Green Lawn Cemetery

PA Hallowed Grounds' Stewards Roundtable – April 16, 2024

Green Lawn Cemetery Preservation Plan Created by Jason Harpe

PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE AREAS AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY PILOT PROGRAM



GREEN LAWN CEMETERY PRESERVATION PLAN Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

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Figure 2.9: Vines, underbrush, gravemarkers, and trash between the cemetery and the CSX Transportation railroad at the property's southern edge Photo view: South; Photographer: Jason Harpe; Date: January 18, 2023.



Figure 2.10: Thick underbrush near the cemetery's western edge Photo view: Northwest; Photographer: Jason Harpe; Date: January 18, 2023.



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Figure 2.15: Thick underbrush and gravemarkers near the cemetery's northern edge Photo view: West; Photographer: Jason Harpe; Date: January 18, 2023.



Figure 2.16: Thick underbrush and gravemarkers near the cemetery's northern edge Photo view: North; Photographer: Jason Harpe; Date: January 18, 2023.

Grant Priorities

- 1 Establishing Friend of Green Lawn as a non-profit entity and establish Receivership for Green Lawn Cemetery from the Orphans Court
- 2 Purchase a SLR Digital Camera and an External Hard Drive
- 3 Replace the crumbling base for the stone
- that identifies Green Lawn Cemetery





National Trust for Historic Preservation African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund

This is a BIG Deal!









Veterans Tributes

Veterans Tributes at Green Lawn Cemetery

With the assistance of a group of teacher candidates from Widener University, information from headstones was recorded and entered into a database for Section 1, Section 2, and a Veterans Section of Greenlawn Cemetery. Of over 1,200 grave sites that were identified, 230 veterans were located and their name, branch of service, rank, dates of service, and service during a war were recorded.

During this process a Civil War veteran and four Buffalo Soldiers were found along with many who served during WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. A tribute was held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, to commemorate Veterans' Day and honor their service. Reenactors from the National Federation of Black Veterans Network representing the U.S. Colored Troop 3rd Regiment from Pennsylvania presented the colors and explained the history and significance of the service of the Colored Troop Regiments during the Civil War. Descendants from Civil War Veteran Isaac Rothwell were in attendance and shared the story of his service. Chester Upland School District students Taegwan Naylor and Theodore Fairfax who were involved in the filming of the story of Greenlawn Documentary, were present and were joined by Raniya Purnell, to read the name, branch, rank, and war service of the 230 veterans who were being honored that day. Local Army Veteran Shakur Abdul-Ali brought his collection of Buffalo Soldier artifacts and local Navy Veteran Lamonte Harris held the regimental flag of the U.S. Colored Troop 3rd Regiment from Pennsylvania during the ceremony. Flags were placed at the grave site of each veteran and an alphabetical listing along with signage allowed family members to locate their loved ones who were veterans. Approximately 50 veterans and community members were in attendance. Coverage was provided by Channel 6 Action News of the Veteran's Tribute at Greenlawn Cemetery. Pictures from the event are shown below.









Saturday, November 11 – Third Annual Veterans' Tribute – 1:00-2:30 pm

Re-enactment from the 3rd Regiment of PA Colored Troops, Buffalo Soldier memorabilia, Honoring Green Lawn Vetorans, Tribute to fallen veterans for their service

The Community is invited and encouraged to join us for these important events leading us to greater access to loved ones at Green Lawn Cemetery.



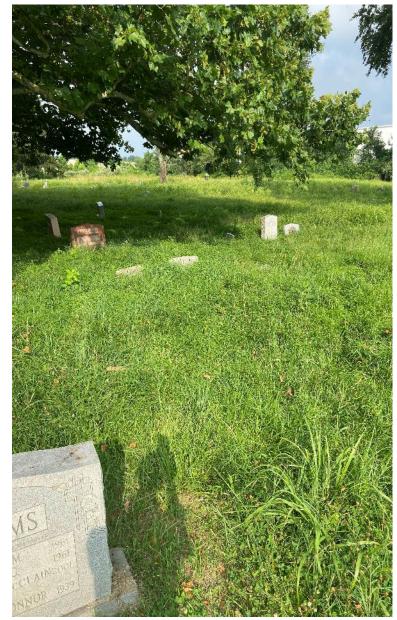


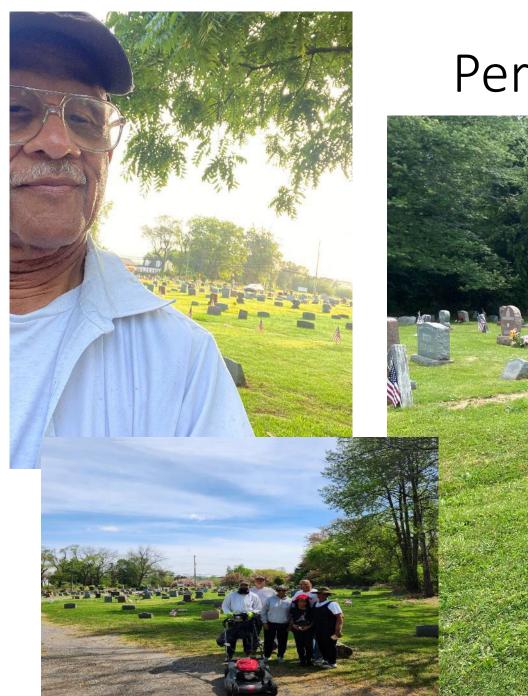












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Veterans Tribute at Green Lawn Cemetery November 11, 2023





Welcome to Green Lawn Cemetery's Veterans Tribute – Nicole Cogdell (PA Representative Carol Kazeem's Office)



Isaac Rothwell Enlists in the 3rd Regiment US Colored Troops from Camp Penn as shared by his Great-Great-Great Granddaughter Michelle Marsden





Military Honor Guard Flag Ceremonies





Thank you PA Hallowed Grounds, Preservation PA and Charlotte Stone

We will be forever grateful for the support we received!



