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2018 Marks the 25th Anniversary of the Huntington Chapel Renovation Project

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With funds contributed by the Friends of Green Lawn, an exciting project aimed at the restoration and refurbishment of the 1901 Huntington Chapel, the historic cemetery’s greatest artistic jewel, is nearing completion. The project marks the most extensive effort yet undertaken by the Friends in pursuit of their goal of strengthening the visual, historical and natural features of Green Lawn Cemetery which dates from 1848.

“We are extremely pleased to underwrite the cost of restoring this magnificent building. Since the time of Theodore Roosevelt’s presidency, the Huntington Chapel has been the center piece of Columbus’ finest cemetery” said Robert H. Jeffrey, President of the Friends of Green Lawn. “It’s heartening to know that it is being preserved for enjoyment in the next century.”

A \$77,000 grant made by the Friends is paying for work which could not have been funded in the cemetery’s regular operating budget.

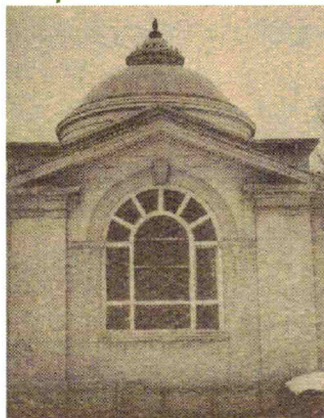
“The support of the Friends for projects like the Huntington Chapel restoration is critical to maintaining the cemetery’s historical character” said Charles Oliver, General Manager of the cemetery since 1982. “We greatly appreciate the generosity of each of the Friends for making this special project possible.”

The Huntington Chapel is located near the center of the oldest part of Green Lawn Cemetery, an area with some of the most elaborate monuments and largest trees. It is a handsome building constructed in the neo-classical style, the chapel’s door is recessed between two Ionic columns, under a decorated pediment. A beaux arts ornamental dome rises above its central rotunda.

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Huntington Chapel ca. 1993

A project funded by the *Friends of Green Lawn*, restoration of the 1901 Huntington Chapel, with its Tiffany designed windows and mosaics, will ensure its enjoyment by future generations.



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President's Message



Reflecting Back, and Looking Forward

I am honored to have been selected as the new President of the Green Lawn Cemetery Association. This is the start of my fifth year on the board, which I joined just before retiring after a 28-year military career. In addition to Green Lawn, I am also the president of the Cedar Bog Association and a part-time park ranger for Franklin County MetroParks. My wife Doreen and I live in Galloway and both first visited the cemetery as bird watchers.

I want to thank Yoci Vorys for the success we have had the last two years, and especially for becoming our new treasurer! I also want to thank the *Friends of Green Lawn* for an outstanding 2017 campaign and for their continued support and commitment.

Please join us on Facebook to see our events and watch the progress of the many exciting projects we are working on. One that I will highlight since it should be completed by the time you are reading this is the replacement of the decorative gates at the entrance arch. Aside from aesthetics, these gates are part of nearly 450 feet of new fence that we hope will help our security keep the grounds secure at night.

Most of all, I want to invite everyone to visit the cemetery – repeatedly! Some great *First Saturday* programs are on the schedule, we will be continuing our walks with *Columbus Landmarks Foundation*, and we are developing new self-guided tours and special events. I hope to see you all out there!

Sincerely,

Randel Rogers

President



Renovation 25th Anniversary...

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Perhaps the chapel's finest features are those which most needed restoration. Large stained glass windows and mosaics, both of exceptional quality, highlight the rotunda. These were supplied from the famous workshops of Louis Comfort Tiffany in New York. Custom designed for us in Columbus, one window pictures Peggy Thompson, the first person to pass away in frontier Franklinton, the first community in the county. The restoration includes cleaning and maintenance of these decorative masterpieces.

More extensive work has been required to replace large sections of decorative plaster work. The art of producing ornamental plaster reached its peak about the time of the Huntington Chapel's construction. Once common, the high skill level needed to successfully repair the plaster—including such features as cornices, arches and coffers—is now a rarity. Skilled craftsmen from the Pymer Plastering Company spent an estimated 560 hours repairing plaster in the rotunda.

"Each of us viewed this project as a very special one. It is certainly not often that we have the opportunity to work on a building of such outstanding quality and architectural importance" said J.R. Johnson of Elford, Inc.

Other work has included repairs to the outside dome and lantern. To prevent a reoccurrence of water damage, the lantern has been redesigned and constructed to echo the original appearance while making it weather tight; this has necessitated the future use of artificial light in the rotunda.

The total cost of the restoration and repair activities will be about \$100,000; completion is expected by June 1994.

The Huntington Chapel was designed by noted Columbus architect Frank Packard who is interred nearby in an Egyptian Revival crypt of his own

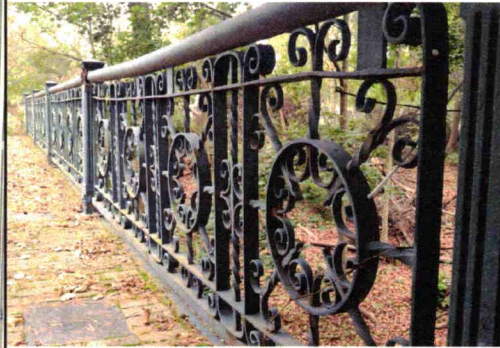


Paul Browning of the Pymer Plastering Company is shown undertaking a delicate and time consuming task of replacing sections of damaged decorative plaster. Molds made from the original pieces have been used to ensure replication.

design. Among Mr. Packard's surviving local works are the Broad Street Presbyterian Church and the Atlas Building at the corner of North High Street and East Long Streets (see Green Lawn heritage, Vol. I, No. 3, 1991). He enjoyed a high professional reputation throughout the United States until his death in 1923.

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More than a Cemetery... We Are History!



Final resting place for 5 Medal of Honor recipients

(on back of photo) "1927 Green Lawn Cemetery 49 Men - George Feen"

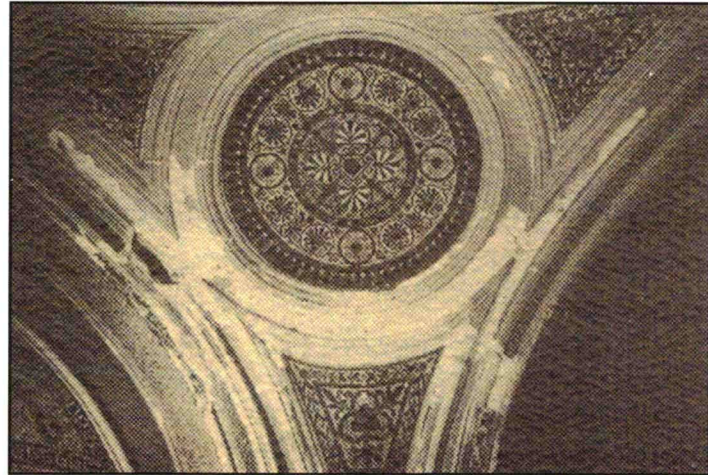


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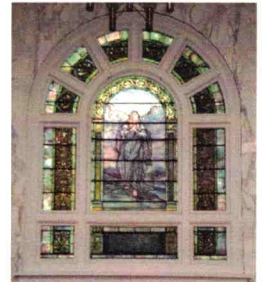
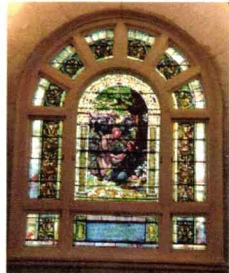
The Chapel received its name in recognition of Pelatiah Webster Huntington, long term president of the Green Lawn Cemetery Association and benefactor of the Tiffany windows and mosaics. Mr. Huntington, the founder of the Huntington National Bank, loved the cemetery and devoted much attention to improving its grounds (See Green Lawn Heritage, Vol. I, No. 2, 1991). After his death, Mr. Huntington was also buried nearby on a bluff overlooking the chapel.

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Water leaking from the old roof of the dome caused considerable damage to ornate decorative plaster work in the rotunda.

Our Historic Huntington Chapel



Wisdom



Truth

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The erection of the chapel marked the fulfillment of the key objectives of Green Lawn's founders. With the opening of the cemetery in 1848, the president of its Board of Trustees, William Blackstone Hubbard (see Green Lawn Heritage, Winter 1991) announced the cemetery's intention of building "a neat and permanent stone chapel" on its grounds. Half a century later, Mr. Hubbard's vision was exceeded through Mr. Huntington's generosity.

"The Huntington Chapel has come down to us as a rare treasure with its Tiffany-designed art and superb architecture," said Mr. Jeffery. "We're thrilled to help renew its elegance and delighted that it will be available for our grandchildren's enjoyment."

Stephen George

Green Lawn Cemetery Where Family History Comes to Life

Green Lawn Cemetery is happy to help with finding the location(s) of your loved ones. To thoroughly research your family's history and provide accurate results, please submit names, dates and any other information you may have, to Lisa:

email: LJame@stonemor.com

phone: (614) 444-1123

GREEN LAWN CEMETERY CHAPEL

RENOVATION

Renovation of the Green Lawn Cemetery Chapel is being completed with funds donated from the Green Lawn Cemetery Foundation, Inc., "Friends of Green Lawn".

PHASE I of renovation, replacement of the plexiglass dome with a copper dome and a new rubber roof over the Chapel at a cost of \$21,750, was completed in October 1993.

PHASE II presently underway, includes the re-plastering of the interior dome area and the area around the Tiffany Mosaics in each corner. This cost is estimated to be \$50,000, completion is expected in April 1994.

PHASE III will include re-painting the interior of the Chapel, new carpet and furniture as funds permit. To help in completing this final phase of the restoration, the Foundation needs help by way of continuing donations in order for the Project to be completed in a timely manner. Become a Friend of Green Lawn by making a donation to the Green Lawn Cemetery Foundation, Inc., an envelope is attached for your convenience. The total renovation project is estimated to cost over \$100,000.

We are very grateful to the Green Lawn Cemetery Foundation, Inc., and "Friends of Green Lawn" for their efforts to restore our Chapel to its original beauty.

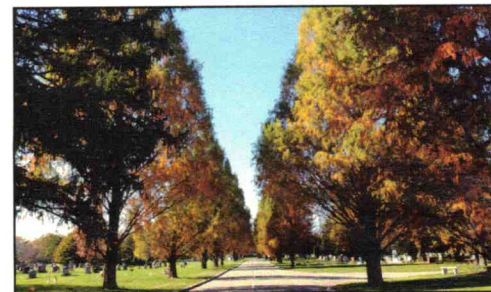
The General Contractor for the renovation project is The Elford Company 555 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The plaster work is being completed by Fymer Plastering 1978 South Walnut Street, Columbus, Ohio, whose family originally did the plaster work in 1902.

We ask your patience and understanding during this renovation work, we are confident the repairs will be worth the inconvenience.

Charles B. Oliver
General Manager
Green Lawn Cemetery

Renovation Phases Letter,
enclosed with the 1993
Winter Newsletter



Beautiful all year long!



Review our *Events Calendar*, look through current and historic pictures, read lots of other fun announcements, and "Like Us" on our *Facebook* page:

[facebook.com/GreenLawnCemeteryColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/GreenLawnCemeteryColumbus)



2018 Green Lawn Cemetery Programs

Most Events are Free and open to the Public

First Saturday Events

January 6, 2018, 11:00 am-noon: “Intro to Genealogy Research” with Russ Pollitt of the *Columbus Metropolitan Library*

February 3, 2018, 11:00 am-noon: “Stories in Stones from around the World” with Dale Gnidovec, Curator & Collections Manager-School of Earth Sciences at *The Ohio State University*

March 3, 2018, 11:00 am-noon: Topic pending. Stay tuned.

April 7, 2018, 11:00 am-noon: “The Pollinators of Green Lawn Cemetery” with Nina Bagley, of “*Nina’s Village Apiary*”, Green Lawn’s BeeKeeping partner

The following events are tentative. Stay tuned.

“**Craft Brews/Wine Tastings & Pedal Wagon Tours**” (paid event. Tickets required) with host for tastings & Volunteer Tour Guides

“**Overview of Burial & Cremation Laws in Ohio**”

“**The Changing World of Burial Traditions**” by Green Lawn’s Family Services

“**Tender Loving Care – Maintaining the Grounds of Green Lawn Cemetery**” by Green Lawn’s Maintenance Services

“**Plaster Craftsmanship in Green Lawn’s Huntington Chapel**”

“**Preserving Green Lawn’s Historic Documents**”

“**Birding with Bird Boxes & Feeders at Green Lawn**”

**We always welcome event suggestions. Please submit your thoughts;
by email: contactus@greenlawncemetery.org, or by phone: (614) 444-1123**



Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, Green Lawn Cemetery joins with well over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad, “to REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans, HONOR those who serve, and to TEACH our children the value of freedom”.

Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who participated in our Saturday, December 16th event. We had help from local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and a number of individuals from our community.

THANK YOU!



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