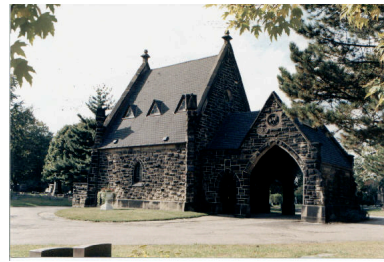


Riverside Cemetery Office



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RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FOUNDERS MISSION STATEMENT

When our founders carved Riverside Cemetery out of virgin farmland in 1876, they had a vision.

They weren't wanting a cemetery for their time plus a couple more decades. If that had been their plan, Riverside would have been filled and closed long ago.

But the prominent Clevelanders who established Riverside were thinking about the future. So they built a cemetery which would meet all Greater Clevelanders' need for 200 or more years. We are proudly into our second century of service.

And our founders gave us more than a beautiful cemetery site with plenty of room to grow. They gave us some very important guidelines, and an important heritage, for Riverside's operations:

- Always consider, and care for, each person selecting Riverside as a member of our extended family much as his or her own family.
- Always provide the highest quality maintenance and care of the grounds while allowing families to remember departed members in their preferred manner.
- Always serve people with personal consideration, honesty, and in complete confidence without regard to religion, race, or background.

Those were pretty strong orders; yet, as Riverside endeavored over the years to meet your changing needs, we have never varied from those founding guidelines. Since Riverside's beginnings in the 1800's, serving throughout the 1900's, and now into the 2000's, our continuous active presence is into its third century. Riverside has tried to retain most of the valued old cemetery traditions enjoyed by our parents, grandparents and before, and we have always been most gratified by your very positive response for these valued opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William Halley.....General Manager
 Mark Bollinger..... Asst. General Manager
 Valere CraigAdm. Asst.
 Shirley BillGeneral Foreman
 Kenneth Langley.....Asst. General Foreman

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

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday
(except Holidays)

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

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME.

**NAME CROSSES IN FLAT STONE AREAS PERMITTED
NOVEMBER 1 – APRIL 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.

Coming Soon

There will soon be an exciting new addition to our cemetery. We are developing additional options for our families that choose Cremation as their preferred means of disposition. The beginnings of these new options can soon be seen in our Urn Garden area.

The most visible addition will be the first unit of a four unit, 80 niche Columbarium grouping planned for our new Urn Garden Section 12-A. Installation is scheduled for the last part of October. It is directly across the valley drive from our present Urn Section 12. The new Units will form a diamond-shaped setting below a natural wooded hillside footed with a rustic, split-rail fence. Each will have a small perimeter sidewalk and we are considering their surrounding a beautiful brick memorial patio where the life of a loved one can be commemorated with a name and dates permanently engraved in one of the bricks.

In conjunction with the Memorial Bricks, we are exploring the possibility of having two Scattering Areas available within the Natural wooded landscape provided on the high-rising hillsides overlooking both Urn Gardens. The names of those so scattered could then be engraved in the Columbarium patio.

Additional options being discussed include individual, above-ground inurnment in granite boulders available for one or two sets of cremains, a possible small granite Memorial Bench, or upright Family Estate Columbarium. If feasible, these would be in a small garden setting along the east side of the new section and/or in an annex area we're reviewing south of the present Babyland section, adjacent to new section 12-A.

This area is accessed entering our valley by the sloping roadway projecting from the street directly behind the backside of our Nationally Registered, red sandstone Administration Building. If you haven't visited this area of our Cemetery yet, be sure to stop in and experience this peaceful park-like landscape.



We always have enough to be happy if we are enjoying what we do have - and not worrying about what we don't have.
Ken Keys, Jr.

Christmas Wreaths

Enclosed with the mailings of this Newsletter to most of our families is a flyer discussing the offering of a nice selection of Christmas Wreaths and one attractive silk poinsettia bouquet. A sample of each will be on display in the office in early October.

Wreaths purchased before Thanksgiving will be placed at your designated grave(s) on a sturdy stand during the first week of December.

If you choose to purchase a wreath elsewhere, be sure it comes with a **sturdy steel stand**. **Do not** use the flimsy, light-weight wires stapled in the boxes. They bend and collapse easily, dislodge the attached tribute, and allow most to just blow away. We have free steel stands available at the office; you only need some strong twine to tie it on securely. Also, **please avoid using Styrofoam** items. They will not hold together in challenging weather necessitating our having to constantly retrieve and dispose of their scattered debris.



WOODEN CROSSES AVAILABLE

Wooden identification crosses are permitted from November 1 through March 31 in grass level headstone sections to assist in locating gravesites during the non-growing season. The Cemetery now offers these memorials for sale in two different sizes and wood types.

The smaller size, especially appropriate for children but also, for adults, is 23 1/2" tall. It comes in pine for \$60 and oak for \$70. The larger size is 35 1/2" high; it also comes in pine for \$90 or oak for \$100. Lettering is \$.75 per letter and the total is plus tax. Either natural or varnished finish is available. Payment is due when your cross is ordered. The delivery time is from 10-14 days after an order is submitted.

Samples are on display in the Cemetery Office.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

Lest We Forget

*Noteworthy persons within our
Cemetery*

DIODATE CLARK

9/19/1798 - 9/04/1876

Diodate Clark was one of nine children born into a poor family in Springfield, Mass.

By the age of ten he was working on a farm. At nineteen, he and his brother Kelly started on foot walking westward. Kelly turned back, but Diodate kept walking and ended up in Cleveland with his bundle of clothes and one dollar in his pocket.

He found work chopping wood and clearing land in the forests of Cleveland. When he had made enough money to move, he purchased a farm in Brooklyn. He added to his land until his farm grew to over two hundred acres.

His sound judgment, integrity and success in business gave him a place as one of the leading citizens. He served as County Commissioner for at least four terms of office, and was the first male school teacher in Brooklyn. He was also one of the first to manufacture lime in the city. He invested in a vessel property and was long identified with the commercial interests of Cleveland. He was a stock holder in, and chief manager of companies manufacturing woodenware. He was also a founding trustee of our Cemetery.

In 1828 he joined the Methodist Church, and in 1835 he became a trustee and assisted in the building of what was subsequently known as Hanover Street Methodist Church.

Soon after moving onto Columbus Street, he joined the Methodist Church in Brooklyn and kept his membership with them for about thirty years before joining Franklin Street Methodist Church. His wise counsel, as one of its trustees, and his liberal gifts contributed to the erection of their beautiful Church.

In 1822 he married Caroline Aiken who bore him three children. Caroline Aiken died in 1828. In 1829 he married Sarah White Lindsley. She died in 1863 and in 1864 he married Mrs. Samuel Tyler.

Clark Avenue, north of the Cemetery is named for Diodate, and we understand Aiken Avenue honors his first wife's family.

He passed away September 4, 1876, three months short of the dedication ceremony for the Cemetery he helped to organize, was our 15th burial, and was laid to rest in Section 28.



SILK FLOWER BOUQUETS



We are still offering a nice selection of beautiful silk flower bouquets for our families and friends to purchase for gravesites. Total cost for the bouquet, tax and placement, if desired, is \$25. They are all on display in the office.

Each bouquet comes with a small green plastic self-standing vase which is inserted directly into the ground. They are very appropriate at anytime of the year, but are especially nice for birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's and Father's Day, and Memorial Day.

Other than our **3/01** and **10/15 clearing times**, we will not remove these items. And, we cannot assume responsibility for them after they are placed.

FROM THE FOREMEN

BY SHIRLEY & KEN

The fall is upon us again. This year we would like to thank the many people who did keep their loose items per grave down to 3; but there were still many who didn't. This makes it much harder for us to do our job, plus we have to take a critical time-out to walk through and clear off the extras. Please keep your loose items to **three per grave!** This doesn't mean per person buried in the grave, but only the grave itself.

We also ask that when parking to visit, **please stay on the road.** The roads are wide enough for two lanes so that you don't have to pull off the road and park on the grass. And, the **"keep off grass"** signs refer only to vehicles, not persons.

We would also like to remind you that fall clean-off begins on October 15th and winter on March 1st. The shepherd's hooks will stay, but everything on them will be removed. **Continued on page 4**



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

We are receiving increasing numbers of telephone inquiries about our accommodations and prices, for which we are very pleased and grateful. A few of the most frequently asked questions and answers are:

Q-Being 133 years old, do you still have space available and is there a selection of space within the total grounds?

A-Yes to both questions. Naturally, space will be less available in the original sections, but we can usually accommodate most requests for gravesites among the older burials.

We have considerable space in our Memorial Park (flat headstone) as well as newer traditional sections permitting above-ground single and double wide headstones and upright monuments. And, there is **NO MINIMUM PURCHASE** to qualify for the larger memorial markers; even a single space sized for a monument can be selected in some areas.

Q-What are your available purchase arrangements?

A-If a death has occurred, and a multiple-grave lot (two or more spaces) is desired, one's immediate obligation is to pay for the grave used and the appropriate interment charges. Additional pre-need spaces purchased at the same time, can be paid with interest-free, monthly payments of a reasonable and convenient amount determined by the buyer.

If no death has occurred, a lot of any desired size may be purchased with interest-free monthly payments, as outlined above, after a downpayment of 20% of the total obligation. They also may be purchased in-full, and receive a 5% cash discount up front.

Q-What are your floral tribute policies?

A-We allow artificial and live floral remembrances year-round. Most of our traditional sections permit appropriate in-ground planting. In the Memorial park-plan areas, everything must be portable. All graves are cleared semi-annually on 3/01 and 10/15. No glass or porcelain items are ever permitted.

In conjunction with this broad policy, we do request that artificial items placed be limited to **3 or less** per grave. Also, we strongly discourage Styrofoam wreaths. These tear loose and break apart easily in storms, and are generally scattered about aimlessly on the ground leaving an empty, flimsy wire stand on the grave to create a hazard for a mower, trimmer, or individual.

Q-Is there an added charge for perpetual care when purchasing burial rights?

A-No. 25% of your purchase price is placed in our Perpetual Maintenance Care Fund. There is no surcharge added to our grave prices for this purpose as is the case at some cemeteries.

Q-Do you require a vault for cremains?

A-No. We will accept whatever container the family selects. However, if a niche is used in our Columbarium, a cardboard box is not permitted. At minimum, the plastic container, that all Funeral Directors have available, must contain the cremains.

Q-How can one provide a living plant and/or Christmas wreath on a grave or lot each year?

A-A living planter of mixed annuals, an inground planted bed (where allowed), or a Christmas wreath can be provided each year through an endowment contract. On larger lots, weekly hand cutting and trimming services are also contractual. Interested persons should contact Bill Halley for details and charges.

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If there is anything you wish to keep, please take it off **before** the 15th or the 1st as applicable.

Shepherd hooks are permitted on graves year-round as long as they are decorated with appropriate tributes. However, we are noticing a large number of hooks which are no longer being used and remain empty or abandoned. Therefore, hooks which were not decorated with any tributes during this past growing season will be removed this fall and be kept at our Maintenance Building for your pick-up for one year. After our fall 2010 clean-off, all unclaimed hooks will be discarded.

Have a warm and safe winter !

LOOKING AHEAD

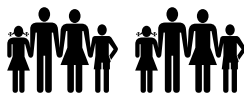
How's this for looking ahead? I am skipping all of winter and heading straight for April 2010 –

April 4th to be exact. That will be Easter and I am in the preliminary planning stages for an Easter sunrise service here at Riverside. Now, in order to do this, I am looking for suggestions, ideas, volunteers, participants, and of course, attendees!

The plan is for this to be a non-denominational service, so everyone is welcome to come. We welcome all faiths at Riverside, and this is an opportunity for our Riverside family to come together in one glorious Easter celebration. We may be able to hold the service outside, or if the weather is too bad, we can have it in our Nationally Registered Historic Victorian Chapel. Either way, it will be a beautiful way to start our Easter! As I said, I am looking for volunteers, so if you might like to sing a song, play an instrument, take part in a drama, read scripture, help in the preparation, or have other ideas, please contact me in the Office at 216/351-4800 or by contacting our e-mail at riverside_cemetery@att.net. I want this to truly be a community event.

Our next edition of the Tradition probably won't be out prior to Easter, so that is why I am writing this now. Therefore, feel free to contact me, and I will try to coordinate everyone and everything so this event will be a memorable service for all.

Mark Bollinger
Assistant General Manager



BREWERS' TOUR 2009

On Saturday morning, July 25th, our Annual Brewers' and other Notables' tour was held on the grounds. This popular event was co-led by Cleveland Metroparks Historical Interpreter, Doug Kusak, and Riverside Manager, Bill Halley. About 25 guests were in attendance. That was fewer than had been expected because of an intermittent light rain falling as we started but which opened to sunshine as we walked. We hope to repeat this popular annual event again next summer. Watch our spring Tradition for details.

Did You Know ?

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

According to culinary legend, the potato chip originated in 1853 at a fashionable New York restaurant when railroad magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt sent his potatoes back to the kitchen, complaining that they were too thick. Annoyed, Chef George Crum scornfully sliced some potatoes into a kettle of boiling oil and fried them to a crisp. The result was a hit and the potato chip was born

In Cleveland, Ohio it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

Crayola crayons come in 120 different colors but the labels are only made in 18 colors.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

There is no word in the English dictionary that rhymes with "month".

William Howard Taft was the first golfer to become President.

A CHILD'S VIEW OF THUNDERSTORMS

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl was concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the electrical storm might harm her child.

Full of worry, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. Another and another flash of lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her, "What are you doing?" The child answered, "I'm trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

Thanks to Seth Tomash & Mike Jacobs
Olmsted Community Church

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