

STONE STREET CEMETERY

The following material is a copy of notes made over a period of years regarding the STONE STREET CEMETERY as compiled by Dayton L. Birchard.

February 12, 1944.

To-day I talked with Uncle Selden Birchard regarding a notice which I received from the First National Bank of Montrose regarding money sent there for purchase of bonds in my name for the STONE Street Cemetery. The following is the substance of what he told me regarding the funds of the cemetery and the plans as he recalls them.

A great many years ago, presumably about 1900, the Johnsons, Balls, Bradshaws Birchards and others held a series of parties and took up collection to buy materials and to hire Isaac Melhuish and Harry Melhuish to construct a fence around the Stone Street Cemetery. The present fence was constructed from Chestnut posts and water pipes taken from the ground running from the Melhuish house to a large spring and "RAM" in the field near the line (fence) in the Johnson farm. When the fence was finished there was a small fund of money left. Uncle Clark Dayton proposed that contributions be made by interested parties. This was done and about \$100.00 was taken up. (Uncle Clark gave \$25.00)

The money was loaned to Uncle Selden Birchard with the understanding that he should keep the yard mowed for the use of the money. He gave a note for that amount to Uncle Clark Dayton.

At one time some injury was done by maulers to one of the large stones. This cost Uncle Selden \$18.00.

Now, in February 1944, Uncle Selden has contributed \$50.00 extra to the original amount making a total of \$150.00. With the money he has purchased two United States bonds at \$75.00 each which will mature in 12 years. These bonds are made out to Dayton L. Birchard or Carlton E. Birchard. These are series E bonds and have a face value of \$100.00 each. Perhaps at the time of maturity a new fence will be needed.

The original trustees or directors were self appointed interested parties. They were Mrs. Vesta Ball and Clark Dayton. When Mrs. Ball could no longer look after the yard she appointed Uncle Selden in her place. Uncle Clark Dayton did not specifically appoint George W. Dayton but upon inquiry I have discovered he will act as a director. Uncle Selden has appointed Carlton Birchard and myself to act in his stead. The present group of directors or trustees are George W. Dayton, Carlton E. Birchard and Dayton L. Birchard.

Dayton L. Birchard  
March 14, 1944

July 29, 1944

Today I informed Stone Reunion members of the gift made by Uncle Selden to the Stone Street Cemetery. Dayton L. Birchard

August 1946

Milton Warner and I four and one half days each straightening stones in the Stone Street Cemetery. Dayton L. Birchard

Sept. 2, 1946

Erma Warner, Kathryn Warner and Frances Birchard painted the fence at Stone Street Cemetery. I paid for the paint. We think it was about five years ago that Bruce Dayton and I painted the fence. Milton Warner and I repaired the fence.

Dayton L. Birchard

August 25-26, 1947

Stone Street Cemetery grounds were mowed by me.

Dayton L. Birchard

September 1948

Stone Street Cemetery ground were mowed by Milton E. Warner

Dayton L. Birchard

August 1949

Stone Street Cemetery grounds were mowed by Dayton L. Birchard

Dayton L. Birchard

August 1950

Milton Warner worked three and one half and I worked one half day mowing the cemetery.

Dayton L. Birchard

1951

Milton Warner mowed the Stone Cemetery grounds. I was sick and do not know how much or when he worked.

Dayton L. Birchard

September 1952

Milton Warner and Dayton Birchard mowed the Stone Cemetery.

One half day.

Dayton L. Birchard

Week of July 25, 1955

D. Fred Birchard, Don Birchard, Milton Warner and I cut the grass and removed the limbs from the yard during the week.

August 2, 1955

This afternoon the following people gathered at the cemetery and painted the fence. Charles and Elmer Dayton, Frances and Dayton Birchard, Edna Stone and Lillian Griffis, D. Fred and Urania Birchard, Milton and Kathryn Warner, Jessie and Virginia Birchard.

Dayton L. Birchard

July 8, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fred Birchard and Dayton Birchard worked at mowing the cemetery.

Dayton L. Birchard

July 9, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Warner and Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ferd Birchard and Dayton completed mowing the cemetery.

Dayton L. Birchard

The Stone Street Cemetery has been mowed with a lawn mower during the summer 1959. Dayton Birchard provided the machine and labor.

Dayton L. Birchard

July 4, 1959

Erma Turrell Youngs gave \$10.00 to be used for the Stone Street Cemetery.

Dayton L. Birchard

September 1959

George W. Dayton, a member of the committee, died. He was buried in Birchardville Cemetery.  
Dayton L. Birchard

Nov. 9, 1959

An account was opened with the Teachers Service Organization of Philadelphia. The rate is  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  \$10.00 deposited.

Dayton L. Birchard

December 31, 1959

The cemetery during 1959 was cared for by Dayton Birchard. Power lawn mower was used for the first time. About 60% of the stones were streightened. More work needs to be done. Dayton L Birchard

September 1, 1960

The cemetery on Stone Street was cared for by D. Fred Birchard and Dayton Birchard. The mowing was done by lawn mower.

Dayton L. Birchard

September 1, 1961

Lawn mower was use on graves at Stone Street. D. Fred Birchard was much interested in the project.

Dayton L. Birchard

December 1, 1962

Painting of fence completed. Mr. and Mrs. D. Fred Birchard worked on the projech. Trim white and trim green paint was used. Cost by Dayton Birchard. The lawn was mowed through out the summer.

Dayton L. Birchard

August 24, 1975

Carlton E. Birchard died as of the above date. He is buried at Birchardville. He was a member of the committee.

Stpember 2, 1975

Two series E bonds purchased in 1944, February 12, were cashed. Each bond was worth 236.00. The original cost was \$75.00. Total receipts \$470.00.

October 3 1975

One coupon bond number 14965E due in 1994, interest at  $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ , was purchased. The account is as follows:

Cost of bond	\$1,000.00	1,005.00
Stone Street Cemetery funds		472.00
Dayton L. Birchard		<u>533.00</u>
		1,005.00
Accumulated interest	31.88	
Bank chargse	1.50	
Telegram	1.50	
Postage and insurance	<u>2.85</u>	
Amount advanced by and due Dayton L. Birchard	37.73	

( It is to be understood that the amount given by Dayton Birchard covers and includes the amount given by Erma Turrell as noted under date of July 4 and Nov. 9, 1959. )

October 8, 1975

Bond 14965E was received from the County National Bank. The bond is deposited in a safty deposit box of Dayton Birchard in thr County National Bank.  
Dayton L. Birchard

October 8, 1975

Watson Dayton and Selden Birchard have consented to act as members of the committee to care for the Stone Street Cemetery. Watson Dayton has the Savings Account book for funds which may be received.

Dayton L. Birchard

October 15, 1975

Cemetery was mowed and left in good condition for the winter by Don and Dayton Birchard.

Dayton L. Birchard

June 25, 1976

Painting cemetery fence Kathryn Warner, Frances Birchard, Don Birchard  
Dayton Birchard 32 hours

1 gal. white paint 1 gal. green paint

Work on grave stones June and July Don Birchard 4 hours

Dayton Birchard 16 hours