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OUR 130TH ANNIVERSARY

As we noted in our fall issue, 2006 is the 130th Anniversary of our founding within the then rural environment of the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood. We noted that our Dedication Ceremonies were held on Saturday, November 11, 1876. Following are details of that special time at the beginning of our historical legacy.



One hundred years earlier, we declared our independence from England and started a new Nation called the United States. Now, a century later, a large number of local Brooklyn Centre and Ohio City citizens gathered to consecrate their newly established Riverside Cemetery as the sacred resting place for present and future generations of Greater Clevelanders. The dedicatory exercises were entitled "Centennial" in recognition of the milestone year that 1876 represented, and the long straight roadway leading to the ceremonial site was similarly named.

Guests arrived during late morning by street car and private carriage. Dignitaries receiving special invitations met at City Hall, where the Association had provided carriages to bring them to the Cemetery. The site for the festivities was a small circular area at the east end of Centennial Ave., a noteworthy 1,000 foot stretch of straight roadway which extends east from the Chapel. President Josiah Barber Jr. called the assemblage to order a few minutes after the noon hour.

The invocation was given by Rev. S H. Lee,

pastor of the Detroit Street Congregational Church, followed by a hymn sung by the Arion Quartet. The principal dedicatory address was given by one F.T. Wallace, Esq., followed with brief remarks by the Hon. R.C. Parsons. The planting of commemorative trees along Centennial, as well as throughout the other developed grounds, then followed.

During these activities, the gathering was honored by the arrival of Gov. Rutherford B. Hayes, who had just been elected President the previous week. After touring the grounds with his escort, State Senator Schenck, he was welcomed by one Hon. Amos Townsend. He responded with a few brief remarks, which included a reference to the beauty of the grounds and the "ornament" they added to the city. He then proceeded to plant his assigned tree.

This ceremony concluded, everyone went to the small wood frame office where an informal reception was held. The Governor shook hands and received the congratulations of the eager crowd which gathered around him. His departure thereafter concluded this eventful and historic day in our earliest history.

FOUNDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*The founding Board of Riverside Cemetery Trustees
elected on November 15, 1875,
by local citizens included the following persons:*

*Hon. James M. Coffinberry
James M. Curtiss (Supt. & Clerk)
Frederick S. Pelton
Samuel W. Sessions
Josiah Barber, Jr. (Pres)
Robert R. Rhodes
Dr. Julius C. Schenck
G.T. Chapman (V.P.)
Abram T. Van Tassel
Alfred Kellogg (Treas.)*

*Thomas Dixon
L. D. Benedict
Nicholas Meyer
Diodate Clark
Elias Sims
John Daykin
Francis Branch
John J. Jennings
Hiram Barrett
George H. Foster*



RIVERSIDE ON THE WEB

The Riverside Cemetery Foundation is pleased to announce its sponsorship of a Web Site for our Cemetery which should be on line about mid-spring 2006. It will be accessible on the internet at :

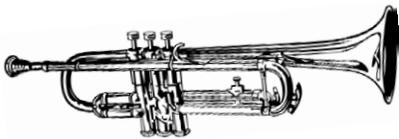
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Our webmaster, Kotowski Graphics Design of Chagrin Falls, has done a magnificent job for us inputting the vast amount of data which we have assembled and provided. Marijane Halley of our staff has spent considerable time researching our historic archives and genealogical resources as well as internet biographies to introduce our many known notable interments. She has also assembled our early history data and information on our current accommodations, including grave costs and service charges. We feel many persons are unaware of the numerous prominent early settlers resting eternally within our grounds who will now be identified in our Web Site.

We hope this effort will help dispel the false perception that our 130 year-old Burial Park has no grave space available. We're also confident you will find our prices are very attractive when compared with other Greater Cleveland Cemetery options.

If you know of someone special or notable who is buried here of whom we are unaware, we would appreciate information on them which we can review and consider for inclusion on our Site.

Our deepest gratitude is extended to special friend, Ray Pianka, whose valued encouragement and channeled support made this total project a reality for us.



The History of Taps

It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, we think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when a Union Army Captain, Robert Ellicombe, was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the battlefield. Not knowing if it was a Union or confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, he reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son!

The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status.

His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down, since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps"...used at military funerals, was born.

The words are:

Day is done...Gone the sun...From the lakes...From the hills...From the sky...All is well...Safely rest...God is nigh.

*Fading light...Dims the sight...And a star...Gems the sky...Gleaming bright,..From afar...
Drawing nigh...Falls the night.*

Thanks and praise...For our days...Neath the sun...Neath the stars...Neath the sky,..As we go...This we know...God is nigh.



SILK FLOWER BOUQUETS

We are still offering a nice selection of beautiful silk flower bouquets for our families and friends to purchase for gravesites. Total cost for the bouquet, tax and placement if desired, is \$24.00. They are all on display in the office

Each bouquet comes with a small green plastic self-standing vase and can be inserted in the ground directly. They are very appropriate at anytime of the year, but are especially nice for birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's and Father's Day, and Memorial Day.

Other than our **3/01** and **10/15 clearing times**, we will not remove these items. And, we cannot assume responsibility for them after they are placed.



WOODEN CROSSES NOW AVAILABLE

Wooden identification crosses are permitted from November 1 through March 31 in grass level headstone sections to assist in locating gravesites during the non-growing season. The Cemetery now offers these memorials for sale in two different sizes and wood types.

The smaller size, especially appropriate for children but also for adults, is 23 1/2" tall. It comes in Pine for \$47 or oak for \$50. The larger size is 35 1/2" high; it also comes in Pine for \$50 or oak \$60. Lettering is \$.50 per letter and the total is plus tax. Either natural or varnished finished are available. Payment is due when your cross is ordered. The delivery time is from 10-14 days after an order is submitted.

Samples are now on display in the Cemetery Office.



IN-GROUND FLOWER VASE

We have two types of fold-in vases available for sale. One is made of aluminum and costs \$22 installed. The other is zinc and costs \$37 installed. Please stop by the Office and check them out.



SUMMER TOURS

There are many notable persons and families interred within our 130 year-old Cemetery, and we are always proud to share information about them as well as our historic legacy with our Association families and community. This is done primarily through occasional lecture and walking tours of our grounds as a part of our Foundation's educational outreach. Some local groups do a tour on their own or with information we can provide. Sometimes, we conduct a tour in conjunction with Nancy Desmond, or staff rep; from Cleveland Metropark's Outdoor Education Division.

Currently on the schedule is:

- Walking tour by the Cleveland Hiking Club @ 9:30 a.m. on June 13th.
- Our popular Brewers' and other Notables tour with Metropark's Nancy Desmond and Riverside's Bill Halley on Saturday, July 22 starting at 9:30 a.m. in our Cemetery Chapel. While there is no charge for this event, we would appreciate advance reservations by calling 216/351-4800.

We will also try and list any upcoming tours, whether by ourselves or others, on our web site once it is on line.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q-*Are there any charges, other than the interment cost, when one wants to add an urn over an existing burial?*

A-NO. Some Cemeteries impose an added accommodation charge, usually equal to one-half the original or current cost of the grave, to permit adding an urn. Riverside doesn't follow this practice. Only the interment charge for the cremains is charged.

Q-*Does Riverside ever impose an added accommodation charge?*

A-YES. If a pre-need grave was purchased originally for one traditional burial (casket & vault), and the owner now wants to change it so two such interments can be accommodated, a double deep burial right charge, equal to one-half the original single-deep cost is required. This change, however, can only be approved where soil conditions are suitable for opening a double-deep grave safely.

Q-*What is your policy regarding multiple urns in an Urn Garden or adult grave?*

A-More than one urn can be added to either grave. Names can be added to an existing headstone or shown collectively on a new marker. If there is no space available on an existing headstone on an adult grave, a youth, flush marker is permitted in front of it. Because of the smaller grave size in the Urn Garden, only one headstone is permitted. And, only the prevailing interment charge for the urn is involved.

Q-*Some friends have said they were required to go to the Cemetery to personally identify the intended site within previously purchased gravespace for a current burial. Is this procedure required at Riverside?*

A-NO. Every effort is made to identify a needed grave with information provided by the Funeral Director and/or family member in charge. Often Directors will order the grave during arrangements while the immediate family is present to consult with questions. If confusion still exists, a sketch of the lot is faxed to the Funeral Home for the family's review. We usually ask for an "x" and return by fax. If a family wishes to consult with us at the Cemetery personally, it is their voluntary decision to do so. These procedures have always been successful for us to identify a grave.



BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR
Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon Susan Ertz (1894-1985)-Writer

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William Halley.....General Manager
Valere CraigAdm. Asst.
Marijane Halley.....Adm. Asst.
Shirley BillGeneral Foreman
Kenneth Langley.....Asst. General Foreman

Cemetery gates April-September 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
October-March 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday
(except holidays)

CEMETERY GRAVE CLEAN-OFF DATES
MARCH 1 & OCTOBER 15

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME.

NAME CROSSES IN FLAT STONE AREAS PERMITTED
NOV. 1 – APR. 1 ONLY

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF LOT OWNERS WHOSE REVENUES FROM SALES & SERVICES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OUR GROUNDS.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

CARLOS L. JONES

1827 - 1897



Carlos L. Jones came to Cleveland in 1831 and made his success as a manufacturer of farm implements and in real estate investments on Pearl Street. He even once served as a Mayor of Brooklyn.

Carlos is best known, however, as the founder of the Jones Home for Children which he established with his second wife, Mary, Dec. 15, 1887. It was initially intended to provide a place of care for orphaned and friendless children as a memorial to his first wife, Delia, who died in 1853 at age 24, and his only son, John Marvin, who drowned in a well on the property in 1864 at age 12. Today, this facility serves as a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children from 6-16 years of age. Among the founding trustees were such prominent leaders as then former President Rutherford B. Hayes, Hon. James M. Coffinberry, Isaac P. Lamson, and Samuel W. Sessions. The latter three were also involved in our founding as well.

The original Home was located in the Jones' family cottage on Pearl Street at Library Avenue, and accommodated only 9 children. This was soon enlarged with dormitories which increased accommodations to 50. In October 1903, the present 3-story yellow brick building was opened and housed administrative, dining, schooling, and added housing needs. Today this Main Building serves as the headquarters for Applewood Centers (formally Childrens' Services). It became an official Cleveland Landmark in 1984 and underwent a \$2.24 million renovation in 1997 which retained its many historical features.

This year, the now Jones Campus of Applewood Centers celebrates its 119 Anniversary, and is supported by United Way Services, Endowment, Government funding,

and private donations. The Carlos Jones family rest eternally in Lot 104 of Section 23.



FROM THE FOREMEN

BY SHIRLEY & KEN

Summer is on its way. To keep the Cemetery a safe place to visit, and pleasant to the eyes for everyone, here are just a few friendly reminders for the growing season.

- Please limit the portable triutes to 3 per grave; Anything more than 3 will be removed and disposed of.
- We ask that no glass or porcelain items be put out. They break too easily and our staff and visitors can get hurt.
- Also, please do not put out rocks or pebbles around headstones, plantings or decorations. They do not stop the grass from growing and they are very dangerous when trimming and cutting the grass.
- For the families that plant flowers on their lots, please remember it is your responsibility to keep them weeded. The plants make the cemetery look very nice, but when the weeds take over they resemble overgrown fields and look terrible. When this situation occurs, we will have no alternative but to cut them down.
- Always check with the office first to see if your section allows in-ground planting. If the section does not, annuals must be put in a pot which can be moved comfortably
- Please stay off the grass and out of the sections..

Your co-operation in these guidelines will be greatly appreciated by your Cemetery's administrative and grounds maintenance staff as well as our valued families and many welcomed visitors.

"HAVE A GREAT SUMMER"

Seasonal Gate Closing Hours

During the summer and early fall this past year, we experimented with a later closing of our gates. Our gates remained open until 7:00 p.m. during the week and on weekends. We feel this later accommodation better served our working families, and was well received. Therefore, we'll continue the later weekly closings again this year starting with the first Saturday in April through September. In October, we'll adjust the extended closing time with the dwindling daylight hours until 10/29 when the winter close of 5:00 p.m. will prevail everyday.

In Grateful Appreciation

New Contributors and Additional Gifts To Our Foundation Since the Fall Issue

Elizabeth Brown
In memory of Anna Easterly

Ingrida Davis
*In memory of Zanbergs
& Davis Families*

Edward Rabbitt
In memory of Shirley Rabbitt

Sarah Porter
*In memory of
John & Phyllis Porter
& Helen Kari*

Dorothy Justice
In memory of James Justice

Ruth Sauer
*In memory of
Donald & Marva Lynne Sauer*

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*In memory of Ben Burrows
& Ellen & John Salzer*

Emmajean Ramsey
*In memory of
Melton & Melvin Fox*

LaVerne & Edgar Buesch
*In memory of Buesch
& Razor Families*

Cora D'Amore
In memory of Schaeilkopf Family

Susan & Earl Feierabend
*In memory of
Agnes & George Feierabend*

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Williams
*In memory of
Irene & Walter Lehder*

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*In memory of Tallman,
Reif & Thomas Clans*

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In memory of Jimmy Joe Gibson

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In memory of James Stewart Sr.

Janice & Tony Fletcher
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Roberta, Roland & Estella Baster*

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*In memory of Allen Schroeder
& Reutner Family*

Steve McQuillin

Thomas Baran

Milano Monuments

The Lubrizol Foundation

Foster Family Foundation

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*In memory of Mathilda, Stanley
& Donald Barta*

John Franklin
*In memory of
Lamson & Session Families*

Shirley Wozniak
*In memory of Will Glatz
& Ted Wozniak*

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*In memory of Sophia Stepanik
& Paul Valachovic Jr.*

Leslie Forbes
In memory of Carol & Jim Forbes

Lillie King
*In memory of Earl King
& Shirley Childress*

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*In memory of
Amy & Earl Williamson*

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*In memory of
Amy & Earl Williamson*

K.L. Carter
*In memory of Phyllis & John Porter
& Helen Kari*

Carol Seiken
In memory of Ackerman Twin Boys

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*In memory of
Florence & Dr. Robert Stecher*

Marijane & Bill Halley
*In memory of
Paul Hiller,
Dorothy Blumenstein,
Madeline & Heber Halley*

William Dunbar
*In memory of
Cynthia & Diane Dunbar*

Sandra Grocky
In memory of William Miller

Jean Barnes
In memory of her Ancestors

Mary Ann & Donald Obert
*In memory of
Obert, Wittmus, Zeuch
& Poe Families at Riverside*

Betty Wells
In memory of Arthur Wells

Ede & Ralph Spencer
*In memory of
Agnes & John Schmotzer*

Joel Ager
In memory of Elizabeth Ager

Frederick Hauret
In memory of N. Grace Pierce

Gary & Linda Alber Spiros
*In memory of
Olivia Augustus Spiros,
August Ferdinand Alber
& Maimu Alber*

Jean & Robert Glatz
*In memory of
Lt. Wilburt,
Amelia, Stella & Henry Glatz*

Zorida Rosario
*In memory of
Luis, Teresa,
& Juan Rosario Family*

Herbert F. Leisy Jr.