

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Linden Grove Cemetery Is Historical Shrine

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MANY native residents of Kenton County are interested in the movement to beautify Linden Grove Cemetery, Covington's historical shrine, wherein are buried men and women who left their impress in the realm of business, law, medicine and in war.

In this cemetery are interred five generations of Kennedys, five generations of Southgates—soldiers of all our wars, judges, lawyers, physicians and educators and a host of citizens who played prominent roles in various walks of life in the early days of Covington and Kenton County.

The efforts of the Linden Grove Cemetery Memorial Association, headed by Richard C. Stewart, as president, to maintain this historic burial ground in keeping with its associations so closely allied with the panorama of events in the metropolis of Kenton County, should make its appeal to every citizen.

Here are interred the remains of John G. Carlisle, Covington's most distinguished citizen, one whose luster shown with brilliancy in the realm of statesmanship and one who was held in high esteem by former President Grover Cleveland, who recognized his

worth and ability by appointing him Secretary of the Treasury. Mrs. Carlisle also is buried in this cemetery, as it was the desire of Carlisle and his wife to be given their last resting place beside the grave of their first child.

In the years gone by the trend of the marching hosts of soldiers of the blue and gray could be heard on each Memorial Day, their steps directed to Linden Grove Cemetery, where impressive services were held. The cemetery is one of Covington's most valued assets and too much credit can not be given the officers of the Memorial Association for their activities in seeking to perpetuate the beauties of this home of the dead.

It was John G. Carlisle himself who examined the deed which transferred the ground from the Western Baptist Theological Institute to Henry W. Wayman of Covington, his heirs and assigns for the exclusive purpose of a place for burial.

The trustees of this institute made this deed of transfer on October 31, 1851, and it was signed by John D. McGill as president and C. W. Clayton as secretary.

Miss Kate Scudder, who for years was one of Covington's active club women and progressive citizens, sought to interest city officials and citizens generally in a plan to beautify

this cemetery, and on one occasion she delivered a splendid talk before the Board of City Commissioners.

It is said that the deed for the Wayman lot, which was transformed into the cemetery, is the only evidence of the source of former ownership.

There are thousands of families vitally interested in the preservation of this silent city of the dead. It is Covington's own cemetery, where lies all that is mortal of many of its best citizens.

DEED PRODUCED

In view of the activities of the officials of the Memorial Association to keep inviolate this beautiful cemetery, it may be interesting to produce the deed, which shows in detail just what parcel of ground was transferred for burial purposes. The deed reads as follows:

"Know all men by these presents, That the trustees of the Western Baptist Theological Institute, in Covington, Kentucky, in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars paid to them by Henry W. Wayman of Covington, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Wayman, his heirs and assigns, all that certain lot or piece of ground in the cemetery, laid out by the Western Baptist Theological Institute, joining Covington, in Kenton County, Kentucky, originally called The Covington Cincinnati Cemetery, but now known and designated by the name and title of Linden Grove Cemetery, a plan of which was drawn by R. H. Ricky, bearing the title The Covington and Cincinnati Cemetery,

recorded in the office for recording deeds, etc., in Kenton County, numbered on said plan, and being the south half, No. (46) Forty-six, Range E, containing 150 superficial square feet, abutted and bounded as there shown and described. To have and to hold the said granted premises unto the said Wayman, his heirs and assigns forever, for the purpose of a place of burial, and for no other purpose; subject to such rules and regulations as may be made for the better preservation of said cemetery, and keeping the same in repair. And the said trustees of the Western Baptist Theological Institute, for themselves and their successors, covenant and agree to and with the said Wayman, his heirs and assigns, that they and their successors will and shall forever warrant and defend the title to the lot or piece of land hereby conveyed unto the said Wayman, his heirs and assigns, against the demand or demands of all and every person or persons, claiming or to claim, by, from or under them, and against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

[Seal] "In testimony whereof, The said trustees of the Western Baptist Theological Institute, have caused these presents to be signed by the president and secretary thereof, and seal of corporation affixed, this 31st day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

(Signed) "JOHN D. MCGILL, President,
"C. W. CLAYTON, Secretary."