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1841

WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM

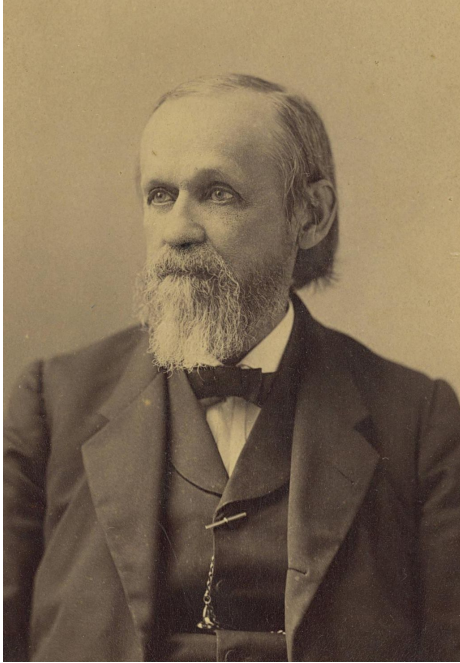


Thank You, Robert Steele

Robert W. Steele is among the most notable educators who ever taught in Dayton's public schools.

Appointed to the Board of Education in 1842, he would serve that organization for a total of 30 years, including 12 years as the Board's President.

In recognition of the "hours and days and weeks" Robert Steele spent "hearing algebra and Latin recitations, attending school exercises and suffering under sophomore oratory,*" Dayton's former Steele High School was named in his honor.



Left: photo of Robert W. Steele by T.W. Gridland (undated). Courtesy [Dayton Metro Library](#).



A postcard featuring Steele High School, sold by the Paul C. Koeber Company, 1906. Courtesy [Dayton Metro Library](#).



Did you know that the bronze lion in front of the Dayton Art Institute used to belong to Steele High School? Photo courtesy [Dayton Metro Library](#).

“The same painstaking, personal efforts that Robert Steele gave to the schools he gave to Woodland Cemetery.” In 1853, Robert Steele was elected Secretary of the Woodland Cemetery Association.

When Woodland’s first president, John Van Cleve, died in September of 1858, Robert Steele was elected to serve as the Association’s next President, a position he would hold until the time of his death in 1891.

Mr. Steele took special interest in caring for the future growth and beautification of Woodland Cemetery; despite his well-documented mobility issues, he was often seen down on his knees, planting trees, bushes and flowers throughout the cemetery.

In the words of Charlotte Reeve Conover:

“For thirty-three years he was president of the association, giving it his loving, constant attention.

The white stone gateway which for years adorned the upper entrance to the cemetery, and which has now been removed to the lower, was due to his initiative and

supervision.

Neither was his influence that of the merely official, in this capacity. He spent many hours in all the pleasant months wandering about among the graves and pathways, thinking what might be done to make the lovely spot still more lovely.

I wonder how many there are who walk in Woodland Cemetery now to find Robert Steele's grave, and to send him a tribute of thanks!"



Robert W. Steele died in 1891 at the age of 72.

The Steele family plot is located in section 77,
lot 24 at Woodland Cemetery.

*Some Dayton Saints and Prophets; by Charlotte Reeve Conover, 1907.

Support Woodland!

For 184 years, Woodland has been a place of remembrance, reflection, and beauty. This Giving Tuesday, you can help preserve that legacy.

Your donation to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation supports landscape care, tree preservation, historic restoration, and our commitment to keeping Woodland a welcoming sanctuary for all.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift
today

Thank you for supporting Woodland's mission.

With gratitude,

**Woodland Arboretum
Foundation**





Save the Date!

Woodland's annual winter Remembrance Program will be held on December 5, 2025
5:00 - 8:00pm in the Tiffany Chapel.



Indoor Mausoleum Tour



New Year's Bird Walk

Don't get caught by
surprise:

Please be sure to bring home all
decor items that you wish to keep.

Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off
Orange = Do Not Clean Off
Soft Grey = At Woodland's

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Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

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!

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.

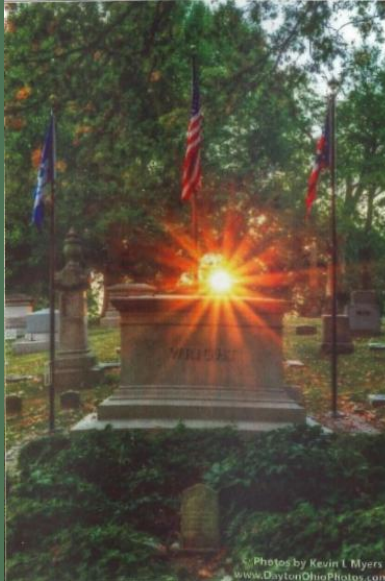
*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

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

Register for a guided tour: visit the 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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