



SINCE

1841

WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



147 Years Ago at Woodland

The Burial of Matilda Stanley...

Matilda, matriarch of the Stanley family, died January 15th, 1878, in Vicksburg, MS. To “retain the natural aspect of life,” her body was embalmed before being returned to Dayton by train.

In order to allow enough time for the large, widespread Stanley family & related clans to come together for Matilda’s burial, her body was held in Woodland’s Receiving Vault for eight months. Each day, Matilda’s daughters would visit her there with fresh flowers.



The burial of Matilda Stanley, on September 15th, 1878, made front page news. It remains, to this day, the largest funeral service ever held at Woodland Cemetery.

Above: This is NOT Matilda Stanley.
It is an illustration from a 1935
Dayton Daily News article about the
Stanley family.

Somewhere between 10 & 20 thousand people were here, including more than a few looky-loos hoping to catch a glimpse of exotic rituals. A group of men and boys even climbed to the top of the Receiving Vault; sitting with their legs dangling over as the pallbearers brought Matilda's coffin out.

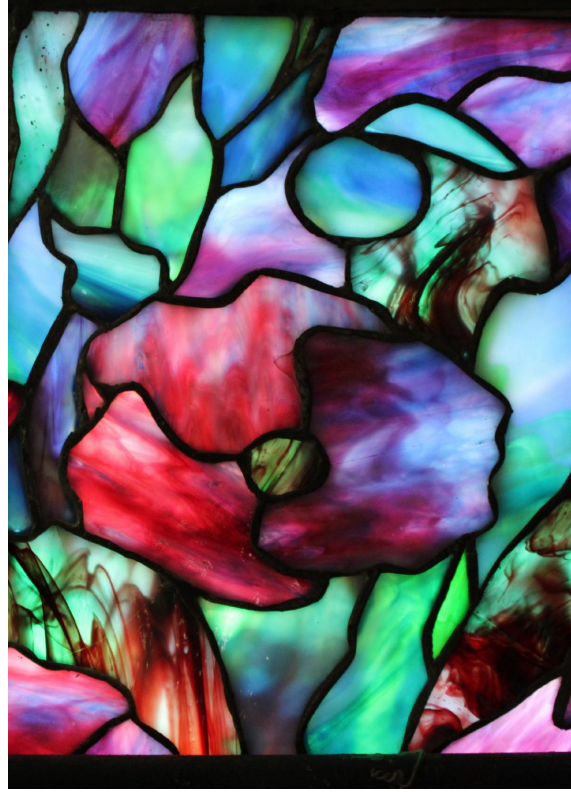
This "irreverent mob" would be, as *the Cincinnati Enquirer* put it, "greatly disappointed".

"Pshaw," said one such lady as she returned from the cemetery; "I wish I'd stayed at home for all I saw. Why, I can see better funerals than that any day in the week, when the crowds are not nearly so great, and I can enjoy them more fully!"

Though much better attended, Matilda Stanley's funeral service was not unlike many traditional Christian services. The only unusual thing to happen was when one of Matilda's daughters threw herself upon her mother's coffin and wept, and even this was calmed by a few kind words.



Tiffany Glass at Woodland's Historic Chapel



Marianna L. Lowe
(1876 – 1903)

Woodland chapel's 1904 renovation by Tiffany Studios was made possible, in part, by a then-anonymous donation of \$10,000 by Henry C. Lowe in memory of his beloved only daughter, Marianna.

Marianna and her parents are laid to rest in section 55, lot 6 at Woodland Cemetery.

In 1892, Tiffany patented 'Favrile' (meaning 'hand-wrought') glass—a method of manipulating molten glass to achieve a range of color & effect.

Favrile glass made it possible to use techniques often found in painting. Using the unique features of each piece, Tiffany's artists were able to create the appearance of foliage, the effect of sunlight on water, or a distant horizon.

To go into much detail about the many fine qualities of Tiffany glass would take several more *Minutes*; suffice it to say that we encourage our readers to learn more.

This page from the [Morse Museum](#) is a great place to start!



Above: This bronze plaque commemorating Henry & Marianna Lowe is located just inside the chapel doors.

Tiffany Chapel Concert Series:

Join Woodland this fall for our upcoming concert series with Viva La

Strings.

Concerts will be held September 13 & 27 at 2pm, with an additional performance October 11. Each concert is expected to last for 2 hours (with intermission) and refreshments will be provided.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Price: \$40 / ticket (for each concert)

If you would like to purchase tickets for all three concerts at a discount price, please contact us at 937-228-3221.

*Parking available inside & outside
Woodland's main gates.*



Upcoming Events!



History Mystery Murder & Mayhem:

They're back!

Join Woodland Cemetery for our highly anticipated Lantern Tours every evening in the month of October.

Tickets tend to go quickly - get yours today!

[Tour Schedule & Tickets](#)

Don't get caught by surprise:

Please be sure to bring home all

decor items that you wish to keep.

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Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off

Orange = Do Not Clean Off

Soft Grey = At Woodland's
Discretion

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

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Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

[Register for a guided tour](#) visit the

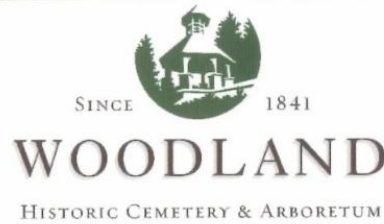
buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries!

Or check out our **virtual tours!** (if you really don't want to go outside)



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