

**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	Status
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

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