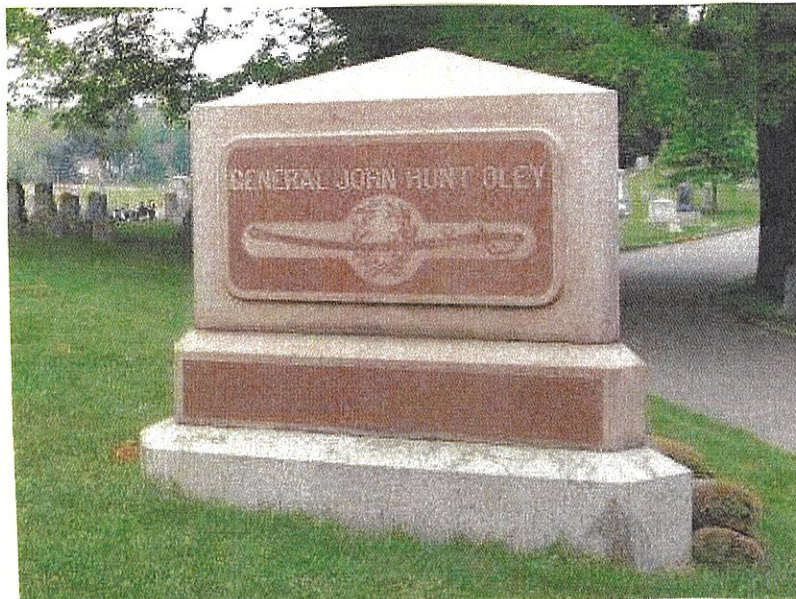


GENERAL JOHN HUNT OLEY, COMMANDER OF THE 7TH WEST VIRGINIA CAVALRY, LIVED IN THIS BUILDING AFTER THE CIVIL WAR UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1888. HE MOVED TO HUNTINGTON IN 1871 TO WORK FOR COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON AS A LAND AGENT, AND HELPED TO LAY OUT AND PLAN THE NEW CITY OF HUNTINGTON. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SERVED ON THE SCHOOL BOARD, ETC. (THE OLD OLEY SCHOOL IN HUNTINGTON WAS NAMED AFTER HIM).



WHEN HE DIED IN 1888, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR HIS FUNERAL, AND ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED. HE IS BURIED IN SPRING HILL CEMETERY.