WOODLAND GUARDIAN





Civil War Trolley Tour is a Success...FOUR TIMES!



Another trolley, filled with happy history buffs, leaves Woodland Cemetery. According to Michelle A. Day, 149 people took the Civil War tour.

Woodland is "First" on National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom

Believe it or not, Woodland Cemetery is the **FIRST** and currently the only site to be a member of the National Park Service (NPS) Underground Railroad (URR) Network to Freedom in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland is under-recognized in its history for the Underground Railroad when there were over 3,000 routes in the State of Ohio.

Deanda Johnson of the National Park Service wanted to place Cleveland on the NPS Underground Railroad Network.

She contacted the Woodland Cemetery Foundation and numerous other cemeteries and churches in Cleveland to apply for recognition as a member of the NPS URR Network to Freedom.

Only the Woodland Cemetery Foundation accepted the opportunity to apply.

Deanda Johnson's initial contact was based on Sara Lucy Bagby Johnson, the last slave to be prosecuted under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and then returned south to her slave master, William Goshorn.

Deanda Johnson had also heard of Hiram Wilson, Lane Rebel and abolitionist, who helped settle 2,000 slaves in St. Catherine's in Canada. Wilson had been buried in St. Catherine's and then brought to Woodland Cemetery for reburial.

Two other residents of Woodland Cemetery were included in the application process.

Edward Wade, an abolitionist Representative in the U.S. Congress, was an Underground Railroad conductor and station master.

John Brown, a wealthy African-

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By Paul Siedel

With the first Civil War tour, we didn't even know if we would break even. Four sold-out tours later we knew we were onto something.

The idea for a Cleveland tour evolved after I took a Civil War tour of Washington D.C. last winter.

I already had a good idea of what places to include. I just had to make sure all the information was accurate and that they would fit into a three-hour time limit.

I found out not to rely completely on old-time resident stories. I got several stories from folks that proved untrue when I checked them in the **Encyclopedia of Cleveland History**.

Of course, I'm not a novice when it

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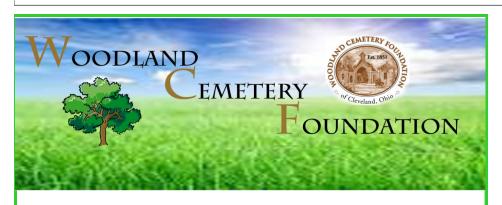
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Meeting and Events Schedule 2016:

Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month except December (no meeting).

10:00 am at the Woodland Avenue Public Library Branch except May meeting.

Check the website for updates, email wcfcle@wcfcle.org or call 216.319.2091

January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14 * Meeting at Sterling
Public Library Branch*
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December (off due to holidays)

Events 2016:

Decorating Veteran Graves May 21 & May 22, 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Optional makeup date due to rain May 28, 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

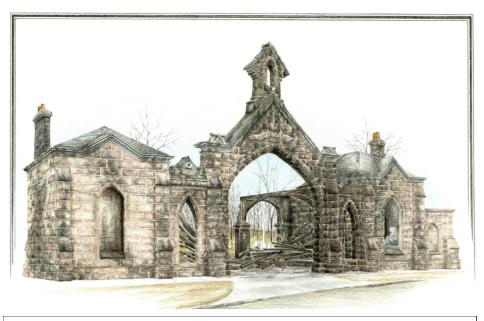
Memorial Day Ceremony honoring WWII veterans Monday, May 30 at 10:00 am.

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A Woodland Gate House Rendering...We're Still Waiting.

Woodland Cemetery Gatehouse Update

By Michelle A. Day

In October 2011, Cleveland City Council passed an ordinance to transfer \$2.3M from the \$6.5M endowment fund account to restore the gatehouses at Erie Street, Monroe Street and Woodland Cemeteries with the promise that in the event of any cost over runs the city would find the funds.

Over the next two years the Erie Street and Monroe Street Cemetery gate-houses were restored beautifully.

The Woodland Cemetery gatehouse is more complicated to restore since it was completely disassembled. The city hired an architect to go through the pile of stones one by one and catalog the stones for re-assembly which was a giant jigsaw puzzle.

With the costs for Erie Street and Monroe Street restoration costing about \$1.4M this only left approximately \$900,000 for Woodland Cemetery.

Our guess is that the Woodland Cemetery project would cost between \$1.5M-\$2.0M. The City of Cleveland placed the Woodland Gatehouse restoration project on hold until the Spring 2015

Many who have come to the cemetery notice that the gatehouse has not been rebuilt. During a conversation I had with Director Michael Cox, he said the gatehouse is on hold now until Spring

2016 and he assured us that Mayor Frank Jackson is committed to rebuilding the Woodland Gatehouse. I asked if there is anything the foundation could do, and the reply was "no".

If the city was committed to pay for any cost over runs and there was over \$4.0M remaining in the endowment fund account, how is it that the City of Cleveland could not find the remaining funds to restore the Woodland Gatehouse?

It has been rumored that with the loss of traffic light camera revenue, the city paying for renovations on the Brown's stadium, and the renovation of Public Square for the 2016 Republican National Convention, the city had placed the endowment fund monies into other projects for the City of Cleveland.

Recently, the City of Cleveland said there is a \$5.0M cost over run for the Public Square project and asked the State of Ohio to help finance the remaining part. One can only hope that they will replace the funds and restore the Woodland Cemetery Gatehouse.

As many have said when we announced the city was going to restore the Woodland Cemetery Gatehouse -"When we see it, we will believe it."

After the city dismantled the gatehouse in the winter of 1995-1996 with assurances of resurrecting it, it's still a pile of promises.

Woodland Avenue Fireman Save Memorial Day

On May 23, while Boy Scout Troop 337 was practicing the raising and lowering of the flag for the Woodland Cemetery Foundation's annual Memorial Day service, the rope broke.

The City of Cleveland could not come out and replace and restring the rope in time for the Monday ceremony.

We were in a quandary as to how to get the rope restrung in time for Memorial Day. How does one get to the top of the pole in order to restring the flag? Could we use the fire department's ladder?

The firemen on-call at Station No. 7 on Woodland Avenue were more than happy to assist if there were no calls. They came to the cemetery only to have to leave for a call, but did later return to save Memorial Day for the Boy Scouts.

The raising and lowering of the flag was accomplished in fine fashion.

Thank you Station No 7.



Firemen from Station 7 rescue the Memorial Day Ceremony

It's Easy to Cheat the Dead

What Did Cleveland Do with the Special Endowment Funds?

By Michelle A. Day

There are two types of endowments that your family could have purchased for a loved one.

The operating endowment fund is one for any burial for the upkeep of the gravesite/cemetery and the "special" endowment fund paid for additional upkeep of their gravesite over and above the general operating endowment.

Woodland Cemetery has approximately 640 "Special" endowments. The most recent was purchased for \$3,000 in 1967. The earliest occurred in 1864 for Col. William Creighton and Lt. Col. Orrin Crane (donated by the City of Cleveland).

Most of these endowments request for general maintenance of the lot while others have special instructions such as cleaning of all stonework or cleaning of memorials, planting of flowers, placing Christmas Wreaths, potted plant at Easter or at Decoration Day (aka Memorial Day), planting & proper care of flowers in several urns, proper care of curbing and walks, etc.

The approximate principle placed into the "special" endowment fund designated for Woodland is \$170,000. There are certificates for each cemetery in Cleveland.

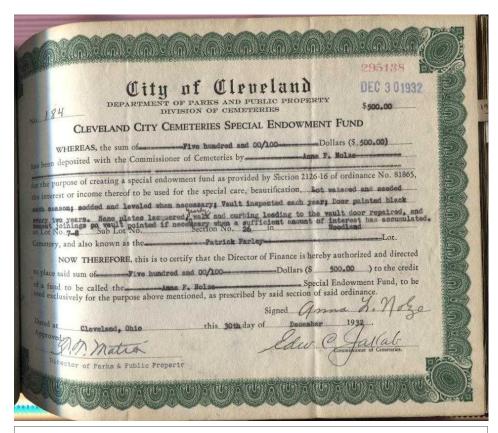
When Patrick Farley sent a letter to the city as to why they have not been honoring the special endowment for the Farley Mausoleum, the response from the City of Cleveland Assistant Director of Law, John P. L. Mills, stated

"... the Cleveland City Council formally repealed the original cemetery endowment fund in 2011 and this ended any responsibilities that may have been created at the time the Certificate was signed.

Moreover, only the Certificate holder would have a right to enforce contractual obligations as a part to a contract.

Lastly, under the original 1928 ordinance which created the endowment fund, Certificates do not transfer upon the death of the holder in the manner that cemetery plots do.

Therefore, I must conclude that ongoing maintenance of the Farley



A Special Endowment Agreement for the Lot of Patrick Farley declared null and void by the City of Cleveland. Where's their money?

Mausoleum is the responsibility of the lot owners, and not the City of Cleveland."

How can the city relinquish their obligation to the numerous families that purchased an endowment in good faith? Where is it written that the law was repealed? Was it voted on?

Since the principle remained in the account and accumulated interest at various rates until the 1990s less expenses, how much actually was in the account? Where did the money go?

The certificates do not transfer and the certificate holder is the only person who can enforce the contract?

These responsible certificate holders paid into this endowment in the belief their burial location would continue to be cared for following their demise. Yet, the City of Cleveland states they are not obligated? Although we have strived to find all the "special" endowment trust certificates, the research still continues. There may be many more that may have been entrusted at banks that

may have since closed or disappeared in mergers. Some of these may be able to be identified through wills or probate records.

All of the endowment lots have been photographed by members Richard Snyder, Rick Foster, and Sheila Philpot. These will be reviewed as to the condition of any memorial markers knowing that some lots are without any headstones or markers.

If you are aware of such a trust or would like to know if your ancestor had a special endowment, please contact us at wcfcle@wcfcle.org.

Special Endowment Laws

§ 557.23 Cemetery Operating Fund

(a) Except as described in Sections $\underline{557.21}$ and $\underline{557.22}$, the principal

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and income from the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund and from deferred payments due thereto, and all earnings attributable to the cemeteries, including those described in division (c) of Section 557.08, may be paid into the Cemetery Operating Fund established. Moneys in the Cemetery Operating Fund shall be available each year for appropriation for the purpose of the enlarging, improving, embellishing, operating, maintaining or caring for the cemeteries of the City, or parts thereof.

- (b) No moneys in the Cemetery Operating Fund derived from the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund or from trust funds or from earnings attributable to the cemeteries shall ever be transferred or diverted to any other fund, or expended for any other purpose than those specified in this section.
- (c) The salaries of the employees necessary for the cemeteries and other expenses necessary for the cemeteries, shall be payable from the Cemetery Operating Fund. (Ord. No. 957-11. Passed 10-24-11, eff. 10-26-11)

§ 557.18 Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund

That portion of receipts from the sale of any cemetery lot which is designated as the endowment cost shall be paid into the account of a fund of the cemetery established and designated as the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund, the principal and interest of which shall be used for the purpose of the enlarging, improving, embellishing, operating, maintaining or caring for the cemeteries of the City. The balance shall be invested by the Director of Finance, or by the Director's successor designated for the purpose by ordinance, in securities in which sinking funds or municipal trust funds are authorized by statute or ordinance to be invested. Any unencumbered portions at any time unvested shall be kept on deposit, at interest, in regular City depositaries. The principal and earnings from the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund shall be used to defray the cost of maintaining and caring for the cemeteries, including any common structures, any

structures erected on lots or burial sites, the drives, walks, and general improvements to the cemeteries. (Ord. No. 957-11. Passed 10-24-11, eff. 10-26-11)

§ 557.20 Annual Payments from Trust Funds

In addition to the endowment funds, the City is authorized to receive from trustees, executors or other custodians of trust funds under wills or agreements providing for the upkeep of lots and monuments and headstones in cemeteries belonging to or under the control of the City, such annual payments as such custodians of the trust fund are able and willing to make. The funds so received shall be expended by the Commissioner of Park Maintenance and Properties in the maintenance and beautification of the particular lot and the maintenance and repair of any headstone and monument standing thereon for which such contribution is made. The Commissioner is authorized to issue receipts for such funds stipulating that the same shall be expended solely for the improvements of the lots, headstones and monuments designated by such custodian of the trust fund. (Ord. No. 1659-09. Passed 11-30-09, eff. 12-3-09)

§ 557.21 Trust Funds Deposited in City Cemetery Endowment Fund

Trust funds previously established for the perpetual care of cemetery lots already sold may be turned in whole or in part into the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Park Maintenance and Properties and of the purchaser of any such lot or his or her representative or successor in interest having power to assent thereto. Any such funds shall be treated as a permanent part of the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund under Section 557.22. In case trust funds are not so turned into such fund, the original trust agreement shall continue in force unchanged. (Ord. No. 957-11. Passed 10-24-11, eff. 10-26-11)

§ 557.22 Funds for Additional Care of Beautification

Purchasers of cemetery lots may

create and the City may accept the custody and administration of permanent funds for the purpose of providing the perpetual care or beautification of designated lots in addition to the care provided from the Cemetery Operating Fund. All permanent funds so accepted shall be evidenced by an agreement in form prescribed and approved by the Director of Law, executed by the purchaser in his or her own behalf and by the Commissioner of Park Maintenance and Properties and the Director of Finance on behalf of the City. For the purpose of custody and investment, but not otherwise, the principal amount of the trust funds, whether created prior to the enactment of this section or under its terms, shall be treated as a permanent part of the Cleveland City Cemetery Endowment Fund. The earnings of the permanent funds shall be applied exclusively to the perpetual care and beautification of the designated lot for which the funds were accepted. The expenditure may be made each year as the earnings accrue, or a reserve may be accumulated of the earnings in such amount as the Commissioner may deem necessary to meet emergencies and unanticipated requirements.

(Ord. No. 957-11. Passed 10-24-11, eff. 10-26-11)

You can read more of the City of Cleveland Cemetery codified ordinances

http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/cleveland_oh/partfivemunicipalutilitiesandser-vicescod/titleixmunicipalservices/chapter557-cemeteries?f=templates\$fn=default.htm\$3.0\$vid=amlegal:cleveland_oh

For the Ohio Revised Codes pertaining to Cemeteries in the State of Ohio:

http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/759

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

Goodbye Marcella Scott, Friend of Woodland



Marcella Scott (L) speaks to a group from a Lolly the Trolley Civil War Tour in April 2015. With her is sister Morgan (Kathy).

By Michelle A. Day

On October 25, 2015, the Woodland Cemetery Foundation lost one of its most wonderful and supportive members, Marcella Scott.

A great number of years ago Marcella approached the Woodland Cemetery Foundation with the desire to research her family history at the cemeterv.

Marcella's Great Grandfather, Peterson Lawson, who had fought in the Civil War as a member of the United States Navy, was buried there.

Over the years her presence was noted at the various events held at the cemetery. When she could not serve physically, she offered herself in other ways.

After a few years of remission, her cancer came back earlier this year. It would finally claim her.

The week of Memorial Day provided yet another moment for people to remember her. Despite her own suffering, she brought fruit to those of us working at the cemetery.

On a personal note, I remember her offering to do a McDonald's milkshake run for those working on an event.

There were a few things Marcella insisted on before her passing. Her final resting spot had to be in Woodland Cemetery. Thankfully, she is buried near her mother in Section 94A.

Her other desire was for a monument to be erected in Section 28 dedicated to George and Julia Hayes, Freedom Seekers.

Mission accomplished!

Marcella -- Rest in Peace, we love you and will always miss you!



Michelle A. Day and Harriet Smith visit with Marcella Scott at her home on October 4, 2015.

Obituary for Marcella Scott

Editor's Note: The following was taken from Marcella's Service Program.

Marcella Peggy Patrick was the third oldest child born to Marcellus and Eileen Patrick on July 3, 1936 in Cleveland. Ohio.

She attended Cleveland public schools and received an Associates degree from Cuyahoga Community College in Early Childhood Education, where she was employed until her retirement

Marcella accepted the LORD at an early age and converted to Catholicism. She remained faithful until death. She was a member of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, and was very active with many charities.

Marcella married Leavander Scott and to that union was born one son.

As a youth, Marcella excelled in her love of Rolling Skating and was a vision of beauty as she gracefully glided across the rink in her colorful attire. She skated well into her seventies with friends, who like her, refused to abandon the sport that brought them so much pleasure because of age.

Marcella was passionate about family history and loved to share the ancestral stories that her mother shared about our freedom seekers and Civil War heroes. One of her life's missions was to seek out their places of rest and to make sure that they had received the proper recognition which was not afforded them at the time of their burials.

It was always important to her for our youth to understand that "we came from greatness," and to remember who we are.

Marcella was proceeded in death by her mother Eileen, father Marcellus, step-father Theodore Shaffer, and sister Joyce Spencer.

She leaves to mourn her loss her son Leavander (Michael) Scott, grandsons Michael and Corey Scott, granddaughter Shayla Stephens, brothers Ralph and Elmore Patrick, sisters Betty Johnson, Harriet Smith, Thelma Jolly, and Morgan (Kathy) Alexander, loving nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

The Civil War in Bones and Bricks

By Dorothy Salem

The Living History Tour for 2015 attracted the curious wondering what the title embraced.

The bones were the ancestors connected to the Civil War era resting in Woodland Cemetery. The bricks were the era's mausoleums and monuments dedicated to the Civil War.

Held on Saturday, September 19,



Natalie Jemiola-Wilson as Sara Lucy Bagby Johnson

2015, the event began at 1:00 p.m. on a beautiful fall day.

The weather predicted heavy rains so most brought umbrellas. The rain did not hit until two hours into the event so our fifty plus visitors had a chance to visit the re-enactors at the graves of the soldiers, both the Colored Troops and the all-white units representing both the Union and Confederacy.

They also met the Governor of Ohio, John Brough; a Civil War nurse, Mary Carpenter; and Joseph Briggs, who started the home delivery of mail during the Civil War.

They also met Sarah Thatcher, the first female librarian in Cleveland, who worked for the Women's Sanitary Com-



Luther "Pete" Robinson, who's re-enacting James Aaron, shakes hands with his character's real life ancestor, Herb Aaron!

mission which supported the troops. The fugitive slave, Sara Lucy Bagby, whose case was the last to test the Fugitive Slave Law before the start of the Civil War was also there.

Fifteen residents at Woodland Cemetery had a chance to tell their stories to the visitors, college students, families, and Civil War buffs present.

Visitors were entertained by period music played by the Federal Rebels throughout the day.

Storyboards of the mausoleums and monuments prepared by architect, Kevin Robinette, compared the architectural features to well-known historical monuments throughout the world.

The visitors received an educational bookmark at each gravesite and gained raffle tickets for prizes based upon the number of sites visited.

The visitors and volunteers left that day a little wet, but all learned something about the Civil War, Cleveland History, and the monuments throughout the cemetery.

Grant-funded through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and Neighborhood Connections, the Living History Tour enabled this historic cemetery to live up to its purpose: to teach the living about the past.



You never know when historic ghosts are going to show up. Mark Siedel, Gerald Payne, and Larry Snyder appeared for the October 4 trolley tour.

The Necrology Detective

Helping to find your ancestral heritage at Woodland Cemetery

by Richard Snyder

Through the website "Find A Grave", anyone can request a headstone photo of an ancestor, friend or other person of interest.

A volunteer will visit the cemetery, and if a headstone exists, a photo will be taken and posted to the memorial of that person. This story begins with a photo request for:

Hattie Lee, born 12 Dec 1916, died 12 Dec 1916, age 2 hours, Cleveland Ohio.

Burial 13 Dec 1916, Woodland Cemetery, Cleveland Ohio, Section A2, Tier 1, Grave 106.

A local resident in Cleveland, Susan, was researching her family, especially her grandmother, Hattie Smolinsky and her father, Arthur Smolinsky.

Years ago, Arthur had mentioned that his birth mother, Hattie, might have been married to a Chinese man named Lee.

That's all she knew!! She found that "baby" Hattie Lee was buried at Woodland, and wondered if the child's mother was Hattie Smolinsky.

There was no headstone for "baby" Hattie, but cemetery records showed that there were numerous souls buried in the same lot, all of Chinese descent.

So, I began to dig further, and discovered many fascinating details about the Lee and Smolinsky families.

Let's start with Arthur Smolinsky, Susan's father. Susan has her father's original birth certificate, which is a treasure when you are researching an ancestor.

Arthur was born 25 Dec 1909 in the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital in Cleveland, the child of Hattie Smolinsky, age 17 and Henry Millstone, age 23.

Hattie chose to give Arthur her maiden name...perhaps she and Henry

were never married, because they gave different addresses for the certificate.

Arthur was adopted in 1911 by Gottfried and Louise Bonkowski and his name was changed to Henry Paul Bonkowski (he kept his birth father's first name). And then, sometime later, he changed his name to Paul Henry Banks.

Many people changed their name to become "more American". Arthur's father, Henry, must have moved away from Cleveland...we found no evidence of him in the 1920, 1930 or 1940 censuses.

So, Susan has no information on her real grandfather.

After "digging" further, we found the Marriage License, dated 12 Oct 1912, for Hattie Augusta Smolinsky and George Lee. Hattie's parents are listed as August Smolinsky and Lena Fester.

Hattie must have taken the name of her father as her middle name. The 1920 U.S. Federal Census verifies this...Hattie Augusta and George Lee were living at 6105 Woodland Ave. in Cleveland (just 5 blocks from Woodland Cemetery).

Apparently, they had a baby girl in 1916, our "Baby Hattie" Lee. Arthur probably never knew that he had a sister that died shortly after birth.

George's race was listed as "Y" for yellow...that would never happen to-day!!! George was related to the other Chinese souls that are buried with Baby Hattie. This same 1920 census shows that Hattie and George have a son, Robert E. Lee, born 1918.

Now, jump to the 1935 Florida State Census. The 1930 Federal Census has no information for Hattie and George. That was the height of the Great Depression, and many people were displaced or out of work, so they were never counted.

Each generation will reap what the former generation has sown.

Chinese Proverb



Ancestor



Several people with Chinese ancestry were buried together in this plot, including "baby" Hattie Lee.

Hattie Augusta Lee is living in St. Petersburg, Florida, with husband George, and four children, all born in Ohio, including the oldest, Robert E. Lee. The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is the same for Hattie, George and their four children. George's race is reconfirmed, and his birth place is listed as San Francisco, and both his mother and father were born in China.

After much more research, I was not able to find any further information on Hattie and George or their children, such as death locations or death dates.

Susan does not, to this day, know what happened to her grandmother or grandfather. The 1950 U.S. Federal Census will not be released to the public until 2020...a very long time to wait. Patience is a frustrating virtue!!

Because of some diligent (and rewarding) research, Susan was able to learn so much about her extended family. And, so can you!!

With the help of Ancestry.com and Find A Grave, much can be discovered with the help of the Internet...just be persistent, and Don't Give Up!! Family research can be a lot of fun if you are willing to be a Necrology Detective.

**A note about Baby Hattie and her Chinese roots. Her burial lot includes several Chinese ancestors (surname Lee), whose links cannot be confirmed.

The remains of five different individuals were shipped back to China in the 1920s. Much research has been done to determine why, but nothing conclusive has been discovered so far.

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American barber, collaborated with John Malvin and William Ambush, Cleveland African American leaders. He used his home and business to hide escaped slaves until they could be moved to freedom.

The research and writing process took some time and effort. Using primary sources, we found evidence to document each person's role in the Underground Railroad.

Our hard work resulted in four biographies which earned Woodland Cemetery the honor of being the only site in Cleveland recognized by the NPS URR Network to Freedom.

Thanks to everyone who did the nominee research and especially to Deanda Johnson and the National Park Service.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

Presented to

Sara Lucy Bagby (Johnson), John Brown,
Edward Wade, and Hiram Wilson Burial
Sites at Woodland Cemetery

The National Park Service has evaluated this SITE as making a
significant contribution to the understanding of the Underground Railroad
in American history and it meets the requirements for inclusion in the
National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom

Diane Miller, National Park Service

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> Underground Railroad Youth Experience \$6000

Firemen's Sculpture and Fallen Fire Fighters Headstones \$30,000

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Ohio Society Pulls Funds From War of 1812 Monument

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BARZILLA BANNISTER BURKE

FIGHTING FOR CANADA

The design of Woodland's War of 1812 Monument to be erected in 2016.

Woodland Cemetery has 24 confirmed residents who served in the War of 1812 including Governor Reuben Wood, William Jackson (black) and General Donald McLeod.

We previously raised partial funds to install a monument being donated by Northcoast Memorials but there were additional costs being incurred such as a base for the monument, concrete footer and the engraving.

Funds were going to be matched by the Daughters of the War of 1812 and

the Society for the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio.

Because of the controversy of General Donald McLeod, the Ohio Society for the War of 1812 will not contribute to the memorial unless his name is removed from the monument.

After many emails and a promise to match funds to finish the War of 1812 memorial, the Ohio Society decided to retract their contribution unless we meet their terms.

In an email from the President of

the Ohio Society, Craig Fisher, this is what the organization has said: "As it was presented to me, the Crown Forces veteran, Donald McLeod seems to have had mixed allegiances and it is our belief that his [actions] in the War of 1812 are overshadowed by his post war activities which do not reflect well on the sacrifices of those US veterans listed.

After much debate, it is our belief that we would be willing to release our funds towards the completion of the monument as well as assist in its dedication with these modifications."

As a cemetery whose mission is to preserving history, we feel that it is important to represent all aspects of history and refuse to not include General McLeod.

We have no problem separating his name and service from the other veterans who served for the United States but the Ohio Society will not contribute unless his name is completely removed.

We hope you will contribute to the \$1500 needed to finalize this memorial and help Woodland Cemetery preserve the history of those who served in the War of 1812 and to memorialize the War of 1812 veterans in Woodland Cemetery before Memorial Day 2016.

Hats off to the Grounds Staff!

Woodland Cemetery is looking good! This year the grounds crew did a fantastic job of mowing the cemetery and maintaining the lawn.

Many visitors have come to the cemetery and commented to the WCF about how nice the grounds have been maintained.

In all the years I (Michelle Day) have been going to Woodland, this year has definitely been noticeable and not just in looks but by how friendly the crew has been.

Often when you are in the cemetery one of the maintenance crew staff members will approach you asking if they could be of assistance. This practice was not of the past and is very inviting!

If you find that the grounds and the staff are of service, please remember to



say "Thank you"! Most people have complaints but when someone is doing a good job, a thank you goes a long way and is very appreciable.

Thank you to Todd Sellers (left), "Mama" Jean Jackson (center), and Jimmy Gates (right).

Twenty-Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry Honored on Memorial Day



Larry Snyder was the keynote speaker for the 2015 Memorial Day Ceremony

The 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI) was honored during the Ninth Annual Woodland Cemetery Foundation Memorial Day Ceremony in 2015.

2015 was the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War and Woodland Cemetery is considered a "Civil War" Cemetery.

Many of the residents buried here served in the Civil War and we are home to several Civil War monuments.

One of those monuments is dedicated to the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. It's manufacturing began in January

1865 and it was installed in July 1865.

After the 23rd OVI was discharged in Public Square, they marched to Woodland Cemetery to dedicate their monument.

For years, the regiment worked hard to obtain subscriptions to pay for it and later to have it manufactured.

The 23rd OVI monument is considered the first Civil War regimental monument erected in the United States having been done prior to the conclusion of the Civil War.

The keynote speaker for this year was Larry Snyder, a re-enactor for the 23rd OVI and 19th Ohio Light Artillery (OHLA), and a historian docent for the McKinley Library and Museum.

Larry and the 19th OHLA brought their cannon and did a cannon firing. Those in attendance were fascinated looking at this antique artifact and it certainly made a lasting impression amongst the young and old.

We would like to thank the 7th OVI, 19th OHLA, Boy Scout Troop Packs 183 & 327, Father John Henry, Burdell Waffler, Paul Ferroni, William Stark, Cordell Stokes and especially those who were in attendance.

Thank you for another memorable year honoring those at Woodland Cemetery and for our nation.



The 19th Ohio Light Artillery during Memorial Day 2015

Finding the Bivouacs of the Dead

By Bill Stark Director of Veteran Necrology

I am researching all 247 names on the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Monument at Woodland Cemetery of those who were either killed in action, died of wounds, or died of illness or disease.

Those men who died at the Battles of South Mountain (Fox's Gap) and Antietam were buried at Antietam National Cemetery, provided their families did not have them returned to Ohio for interment in civilian cemeteries.

Of the 247 names, 110 have been completed. Of the 110, 23 have been accounted for at Antietam National Cemetery, however not all have headstones on identified burials.

Ironically, the U.S. Government can't confirm that all are buried there but The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Volume 3, places them there in the 23rd Ohio's "Roll of Honor."

Final conclusions as to the total number at Antietam really can't be drawn until the survey has been completed.

This self-inflicted project will run into 2016. All of this is being done with on-line web sites since it's too expensive to look at each man's compiled military service record or pension file if one exists.

Each man is being entered in the Find A Grave web site and on the Graves Registration Data Base of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

...Then there are the names on the 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry monument across the road from the 23rd's.

You can follow the virtual cemetery of the 23rd OVI Monument on FAG at:

http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=vcsr&GSvcid=600069



Tour, From Page 1

comes to the Civil War. I have been interested in it since the Centennial in the 1960s. My folks bought me Bruce Catton's **Golden Book of the Civil War** for Christmas. That summer we went to Gettysburg.

My two passions growing up were the Civil War and the Cleveland Indians.

My obsession didn't end with adulthood. I currently belong to three Civil War Round Tables in Northeast Ohio.

Prior to the first tour, I didn't know it would be so successful. In fact, I just planned on a one shot deal and felt that if we had a half-full trolley we would not go in the hole and Woodland would get some good exposure.

We decided to do four because they kept selling out, thanks to Michelle Day's efforts. So we just kept adding one more. After the first tour on April 19th, we added July 21st, August 4th and October 9th.

Our crowd was basically Civil War and local history buffs. I think everyone had a good time.

The one group that showed no interest was Cleveland City Council. We extended invitations to all its members but didn't have any takers.

We started at the West Side Market, progressed through the city visiting sites in the Ohio City area and downtown. We traced the route of Lincoln's Funeral and then stopped at Woodland Cemetery where we had several small lectures on the U.S. Colored Troops, Gov. John Brough, and the 23rd Ohio



Paul Siedel speaks to a Trolley Tour about Woodland Cemetery's Civil War dead. Even Abraham Lincoln showed up to listen!

Volunteer Infantry Monument.

The trolley continued on where we visited University Circle and the Civil War sites there before making our way via Euclid Avenue back to the West Side Market.

There were no major challenges with the downtown construction because we had planned for that. However the July trip coincided with the "Taste of Tremont" festival and we got hung up in traffic over there, and it was very hot that day. Otherwise there were no tie ups anywhere. I always did a dry run on the morning of the trip just in case.

We had several on the bus that said their Civil War ancestor's name was in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument downtown but nobody that had *famous* ancestors.

I had one rider ask if Confederate veterans who moved North after the war faced any animosity. I had to say I didn't know. Although there were a few isolated incidents, I don't think as a whole that was a problem.

Many were doing genealogical work at Woodland. We've decided to start and stop at Woodland in 2016 rather than the market, so we can open the data base and let folks work on their projects either before or after the tour.

Next year the WCF plans 3-4 more Civil War tours with a change in route and visits to the Gray's Armory. There is a planned tour for the Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument, but it will be done after the Public Square project is complete and after the Republican National Convention leaves town.

I didn't work with the numbers but I think each trip netted the Foundation about \$450. It all goes towards the Foundation's operating funds.

Each Trolley took 38 people to the sites of Civil War Cleveland.

Woodland Cemetery
Foundation wishes all its
Volunteers and Donors
A Merry Christmas.
Thank you all for being
such good Elves in 2015!

bittle Girl bost The Stories Tombstones Gould Tell: The Fictitious Story of Marie Ruschke

By Missy

Was she an immigrant that crossed the great ocean aboard an airless, crowded, dark steamship? One so filled with cursing, fights, sickness and death. The only food was what you brought with you. Did she walk the upper deck at night with her Papa? Did he tell her dreams of a new world, a new life? Did he tell her to always look for the north star and she would always find home? All she knew was as long as she was with Papa all would be well.

Finally came the day they landed at the "Island." Oh what pandemonium there was. Shoving, pushing, poking, strong words, and questions unending. All she knew was as long as she held Papa's hand she wouldn't get lost.

Where did they stay those first few days? A boarding house, a pilgrim's inn, or on the street? What joy when the tickets were bought for the train. Such exotic names, Milwaukee, Chicago, or Detroit. But Marie knows as long as she holds Papa's hand, all will be well.

Did she get sick on the train? Did the fare get spent? That their journey ends abruptly in Cleveland, Ohio.

Who would have known that they would be renting a brown stone house on Tennis Street next to the N.Y.R.R. station, and Papa would find work as a baggage handler there. As long as Papa was there, they were safe.

All the paper article said was that a small girl was struck and killed by accident at the N.Y.R.R. station.

Marie remembers the doctor arriving at the brownstone house and Papa in tears but she is tired and briefly shuts her eyes.

When she awakes she is dressed in her "Sunday" dress and the living room is filled with flowers, and Papa is in his suit as well. "Oh Papa look at all the flowers! Aren't they beautiful? Then she takes Papa's hand and walks to the coach waiting outside.

Oh Papa! Have you ever seen such a wonderful white coach? Even the horses have white feathers and are dressed in white. I feel like a princess Papa. Look! Everyone is turning to watch us pass. See even the men are removing their hats and the ladies bring out their handkerchiefs. They enter into a wonderful park. Clean fresh air, trees, flowers, and even a man selling geraniums. There are little houses there. Papa, do people live in those little houses? Papa, Mama -- where are you? Don't leave me here!!!

A couple sit in their living room and a November storm breaks. Is that sleet hitting the windows or tears? Is that the wind or cries of a little girl lost?

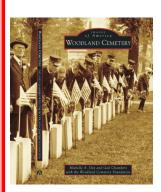
The man gets up and does what only a Papa can do. He goes to his workshop selects a stone slab and carves his daughter's name Marie Ruschke. He adds the new address of their Tennis Street home 1941 PL NE. He puts down his tools to admire his work. As an afterthought, he takes his tools and carves the North star on the slab so that she can always find her way home.

To this day that homemade head stone graces Marie Ruschke's grave under the tree in Section 83.

Papa makes all things well.

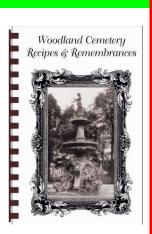
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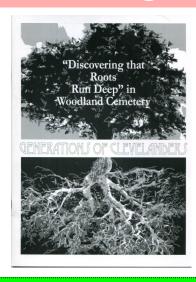
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