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ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

Upcoming Community Events

Unfortunately, we have cancelled all programming both at the cemetery and in the community through June 30, 2020.

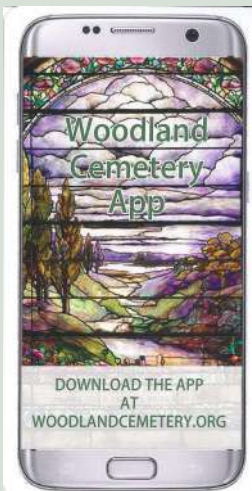
We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our normal tour schedule soon.

We will monitor the situation and follow recommendations as outlined by the State of Ohio Department of Health, Montgomery County Public Health and the CDC as to whether we cancel more events past June 30th.

If you have signed up for a tour, please check your ticket and see if your tour has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, your family and friends.

We thank you for your continued support of Woodland and the programs we offer. You can see all cancelled events by visiting our website or Facebook page. From there you can take one of our online tours by downloading our mobile app to your phone or by taking a virtual tour from the comfort of your home.

We are all in this together!
Stay safe. Stay well. Take care.



A Message From the President/CEO: Sean O'Regan

Dear Woodland Families and Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Woodland and understanding of the precautions that have been put in place over the past two months. I also request your appreciation that with over 200 acres to care for, the financial impact of this pandemic coupled with increased visitation and limited staffing will effect the physical appearance of Woodland. Please be assured that with time, the staff of Woodland will overcome these challenges.

With Mother's Day and Memorial Day coming up, traditionally the busiest days in regard to visitors, the cemetery will maintain safety precautions and social distancing recommendations. Woodland will do all that we can to keep our grounds open as long as the environment is safe for all and permitted by state and local officials. While it is wonderful to see so many people appreciating and utilizing Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, we do need your assistance and understanding of the policies below.

- Our grounds remain open to the public between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.
- The Mausoleum, back gate, and Administrative Office are closed to the public.
- Please be aware there are no public restrooms available.
- Maintain social distance of at least six feet from other visitors you encounter.
- Please pick up and take with you any trash after your visit.
- Please pick up after your pets.

Our staff will not be available for maps or location look-ups for your loved ones on Mother's Day or Memorial Day. We strongly encourage you to download Woodland's mobile app for locating a loved one or to utilize the website for locating and printing the location of your loved one.

Woodland remains committed to our essential mission:

...commemorate the dead, entrusted to our service with care and dignity. Comfort the bereaved with understanding in a tranquil, beautiful, natural landscape. Preserve the heritage and wonder of Woodland in perpetuity...

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,

Sean O'Regan
President and CEO

Visit our website at www.woodlandcemetery.org

Woodland Connections to the Community



Dayton Public Library 1888—1960



Dayton Metro Library—today

The village of Dayton was incorporated in 1805, the same year that the social Library Society of Dayton was organized and granted a charter by the State of Ohio. It was the first public library in the state to be incorporated. Benjamin Van Cleve, who was the first postmaster and first teacher, was also the first librarian. He kept the books in a corner in the post office. When Van Cleve died, Justice John Folkerth, who would become Dayton's first Mayor, would then keep the "two well-filled bookcases" in his office until 1835 when all of the books were sold at auction.

In 1846, another group of citizens interested in organizing a library association met at the office of John G. Lowe, Attorney. A committee composed of Milo G. Williams, Jonathan D. Phillips and Robert W. Steele drafted a constitution and recommended Steele's offer to let two rooms for ten years at \$25.00 a year be accepted immediately. Thirty-five of Dayton's leading businessmen signed a declaration "for the purpose of maturing and instituting a plan for a Dayton Library Association."

The first elected officers of the Dayton Library Association were Milo G. Williams, president; Dr. John Steele, vice-president; Valentine Winters, treasurer; and Robert W. Steele, secretary. The first Board of Directors were Charles G. Swain, Ebenezer Thresher, Daniel Beckel, James McDaniel and John G. Lowe.

A charter was granted on January 21, 1847 and on February 2nd, the Board elected Haskell Ewing Curwen as the first librarian. From 1847 to 1860, the library was served by thirteen librarians. In 1851, the librarian's salary was set at \$60.00 per year. In 1867, the library reported a collection of over 10,000 volumes. Araminta Dryden was hired as librarian in 1874 serving until 1896 when Electra C. Doren became head librarian. The library's book collection numbered 5,000 volumes in 1874, 35,000 by 1896 and 90,000 by 1912.



Electra C. Doren was given the task to reorganize the library and improve efficiency. She reclassified the entire book collection to the Dewey Decimal System and introduced open shelves. She resigned in 1905 to take a position of Director of Western Reserve University Library School. After the 1913 Flood, Electra was called back to Dayton to rebuild the library services cut off by the flood. Over 46,000 volumes were lost including fixtures and furniture totaling a loss estimated at \$85,000. She had the library up and running by June 1913. Just a year after Miss Doren's death, a library branch on Troy Street was opened in her honor. E. C. Doren died in 1927 and is buried in Section 101.



E.C. Doren Branch Library on Troy Street

Since 2015, Woodland has partnered with today's Dayton Metro Library bringing quality historic programming for adults and teens to all of the local branches. We are proud of the partnership and the resources that the library offers in our quest to bring the life stories of our residents to you. Please join us when we are at the libraries presenting the fascinating stories of Dayton's most interesting and intriguing people.

Dayton Public Library Bookmobile
Library staff members from left to right: Janet L. Hannaford, Mildred Adams Linskey, Grace Althoff, Electra C. Doren, Reba Boomershine, Emma Davis, Helen M. Tattershall and Mayer Griswold, the driver of the wagon.



Library Founders at Woodland

Benjamin Van Cleve: First postmaster, first teacher and first librarian.

Justice John Folkerth: First Mayor of Dayton

Organizers of the first library association. Attorney John G. Lowe, Milo G. Williams, Robert W. Steele and Jonathan D. Phillips.

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1874–1896: Araminta I Dryden, Librarian.
1896–1905: Electra C. Doren, Chief Librarian



Benjamin Van Cleve
Died: 11/29/1821
Sec 8 Lot 75



Dr. John Steele
D: 10/21/1854
Sec 77 Lot 18



Daniel Beckel
D: 02/26/1862
Sec 52 Lot



John Folkerth
D: 01/05/1862
Sec 89 Lot 345



Ebenezer Thresher
D: 01/12/1886
Sec 102 Lot 1177



Charles G. Swain
Died: 08/07/1866
Sec 73 Lot 93



Jonathan Dickinson Phillips
Died: 02/22/1871
Sec 55 Lot 6



Valentine Winters
D: 12/20/1890
Sec 43 Lot 1008



Robert W. Steele
D: 09/28/1891
Sec 77 Lot 24



John G. Lowe
D: 07/30/1892
Sec 55 Lot 5



Araminta Dryden
D: 07/30/1913
Sec 64 Lot 851

Natural History Museum

Another first from the Dayton Public Library was the authority by the state to use money from the library funds to finish and furnish the second floor of the Library Building for a museum. The museum opened in September 1893 and remained in the library building until April 1921.

The museum started “as a collection of hobbies and travelers’ curios and it grew into a natural history museum via donations of collections in local history, Native American artifacts, foreign coins, mounted hunting trophies from Africa and Egyptian artifacts.”



(Left): The Egyptian mummy known as Nesiur. (Right): Museum curator, Charles L. Sullivan at his desk.

Charles L. Sullivan was curator of the museum for 15 years, leaving retirement to take the position which he held until his death. Mr. Sullivan died on January 28, 1929 and is buried in Section 113 Lot 30.



Beautiful, Timeless, and Still Available...

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Norma and John Wuichet, Jr.

Thank you ...

for your generous donation to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation. We continue to use the funds for horticulture and arboriculture projects throughout the Cemetery and Arboretum. Additionally, if you have driven by recently, you will have seen work on both the Chapel and Administration building. The Administration building has been re-tiled and we are awaiting new tiles for the Chapel.

Our restoration project has and will continue through the trying times that Dayton has experienced over the past year. Ultimately, the Chapel restoration will benefit all of the Dayton community by preserving three of the last Richardsonian Romanesque architecturally-styled structures in the city.

Woodland appreciates your support of our preservation and restoration efforts.



The Administration Building with its newly-tiled roof.

Thank you to ALL of our donors!

Thank you for your donation to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

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Woodland Arboretum Foundation

(Return this form with your check)

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_____ \$30 Friend _____ \$100 Supporter _____ \$250 Associate _____ \$1,000 Patron
_____ \$50 Contributor _____ \$175 Anniversary Club _____ \$500 Sponsor _____ Other

Foundation members will receive our quarterly newsletter, *Woodland Wire*, and invitation to member events.

Please accept (my)(our) GIFT for 2020 in the amount of \$ _____

Apply my gift to the: Horticulture Fund Arboretum Foundation Chapel Restoration

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. _____ I/We wish to remain anonymous.

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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 #JJ851.



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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.

www.woodlandcemetery.org/make-a-donation



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Cemetery Savings

Woodland Cemetery, Dayton's oldest active cemetery, understands the impact of the financial challenges we are all facing during these unprecedented times. In response, **we are offering a 5% savings on all cemetery services through May 31, 2020.**

To take advantage of this offer, please contact your Family Service Representative for more information or if you are a new customer, please feel free to reach out to one of our counselors at your convenience.

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Take Care and Stay Well.