

CEMETERY RECORD  
OF  
WOODLAND CEMETERY  
AND  
(OLD) CITY CEMETERY  
1000-1022 East McCarty Street  
JEFFERSON CITY, COLE COUNTY, MISSOURI

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## PREFACE

The copying of the inscriptions on the gravestones in Woodland and (Old) City Cemeteries was done in 1975, May through October, as a bicentennial project of the Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Ross Geary, Bicentennial Chairman.

### WOODLAND CEMETERY

February 6, 1837, at State auction, Israel B. Read and Mary A. Read, his wife, purchased Outlot 39, from the Commissioner of the Permanent Seat of Government, for the sum of \$100. On this lot, bounded by McCarty Street on the north, the U.S. National Cemetery on the east, Miller Street on the south, and the western line contiguous with Outlot 38, the (Old) City Cemetery, Mr. Read laid out Woodland Cemetery and proceeded to sell lots, many of which are recorded in the office of the Cole County Recorder of Deeds.

March 10, 1856, Israel B. Read and Mary A. Read, deeded to William E. Dunscomb, Commissioner of the Permanent Seat of Government "on behalf and for the use and benefit of the State of Missouri \* \* \* one certain lot \* \* \* being situate in the Woodland Cemetery laid out by the said I. B. Read on the North part of outlot Number Thirty Nine \* \* \* containing Sixty feet fronting the Northern Avenue in said cemetery, and Thirty Two feet on the Western Avenue which separated it from the lot belonging to the heirs of Peter G. Glover \* \* \*"

March 23, 1875, I. B. Read and wife, deeded to Wm. B. Read "that part of Outlot #39 in the City of Jefferson not heretofore sold and conveyed by the said I. B. Read and wife \* \* \*"

October 23, 1877, William B. Read deeded to Henry W. Ewing "that part of Outlot #39 in the City of Jefferson \* \* \* not heretofore sold and conveyed by the said W. B. Read or by I. B. Read and Mary A. Read, his wife \* \* \*"

April 22, 1880, Henry W. Ewing and wife, deeded to C. J. Gundelfinger "that part of Outlot #39 in the City of Jefferson \* \* \* not heretofore sold and conveyed by the said H. W. Ewing, W. B. Read or by I. B. Read and Mary A. Read, his wife \* \* \*"

April 24, 1880, C. J. Gundelfinger deeded to Martin Oster "that part of Outlot #39 in the City of Jefferson \* \* \* not heretofore sold and conveyed by the said C. J. Gundelfinger, H. W. Ewing, W. B. Read or by I. B. Read and Mary A. Read, his wife \* \* \*"

December 20, 1886, Martin Oster and Barbara Oster, his wife, deeded to Mrs. Sarah M. Gamble "that part of Outlot numbered thirty nine in the City of Jefferson not heretofore sold by Deeds of Record in said County of Cole. This Conveyance is made in Trust to secure the improvement of the ground therein described and to enable the grantee to pass the title to any association or corporation that may be formed for the purpose of improving and caring for the same as a cemetery \* \* \*"

April 20, 1887, Sallie M. Gamble deeded to O. G. Burch "\* \* \* that part of outlot No. 39 in the City of Jefferson, not heretofore sold or conveyed by

deeds in Cole County \* \* \* for the use and benefit of the Woodland Cemetery Association, an unincorporated society organized for the purpose of controlling, improving and beautifying the grounds, known as Woodland Cemetery, which said Woodland Cemetery Association is composed of O. G. Burch, J. S. Sullivan, W. C. Young, J. G. Riddler, Mildred Standish, Sallie M. Gamble, J. C. Fischer, Rachel H. Sullivan, W. G. McCarty, H. E. Schultz, W. W. Wagner, J. T. Craven, A. M. Davison, J. B. Price, C. W. Thomas, F. H. Binder, Sarah Winston, E. B. Ewing and such other persons as may hereafter be elected members thereof \* \* \*

O. G. Burch served as trustee until his death in 1916, Hugh Stephens from 1916 until 1953, John N. Bauer from 1953 until his death in 1973, and John C. Scruggs from 1973 to the present time. A plat of Woodland Cemetery on Outlot No. 39, compiled April, 1897, showing the names of owners of lots appearing on the copy of the original plat made by W. Vogdt, Civil Engineer, and including Oster's Addition to Woodland Cemetery, is on file in the Cole County office of the Recorder of Deeds.

#### (OLD) CITY CEMETERY

Outlot No. 38 was set aside as a graveyard during the early days of Jefferson City, and is bounded by Chestnut Street on the west, McCarty Street on the north, Miller Street on the south, and includes the Clarke Mausoleum on the east, the eastern line being contiguous with Outlot No. 39, the site of Woodland Cemetery. The earliest marked grave found in the (Old) City Cemetery is that of "Eliza Jane/Daughter of/Harden & Fanney Casey/died August 12th 1826/Aged 5 years."

#### UNMARKED GRAVES AND REMOVALS

During the 150 years since 1826 many gravestones have deteriorated, disintegrated or have been moved from the original site. Also, it is believed that many graves were not marked with headstones. Goodspeed's "History of Cole County", p. 293, and the "Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri" Vol. 2, p. 45, state that a schoolteacher, Jefferson Thompson or Jefferson Thomas, was buried in the City Cemetery, but no marker was found. An article appearing in "THE STATE TIMES" published in Jefferson City on Friday, August 13, 1886, included this statement: "Lying immediately within the gate of the state cemetery are two unmarked graves \* \* \* One grave contains the body of John W. Patterson, once a noted correspondent of the New York Herald, who died at Jefferson City while holding a principal clerkship in the secretary of state's office. The other contains the body of James Edwards, who died while serving as a clerk in the auditor's office \* \* \*" This same article stated "\* \* \* scarcely ten feet away from Mr. Lay's (the Honorable Alfred M. Lay, member of Congress from Missouri) monument, sleeps the beloved daughter of Gov. Crittenden \* \* \* Above the grave of little Carrie Crittenden rises a white marble slab, fronting which is an iron archway, over which the green and tim'rous myrtle grows in profusion." This monument is not in Woodland Cemetery now.

The records of Riverview Cemetery, Jefferson City, Missouri, show that the following removals have been made from Woodland and (Old) City Cemeteries to Riverview: In 1913 - Mrs. Bery Clarke; in 1915 - Emilie & Johanna Binder, Marianne A. Davison, Alex C. & Sara Pelot Davison, James R. Davison, T. H.

Davison, W. J. Fleming, Mother Fleming, Father Fleming, Pleasant Hough Harrison,  
Mary S. Hough, Nathaniel J. Hough, Mary Hough, Silas W. Hough, Mary Shawen  
Hough, George W. Hough, Mary C. Hough, Thomas B. Price, Lydia B. Price, General  
Thomas L. Price, Caroline Price, John R. Raithel, George B. Winston, Sr.,  
Alice S. Winston, Willis B. Winston; Date unknown - James E. McHenry (a minor);  
in 1924 - Minnie C. Langerhans, Amelia Fischer, Frederick W. Fischer, Frederick  
Fischer, Infant Fischer; in 1935 - John H. Steininger, Annie S. Steininger;  
in 1945 - George E. Pope; in 1948 - Alfred K. & Sylvia A. Rawson; Henry Schmidt,  
Jennie B. Schmidt; in 1957 - Marshall D. Stone, Adeline Stone; in 1961 - Walter  
P. Wyatt, Jessamine R. Wyatt.