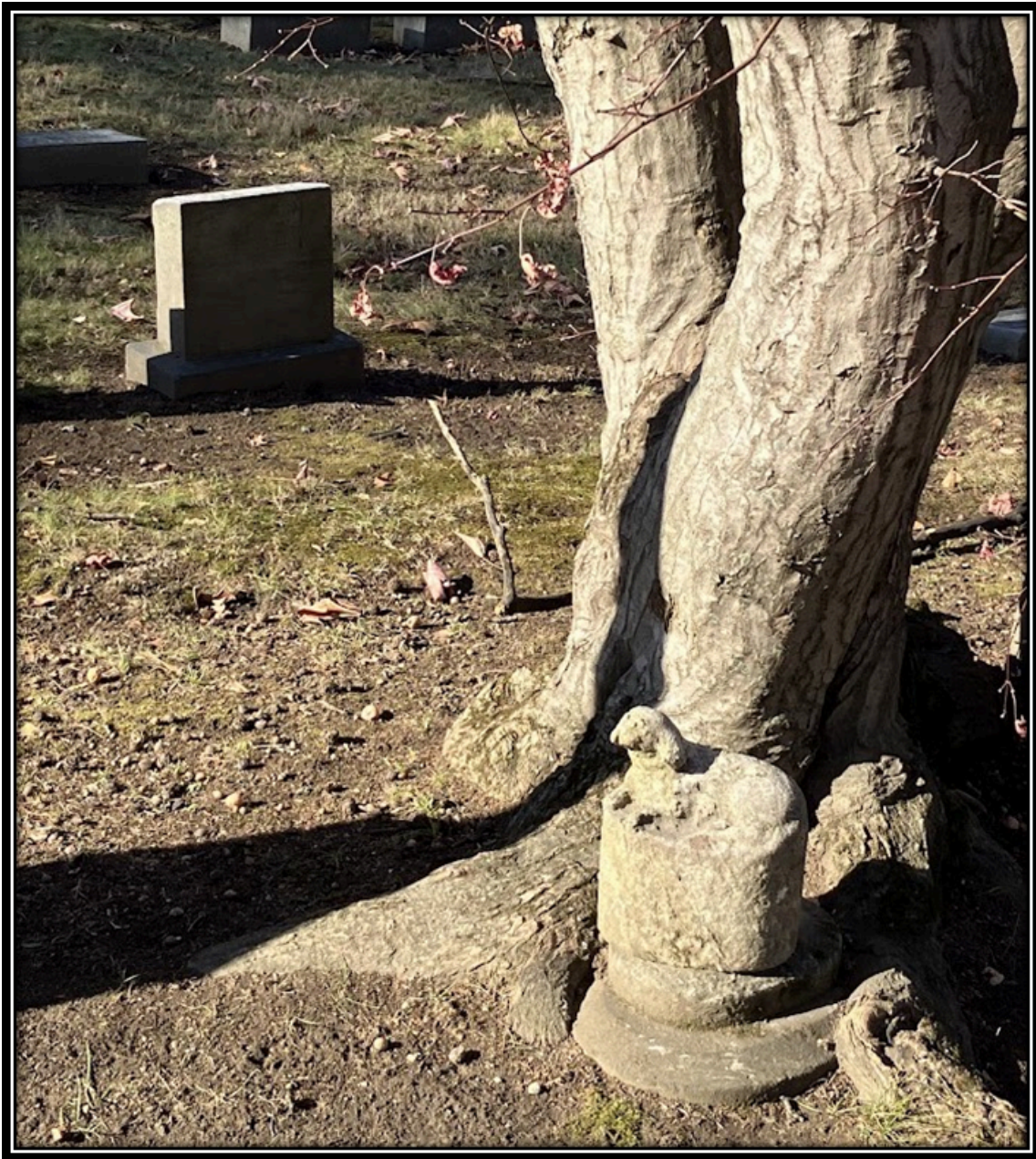




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Furry Friends & Funerary Art

Dogs have been our guardians, helpers, and beloved friends for thousands of years. Since the time of ancient Egypt, where dog-headed Anubis acted as the guardian of the dead, dogs have represented loyalty, protection, and guidance—in this world, and the next.

Man's best friend appears throughout the cemetery, from the early days through modern times. Come say hi to some very good dogs of Woodland!

Without a doubt, the most famous canine on the grounds is the constant companion of

Johnny Morehouse

Johnny Morehouse—and one of Woodland’s best-known and most-visited monuments.

While the exact circumstances of Johnny’s death have been lost to time, the story goes that the boy drowned while playing near the canal outside his father’s shoe repair shop. Whether the dog leaped in after his small friend, but was too late to retrieve him alive, or if dog and boy shared the same fate, nobody can say for sure.

The next year, local sculptor Daniel LaDow[1] created a memorial of the faithful friends, bearing the legend ‘Sweet Slumber’. The monument, carved in marble, depicts five-year-old Johnny resting his head upon his dog’s knee, safely tucked under one large paw. On the plinth before the pair lay Johnny’s cap, harmonica, spinning top, and ball—allegedly the contents of the boy’s pockets when he died.



[1] Daniel LaDow died in 1870, at the age of 56. He is buried in section 33, lot 965 at Woodland Cemetery—just up the hill from his famous sculpture.



Eugene & Betty Barker

When Eugene Barker became ill, the family’s Shetland sheepdog assumed the role of devoted (and adorable) nursemaid.

In honor of the little pup’s loving care—and maybe a little bit of a play on the family name—he or she is sculpted into their monument, peeking in on Eugene.

The Barker monument is located in Sec. 103 Lot 3633.

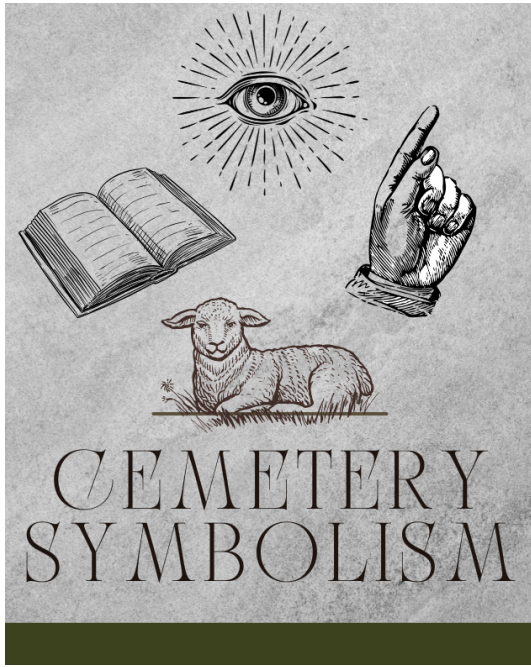
Ann & Leo Ward

When designing their monument, Leo and Ann Ward were adamant that their memorial include the family’s dogs. Five portraits of their furry family members (including their names) adorn the family monument.

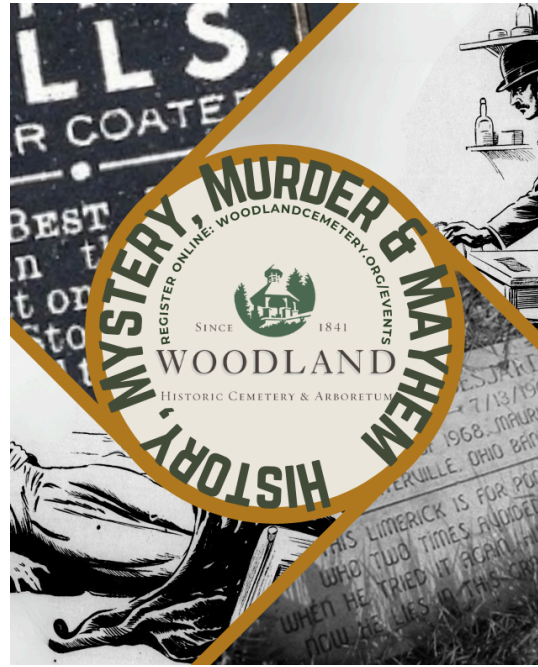
Leo & Ann Ward's monument can be found in Sec. 102 Lot 1234 'H'.



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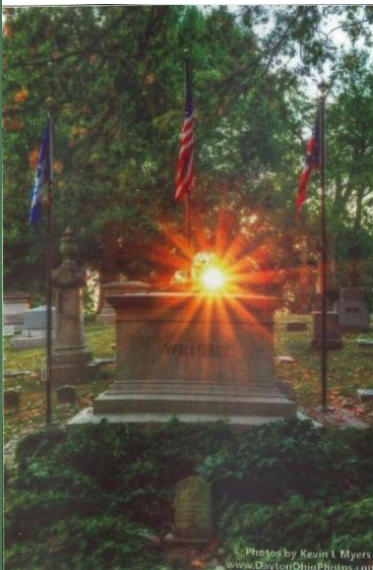
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