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Woodland News to Know

Woodland is open to all visitors from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the Mausoleum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. We ask all visitors to respect our rules and preserve the sanctity of Woodland. And for your safety and that of fellow visitors, please follow social distancing protocols.

Wright Brothers get update and are 'Out of this World'

When you visit the gravesite of the Wright Brothers and their family you will notice changes to the stone walkway and plantings in the lot. Thanks to the Garden Club of Dayton, Siebenthaler's Nursery and a matching grant from the National Aviation Heritage Area (NAHA), a new garden and landscape was installed. We will give you an update in a later issue of our newsletter.

In other news, a swatch of material from the 1903 Wright Flyer was attached to a new rotorcraft that NASA freed from its Mars Perseverance rover.

"Wilbur and Orville Wright would be pleased to know that a little piece of their 1903 Wright Flyer I, the machine that launched the Space Age by barely one quarter of a mile, is going to soar into history again on Mars!" Amanda Wright Lane and Stephen Wright, great-grandniece & great-grandnephew of the Wright Brothers, said in a written statement.

According to NASA, insulative tape was used to wrap the small swatch of the Wright Flyer fabric around a cable located underneath the Mars helicopter's solar panel.

180th Anniversary Issue!

1841—2021

180 Years of Continuous Service

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum has provided 180 years of continuous service to the families and community of Dayton and beyond. From its humble beginnings of 40 acres of undeveloped land to the current 230+ acres, the mission is to serve you and your family at one of the most difficult times of life.

Woodland is a natural and historic treasure. It is known for its beautiful and serene surroundings, sweeping vistas, and rolling terrain including the highest natural point in Dayton.

Far more than a cemetery, Woodland is a unique resource. Woodland appeals to the historian, architect, and horticulturist. The grounds have been explored, studied and appreciated. Woodland has buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, is a registered Historic District and is a Level II Arboretum by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum.

Many of you have family members resting peacefully at Woodland. If not, at the very least, you are familiar with some of our more famous and infamous residents: the Wright Brothers, Erma Bombeck, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Charles F. Kettering, John H. Patterson, Governor James M. Cox, Madam Richter, Levi and Matilda Stanley, to name but a few of the 111,000 souls resting peacefully within the gates.

Through the years, Woodland has told the stories of the fallen, the champions and those whose lives made a difference not only for our community but for the world. Within the gates are inventors, entrepreneurs, poets, artists, aviators, musicians, dancers, philanthropists, survivors and most importantly — your family.



Join us as we take a look back at our 180 years of existence: how we became Woodland; how we became beautiful; and how we still are timeless. In 2021, we hope to invite you all to celebrate with us all the glory that is Woodland.

Photo taken and submitted to Woodland by Namaskar Photography LLC.



The History of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum

The town of Dayton, Ohio in 1840 boasted a population of 6,000 people. The travel accommodations were managed by stagecoach service, and merchants and manufacturers received and delivered goods by way of canal boats from Dayton to Cincinnati.

In a small booklet authored by Robert W. Steele and published on the occasion of the Cemetery's Triennial Meeting in February 1875, he wrote the following: "In 1840 a movement was made to establish a rural cemetery where every possible safeguard should be thrown around the resting place of the dead. Mr. John Van Cleve took the initiative in the movement ...".

The first graveyard had been established at the northeast corner of Third and Main Streets, on land donated by Daniel Cooper. A few years later it was evident that the town was growing more rapidly than had been anticipated. Mr. Cooper once again donated land on the south side of Fifth Street between Ludlow and Wilkinson for a new cemetery. In less than thirty years its burial space was diminishing. Mr. Van Cleve took on the task to find a large area at a reasonable price to avoid another miscalculation. About a mile south of town Augustus George had a large tract of land that had not yet been cleared of timber. It was crisscrossed by steep hills and ravines and he was willing to sell forty acres in all, at sixty dollars per acre.

Van Cleve calculated that he would need fifty subscribers who were willing to invest one hundred dollars each to form an organization, purchase the property, and still have money in the bank for labor and materials. Van Cleve himself would see to the surveying, the platting, and the preparation of necessary business records. He would also author the Articles of Association.

The first official written record of proceedings of the cemetery are as follows: "Fifty subscribers having been obtained to the Articles of Association for the government, management and regulation of The Woodland Cemetery Association of Dayton, and said Articles thereby becoming valid and binding upon each of the said subscribers, and the Association having been thereby legally constituted, according to the provisions of the said Articles, notice was given to the subscribers to meet at the office of the Firemen's Insurance Company in Dayton, on Thursday evening, February 18, 1841, for the election of the officers of the Association."

Thirty-one subscribers attended the meeting and the following men were elected as Officers and Trustees: Job Haines, James Perrine, Edward Davies, J. D. Phillips and John Van Cleve; Robert C. Schenck, Secretary; David Z. Pierce, Treasurer.

On February 27, 1841, John Van Cleve was elected President of the Association. A deed to the George property was received in April and work began on May 17, 1841. The preparation of the ground was arduous in the beginning. The work was accomplished by means of axes, crosscut and buck saws, picks and shovels, mauls and wedges, gangs of laborers and powerful animals.

The initial projects in 1841 were to clear the brush and timber in the areas chosen for initial sale, build a fence to enclose the grounds, and build a sexton's house.

The Woodland Charter was passed by the Ohio General Assembly on February 28, 1842 and adopted by the Association on April 10, 1842. Woodland Trustees gave public notice that the cemetery would be open for the sale of burial lots on June 7, 1843.



ENTRANCE TO WOODLAND CEMETERY.



Augustus George
died on April 13, 1852
at the age of 62.

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On June 21, 1843, a ceremony was held to officially dedicate the cemetery. The opening prayer was given by the Reverend James Barnes of the First Presbyterian Church. An address was delivered by Reverend J. W. Hall of the Third Street Presbyterian Church, and the dedication and closing prayer were given by Reverend Ethan Allen of the Episcopal Church.

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 Fifth Street Cemetery to Woodland on May 4, 1844.

“Unfinished work” was the subject of an entry into the ledgers on February 17, 1844. It was noted that “it will be proper to construct a receiving vault within the cemetery. No arrangements have been made for that purpose.”

Arrangements were made and the construction was completed for mention of it was made in the Minutes of the regular Triennial Meeting of February 17, 1847, when the expense of \$471.63½ appeared for Receiving Vault. Built in the “theme of Thebes and Karnac,” it was built to receive caskets that, for whatever reason, could not be interred immediately. It was most frequently used during the severe winter months when the ground was frozen so as to prohibit digging.

On May 22, 1849, 19-year old William Munday died of cholera. By June 13, Dayton had an epidemic on its hands. It is estimated that 225 deaths occurred and of those 225, 53 were interred in Woodland.

In 1850, the Trustees desired to enclose the cemetery with a stone fence. The stones were to be “not less than six inches nor more than eight inches thick, to be not less than three feet wide, with parallel sides, and not to be less than nine feet long on both sides.” By 1861, the project “was found to be impractical and hard to procure.” It was once said that “it did look pretty good on paper.”

John Van Cleve died on September 6, 1858 and had served as Woodland’s first President for 17 years. Robert W. Steele was then elected as President and he continued the work that was begun by Van Cleve. Both men had the same interest in education and horticulture, and the same pride in the care of Woodland.

Additional land was secured in the 1850s from the heirs of Augustus George as well as from Nathaniel Hart, extending the boundaries of the cemetery to Wyoming Street.

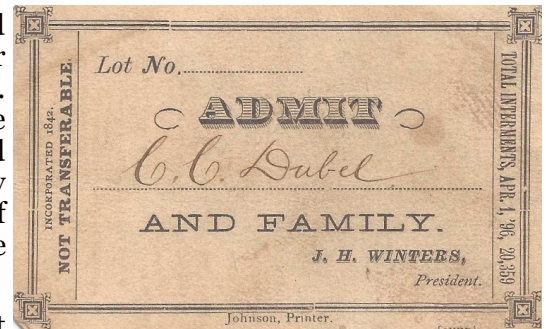
Samuel Forrer, an engineer and canal expert, was hired to lay out roads and survey the new ground. Adolph Strauch, a highly regarded landscape gardener was hired to assist Mr. Forrer in regard to improvements to the new area. Mr. Strauch applied his expertise by highlighting unusual features of the topography, by making use of the natural flora as scenic backdrops, and arranging lots in such a manner as to be easily accessible and complementary to the whole. This was a significant departure from the early regimen of church burial grounds and was the forerunner of the landscaped, garden-style cemetery movement.

By 1867, the grounds of Woodland Cemetery had attracted many visitors. It was *the* place to go for a Sunday stroll. There were beautifully landscaped areas, with flowers, ferns, and great iron urns filled with exotic plants. Wire and wrought iron benches provided places on which to rest and contemplate. The popularity of Woodland led many people to take advantage of the open hospitality offered. In 1867 this entry appeared in the Minute Book:

“Complaints having been made of the large number of persons visiting the cemetery on Sundays. And the disorder, and injury to flowers and shrubbery resulting there from, it was, on motion, Resolved: No person excepting Lot Owners and their families, and those attending funerals, be admitted to the grounds on Sunday, and that tickets be provided and furnished to Lot Owners on application to the Superintendent at the gate.” How long this restriction was in force is not clear. There are passes in the historical records bearing the date of August 16, 1926.



The first interment was Allen Cullum, a native of Butler Co., on July 11, 1843.



An early Admittance Card for C. C. Dubel to Woodland Cemetery. J. H. Winters is noted as President. He served from 1892 to 1915.

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The Historic Woodland Chapel was originally completed in 1887. The building contract was let on November 8, 1886. The designers were Peters, Burns and Pretzinger Architects of Dayton. The price mentioned on October 9, 1894 was \$7,920 and there were six different subcontractors involved.

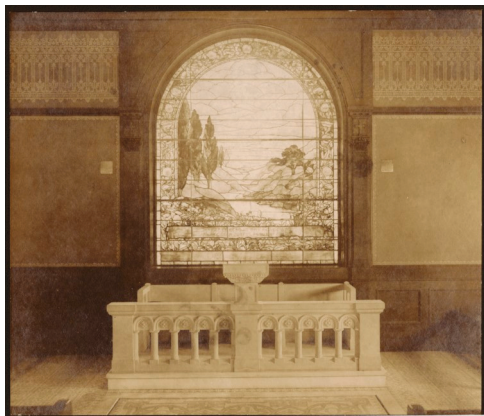
The size of the original building was less than it is now. The Chapel extended only to the point where the sanctuary widens and the back wall was at that point. The winter use of the Chapel was enhanced through the addition of steam heat radiators in 1896. The steam was piped underground into the Chapel from a wood fired boiler in the basement of the office.

In 1898 the Chapel was enlarged to its present size and a basement was included which became the receiving vault. This replaced the old subterranean vault, built in 1847 by James Wuichet and located in cemetery section 62. After chapel services, the receiving vault was accessed through the use of a hand-operated elevator which can still be seen in front of the altar. The casket usually rested on a bier which was in fact the elevator raised to a convenient height. At the conclusion of the service, the casket was lowered into the basement by using the elevator and then it was stored until removed for its burial or final disposition.



Historic Chapel with trumpet vines.
ca. 1898

In 1904 Henry C. Lowe of Dayton provided \$10,000 to fund a memorial in honor of his daughter, Marianna, who had died in September 1903. "Miss Marianna Lowe had been in failing health for some time and went to Colorado in quest of improved health at Colorado Springs. She was 26 years of age. Her mother died when she was quite young and she was a close companion of her father." Tiffany Studios of New York was hired to redesign the interior of the Chapel. A Tiffany window was purchased by the Cemetery Board of Trustees at a cost of \$1,050. The Tiffany window was installed by Heinke & Bowen, who were operatives of Tiffany Studios of New York, owned by Louis Comfort Tiffany. The new stained glass window featured a pastoral scene in the arts and crafts style. Additionally installed were a row of eight Tiffany stained glass windows on the east and west sides of the Chapel which are paired with Byzantine columns and sunburst mosaic arched transoms. Tiffany also installed a hand-cut tile floor, frescoed wall surfaces and ornate lighting sconces. A copy of an original invoice was found in the Woodland archives to confirm the Tiffany re-designs.



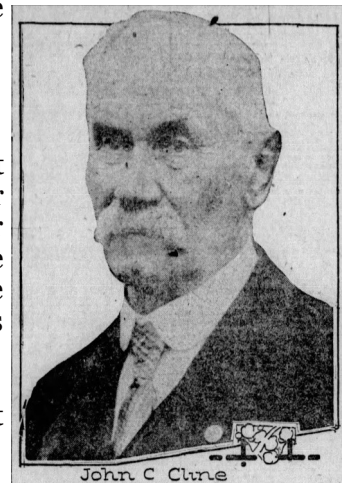
Undated photo of the Chapel interior
with the north wall Tiffany window,
hydraulic lift and Tiffany frescoes.

The Historic Chapel was used for services until 1969 when the present Woodland Mausoleum was opened with its beautiful modern Chapel. From this time until 1991, the structure was used very little and became a storage facility. The Chapel, Front Gates and Administration Building were placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1979. In 1991, the Historic Chapel and Administration Office underwent a renovation and the Chapel was converted into a more functional condition with the addition of carpeting and new lighting fixtures. It was determined that the new space could be used to house the counselors and some administration activities such as the counseling of families in need of cemetery and/or mausoleum spaces and memorial stones and urns. The Historic Chapel provided a quiet, dignified retreat for persons to discuss their needs with their counselors. Today, the Historic Chapel is under restoration and preservation with hope that the building can be again opened to the public in late 2021.

100 Years of Cemetery Service

As Woodland celebrates this year's magnificent milestone, we must look back to the men who carried Woodland to the place it is now. For over 100 years of the 180 year existence, one family stands out for their service, love and care for Woodland and the families they served through their tenure. Three generations of the Cline family served us as superintendents. J.C., Luther and John Cline have given more to the care and upkeep of the cemetery than any other men in charge of the hallowed ground. Join us as we take a journey through time capturing the changes and growth of Woodland.

The journey begins with J.C. Cline. In June 1919, John Charles Cline had been superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for fifty years and in that time, he attended 38,377 burials.



John C. Cline

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When asked what he would do *if* he retired, he said he would like to sit down with his good wife and a few close friends and enjoy an hour or so of socializing. He said he also wanted to devote a few moments each day to reflection: “By that, I mean to reflect upon the wonderful changes wrought by time and to have a brief spell in which I can thank the god of all out-doors for hearty cooperation in making Woodland Cemetery one of the most beautiful of all cities of the dead.”

John Charles (J.C.) Cline was born in Switzerland and at the age of 7, emigrated to America in 1851 with his father, mother and sister. Three years later in 1854, cholera took his entire family leaving J.C. a ten-year-old orphan. He was adopted by George Lane, who was the superintendent of Woodland at the time. When J.C. turned 12, he became employed at Woodland as the gatekeeper, where he would open and close the cemetery gates as “burial parties” passed through them. He took his work seriously and with his growing interest in trees and flowers, he soon earned the job of superintendent.

When he began his work in 1856, the cemetery had less than 500 graves and sat on just 40 acres. By the time of J.C.’s retirement, the cemetery had grown to 189 acres and had 41,526 graves within its gates. Mr. Cline personally supervised the planting of practically every tree and shrub on the acreage. At that time the cemetery boasted having about 150 varieties of trees, “a botanical collection rivalling that of the United States government.” Cline also oversaw his own plans of laying out beautiful drives, sloping terraces and flower gardens. His mind was sharp, pointing out the graves and funeral dates of Woodland’s residents. He knew boundary lines and family lots, committed to memory, and easily recalled as if he had the cemetery maps in front of him.

J.C. served three years in the Civil War as a member of the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After the war, he returned to his work at the cemetery and married Fannie E. Dew. They had three sons: Major Walter D. Cline of the US Infantry; Captain Carl Cline of the US Medical Corps; and Luther Cline, who would become the second-generation superintendent at Woodland.

The Clines lived on the cemetery grounds in the house near the entrance of the cemetery. At a small gathering of friends and family upon his announcing retirement, Mr. Cline reflected upon his service:

“My entire fifty years here has been a labor of love, for I feel that with nature’s aid I can in a large measure relieve the sorrows of those whose loved ones are entrusted to my care. And then, too, some of these days I shall go the way of all flesh. My own lot is here, and my own grave is dug. Some day they’ll remove a couple of feet of dirt, reach the stone which protects the windowless home already constructed under my supervision, and my only hope is that when they fold the sod back upon it there will be none to say that I have not looked after the resting place of their loved ones with the sanctity that is due all who have been called back to Him.”

John C. Cline, superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for 53 years, died of a stroke at his home on Tuesday, August 22, 1922. He was buried in the grave he described in Section 46 Lot 190 on August 25, 1922 at the age of 78.

It was on October 12, 1922, Luther Cline, youngest son of John and who had been acting as interim superintendent since August, was given the permanent appointment of superintendent at a meeting of the board of trustees of the Woodland Cemetery Association. The board of trustees assured the general public of the fitness of their new candidate and related his many years of aiding his father in his work. The board stated that the cemetery, under the guidance of Mr. John C. Cline “will ever remain a testimonial and memorial to him. His personal attention in caring for the trees and landscape and the interest shown by him in the welfare of the lot owners, collectively and individually, will cause his name to be held by them in kind remembrance.”

And so begins the journey of Mr. Luther Cline and his 24 years at the helm of Woodland Cemetery.

In a December 1924 submission to the *Dayton Daily News* column “Dear Mr. Fixit,” a reader complained that the Wyoming Street sidewalks next to Woodland Cemetery were always wet from spring water and in the winter months the sidewalks were always covered with ice. Luther replied that it was a matter of drainage and he blamed the city for not allowing a sufficient grade to take care of the water when the street was first built.



By 1925, Woodland had been in operation for 83 years and had grown to approximately 200 acres. Only one-third of its burial capacity was being used and the total burials at that time numbered at 44,814. Luther figured that the grave supply on hand would last for another 75 years. He also stated that the five year average of burials from 1920 to 1925 was 500 burials yearly.

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An April 1925 headline in the newspaper read “Joyful News! Graves Still Are Plentiful.” Unfortunately, there was a shortage of coal, sugar and wheat. Tough times were ahead for all. And in the same year for Memorial Day, Luther dictated Memorial Day Rules to be adhered by all who planned to visit the graves of their loved ones. His rules were: all roads will become one-way traffic only; entrance from Woodland Avenue only; exit at back gate onto Waldo Street only; gates to be opened at 6 a.m. and closed at 8:30 p.m. A special service at the Soldiers Lot would be held at 11:30 a.m. with remarks from the Ohio Department of the GAR, readings by school children and other patriotic activities. Luther estimated that 3,000 automobiles had come through the gates in 1924.



Luther's rules stayed in place for most of the next two decades. Each year he would have printed in the paper his list of rules for gaining entrance to the cemetery, how to exit and when the service at the Soldiers Lot would commence and who the speakers would be. In 1926, flags were placed on the graves of every man known to have served America in any of its wars. In 1939, a description of the Memorial Day Parade route was included with Luther's rules in the paper: “The Memorial Day parade went from St. Clair Street to Main Street, around the Civil War Monument at Main Street then on to Warren Street then to Brown Street then onto Woodland Avenue where it made its way to the Soldiers Mound. Services at the cemetery were scheduled to begin at 2:45 pm.”

In January 1935, Luther drained one of the ponds in the cemetery and found it was well stocked with catfish. He removed between 600 and 700 mature fish to a local hatchery where an estimated 20,000 catfish would be released the next fall.

No Foolin' in the Cemetery

It was overheard that Luther and another young man were walking through Woodland and came upon a stone which read, “Not dead, but sleeping.” The young man looked at Luther and said, “He sure ain't foolin' nobody but hisself!”

Clerks in a downtown bookstore thought they were being pranked when a package they sent out was returned for a new address. The package was addressed to Woodland Cemetery and upon checking the order and the purchaser, it was determined that the books were indeed for the living and re-addressed properly to Luther Cline whose house was located inside the gates of the cemetery.

In November of 1940, Luther, who was chairman of the legislative committee of the Ohio Association of Cemetery Superintendents, pushed to form a district association to include about 100 cemeteries in the Miami Valley. The purpose of the group was “for the discussion of problems of mutual interest” amongst the other cemetery superintendents. He stated that there were like groups in Cleveland, Toledo and Cincinnati.

It is this leadership from Luther that moved Woodland into the forefront of progressive cemetery management. Thus in January 1941, it was announced that the annual convention of the Ohio Association of Cemetery Superintendents was to be held in Dayton in June. The meeting was to include cemetery superintendents, funeral directors and memorial monument firms. Luther Cline was chosen chairman of the local convention.

**Woodland, Nearing 100,
Includes 57,534 Graves**

Woodland Celebrates 100 Years As War Sets In

Woodland celebrated its 100 year anniversary in February 1941. At the meeting held for the milestone, Superintendent Cline suggested an immediate study of a crematory be performed with a likely location being selected as well as construction costs investigated. His thoughts included a crematory with an attached Chapel should be built at Woodland.

The Ohio Association of Cemetery Superintendents convention was held in Dayton in June 1941. Luther was co-host for the annual meeting where approximately 100 members attended the three-day convention. The relationship of the funeral director and the florist to the cemetery superintendent, cremation, and the construction of steel and concrete vaults were discussed.

By October 1941, demands of WWII defense production put any discussion of a crematory at Woodland on hold. Luther did report that all the roads in the cemetery now had a hard surface.

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World War II raged on and many of the young men in the community were drafted or signed up to head overseas. By 1943, the discussion at the meeting of the cemetery superintendents of southern Ohio was about two items: legislation and deferments for cemetery employees.

In March 1943, Luther was making his plans for the spring clean-up at the cemetery and to prepare for the Memorial Day influx of visitors. Unfortunately, Superintendent Cline had his hands full of work and with men being shipped off to war, a "man shortage" was in full swing. The cemetery employed 40 men to take care of the grounds and to dig the graves but early in the year, Luther only had 22 hands under his leadership. The superintendents of the state's cemeteries were appealing to the War Manpower Commission that "graveyard work" was essential and that grave diggers and other cemetery laborers needed to be classified as "essential workers." The superintendents argued that since embalmers were designated as "essential workers," cemetery help should also be classified the same.



The cemetery grounds crew at Woodland

With no help from the state, Luther began negotiations to purchase sheep (yes sheep!) to graze as a means of trimming the grass in the cemetery. Luther stated that whatever manpower was available would be needed to dig graves. By May 1943, the labor shortage at Woodland was solved with "automatic grass mowers." Cemetery officials installed "lawnmowers" which required no attendants, moved under their own power and clipped as closely as any mower on the market. Superintendent Cline "employed" about 400 sheep as "mowers."

"The cemetery will not look quite as pleasing this Memorial Day as on former holidays," said Luther, "but we are doing the very best we can. The cemetery is down to just 17 workers."

Sheep Pinch-hit For Lawnmowers

400 Clip Grass At Cemetery

While the cemetery trustees did approve a sum of money to purchase the animals, farmers and businessmen flooded Luther with offers to place their sheep on the cemetery grounds. There was plenty of grassland for all to graze. Problem solved right? Well... not so fast. The problem with the sheep was how to get them to graze in the right area. The answer was simple, get a dog or two. But Luther didn't have time to purchase a dog and train it. He needed a trained dog that could come in and do the job. But then that raised another need. A dog would require a kennel and food for a hard day's work. What was Luther to do? He advertised for a dog with the needed qualifications. Seems as if there was always a problem for Luther to solve.

And still The War raged on. In the summer of 1943, the sheep were replaced with high school boys to cut the grass. In December, the superintendents of southern Ohio met in Dayton again. This time they discussed the ongoing man power shortage and the need to have cemeteries placed on the list of essential industries.

In June 1944 the Ohio State Association of Cemeteries meeting was held in Cincinnati. Luther and his counterpart, John Reger at Calvary Cemetery, discussed maintenance problems associated with the cemetery grounds, legal problems, the labor shortage and relations with funeral directors.

A growing problem for all cemetery superintendents were proposals in congress calling for the establishment of additional cemeteries for men in the armed services and their families. Members of the cemetery superintendents of southwestern Ohio met to oppose the proposed establishment of more national cemeteries.

In March 1945, Luther said he notified the funeral directors of the Miami Valley that no burials would be permitted on Good Friday, March 30th. "The rule was adopted," Luther said, "in deference to the growing respect for and observance of the day."

And in June 1945, the trustees of the cemetery revisited the idea of establishing a crematory, authorizing to obtain data on costs and need of a crematory in Dayton. Henry S. Mead, president of the cemetery board stated, "A crematory would be considered as a post war project." One thought floating around was a combination observatory and crematory on a high spot in the cemetery. Cremations at that time were handled in Cincinnati or Columbus.

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John C. Cline,
third generation
cemeteryman

Luther Cline died on April 21, 1946 at the age of 63. He had served as Superintendent of Woodland for 24 years and was the second generation of his family to hold the position at the cemetery. Luther was born in Dayton on August 13, 1882 and graduated from Steele High School and A.D. Wilt's Miami Commercial College. He was survived by his wife Katherine, a son John and daughter, Mary Louise Stover.

Henry S. Mead, chairman of the cemetery board of trustees announced the appointment of John C. Cline as new cemetery superintendent after the death of his father, Luther Cline. This latest Cline appointment brought the total number of years members of the family had served the cemetery to exactly 80.

Third Generation Of Clines Named To Cemetery Position

May 9, 1946 — *Dayton Herald*

In 1964, John C. Cline died at the age of 57 unexpectedly at his home. His obituary stated that a funeral service would be held in the Woodland historic Chapel.

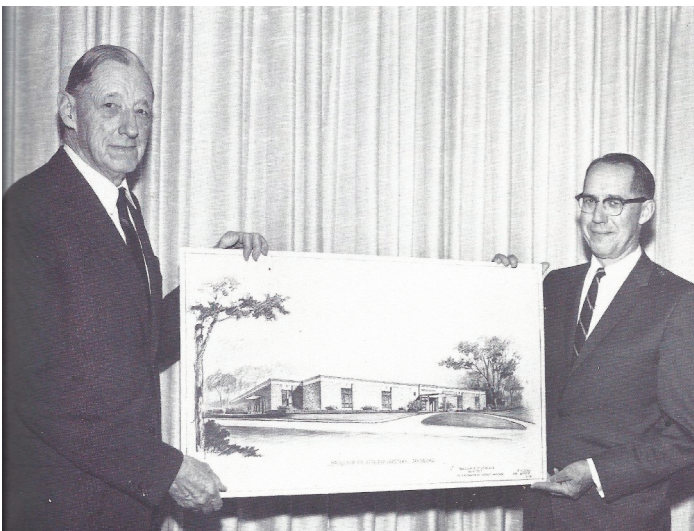
When DID Woodland finally get its crematory?

In March 1966, William P. Huffman, a member of the board, had long advocated for providing cremation. Over the next two years he made visits to owners and operators of crematoriums in Columbus and Cincinnati and met with designers of such facilities and mausoleums. He made several reports to the board. From March to December 1968, preliminary plans for a crematory and mausoleum were submitted and in October received approval. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on November 30th and excavation began on December 3rd. Before the Mausoleum was entirely completed, the crematory was operational. The first cremation was completed on September 25, 1969. The Mausoleum was completed in 1970 and was dedicated on May 1, 1971. The first inurnment was placed February 12, 1970 and the first entombment made was on July 30, 1970.

(Below, left) James Moist, Superintendent, and William Huffman, Board president, hold a rendering of the proposed mausoleum and crematory in 1968. (Below right) The Mausoleum and crematory when completed. The building was much smaller than it is today. On the left you can see an exit door and canopy where now a hallway leads into the Annex A and B areas which were completed in 1985 and 1988 respectively. On the right, you can see the Mausoleum stopped after the last window "Hiawatha;" Annex C was completed in the mid-1990s.



Above: Construction of the Woodland Mausoleum begins. Below: Phase I of the Mausoleum is complete.



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Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum Highlights from 2020

The state of the cemetery is never static and always dynamic. We change and adapt to the seasons, the culture, and for the people and community we serve. Woodland was founded on the principle of being a final resting place for all; that never again would there be a need to remove and disturb those resting in peace. The grounds were laid out in thought to the families of Dayton. Woodland would become a tranquil place with its beautiful and natural landscape, a place for the bereaved to pay their respects and be comforted in their surroundings.

In 180 years Woodland has commemorated the dead entrusted to our care with dignity and understanding. We have been the region's leader in providing an eternal resting place for local residents, including many of Dayton's famous sons and daughters. We hope you will join us in 2021 to celebrate another milestone anniversary.

Mausoleum

A new, lighted 54-niche columbarium was placed in the Mausoleum. The new unit allows additional options for families looking to place their loved ones inside and out of weather elements. Please call Angela Bowling at 937-228-3221 if you are interested in learning more about this interment option.

While the Mausoleum was completed in late 1970, it was not dedicated until May 1, 1971 making this year another milestone year with the 50th Anniversary of the Mausoleum dedication.



The new columbarium

Foundation

The Foundation saw many challenges in 2020. Fundraising was reduced due to the pandemic impact on tours and events. Many major gift and grant opportunities were geared towards pandemic relief efforts including personal protective equipment and food banks. The Priority Development & Advocacy Committee (PDAC) program was suspended by the state in which our application had received "Priority" status; funding may not be awarded again until 2022. And finally, we withdrew from consideration for Federal Tax Credits due to the very low return on sale and risks associated with the program.

The Foundation was able to secure over \$350,000 in new and updated pledges and gifts. We are still working to secure another \$1,000,000 which will help in our pursuit of restoration and preservation of the Chapel. We would like to thank the following firms, foundations and individuals who donated or pledged a major gift or additional funds in 2020: Bahl & Gaynor, Berry Family Foundation, Lee Carpenter, Bette J. Fleck Trust, Heidelberg Distributing Company, W. Anthony Huffman, Allison Janney, National Aviation Heritage Alliance, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Sean J. O'Regan, Richard Pohl, The Schiewetz Foundation and Mr. Charles Simms.

The Woodland Arboretum Foundation also supported many of the projects on the cemetery grounds such as tree removal and pruning, flower bed and garden creation and restoration. The holiday décor in the Mausoleum was less than our usual seasonal displays due to the coronavirus.

The Foundation extends gratitude and a heartfelt THANK YOU to all donors, past and present for their continued support and gifts made in honor and memory of their loved ones.

Partnerships in 2020 included working with Mark Webber's Landscaping Company where Mark selected and his landscaping crew worked with our grounds crew to plant five new trees in various sections of the cemetery.

Look for updates with community partners in 2021 that involve a collaboration with the Garden Club of Dayton, Siebenthaler's Nursery and National Aviation Heritage Area. Several local NSDAR Chapters have projects planned at Woodland as well.



New trees from
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Thank you to ALL of our community partners for your continued support!

The History of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum

The Original Subscribers to the Woodland Cemetery Association

Name	Occupation	Burial	Members of Board of Trustees
Richard Ames		not buried at Woodland	
Henry L. Brown	merchant	Section 12 Lot 13	
Thomas Brown	carriage maker	Section 107 Lot 1919	Mar. 4, 1861 — Sep. 11, 1865
David C. Baker	Justice of the Peace	not buried at Woodland	
Richard N. Comly	newspaperman	Section 33 Lot 113	
William F. Comly	newspaperman	not buried at Woodland	
John Compton	tavern owner	Section 9 Lot 107	
Archibald Crawford	Dayton Last Works Co.	Section 67 Lot 168	
Ziba Crawford	Dayton Last Works Co.	Section 67 Lot 168	
Edward W. Davies	attorney	Section 77 Lot 23	Feb. 18, 1841 — Dec. 11, 1873
Isaac Demarest	grocer	Section 74 Lot 99	
William Eaker	dry goods merchant	Section 65 Lot 35	
John F. Edgar	historian	Section 57 Lot 44	
Samuel D. Edgar	millar	Section 103 Lot 1554	
Edward Edmondson	tanner	not buried at Woodland	
David K. Este		not buried at Woodland	
Samuel Forrer	canal engineer	Section 102 Lot 1348	
Henry Frantz	cigar maker	not buried at Woodland	
Frederick Gebhart	dry goods merchant	Section 66 Lot 46	
Joseph Gilmore		not buried at Woodland	
Richard Green	shoemaker, insurance sales	not buried at Woodland	
Alexander Grimes	merchant	Section 77 Lot 136	
Andrew Gump	bicycle shop owner	Section 65 Lot 36	Sep. 11, 1865 — Feb. 18, 1875
Job Haines	physician	Section 89 Lot 428	Feb. 18, 1841 — Jul. 16, 1860
John W. Harries	brewery owner	Section 78 Lot 73	
Henry Herrman	dry goods merchant	Section 65 Lot 29	
Christian Koerner		Section 52 Lot 274	
Peter P. Lowe	attorney	Section 16 Lot 383	
George Newcom	sheriff and tavern owner	Section 16 Lot 53	
Peter Odlin	attorney	Section 77 Lot 131	
Thomas Parrott	linseed oil mill	Section 88 Lot 213	
Isaac N. Partridge		not buried at Woodland	
David Z. Peirce	bank cashier	Section 77 Lot 24	Feb. 18, 1841 — Aug. 15, 1853
James Perrine	store owner	Section 52 Lot 67	Feb. 18, 1841 — Jan. 22, 1864
Johnson Perrine	store owner	Section 52 Lot 65	
Horatio G. Phillips	merchant	Section 55 Lot 9	
John D. Phillips	merchant	Section 55 Lot 6	Feb. 18, 1841 — Feb. 13, 1871
William Roth	merchant	Section 65 Lot 33	
Robert C. Schenck	attorney	Section 34 Lot 351	Feb. 18, 1841 — Feb. 18, 1853
Samuel Shoup	bank director	Section 78 lot 174	
William B. Stone	grocer	Section 8 Lot 220	
David Stout	saddlery shop	Section 99 Lot 682	
Charles G. Swain	grocer	Section 73 Lot 93	
George W. Smith	weekly newspaper	Section 87 lot 137	
Simon Snyder	tanner, educator	Section 77 lot 152	
E. W. Towner		Section 78 Lot 206	
John W. Van Cleve	surveyor, educator, musician	Section 8 Lot 76	Feb. 18, 1841 — Sep. 6, 1858
Henry Van Tuyl	physician	Section 52 Lot 120	
Peter Voorhees	stage line owner	Section 78 Lot 70	
Nathaniel Wilson	politics, trustee of city	Section 16 Lot 52	

Many of the Original Subscribers then served on the Board of Trustees. Appointments were for life unless a member chose to step down. The Davies family had 4 different members serve on the board as have the Huffman family with third generation W. Anthony Huffman as current Board President.

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Name	Beginning of Term	End of Term
John W. Van Cleve	February 18, 1841	September 6, 1858
Job Haines	February 18, 1841	July 16, 1860
James Perrine	February 18, 1841	January 22, 1864
J. D. Phillips	February 18, 1841	February 13, 1871
Edward W. Davies	February 18, 1841	December 11, 1873
Robert W. Steele	September 14, 1858	September 24, 1891
Thomas Brown	March 4, 1861	September 11, 1865
John G. Lowe	April 16, 1864	July 30, 1892
Andrew Gump	September 11, 1865	February 18, 1875
Jonathan H. Winters	March 13, 1871	June 4, 1915
Thomas Brown	January 12, 1874	February 18, 1890
Alexander Gebhart	February 18, 1890	July 27, 1909
Robert C. Schenck	December 8, 1891	October 14, 1902
William H. Simms	November 8, 1892	April 1, 1922
Torrence Huffman	May 1, 1903	January 6, 1928
Pierce D. Schenck	September 14, 1909	October 15, 1930
John S. McIntire	June 25, 1915	February 9, 1943
J. Howard Davies	February 18, 1920	January 14, 1928
Henry S. Mead	June 21, 1922	March 22, 1963
Robert Dun Patterson	January 14, 1928	February 23, 1945
Walter G. Wuichet	January 14, 1928	April 6, 1945
Joseph Peirce Davies, Jr.	December 9, 1930	April 28, 1931
William P. Huffman	December 8, 1931	January 29, 1980
Adam Schantz	February 9, 1943	December 31, 1958
Robert C. Schenck, Jr.	April 17, 1945	January 13, 1967
William Prior Patterson	December 11, 1945	January 22, 1986
David L. Rike	September 5, 1957	June 15, 1981
James M. Woodhull	May 14, 1963	October 27, 1989
Robert S. Oelman	February 21, 1967	January 29, 1980
Robert K. Corwin	January 29, 1980	September 24, 1998
Jervis S. Janney	January 29, 1980	January 26, 2001
Trace Swisher	March 17, 1983	February 12, 1991
Mark Stone	January 22, 1986	November 30, 1993
Robert S. Laing, Jr.	March 16, 1990	October 7, 2019
Jonathan G. Verity	February 13, 1991	June 7, 1994
Robert M. Connelly	August 3, 1994	May 15, 2003
Sonja K. Kasch	March 27, 1995	January 6, 2005
Robert B. Berner	February 26, 1999	Present
Robert C. Nevin	February 26, 2001	August 2, 2004
W. Anthony Huffman	June 1, 2003	Present
Richard B. Pohl, Jr.	August 2, 2004	June 25, 2015
David FitzSimmons	February 15, 2006	June 25, 2012
Sean J. O'Regan	July 17, 2012	Present
Vail Miller, Jr.	July 1, 2015	Present
Lee Carpenter	October 7, 2019	Present





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Spring Song

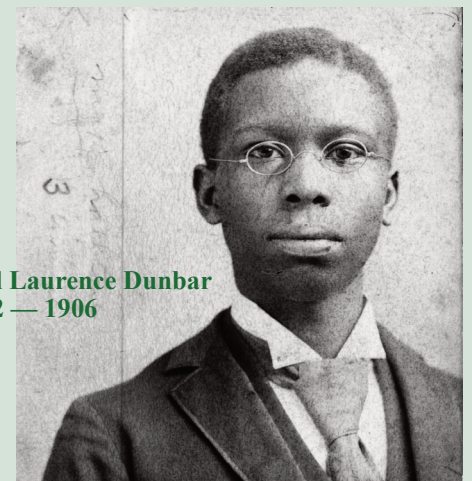
A blue-bell springs upon the ledge,
A lark sits singing in the hedge;
Sweet perfumes scent the balmy air,
And life is brimming everywhere.
What lark and breeze and bluebird sing,

Is Spring, Spring, Spring!
No more the air is sharp and cold;
The planter wends across the wold,
And, glad, beneath the shining sky
We wander forth, my love and I.
And ever in our hearts doth ring

This song of Spring, Spring!
For life is life and love is love,
‘Twixt maid and man or dove and dove.
Life may be short, life may be long,
But love will come, and to its song
Shall this refrain for ever cling

Of Spring, Spring, Spring!

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