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## RIVERSIDE CEMETERY AND FOUNDATION

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### SECTION 21 NOW AVAILABLE



Section 21, due east of Section 18 Babyland in our Valley, is now available for the purchase of burial rights. There are two lot sizes available, one for monuments or two-piece double-wide headstones and one which will accommodate single piece, double-wide headstones.

The area is on flat ground backdropped by a beautifully wooded hillside rising behind a rustic split rail fence. Personal planting will also be permitted in this section. The area is very private and in complete seclusion from any Urban activity. Pricing for the 10' monument-sized graves is \$575; the 9' double-wide markers or 18" high headstones are \$550.

We would welcome an opportunity to show you this newest section as well as our other offerings during the regular office hours of 8:00 – 4:00 Monday through Saturday. When here, you will only be served by our non-commissioned General Manager or Administrative Asst.

*Why grieve because all of your dreams  
have not come true?  
Neither have all your nightmares.*



### *Christmas Wreaths*

We are again offering a nice selection of artificial Christmas Wreaths. A sample of each will be on display in the Office in early October.

Enclosed with this Newsletter are pictures of our more popular styles attached to an Order Form. If your selection is no longer available when received by us, a similar designed substitute will be made.

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

### **"SPECIAL ATTENTION"**

Please note that our Cemetery Gates will observe winter hours starting on Sunday, **October 31**. From this date through Saturday, **April 2, 2005**, the closing hour will be 5:00 p.m.

We now have an E-MAIL address. It is:  
**[riversidecemetarycleveland@netzero.net](mailto:riversidecemetarycleveland@netzero.net)**

Brief genealogy requests which you would send normally by mail can also be delivered now electronically.

We also have a dedicated fax number. It is:  
**(216)658-4071** and is available 24/7 for your convenience if needed.



# In Memoriam

**KENNETH C. NORTON**  
**1928 - 2004**

The Board of Trustees and Administrative Staff were saddened this summer in the loss of Trustee Emeritus, Kenneth C. Norton, on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Memorial Services were held Tuesday evening, July 6 in the Rocky River Memorial Hall.

Mr. Norton served as a Trustee of our Association with great dignity and dedication for 25 years from 1969 – 1994. During much of that time he held the office of Vice-President. During his active tenure, and even after retiring, he generously offered his valued counsel to the Management and Trustees when needed and requested, and we are stronger today because of his appreciated service.

Our sincerest sympathy and condolences are extended to his wife of 52 years, Suzanne, son Charles and daughter Christe.

*I give you this one thought to keep---  
I am with you still --- I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not think of me as gone ---  
I am with you still --- in each new dawn.*

*Native American Prayer*

## PRE-PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to purchasing your burial site in advance, you can also pre-pay the future interment charges now. Your advance deposit is fully trusted with a nationally recognized financial institution which specializes in Funeral home and Cemetery Trusts.

When you pre-arrange your burial, you guarantee future services at today's charges. The only difference is a \$15 administrative fee to set up the Trust which is charged by the Financial Institution.

If you own space in one of our family lot sections, you can also purchase and place grave markers in advance. Single headstones, which will eventually be installed permanently on the head-end of the grave(s) are placed on temporary, pre-need settings. The installation charge paid through your Monument Dealer when purchased includes the future final foundation. Double-wide memorials or monuments would be set permanently upon delivery. All future death dates are inscribed at the site without disturbing the memorial.

Please contact Mr. Halley or Mrs. Craig at the office to discuss your pre-planning arrangements.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William Halley.....General Manager  
Valere Craig .....Adm. Asst.  
Marijane Halley.....Adm. Asst.  
Shirley Bill .....General Foreman  
Kenneth Langley.....Asst. General Foreman

Cemetery gates are open: 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Apr.-Oct.)  
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Nov.-Mar.)

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**

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## REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST



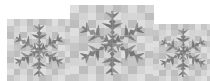
**Margaret R. Taylor  
1846 - 1875**

Margaret (Maggie) Taylor was the first interment in Riverside Cemetery in Section 10, Lot 125 south-half. She had died Dec. 29, 1875 at the age of 29 and was interred in Monroe Street Cemetery. On April 14, 1876, she was moved to one of the first sections developed in new Riverside Cemetery as its first burial.

Born in New York, she was residing in Lorain Ohio when she passed away. Her survivors included a two-year old son, James, and her husband, Mathias. Her young son deceased Oct. 28, 1876, and her husband was tragically killed in an industrial accident September 21, 1878.

Until a few years ago, Margaret's grave had never been identified with a headstone. The beautiful gray slant-style memorial now at the site was donated by Kotecki Monuments, and it identifies her "Charter" status with us.

Last year, a couple members of Mrs. Taylor's family doing genealogical research stopped in our office. We had no idea there were any heirs remaining. We were fortunate at that time to receive a copy of her death certificate (and her husbands), and to learn about the 1875 decease with subsequent re-interment here. The family has now provided a Civil War government headstone for Mathias with a recognition for James who is in the same grave beside Margaret.



**The Earth prepares for Winter's snow.  
Leaves on winds of promise blow.  
For what seems lost in early night  
Is found again in morning's light.**



**Linda A. Eastman  
1867 - 1963**

Linda Eastman was the fourth Librarian of the Cleveland Public Library System, and she was the first woman in the world to head a system of this size. Her 20 year leadership was from 1918 – 1938.

In 1918, her first year with the system, her boss was one William H. Brett. One day, while returning from a planning meeting for the proposed \$4 1/2 million dollar Main Library Building in downtown Cleveland, he was killed by a train. Linda was advanced to succeed him and inherited the awesome task of overseeing the seven year construction and eventual occupancy of this major structure in 1925. A renovation of this facility from 1996 – 1998 cost \$24 million by comparison.

During her long library career, she had many outstanding and notable achievements. She founded the Cuyahoga County Library System in the basement of the Main Library. She was a Professor of Library Science at Western Reserve University. She served as President of both the Ohio and American Library Associations. The specialized departments of Travel, Business Information, and Services to the Blind and Handicapped were founded under her leadership.

The revered outdoor treasure known as The Eastman Reading Garden was named in Linda's honor and fills the open space between the original and the new library buildings which extend from Superior to Rockwell Avenues. Improvements totaling \$850,000 to this scenic garden were made in conjunction with the renovation project. A branch library at W. 115 & Lorain Avenue is also named in her honor.

When she died in 1963 at the age of 96, her urn was interred within her family lot 121 in Section 9. This site is one of the earliest stops on our Walking Tour of notable burial sites.



## COLUMBARIUM

In past issues, we have discussed the availability of our Columbarium for the above-ground entombment of cremated remains in niches. We wish to remind our families preferring cremation, and not having an existing gravesite for interring them, that this option is available here for consideration. The other alternative would be ground burial in an urn garden grave sized appropriately for this accommodation.

However, comparing costs, one should consider the following which almost neutralize the relatively small cost difference between the two options.

1. While the ground grave plus burial are initially less costly as such, if one wishes to identify the urn(s) interred, the standard-size headstone allowed absorbs the savings over the niche.
2. With regard to the niche plus burial, which is more expensive than a grave initially, the names are inscribed on the outer granite cover. Two names so inscribed costs about 1/3 that of a starting-price headstone and installation.

Actual costs can be obtained from the office at anytime by interested parties. The choice of accommodation, therefore, is actually one of personal preference since the overall costs are very comparable between the two options.



## TOURS IN 2005

Nancy Desmond from the Metroparks System has informed us she hopes to resume some of her popular tours in Riverside next year. Other professional commitments prevented her from doing these special occasions this year. Watch for details in the Cleveland Metroparks Newsletter as well as the Tradition next spring.

## FROM THE FOREMEN



BY SHIRLEY & KEN



Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Here are a few things to remember for this time of year:

- Clear off is October 15. When putting new items on the graves, we suggest you do not purchase the Styrofoam type items. With the nasty winter winds we sometimes get, they just end up breaking up and blowing all over the place
- Definitely no glass or porcelain containers or decorations. These items break very quickly when the moisture in them freezes.
- Please remember to keep the items to **3** per grave. If you do not, we may have to.
- We have been having a lot of problems with people driving on the grass and through the sections when leaving services. This ruins our sections and people are damaging our water spigots. **Please stay on the road.** There is no need to pull into a section. The roads are wide enough for 2 cars to pass each other. If you need to leave early from a service, be the last one in line so you can do so.
- Wooden crosses are allowed to be placed back on the graves as of Nov. 1. They are permitted to stay on the graves till April 1. Please remove them by this date. If we pick them up, we will keep them for a short period of time at the Office; Then we will dispose of them.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE HOPE  
EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND HAPPY  
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

*Shirley & Ken*



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q-Do we have to wait for any time period after a burial to place a headstone?

A-No. Headstones can be obtained at anytime after a new burial. With our single headstones, the cinderblock foundation is built upon the head-end of the burial vault. Double-wide memorials and monuments are installed in space off the head-end of graves. None are effected by any natural settling of the burial site.

Q-What is your policy regarding charges for Saturday interment?

A-Our daily burial charge prevails equally on Saturdays. The only variation we have applies to services which are scheduled to START at a Funeral Home or Church AFTER 12:00 noon on Saturday for interments in all family lot and random selection single grave sections. In these instances, we ask that a service tent (\$70) be included in Cemetery arrangements. Arrival time is not a factor; only the time a service begins is considered. Cremains, baby, youths burials are exempted. Many Cemeteries charge various premiums per se for Saturday burials. We ask only that our nice tent service be included for Saturday afternoon services and committals; it is optional all other times.

Q-I was stopped from riding my bicycle in the Cemetery. Why was this? It seems like the perfect place to go for a bike ride.

A-The reason we ask people not to ride their bikes in the Cemetery, or skate boards or roller skates is for your own safety as well as the safety of others. Cemetery roads are winding, and there are hills and valleys here at Riverside. If your bike should come upon some loose gravel or an uneven roadway, it could be very hard to control the bike. We find the temptation to "fly" down the hills without brakes is powerful with some riders, especially younger riders, and their careless indiscretion is very risky to both biker and auto driver. Also, there are many bereaved people visiting the grounds and not expecting to be challenged by bikes. An indiscriminant biker popping up could set up a

potentially dangerous situation.. Even at the speed limit of 15 mph, accidents can happen. So to offer greater safety to everyone, we ask you not to ride in the cemetery.



## INFORMATION TO HELP WITH GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Because of the interest Riverside Cemetery generates with genealogists and the importance Riverside plays in genealogical research, we are including information provided to us by our friend, Normand "Gus" Thomas, and we thank him for sending this information to share with everyone.

### County Directory

- 1. Marriage License Bureau**  
Cuyahoga County Courthouse  
Room 146  
1 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
(216)443-8920 or 443-8922
- 2. Court Corrections on Birth & Death Certificates**  
Cuyahoga County Probate Court  
Room 146  
1 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
(216)443-8764
- 3. Divorce Records**  
Justice Center  
Ontario/Lakeside  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
(216)443-7977
- 4. Birth & Death Records  
From 1849 to 1908**  
Cuyahoga County Archives  
2905 Franklin Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
(216)443-7250

## IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

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

Carol Wisniewski  
*In memory of The Pinkard Family*

Virginia Hanrahan  
*In memory of James, Brian  
& Don Hanrahan*

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*In memory of Cynthia &  
Cynthia Diane Dunbar*

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Mary Benyo  
*In memory of Michael Benyo*

Vienna & George Cain

Mihaela Bozso

Kordelia & James Bunch

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