



A Tale of Acadie

"THIS is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks..."

So begins the epic poem this window is based on; Evangeline, a Tale of Acadie.

Published in 1847, 'Evangeline', like 'Hiawatha' is another very famous work by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

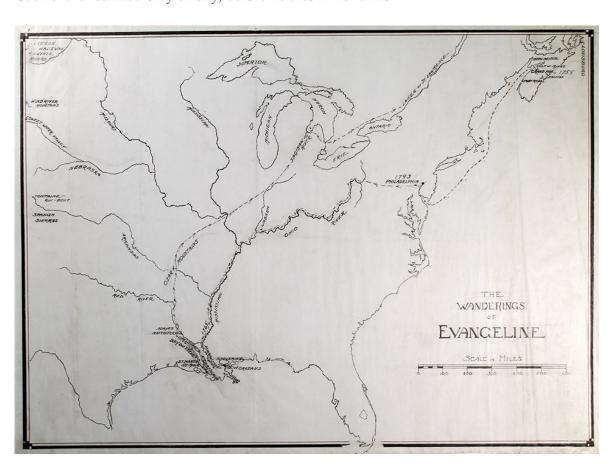
Inspired by a story told to a friend of a friend of an acquaintance and written in the meter preferred by Classical Greek poets of long ago, Evangeline inspires the reader to reflect upon the power of hope.

In this window, we see Evangeline at her idyllic home in Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia, just before her troubles begin.



The day after Evangeline is engaged to her childhood best friend, Gabriel, their entire community is forced into exile and the pair are separated*.

For the rest of her life, Evangeline travels North America, looking for Gabriel, her one true love. As an old woman, working as a <u>Sister of Mercy</u> in Philadelphia, Evangeline and Gabriel are reunited only briefly, before he dies in her arms.



* This part of the story is based in fact: Beginning in 1755, the British decided to deport the French speaking Acadians from this territory. It was called '<u>le grand derangement'</u>, and is the origin of some Cajun communities in Louisiana.

Above: A map of Evangeline's wanderings, created around the poem's centennial in 1947. Courtesy of the <u>National Parks Service</u> LONG Collection.

Happy Birthday:

George H. Mead Jr. 8/3/1917 - 8/19/1942

The oldest son of <u>George H. Mead Sr.</u>, 2LT Mead was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross in 1942.

As Executive Officer of company L, 3 rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Division, George H. Mead Jr. was trying to lead his platoon into a village at Guadalcanal, but the Marines were driven back by a Japanese sniper concealed in the dense vegetation.

Alone in the jungle, 2LT Mead sought out the enemy combatant and shot him with his .45 caliber pistol before being shot himself. Though he lost his life in the process, 2LT Mead's actions allowed his platoon to complete its mission without further loss of life.

2LT George H. Mead Jr. died at the age of just 25. His epitaph reads: "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend."



The Mead family plot is located in section 101, lot 1538 at Woodland Cemetery.

Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about 2LT Mead.

Upcoming Events!

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Tree Tour:

8/13 @ 10 am

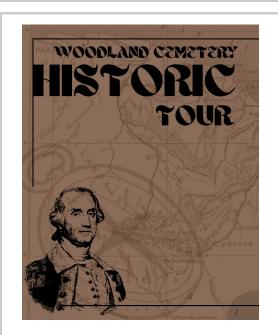
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Inventors & Their Inventions:

8/23 @ 11 am

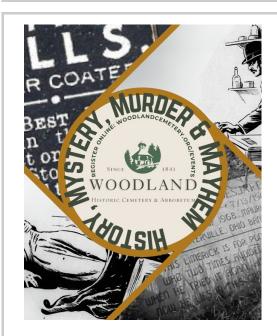
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Historic Woodland Tour:

8/18 @ 5:30 pm

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History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem:

8/12 @ 6 pm

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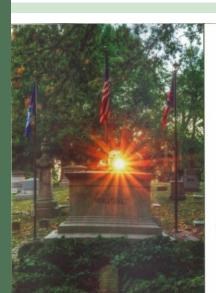
*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

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

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you! Register for a guided tour visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries!

Or check out our <u>virtual tours!</u> (if you really don't want to go outside)



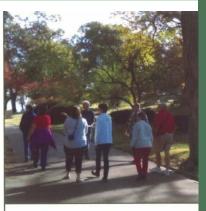


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