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"Jewelia Galloway Higgins with Chittenden Rosary"

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Happy Birthday!

Jewelia Galloway Higgins

Jewelia Ann Galloway Higgins was born December 29, 1873, into a family "that represents generations of community activists and leaders, freedom fighters, and empowered women" in Dayton, Ohio and beyond.

Jewelia's great-grandmother was Charity



Broady. When Charity's father, James Chittendon, brought her to Dayton as an infant, they were among the first Black settlers in town.

After her marriage to John Boady, Charity and her husband became conductors on the Underground Railroad. According to a family biography; "Fugitive slaves would hide in the Broady home, then slip into First Wesleyan Methodist Church" next door, where the church members supplied them with provisions to continue their journey to freedom.

Charity was also in attendance at the 1851 Woman Suffrage Convention in Akron, Ohio, where Sojourner Truth gave her famous "Ain't I a Woman" speech.

Photo: courtesy Dayton Walk of Fame. For more information about Charity Broady, click [here](#).



As a child attending the Cooper school on South Ludlow Street, Jewelia grew up learning from her great-grandmother's example.

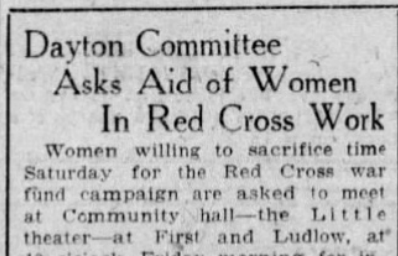
Photo (above): The [Cooper School](#) on South Ludlow Street was erected in 1842, opposite the Union Railway Depot. Courtesy of the Lutzenberger Picture Collection available at the Dayton Library.

Perhaps Charity Broady's stories of the suffrage movement inspired Jewelia—some of Jewelia Galloway Higgins' first activism work began in 1912 with the Dayton Woman Suffrage Association (DWSA), a white woman's suffrage organization.

According to the organization's records, Jewelia and other women of color worked the suffrage booth on Mondays. Under Jewelia Galloway Higgins' leadership, the women began giving speeches and organizing meetings in the community.



Photo: "Suffragist Parade a Revelation to all Interested in Local Work," published by the Dayton Daily News, 10/25/1912.



But Jewelia Galloway Higgins was not only interested in suffrage—she was also one of the first Black Red Cross nurses in Dayton. The Unique Study Club, of which Jewelia was a founding member, formed a Black chapter of the American Red Cross after World War I.

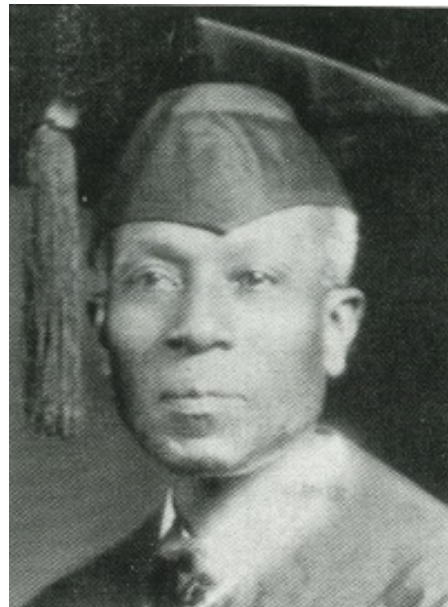
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In 1894, Jewelia married Rev. Charles Higgins, who worked with the War Work Council of the YMCA during World War I. The Higgins' would continue to serve the YMCA for many years—in 1951, Jewelia was honored as one of the organization's fifteen Pioneer Mothers.

Mrs. Higgins was also a founding member of the Black affiliate of the YWCA in Dayton, which was also called the Women's Christian Association No. 2.

As a member of the first executive board of Mary Scott Home for Aged Women, Mrs. Higgins also assisted in organizing the Traveler's Aid society. She also helped to establish the Holloway Children's Home in order to house the orphans and neglected children in the community.

Photos (below): Jewelia Galloway Higgins & Rev. Charles D. Higgins. Courtesy "Dayton's African American Heritage" by Margaret E. Peters, 1995.



Jewelina Galloway Higgins died

December 14th, 1955. Her funeral was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church—the first service held for a Black person in that church. Like most of her family, she is buried at Woodland Cemetery; in section 80, lot 459.

For more information about Jewelia Galloway Higgins and her fascinating family history, be sure to check out: [The Legacy of Charity's Children LLC!](#)



World War II: 1939 - 1945



Lt. Arthur Clulee Jr.

(8/6/1918 - 4/19/1944)

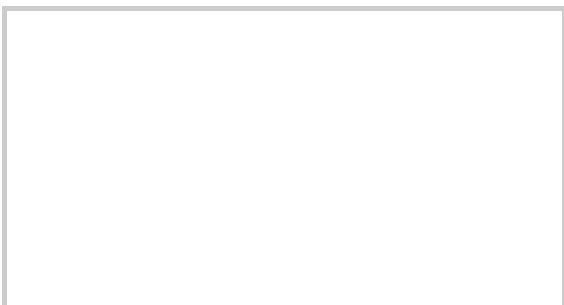
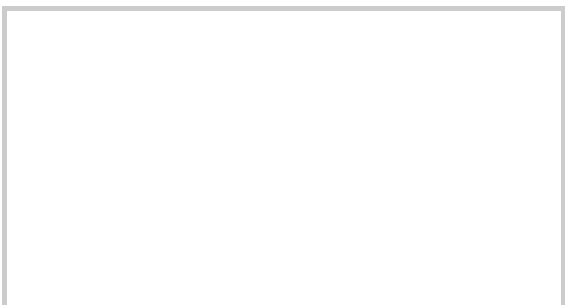
Arthur Clulee Jr. graduated from Collinwood High School, then attended Miami University (class of 1941). According to his family, Lt. Clulee had been interested in flying ever since his high school days. He had piloted planes in Cleveland, and in Madison, Wisconsin, where he was certified as a flight instructor.

The day after Pearl Harbor was attacked, Arthur Clulee Jr. was one of thousands of young men who chose to enlist in the US Navy. As an Ensign, Arthur Clulee Jr. received his training at Lakehurst, New Jersey, earning his wings in October 1942. He was stationed at naval bases in Trinidad, Brazil, and Guyana; where he was promoted to Lieutenant.

During a terrible thunderstorm on April 19th, 1944, the 234 foot blimp that Lt. Clulee was piloting crashed into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of New Orleans. Nine men aboard the blimp were killed; Lieutenant Arthur Clulee Jr. was lost at sea. He is honored with a cenotaph

alongside his parents' graves in section 33, lot 869 at Woodland Cemetery.

Upcoming Events!





New Year's Bird Walk:

Bundle up, bring your binoculars, and come enjoy some nature! We'll be looking for our year-round residents and winter visitors like Golden-crowned Kinglets and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers.

The walk is slow-paced, and mostly stays on the road surface, but sometimes does venture "off-trail" into the grass.

All ages welcome. The tour will meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery.

Your nature guide will be Amanda Lawson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist.

Upcoming Tours:

1/4 @ 9 am

Click [here](#) to register!



Black History Mausoleum Tour:

Join us for Black History month to celebrate the lives of individuals who are resting peacefully in our mausoleum. We are offering this special tour in the indoor mausoleum, featuring beautiful stained glass windows and telling the stories of George C. Cooper, James Parsons, W. S. McIntosh, Bob and Norma Ross and many others.

The tour will be offered on two Saturdays, February 8th and 22nd at 2:00 pm. The tour will last two hours and if weather permits, will include a walk to James H McGhee, Jordan Anderson, Paul Laurence Dunbar and other gravesites.

Meet at the main entrance to the Mausoleum. Parking is available in front of the building. The building is climate controlled and handicap accessible. Visitors will be walking on both carpet and marble floors.

Upcoming Tours:

2/8 @ 2 pm

Click [here](#) to register!

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

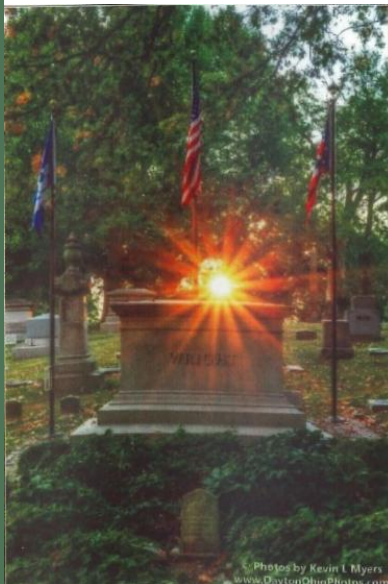
Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!


Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

Register for a guided tour visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries! Or check out our virtual tours! (if you really don't want to go outside)



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