

Old St. Mary's Cemetery

Restoration and Preservation Project



Springdale, Ohio

Old St. Mary Cemetery

In 1801, the Springdale Presbyterian Church acquired 2 ½ acres of property along State Route 4 at the south end of the City of Springdale (formally the Town of Springfield.) to construct a church and cemetery. Although the church moved to a new location in town in 1833, the cemetery remained at the original location and continued to receive regular internments until the mid 1950's.

For nearly 190 years, the property was owned and maintained by the Springdale Presbyterian Church. In later years the property fell into neglect and the church not having the means or personnel to maintain the property transferred ownership to the City of Springdale in 1987.

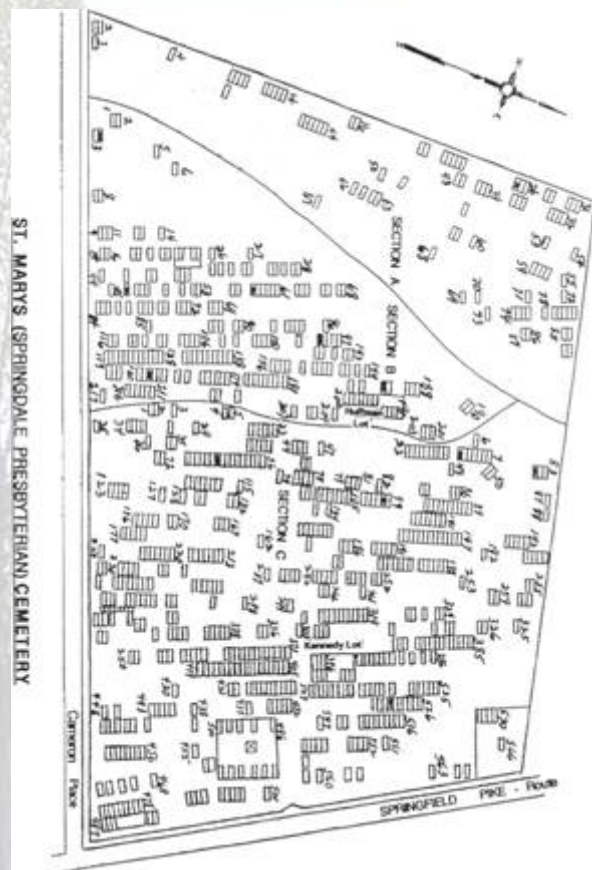
After acquiring the property in 1987, the City immediately began a long restoration process. One of the first steps were to find the property lines of the cemetery by removing large amounts of dead and overgrown vegetation and in turn uncovering many forgotten graves. Once the cemetery was cleared, hundreds of loads of topsoil were brought in to help level the turf area. In 1989, the city received a \$31,460 Community Development grant and that along with \$12,000 dollars from the city's general fund purchased and installed a new iron fence around the entire cemetery.

One by one, the Public Works Department personnel repaired and reset each of the gravestones. At times organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts have assisted in the restoration process.

The Old St. Mary cemetery is a proud part of not only the City of Springdale history, but also the history of the State of Ohio and Miami Valley. Although the cemetery is small in comparison it is the final resting place for (9) Revolutionary War veterans, (12) Civil War veterans, and (1) World War I veteran.

The restoration and preservation of the Old St. Mary cemetery by the City of Springdale stands as example of a community's dedication and commitment to preserving its history.

Maps



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Before and After



1987

Photograph of stone wall surrounding the Hunt Family plot. The wall marks the original foundation of the Presbyterian Church built in 1801-02.

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2005

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Boy Scout Volunteers



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