

## **News Release**

### **Learn Local History on Final 2007 Cemetery Walking Tour**

Take a leisurely stroll through Massillon Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, to learn about the history of the community. The gentle wooded hills of the cemetery, which was designed in the 1840s, will be a lovely fall venue for the final tour of the season.

Participants should meet at the cemetery entrance. Cemetery parking is limited, but ample free parking is available on both sides of South Erie Street. Reservations are not necessary; the \$5 fee may be paid at the beginning of the tour.

Local historian Margy Vogt will lead the walk, which includes the history of the cemetery and the National Register residence. She will highlight many of the individuals whose monuments stand for the contributions they made to Massillon's history. Walkers will see markers for inventors Joseph Davenport, Abel Fletcher, and Andrew Jay Cross; industrialists of the Russell, McClymonds, and Hess families; philanthropists Wright Walker, James F. Pocock, and George Harsh; and political leaders Jacob Coxey, Samuel Pease, and Robert Folger. Participants can learn about the Civil War statue and two of Massillon's Medal of Honor recipients.

In case of inclement weather, the tour will be cancelled. Cemetery tours will be scheduled again next summer...May through September.

For more information about the tour, contact Margy Vogt at 330-832-8469.

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