



Heritage

The Newsletter of Green Lawn Cemetery
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J.C. McCoy Rode Beside Sherman

As a young man, James Culbertson McCoy, a native of Franklinton on the west side of the Scioto River, worked in his uncle's mercantile business in downtown Columbus in the mid 1800s. When the uncle died in 1856, the business, known as W.A. McCoy and Co., closed and the goods sold at auction.

Five years later, at the start of the Civil War, the young McCoy enlisted in the army for a three-year hitch. He entered at Camp Dennison and was commissioned a first lieutenant of volunteers and adjutant of the 54th Ohio Infantry.

Within six months he was appointed an aide-de-camp to Gen. William T. Sherman and was promoted to captain. For the rest of his life McCoy closely followed Sherman from the battlefields during the war and with him the rest of his life.

McCoy was seriously wounded in the battle at Pittsburg Landing near Shiloh, but recovered to continue riding with Sherman. In 1863 he was discharged from the 54th Regiment, Company G, but was commissioned a captain and aide-de-camp in the U.S. Military Service of Volunteers and promoted to major at the age of 36.

He was always at the side of Sherman throughout his southern campaign, the fall of Atlanta and the famed March to the Sea. The two were together in late April 1865 for the surrender of the Confederacy to the Union, marking the end of the Civil War.

The two rode side-by-side the following month when the Grand Army of the Republic was featured in a parade in Washington, D.C. Sixty-five thousand Union soldiers paraded in review that day.

Following the war, McCoy retained his aide-de-camp status and was promoted to colonel in 1866, still working closely with Sherman.

Born Jan. 8, 1827, McCoy died May 25, 1875, while serving in Sherman's New York office. His wife Ellen Espy McCoy accompanied the body to his native Columbus for burial.

Services were held at the Trinity Church at the corner of Third and Broad Street in downtown Columbus. General Sherman and his staff led the funeral procession to Green Lawn Cemetery where McCoy rests in Section O, Lot 15, Grave 12.

Puzzle

They lived their lives in different ways,
And some were hated, some renowned,
But death demurs at taking sides,
For all are equal in the ground.

Five governors are buried here,
And those with noted names as well
Like Rickenbacker, Sullivant,
Wolfe, Thurber, Goodale, and Battelle.

But do you know the two entombed
Who had successes on their own,
Although today they're famous for
Their grandsons, who are better known.

—Sally Yocom

Can you guess the people our guest poet Sally Yocom is writing about? The answer to this poem can be found on page 5. Thanks to Sally for her interest and her talents.

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President's Message

The New Year customarily ushers in fresh ideas with positive change, and I am happy to report that a thoughtful transition is taking place on the Green Lawn Board. Having completed three years as Board President, it is high-time and my pleasure to pass the gavel on to very capable hands.

Green Lawn's full agenda requires strong leadership, and the Board of Trustees have unanimously elected the following Officers for 2014:

President	Geoff Arthur	The Law Offices of Geoffrey W. Arthur, LLC
Vice President	Joseph Sugar	Arshot Investment Corp.
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Each brings energy to the leadership team, and we appreciate their willingness to devote their time and talents. We also welcome board member Marc Ankerman of OSU Fisher College of Business, and we are especially grateful to retiring board members Steve Grossman, Nancy Kelly, Rita Wolfe and Randy Schoedinger for their many contributions during their terms on the board. A special thank you to Randy for his ever-present professional leadership and commitment to Green Lawn.

The dedicated volunteers of Green Lawn provided the gift of hospitality to our guests again in 2013, while the staff respectfully and capably cared for all those in our trust.

Thanks to each of you for your investment and your friendship. As Immediate Past President, I will look forward to collaborating with the board, staff, volunteers, generous donors and community partners as we work to increase awareness of Green Lawn's historic and natural treasures.

Again, it has been an honor and my pleasure to serve as President of the Green Lawn Board of Trustees. Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Christina Brown
President

How You Can Make a Donation

Green Lawn's 2013-14 Annual Campaign is off to a great start! We've heard from so many of you who received the Fall Campaign request, and remind everyone that it is not too late to make your Fall contribution. If you misplaced your personal request letter and envelope over the holidays, please feel free to use the return envelope conveniently enclosed with this copy of the *Heritage*. Every dollar counts and we appreciate your very generous support!

Thank you, Christina

In 2008, Christina Brown was nominated to the Board of Trustees of Green Lawn Cemetery and during the past six years she has generously donated a great deal of her valuable time and considerable talent to benefit this very special park.

As President from 2010 through 2013, Christina has provided boundless enthusiasm and professional expertise to help position Green Lawn for the future by creating and nurturing partnerships that will continue to grow.

During Christina's watch, Green Lawn board members and volunteers worked with our partners and community leaders to positively influence the long-term environmental impact of the redevelopment of Cooper Stadium. She was vigilant in encouraging the cooperation and accountability necessary to insure the least possible amount of disruption as we carry on with our daily activities at Green Lawn.

With Christina in the lead, the Board proudly collaborated with community partners in recognition of the 200 Columbus Celebration, the city's 200th birthday. We were excited to read the personal stories of the many unforgettable characters buried in Green Lawn Cemetery and featured in *The Columbus Dispatch's* "Columbus Mileposts" series. Currently, Green Lawn staff members are copying cemetery records to a state-of-the-art Webcemeteries database. The Webcemeteries project will keep 165 years of Columbus history alive and safely stored to meet the community's research and educational needs in this century.

Christina's proactive leadership on behalf of Green Lawn has been accomplished with respect for our Founders, an eye toward the future and a strong commitment to the community partnerships she will continue to champion. Knowing her passion, we trust that she will remain a very special Friend of Green Lawn for years to come.

Thank you, Christina!

Visit our website at
www.greenlawncemetery.org

Calendar of Events

First Saturday at Green Lawn, held the first Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Huntington Chapel, takes a look at the lives of people interred here. Programs are free and open to the public.

Jan. 1 — Photo contest 2014 opens.

January — Photos on display at Green Lawn office.

Jan. 4 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. *How and Why to do Genealogy.* Julie Callahan from the Columbus Public Library will help people get started in genealogy.

Feb. 1 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. *Dr. William Awl and the Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital.* Gary L. Carter from the Hilltop will share experiences of his 31 years as an employee at the facility.

Feb. 8 — Olentangy Owls walk. Start time 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 1 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. *Arthur Boke.* Bea Murphy will talk about her research on Boke, the first African-American born in Franklinton.

March 2 — Sunday Special. *The Jewish Heritage.* David Binkovitz will talk about the legacy of some of the Jewish people buried at Green Lawn. The program is at 1 p.m. in the Huntington Chapel.

April 5 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. *The Revolutionary War Soldiers.* The Sons of the Revolutionary War will present the program,

Interesting Fact

In just a few weeks, we will be observing Presidents' Day. Two of our great presidents — George Washington and Abraham Lincoln — have birthdays in February.

Research into burials at Green Lawn show a George W. Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Washington is buried at Section 71, Lot 7, Space 135, while Lincoln is in Section 30, Lot 51.



Students from Bexley Middle School pay attention to instructions from their teacher Michelle Rowley-Welsch. Students visited Green Lawn in the fall for a historical tour and community service

Calendars are for sale

The 2014 calendars pay tribute to veterans. Each page contains a couple of sentences about veterans at Green Lawn, including those of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, National Guard, and the Medal of Honor recipients.

Photos in the calendar come from entries in the recent Green Lawn Photo Contest.

These calendars are available at the Green Lawn office or through the Green Lawn Volunteers for \$10. You can also order a calendar through the website at www.greenlawncemetery.org or through the mail. Please add an extra \$2 for postage.

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Green-Lawn-Cemetery/381128311903707>



Historian Leslie Blankenship does a re-enactment at a First Saturday program. Blankenship portrayed a member of the Heyl family as she explained how early residents coped with the War of 1812.

Thank You, Students

A big thank you goes out to the Franklin Heights High School Junior Navy ROTC unit. They have performed many hours of community service at Green Lawn Cemetery. On Nov. 2, they raked and bagged leaves around the Huntington Chapel so those attending the First Saturday at Green Lawn program that day would have a clean entry. High school students are required to perform community service hours and projects before graduation. These are hard-working young men and women who do a lot of work.



Answer to the Puzzle

The two men buried at Green Lawn known for the achievements of their grandsons were Thomas Woodrow (Section C, Lots 103-104), grandfather of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the United States, and Samuel P. Bush (Section 56, Lot 45), grandfather of George H.W. Bush, 41st president. Were you able to figure out the puzzle?

Wreaths Across America

Volunteers didn't let the rain interfere with their goal of honoring World War I veterans Dec. 14. A sizeable group placed 600 wreaths on Section 71. Among the volunteers were some children and foreign exchange students. This was the fourth year Green Lawn participated in the annual event.

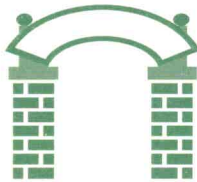
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