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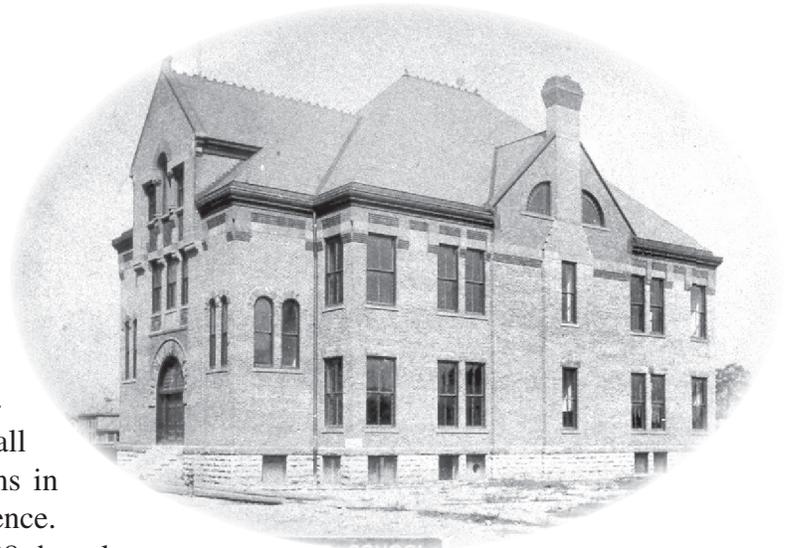
## Parish Histories of 1903 and 1907

(Continued from Vol. XXIX, No.7)

### **Columbus - St. Dominic Parish**

Form filled out by Father Thomas  
J. O'Reilly:

1. [Foundation date] On Sunday September 1st 1889 Mass was celebrated for the 1st time in Benninghoff Hall 427 North 20th St. Said hall was leased for one year with rooms in building for Priest's & Sisters residence.
2. [Property purchase dates] In 1888 three lots (3) secured for \$4100.00 - 2 on NW. Cor of 20th & Devoise Sts & 1 on Devois St. In 1890 ten more lots on Devoise St. for \$1800.00. in 1893 - 1 lot on 20th St. for \$1400.00 in 1901 two lots on Devoise St. for \$1400.00
3. [Schools and teachers] School opened on Monday Sept. 9th 1889 in Church room with 125 children. With crowded inconvenient quarters asked and obtained permission to occupy rooms in 23rd St. Public School building, newly erected and only partially occupied. While the move occasioned adverse public criticism, received from School Authorities the kindest consideration, until moving into our new building for the term beginning Jan. 1891. Sisters of St. Joseph, Mother House at Baden, Pa.
4. [Date of rectory] Erected in the Summer of 1895 Modern brick & stone



*St. Dominic combined  
church and school building, 1891*

5. [History of church and other buildings] Original buildings still standing  
School & Church erected 1890  
Rectory 1895  
Convent 1901
6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] No Cemetery for Parish Use Union Cemetery
7. [Title] [blank]
8. [Pastors] Only one Pastor, present incumbent.
9. [Assistants] No missions
10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] See answer to No 8.
11. [Method of funding] By Subscriptions

generally - supplemented by Entertainments of various kinds by system of Pew Rents & Monthly Collections.

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] As land was acquired and buildings erected greater efforts were made, and more generous response came from people to meet obligations.

13. [Laity worthy of mention] A parish of laboring people none were able to give large donations at any time, but as a rule all met the obligations fairly well, all were loyal to pastor and parish, and therefore share the honor of grateful memory.

14. [Anything else of importance] [blank]

Thomas J. O'Reilly, Pastor  
St. Dominic's Church  
Columbus, Ohio

### **Columbus - St. Peter Parish**

Form submitted by Father Hugh Ewing:

1. [Foundation date] 1896.

2. [Property purchase dates]  
8 lots bought Nov. 14th 1895

4 " " March 16th 1899

3 " " Aug. 24th 1900

3. [Schools and teachers]

School was opened Sept. 8th 1896

Church dedicated & opened Oct. 11th 1896

School taught by 5 Franciscan Sisters (from Buffalo N.Y.)  
255 pupils now attending.

4. [Date of rectory] Pastor's Residence built in Spring of 1900.

5. [History of church and other buildings] Parish too young for that.

6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] No. Columbus Cemetary used.

7. [Title] Everything in Bishop's name.

8. [Pastors] Present Pastor started parish. No Missions.

9. [Assistants] [blank]

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] [blank]

11. [Method of funding] Subscriptions, Pew rents, monthly collections, offertory coll, Lawn fetes &c.

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] Money was obtained in such small amounts & at so many different times, that it would be impossible to enumerate.

The carpenter work, painting, & labor, were done by the day & the men paid by me every Saturday night. The space here given would therefore not be sufficient to enumerate all these payments.

13. [Laity worthy of mention] Benefactors of Parish were Mr. R. G. Berry & Mr. Bernard Smith.

14. [Anything else of importance] The school building is a two story building (besides a good basement). It is 95 feet by 55 ft, built of buff brick with terra cotta pilasters & stone foundation. The upstairs is used for Church purposes & seats about 700. people. The first floor & basement include 5 school rooms, a boys gymnasium 21. by 67. feet, & the Sisters dwelling.

The Pastor's residence is a good eight room brick house: & the parish owns about two acres of ground.

Hugh Ewing, Pastor,  
St. Peter's Church  
Milo P.O.  
Franklin Co O.



*The facade of St. Peter Church in Columbus was reminiscent of the original Basilica of St. Peter in Rome.*

## Columbus - St. John the Evangelist Parish

Form filled out by Rev. Simon Weisinger, in 1903:

1. [Foundation date] The Congregation of St. John the Evangelist, Columbus, Ohio, was organized by the present Pastor, Simon Weisinger, on the 23rd of January, 1898; by the request of Rt. Rev. J. A. Watterson, D.D. Bishop of Columbus, O.

2. [Property purchase dates] In 1898 six lots were purchased from Reinhard Brothers; and in 1901 two more lots were bought. There are 255 feet frontage on Ohio Avenue and 159 feet deep.

3. [Schools and teachers] No School at present. We have two lots reserved for a School Building.

4. [Date of rectory] There is a Rectory, erected in 1898.

5. [History of church and other buildings] The Church and Rectory are the same buildings as erected from the beginning of the Congregation, 1898. The Church is Gothic and in cruciform with two Spires. 136 feet long & 54 feet wide and built of rock face vitrified and glazed brick.

(I have the cut of the Church and Rectory; if you wish to have it, please let me know.)

6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] Mount Calvary Cemetery in common with the City Churches. (Catholic)

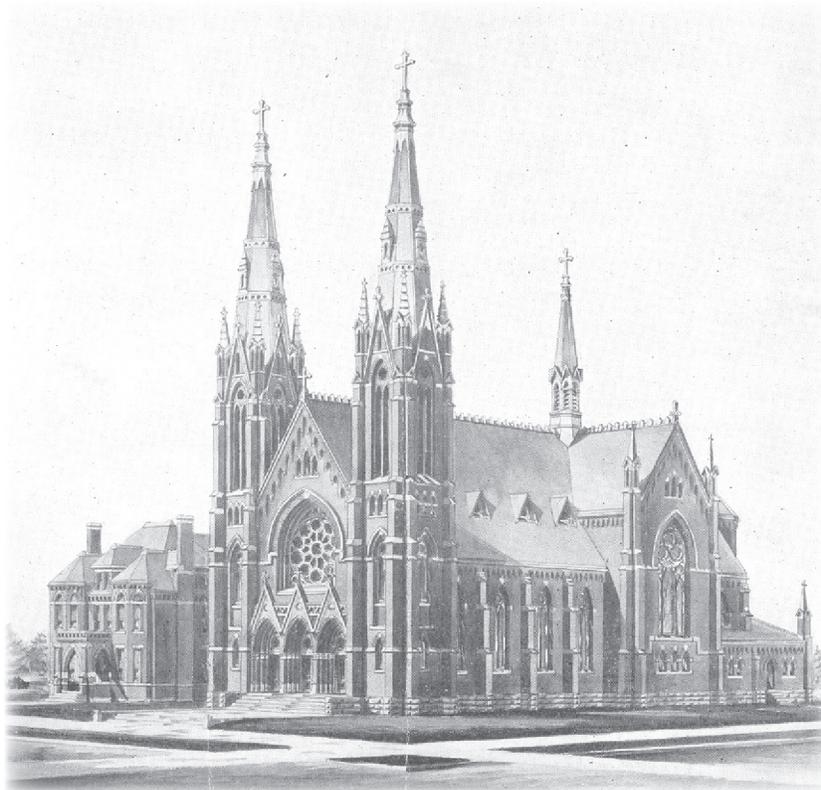
7. [Title] The title of the Church property is in the name of the Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, Rt. Rev. Henry Moeller, D.D.

8. [Pastors] Rev. Simon Weisinger who organized the new Congregation, the only Pastor up to the present time.

9. [Assistants] None whatsoever.

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] [blank]

11. [Method of funding] By Subscriptions, Do-



*Architect's rendering of St. John the Evangelist rectory and church*

nations, Pew Rents, Monthly Collections, Bazaars, Lawn Fetes, Offertory Collections.

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures]

The lots were paid for as follows:

March 11, 1898.

October 27, 1899.

in full, January 4, 1901.

The lots and Rectory are paid for; but we have yet a heavy debt on the Church Building at the present time \$38450.00. Total cost of Lots, Rectory & Church, \$51000.00

13. [Laity worthy of mention] E. W. Muth, P. H. Vogel, Mrs. Julia C. Lerch, John E. Amann, Frank Haubert, Jerome Muth, Geroge Kaiser, John B. Sachs, Joseph F. Kern, Peter Pink, Mrs. L. B. Tussing, John M. Roan, Garrett Fox, F. W. Redel, Mrs. Wm. C. Ross, Joseph D. Bryant, George Eigensee, Catherine, Barbara & Mary Eichner, Mrs. Henry Reichenbach, M. S. Connors.

14. [Anything else of importance] Through the kindness of Monsignor Joseph Jessing, Rector

of the Pontifical College Josephinum, the new Congregation was permitted to have services in the Chapel of the Josephinum for 18 months, whilst the new Church was in course of erection. The new St. John's Church was solemnly dedicated by the Very Rev. F. X. Specht, Administrator of the Diocese of Columbus, O. on September 24, 1899. Sede vacante by the death of Rt. Rev. J. A. Watterson, D.D. April 17, 1899.

Very Rev. L. F. Kearney, Provincial of the Dominican Order preached the Sermon on that occasion.

Simon Weisinger, Pastor

*To Be Continued...*

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## Peter Frelinger: The Riverboat Engineer at Mt. Calvary Cemetery

The largest boat ever to reach the City of Columbus was a canal boat, and the city was only a terminus of a branch of the canal. So it is rather remarkable that at Mt. Calvary Cemetery the remains of a great riverboat engineer await the Second Coming. Peter Frelinger (1831-1880) was born in Alsace, raised in Cincinnati, spent his life in the river towns and on the paddle-wheel riverboats of America's great interior waterways, and died in New Orleans; but he is buried in lot 62, Section C, Holy Cross Section of the Columbus cemetery.

Peter's sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Charles Wolfel, lived on North Grant Avenue in Columbus with their eleven children. Their brother Gregory Frelinger, a blacksmith, lived in Columbus with his wife Catherine and their four children from the 1870s until his death in 1888. Peter owned property here: an undivided half interest in a large lot on Buckingham Street, south of the U. S. Arsenal (Fort Hayes), purchased in 1864, and three lots at the northwest corner of Grant and Spring (the Wolfel home), purchased in 1870. He loaned money to Father G. H. Ahrens, Bishop Watterson, and Sacred Heart Church (as well as to Corpus Christi Church in Newport, Ky., where his residence was in 1870).

### Engineering Career

Peter learned his trade with George Shields of Cincinnati and afterwards went to New Albany, Indiana, as foreman of Lent, South & Shipman's foundry. He first went on the river as engineer on the *Nina Simmes*, which was built in 1860 and ran between New Orleans and Opelousas. He was on the *William Burton*, in the U.S. Quarter Master Dept. from 1862, and the *Sir William Wallace*, between Cincinnati and Memphis, during the war. Beginning in 1867 he was part owner with Capt. A. C. Goddin in the New Orleans & Bayou Sara Mail Line, which owned the *Wild Wagoner*. Frelinger was engineer on this boat. It was dismantled in 1873. He next was engineer on the *Frank Pargoud*, owned by Capt. John W. Tobin, running to various destinations out of New Orleans, and the *Katie*, Capt. J. M. White.

Frelinger next planned and superintended construction of the engines of the *J. M. White*, the crowning work of his career. The *J. M. White* was built at Jeffersonville, Indiana (near Louisville) in 1878 and final outfitting was done at Cairo, Ill. When new, she was "undoubtedly the handsomest steamboat in America" and is described as "the supreme triumph in cotton boat

architecture.” The owner was the Greenville & New Orleans Packet Company, headed by Capt. John W. Tobin. She was a side-wheeler, 321 feet in length. The engines that Frelinger designed were built by Ainslie, Cochran & Co., the largest high pressure engines built up to that time, each having 48 inch diameter cylinders with eleven foot stroke, “the pistons so adjusted as to offer the least possible friction while exerting a driving power equal to 1,500 horses to each water-wheel.” The chimneys above the ten boilers reached eighty feet above the roof. Frelinger remained on the *J. M. White* as Chief Engineer.

Frelinger died of malarial fever at his residence at the Hotel Dieu in New Orleans on the morning of April 9. His remains were carried to Columbus, arriving on April 13, and his funeral was held next day at St. Joseph Cathedral.

The New Orleans *Daily Picayune* said of him, “He learned his trade before his manhood, and has followed no other. From this long and continued service, assisted by a taste and talent for handling machinery, he had no superior upon the river, as an engineer. Thoroughly practical, as well as scientific, he was a valuable employee

and one whom Capt. Tobin will find it hard to replace. He was respected by his employer and beloved by his associates. He was even-tempered in his disposition and was no man’s enemy.” Captain J. M. White had died not long before, and the *Picayune* imagined “the tall and well-known form of Capt. White standing on the edge of the beautiful shore waiting, with peaceful smile, to welcome the true and noble soul of his beloved chief engineer, Peter Frelinger.”

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## The Origin of Grogan

John Patrick Grogan, age 72, life-long resident of Columbus, who had been in the grocery business for 44 years on Cleveland avenue, died at his home, 828 East Eleventh avenue, Monday, May 17. He was proprietor of the Grogan Community store at 1355-57 Cleveland avenue, and president of the Columbus Swing Co. The community in the neighborhood of his store was known as Grogan before it was taken into the city, having been named for him, and the post-office was known as the Grogan post office. Mr. Grogan was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Catholic

Knights of Ohio, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and a trustee of St. Peter’s church. Surviving Mr. Grogan are his wife, Mrs. Julia Grogan; two sons, Joseph D. and Francis; two daughters, Mrs. Sylvester Grogan, Columbus, and Mrs. Clyde Walters, South Charleston, W. Va.; brother, Thomas Grogan of Cleveland, and two sisters, Miss Mary Grogan, Columbus, and Mrs. John Byrne, Shawnee. Funeral services were held at 9 o’clock Wednesday morning from St. Peter’s Church with a solemn requiem Mass. Interment in Mt. Calvery Cemetery.

-- the *Catholic Columbian*, May 21, 1937

**Calvary Cemetery,  
West Jefferson, Madison County, Ohio**

*(Southwest side)*

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Tier 5, Lots 9 & 10 continued...

*WJV: 1921, Feb. 7, stillborn Boggs child*

(Father) P. Birkenbach 1841+1912

*SSJ: 1912, Nov. 15, Polycarp Birkenbach,  
born Germany, paralysis*

*WJV: 1912, Nov. 18, Polycarp Birkinbach,  
age 72, born in Germany*

(Mother) Veronica Birkenbach 1839+1922

*SSJ: 1922, Dec. 4, Vernonica Birkenbaugh,  
born Germany, age 90, senility, pneumonia*

*WJV: 1922, Dec. 3, Veronica Birkenbach,  
age 83, born in Germany*

(Daughter) Flora G. Birkenbach 1906+1931

*SSJ: 1931, May 15, Flora Birkenbaugh, born  
W. Jefferson, age 25, endometritis*

(Mother) Mary L. Birkenbach 1876+1932

*SSJ: 1932, May 18, Mrs. Mary Louise  
Birkenbach, born Columbus, age 55,  
accident*

*WJV: 1932, May 18, Mary Louise*

*Birkenbach, age 33, born Ohio, parents born  
in Germany & France*

(Father) John A. Birkenbach 1871+1946

*SSJ: 1946, Oct. 23, John Birkenbach, age 75,  
married; daughter Marie Bogs, son John;  
buried from St. Leo Church, Columbus*

(Mother) Anna Haller 1851+1910

*SSJ: 1910, Dec. 18, Anna Haller, born  
Germany, age 57, heart trouble*

(Father) Matias Haller 1842+1934

(Sister) Anna M. Haller 1882+1901

*SSJ: 1901, Oct. 23, Anna Haller, age 18  
years 6 mos., inflammation*

*Bunting, born Ireland, age 69, Bright's  
disease*

*WJV: 1913, Aug. 6, Allen Bunting, age 30,  
born in Ohio*

T5L12

Margaret Kubitschack Sept. 30, 1868-Oct.  
21, 1918

*SSJ: 1918, Oct. 21, Margaret (Kehoe)  
Kubitschack, born W. Jefferson, age 50,  
pneumonia*

*WJV: 1918, Oct. 21, Margaret Kubitschack,  
age 50, born Ohio, parents born in Ireland*

T5L13

Martin Carroll 1844-1921

*SSJ: 1921, Jan. 23, Martin Carroll, born  
Ireland, age 77*

*WJV: 1921, Jan. 23, Martin Carroll, age 77,  
born in Ireland*

Mary Ellen Carroll Nov. 5, 1868-Sept. 13,  
1949

*SSJ: 1949, Sept. 13, Miss Mary Ellen  
Carroll, born W. Jefferson, age 81, heart  
trouble; sacraments provided by priest from  
St. Mary's while living with adopted girl in  
Columbus*

John Henry Carroll Sept. 1, 1871-Oct. 6,  
1951

*SSJ: 1951, Oct. 6, John Carrol, age 75*

Northeast Section

T5L11 "B"

{BUNTING: James V. 1853+1908

{ Ellen A. his wife 1854+1923

{ Allen S. 1883+1913

*SSJ: 1908, Oct. 6, James Valentine Bunting,  
born Summerford, O., age 55, cancer*

*SSJ: 1923, May 14 in Columbus, Ellen*

T1L1 "P"

{Anthony Paulus born Jan. 6, 1834 died June  
24, 1902

{Elizabeth Merkle his wife born Feb. 18,  
1835 died June 5, 1911

*SSJ: 1901, June 24, Anthony Paulus, born  
Alsace, age 68 years 5 1/2 months, accident*

*SSJ: 1911, June 5, Elizabeth Merkle Paulus, age 76; born Feb. 16, 1835, died June 5, 1911, Lot 145 [recorded in 1954]*  
+ Michael J. Garrick PVT CO E 3 REGT  
OHIO INF SPANISH AMERICAN WAR  
OCT 5 1878 JUNE 18 1957  
*SSJ: 1957, June 18, Michael J. Garrick, born Columbus, age 74; foster son of Anthony & Eliz Paulus*

#### T1L2

L. Engelsperger Co. A 40 Ohio Inf.  
*SSJ: 1925, Apr. 14, Lawrence Engelsperger, born W. Jefferson, age 86, metral insufficiency; convert*  
*WJV: 1925, Apr. 14, Lawrence Engelsperger, age 85, born Ohio, parents born in Germany*  
J. C. Engelsperger Bty. H 1 Ohio F. A. SP  
AM WAR  
*SSJ: 1918, Dec. 24, Jake Engelsperger, born W. Jefferson, age 39, died of D.T.*  
*WJV: 1918, Dec. 24, Jack C. Engelsperger, age 39, born Ohio, parents born in Ireland*

#### T1L3 "Strapp"

{Mary McCarthy 1866-1918  
{Timothy P. McCarthy 1856-1927  
[James Strapp 1876-1893  
[Walter Strapp 1834-1914  
[Mary wife of Walter Strapp Native of  
Drangan Co. Tipperary Ireland Died Sept.  
18, 1891 aged 40 Years. May her soul rest in  
peace. [new monument]  
Elizabeth Strapp 1866+1931  
{STRAPP: (Wife) Hannora M. 1870-1935  
{ (Husband) John J. 1869-19[blank]  
Robert Emmet Strapp Born Mar. 6, 1906  
Died June 10, 1906

#### T1L4 "Gearing"

{Jeremiah Gearing 1849-1908  
{Ellen Gearing 1851-1903  
{John Gearing 1827-1892  
{W. F. Gearing, son of Jeremiah and Ellen  
1882-1901  
{Ellen Gearing 1826-1877 [new monument]  
Thomas B. Gearing 1879+1926

*SSJ: 1908, Apr. 9, Jeremiah Geahring, born Ireland, age 62, lung trouble*  
*SSJ: 1903, July 18 at Loveland, O., Helen Gearing (McPartland), born Ireland, age 56*  
*SSJ: 1926, Apr. 12 in Columbus, Thomas B. Gearing, born W. Jefferson, age 46, paralysis*

#### T1L5 "J.McC."

Rosa Elizabeth dau of John & Mary  
McCurry born Jan. 22, 1861 died Jan. 1,  
1879 aged 17 Y 11 M & \_ D's  
Edward Theodore son of John & Mary  
McCurry born June 16, 1866 died Oct. 23[?],  
1878, aged 12 Y 4 M & 7 D.  
Edward Powell 1828-19[blank]  
*SSJ: 1920, Mar. 17, Edward Powell, born Ireland, age 92*  
Anna Powell 1839-1906  
*SSJ: 1906, June 24, Anna Powell, born Ireland, age 66, dropsy*

#### T1L6

Alice L. dau of M. & R. A. Meehan died  
Sept. 25, 1873 aged 16 Y's

#### T1L7

no stones

#### T1L8

Jacob Vogel 1808-1854  
Mary Vogel 1806-1892  
{John Vogel 1852+1919  
{Amelia his wife 1857+1929  
*SSJ: 1919, June 26, John Vogel, born Lilly Chapel, age 67, hardening of arteries; belonged to St. Cecilia Parish, Galloway*

#### T1L9 "S"

Bartholomew Sullivan Apr. 6, 1848-Oct. 29,  
1910  
*SSJ: 1910, Oct. 28, Bartholmew Sullivan, age 60, Bright's disease*  
Ellen P. Sullivan Jan. 6, 1855-Mar. 21, 1916

#### T1L10

Timothy Sullivan 1869-1928  
{SULLIVAN: (Mother) Laura M. 1874-

1923  
{ (Father) Jeremiah 1855-1930  
(Mother) Julia Esther Sullivan Alexander  
Mar. 27, 1910 + Oct. 31, 1967  
(Brother) Raymond C. Sullivan 1902-1937  
+ Bartholomew E. Sullivan OHIO CPL HQ  
CO 307 ABN MED BN WORLD WAR I &  
II DEC 26 1900 SEPT 6 1967  
+ In loving memory of Grandson and Son  
Richard Louis Alexander Jan. 2, 1941-  
[blank]  
+ In loving memory of Grandson and Son  
William Edward Alexander Jan. 22, 1949-  
[blank]

T1L11

John J. Holland Jr. Sept. 24, 1893-July 8,  
1968  
footstone: John J. Holland OHIO PVT CO F  
308 ENGINEER WORLD WAR I SEPT 24  
1893 JULY 8, 1968  
*SSJ: 1968, July 8, John J. Holland, 74*

T1L12

+ William D. Creedon OHIO PFC BTRY C  
134 FIELD ARTY WORLD WAR I OCT 1  
1890 APRIL 12 1970  
*SSJ: 1970, Apr. 12, Wm. Dennis Creedon, 79*  
Marguerite L. Creedon Oct. 7, 1910+Dec. 3,  
1995

Theresa Creedon Aug. 20, 1932-Dec. 8,  
2002  
William D. Creedon Sept. 28, 1934-[blank]

T2L1

no stones

T2L2 "H"

Mary wife of Daniel Hammer born Sept. 17,  
1843 died Mar. 14, 1897  
Daniel G. son of D.G. & M. Hammer, born  
July 16, 1883 died Dec. 15, 1884  
{1853 Daniel George Hammer 1884  
{1864 Catherine Hammer Cary 1892  
{1865 Elizabeth Hammer Kennedy 1897  
{1875 Viola Hammer Conway 1897  
{1896 William Jennings Minogue 1898  
[new monument]  
Joseph Hammer died Apr. 17, 1899 aged 31  
Y'rs & 6 Mo. [new marker]

T2L3 "McManus"

McManus - Katie wife of Samuel Hyle  
1864-1916

T2L4

Julia Shea died Feb. 25, 1923  
*SSJ: 1923, Feb. 25 in St. Anthony Hospital,  
Columbus, Julia Shea, born W. Jefferson, age  
75, rheumatism*

*to be continued...*

“CORRECTION Typographical errors were made in a tombstone reading in the December issue. In Tier 4, Lot 2, the Ellen E. Groves tombstone is separate from that of Leo and Gladys. Her dates are May 8, 1917 to Apr. 17, 1992.”

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