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Riverside Cemetery Chapel

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STAFF CHANGE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share some feelings that I have regarding Riverside Cemetery. My name is Mark Bollinger and I have been a resident of the Cleveland area my whole life. I am a third generation Funeral Director and Embalmer, being licensed for 25 years. I have had a long relationship with Riverside Cemetery and have always been impressed with the care, compassion, and professionalism that the staff here has always extended to every family which they have been privileged to serve. And that is exactly how I feel – that it is a privilege to serve people in their time of need. It is so much more than a business. The end result is not all about the bottom line; it is about building relationships and caring for individuals. I truly believe that you will find that here, more so than any other Cemetery in the area. That is why I am so proud to be a part of this landmark in Cleveland. To be able to continue this long tradition well into the future is my goal. So please feel free to stop in or call. I am looking forward to meeting you.

Mark Bollinger
Assistant General Manager



SUMMER TOURS

Once again, our Foundation and Association will be supporting two tour programs on our grounds this summer.

BROOKLYN CENTRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION “GARDEN TOUR”

The first is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th, when the Brooklyn Centre Community Association will again sponsor their Annual Garden event here. Last year the character portrayals program was essentially rained out; it will now be rescheduled and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Continuous group walking tours will start periodically from 1-4 p.m. Seven volunteers in period dress will offer biographical and other historical information to touring groups at respective gravesites, Office porch, and Chapel. Advance admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for Seniors (65+) or \$10/\$7 on the day of tour. Tickets can be reserved by calling Gloria Ferris at 216/351-0254 or e-mailing bcnaturalists@gmail.com

“BREWERS & NOTABLES TOUR”

On Saturday, July 25th, Cleveland Metroparks Education Division representative, Doug Kusak, will again team with General Manager Bill Halley to present our popular Brewers & Notables tour. Doug will discuss some of the eight 19th and early 20th Century Brewers buried here while Bill introduces you to some of the many notable interments along the way.

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CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES AND DEDICATORY EXERCISES

One hundred years earlier, we had declared our independence from Great Britain and started a new Nation called the United States. Now, on Saturday, November 11, 1876, a large number of local Brooklyn Centre and Ohio City citizens gathered within the newly developed grounds of Riverside Cemetery for the purpose of consecrating it as the sacred resting place for present and future generations of Greater Clevelanders. In recognition of this milestone year, "Centennial" was thus deemed an appropriate title for the dedicatory ceremonies.

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 Avenue, a noteworthy 1,000 foot stretch of straight roadway which extends east from the Chapel. President Josiah Barber called the assemblage to order a few minutes after the noon hour.

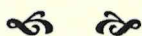
The invocation was given by Rev. S.H. Lee, pastor of the Detroit Street Congregational Church, followed by a hymn sung by the Arion Quartet. The principal dedicatory address was given by one F.T. Wallace, Esq., followed with brief remarks by the Hon. R.C. Parsons. The planting of commemorative trees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

During these activities, the gathering was honored by the arrival of Gov. Rutherford B. Hayes, who had just been elected U.S. 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.

When the ceremonies 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.



*Do not look to the ground for your next step;
greatness lies with those who look to the horizon.*
Norwegian proverb



REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

Noteworthy persons within our Cemetery

Carlos L. Jones

1827 – 1897

Section 23, Lot 104

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

Jones, and his second wife Mary, founded the Jones School and Home for Friendless Children on December 17, 1887. Today, this 122 year old facility serves as a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children between the ages of 6 and 16, and is a division of Applewood Centers Inc. The inspiration for this humanitarian action came from the untimely death years earlier of Carlos's first wife, Delia (age 24), and his only son, John Marvin (age 12). Among the founding trustees were such prominent leaders as the former President Rutherford B. Hayes, Hon. James M. Coffinberry, Isaac P. Lamson and Samuel W. Sessions.

Located in the Jones' Family cottage on Pearl Road at Library Avenue, the facility first accommodated only 9 children but was soon enlarged with a dormitory for 50. The 3-story brick building at 3518 West 25th Street was opened in Oct., 1903, with a capacity for 75 residents. This main building, renovated in 1971, became an official Cleveland landmark in 1984. It underwent a 2.24 million dollar addition renovation in 1997 which retained its many historical features.

This year, the Jones Campus celebrates its 122nd anniversary. United Way Services, an endowment, government dollars, and private donations support this valued Center. Separate dormitory buildings now provide living quarters for the young residents, and one is named for one of our early prominent Lot owners, the Astrup Family.

RIVERSIDE'S WEB SITE

www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org

In a previous issue, we told you about our web site which culminated two years of preparatory research and development to create. It tells the early history of Riverside, shows several pictures of the past and present, and provides a detailed discussion with many pictures of Riverside accommodations including some prices. If you haven't seen it yet, we would encourage your doing so. We are sure you will find it very informative and interesting.

We feel you will definitely acquire a greater appreciation for our beautiful and historic Cemetery, and hopefully share our pride in the heritage and valued reputation we have accumulated and earned during the 133 years since our founding.

LESSONS FROM GEESE

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if the bird flew alone. Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front. Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go (and be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.)

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership...with people, as with geese, we are interdependent on each other.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else!

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again, or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or catch up with the flock. Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

Courtesy: The late Wil Leutner
Olmsted Community Church



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 \$25. They are all on display in the office.

Each bouquet comes with a small green plastic self-standing vase which is inserted directly into the ground. 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.



FROM THE FOREMEN

BY SHIRLEY & KEN

Spring is finally here and there are a few things we need to mention to keep everybody safe and our grounds looking nice.

1. Please do not park on the grass when visiting. The roads are wide enough for 2 cars to pass. You could be parked on someone's grave or you could make a deep rut in the grass.
2. Please, "no bikes allowed". There are signs posted at both gates, but many ignore them. When entering the cemetery on a bike, you must walk with it.
3. If you see workers blocking the road for a reason, please don't drive into the Sections to go around them. Please have some patience and wait, or turn around without going over the grass.

If you help us with these matters we will have a safe and beautiful year.

Thank you!

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William Halley.....General Manager
Mark Bollinger.....Asst. General Manager
Valere CraigAdm. 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.



QUESTION & ANSWERS

Q.-How many persons can be interred in one grave?

A.-Most graves accommodate one casket and vault burial. Some areas, however, are suitable for two vaulted burials, one above the other. We have no limit on the number of urns which can be placed in a single grave, either with or without a vaulted casket burial.

Q.-Is there an accommodation charge when a second burial is added to an existing interment?

A.-If a grave is purchased for one full burial, and it is later changed to accommodate two full burials where this is possible, a charge equal to one-half the **original cost** of the grave applies. This is because you are converting from a single-depth right-of-burial to a double-deep right-of-burial. There is no additional accommodation charge, however, when an urn(s) is added to a standard depth burial grave.

Q.-Why do you allow different grave markers in different sections?

A.-Most sections here permit either grass level or above-ground markers. A few sections, however, are designated as Memorial Park areas where all headstones are flush with the ground. Some persons like the old traditional atmosphere of the mixed memorial sections while others prefer the open feel of the Park Plan areas. Having both accommodations available serves the preferences of more families. All of our at-need only, cemetery random-selection, single-grave sections only permit a grass level headstone. Individuals select their gravesites in all of our family lot sections where either one or multiple spaces together are available.

Q.-Who owns Riverside Cemetery?

Riverside is an Association of Lot Owners. When our founders made arrangements with Titus Brainard to purchase 102 acres of his family farm, the primary source of payment was to be a percentage of the proceeds from each sale of burial rights. In addition, some coupon bonds were sold. Therefore, when Mr. Brainard was fully paid, the property became the possession of the original lot owners. As additional acreage was developed in the following years, it was financed from new lot owners and the income from the various services provided for them. Therefore, all those who own burial rights are a part of the Association, and the Association owns and manages the total property.

Q.-How many burials are recorded in Riverside?

A.-Obviously, the number changes almost daily. We are presently in the 52,500-53,000 range.

Q. How soon can headstones be installed after a burial? I understand one needs to wait six to twelve months.

A.-Headstones in all traditional, family lot sections, where memorials are above ground can be received and installed anytime weather permits. In the single-grave and Park Plan sections, where all markers are ground level, they can also be received and placed at the gravesite but installation can not be scheduled generally until after the final grade of the grave is established. Our normal foundation for a single headstone consists of concrete block extending from the burial vault to the ground surface or a comparable depth if not over a vault. Two-piece memorials, where possible, are on poured concrete foundations.



WOODEN CROSSES 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. In **raised marker sections**, they can remain in place all year long. 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 \$60 or oak for \$70. The larger size is 35 1/2" high; it also comes in pine for \$75 or oak \$90. Lettering is \$.75 per letter and the total is plus tax. Either natural or stained finish is 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. Please feel free to stop in and view them.

"TOURS" continued from page 1

We will start at 9:00 a.m. in our Nationally Registered Stone Chapel where Bill will offer a brief orientation on the early history and administrative character of Riverside. This tour is a part of our Foundation's educational outreach and is given without charge. Voluntary, tax-deductible monetary gifts to our Foundation, however, are welcome and appreciated throughout the year.

To facilitate our planning for this event, advance reservations are welcome but not required (216/351-4800).

SPRING – SUMMER – FALL MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

During the growing seasons, a wide variety of memorial tributes are placed on thousands of graves throughout the Cemetery. These items represent personal expressions of love and/or friendship from families and friends toward the deceased persons interred in these various gravesites. All of our sections allow portable items, while some family lot traditional plan sections permit appropriate in-ground planting as well.

Riverside has traditionally been among the most flexible and accommodating cemeteries in Greater Cleveland in serving the feelings of its many fine families in this regard. Our only semi-annual, general grounds clearing of tributes from graves gives significant testimony to this posture of ours. However, even we must have some established guidelines and expect voluntary cooperation from our families to maintain general order, suitable appearance, and facilitate grounds maintenance.

To assist us in this regard, we offer the following requests, suggestions, and reminders, and ask for your cooperation in respecting them:

1. Limit the number of **tributes** on an individual grave to no more than **2 or 3**.
2. If your section allows in-ground planting, select plants which are sized proportional to your grave(s). Tall growing plants and bushes like iris and tiger lilies intended for bigger beds, overwhelm smaller gravespaces and project a very uncomplimentary and often offensive appearance. If in doubt, please ask the office **before** planting.
3. **All planted beds must be maintained regularly by the family.** Those which are not, and become overgrown with weeds, will be trimmed down.
4. Light weight, **styrofoam** tributes on flimsy wire stands **SHOULD NOT** be placed.

These generally break loose almost immediately and blow around the area. The small, and hard to see, vacated stand then becomes a lethal hazard for our maintenance staff and equipment.

5. **NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN** tributes or flower vases are permitted. These are extremely dangerous for our employees and visitors, and will be removed immediately upon discovery.
6. No small pebbles can be used to 'frame' one's headstone. These become dangerous projectiles when hit with our trimmers. Also, no fencing or other enclosure is permitted around a grave or headstone or lot.

We are always being thanked for our many tribute privileges, and the personalized character and beauty the wide variety of plantings and memorials provide for our Cemetery. Your respect in observing the stated guidelines will enable us to continue our present privileges, and sustain the signature appearance and enjoyment of Riverside.

ONE LAST THING

Some people believe that to *succeed* nowadays, you can't *just do it* - you have to *just over-do it!*

These individuals feel that if *some is good - more is better.*

But, there is still something to be said for *balance.*

To strike a balance in your life, sometimes it's important to *just under-do it!*

Seasonal Gate Closing Hours

During the early spring, summer and early fall, we will again resume a later closing of our gates. The gates will remain open until 7:00 p.m. during the week and on weekends. We feel this later accommodation will better serve our working families. This time change will start with April and continue through September. In October, we'll adjust the extended closing time with the dwindling daylight hours until Eastern Standard Time returns. Then, the winter close of 5:00 p.m. will prevail everyday. As usual, the gates will open at 7:30 a.m. every day.

In Grateful Appreciation

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

Carolyn & Rick Vigneulle <i>In Memory of Margaret & John Koelges</i>	Rosemary Barta <i>In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Barta</i>	Steve McQuillin
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