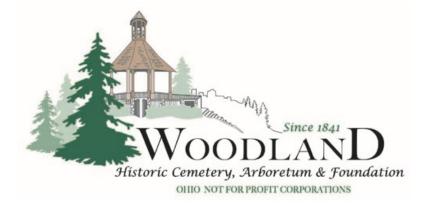
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Resident Spotlight: Congressman and Lawyer Harry P. Jeffrey



Harry P. Jeffrey graduated from Steele High School and worked for a year at NCR to earn enough money to go to Ohio State. He graduated from the Ohio State University, College of Law and was admitted to the bar in 1926. After completing his studies, he served three years, 1927 to 1930, in the military as a 2nd Lieutenant with the United States Army Reserve. He practiced law in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio and he was the special assistant attorney general of Ohio from 1933 to 1936.

In 1942, Harry was elected as Dayton's congressman to represent Ohio's 3rd District in the U. S. House of Representatives serving from 1943 to 1945. As a member of the House Veterans Committee, Harry Jeffrey was one of several authors of the G. I. Bill of Rights, which provided benefits to veterans returning from World War II, including

loans that enabled military veterans to get a college education. He was unsuccessful in his bid for re-election in 1944.

After his congressional service, Harry resumed the practice of law in Dayton until his retirement in the 1980s. He once argued a case before the United States Supreme Court and served as president of the Dayton Bar Association from 1954 to 1955.

Mr. Jeffrey served on the Advisory Committee as Wright State University was being established in 1965 and then served on its Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1977. Additionally, he served as chairman of the County-City Tax Advisory Committee, was involved with the Salvation Army, the Montgomery County Polio Foundation, the United Way and the American Red Cross. He was also a founding member of Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Kettering, Ohio.



Harry P. Jeffrey was born in Dayton on December 26, 1901 and died in Dayton on January 4, 1997 at the age of 95. He is located in Section 121 Lot 7.

The men of the Idding's family began a law firm in the 1870s known as Iddings & Iddings. Mr. Jeffrey joined them in 1927 forming the new



firm of Iddings & Jeffrey. When Mr. Jeffrey retired in the 1980s, the firm became known as Rogers & Greenberg and it continues to practice over 150 years after its founding.

Military Hero: Lt. Stephen W. Thompson



Stephen Thompson was born in West Plains, Missouri on March 20, 1894. When the U. S. entered World War I in April 1917, he was a senior in electrical engineering at the University of Missouri. The school announced that seniors who joined the military before graduation would receive their diplomas in June. He enlisted in the Army and, after basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, he was sent to Fort Monroe, Virginia for training in the Coast Artillery Corps. On the train coming into Norfolk he saw an airplane in the sky - the first he had ever seen.

When he got the opportunity, he went to the flying field, the Curtis School at Newport News, and asked if he could take a ride. Thomas Scott Baldwin, who had been a famous performer in his own balloons and dirigibles, was in charge

and said yes. The plane was a Curtiss JN-4 Jenny and the pilot was Eddie Stinson, a prominent flyer at the time who later founded the Stinson Aircraft Company. Stinson did a number of aerobatic maneuvers, including looping the loop five times in a row. Thompson said that the only thing that kept him from falling out of the plane at the top of the last loop was the lap belt. By the time he landed, he had decided to apply for duty in the Air Service.

Stephen arrived in France in September and was assigned to the United States 1st Aero Squadron for training as an observer. The commander was Major Ralph Royce, who became a general in the Army Air Forces during World War II. The training took place from a field in Amanty, located in northeastern France. The French day Bombardment Squadron Br.123, which flew the Breguet 14 B2, was nearby at Neufchâteau aerodrome, and Royce was occasionally able to send one of his men along with the French on a raid.

On February 5, 1918, the 1st Aero Squadron had not yet begun combat operations, and Thompson visited a French unit with a fellow member of the 1st Aero Squadron. Both were invited to fly as gunner-bombardiers with the French on a bombing raid over Saarbrücken, Germany. After they had dropped their



WWI Croix De Guerre with Palm

bombs, the squadron was attacked by Albatros D.III fighters. Thompson shot down one of them. This was the first aerial victory by any member of the U.S. military. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm for the action.

In May, he was assigned to the new 12th Aero Squadron at Ourches airdrome, commanded by Capt. Lewis H. Brereton. On July 28, now flying from a farm field near La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, he was in another memorable battle. While doing artillery spotting during a battle near Château-Thierry, his Salmson 2 A2 was attacked by four Fokker D.VIIs from what had been Richthofen's Flying Circus but was then under the command of Hermann Göring. Thompson shot down the first two planes that attacked him, but a bullet from the third hit his machine gun and disabled it. He was then hit in the leg, and his pilot was hit in the stomach by an exploding bullet. The pilot managed to crash land the plane before he died of his wounds. Thompson dug the bullet out of his leg with a pocket knife. The pilot who shot them down was the famous German ace Erich Löwenhardt, who at the time was second only to Richthofen in victories.

The uniform that Thompson was wearing when he shot down the Albatros D.III and the bullet he dug from his leg are on display at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

After the war, Thompson worked for several years as an engineer at McCook Field, the predecessor of today's Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He then became a high school mathematics teacher. During World War II, he taught pre-flight and meteorology. He maintained an interest in aviation and in 1940, he received U. S. Patent No. 2,210,642 for a tailless flying wing.



Lt. Stephen W. Thompson died on October 9, 1977 at the age of 83. He is located in Section 65 Lot 1122.

Source: Wikipedia

Honoring Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots

We honor these Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots who are buried in unmarked graves in Montgomery County, Ohio.

John M. Appell John Bickel Peter Bose Jehu Burkhart Peter Castor Anthony Chevaller Nicholas Coble James Cooper William Davis Henry Diem John Ewing John Gebhart Valentine Gebhart George Harlan Frederick Harp John Hiestand Robert Hughey Henry Kinsey William Lamme Benjamin Luce Reuben Park Dr. Frederick Ridgely Daniel Riser Garret Rittenhouse George Scheidler George Snyder Philip Studebaker Jacob Weaver Martin Weybright Henry Yount



Marker Placed by Jonathan Dayton Chapter, NSDAR in 2013

Arboretum Spotlight: The Chinese or Kousa Dogwood



This dogwood tree produces white flowers in May and June and a raspberry-like fruit in August.

The skin of the fruit is a bit tough but inside it is fleshy like a ripened peach but birds and other wildlife do not appear to eat the fruit. Perhaps it is because it is a non-native tree, although they can adapt their diet to such things.

Native to Japan, Korea and China, the first scientific observations of the kousa dogwood in the United States were recorded in 1875.

(L) The dogwood blooming in May and (R) yielding fruit in September at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum. This dogwood tree can be found near the entrance to the Admin Building.

If you're interested in the meaning behind common tree

names, this one may underwhelm. "Kousa" is apparently the Japanese word for dogwood. This species does, however, go by other names including Chinese dogwood, Japanese dogwood, Japanese flowering dogwood and Japanese strawberry tree.



Construction, Restoration and Preservation Update

Construction of the new addition to the Administration Building began in May 2018. Today, the new Family Services Center is a modern office environment that provides a welcoming office space for guests and visitors and a comfortable meeting space for families. Also inside you will find a door, once hidden by a false wall, that was the original back door to the Admin Building. Time and weather changed the color of the bronze door but with a little elbow grease, the door was brought back to life. The new courtyard provides a serene setting with a new waterfall fountain and pond. Additionally, we have returned the original Karl Bitter sculpture back to its original place near the front entrance.













Thank you WDPR Discover Classical 88.1 and 89.9 FM

A big THANK YOU to Linda Menz and Larry Coressel of WDPR Discover Classical for sharing their classical music knowledge and assisting with musical selections now playing in the Woodland Mausoleum. We hope you will enjoy the new classical music when visiting with your loved ones.



Headstone Cleaning and Restoration 101 A cemetery workshop brought to you by Misti Spillman of Reviving Cemeteries and Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum Woodland is pleased to partner with gravestone restoration expert Misti Spillman as she conducts a series of workshops for beginners who are interested in headstone cleaning and restoration. Workshops will be conducted at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday's May 11, June 8, August 24 and September 21, 2019.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes hands on, one-onone and group instruction on headstone preservation

techniques including: fixing breaks, resetting, cleaning and how to mix proper mortars for stone repair. You will also receive a Headstone Cleaning Starter Kit that will include all of the tools needed for the day. The entire workshop will be spent in the cemetery. A break for lunch will be provided. Please feel free to bring a lunch or visit any of the restaurants on Brown Street.

Misti Spillman has a background in researching and restoring cemeteries. She worked as an AmeriCorps member at the Ohio History Connection and serves as a reference and liaison to numerous museums and historical societies throughout Ohio. Misti is the owner of Reviving Cemeteries, LLC.

Participation is limited to 25 people per class. To register for any or all of the classes, go to http://bit.ly/HeadstoneRestoration





Before and after cleaning of headstone of George Newcom who rests peacefully at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

Register for classes here.

Upcoming Events at Woodland and in the Community

| The following programs arefree and open to the public. For more information, please call the number attached to the event. | The following tours and events are held at Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum. |
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| Street Names of Dayton May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Belmont Library 1041 Watervliet Ave. For information call 937-463-2665 | For more information, please visit our Tours and Events page on our website. Reservations are required for all tours. Call 937-228-3221. |
| Women of Woodland May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Centerville Library 111 W. Spring Valley Rd. For information call 937-433-8091 | Luminaries of Dayton Tour May 6 at 6:00 p.m. Tour Section 101 where the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar rest peacefully. |
| Street Names of Dayton May 15 at 6:30 p.m. Beavercreek Community Library 3618 Dayton-Xenia Rd. For information call 937-912-3673 | Let's Talk Trees Tour May 8 at 10:00 a.m. Explore the arboretum side of Woodland. |
| Wonders of Woodland May 20 at 6:30 p.m. E. C. Doren Library 701 Troy St. For information call 937-463-2665 | Spring Migration Day May 11 at 9:00 a.m. For the bird watchers, come and see the birds migrating through the Miami Valley. |
| Wonders of Woodland June 3 at 6:30 p.m. East Branch Library 2008 Wyoming St. For information call 937-463-2665 | Headstone Cleaning and Restoration Class May 11 10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. Learn how to properly repair and clean headstones. Reservations are required. <u>Click here</u> to participate. |
| Historic Woodland June 4 at 1:00 p.m. Lathrem Senior Center 2900 Glengarry Dr. For information call 937-296-2480 | Remembering our Military Heroes Tour May 18 at 10:00 a.m. This tour features some of our military and fallen service heroes from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. |
| Sports Legends July 15 at 6:30 p.m. Belmont Library 1041 Watercliet Ave. For information call 937-463-2665 | Dayton's Walk of Fame May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Visit the grave sites of Daytonian's who are on Dayton's Walk of Fame and resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery. |
| Sports Legends July 29 at 7:00 p.m. Brookville Library 120 Blue Pride Way For information call 937-463-2665 | Historic Tour May 21 at 10:00 a.m. There is always a new person or place to discover on this historic tour of Woodland. |

Reservations are required for all events. For more information about tours and programs at Woodland and in the community, <u>click here</u> to visit our Tours and Events page.

To schedule a tour or guest speaker, please call Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221.

Thank you for your support of the Woodland Arboretum Foundation

You can donate, any time of year, to our Horticulture Fund, Arboretum Fund or Chapel Restoration Fund.

The **Horticulture Fund** assists in the creation of scenic, reflective and beautiful gardens and grounds to honor those that have gone before us. This includes the distinctive floral displays in the chapel area in our Mausoleum. A unique theme and design is chosen during the Easter, Memorial Day and Christmas holidays.

Our **Arboretum Foundation** continues to focus on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio.

The **Chapel Restoration Fund** is designated for the restoration and preservation of the historic chapel, gates and administration office built in 1887. The Chapel houses 17 Tiffany windows, a hand-cut Tiffany tiled floor and hand painted Tiffany frescoes. All three structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The hand that holds the heart gives of himself.

Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts urgently needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

All 110,000 souls, entrusted to our care, thank you for your generous donation to one or all of our funds.

If you would like to send in a check, <u>click here</u> for a downloadable form to mail in your donation.

Prefer to give online? Click here to go to our secure online giving account.

Your gift is a tax deductible donation to a 501(c)3 public charity.

Support Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

Are you a ClubDLM or Kroger Plus Card holder? Would you like to support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation by doing your normal grocery shopping? You can when you register your shopping card to our organization! **Remember**, you must sign up for this opportunity each year but you can sign up during anytime of the year.



 \rightarrow Go to <u>www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow</u> and link your Kroger Plus Card to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #JJ851. Please note that our organization was updated with a new account number from Kroger.



→ Go to <u>www.dorothylane.com/club-dlm/good-neighbor-program</u> and link your ClubDLM number to Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum #821.

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Woodland Cemetery is proud to partner with the following organizations: National Aviation Heritage Area, Aviation Trail, Inc., Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park, Ohio Cemetery Association, ArbNet, American Alliance of Museums and Ohio Museums Association.



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