

# Delaware Cemetery Association

DINGMAN'S FERRY, PA.

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TO:

Re: Lot No. ....

At a special meeting of the lot owners of the Delaware Cemetery Association held April 28, 1950, several important changes in the By-Laws of the Association were proposed, voted on and adopted, namely:

A change was made in the date for holding the annual meeting, from the first Tuesday in January to the first Tuesday in May each year.

An increase was made in the Board of Managers, from five to seven members.

The newly-elected Board of Managers proceeded to adopt the following Rules and Regulations pertaining to the care of cemetery grounds.

A sexton was to be appointed who would be, in effect, an employee of the Association, working under the Supervisor of the Board of Managers and receive his compensation from the Treasurer of the Association instead of having to depend on the fees received from various individuals as was the custom in the past.

All money due the Association for burials, care of lots, etc., is paid to the Treasurer and credited to a general fund.

No money shall be paid to the Sexton by a lot owner for any purpose whatsoever.

All lot owners are hereby notified that the employment of any person, other than the duly appointed Sexton, is strictly prohibited and they will advise the Association through any officer or member of the Board regarding any special work they want to have done.

The fee for the annual care of a lot has been set at \$5.00, which is to be paid directly to the Treasurer of the Cemetery Association.

Your Board of Managers felt that in order to make it worth while for a person to accept the position of Sexton, it would be necessary to guarantee full employment from April 1 to November 1 of each year subject of course, to weather conditions.

It must be obvious to the lot owners and everyone else interested in community affairs that in order to maintain the cemetery grounds in satisfactory shape, the Board of Managers must have the cooperation and support of the lot owners.

It is felt that the majority of lot owners take enough pride in their cemetery and will agree that when there are a few scattered lots allowed to grow up wild, the appearance of the whole cemetery suffers and for that reason will not begrudge the relatively small amount of funds used in keeping these lots in halfway decent shape.

It is estimated that if the majority of lot owners will contribute \$5.00 a year it will result in sufficient income to keep the cemetery grounds and roads in satisfactory condition.

Beginning with the present year a report will be prepared listing the lots in numerical order, showing the names of the registered owner, the amount contributed during the past season and the name of the person making the contribution.

A copy of this report will be sent to each person contributing so that the lot owners will be able to determine for themselves what lots are being cared for at the expense of the group as a whole and in many cases assist the board in locating the owners or the heirs of those lots against which no contribution is credited.

Some lot owners have insisted on taking care of their lots and your Association has no desire to discourage this practice, but at the same time point out that these lot owners have the same responsibilities and should make some contribution to the general fund.

It should be noted that there has been no change in the method of handling the funds held in trust for the perpetual care of certain lots, as these lots will continue to receive the same care and attention as they have in the past.

At the time these funds were created, however, the yield from invested funds was considerably higher than at the present time and ever will be in the future, and keeping in mind that the average cost of maintenance is \$5.00 per lot, it means that the invested fund would have to be \$200.00 per lot which invested at 2½% interest will equal \$5.00.

Your Association received many flattering comments on the improved appearance of the cemetery last season, and wishes to make it clear that whenever a lot owner or their heirs wish to contribute more than \$5.00 per lot, the additional contribution will be most gratefully accepted.

All contributions should be sent to: Treasurer, Delaware Cemetery Association, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.

Yours very truly,

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President.