

Cleveland Architects

John J Husband

Birth/Established: 1820 **Death/Dissolved:** aft. 1895

Biography:

John J. Husband was born in Virginia. He was listed as a builder and architect from 1844 until 1853 in Philadelphia City Directories. He appears in Cleveland City Directories as an architect from 1853 to 1861. Charles C. Miller worked as a draftsman in his Cleveland office. Miller later went to work as an architect in Toledo and Chicago and was the co-author of an architectural pattern book. In 1860 Husband was living alone in the Weddell House. From 1863 to 1890 he is listed as an architect and civil engineer in Baltimore. He had returned to work in Cleveland in 1865. According to newspaper accounts, after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Husband was overheard in a conversation. A gentleman said that the assassination was perfectly horrible. Husband replied, "Some might think so; others might not. For my part I think it a damned small loss." Because of the remarks he was roughed up by a mob. His name was chipped away from the cornerstone of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse. He returned to live in Baltimore where he was still living in 1893. He is not listed in the 1894 city directory. (Thomas) Arthur & Husband dissolved in 1891.

Building List

| Structure | Date | Address | City | State | Statue |
|--|---------|---------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|
| Methodist Episcopal Church | 1850 | | Norfolk | VA | unknown |
| First Presbyterian Church aka Church of the Pioneers | 1851 | | Cincinnati | OH | Demolished 1936 |
| Northern Ohio Lunatic Assylum | 1852 | | Cleveland | Ohio | Demolished 1977 |
| Southern Ohio Lunatic Assylum | 1852-5 | 2335 Wayne Avenue | Dayton | Ohio | Standing |
| Euclid Street Presbyterian Church | 1853 | 1420 Euclid Avenue | Cleveland | OH | Demolished |
| Trinity Church | 1854-5 | 520 Superior Avenue | Cleveland | OH | Demolished |
| Cuyahoga County Courthouse (Third) | 1858-60 | | Cleveland | OH | Demolished |
| Randall Wade Residence | 1864 | 3917 Euclid Avenue | Cleveland | OH | Demolished |
| Public School Number 109 | 1876 | | Baltimore | MD | Demolished |
| Interior and Exterior Alterations | 1891 | 2558 Memphis Street | Philadelphia | PA | Unknown |
| New Front and Interior | 1891 | | Philadelphia | PA | Unknown |

Sources:

Baltimore City Directories

Biographical Dictionary of Philadelphia Architects 1700 - 1930

Cleveland City Directories 1863-4

