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The Newsletter of Green Lawn Cemetery
Summer/Fall 2017

A VERY SPECIAL PARK

Dr. Ichabod Jones and Daughter, Emma Jones, the Grand Dame of Statehouse Square

By Doreen Uhas Sauer, *Columbus Landmarks Foundation*, with much appreciation to the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Worthington Historical Society, and the Grandview Library.

Few early families of Columbus can claim such well-known bloodlines as those who are descended through the Kilbournes of Columbus and Worthington. Their lineage includes those of the Goodales, Joneses, Deshlers, Gywnnes, Crottis, with more than a few nods to the Huntingtons, Haydens, Neils, McDowells, Vanderbilts, Monypenys, and Browns--bankers, builders, businessmen, benefactors, scientists, doctors, churchmen, and intrepid pioneering women who were leaders in community and national issues.

One Kilbourne branch was the family of Dr. Ichabod Jones, who married Cynthia Kilbourne and lived with his family in a block of row houses fronting East State Street near Third Street. Jones originally intended for them to be investments, accommodations for legislators, but his widow and children moved into the eastern-most home in 1851 after Jones's unexpected death. He had saved the very corner lot that faced Third Street for a spacious home for his family, but it was never built. Dr. Ichabod Jones was an impressive and scientifically curious man with a well-connected family.

Their legacy would come to be guarded perhaps most fiercely by Dr. Jones's daughter, Emma, who moved into the house at age four and stayed for eight decades. From before the Civil War to the beginnings of World War II, Emma was the keeper of Columbus and family history, and she did both by staying put. Dr. Ichabod Gibson Jones (b. 1807 in Unity, Maine) was a pioneer Columbus physician, graduating from Eclectic Medical College in New York. Eclectic medicine referred to those who sought "to change from" (Greek word *eklega*) the old medical practices of bloodletting and purgatives to the new practice of botanical remedies, often based on what they believed to be the

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Upcoming 2017 Calendar of Events

November 4 (10:00AM)	Veterans Day Program with Steve Ball Civil War Music at 11 am...lay flags in Circle M at 10 am before the program
December 2 (10:00AM)	"Native American History" with Stacey Halfmoon of the Ohio History Connection
December 16 (noon)	Wreaths Across America Day

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President's Message



To paraphrase Shakespeare's famous quote...

"Gone is the summer of our discontent, made glorious fall by the many Friends of Green Lawn."

This summer was defined by extraordinary challenges due to last year's overwhelming damage to hundreds of monuments throughout the cemetery. But the vandalism only reinforced the commitment of our volunteers and valued community partners. During the past few months, teams of volunteers supported by area professionals have cleaned, reset, leveled and sealed over 600 stones. And, their gifts of time and talent were supported by the generous financial contributions made by the Friends of Green Lawn.

It takes many hours and many hands to tackle restoration projects and provide programs such as "First Saturdays" while continuing to keep our Very Special Park beautiful. Readers can get a snapshot of our outstanding volunteers at work in the following pages. We can't thank you enough!

As always, my deepest thanks to the Friends of Green Lawn. Please note the list of dedicated 2016-2017 donors included in this newsletter who have supported the cemetery for decades. And special thanks to new friends who are making generous donations for the first time. We need everyone's help and appreciate your thoughtfulness!

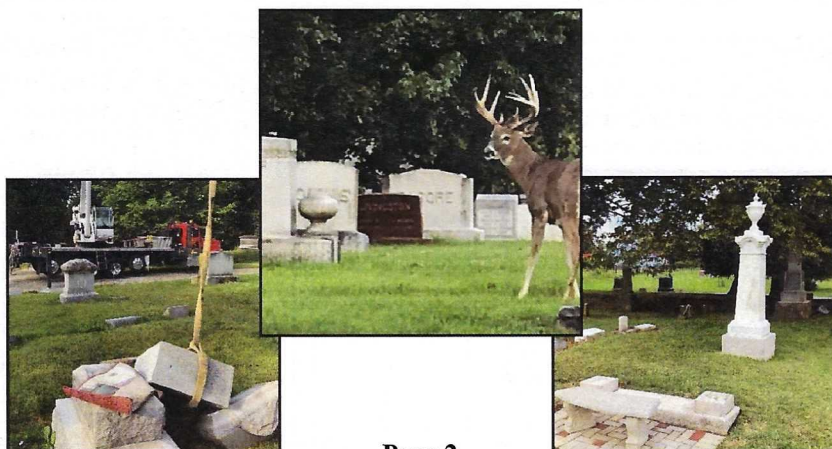
From the warm summer months spent repairing the cemetery's magnificent monuments to the recognition of one of Columbus' most influential and beloved citizens early this fall, it is the expertise, energy and partnership of dozens of volunteers who make the seasons at Green Lawn so memorable.

Please visit Green Lawn to enjoy this glorious fall!

Sincerely,

Yoci C. Vorys

President



Ichabod Jones...

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Native American use of healing plants. Col. James Kilbourne, founder of the village of Worthington, recruited Jones as a faculty member for the new Eclectic Medical Institute in Worthington (1833-1834).

The Institute lasted six years before it moved to Cincinnati, a victim of the notorious 'Resurrection Riots.' This term applied to the indignant citizen outrage, threats, and even violent attacks against medical schools and colleges that were accused of paying grave robbers to dig up newly buried corpses and sell them to be used for teaching anatomy in American medical schools. Whereas other countries allowed medical schools to obtain bodies legally, British law, and therefore American law, had strongly opposed this practice. Grave robbing was a case of illegal supply and demand. However, the mere accusation of grave robbing was sometimes a purposely planted innuendo by rival schools of medicine. Whatever was the case, when three bodies were reportedly stolen from a potter's field near Delaware in 1839, the citizens of Worthington suspected the medical school, and threatened riots. The next year, the Ohio General Assembly removed the school's authority to grant medical degrees.

However, Dr. Jones had moved to Columbus years before the hint of Resurrection to set up practice, taking with him an important Worthington asset as his bride, Cynthia Kilbourne (b. 1809), the daughter of Col. James Kilbourne and niece of pioneer 1812 soldier and physician Lincoln Goodale. They would have four children—Louisa C. Jones (b. 1834), James Kilbourne Jones (b. 1836), Emma Jones (b. 1847), and (Mary) Elizabeth Jones (b. 1849). The Jones family lived in a substantial home at 110 East State Street, just east of Third Street.

Because of his interest in indigenous botanical species, Dr. Jones wrote several papers on the topic



and in 1853, he published a textbook, *Practical medicine and Therapeutics*. He enjoyed a successful career, served as the physician to the Ohio Penitentiary from 1838-1847, was an early advocate of vaccinations and the use of quinine, served on the Columbus Board of Health during the smallpox epidemics of 1847-1848 that ravaged Columbus, and took part in the many scientific lectures that were being held (1841-1844) on Monday evenings in Mechanics Hall located on the southeast corner of Rich and South High Streets.

When a comet that was so bright it could be seen in daylight appeared over Central Ohio on March 8, 1843, Jones, like many Columbus citizens, was greatly intrigued to learn more. So much so, he and a few others were given permission and funds by the Ohio Senate in 1844 to erect a large reflecting telescope on the north side of the Statehouse square to study and educate others on astronomy. In a curious side bar to the history of early Columbus, Dr. Jones's name appears in conjunction with the last public execution held outside the walls of the Ohio Penitentiary. Capital punishment in Ohio was vigorously debated between 1830 and 1850 with either the Ohio House or the Ohio Senate introducing reform bills but always postponing action. However, the end of public executions by the

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Green Lawn 2016-17 Annual Campaign

We gratefully acknowledge all donors to the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Campaign (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) and want you to know that we appreciate each of you for your Partnership. We really do count on your generous annual support in maintaining the architectural treasures and natural environment at Green Lawn. Thank you for your investment in this Very Special Park!

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If you have family or friends interred at Green Lawn Cemetery and you have permission to be buried on their lot, you may be granted a **Second Right of Internment**. A Second Right of Internment allows family or friends that have obtained permission from the lot owner to be buried or cremated and placed in the lot with that lot owner.

Permission must be obtained from the lot owner for a conventional burial or cremation burial to occur.

For more information on Second Right of Internment, please contact Green Lawn at 614-444-1123.

For questions about making an Annual Campaign donation, a gift to the Endowment Fund or a Planned Gift for Green Lawn Cemetery, please contact Jack Lee-Harris, General Manager, at 614-444-1123 or jleeharris@greenlawncolumbus.org.

Congratulations to our General Manager, **Jack Lee-Harris**, on being reappointed to the *Ohio Dispute Resolution Commission*



JOHN R. KASICH
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Dear Mr. Lee-Harris,

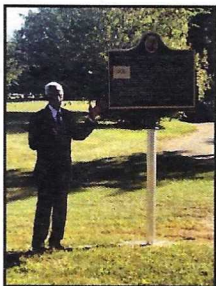
I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on your reappointment by Governor John R. Kasich to serve as a member of the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission. We appreciate your willingness to serve and value your efforts in helping to guide the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission in its continued successful operation.

If there are any ways in which I can assist with various opportunities and/or challenges you may be facing, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Sandra Brasington
Western Ohio Regional Liaison
Office of Ohio Governor John R. Kasich

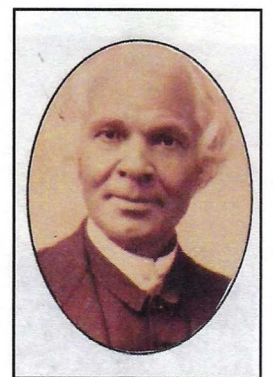
Remembering Reverend James Preston Poindexter's Legacy



On September 24th, 2017, Green Lawn Cemetery commemorated James Preston Poindexter's legacy of equality, unity, and love for everyone regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation.

Reverend Poindexter was a nationally prominent anti-segregationist, and served on the Columbus City Council and the Columbus School Board. He reunited the Anti-Slavery Baptist Church and Second Baptist Church, serving as pastor there for 40 years. His legacy of equality, unity, and love for everyone was remembered when Columbus' first public housing, Poindexter Village, was named for him.

He is buried in the west end of section 27 at Green Lawn Cemetery.



Happening on Facebook

Want to see what is happening at Green Lawn Cemetery on a “Real-Time” basis? More and more we are using Facebook and other online media to stay in touch with our supporters and with the public. Here are just a few recent examples. Enjoy.

Shares from public posts & comments

Fun Stuff!

Announcements of gifts and additions to artworks

Updates on property restorations

Upcoming Events

Short Videos

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)



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state revolved around a single case on February 9, 1844. A double hanging on Mound Street near the Scioto River drew what has been described as a “rowdy crowd” of ten to twenty thousand observers. The sheriff decided to save money by executing two prisoners at the same time, a young African American woman, Hester Foster, and William Graham. Whether it was the novelty of a double execution or the impending death of a young woman that drew such a large crowd, it is hard to determine. However, in the push and pull of the crowd, a blacksmith from Franklinton, Sullivan Sweet, was trampled to death.

Though Columbus newspaper editorials previously had decried public executions as demoralizing, it was this incident that spurred an outcry against such disorderly and dangerous mob activity. The Ohio House and Ohio Senate passed bipartisan acts to limit executions to within the walls of the penitentiary. Dr. Ichabod Jones and an assistant dug up Graham’s body after he was buried. Graham’s foot was preserved in a jar of alcohol for many years in Jones’s Town Street office, where patients of the doctor made mention of seeing it in their remembrances of early Columbus.

Dr. Jones died at the age of forty-nine (d. 1857), and his widow, Cynthia, lived another forty years (d. 1898). Their children, all buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, led interesting and successful lives.

James Kilbourne Jones inherited his father’s medical library but did not pursue a medical career. He enlisted in the Civil War and saw combat at the battle of Shiloh. He went into business with his uncle, Lincoln Kilbourne, in the Kilbourne, Jones & Company wholesale and retail hardware business on South High Street. He and his wife, Annette Denig, daughter of a physician, resided near the old family home at 334 East Town Street until his death in 1910. They had no children.

(Mary) Elizabeth Jones became the second wife of William Deshler. He was the son of another pioneer Columbus family—David and Betsy Green Deshler, emigrants from Pennsylvania who purchased the city’s most famous piece of real estate, the northwest corner of Broad and High. Here William was born at the intersection where his father’s bank would give way to the famous Deshler Hotel (now the site of One Columbus). At the time of his marriage to Dr. Jones’s daughter, William Deshler was a widower with three children and an elegant house at the northwest corner of East Broad and Fourth Street. Elizabeth Jones coincidentally was born on the day of his first marriage. He was a prominent banker, one of the incorporators of Green Lawn Cemetery in 1848, a civic leader and generous benefactor, and frequent advisor to friend Salmon Chase, Treasury Secretary in Lincoln’s cabinet. Mary Elizabeth lived for another twenty years (d. 1936) after William’s death (d. 1916) and gifted Worthington the funds for the construction of Worthington’s first public library building as a memorial to her Kilbourne grandparents.

Louise Jones married Baldwin Gywnne who, because of his family’s wealth, had traveled extensively around the world for four years after graduating from Kenyon College. His aristocratic old Virginia family was one of the wealthiest of that state, and after moving to Madison County as a child, Baldwin’s father eventually became the largest landowner in the State of Ohio. Baldwin’s uncle was the grandfather of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Baldwin Gywnne’s best known achievement was the impressive business block he built in 1854 on East Town Street between Third and Fourth Streets. The Gywnne Block was a three-story “skyscraper” with a frontage of 187 feet and a depth of 105 feet and contained the unheard of mega shopping area of eight storerooms under one roof. A shoe emporium, dry goods, notions, wholesale grocery, and hardware could be found in one location. One storeroom,

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number five, reportedly contained 12 gasoliers and 26 burners which were lighted in the evening for shoppers, turning the storeroom into a “veritable fairy palace.” The Gywnne Block became a rival to the High Street merchants who were forced to step up their game with more tempting bargains for shoppers.

The Gywnne’s large home at Broad and Fourth Streets was purchased from Robert Neil, eldest son of “Stagecoach King” and Neil House Hotel proprietor, William Neil and wife Hannah. It was the scene of many galas. In October 1878, their home was the first to have an “Edison party” to debut of Edison’s Speaking Phonograph, a fitting modern day invention to grace the home of Dr. Jones’s daughter who had inherited her father’s beloved piano.

Both Louise and Baldwin Gywnne died in mid-life and in a span of one year from each other (1878-1879), leaving a nineteen-year-old son and a fourteen year-old daughter. The daughter, Marie Louse, later married Dr. Andre Crotti, a distinguished Swiss surgeon who had a prominent practice in Columbus.

Emma Jones, though only three years old when her father died, became by accident or choice, the never-married chronicler, memory keeper, and elderly aunt to the family with deep Columbus roots. Born in 1847, she remembered her great uncle, Dr. Lincoln Goodale (1789-1868), Columbus’s first millionaire who gifted the city with a park. The childhood home at 114 East State Street was older than the Statehouse, and Emma remembered when the original Statehouse on the northwest corner of State and Broad Streets burned down. She was 10 years old.

She continued to live in the house she inherited until 1939. Most of the grand old homes from 19th century were already gone; torn down by Columbus’s Jazz Age in the 1920s. There is little in the newspapers to indicate that aside from sentimentality anyone in the city mourned their passing, instead rejoicing that

Columbus was at last becoming a “metropolis” with fine hotels and restaurants, theaters, banks, and department stores.

The Jones house continued to be lighted by gas lamps, with gas piped over when the Ohio Statehouse was built. It was, according to the family, the first house in Columbus to have gas lighting. She felt no need for radio, electricity, modern plumbing, or telephone as she watched from her front window. The city changed around her—her house and garden would be the last remaining residential house associated on Statehouse square. Though Emma never rode in an automobile, saw a movie, or left the house for five years except to attend a wedding at Trinity, she was fully aware of the worth of her inheritance, the role of her family in the city’s history, and her need for independence.

When visited by the daughter of Ohio’s Governor White, Emma was asked why she never married. She replied that marriage would have necessitated that she change, and she had no intention of doing so. Later, asked by a newspaper reporter if she belonged to Trinity Episcopal Church’s parish on East Broad and Third Streets, she replied, somewhat strongly, “My dear young man, Trinity Parish belongs to us.” In truth, her grandfather who founded Worthington founded the Protestant Episcopal Church in Ohio and his descendants, upon their arrival in Columbus, helped to found Trinity.

Emma Jones died on October 9, 1939. Her nieces of the Gywnne-Crotti and Deshler families had already negotiated a real estate transaction. The house and the adjoining houses owned by other heirs were to be razed and become a parking lot. They remain this today. **Ichabod Jones, Cynthia, James, and Emma are buried in Section O, Lot 50.**



Introducing Our New *Community Outreach Coordinator*, Steve Herb



Having recently retired after his most-recent career in commercial real estate, Steve learned of this opening with Green Lawn, and expressed his interest. After-all, having been born-and-raised in Columbus, plus having family buried within this historic property, he has known of Green Lawn for most of his life.

Here is a snapshot of Steve's applicable experience:

Columbus Dispatch: served as Special Sections Manager where he managed over 100 annual special sections and a staff of two writers. Later, he became the first New Technologies Manager, and helped launch the original Dispatch.com website, hiring and managing their very first Webmaster.

Owned and published two magazines; *TravelHost* and *Distribution Monthly of Ohio*.

Served as Advertising Sales Manager of the *Ohio State Bar Association* (OSBA).

Does website building and social media for clients, campaign candidates, friends and family.

Uses *Facebook* and *Twitter* in order to reach the "Masses". This is the new frontier, having replaced traditional media, and this is where the younger generations hangout. If it weren't for Facebook, Steve commented that he would know far less about what his six (yes 6) children and his new grandbaby are up to.

Feel free to contact Steve with your suggestions, thoughts, questions, or to volunteer with your passion about Green Lawn. He truly would value your ideas. You may reach him by: email: Steve@SteveHerb.com or *Facebook* (search on "Steve Herb"), or by calling our office.



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:

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