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RIVERSIDE CEMETERY AND FOUNDATION

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SPoon RIVER SUCCESS

On Friday and Saturday night, July 11 and 12, the Charenton Theatre group opened their summer 2003 outdoor offering at our Cemetery. The production was Edgar Lee Masters' Spoon River Anthology, directed by Mindy Childress and produced by James Mango.

The Play setting was one of our front burial sections where fifteen cast members respectfully assumed the roles of some 160 past-living residents of a small hypothetical town community in the early 1900's named Spoon River. The production lasted almost two hours, starting in sunlight and ending in darkness. The monologues encapsulated the interconnectedness of the lives of these past souls in a very intriguing, philosophical, humanistic, and professional manner. As each cast person spoke, others wandered slowly in the background as mingling spirits of these past souls.

About 200+ persons attended each night. This production was presented here under the sponsorship of our Foundation as part of its Arts and Educational programs.

NEW SECTION DEVELOPMENT

Two new sections are being developed for probable opening in 2004. Both are traditional in design. One is Section 31, directly across from Section 30, and just south of our Willowdale Avenue entrance. Its basic design will match its predecessor, but it will offer the opportunity for one-piece, double-wide memorials or single headstones on the rows which do not back up to the shrubbery dividers. The latter will all be sized for monuments or lower memorials of any size which fits on the lot.

In our valley, Section 21 is tangent and due east of Babyland, Section 18. A beautiful wooded hillside rises above this flatland area and will be footed with a rustic split rail fence. Some lots here will be sized for monuments (10 ft.) while others (9 ft.) will accommodate single piece, double-wide markers, grass level up to 18" high, or single headstones up to 18" high. This will be our first traditional offerings of this type in our scenic valley.

We are confident you will find our pricing for these larger memorial accommodations to be favorably competitive with any other local Cemeteries having similar offerings. Your comparative inquiry is always welcome during our regular office hours.

Seasonal Gate Closing Hours

During the summer and early fall this year, we experimented with a later closing of our gates. Since it was only a trial run, the posted gate time was not changed. Our gates remained open until 7:00 p.m. during the week and continued to close at 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

We feel this later accommodation better served our working families, and was well received. Therefore, we'll continue the later weekly closings again next year following the daylight savings schedule (from the first Saturday in April through the last Saturday in October). Weekends are still under review for later closing.

SHADES OF THE PAST

“VISITOR’S RULES”

1889

When researching Riverside we came upon the original rules for visitors to the Cemetery. We'd like to share some of them with you. Most would still apply today.

1. Visitors will be admitted to the grounds daily. The entrance will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and close at sunset.
2. No children will be admitted unless attended by some person who will be responsible for their conduct.
3. No rapid driving will be permitted, nor driving on the lawns. (This applied to carriages since there were no cars.)
4. All persons are prohibited from picnicking, hunting or fishing, feeding or disturbing fish, fowls or birds within the Cemetery.
5. All persons are forbid sitting, lounging upon, or otherwise occupying any private lot within the cemetery not their own.
6. Horses must not be left, unless fastened where posts are provided for that purpose.
7. Neither refreshments nor liquors will be allowed upon the grounds
8. No person with firearms or dogs will be permitted to enter the grounds.
9. All persons are strictly prohibited from throwing rubbish on the avenues or any part of the grounds, plucking any plants, whether wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree or shrub, marring any monument or landmark, or in any way defacing the grounds.
10. No person will be permitted to enter except through the entrance.
11. No person will be permitted to use boisterous or profane language, or in any way to disturb the quiet and good order of the Cemetery.
12. No money shall be paid to the attendants at the entrance or on the grounds. The entire time of the laborers regularly employed on the grounds belongs to the Association. Visitors and lot owners must not otherwise

engage them. All orders, inquiries and complaints must be left at the Office.

The officers and employees of the Cemetery having been appointed under an act of the Legislature of Ohio, special police officers, with power to arrest summarily all trespassers and persons who violate any of the rules and regulations, all persons therefore are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead, and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided for by the statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

REMARK: It is of the utmost importance that there should be a strict observance of all the proprieties due the place, whether embraced in these regulations or not, as no impropriety will be tolerated.

All well-disposed persons will confer a favor by informing the Superintendent of any breach of these rules that may come under their notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William HalleyGeneral Manager
Valere CraigAdm. Asst.
Marijane HalleyAdm. Asst.
Shirley BillGeneral Foreman
Kenneth LangleyAsst. General Foreman

Cemetery gates are open 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. everyday
Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday
(except holidays)

**CEMETERY GRAVE CLEAN-OFF DATES
MARCH 1 & OCTOBER 15**

**NAME CROSSES IN FLAT STONE AREAS PERMITTED
NOV. 1 - APR. 1 ONLY**

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF LOT OWNERS WHOSE REVENUES FROM SALES & SERVICES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OUR GROUNDS.

*The road to success
is usually under construction*

GRAVE PRICES

We receive many calls inquiring about our grave prices every year. In this article, I will give you that information, and I'm confident you'll find them very competitive with similar accommodations at other Cemeteries.

The total range of current prices for burial rights here is from \$370-\$525 for each grave. The lowest cost is for the sections which allow only flat headstones and therefore require the least maintenance. The higher prices are for gravesites which permit either flat or above-ground memorials. In most cases, these latter areas permit personal inground planting

A standard grave is 8' long. It permits a single headstone grass level up to 12" high whose cinderblock foundation is installed on the head end of the grave. An oversize grave can be either 9' or 10' long. These longer sites will accommodate larger memorials (monuments, double-wide headstones) which are installed off the burial portion completely on either concrete blocks or poured concrete. Availability varies throughout the grounds, with space among our oldest sections being more limited and among our newer areas quite plentiful.

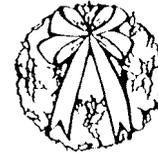
We also have a single-grave section where we select a burial space only when a death occurs. Here, a gravespace and burial costs \$630 and a grass level headstone is permitted. Also, a few graves in each row are reserved for double-deep (two full burials in one grave) interments where a spouse or family member may reserve a space above a lower depth earlier burial. This accommodation which includes a double-depth grave and the first burial is \$790 and can be purchased only when the first person passes.

For small children, birth up to about 3 years, we have a Babyland section. A grave and burial here is \$150. For older children, 3+ up to about 10 years, we have youth graves (up to 60"/66" long) grouped together. A gravespace and burial is \$200.

We also have a section for the burial of cremains. In-ground spaces are 3' x 3', will accommodate 1-4 urns, and are allowed one full-sized, grass level headstone per grave. Graves may be purchased in advance or at-need for \$195; Interment is \$225. In this section, we also have a

columbarium for above-ground entombment. Niches cost \$630; Entombment is \$225. Names and dates can be inscribed on a granite outer cover. Prices are the same regardless of the niche tier (level) chosen.

We would invite those without burial accommodations to tour our beautiful grounds. You will be served by the Manager or Administrative Asst. personally. They are not commissioned and will conscientiously try to provide a very sincere, caring, and reassuring experience for you here. All prices are subject to periodic review and may change at some future time.



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Once again, we have a nice selection of artificial Christmas Wreaths available for sale. A sample of each design will be on display in our office.

Each wreath purchased prior to Thanksgiving will be wired to a sturdy steel stand and placed at your designated grave(s) during the first week of December. Those purchased after that date will be placed as soon as possible.

The total cost for this complete service is \$37.00 including tax.

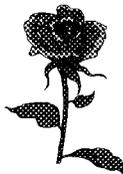
SILK FLOWER BOUQUETS



We have beautiful silk floral bouquets available year-round. Each comes in a small plastic vase with a spike for securing upright at a gravesite. All selections are on display in our office. Total cost is \$20 each, and are available as "take-with" or "our placement".

We also have two types of fold-flush vases which can be installed on any grave. This keeps a flower vase available for you at the cemetery throughout the year for either your artificial or live bouquets. An aluminum vase is \$20 installed; The heavier zinc vase is \$35 installed. These are also available at anytime.

CEMETERY SYMBOLISM



The rose is the flower of Venus, the goddess of love. In Christian symbolism, the red rose is a symbol of martyrdom, while the white rose is a symbol of purity. In Christian mythology the rose in Paradise did not have thorns, but acquired them on Earth to remind man of his fall from grace, but, the rose's fragrance and beauty remained to suggest to him what paradise is like.



The squirrel may be the most frequently seen live animal in the cemetery, but is found infrequently on tombstones. This furry, scampering and often elusive creature is usually seen in conjunction with other symbols, particularly in tableaus of biblical scenes. Look for it lurking in the corner, for the squirrel (in particular the red squirrel) is one of Satan's animals. Its association with Satan comes from its red color and its ability to live and operate at many different levels.



Our canine friend has often been associated with funerary art and the afterlife: the three-headed dog Cerberus is a guardian of the portals of Hades; dogs are portrayed as guiding the dead to the next world. Dogs play an important part in the life of St. Dominic and the Dominican Order. A dog carrying a torch has become a symbol of the Dominicans and is an integral part of their coat of arms. Although dogs are usually portrayed in a positive light, they can also be fierce beasts such as when they are depicted as Satan's soul hunting hellhounds. Black dogs, just like black cats, are often portrayed as demonic companions of witches and necromancers.

Taken from American Cemetery

***Try Jesus, If you don't like him,
the Devil will take you back!!!***

Edward O. Schwargl 1842-1910

Edward O. Schwargl was the landscape architect of Riverside Cemetery. Born in 1842 in Wurgburg, Bavaria he was raised in Paris until age 12. He completed his growth to adulthood in New York City. After working with architectural firms in New England, Omaha, and St. Louis he settled in Cleveland for a time during the mid 1870's. By 1890 he resided in the state of Washington where he worked on various projects until his death in Seattle in 1910.

In late 1875, our founders hired him to provide a General Plan and a specific potential section layout for our Park. Even though some of the land was rugged woodland, ravines, and scenic waterways, his efforts were made on the assumption all of the acreage was flat. While there were some changes made to the original design, especially in the valley area, most of the north half of the Cemetery followed his plan rather precisely.

His general design shows the Cuyahoga River at our southeast corner tangent to Jennings Ave. We feel this River's proximity must have suggested our Cemetery being named "Riverside". *We know that he also planned Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo the same year, and modeled Riverview Cemetery in Portland Oregon (1879-81) after ours as well.*

A copy of our 1876 Prospectus with a photo and signature of James W. Ackley, a surveyor with Mr. Schwargl's engineering firm who was part of the layout team, was given to us a few years ago by grandchildren. It is available for anyone's review at our office.

*Our appreciation to Craig Bobby
for his research contribution for this article.*

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q.-Is Riverside A City Municipal Cemetery?

A.-NO. Riverside is a Private Association of Lot Owners. Those having burial rights herein are considered Association members.

Q.-Who takes care of death year inscriptions?

A.-We notify a family representative about the need for a death date inscription. If handled through us, our current charge for a year or full date up to 8 characters is \$85. A full name and years is \$125. Each character over 8 on a full date is \$1.50.

LEST WE FORGET

Noteworthy Persons Within Our Cemetery

JOSIAH BARBER SR.

1771 - 1842

JOSIAH BARBER JR.

1825 - 1884

Mr. Josiah Barber Sr., the father of Riverside Cemetery's founding President, was born in 1771. He was a prominent businessman in the Cleveland area for many years.

He had quite a few accomplishments including being the first Mayor of Ohio City and the initial toll taker on the first bridge over the Cuyahoga River connecting the West and East sides of the city. He was also a prime mover of the West Side residential, commercial, and industrial development.

In 1807 he and his Brother-in-Law formed a Land Holding Company called Lords & Barber. They owned all of the land from the Cuyahoga River west to the now West 117th street, and from Lake Erie to the now Brookpark Road, except for the Alfred Kelly Farm on what is now St. Clair Avenue. Therefore, most property developed in this area dates from Lords & Barber.

In 1818 he built a Log House at West 25th Street and Franklin Avenue.

In 1834 he was among the incorporators of Cleveland's first Manufacturing Co., The Cuyahoga Steam Furnace Company. He was also a Brewer for a time on West 25th Street. He also gave the land for a public market square across from the West Side Market to be kept always public.

In 1882 he was moved from Monroe Street Cemetery to a family lot in Section 23 at Riverside which his son, Josiah Jr. had established when we first opened.

Born on a farm on what is known as Cleveland's South Side December 3, 1825, Josiah Jr. went on to become a Civil Engineer and took a prominent part in the construction of the C., C., C. & I. Railway. He was also employed in a similar capacity in the building of the L.S. & M.S. Railroad. The Bee Line curve at Delaware and the Rocky River was constructed under the direction of Mr. Barber. In 1850 he moved to Columbus and the following year was wed to Caroline J. Cooke, daughter of one of the pioneers of Franklin county. In 1862 he enlisted, at Columbus, in the 95th

Regiment, O.V.I., and served with honor until the close of the war. He entered the service as a lieutenant, and retired at the close of the long struggle with the rank of captain and returned to Cleveland.

Josiah Jr. served as our President from 1876-1880. He was our second Superintendent & Clerk from 1880 until the time of his death on December 10, 1884. His re-election to the position of Superintendent and Clerk occurred only a few days before his death. He was interred on May 21, 1885 which leads us to believe that he must have been in our Chapel receiving vault over the winter months. At the time of his death, all graves were opened by hand. In the colder months it was a common procedure to "hold" a person in the Chapel vault until the ground could thaw enough to open a grave and complete the burial.

From the Foremen

Now that summer is over once again, here are a few reminders for winter:

Clean-off is October 15. Please, if there are any items you do not want thrown away, remove them before this date. Once picked up it is too hard to try to find items in the dumpster that people forgot. After the sections have been cleared, you may put items back and they should stay until March 1 which is our next clean off day.

With the cold weather coming it is very important not to put out any glass or porcelain items. They break very easily. Also, we recommend that you try to stay away from Styrofoam wreaths. They blow off the stands very easily and blow all through the sections. Then, we have no idea where they belong.

Wooden crosses are allowed to be put back out in the flatstone areas on November 1. They can stay out until April 1. We still have some crosses at the Office that people did not pick up last year. Please check in the Office to see if yours is there. We can only store them for a short time period, so you need to retrieve them timely after our April 1 deadline.

We hope everybody has a safe and happy Holiday season.

Shirley & Ken

In Grateful Appreciation

New Contributors and Additional Gifts To Our Foundation Since the Spring Issue

Tom Baran

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*In memory of Sophia Stepanik &
Paul Valachovic Jr.*

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In memory of Doris Troy

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& Elson Buesch*

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& the Linn family*

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In memory of John Porter

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*In memory of
Lyn White & Michael Kubek*

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