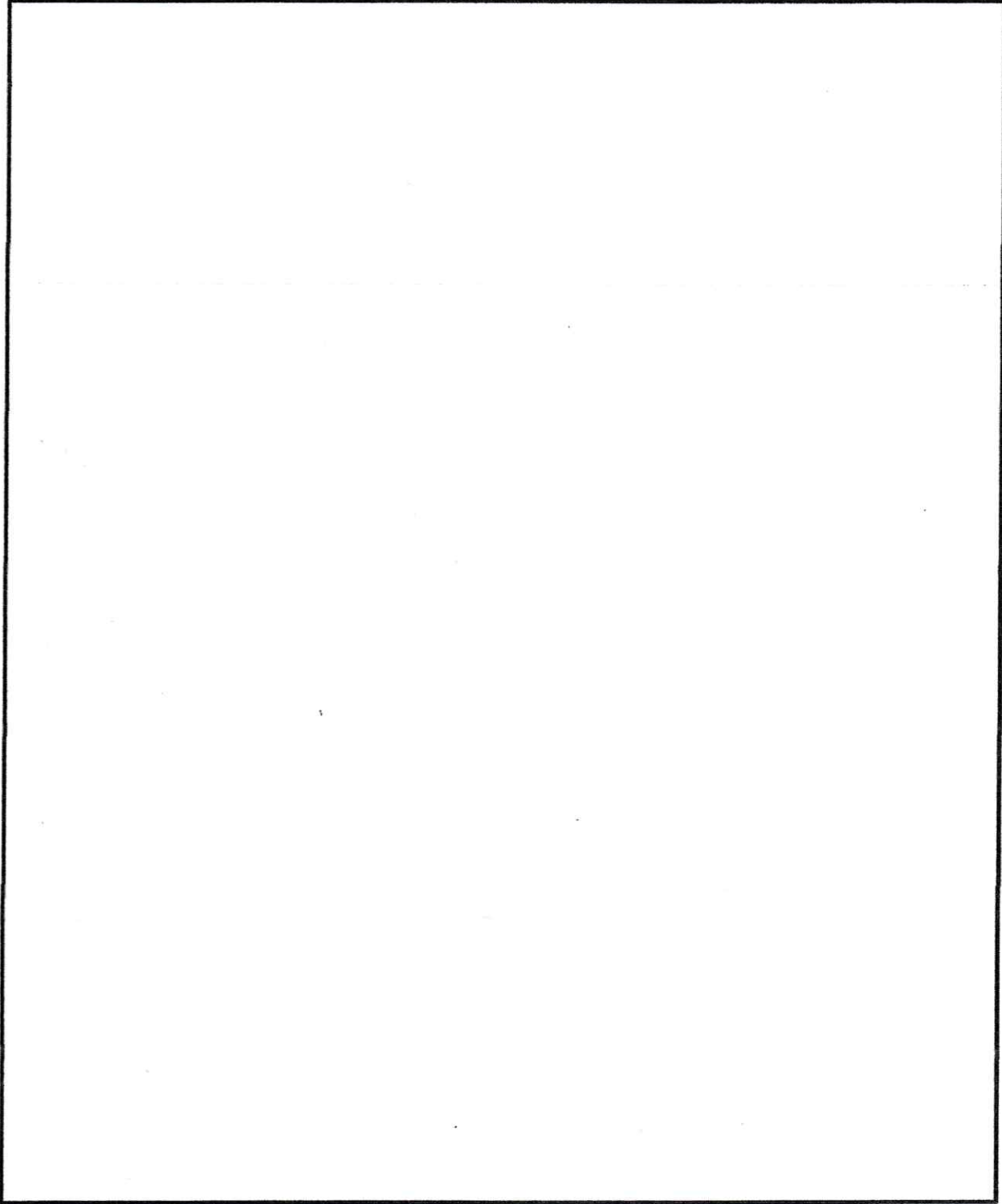


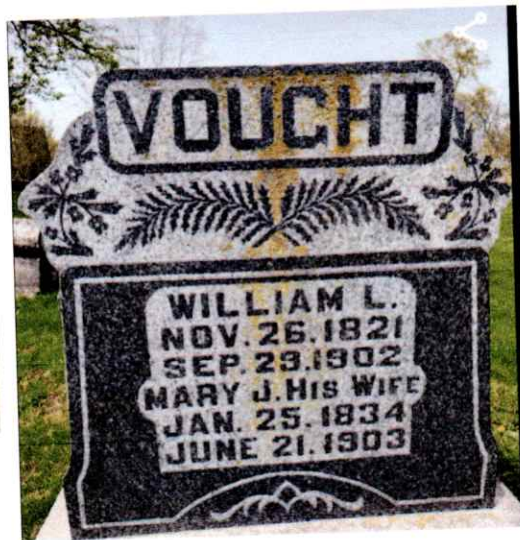
Drawing a Gravestone

Draw a gravestone that you might see in a cemetery.

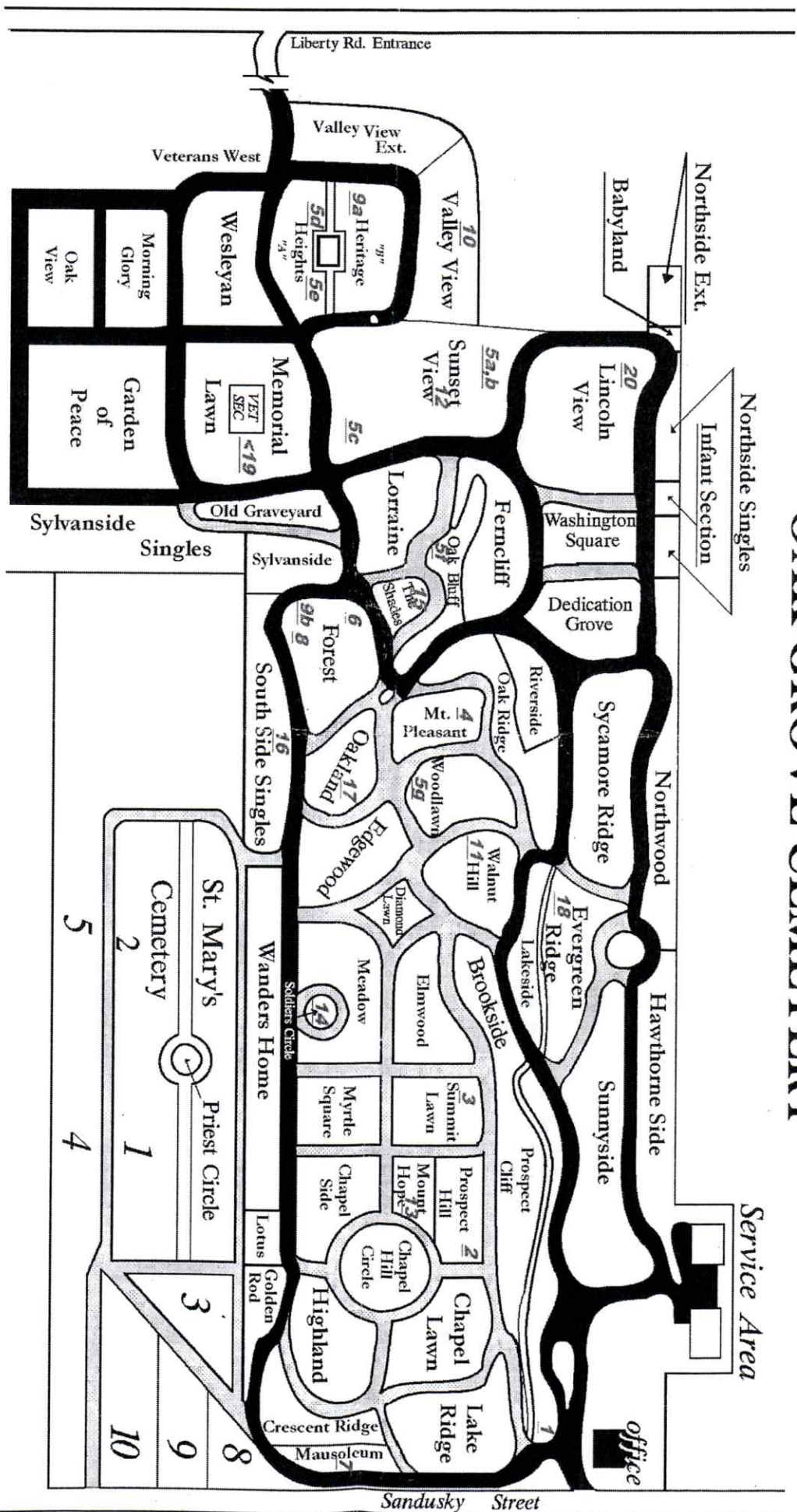


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OAK GROVE CEMETERY



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What does the history of Delaware have to do with Oak Grove Cemetery?

Oak Grove Cemetery is a wealth of history with a park like setting in the middle of the City of Delaware. It will give you a glimpse into Delaware's past and the people who lived here. As you walk or ride through the grounds, remember every person buried here was important to someone, a father, mother, brother or sister, friend, teacher, doctor, clergy or business acquaintance. Each one with a story and their lives touched someone who has probably touched or affected your life in Delaware today.

To answer the questions below look for the corresponding question number on the attached map and locate the orange flags beside the markers on the grounds of Oak Grove Cemetery.

1. How many people are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery and what was the land used for before it became a cemetery?
(Hint: Read the bronze sign.)
2. Can you find a big tree that is not a real tree in the cemetery? It is carved from Indiana limestone. The owner of this monument, Frederick P. Vergon, was a world famous orchardist, builder of Greenwood Lake and nationally recognized authority on raising short-horn cattle. -List the things you can find in and on the tree.
3. He was Delaware's first doctor, first druggist, first Delaware County Recorder and the operator of a distillery with President Hayes' father?
4. He was one of the first settlers in Delaware County and property owner in Delaware City, and known as the co-founder of Delaware and pioneer "Mr. Everything"? He was also a Soldier of the American Revolutionary War.
5. Name all the current Delaware City Schools- Do you know who they were named after? All but two were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, one is Mrs. Laura Woodward, and the other is Rutherford B. Hayes. (Rutherford B. Hayes was born in Delaware and his parents are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, but he is not. He is named after his father, who died before he was born.) Find each of the people the schools were named after and that of Rutherford B. Hayes' parents.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
6. He was a Civil War veteran and an eye witness to President Lincoln's assassination. (Note- The Del. Co. Historical Society has a framed cloth that is thought to have been brought back with President Lincoln's blood on it.)
7. In February of 1999, one hundred forty seven bodies were moved to Oak Grove from the Delaware Mausoleum, which on top of the big hill across Sandusky St. from the cemetery gates. Find the memorial for them and write down one of their names. Check to see if any of them had the same last name as you.

What is the significance of the Battenfield-Dodd memorial? Over 600 people were killed the same day they were. (Hint: You will need to read the monument)

9. Name the founders of two famous restaurants in downtown Delaware, chances are you have eaten at one or both;
 - a. "Hamburger Inn", _____
 - b. "Bun's Restaurant", _____
10. Name the successful horse trainer-driver and winner of two Little Brown Jug races, including the very first? His nickname was "Curly".
11. He was a Civil War hero and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Lincoln.
12. Delaware Gazette- June 14, 1954: "It was reported that over 100 people saw Miss Burma, a Mills Brothers circus elephant, gently place a wreath of red and white roses on the grave of the late _____ at Oak Grove Cemetery. He was a former attorney for the circus. Miss Burma "stood with her trunk raised high in salute" as the Joe Rossi Silver Star circus band played the national anthem. Miss Burma was also the official GOP mascot during President Eisenhower's 1953 campaign."
13. She was the founder of the Children's Home in Delaware.
14. Here, many soldiers of the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I are buried, including fourteen unknown black Civil War "Buffalo" Soldiers. What is the name of the section? (Note- G.A.R., stands for Grand Army Republic)
15. She was the only contestant to win the title "Miss America" twice. She was crowned in 1922 and 1923. At the time defending champions were allowed to enter the contest year after year.
16. All five members of this family were victims of the 1913 flood in Delaware.
17. He was an Ohio Wesleyan University professor for fifty years. There is an observatory in Delaware named for him.
18. DCHS Abstracts- Delaware Gazette 1906- Col. _____, on staff of General Smith, Grant's chief of cavalry, during the rebellion. He went south to New Orleans as a young man. Enlisted in the army as a volunteer in the Mexican War. Later in St. Paul, MN, was the 1st editor of their Pioneer Press, 1st Governor of Dakota Territory and had a fort at Sioux Falls. He edited the 1st paper in Dakota and the 1st editor of the Weekly Herald. The later part of his life was spent in New York and Delaware.
19. In the center of Memorial Lawn is a veterans section, there are _____ soldiers who were killed in action. (Hint: There is a flag by each fallen soldier's grave- count the flags.)
20. He was born in Delaware and became a major league baseball player, at the age of 28, for the Boston Doves. (Fun fact: While he won 151 games in the minors, he set a record for 23 consecutive losses in the major league's. During his lengthy losing streak, he also set a record for 28 consecutive starts without a win and that record is tied with two others, but still stands today.)

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Cemetery Scavenger Math Problems

1. Find 3 different headstones-for each one:
Figure out the age in years
Figure out the age in months
Figure out the age in days
2. Search for someone who was born in the 1800's and passed away in the 1900's and record their name and their age.
3. Search for names of someone who was in their 90's when they passed away.
4. Go to one row in the cemetery and count the number of graves in that row, and then if there are 25 rows, can you estimate approximately how many graves there are in the section?
5. In the Sunnyside Section of Cemetery, find a gravestone that lists a name, the date the person died and then lists how many years, months, and days that person lived and try to figure it out their birthdate.
6. In the middle St. Mary's section, there are about 12 graves across a row. There are about 25 rows. How many graves could there be?

Gravestone Timeline

Can you find any of these motifs?

There are six main changes in gravestone motifs: Plain Style, Death's Head, Cherub, Urn and Willow, Monument and Garden Style Marker.

Plain Style
Garden Style Marker

Death's Head

Cherub

Urn and Willow

Monument

Plain Style Garden Style Marker	Death's Head	Cherub	Urn and Willow	Monument

Gravestone Venn Diagram

Compare and contrast your gravestone with your partner's gravestone. How are they different? How are they similar? Compare size, shape, words, icons, etc.

