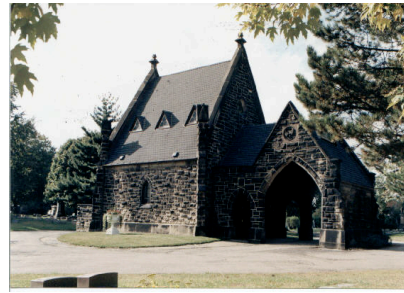


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Please Join Us!



On Sunday, April 4, 2010, we will be celebrating Easter with a non-denominational Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in our newly named "*William R. Halley Chapel*" on the Cemetery grounds. We hope that you and your family can join us for this inaugural service.

STAFF CHANGE

On February 4th, Mark Bollinger became the new General Manager of our proud Cemetery. He succeeds Bill Halley who has served in that capacity for the past 39 years and will now become an Association Consultant and support source to the professional staff.

Mark joined us in January 2009 as our Asst. General Manager after a 25-year career as a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. Since coming here, his longstanding respect for the professional integrity and compassion exemplified by the Riverside management has only been reinforced, and he is dedicated to continue fostering that valued and reputable heritage as he assumes the leadership of our Administrative Staff.

We welcome Mark to this new position, and wish him considerable success in his new responsibilities.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

What a pleasure it is for me to be writing this article as the new General Manager of your Riverside Cemetery Association. I am very excited about this great opportunity, but rather than expound upon some of the things I would like to accomplish here, I have to verbalize what an incredible job our former General Manager, William R. Halley ("Bill"), has done and how we've recognized it.

Bill has been a part of Riverside Cemetery Association for well over 40 years. As a youth, he would come to work at the cemetery with his father, Heber Halley, who was the Clerk and Secretary of the Association for 40 years. After graduating from Baldwin Wallace College, Bill took an accounting job at Republic Steel where he worked for 10 years. Then one day his father told him that he was ready to retire from Riverside and Bill was very interested in coming back to the Cemetery. Heber couldn't understand why Bill would want to leave the steel industry, but the Board got together, interviewed Bill, and thanks in part to the fact that he had worked so many years in the Cemetery grounds, he was offered the job. Bill was very anxious for this change in profession.

At the time, Riverside Cemetery Association had both a Superintendent who oversaw the Foreman of the grounds and the Clerk who handled all the administrative duties. The Superintendent was Bob Andrews who worked here for 60 years.

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For several years Bill worked along side Bob, but eventually, when Bob retired, Bill became the first General Manager of the Cemetery, assuming all the duties of both the Superintendent and the Clerk. He has served in that capacity for 39 years. The steel industry's loss was certainly our gain!

Many things have transpired over the past 39 years with large growth and development, but perhaps Bill's crowning achievement has been with our Victorian Stone Chapel which was an original building built in the Cemetery in 1876. This nationally registered landmark was closed in 1953 due to disrepair and basically went unused by the public for the next 40 years. Bill wanted to see this beautiful building restored to its original splendor, so in 1991 he started a movement to restore the Chapel. In 1992 he was instrumental in developing the Riverside Cemetery Foundation with a 501(c)(3) certification to receive tax deductible contributions for this endeavor and future projects. He obtained grants and funding from private individuals and foundations as well as corporations for the renovation. He also was able to obtain church pews from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral which matched the architectural design of the building and were a perfect fit! So, to make a long story short, Bill was incredibly successful at getting the old Chapel totally restored to the beautiful landmark it was intended to be and today is used for funerals, committal services and even weddings!

Without Bill's dogged determination and endless efforts, the Chapel would have been razed, so we could think of nothing better than to name this treasure the "William R. Halley Chapel" and it is with great appreciation that we do so.

Thank you Bill for all that you have done for this historical landmark. You have left us with one of the greatest treasures in Cleveland for which we will always be indebted!

Mark J. Bollinger
General Manager

Life is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment. And I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. (author unknown)



IN THE BEGINNING

In the division of the Western Reserve during the early 1800's, a land development partnership called Lords and Barber acquired all the land from the Cuyahoga River to what is now West 117th Street, and from Lake Erie to the present Brookpark Road in 1807. The only exception was the Alfred Kelley Farm already established on St. Clair Avenue. Richard and Samuel Lord and Josiah Barber Sr. then proceeded to sub divide and sell the property to interested parties.

One problem in those early years was the influx of some squatters who unlawfully established themselves on unpaid lands. In the case of the area where we are located, a Canadian father and son squatter team named Granger staked a small settlement on a slope overlooking the Cuyahoga River and calling it Granger Hill (no connection to the present day roadway of the same name).

In 1814, a man named Asa Brainard, together with three brothers, traveled from Chatham, CT with their families in a six-wagon train drawn by 10 horse and 6 oxen teams. Asa purchased 140 acres in our location, including the Granger's improvements. The latter then departed and left the area.

In November 1875, the grandson of Asa, Titus, agreed to sell 102.5 acres of the family farm to the search committee formed to secure land for establishing the first major-sized, garden-type Cemetery on the west side of the Cuyahoga. The Brainard farm in rural Brooklyn Centre was the setting preferred by the Committee whose intent was to "choose a site in rural retirement where the peace and seclusion of country prevailed". Since it overlooked the Cuyahoga River to the southeast, the name of Riverside was most probably suggested and adopted.

Obviously, that rural setting has become more urbanized, but one can still experience a sense of country solitude when he drives or walks through our very scenic grounds. And, we are often called a rural oasis within an urban environment.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

Noteworthy Persons Within Our Cemetery Avery Hopwood 1883 - 1928

Avery Hopwood was born in Cleveland, in 1883. He graduated from the University of Michigan, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1905. Thereafter, he went to New York where he became a well-known Broadway playwright who many later critics considered to be the Neil Simon of the 'roaring 20's. In 1920, he had four plays running simultaneously on Broadway, a record never equaled since.

Although known as the "playboy playwright" and accused of mere frivolity, he had a productive career. He was the author/co-author of 33 plays. In her memoir, "What Is Remembered", Alice B. Toklas describes Hopwood and photographer-novelist, Carl Van Vechten, as having jointly "created modern New York". They changed everything to their way of seeing and doing. New York became as flamboyant, irresponsible and brilliant as they were. Hopwood recalled his own original impetus and why he wrote his first play, *Clothier*: "An intense admiration for the theater, a fondness for writing, and the ambition to make money, contrived to pave the way for my career as a dramatist; but the influence that focused my efforts was an article that appeared in the Michigan Alumnus, when I was a student at the University of Michigan. The 'Call of the Playwright' was its title, and in it Mr. De Foe told of the fabulous sums that dramatists had made. The more I thought about it, the more determined I became to try my luck in this field."

He wrote such plays as *The Gold Diggers*, *The Bat*, *Spanish Love* and *Ladies' Night*, *Streets of New York*, *Fair and Warmer*, *The French Doll*, *Nobody's Widow*, and *The Best People*. The origin of the common phrase "just gold diggers" for persons merely out for 'the money' was *The Gold Diggers*. *The Best People* was resurrected in 1998. The New York Times described him as "almost unquestionably the richest of all playwrights".

In his last years, he spent little time in America. Both artistic and personal freedom seemed constraining to him at home.

Hopwood died in 1928 while swimming at Juan-Les-Pins on the French Riviera while his mother was enroute by ship to visit him. There were suspicions about his death, but the coroner's verdict was coronary occlusion.

Under the terms of his Will, and after the death of his mother, one-fifth of his estate was left to the University of Michigan. The Will stipulated that prizes be awarded to students who perform the best creative work in fields of dramatic writing, fiction, poetry and the essay. Although many of his writings are almost forgotten, what is remembered today are the awards in his name. The first writing contest was held in 1930-31. The program has honored almost 3,000 students and dispensed \$1.5 million in prize money.

Avery Hopwood's legacy, if not his writing, endures. The University of Michigan Press has reissued "Avery Hopwood: His Life and Plays" by the dramaturge Jack F. Sharrar. If only as a cautionary tale about the transient nature of success, the life of Avery Hopwood should be better understood and the plays more widely known.



Avery Hopwood rests eternally in front of a tall monument, bearing only his name, and alongside his devoted mother, in lot 120 on the NE corner of Section 22.

(Some of this information was taken from an article written in The New York Times, 2/15/98, by Nicholas Delbanco.)



FROM THE FOREMEN

BY SHIRLEY & KEN

The warm weather is finally on its way. Just a few friendly reminders for the summer season.

- Please limit the items to 3 per grave; Anything more than 3 will be removed.
- We ask that no glass or porcelain items be put out. They break too easily and our staff and visitors can get hurt.
- We also ask that you please refrain from hanging items from the trees and shrubs.
- Also, please do not put out rocks or pebbles around headstones, plantings or decorations. They do not stop the grass from growing and they are very dangerous when trimming and cutting the grass.
- For the families that plant flowers on their lots, please remember it is your responsibility to keep them weeded. The plants make the cemetery look very nice, but when the weeds take over they resemble overgrown fields and look terrible. When this situation occurs, we will have no alternative but to cut them down.
- Always check with the office first to see if your section allows in-ground planting. If the section does not, annuals must be put in a pot which can be moved comfortably.
- Please stay off the grass and out of the sections with your vehicles.
- For people that are learning to drive, please do not use the Cemetery roads to practice on.
- Please do not allow your pets to walk around the grounds. If they are with you when you visit, they must stay in your car.

Your co-operation in these guidelines will be greatly appreciated by your Cemetery's administrative and grounds maintenance staff as well as our valued families and many welcome visitors.

"HAVE A GREAT SUMMER"



On Sunday, June 13th, the Brooklyn Centre Community Assn. will hold another Garden Event and Character Portrayal Tour at Riverside Cemetery. This event was rained out in 2008, and had to be postponed last year because of unfortunate health concerns of both the co-chairpersons. It is now being returned because it was so well received previously.

Starting at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. small groups of visitors will be oriented on Cemetery subjects near the entrance. Then, they will visit selected historical sites where volunteers in period dress will portray earlier generation notables by discussing themselves and their roles in the history of our Community's and/or Riverside's founding.

Advance admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors (65+) or \$10/\$7 respectively at the gate. Tickets can be reserved by contacting co-chair Gloria Ferris at 216/351-0254 or emailing bcnaturalists@gmail.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mark Bollinger..... General Manager
 Valere Craig Adm. Assistant
 Shirley Bill General Foreman
 Kenneth Langley..... Asst. General Foreman
 William Halley..... Assn. Consultant

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
NOV. 1 – APR. 1 ONLY**

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COLUMBARIUM III

In late October, 2009 we opened up our third Columbarium for Urn placement. This is also the first Columbarium in the planned grouping of 4. The opening was capped off with the ribbon cutting by Bill Halley and Mark Bollinger (see photo). As cremation rates have increased over the years, people appreciate having these columbaria as a final resting place for their loved ones' urns. Now is the time to reserve your niche while there is maximum availability.



Every year as Memorial Day approaches, you will notice all the flags decorating the various graves throughout the Cemetery. We have been blessed for the past many years to have volunteers from the Fred A. Bloetscher VFW Post #868 in Cleveland along with Scouts from Boy Scout Troop #98 and Cub Scout Pack #98 in Cleveland place all these flags. They walk throughout the entire Cemetery placing flags on all the graves where there is a headstone that denotes that the deceased was a veteran. We know that we don't get all of the veterans' graves marked because we don't know everyone that is a veteran, so if your loved one is a veteran and the grave doesn't get marked, please feel free to stop in our office and pick up a complimentary flag. The volunteers always leave us with extra flags just for this purpose. Also, do you know that we have veterans buried here from every war from the Civil War up through the present War in the Middle East? A HUGE "thank you" to these hard working volunteers for helping to recognize our veterans!

Do You Know...



- ◆ That we have thousands of grave spaces available in both the raised monument and flush marker sections? And that these are the best value in the area?
- ◆ That our historical Victorian Stone Chapel is available for use for funerals, memorial services, and even weddings for only \$125?
- ◆ That canopies (with or without sides, depending on the weather) with 6 chairs are available for all graveside committals for only \$80?
- ◆ That we have silk bouquets complete with a placement holder available for year round decoration on every grave (except for our 2 clean-off days March 1 and October 15) for only \$25?
- ◆ That you can set up an endowment trust with the cemetery to perpetually take care of your family lots with special cutting/trimming, flowers, and/or wreath placement?
- ◆ That we have a new columbarium for urns and are developing a beautiful new urn garden with memorial bricks, benches, and other cremation memorialization options?

Stop in or call us for more information on any of these various items.

Math Problem: One of the best mathematical equations ever seen:

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That's the whole Gospel message simply stated.

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

Carolyn & Rick Vigneulle <i>In Memory of Margaret & John Koelges</i>	Grace Green <i>In Memory of Baby Green</i>	Gary & Linda Spiros <i>In Memory of Olivia Augustus Spiros & August F. & Maimu Alber</i>	<i>In Memory of Lucille K. Edwards</i>
Mr. & Mrs. David Zarbock <i>In Memory of The Zarbock Family</i>	Lee Kendrix <i>In Memory of Ellen Graham</i>	The Lubrizol Foundation	Thomas Hareford <i>In Memory of Ivy Hareford</i>
Tom Near <i>In Memory of Patricia Figueroa</i>	Shirlie G. Wozniak <i>In Memory of Thaddeus C. Wozniak & 1st Lt. Wilbert Edw. Glatz</i>	Frederick R. Hauret <i>In Memory of N. Grace Pierce</i>	Veronica Melnick <i>In Memory of Paul Melnick</i>
Karen Brandt Lucas <i>In Memory of Ann & Warren Brandt</i>	Ammer Smith <i>In Memory of Louis Smith</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Richard R. Hollington <i>In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Robert M. Stecher</i>	Marijane & William Halley <i>In Memory of Hilda & Paul Hiller & Madeline & Heber Halley</i>
Pearl Burrows <i>In Memory of Ben Burrows & Ellen & John Salzer</i>	Marilyn Pyatt <i>In Memory of William H. Pyatt Sr.</i>	Herbert F. Leisy	Shirley Spehar Yonkers <i>In Memory of Thomas Spehar</i>
Monika & Roland Leskowicz <i>In Memory of Antoni, Erna & Margaret Leskowicz</i>	Steve McQuillin	Lea Junkers <i>In Memory of The Kupp Family</i>	Vienna M. Cain <i>In Memory of Raymond J. Griffin</i>
Alex Lancaster Jr. <i>In Memory of Anne & Wm. Lancaster Sr., & Wm. Lancaster Jr.</i>	Frances Turrington <i>In Memory of Herman Turrington</i>	Louis Adams	Cromco Vault Co. <i>In Memory of Those departed Whom we have served</i>
Elizabeth Brown <i>In Memory of Anna Easterly</i>	Debra Valachovic-Skender <i>In Memory of Sophia Stepanik & Dolores & Paul Valachovic</i>	Thomas Brandt <i>In Memory of Our late family members</i>	Jody & Scott Halley
Julius Kanyok <i>In Memory of Michael Kanyok & Barbara & John Kanyok</i>	Jean Barnes <i>In Memory of Ancestors</i>	Walda Otankis	Carlotta Jennings Geany <i>In Memory of Walton Jennings</i>
Eric Townsend <i>In Memory of Colette & Wm. Townsend</i>	Friends of Riverside	Michael Sosenko <i>In Memory of John & Michael Sosenko & MaryLou Stefan</i>	Dorothy Justice <i>In Memory of James Justice</i>
June Travis <i>In Memory of Emilia & Oscar Barth & Catherine & John Joplin</i>	Eleanor & Dennis Benduhn <i>In Memory of Doris & Stan Troy</i>	Joan & Don Kuschel <i>In Memory of Marion & Laura Kuschel</i>	Kamilia Abadier
Fred Brunner <i>In Memory of Jimmy Gibson</i>	Mr. & Mrs Donald F. Obert <i>In Memory of Families at Riverside</i>	William Green <i>In Memory of Shirley A. Green</i>	Charles Pyatt <i>In Memory of William Pyatt Sr.</i>
	Betty Wells <i>In Memory of Arthur C. Wells</i>	Julie & James Pace	Patrick Edwards <i>In Memory of Lucille Edwards</i>
	Joel Ager <i>In Memory of Elizabeth A. Ager</i>	Ohio Cemetery Alliance	Nory Maldonado <i>In Memory of Eradin Maldonado & Timolio & Maria Gonzalez</i>
	Sally & Paul Hiller <i>In Memory of Hilda & Paul Hiller</i>	Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society	
		Martha Williams <i>In Memory of Amy, Earl & Robert Williamson</i>	
		Teresa & Robert Polk	
		Tamara Smerczynaskij	
		Diane & Michael Croce	