



THE TRADITION

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Greetings and Introduction

The Tradition newsletter is a publication designed to introduce families new to Riverside Cemetery and to keep members informed of the current happenings around the grounds. Riverside Cemetery is a non-profit association of lot owners. Revenues from sales and services are used to fund day-to-day operations of this active and historic Cemetery. If you wish to be added or removed from the newsletter mailing or emailing list, or have any questions regarding Riverside Cemetery, please let us know. See page 4 for Contact Information and Cemetery Hours.

Holiday Wreaths & Bouquets

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COVID 19 & R----side

Unquestionably, this has been the most difficult moment many of us may have faced, but through its entirety, we have remained open serving the essential needs of the families who rely on Riverside Cemetery. The severity of the Covid-19 crisis has put our cemetery and our community in



completely uncharted territory. On March 23, to protect our staff, our customers, and our community we began finding alternative ways to provide high-quality and safe care in this new environment. We have adapted to social distancing as best we could, helping those planning burials, selecting graves, and all other needs without public access to our administrative building or chapel. We continue to explore every possible way to be a part of the solution, and hope to be well poised to get back to business as usual someday.

Local Treasure Found/ Connected to Connecticut

A little more than two centuries ago, in the Fall of 1814, a family of settlers traveling from Chatham Connecticut, begun their long journey by wagon train to begin a new life in the Cleveland area. Asa Brainard, his three brothers and their families, arrived in 1815 by a six-wagon train drawn by ten horses and six oxen team. With Asa's purchase of one-hundred and forty acres of land, he would secure a very important place in early Cleveland history.

60 years later in 1875, the land known to early Clevelanders as the Brainard farm attracted a committee of 20, chosen to find a perfect site for a major size cemetery accessible to West and South communities. With our great appreciation, Titus Brainard, grandson to Asa, sold the majority of country land which set forth the genesis of a now 144-year Riverside Cemetery.



Above:
An oxen yoke used during the Brainard Family journey from Connecticut obtained from a direct descendant in 2020; now kept at the Riverside Cemetery Office

Many of the original settlers within the Connecticut born Brainard family, along with ensuing generations, have chosen Riverside as their final resting place. The family Lots they understandably chose along our aloft most Northeastern border, allow a spectacular

view of a not so distant everchanging downtown, the Cuyahoga Valley and its River, and an easterly view as far as the eye can see across a once traveled landscape.

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Timeline of Cleveland

1790s-2020s



Moses Cleaveland & survey party arrive
1796

1797 Lorenzo Carter



1800 Population 7

1803 Ohio admitted into Union



1810 Population 57

1815 Brainard arrives (pictured)



1820 Population 606

Edit

1831 Cleaveland drops the "A" in its spelling

1840 Population 6,071



1855 Old Stone Church

1860 Population 43,417

Population 92,8291

1870 (15th largest city)

1876 Riverside Cemetery

1880 Population 160,146 (12th largest city)

1890 Population 261,353 (10th largest city)

Population 381,768
1900 (7th largest city)

1930 Terminal Tower

Population 914,808
1950 (highest ever)

1991 Key Tower

1985 Soho Building

1995 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

2020

1912 Westside Market

1931 Lakefront Stadium



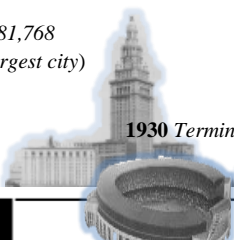
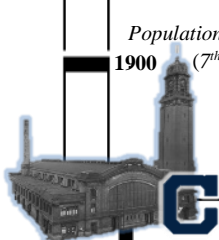
6 families of 40 travelers began their journey within a week of each other;
31 of them arriving within the same hour

The Land

The city of Cleveland was founded by Connecticut-born Moses Cleaveland, who, in 1796, went to survey the land claimed by The Connecticut Land Company. This post-colonial land speculation company founded by Cleaveland, would survey the land, and return to share their discoveries, encouraging settlement in the newly chartered Connecticut Western Reserve.

At the turn of the century in the year 1800, Cleveland still only had a population of just 7 citizens. In the Division of the Western Reserve, Brooklyn Centre was among properties acquired by partnerships of Richard and Samuel Lord, and brother-in-law Josiah Barber. In the years to follow all settlers to Cleveland's Westside would purchase land that fell to these men.

The land that surrounds present day Riverside Cemetery had a few know settlers. A "squatter" from Canada named Granger may be of the first but when he arrived is uncertain. James Fish entered what is now Brooklyn township, as the first of the permanent white settlers of that territory in 1812. Granger and his son Samuel stayed until 1815, when they then relocated to Maumee County southwest of Toledo. That moment in time (pictured above) witnessed the arrival of six families, all from Chatham Connecticut, including Asa Brainard who acquired the countryside land which 3 score and one year later would forever remain the Riverside Cemetery.



Donations Received 2/1/2020 to 9/1/2020

Kamilia Gail Wright Fraley
*In memory of
Charles & Nancy Wright*

Meredith C. Anderson

Dan Baillis & Family
*In memory of
Family members at Riverside*

Constance Bridge
*In memory of
Daniel Bridge*

Bernard Buckner
*In memory of Ruth P.
Buckner*

Frank & Mary Lou Budziak
*In memory of Louis & Mary
Anna Adams*

Carol Edel
*In memory of
Clara Edel*

Mr. & Mrs. Ramona
*In memory of
Vanni Family & Juliet Vanni*

Earl & Susan Feierabend
*In memory of
George & Agnes Feirabend*

Foster Family Foundation

Gail Wright Fraley
*In memory of
Charles & Nancy Wright*

John H. & Elizabeth Franklin Jr.
*In memory of Lamson &
Sessions*

Gwendoline Golden
*In memory of
Ruth Campbell & Archie
Parker*

Grace Green
*In memory of
Baby Boy Green*

Joseph R. Haven
*In memory of
Thelma & William Haven*

Agnes Hindulak
*In memory of
Farquharson Family*

Julius G. Kanyok
*In memory of
John, Barbara & Michael*

Elizabeth Kohl
*In memory of
William & Rose Swasy*

Alex Lancaster Jr.
*In memory of
The Lancaster Family*

Gail D. Malcolm
*In memory of Willie Mae
Ruckel & Jacqueline B. Rucker*

Lenore Maxa
*In memory of
The Forschner, Schneider,
Guentzler & Brugge Families*

Everett L O'Dell
*In memory of
Oda O'Dell*

James Pace

Teresa D. Polk

Mary Lou Prager
*In memory of
Thomas Prager & Virginia
Gobel*

Jack Roberts
*In memory of
Donald A. Roberts*

Tamara Smerczynski
*In memory of
O. Sheiko, N. Smerczynski,
Venetine, T. Smerczynski*

Regina Summerville

June Travis
*In memory of
John E. & Catherine A.
Joplin & Oscar & Emilia*

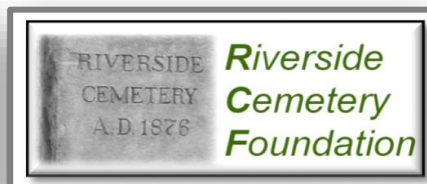
David M. Trebing
*In memory of
The Trebing & Russ
Families*

Raymond & Betty White
*In memory of
Troy Christopher White*

Jean Wolske
*In memory of
Mike Wolske*

THANK YOU for your generous contributions!

With your support, we have been able to accomplish great things! Your donations have been specifically assigned to help, and continue to help us preserve our historic buildings, repair roadways, contribute to beatification projects, and participate in community events!



Administrative Staff & Grounds Keepers

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General Manager

Scott Halley
President

Shirley Bill
General Foreman

Brianna Owens
Administrative Assistant

Bill Halley
Retired General Manager
Treasurer

Kenneth Langley
Assistant General Foreman



Jamie Spinelli

Brianna Owens has been with Riverside Cemetery for over ten years and serving as Administrative Assistant since early 2017. We thank her for her dedication and wish her the best on her next adventures! If you happen to see Brianna or speak to her on a call to our office, be sure to wish her luck! Through the years she has met and helped so many people connected to Riverside from the many local funeral homes, monument companies, and families who have chosen Riverside past, present, and even for making future arrangements. We know she will always hold a special place within Riverside's long rich history.

Jamie Spinelli is currently training for the Administrative position, and she has been picking up things very well! She has been working hard learning all the details of the Riverside Office as well as the operations for the cemetery grounds. If you happen to see Jamie during a visit to Riverside or speak to her during your call to our office, be sure to welcome her with congratulations! She joins us with a bit of experience from her days as a part-time office assistant.

Hours & Contact Info

Cemetery Gates

October – March 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April – September 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday (*Closed Holidays*)

Grave Clean-off Dates

March 1st & October 15th
(*Weather permitting*)

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Holiday Wreaths & Bouquets



NOW AVAILABLE

Wreaths – **\$42**

5 styles available. Price includes tax, easel-stand & installation

Poinsettia Bouquet – **\$30**

Price includes tax, cone-shaped vase & installation

Placement in early December. Items will remain on graves until the spring clean-off which starts March 1st.

WHILE THEY LAST!

SEE ORDER FORM FOR SELECTION AND DETAILS