of College Drive was built in 1912. On December 7th, 1941, Annie Castor was about to give her senior music recital on the chapel's pipe organ when news of the attack on Pearl Harbor reached area broadcasters. John learned of the attack on the car radio as he drove up the hill to the chapel. After Annie's excellent performance, John told her the news and they both realized plans for their future had changed. John felt it was his responsibility to volunteer for the war. He signed up for flight training just a few days later.

Annie Glenn's family attended the **College Drive United Presbyterian Church** which had taken a particularly strong anti-slavery stance before the Civil War. John and Annie were married here on April 6, 1943, just a few days after John was awarded his "wings" as a Marine aviator. The couple had delayed their wedding until then because the military would not train a married man to be a pilot. After a three-day honeymoon in Columbus, the young couple headed off to Cherry Point, North Carolina, for John's first assignment.

Through one of the projects implemented by President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Works Progress Administration (WPA), New Concord received a new **Post Office building**. Noted artist Clyde Singer painted the inside mural, entitled "Skaters," in 1940, portraying winter skating on the Muskingum College Lake. Another project provided work for John's father supervising new town sewer installation. The Rural Electrification Administration (REA) also helped create work for John's father by providing electricity to farms and farmers who wanted electric well pumps attached to their water sources. The Glenns felt Roosevelt's programs greatly helped families get through the Depression.

Perhaps the second most famous and accomplished resident of New Concord was William Rainey Harper, born and raised in the house now known as **Harper Cabin** (technically a "log house") at 20 West Main Street opposite College Drive. Harper was a child prodigy, a polymath of prodigious energy and scope of learning who graduated from Muskingum College at age 14, earning his Ph.D. in Semitic languages at Yale University when he was 19. At age 35 in 1891, he was chosen by philanthropist John D. Rockefeller to help create the University of Chicago with his oil fortune, intending it to be the premier research university in the center of the country. Harper succeeded and became the university's first president. Today the Harper Cabin serves as a museum, open by appointment.



The Astronaut

*Before her **73-year marriage** to John Glenn...
Before moving her Marine household **24 times**...
Before becoming a **disabilities advocate**...
Before **overcoming her own disability**...*

Annie Glenn was a small town dentist's daughter with a life-impairing stutter... *and a very special boyfriend.*

At their namesake museum and 33 other locations in two adjoining counties, visit and learn the stories *behind* the stories of Ohio's first world-famous astronaut and the woman he called "the wind beneath my wings."



The Trail: A Tale in Three Towns

The map illustrates the trail route through three towns: Cambridge, New Concord, and Zanesville. The trail starts in Cambridge (MAP 1), goes 8 miles to New Concord (MAP 2), and then to Zanesville (MAP 3). The route is marked with a blue line and a red line. A small inset image shows a satellite view of the trail area.

John Glenn

Annie Glenn

A black and white photograph of a young man and a young woman smiling. The woman is on the left, wearing a patterned blouse and a dark jacket. The man is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt. They are both looking towards the camera.

John always accepted Annie as she was. They were both athletic, musical, and had many extracurricular activities. Both attended the town's Muskingum College where Annie majored in music and became an excellent organist. The two were a steady couple from junior high school until their engagement and 1943 marriage when John officially became a Marine pilot.

In 1973, John and Annie started a program for stutterers offered at the University of Virginia. After three intense sessions, Annie was able to control the stutter, and the couple was able to have a conversational. She could give a speech. When she said to John was, "I've washed your socks."



Annie Glenn passed away on May 19, 2020, at age 100.



A photograph of the exterior of Tom's Ice Cream Bowl. The building is a single-story structure with a white facade. The sign above the entrance reads "Tom's" in a large, stylized, red script font. Below this, in large, bold, red capital letters, is "ICE CREAM BOWL". Underneath that, in smaller, bold, red capital letters, are the words "CHOCOLATES NUTS SANDWICHES". The entrance has a glass door and a window. There are some small bushes and a red flower bed in front of the building. A "No Left Turn" sign is visible on the right side of the building.

*From Cambridge
to Zanesville
by way of
New Concord*

**Zanesville & New Concord
Muskingum County**

The Scotch-Irish Kids

Though neither John nor Annie Glenn were of purebred Scotch-Irish stock, they were raised in a small college town founded and steeped in Scotch-Irish Presbyterianism. John's great-great-great-grandfather Gabriel Glenn emigrated to America from Northern Ireland, the land of the Scotch-Irish, in the mid-1700s. It was his grandson, also named Gabriel, who came to Guernsey County in 1837, along with other Scotch-Irish settlers, and established a farm in the southwestern part of the county. John and Annie always credited the culture, morals, patriotism, and educational emphasis of the community they grew up in for shaping the adults they became.

This brochure, in an abbreviated way, traces the formative places of John and Annie's youth – points of significance in two Appalachian Ohio counties – that prepared them to leave in a time of war: two Scotch-Irish kids, grown up, in love, and ready to take on the world.

WEBSITES

www.johnandannieglenmuseum.org

www.visitguernseycounty.com

www.visitzanesville.com

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This brochure was supported by a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council.

9 The Independent Order of Odd Fellows built the eye-catching **I.O.O.F. temple building** at 624 Wheeling Avenue starting in 1896. When completed in 1897, thousands flocked to town for its dedication ceremonies. An old ledger book there shows John Glenn, Sr., joined their fraternal organization in the early 1900s. He also joined the Masons, as did John Jr. who was awarded the Masonic 3rd Degree in honor of his public service.

10 **Kennedy's Bakery** at 1025 Wheeling Avenue has been a favorite institution in Cambridge since the days when John and Annie were preschoolers. Founded in 1925, it has been run by successive generations of one family for nearly a century.

11 **The Genssey County History Museum** at 218 N. 8th St. contains thousands of artifacts from the county's more than two centuries of history, including John Glenn memorabilia. Two of its specialty rooms teach about the many one-room schoolhouses and coal mines that once abounded.