



THE TRADITION

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Greetings and Introduction

The Tradition newsletter is a publication designed to introduce families new to Riverside Cemetery and to keep members informed of the current happenings around the grounds. Riverside Cemetery is a non-profit association of lot owners. Revenues from sales and services are used to fund day-to-day operations of this active and historic cemetery. If you wish to be added or removed from the newsletter mailing or emailing list, or have any questions regarding Riverside Cemetery, please let us know.

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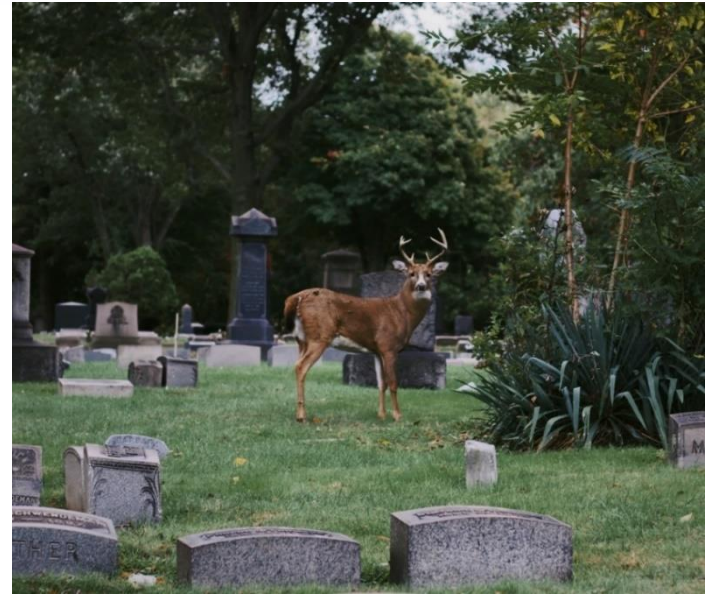


Photo by: Maria Skolnicki

My name is Maria Skolnicki and I'm 22 years old. I'm from the city of Elyria. I enjoy photography, music, and nature. I'm a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. I've been doing photography since the fifth grade, when I received my first camera for Christmas. In 2020, I went to a local cemetery to try something new with my pictures. Little did I know, it was my calling. I developed an appreciation for the statues and the religious beauty they held. As I got more into it, I expanded on ideas and went to cemeteries further out. I visited Riverside for the first time, in hopes of getting some new statue pictures. I was snapping a photo when I looked over and spotted the great big deer. He was staring at me, so I quickly took the photo of him. It was unplanned and a completely spontaneous shot. I am so happy I visited Riverside that day!

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Genealogy Researchers & 1950 Census

Our office will always do our very best to accommodate those reaching out to us in hopes to learn more about their family's ancestry. Quite often our record books will hold missing pieces of information many find helpful. At the very least we can confirm for you if Riverside is in fact the final resting place of a family member, along with a provided map to their grave. We can begin our search best if given correct spelling of someone's first and last name. We may also ask you for an approximate year of death when we see duplicate names. Our office records have compiled so much information since our opening in 1876, which can be potentially useful to your research. When planning a burial, we will always gather basic facts about that person being laid to rest. Information is provided to us by funeral home staff, family members and proper legal documents. We constantly find ourselves utilizing these records when cemetery tasks require their importance. When we view our records, we can look back on historic transactions related to the selling of graves, or detail of past burials. If family lots were selected, we can look to see the names of every individual chosen to be interred together. This may reveal the names of additional family from generations back that you may have never even known to ask about.

For the many people we have spoken with that are fascinated with learning as much as possible about their family lineage, we wanted this newsletter to cover an incredibly special event happening in 2022. This April, the National Archives will be releasing the much-anticipated 1950 Census, a snapshot of America on April 1st, 1950.

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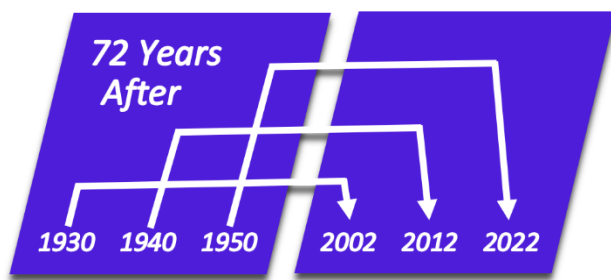
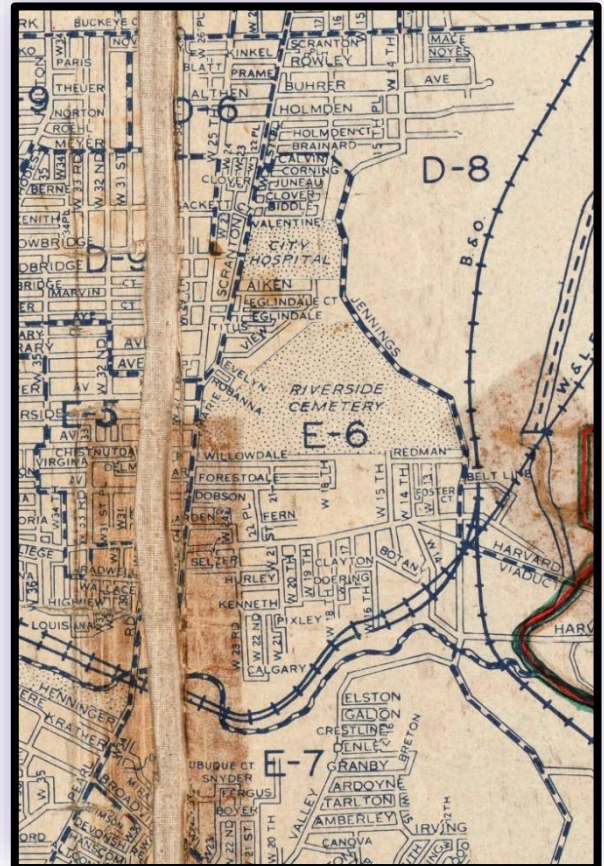
Ever since the year 1790, the U.S. Census Bureau, which is a division of the Department of Commerce, has been responsible, and required by the Constitution, to conduct a census of America's population every ten years.

The Bureau will have enumerators travel door-to-door throughout the month of April to ask questions and gather data about the people living in this country.

From 1790 to 1870 each census was made available to the public immediately after it had been taken. In the years between 1880 and 1940 the Census Bureau held the only copy of the census, and only statistical data was shared to the public. Information gathered about individuals was not open for everyone to view. Access to a name on record would be restricted unless it was your name, or you were a legal heir to that name.

The Census Bureau began to transfer census records in 1942 to the newly established National Archives. The National Archives would decide to open all previous censuses, including the one taken in 1870. An agreement was made by both the Census Bureau and National Archives that all censuses going forward would become available for us to see only after 72 years had passed. It has been said that this timespan was decided as a reasonable length of time as to protect people's privacy while still living the average lifespan. The 72-year rule officially became a law in 1978.

This means that in more recent times we had to patiently wait until April 1st, 2002, just to view the census taken way back in 1930. On April 2nd, 2012, we were able to see the 1940 Census which counted 132.2 million Americans. As of this April, the release of the census taken 72 years ago in 1950 will allow us to view how Americas looked at a critical time in our nation's history.



Our country had just experienced the decade 16 million Americans fought in World War II, as well as a rise in economic prosperity brought forth from the passing of the GI Bill by Congress to help soldiers readjust to civilian life post-war, accompanied by a “baby boom” which saw about 4 million babies born each year. This time around included with the continental states, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, along with American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and some smaller island territories would be surveyed by approximately 140,000 trained enumerators. To be sure homes were not overlapped throughout April, enumerator districts were established. In the photo above you will see the closeup of a 1950s enumerator map with Riverside Cemetery included in the area marked as E-6.

Questions answered in the 1950s census may help us learn or confirm details about our ancestors as of April 1st such as listed name, address, age, race and who was the head of the household. It may also help give us a picture of what they were doing for a living the year before in 1949, when we view their response about their employment status, hours worked each week, occupation, and industry they worked. An enumerators census page to fill could hold up to 30 separate people to survey and to not burden everyone recorded, supplementary questions would only be asked to the fourth person on the page, followed by the 9th, 14th, 19th, 24th and 29th. Some of these supplementary questions included to ask if you were living in the same house a year ago, what country were your parents born, and what the highest grade of school attended. Another difference with the 1950 census is that for the first time, 30 million people aged nine and younger would appear.

When the 1950 census is released, it may not have a name index, and so until indexes are created, we may need to search by location instead. If this is the case, just like in the 1940 release a decade ago, there will be search websites such as Ancestry, working quickly to enter information into user friendly indexes that will allow a search by name. Similar to how we feel at Riverside, digitizing as much information as possible is essential to keeping the records preserved.

We have been using computers with cemetery software to record information regarding our graves and burials keep safe. We will also keep updating the series of historic hardcopy books we have used for over a century. We are still a continually active cemetery and pride ourselves on our thorough record keeping. If you feel we can be helpful assisting in this way, or any other, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our contact information and hours are on the back page of this newsletter.

Have a safe and happy springtime everyone!

Donations Received 9/1/21 to 3/1/22

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In memory of Robert & Florence Stecher & Robert Stecher Jr.

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Dave Katona

In memory of Susanne & John Katona

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In memory of Richard A. Kuehn

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In memory of Barbara Lambing

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In memory of Lancaster Family, William, Anne & William Jr.

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Walda Otankis

James & Julie Pace

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In memory of Family at Riverside

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In memory of Thomas Prager & Virginia Gobel

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In memory of William Schlatterbeck

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Diana Smith

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In memory of John & Michael Sosenko

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In memory of Olivia Augustus Spiros, Gary Spiros, Gust Spiros, August Alber, Johanna Alber, Maimu Alber

Eric Townsend

In memory of Townsend Families

Vikki Turtles

John Volkenant

Robin Weever

In memory of Grace Dix Townes

Raymond & Betty White

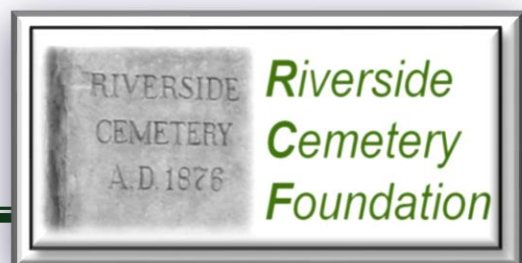
In memory of Troy Christopher White

Marquitta White

In memory of Cora White

Georgie Williams

In memory of Angel A.J. Cuevas



THANK YOU for your generous contributions!

With your support, we have been able to do wonderful things! Your donations have been specifically assigned to help, and continue to help us preserve our historic buildings, repair roadways, contribute to beatification projects, and participate in community events!

The Walking Tour Has Returned!

After much anticipation and several requests, we are pleased to announce that the walking tour is making a comeback this year under the new name of "Fun Facts on Foot!" Our tour will be Sunday June 5th, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.

We plan to do things a bit different than years past, so if you've already attended a previous tour, we encourage you to check out the new tour. Our focus this year comes from the Facebook Fun Fact Friday posts along with some new information as well.

We would ask that everyone park on our center road facing the chapel with any overflow to begin parking on our northern most road (closest to 71.) While we do anticipate a fantastic turnout, we are not requesting that anyone make reservations for this event. Just enjoy the day

Also new this year, the first 50 people will be the lucky recipients of a custom "Fun Facts on Foot Walking Tour" magnet.

Magnet seen to your right was made by local artist Holly Peel; at 'Hip&Happy Shack'

featuring a photo by John Volkenant.

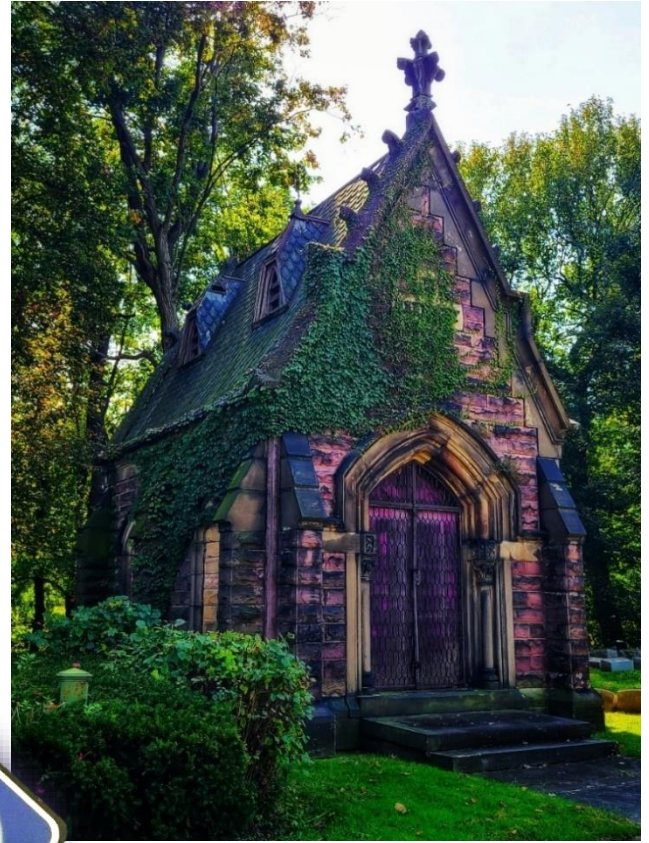


Photo by: Michelle Javorsky

My name is Michelle Javorsky, and I am a 47-year-old mom of 2 amazing young men from Brook Park, Ohio. I have always believed there is beauty all around us if we just stop to take a moment to notice it. I have always been a bit of a shutterbug, but now that my children are grown, it's become a passionate hobby to capture images around northeast Ohio, showcasing how beautiful our area really is. Life is crazy, chaotic, hectic, and stressful. This is my way to unwind and relax and I'm just so very honored to be able to share some of the pictures I've taken in this contest.

Hours & Contact Info

Cemetery Gates

Oct – Mar 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Apr–Sep 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday (Closed Holidays)

Grave Clean-off Dates (Weather permitting)

March 1st & October 15th

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