

SINCE 1841

WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM

Wayne Garfield Lee

"loyal American citizen, kind husband and father, and a true man"

Wayne G. Lee was born in Springfield, Ohio, where he attended public school and through his own efforts continued his education in Antioch College and later in the Defiance Business College. His career in Dayton began in 1896 as an employee of the National Cash Register Company as a mechanic and rose to the position as clerk in the office of Robert Patterson.

Lee's activities in life were many and varied. He was at one time managing editor and part owner of the Defiance Crescent News in Defiance, Ohio, and later political writer for The Gazette in Springfield, Ohio, also for the Dayton Evening News in Dayton where he was the city hall reporter and a political writer. In 1910 he served as city clerk of Dayton lasting there for four years until in 1914, Governor James M. Cox named him to organize the publicity and educational bureaus for the Ohio State Highway Department. Much of the publicity literature he prepared was reprinted throughout the United States.

In 1915 Mr. Lee became secretary to Henry M. Waite, the first manager of the then new city manager plan of municipal operation in Dayton. From 1920 to 1926 he served as director of finance of Dayton and from 1926 to 1939 as managing director of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce; this position he filled for twelve years with credit to himself and to the community he so dearly loved. His last few years of life were spent in peaceful retirement with his wife and family at his beautiful country home, Avalon Farms, near Dayton.



WAYNE G. LEE



Wayne G. Lee was born in Springfield, Ohio, on September 17, 1880 and died November 10, 1940, in Dayton, Ohio. He is buried in Section 121 Lot 164.

His life was a fine exemplification of Masonic principles and teachings of Honesty, Truth, Charity and Benevolence. He was associated with the following lodges: Tuendawie Lodge No. 195 at Defiance, Ohio; Stillwater Lodge No. 616 of Dayton; and Miami Valley Lodge No. 660 of Dayton. He was a member of Unity Chapter No. 16, Royal Arch Masons, Reese Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters and Reed Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. He received the degrees of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and was active in Gabriel Lodge of Perfection, occupying all offices from Master of Ceremonies to that of Thrice

Potent Master.

He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary, at Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 21, 1932.

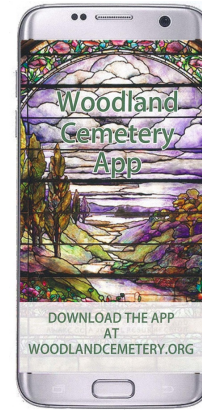
Wayne G. Lee was also affiliated with Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton and with various other organizations, including the Knights of Pythias, Dayton Art Institute, the National Aeronautical Association and several National Chamber of Commerce organizations and was a loyal member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of Dayton.

Mr. Lee was survived by his wife Maytie (nee Dicus), one son, Winston, of Sarasota, Fla., two sisters and two half-sisters.

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floor will be restored and the beautiful interior woodwork will also receive a facelift. We are hopeful to open the doors to the public once again in late 2022.

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