



A Boy & His Dog:

More than a 100,000 people are buried at Woodland Cemetery; their many and varied monuments are a chronicle of Dayton's history and a tribute to the art of sculpture.

One monument in particular has captured the hearts and imaginations of our visitors for more than 150 years—young Johnny Morehouse cuddled up to his devoted dog.

Though exciting rumors have circulated that at one time vandals maliciously attempted to remove the dog's head, the real story is less dramatic.

To learn about the steps Woodland has taken to preserve this touching memorial for generations to come, we asked Misti



Spillman, Woodland's manager of preservation, to describe her process.

Left: Assistant cemetery manager, E.C. Keeler, is photographed next to Johnny Morehouse's monument in 1962. Published by the Dayton Daily News, 12/6/1962.

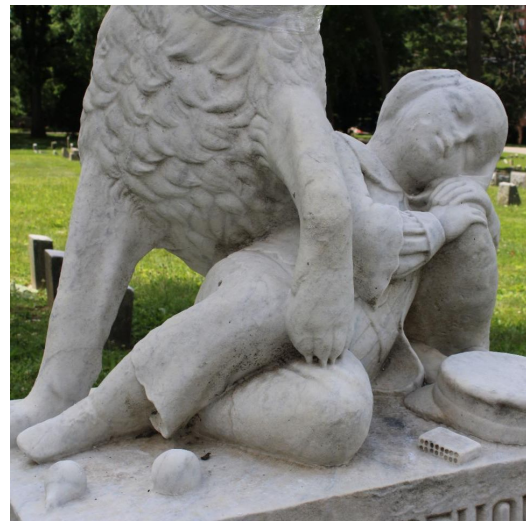
Johnny N. Morehouse

1855 - 1860

Facts about Johnny himself are few and hard to verify.

It is believed that Johnny Morehouse's father (John Morehouse) owned a shoe repair shop near to the Miami & Erie Canal which used to run alongside Patterson Ave.

One day, 5-year-old Johnny, escorted by his faithful (alas, unnamed) canine companion, ventured too close and fell into the canal. The story goes that the boy's loyal dog leaped in after his young friend, but was not able to save Johnny's life.



Above: Items allegedly retrieved from Johnny's pockets (from left:) a spinning top, a ball, a mouth organ or harmonica, and a cap.

Touched by the tragic tale, local sculptor Daniel La Dow immortalized the pair in white marble. This iconic monument depicts Johnny asleep with his dog curled protectively around him; the items carried in the boy's pockets laid out before them.

During an intense storm some years ago, a large tree near Johnny's monument was damaged—a large branch fell onto the sculpture, striking it at a vulnerable point; the neck, which knocked the dog's head off. It was repaired by Woodland's then-horticulturist, Jim Sandegren.

In the years since the original repair was made, the material used to re-attach the head has naturally begun to yellow and become a bit unsightly. Because marble is



one of the softest stones used for memorials, removing the old repair completely might have damaged the sculpture. To address this, Woodland's manager of preservation, Misti Spillman began by sanding down the old repair material.

Beginning with a smooth, clean surface, Misti used gravestone epoxy to be sure that the dog's head was securely attached to its neck. Next, she used a historic pointing mortar mixed with marble composite dust to fill in cracks and further protect the new repair. Using the mortar and marble dust mix, she then carefully matched the sculpted tufts of fur that give Johnny's dog his friendly, furry texture.

Now, Misti has wrapped the fresh repair in cellophane to slow drying time, which will allow all parts of the new repair to cure evenly. Be sure to check out this iconic sculpture the next time you visit!

Batter Up!

Curtis "Bingo" Lloyd

4/25/1909 - 2/26/2009

Curtis "Bingo" Lloyd was born April 25, 1909 in Aberdeen, Mississippi. Upon completion of 10th grade, he moved to Chicago, where he planned to further his education.

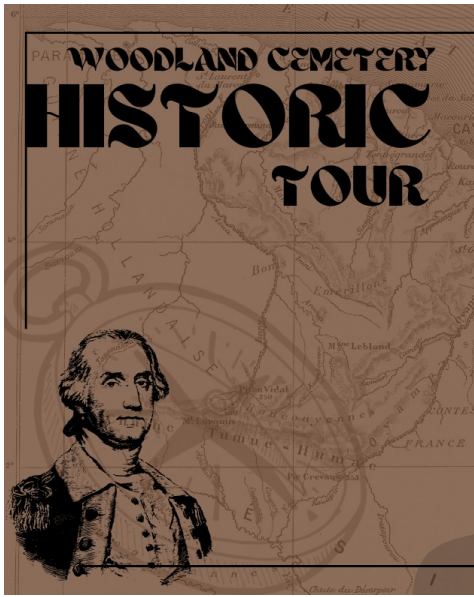
When he couldn't afford the school's tuition the following year, he turned to baseball. His skills got him on several Chicago-area all-star teams, and a few years later he was working for the Pullman Co., starring on its baseball team. Soon he found himself playing against, then with, such greats as Satchel Paige and Cool Papa Bell.



In 1942, Bingo came to Dayton to visit his sister and met Viola; a teacher at Garfield elementary school. They fell in love and were married a year later. Mr. Lloyd moved to Dayton, Ohio, and began a career with Frigidaire. From his wife's parents, he learned the game of golf and was eventually recognized as one of Dayton's most outstanding golfers.

In addition to his athletic achievements, Curtis "Bingo" Lloyd was an artist and published poet, known for his wit and sense of humor. He died at the age of 99, and rests in Woodland's community mausoleum.

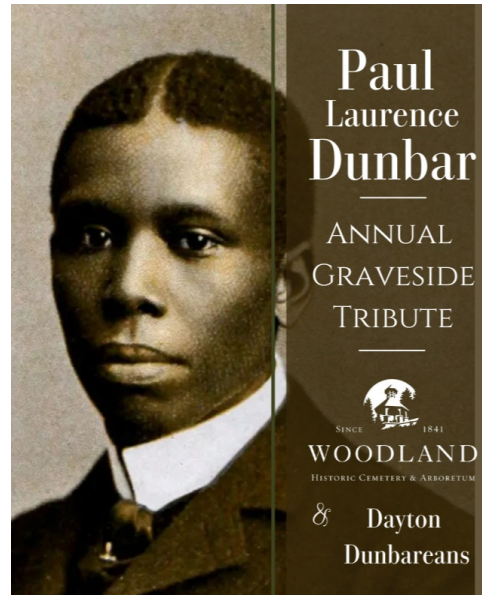
Upcoming Events!



Historic Woodland Tour:

6/24 @ 10 am

Click [here](#) to register!

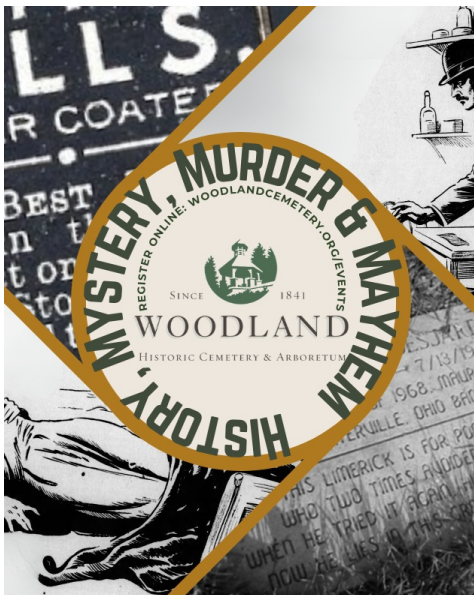


Paul Laurence Dunbar

Graveside Tribute:

6/27 @ 10 am

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History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem:

6/25 @ 10 am

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Tree Tour:

7/16 @ 10 am

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Don't get caught by surprise:

Please be sure to bring home all decor items that you wish to keep.

Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off

Orange = Do Not Clean Off

Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

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29	30	Father's Day 6/15				

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.

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Come Visit Us!



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!

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

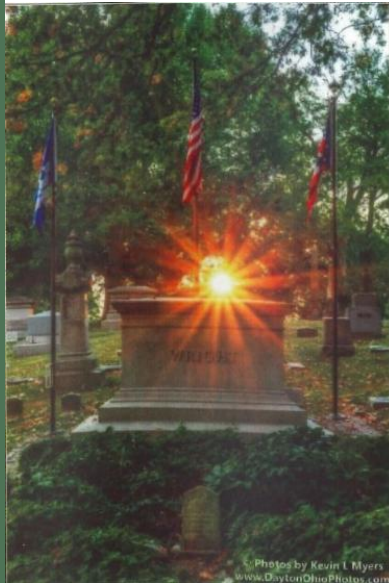
Tours & More:


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

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!

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!
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