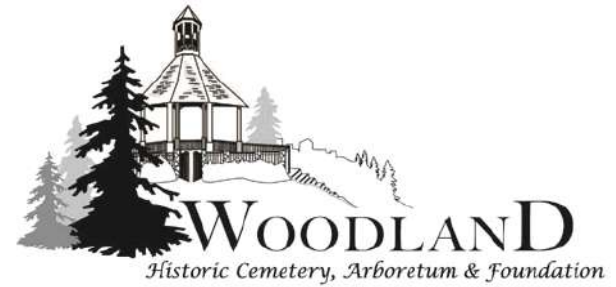


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Woodland Events



Select tours and special events at Woodland in 2018

Let's Talk Trees Arboretum Tour

June 13, July 11, August 8,
September 12 and October 10
Tours begin at 10:00 a.m.

Woodland Bird Walks

Summer - July 21
Fall Migration - September 22
Tours begin at 9:00 a.m.

175th Anniversary of the First Burial at Woodland Cemetery

Wednesday, July 11
Program and ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m.

Woof Walk

Saturday, August 4
Tours begin at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Discover Woodland Days

Sunday, October 7
Tours begin 12, 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Holiday Remembrance Service

Friday, December 7
Program begins at 6:00 p.m.

Reservations are required for all tours. Please call 937-228-3221. For more information about tours and programs at Woodland and in the community, visit our website at www.woodlandcemetery.org and click on the Tours and Events tab.

Another 175th Year Milestone!

On Memorial Day 2018 and in anticipation of the 175th Anniversary of the first burial in Woodland Cemetery on July 11, 2018, Woodland would like to express our sympathies and condolences to our community:

May God bless everyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one today. Be strong and cherish the moments of happiness.

The first burial at Woodland took place on July 11, 1843 when Allen Cullum, who died on July 9th, was laid to rest in Section 77 Lot 83. He was a native of Butler County and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellow's (IOOF) and was just 38 years old.

Leading up to the first burial, the Woodland Trustees gave public notice that the cemetery would be open for the sale of burial lots on June 7, 1843. On June 24, 1843, Letitia C. Backus purchased Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Sections 55 and 65, including the alley ways for \$140.00. In those lots are buried Woodland notables: General Fielding Loury, Major David Ziegler and Daniel Cooper, often known as the "Father of Dayton."

Mr. Cooper died on July 13, 1818. He was the 28th interment at Woodland having been removed from the Old 5th Street Cemetery to Woodland on May 4, 1844.

Mr. Cullum could have been a member of one of three IOOF lodges that were established in the area: Montgomery Lodge, Number 5 which was instituted on May 3, 1833; Dayton Encampment, Number 2 which was chartered on August 2, 1839; or Wayne Lodge, Number 10 which was chartered in April 1840.

In September 2017, Curtis O'Regan from Mansfield, Mass., chose to do his Eagle Scout project at Woodland and did the restoration work on the Cullum monument. Below you will find the before and after photos of the monument restoration.



Donnie Jepsen and Jonathon Hyman assist Curtis O'Regan on his Eagle Scout project.

In honor of the 175th anniversary of the burial of Allen Cullum, each person who contributes \$175 or more to the Arboretum Foundation between May 1st and July 31st will receive a special gift from Woodland.

Look inside for more details.



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Military Resident Spotlight: Budde V. Branch 1925—2011



The 761st Tank Battalion was one of a small number of African American tank units and was the first group of African American tankers to reach France during World War II. Assigned to Patton's 3rd Army, the 761st saw heavy combat as they moved across France and Germany. Nearly 50 members of the Battalion were decorated for bravery in combat. Corporal Buddie Branch was one of those men.

Buddie began his military career on August 9, 1943 when he was drafted and sent to Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. A year later he was on a train headed to an east coast port to be shipped to Europe. When the trains went through towns in Louisiana he and other African American soldiers had to draw the window shades because some white people would throw rocks at the train when they saw black G.I.s. On their way to St. Nicholas du Port, east of Nancy, France, the French people cheered the black soldiers on in a welcoming manner.

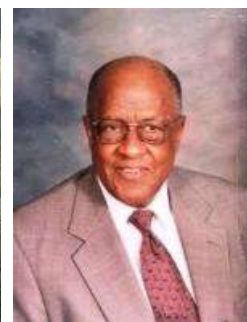
Buddie was the recipient of a Bronze Star and this was his citation:

Buddie V. Branch, 35873752, Corporal, Infantry, Company "B", 761st Tank Battalion, APO 655, U. S. Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 November 1944, in Honskirch, France. Corporal Branch, after having established covering fire for seventeen walking casualties, voluntarily dismounted from his tank, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, distinguished himself by courageous bravery in the face of heavy enemy fire. Corporal Branch succeeded in inspecting six disabled tanks, aided in the removal and evacuation of seven litter cases, carrying each one back approximately three hundred yards to shelters, while enemy 88mm guns, mortars, machine guns, and snipers continued to fire upon the disabled tank column for a period of four and one half hours. Corporal Branch's courage and devotion to duty is an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

After his military service, Buddie returned to Dayton to complete his senior year at Roosevelt High School. He worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base for thirty years. He was also a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming later becoming a Funeral Director for Smith Funeral Home.

Buddie took part in the Veteran's History Project sponsored by the Library of Congress. Recordings of his interviews about the 761st Battalion and his service can be found on the project's website.

Buddie V. Branch was born on February 14, 1925 in Dayton, Ohio and died on January 31, 2011 at the age of 85. He is located in Section 307 Lot B Grave 55.



Woodland Arboretum News

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum Awarded Level II Accreditation by ArbNet Accreditation Program

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum in Dayton was awarded a Level II Accreditation in 2018 by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum, for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism. Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.



Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum sits in the heart of downtown Dayton on over 200 verdant acres of rolling hills with over 3000 trees on the property. Founded in 1841 and established by John Van Cleve, Van Cleve chose the original 40 acre site for its hilltop views and remarkable variety of trees. In 1843, Van Cleve did an inventory of the trees on the property and found 41 different species. In the early years, special care was taken to preserve the finest specimens of trees and shrubs to retain the natural beauty of the area. *Continued on back page.*

Arboretum Spotlight: Tuliptree

Tuliptree *Liriodendron tulipifera*



One can argue about whether the "tulips" are the outline of its leaves or its cup-shaped flowers, but both undoubtedly contributed to the fanciful name given to this tree by early settlers. And the tuliptree is still beloved for its beauty today, serving as the state tree of Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee. It is the tallest of the eastern hardwoods—and a rapid grower when conditions are right.

If you're looking for a stunning tree that grows quickly and doesn't suffer from many pest problems, your search is over. This tree is considered both a shade tree and an ornamental tree. It features a spreading canopy capable of blocking sunlight and adds visual interest and beauty to landscaping.

The tuliptree blooms in May and June, producing tulip-shaped flowers 1½–2" in diameter with greenish-yellow petals and a splash of orange at the base. It provides vibrant yellow color in the fall and produces alternating leaves that are 3– 6" long with distinctive lobes, a flat base and two ear-like tips.

This tree provides food in many forms for many animals. In fall and winter, young trees are browsed by white-tailed deer and rabbits. The spring flowers provide nectar for ruby-throated hummingbirds. Tuliptree seeds, maturing in summer and persisting into winter, provide food for both birds and mammals, including finches, cardinals, quail, mice, red squirrels, gray squirrels and rabbits.

Once plentiful in their natural habitat in eastern America, tuliptrees were favored by loggers for railroad ties and fence posts. George Washington planted tuliptrees at Mount Vernon which are now 140' tall, and Daniel Boone used the wood of this tree for his 60' dugout canoe.

Information about this tree and other trees can be found at arborday.org/trees/treeguide



The tuliptree in the fall.

Woodland: Then and Now

THEN: The Pump House



Photo credit: WSU Archives

NOW: The Pump House



By the summer of 1899, the old pumping machinery which pumped and forced water into a reservoir near the top of Lookout began to give out after twenty-two years of service.

A new well was dug and water was pumped at an elevation of 169 feet above the pumping station to the Lookout.

The pumping system was discontinued in 1951 when city water became available.

The pumping station was divided into two rooms, one served to house the new pumping machinery and the other contained a reception room and restrooms.

The top photo is undated and the bottom photo was taken in March 2018.

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In honor of another 175th Anniversary, the first burial in Woodland Cemetery, we encourage you to become a member of our \$175 Anniversary Club. We hope you will consider upgrading your yearly membership donation or make an additional donation in honor of Allen Cullum, a farmer from Butler County who was laid to rest on July 11, 1843 at the age of 38.

Each donor making a donation of \$175 or more from May 1st through July 31st will receive a set of ceramic Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum coasters.

Don't delay, send in your donor card today.
Limit one set of coasters per donor for this campaign.



Allen Cullum. Died July 9, 1843. Buried July 11, 1843.
Located in Section 77 Lot 83.

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Are you a ClubDLM or Kroger Plus Card holder? Would you like to support the Woodland Cemetery Foundation by doing your normal grocery shopping? You can when you register your shopping card to our organization! Remember, you must sign up for this opportunity each year.



Go to krogercommunityrewards.com and link your Kroger Plus Card to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #28721.



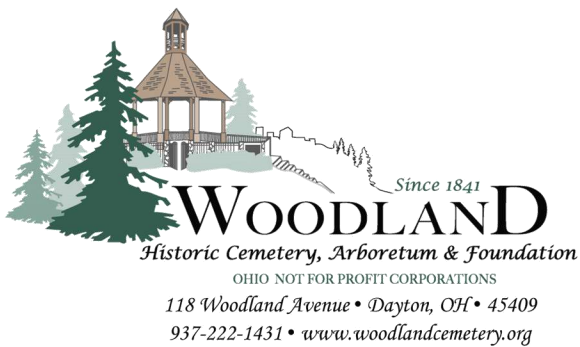
Go to dorothyane.com/ClubDLM/goodneighbor and link your ClubDLM Card to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #821

Our Foundation continues to focus on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio. Thank you for your continued support!

Prefer to make a donation online or over the phone? Go to our website at woodlandcemetery.org and select the "Donate" bar on the left side of the page. You can donate through our secure and universally recognized PayPal account. You can also make a donation with your credit card by calling our office at 937-228-3221.

Woodland Cemetery is always seeking volunteers who are interested in leading tours and providing programs and presentations to community groups and organizations. If you like history and would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Woodland contact Angie Hoschouer at ahoschouer@woodlandcemetery.org or 937-228-3221.

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From page 2. Most of these tree species are still represented on the grounds and the species list has grown to over 165. Woodland is best known for its collection of Oak trees. Of the 58 species that are native to North America, Woodland has 25 varieties. Over the years, Woodland has been the recipient of 10 “State Champion Tree” awards from the Ohio Division of Forestry.

Woodland continues to grow its tree population with strategic removal of dying or distressed trees. Removal of such trees allows the undergrowth the opportunity to flourish and to fill in the canopy where needed. The arboretum works closely with Mark Webber, a Board Certified Master Arborist, to select and plant trees and shrubs throughout the grounds. Additionally, Woodland was selected by the Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (OCISA) to hold a series of free educational programs for green industry professionals at the arboretum through April 2019. Beginning in May 2018, Woodland will offer its annual series of tree tours called Let’s Talk Trees which will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, May through October, at 10:00 a.m.

Webber stated that, “If you like trees and plants that have stood the test of time, then a visit to Woodland should be on your calendar. When I first visited Woodland in 1986, I was taken aback by how grand the trees of this place were, by how their branches created a cathedral-like experience. More so, the collections of trees and plants at Woodland are a beautiful living botanical guide for anyone who wants to experience and or learn about plants. However more compelling is how the trees of Woodland play such a significant role in Dayton’s urban core by improving air quality, reducing ozone, having a place of solitude and remembrance, and providing other critical social and environmental services. Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is one of Dayton, Ohio’s most magnificent jewels of the Gem City.”



You can visit Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum 365 days a year from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.