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Civil War 150 – East Cleveland Township Cemetery

Cleveland, Ohio – July 3, 2010 – The East Cleveland Township Cemetery is approximately 12 acres of land situated in University Circle on East 118th Street having been forgotten by some Clevelanders and unknown to the majority. It has been surrounded by urban legend for decades and embroiled in litigation since its founding on August 31, 1859. Today there are over 17,000 people that have been laid to rest within its gates, many of whom were instrumental in creating the Cleveland we know today. There have never been any racial, ethnic nor religious lines drawn in the cemetery, despite its date of origin.

On Saturday, July 31st, 2010 the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation will host free walking tours of the cemetery to the public from Noon to 4 PM. The American Civil War has also been known as: The War of the Rebellion, Mr. Lincoln's War, The War Between the States, and the War of Secession. The Civil War was responsible for the deaths of over 623,000 Americans. More than 310,000 Ohioans served as Cavalry, Infantry or Artillery, in the Northern army during the war. About 11,237 Ohio soldiers died from wounds received in battle, and 13,354 died from disease. Ohio units had the lowest rate of desertion in the army. Many of the Civil War veterans in this cemetery were present at the War's most momentous events. They played an active role as the battles unfolded. Some gave their lives to keep the Union whole.

There are 173 known Civil War Veterans interred in the East Cleveland Township Cemetery, the stories of sixteen (16) of these men and women triumphs and defeats will be told at the top of each hour.

The cemetery is located at 1621 East 118th Street, which is just North of Euclid Avenue. For more information on the event please contact Nancy Adams at 216.536.7432 or adamsnancy@ectcf.org

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