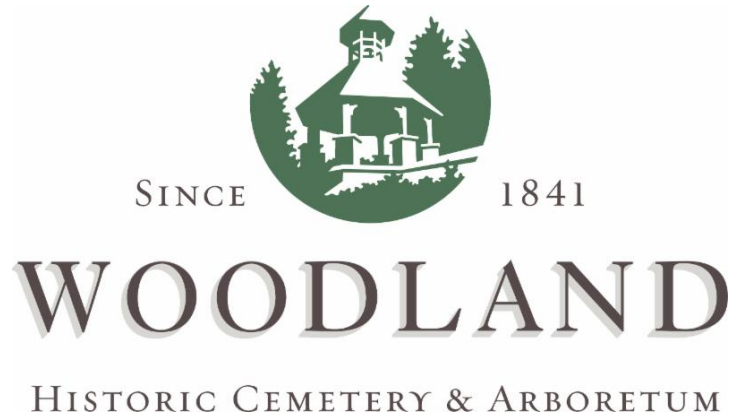


**Beautiful. Timeless. Still Available...**



***If you listen carefully,  
the silence is beautiful.***



## **Woodland Connections to the Community: YMCA and Sinclair College**



*The new and current YMCA located on Monument Avenue. This location has been serving patrons since 1929.*

Founded in England in 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association, YMCA, was devoted to physical fitness, mental training, religious ideals, fellowship, guidance, citizenship and service. The American "Y" movement began in Boston in 1851 and by 1870, there was interest in Dayton with much of the work dedicated to the formation of Sunday schools. In 1874, David Sinclair, who was named general secretary laid the foundation for the Dayton organization.

The first YMCA in Dayton was from the purchase of the Dunlevy residence located at 32 East Fourth Street and was dedicated in May 1875. Hundreds of young men became members and soon the home was too small. The house was torn down and a new building was dedicated in 1887 only for it to become too small within 10 years.

Benefactor Miss Mary Bell Eaker gave her property at the corner of Third and Ludlow Streets to the YMCA. A new \$250,000 building was constructed and opened in 1908 making it the second largest building in the world devoted exclusively to YMCA activities at the time.



*The Dayton YMCA from 1908 to 1929 located at Third and Ludlow Streets. Today it is the City Hall Building.*

By 1929, the YMCA was still a growing organization and in September of that year, they moved into a \$1,325,000 new building on Monument Avenue where the stock market crash would hurt them but not take them out.

Other notable locations associated with the YMCA at the time were Camp Kern which was acquired in 1914 and is located near Fort Ancient in Warren County and Sinclair Park on the Stillwater River opened in 1909.

Early YMCA branches opened in several communities and were known as: Central, Fifth Street, Oakwood, Kettering, Fairborn, Town and Country and Camp Kern. Today there are eleven branches associated with the YMCA of Greater Dayton.



**David Sinclair** opened a night school in 1887 with an enrollment of 55 men. He offered classes on business, technical and cultural subject matter and by 1898, the enrollment jumped to 440. This YMCA night school would lead to the founding of Sinclair College.

Mr. Sinclair was born in Scotland, lived in Canada and moved to Dayton to take the head position with Dayton's YMCA in 1874. He found it difficult to understand why Dayton had so many jobless young men. It bothered him enough that he did something about it, questioning both the men and local employers to see what could be done to connect these men with jobs. The answer, time and again, was a lack of skills - a need for training.

Soon, the YMCA Education Department began to offer vocational training courses. In the beginning there were just two courses offered: Bookkeeping and Mechanical Drawing. David Sinclair would be quite surprised to see his vision grow into a sprawling college campus with satellite campuses, and over 23,000 students enrolled in hundreds of programs.



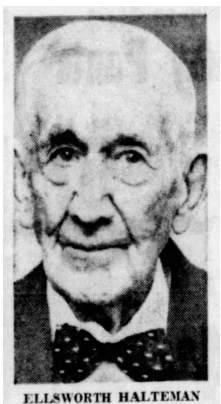
*They YMCA building is on the left and Sinclair College is on the right.*



*Located in Section 113 Lot 54.*

The early years of growth were David Sinclair's obsession and, sadly, his health was not able to support the hard task he set for himself. Exhausted from the stress of politicking and fund-raising for a new, larger building, he was forced by his doctor to take a vacation. His health was too damaged and he passed away while traveling in Montana. He never saw the completion of the dream he worked so hard to make real. The college's new building opened its doors in 1908, six years after his death. David Sinclair died on September 26, 1902.

**Ellsworth C. Halteman** became a member of the first faculty of the YMCA evening college from 1888 to 1890. There were 8 students in his class and 70 in the whole school located on East Fourth Street. In 1962, the YMCA honored him with a plaque for 41 years of continuous membership and service.



Ellsworth was a life resident of Dayton, and retired in 1932 as a plumbing contractor and manufacturer. His family home was at the north end of the Main Street bridge where the Belleview Apartments once stood. During his lifetime, Ellsworth said he remembers four Main Street bridges - a covered bridge, a steel bridge, a cement bridge and the bridge in 1962.

Upon his turning 100, he received well wishes from President Kennedy, an autographed picture and a message that he couldn't make out. "No matter," Ellsworth said. "I voted in November, but not for Kennedy. I would now." Ellsworth said that living for a century was achieved by good heredity, food, environment and good luck.

He lived to see the inventions of the telephone, electric light, the automobile, the airplane, radio, television and man-made Earth satellites.

"The younger generation will make it to the moon," he predicted. "I don't want to go to the moon, but I would like to take an airplane ride."

Ellsworth Halteman was born August 23, 1862 and died on February 16, 1963. He was 100 years old. He is located in Section 26 Lot 1189.

**Mary Belle Eaker** was a selfless member of the community never taking more than she needed and giving more to the causes she loved to fulfill many lifetimes. In 1902, after the death of Miss Eaker, and when her will was probated, it stated that her main beneficiaries would be the W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A. It was stated that her gift to each of them should put them "on such a solid financial foundation that they would be independent for life." Miss Eaker also left a large gift of \$50,000 to the Deaconess Hospital (Miami Valley Hospital) "to be used for the erection of a training school for nurses and a home for the nurses and attendants to live in."

Her largest bequest was to the Y.M.C.A. She willed her property at the northwest corner of Third and Ludlow streets to the organization for a new home to be built on the site. In her will she stated, "Much of my life has been passed in this home and I gladly give it for this purpose believing that it could be consecrated to no better use and that the people of Dayton will build upon it a suitable Christian home for our young men." It should be noted that at the time, the value of the property she left was valued at \$100,000 and her personal property valued at \$154,220.85. Two years later when her estate was finally settled the balance grew to \$299,454.68.



Also in her will, she requested that "no tablets be placed or monuments erected to perpetuate her name and memory." However, she was loved in life for her good acts and so will her memory always be revered.

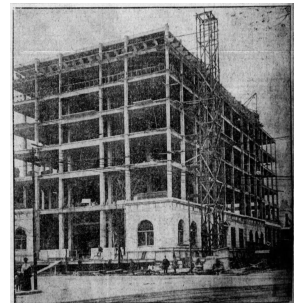
Mary Belle Eaker died May 30, 1902. She is located in Section 65 Lot 35.

Today's current City Hall building, when built, was the second-largest YMCA in the world. The Dayton branch outgrew this location quickly, and in 1929 moved three blocks to the north to a new Central YMCA Building.

City Hall was known as the Dayton Industries Building until 1940 when it was purchased by the City of Dayton for municipal offices.

Multiple renovations were undertaken to convert the structure into Dayton City Hall, including flooring over the three-story auditorium into new office space.

Today, the Dayton City Hall building houses the following departments:  
Civil Engineering · Dayton Accounts Payable · Dayton Accounts Receivable ·  
Dayton Central Services · Dayton Citizen's Appeal Board · Dayton City Commission Office · Dayton City Manager · Dayton City Plan Board · Dayton Community Affairs · Dayton Economic Development · Dayton Finance Department · Dayton Gov't Access Television · Dayton Human Resources Department · Dayton Mayor Office · Dayton Parks & Recreation Department · Dayton Planning & Community Development · Dayton Priority Boards · Dayton Public Affairs Office · Dayton Public Works Department and Dayton Purchasing Department.



*The home of Mary Belle Eaker was torn down and construction of a new YMCA building began in 1906.*

Please consider making a gift in memory of Ellsworth Halteman, Mary Belle Eaker or your loved one resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.



## ***Chapel Tiffany Window Update***

The work on the Tiffany windows continues to progress with eleven of the smaller Tiffany windows completed. The signature Tiffany window is coming along as well and significant progress has been made. Our thanks to the artisans at BeauVerre Riordan Studios for their continued efforts of the painstakingly detailed work they do.

You can support the window restoration by selecting your gift to go towards the Chapel Restoration. If you are interested in sponsoring a window with name recognition, or for more information, please contact Angie Hoschouer at 937-228-3221 ext. 111 or [ahoschouer@woodlandcemetery.org](mailto:ahoschouer@woodlandcemetery.org)



## ***Woodland News to Know***

### **Woodland Website Features**

Cemetery Services-We will compassionately assist you to determine which interment option best suits the needs of you and your family.

Discover Available Locations-You can shop for available locations from the comfort of your home and then call to speak to one of our Family Service Representatives for more information.

Giving-Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

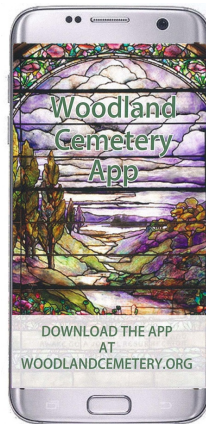
Tours and Events-You can take your own walking tour at the cemetery or a virtual tour from the comfort of your couch.

Locate A Loved One-Whether you are on our website or using our app, you can always find your loved ones at Woodland. You can search by name or year of birth or death. Once you find your loved one, you can click on the link to find their location and even add your own photos and memories.

Visitor Photos-this NEW gallery page features photos taken and submitted by YOU!

Go to [woodlandcemetery.org](http://woodlandcemetery.org) for more information and to explore our options and features.

## Woodland Cemetery Mobile App



Memories of a loved one should last for generations.

Using our app, you can:

- Navigate to your relative or friend's grave using our GPS-based system
- Share stories about your family
- Upload photos and video
- Share memories with your family on Facebook

Your loved one's memorial page is automatically created when you make cemetery arrangements with our office. You may also share and upload information by using our burial database via our website ([woodlandcemetery.org](http://woodlandcemetery.org)). (please contact our office if you need assistance)



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## Thank you for your support of the Woodland Arboretum

You can donate, any time of year, to our Horticulture Fund, Arboretum Fund or Chapel Restoration Fund.

The **Horticulture Fund** assists in the creation of scenic, reflective and beautiful gardens and grounds to honor those that have gone before us. This includes the distinctive floral displays in the chapel area in our Mausoleum. A unique theme and design is chosen during the Easter, Memorial Day and Christmas holidays.

Our **Arboretum Foundation** continues to focus on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio.

The **Chapel Restoration Fund** is designated for the restoration and preservation of the historic chapel, gates and administration office built in 1887. The Chapel houses 17 Tiffany windows, a hand-cut Tiffany tiled floor and hand painted Tiffany frescoes. All three structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts urgently needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

All 110,000 souls, entrusted to our care, thank you for your generous donation to one or all of our funds.

If you would like to send in a check, [click here](#) for a downloadable form to mail in your donation.

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*The hand that holds the heart gives  
of himself.*

## Support Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

Are you a ClubDLM or Kroger Plus Card holder? Would you like to support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation by doing your normal grocery shopping? You can when you register your shopping card to our organization! **Remember, you must sign up for this opportunity each year but you can sign up during anytime of the year.**



Go to [www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow](http://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow) and link your Kroger Plus Card to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #JJ851. Please note that our organization was updated with a new account number from Kroger.



Go to [www.dorothyane.com/club-dlm/good-neighbor-program](http://www.dorothyane.com/club-dlm/good-neighbor-program) and link your ClubDLM number to Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum #821.

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Woodland Cemetery is proud to partner with the following organizations: National Aviation Heritage Area, Aviation Trail, Inc., Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park, Ohio Cemetery Association, ArbNet, American Alliance of Museums and Ohio Museums Association.

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