

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

CITY OF PEORIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to complete any item on this application will deem the application incomplete, and it will not be processed for review by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Pursuant to Chapter 16, Article IV, Section 16-86 of the Code of the City of Peoria, I submit the following:

I. APPLICANT(S):

A. Name: THOMAS G. LUTHY, President

B. Company/Neighborhood Association name: SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

C. Address: P.O. BOX 5511

D. City, State, Zip: PEORIA IL 61602

E. Daytime phone number: (309) 671-3818

F. Applicant(s) signature(s): 

II. OWNER(S) OF SUBJECT PROPERTY:

A. Name: _____

B. Company name: _____

C. Address: _____

D. City, State, Zip: _____

Does property owner consent to proposed designation? Yes No

7. Its embodiment of design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
8. Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.
9. Its character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

H. Description

Property condition:

Check one:

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

Check one:

Altered Unaltered

Check one:

Moved Original site

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance:

- ① Numerous historic monuments - In poor repair (BROKEN, DEFACTED, ERODED, MISPLACED, ETC)
- ② Mausoleum - Exterior in poor shape
- ③ CANNONS ON Veterans Hill - Have been removed + misappropriated
- ④ FORMER CARETAKER'S HOME - Foot of Rock Island Ave, almost completely ruined - built from native stones. Already designated in 1998 by State of IL. as endangered landmark.
- ⑤ Flora - Improper maintenance & cultivation of trees, shrubs, plants, & perennial flowers.

I. Significance

Period:

Check all that apply:

18th Century 19th Century 20th Century

Specific date(s) (if applicable and known): *Incorporated 1855
2nd oldest cemetery in Illinois*

Areas of significance:

Check all that apply:

Architecture Art Commerce
 Education Engineering Historic
 Industry Landscape Architecture Religion/Philosophy
 Sculpture Social/Humanitarian

Statement of Significance

See Attached

INTRODUCTION

History of Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum

Springdale Cemetery was originally formed in 1854 and was chartered in February of 1855 by the State of Illinois. By that act of the Illinois General Assembly, Springdale became one of only two state cemeteries to be so incorporated. Rose Hill Cemetery in Chicago is the other. Springdale originally held 200 of the 300 acres to which it was entitled by charter. Successive purchases of land brought it to 365 acres. (its current size is estimated at 225 acres). There are about 8 miles of roads, 15 private mausoleums (Zotz is the oldest), and a public mausoleum, which was opened in 1929 and expanded in 1965 and 1973. Hervey Lightner, one of the original officers of Springdale, became its owner. Springdale has had 15 owners since its incorporation in 1855. It is the second oldest cemetery in Illinois.

In Springdale are the graves and tombs of rich and poor, farmers, working classes, and Whiskey barons. Interred here is Lydia Moss Bradley, founder of Bradley University, donor of Bradley Park, and philanthropist to many city expansions. Near her grave is that of her grandfather, Zeally Moss, a veteran of the American Revolution. Soldiers buried here represent all wars known to have been fought in the United States, including at least four generals who fought in the Civil War. Isaiah Stillman, Commander of the Peoria-Fulton County Militia in the Black Hawk War, in which a young soldier named Abe Lincoln also served, is buried in Springdale, as is Naval Lieutenant Proctor, who died at Pearl Harbor and was related to the founders of Proctor Community Hospital.

Other historic figures buried at Springdale include Octave Chanute, "the father of aviation", Gov. and Mrs. Thomas Ford (Governor Ford wrote the History of Illinois, considered by many to be the best early history of the State); Napoleon's Imperial Guard, Anatese Robin; Henry H. Cole who photographed Lincoln on his last trip to Peoria, Rev. John Ingersoll, father of Robert, the Great Agnostic; Nellie Ingersoll, daughter of Robert's brother; and Mr. John Gwynn Jr., who passed away recently and was the local NAACP and champion of black civil rights in the Peoria area. Dr. Boal, a personal friend of Lincoln was cremated and his ashes were buried at his grave on Springdale's Mulberry Hill. Buried in a section of Springdale which overlooks the river valley is Mr. Charles Ballance, the attorney who represented Peoria in the French Claims Dispute which occurred during the middle 1800's when homestead rights were being disputed.

Springdale Cemetery is not only a unique and beautiful cemetery, it is an encyclopedia of local history. These individual and collective stories need to be heard. What better venue do we have to tell their stories and to pay our respects

than in Springdale Cemetery? In addition, where else can you go in the heart of a city to find rolling hills, meandering streams, native wild life, and numerous flora and fauna? Where else in the U.S. will you find a city cemetery that has more people buried in it (170,000) than live in the city itself (120,000)?

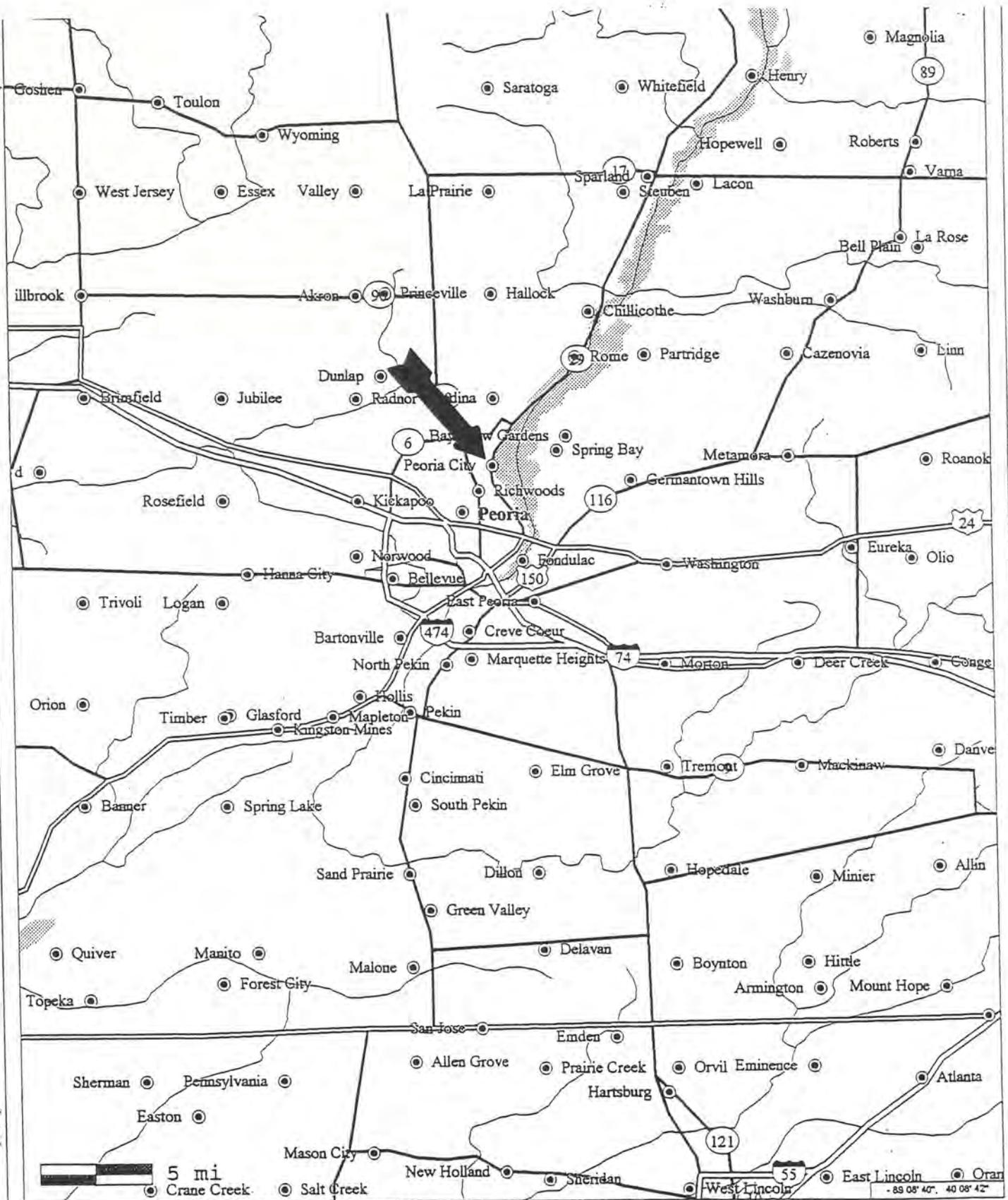
Springdale is indeed unique and of great historical significance. The former caretaker's gatehouse has recently been landmarked by the City Of Peoria. We cannot allow it to fall apart and be desecrated. It is time that a non-profit organization assume ownership and employ a caring manager. Ben Franklin once noted that you can tell the culture of a people by its cemeteries. Gladstone also put it quite nicely, "Show me the manner in which a nation or community cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals." Now is the time to restore and preserve this historical treasure, and to set in place means by which the future of Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum will be secure.

Springdale's Troubled Past and Present

Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum was once a beautiful centerpiece to our community. It's beauty and reputation was known throughout the Midwest. Unfortunately it has deteriorated significantly over the last 20 years. Roads are crumbling; buildings are falling apart (the Mausoleum was condemned and closed by the City of Peoria in February, 1997); grave sites are often uneven and have holes in them and until recently the mowing of the grounds was very infrequent. Contracts written prior to 1991's bankruptcy are null and void. There has also been considerable vandalism of headstones, monuments and to the mausoleum.

OWNERS AND CARETAKERS OF SPRINGDALE CEMETERY

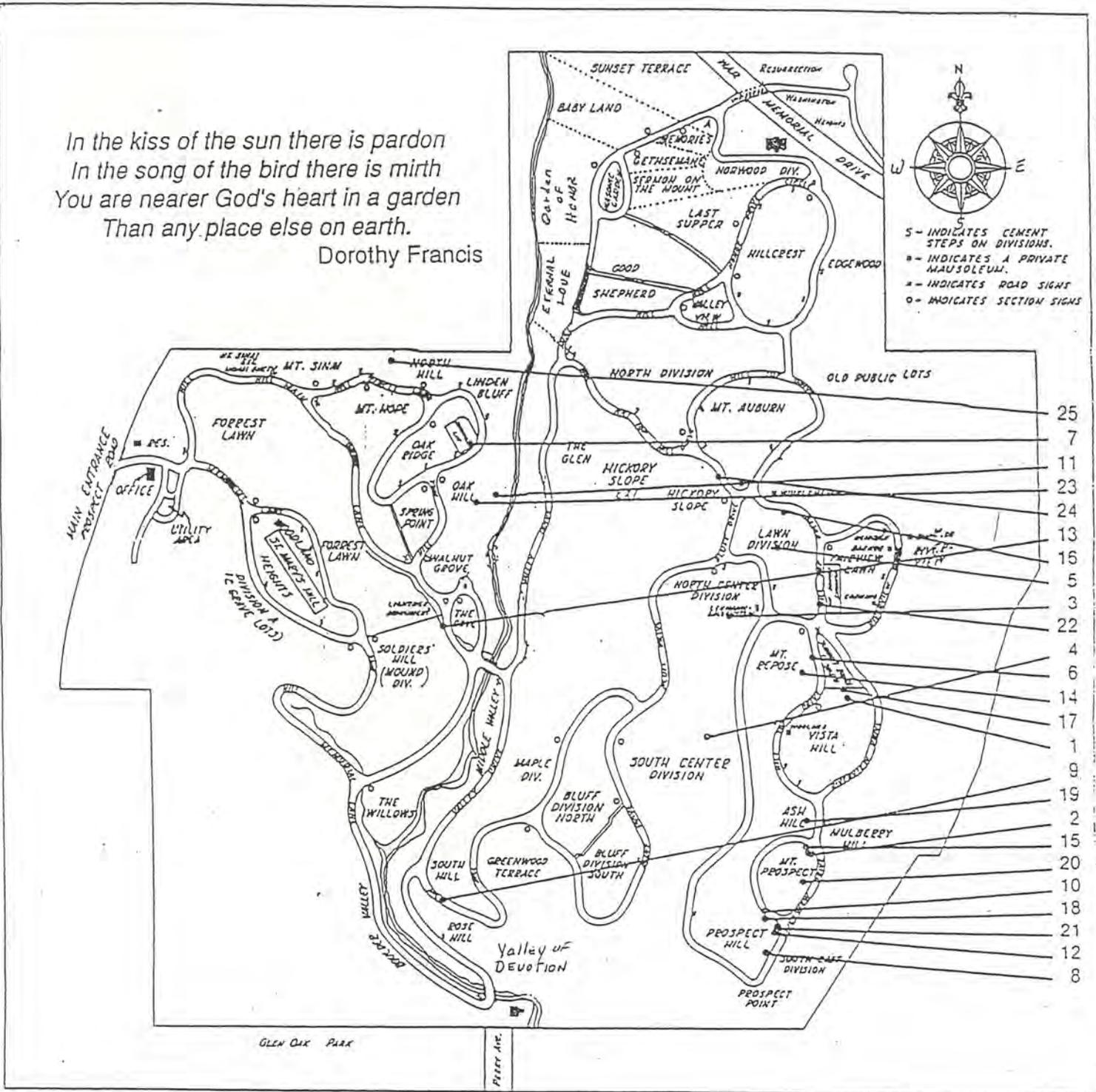
- 1954 - Triebel Family - C. Bonner Triebel
- 1971 Cemetery Service Corporation - W. Dustin DeVore
- 1987 - C. Bonner Triebel
- 1989 - American Cemetery Mortuary Consultants -
- 1990 Jim & Lela Mettenbrink
- 1992 C. Bonner Triebel
- 1992 Larry Fox
- 1993 Larry Leach
- 8 owners in 44 years - average length of ownership - 5 years



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In the kiss of the sun there is pardon
 In the song of the bird there is mirth
 You are nearer God's heart in a garden
 Than any place else on earth.

Dorothy Francis



HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST
 SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
 HISTORICAL FACTS

PROMINENT PEOPLE BURIED IN SPRINGDALE CEMETERY

- (1)
Charles Ballance
 Early Pioneer. Attorney. Noted for his participation in the Peoria French Claims. Author of a "History of Peoria" published in 1870. Interred in 1874.
- (2)
Lydia Moss Bradley
 Donor of land for Bradley Polytechnic Institute and Bradley Park. Interred in 1908.
- (3)
Octave Chanute
 Father of Aviation. Resident of Peoria seven years. Built first railroad bridge over the Illinois River at Peoria. Friend and consultant of the Wright Brothers in designing gliders and their first airplane. Interred in 1910.
- (4)
Almiran S. Cole
 Built and operated Peoria's first distillery in 1844. Extensive land owner. Interred in 1937.
- (5)
H. H. Cole (Cole Bros.)
 Pioneer photographer. Photographed Abraham Lincoln in 1858. Interred in 1925.
- (6)
Captain Henry Detweiler
 Pioneer steamboat captain. Detweiler Park named in honor of this family. Park land donated by Thomas Detweiler. Interred in 1903.
- (7)
Simeon DeWitt Drown
 Peoria's first historian, town surveyor, street commissioner, printer, publisher, and had completed enumeration for the first book printed and bound in Peoria, entitled "The Peoria City Directory for 1844". Soldier of War of 1812. Interred in 1873.
- (8)
John C. Flanagan
 Pioneer land developer. Attorney in early life. His mansion at 942 NE Glen Oak, circa 1840, is now headquarters for the Peoria Historical Society and Peoria Chapter D.A.R. Interred in 1891.
- (9)
Thomas Ford
 Governor of Illinois 1842-46 during the Mormon troubles and the beginning of the Mexican War. He wrote his "History of Illinois 1818-1847" while living in Peoria before his death. Interred in 1850.
- (10)
Henry C. Fursman
 Adj. of 108th Ill. Infantry. Interred on Anastase Robin lot in 1915.
- (11)
William Hale
 Soldier in War of 1812. First Mayor of Peoria. Died in 1859.
- (12)
Rev. John Ingersoll
 Father of Robert Greene and Ebon C. Ingersoll. Interred in 1859 - grave not marked. Pros. Hill, Sec. 4, Lot 97
- (13)
Hervey Lightner
 Peorian Capitalist. Commonly referred to as the "builder of Springdale Cemetery". Interred in 1896.
- (14)
Jean Morron
 Early pioneer family. Philanthropist. Educator. Her residence, 1212 W. Moos Ave., was gift to the Peoria Historical Society. Interred in 1966.
- (15)
Captain Zealy Moss
 Only known Soldier of the Revolutionary War buried in Springdale; moved here from another site by daughter Lydia Moss Bradley. He was a Baptist minister. Died in 1839.
- (16)
Joseph Petarde
 Peoria's "Forgotten Sculptor". Noted for his religious and cemetery works of art. Interred in 1942.
- (17)
Norman Purple
 Early Peoria attorney and Judge. Appointed Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court by Gov. Thomas Ford 1846. Compiler of the general statutes of the state, known as the Purple Statutes. Interred in 1863 - a most unequal burial site.
- (18)
Anastase Robin
 A Lieutenant in the Imperial Guard of Napoleon. When living in Peoria he taught French. Interred in 1870.
- (19)
Robert Scholes
 Twice Speaker of the House (Illinois) Interred in 1929.
- (20)
General Isiah Stillman
 General in the Black Hawk War. Interred in 1861.
- (21)
Peter Sweat
 Pioneer. Member of the Illinois Fifteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth General Assembly. Interred in 1868.
- (22)
James Ticknor
 Peorian. Architect. Designed Chicago's First National Bank, Deer Pass Theater and many other buildings. Interred in 1976.
- (23)
Hedley Waycott
 Nationally known artist. Born in England. Interred in 1938.
- (24)
Lemon Hill Wiley
 Civil War Veteran. Nationally known musician. Played before Queen of England and other world leaders. Interred in 1912.
- (25)
Josiah Fulton
 One of first white settlers to settle in Peoria. Farmed area where Courthouse & First National Bank - fully grand.

**SPRINGDALE
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION**



TO PEORIA HISTORIC COMMISSION

THIS IS INFORMATION ON SPRINGDALE CEMETERY IN PEORIA, IL.

PRESENTED TO PEORIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ON MARCH 17, 1999

BY SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

THOMAS G. LUTHY, PRESIDENT

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Mission Statement

*Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation is a group of concerned people committed to the restoration,
maintenance and perpetuation of Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum.*

SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A Tax Exempt, Not-For-Profit Illinois Foundation

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SPRINGDALE CEMETERY

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

LANDSCAPE AND THE HISTORICAL CEMETERY

PHOTOS:

ENTRANCE FROM PROSPECT ROAD

OFFICE AND ATTACHED MAINTENANCE BUILDING

MAINTENANCE BUILDING

CEMETERY

AMERICAN LEGION HILL

SOLDIER'S HILL

UNKNOWN SOLDIER'S GRAVE

FORMER GOVERNOR FORD'S GRAVE -MANY PROMINENT PEOPLE

LARGE MAUSOLEUM

SMALLER FAMILY CRYPTS

GATEHOUSE—ALREADY LANDMARKED BY CITY OF PEORIA

PIMITEOUI TRAIL

REGISTERED ILLINOIS NATURAL HERITAGE LANDMARK

SPRINGDALE CEMETERY

"The Cemetery Beautiful"

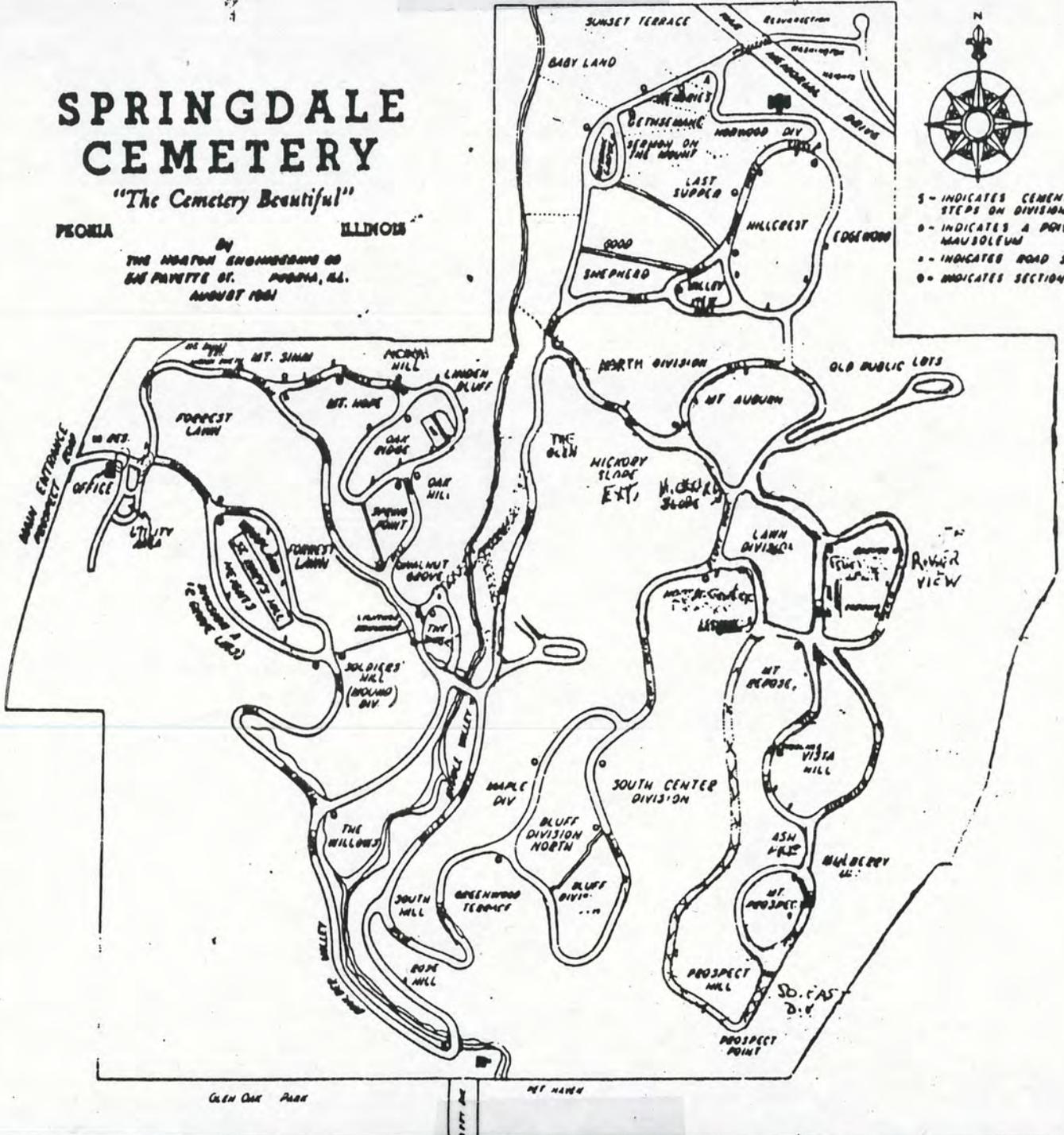
FLORIDA

ILLINOIS

By
THE NORTON ENGINEERING CO.
SAS PRIVATE ST. MOBILE, ALA.
AUGUST 1901



- S - INDICATES CEMENT STEPS ON DIVISIONS
- o - INDICATES A PRIVATE MAUSOLEUM
- - - INDICATES ROAD SIGNS
- o - INDICATES SECTION SIGNS



LANDSCAPE AND THE HISTORIC CEMETERY

Historic renovation of structures has grown in popularity over the last several decades. As we have begun to appreciate the unique characteristics of these fine old buildings, we are also starting to realize the importance of the historic setting and landscape in which they are often situated. In no other setting is this more crucial than in an historic cemetery. Cemeteries were often developed as parks, as well as resting places. Before public parks were a common sight in urban areas, cemeteries were heavily used as places of recreation and meditation.

To further the quiet, pastoral ambience of these green refuges, they were often planted with a wide variety of natural and exotic plant materials. This broad range of plant materials was used to create quiet glades of trees, open areas for walking and strolling, and special plantings to highlight family plots or other important interment areas. Veteran's areas were also a primary location for extensive plantings. In effect, many cemeteries became almost botanical gardens - affording a unique combination of native materials and exotic plants found nowhere else in the community.

In addition to the original planting effort, cemeteries were oftentimes the most elegantly maintained green areas in a community. As a sign of both respect and civic pride, the community cemetery was tended meticulously. As memorial wreaths and flowers were placed, the cemetery became the center of a community's look back at the past or its respect for those buried. After such memorials had run their course, they were carefully removed from the cemetery and it reverted to the community's park and open space.

As we continue to strive to retain those historic buildings that remind us so vividly of our past, we should also be aware of the green spaces that also have great historic meaning - both for individuals and for communities. Cemeteries are often the best examples of these historic landscapes, and as such, should be preserved and maintained as a sign of community pride and respect for those that have gone on before.

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ENTRANCE TO SPRINGDALE CEMETERY
PROSPECT ROAD, PEORIA, IL



OFFICE BUILDING

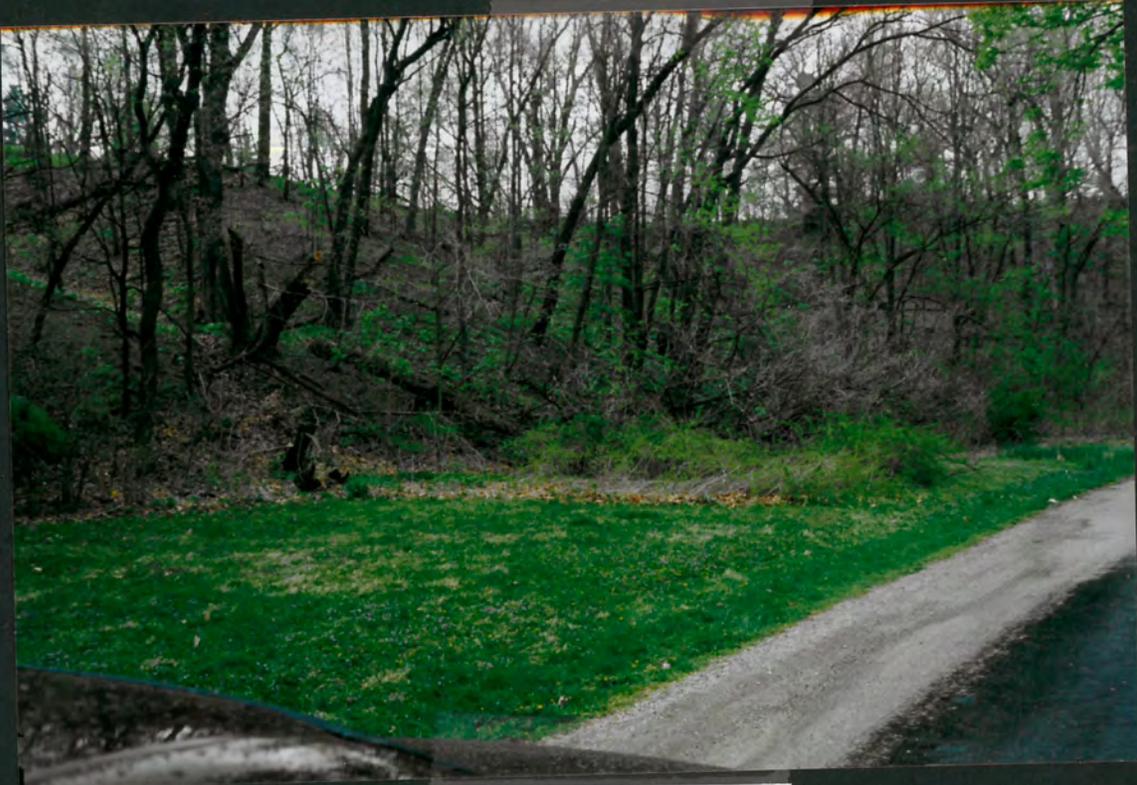


MAINTENANCE BUILDING
NEXT TO OFFICE



MACHINERY SHED
ADJACENT TO OFFICE

UNIQUE MARKER



ONCE BEAUTIFUL
TREES AND HILLS



HOLDING CAVE
USED DURING WINTERS



"VALLEY OF STONES"
DUMPING AREA



AMERICAN LEGION HILL



MARKER ENTITLED
"UNKNOWN"



SOLDIERS' HILL



MASONIC SECTION



FORMER GOVERNOR FORD'S MARKER



HERVEY LIGHTNER
EARLY SPRINGDALE
SUPERINTENDENT



DARST FAMILY MARKER
AND OTHER UNIQUE
MARKERS



S. DEWITT DROWN'S MARKER
PEORIA'S FIRST HISTORIAN



A.S. COLE & FAMILY MARKERS
ENCLOSED WITH STONE WORK
IN A CIRCLE





BRADLEY FAMILY
MARKER



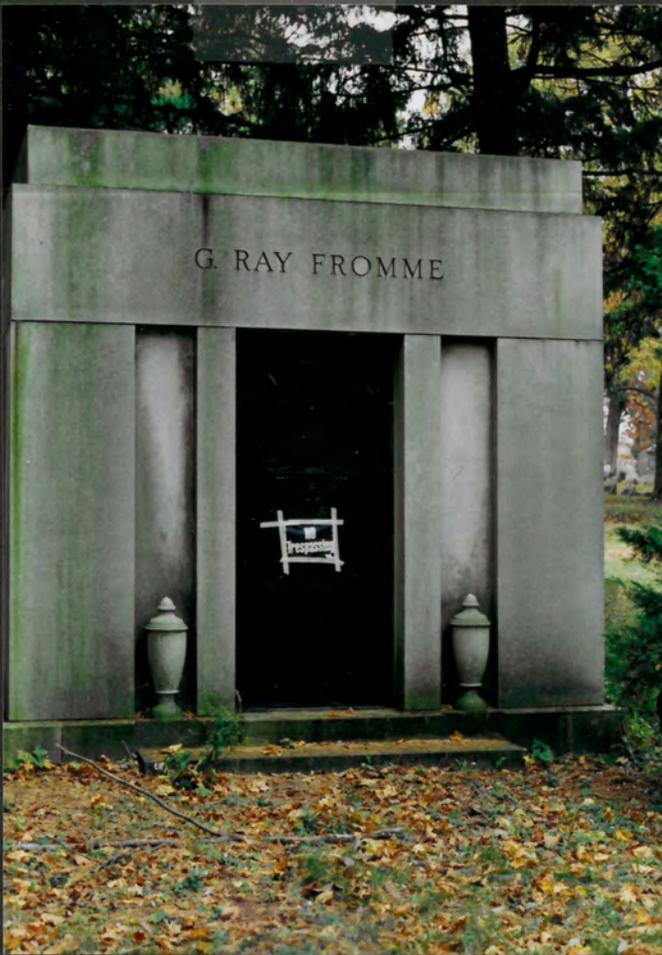
LARGE MAUSOLEUM
ORIGINAL PLUS
TWO ADDITIONS



BUEHLER
MAUSOLEUM



FAMILY MAUSOLEUM



G. RAY FROMME
MAUSOLEUM

ZOTZ FAMILY
MAUSOLEUM
(1893)



AN ORNATE
FAMILY
MAUSOLEM





GATEHOUSE
ALREADY A
LANDMARK



EMPTY
CANNON MOUNT

PIMITEOUI
TRAIL SIGN
NEAR PERRY
STREET
ENTRANCE



REGISTERED
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