



Photo added by K Guy

## Dr Thomas Grover Herron

**BIRTH** 20 Aug 1840 • Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA

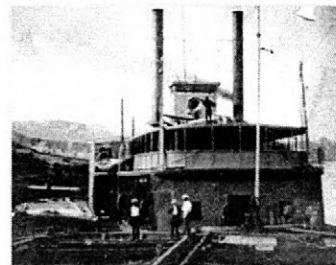
**DEATH** 22 Oct 1911 • Linwood, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA

**BURIAL** Spring Grove Cemetery • Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA

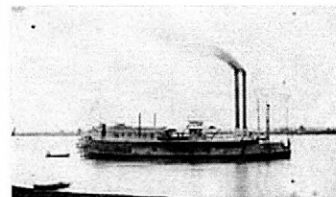
**PLOT** Section 54, Lot 97, Grave 19

**MEMORIAL ID** 21944105

**P**hysician, Union Civil War Soldier and Naval Officer. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of Joseph Herron, a professor at Herron's Seminary in Cincinnati, from which Thomas graduated in 1857. He then went on to apprentice as a steamboat carpenter with his uncle for three years. By 1860, he began to study medicine at the office of Dr. Tom Wood. He was also a member of the Cincinnati Zouaves with the Gymnasium Light Guards. When the Civil War began, he volunteered for service in the Union Army and enlisted with Fremont's Body Guard. He served in Captain J.S. Foley's Company, Company C, which was known as the "Kentucky Company." Herron was sent to St. Louis for drill and with his previous experience as a soldier, he became drill master and was soon made Corporal. They were quickly deployed in action and sent to southwestern Missouri to chase Confederate General Sterling Price. He fought with distinction in the bloody fight at Springfield, Missouri. Early in 1862, his short term expired and Herron returned to Cincinnati and joined the Sanitary Commission. He answered the call for volunteer sailors to man the new gunboats of the Western Flotilla in the spring of 1862. He served with the Mississippi Squadron on the U.S.S. Covington as a ship's steward, captain, and Ensign. During the Red River Expedition he was involved with the construction of the Red River Dam. During a fierce fight at the mouth of the Red River along with two other gunboats on April 27, 1864, the small naval force was decimated from a land attack by Confederate General Dick Taylor. One ship surrendered, and the other two were disabled, including the Covington. With all of his commanding officers killed or severely wounded, Ensign Herron assumed command and ordered the men to scuttle the ship, spike the guns, and flee on the ground. After a chase by enemy soldiers and dogs, Herron and his men were captured by the rebels. Strange circumstances followed. Herron, as acting commanding officer, was ordered to be hung, but disappeared while being held captive. Apparently, a woman in the rebel camp had secreted Herron in her makeshift hut and concealed him amongst laundry. He was led to safety in the dark of the night, made his way back to the river, and was picked up by a U.S. transport. He continued to serve in the Navy on the steamer, U.S.S. St. Clair. He was honorably discharged on September 20, 1865. He returned to Cincinnati, resumed his study of medicine, and graduated from the Ohio Medical College in 1867. He briefly became an intern at St. John's Hospital in Cincinnati. He went on to become a physician and surgeon. He died at his residence in Linwood, Ohio near Cincinnati in 1911 when he was 71 years old.



Added by K Guy



Added by K Guy

### Family Members

#### Parents



Joseph Herron  
1808–1863



Cordelia A. Weeks Herron  
1815–1893

#### Spouse



Elizabeth Sutherland Herron\*  
1848–1912

#### Siblings



William Christie Herron\*

#### Children



Joseph Sutherland Herron\*