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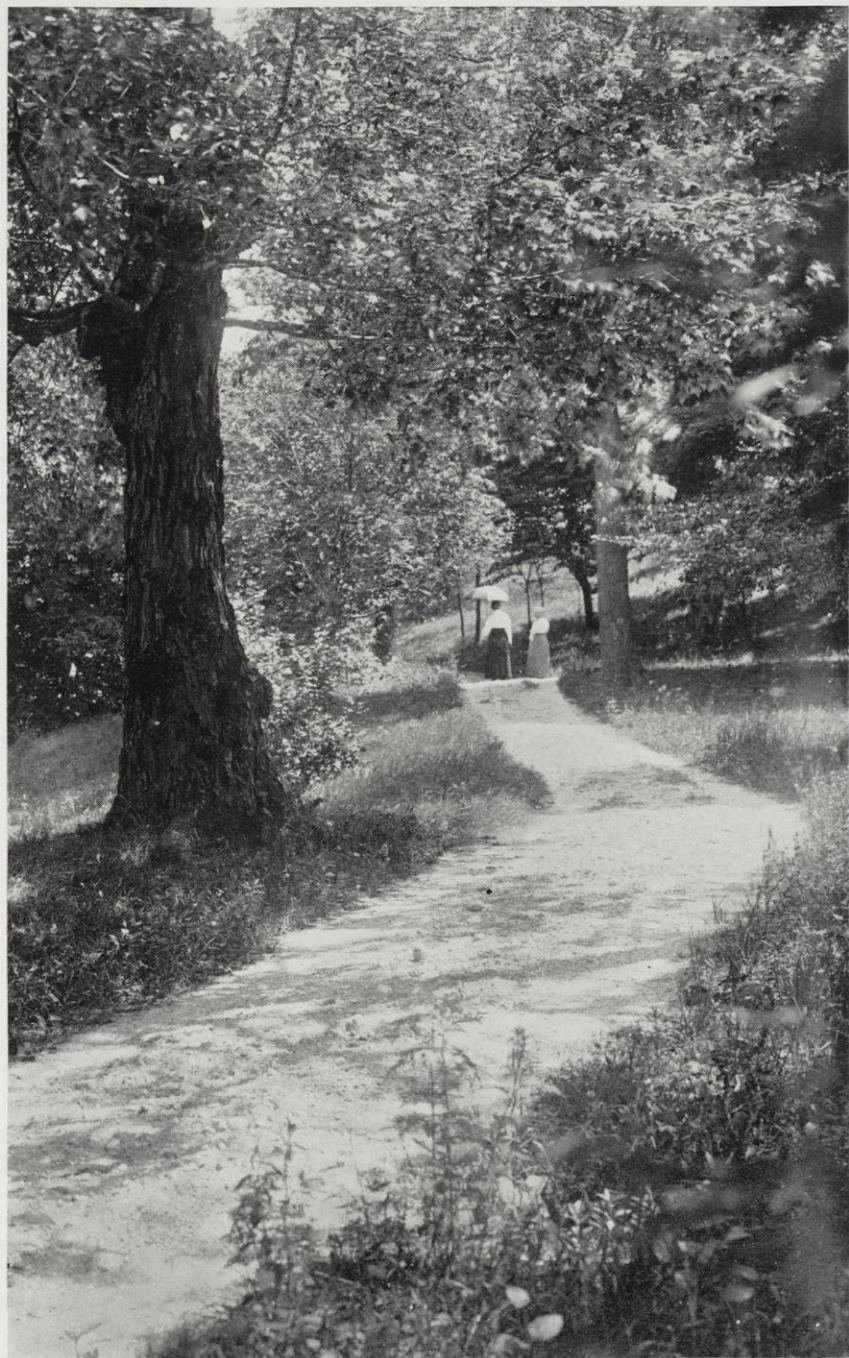












KIEL CEMETERY  
ASSOCIATION  
KIEL, WISCONSIN



1915



*Officers*

GUSTAVE DUECKER . . . . . PRESIDENT  
HENRY GOERES . . . . . SECRETARY  
PHIL. A. MUELLER . . . . . TREASURER

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# History of the Kiel Cemetery

*A Brief Review of the Development of The  
Kiel Cemetery Association*



IN THE year 1856, when a small party of pioneers, consisting of six families, located at a spot on the bank of the Sheboygan River, around which the flourishing little village of Kiel has since been built, Henry F. Belitz, the first of these six settlers and founders, donated to the settlement two acres of land, which were located on a romantically beautiful elevation opposite to the Belitz blockhouse on the other bank of the river, to be used exclusively for burial purposes, and designated the same as his legacy to the community.

Six years later, in the year 1862, the little settlement suffered in the grip of a diphtheria epidemic. Medical science in those days was not as well prepared to combat the danger in such diseases as now, and in a short period this epidemic exacted a toll of seven children's deaths, among which were numbered the two promising young sons of Henry F. Belitz, Franklin, four, and Alfred, two years of age. The above-mentioned burying ground, which at that time might have been fitly termed "The Forest Primeval", became the premature resting place of all the deceased youngsters, and thereafter this spot served a similar purpose in all cases of death, regardless of religious belief or cause of death.

On October 13, 1874, in the home of Wm. Belitz, a brother of the pioneer founder, the first meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association, the following named citizens being present: Frederick Donath, Jacob Ruppenthal, Carl Hanske, Daniel Lindemann, Frederick Mohr, John Voss, Wm. Reseburg, Frederick Griebenow, Henry F. Belitz, Gottfried Lindner, Ferdinand Krieger, John Goettinger, Leonard Harder, Charles Heins and Carl Eller.

The above were all residents of the as-yet-unincorporated village of Kiel, located in the Town of Schleswig, Manitowoc

County, Wis., and, as a result of this meeting, the organization of the proposed association was effected under the name of "The Kiel Cemetery Association," the articles of incorporation were duly prepared and executed, and the following officers were elected:

Frederick Donath, president, and Charles Heins, secretary. Jacob Ruppenthal, Carl Hanske and Daniel Lindemann were also elected as trustees for one year, and Frederick Mohr and Wm. Reseburg as such for three years. The latter were placed in charge of the superintending and administering of the affairs of the newly formed enterprise, and it was further agreed that the annual meetings of the association be held on the first Monday in October of each year. Said articles of incorporation were filed and recorded in the office of John Franz, Register of Deeds of Manitowoc County, at Manitowoc, Wis., at one o'clock p. m., on October 19, 1874, on page sixty-three, volume one of organization. As soon as the association was legally



incorporated in this manner, a deed was executed in its favor by Henry F. Belitz and Helene, his wife, and in this way the organization of "The Kiel Cemetery Association" materialized.

For some years after the first meeting of the association, its administration experienced no changes, nor its affairs any unusual occurrences worthy of mention, and for this reason it was considered superfluous to continue entry of the minutes of the regular meetings, which were held as scheduled on or about the first Monday of October of each year.

The meeting on October 6, 1879, brought the first change of officers, by which Wm. Reseburg was elected president, and August Lindner, secretary. Another matter of importance voted and unanimously agreed upon in this meeting was an increase in the prices of lots, establishing same at \$10.00 and \$15.00, instead of \$5.00 and \$7.50, as formerly.

The next four consecutive annual meetings were held on the following dates:—October 11, 1880, October 3, 1881, October 2, 1882, and October 8, 1883. At the last of these meetings it was decided that the future terms upon which lots of the association were to be sold, would be cash, or credit with good security only. An addition to the officers of the association was also announced in that of a treasurer, and Adolph Mesch was elected. A new president was also elected in the person of John Goettinger.

At the meeting of October 6, 1884, August Koinke was elected to succeed Wm. Reseburg as trustee for a term of three years. The first treasurer's statement was exhibited at this meeting, showing the following financial condition of the association:—

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$32.38
Accounts receivable . . . . .	20.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$52.38</u>

At the next annual meeting, October 5, 1885, John Goettinger and Frederick Donath were re-elected to their respective offices, and the minutes of this meeting record the first allowance of \$15.00 for improvements to the property of the association, same to be made under the supervision of August Koinke.



The meeting of October 8, 1886, resulted in the re-election of Adolph Mesch and August Lindner as trustees for a term of three years. Further improvement of the property was also favored in the erection of a picket fence around the cemetery, this work to be executed by Carl Hanske.

At the meeting of October 17, 1887, Carl Hanske and August Koinke were re-elected as trustees for a further three-year term, and they thereupon arranged for a regular marking-off of the lots in the cemetery by means of cedar posts, this work being awarded to Frederick Donath.

At the meeting of October 8, 1888, Frederick Donath was re-elected as trustee for a term of three years.

Aside of the entry of several bills and receipts on the books of the association, no record of the minutes of the subsequent meetings for a period of twenty-two years seems to have been preserved. Apparently, the business of the association was transacted to the satisfaction of all concerned, and the same set of officers re-elected from year to year.

In the interim, however, the old picket fence on the property had been replaced by one constructed of iron, extending along two sides, from north to south and east to west. This improvement required an investment of \$400.00, and the payment of this item created a deficit in the association treasury of \$250.00. This sum was covered by a note given to August Goerbing, but the debt was liquidated in full within two years from its date.

About this time Ferdinand Krieger and Frederick Donath were succeeded by Henry Goeres and John C. Mueller, the latter to serve as trustee for a term of three years.

It had now become an opportune time to mention a subject, which, on different occasions in the past, had caused the association a great deal of difficulty, and this subject was now brought up for attention. The problem consisted in providing for a convenient and sufficient water supply for maintaining the growth of newly planted trees and shrubs, and for the proper cultivation of flower beds in different parts of the ceme-



tery. To solve this problem, the digging of a well on the property had been frequently proposed and considered, but without any definite action resulting therefrom. In the spring of 1899, therefore, a special meeting was called for the purpose of once more considering this question.

The main purpose of this meeting, then, was to adopt some plan for creating a fund to be used in defraying the cost of constructing a well on the property, thereby providing the means of obtaining the water supply necessary for the purposes previously referred to. Henry Goeres was chosen to act as presiding chairman, Miss Minnie Heins as secretary and J. C. Mueller as treasurer. As assistants in carrying out any such work as might possibly be connected with a course of action yet to be decided upon, the following were elected:

The Mesdames John Duecker, Fred Schubert, Edw. Hollensteiner, Chas. Redeman, Miss Aurora Stier, and the Messrs. Adolph Mesch, Gustave Duecker and Wm. Reseburg.

After due deliberation, it was finally and unanimously agreed that the most promising arrangement, from a standpoint of financial returns to the association, would be to conduct an affair, necessarily at small expense, but permitting of an unlimited opportunity for contribution and participation on the part of the public generally, for the benefit of the good cause to be advanced.

It was then announced that, in the month of October of the same year, namely 1899, a public raffle and dance would be held in the hall of John C. Mueller, under the auspices of the above-mentioned members of "The Kiel Cemetery Association," and their assistants. Tickets were to be sold at the price of fifty cents each, entitling the purchaser to a chance in the raffle (same to be conducted in such manner that every ticket would win a prize) and also to the privilege of taking part in the dance.

In order to assure a sufficient quantity and variety of prizes, a collection was instituted in the community, testing the generosity of village and farm residents alike, and these efforts on the part of the willing delegation of workers were



rewarded beyond expectation, so that there remained no possibility of anyone being disappointed, and the affair could be counted upon as a complete success in advance. The prizes were appropriately placed and exhibited in the hall where the raffle was held, and among the many farm contributions could be named such substantial prizes as hams, spring chickens, pigeons, sacks of grain, vegetables, and even a pair of rabbits, proving thereby the excellent intentions of the donors. The musical part of the program was furnished by the Kiel Arion Orchestra, who, in recognition of the occasion, extended their services at a greatly reduced rate.

When the day of the festival arrived, the presence of an immense attendance was sufficient testimony of the sincere approval with which it was generally regarded, and the liberal treatment accorded to all present by the efficient management assured a feeling of satisfaction, and assisted greatly in maintaining paramount the spirit of sociability and geniality radiated by everyone. Of greatest importance to all, however, appeared the fact that, thanks to their splendid co-operation, the treasury of The Kiel Cemetery Association was enriched by net proceeds from the festival to the amount of about \$400.00. In addition to this munificent sum, the gracious influence of August Jaschob succeeded in persuading the village council, in behalf of the village of Kiel, to donate another sum of fifty dollars for the benefit of the cemetery cause. With this magnificent total gain in the financial resources of the association, the accomplishment of the object labored for became an assured fact.

Anton Schuerle, of Kiel, received the contract for digging the well, and at a depth of 108 feet was enabled to guarantee to the association an unlimited water supply. The unexpected success, however, which had attended the undertaking, and which had even allowed a surplus of several hundred dollars to remain in the treasury after the entire cost of well-digging had been paid, induced the association to venture a step farther in its purpose, and place a contract for the building of a complete waterworks system. This system included the erection of a

tower with water reservoir to a height of forty feet, placed directly over the well, the power for pumping the water to this height being generated by a windmill especially built for the purpose. The placing of hydrants on the property at convenient intervals was also included in the contract, but this part of the work was not completed until about a year later.

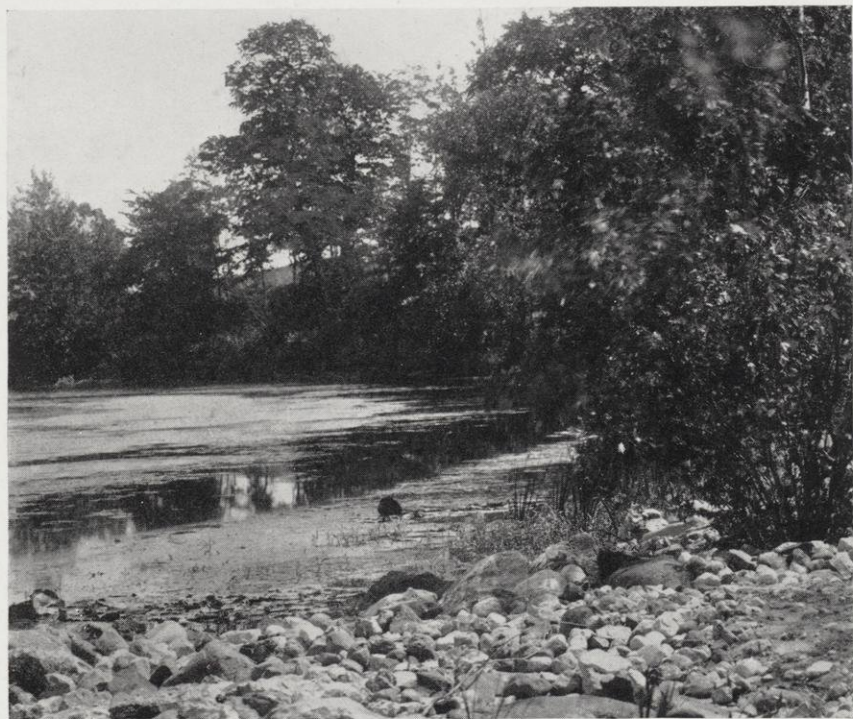
Thus was all future annoyance, caused by a lack of convenient and sufficient water supply, eliminated, and thereafter the refreshed appearance of the ornamental flower beds, shrubbery, and the invitingly shady green lawns was a delight to the eyes of all observers, and, best of all, but little energy and expense was thereafter required to preserve this beautiful appearance of the cemetery. The following year the services of an overseer were engaged for the summer seasons only, and this arrangement has continued to the present day.

Under date of August 22, 1910, a special meeting of The Kiel Cemetery Association was called for the following purposes, namely: The passing of a resolution whereby it was decided that in grateful and appreciative recognition of the great generosity on the part of Henry F. Belitz and his wife, now deceased, in donating the original tract of land which made possible the realization of the first plans formulated to organize the present strong and successful Kiel Cemetery Association, the latter herewith assumed the full responsibility and all of the expense connected with the preservation, care and maintenance of the grave sites of the aforementioned highly-beloved and esteemed donors, this resolution to be recorded as part of the regular minutes on the minute book of the association. At a further vote of the assembly, the secretary was instructed to present a copy of said resolution to the direct survivors of the deceased couple, which mission was promptly fulfilled.

On account of the heavy demand for lots, due greatly to the recently added useful and ornamental improvements, and to the rapid development of the community generally, the number of lots remaining unsold dwindled to only four, and consequently it was decided to acquire by means of purchase a

certain additional three-acre tract of virgin forest, extending along the river bank, and adjoining the west line of the old property. This land was owned by J. B. Laun and A. W. Dassler. For its natural beauty and its complete harmony with the old cemetery grounds, as well as for its purpose as a peaceful and dignified resting place for the community's dead, no more ideal selection could have been made for an addition to the holdings of the association.

To remove any possibility of losing the opportunity of securing ownership of this tract, the officers of the association, consisting, at this period, of Gustave Duecker, president, Henry Goeres, secretary, Ph. A. Mueller, treasurer, and August Jaschob, the Misses Minnie Heins and Anna Mesch, trustees, decided to call a special meeting for the final consideration and action upon this particular matter. This meeting is recorded as having been held under date of October 7, 1910. A committee, composed of Frederick Schubert, August Jaschob,



Phil. A. Mueller and Gustave Duecker, was appointed to enter into negotiations with the aforementioned J. B. Laun and A. W. Dassler, joint owners, with the object of effecting a purchase of the tract of land in question, and this committee obligated itself to render its report at a further special meeting to be held at an early date following. In this respect the committee was soon prepared, and the next special meeting was held on November 4, 1910. It was then reported that the price asked for the tract of land under consideration was \$830.00. This price being satisfactory to the association, immediate steps were taken to bring about an early close of the transaction.

The land being located within the limits of the incorporated village of Kiel, the secretary was instructed to ascertain what legal steps would be required of the association in this case. Another special meeting was necessary to finally dispose of these matters. This meeting was called for December 8, 1910, at which time the officers decided to make a cash payment of \$630.00 on the land, and execute a note for one year for the balance of \$200.00. These terms were offered to the owners of the tract in question and accepted, and on December 10, 1910, a warranty deed applying on the new addition to the cemetery was delivered to the association, same being recorded on December 13, 1910, at 9.20 o'clock a. m., in the office of Chas. A. Streich, Register of Deeds of Manitowoc County, at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, in Volume 97 of Deeds, Page 125.

The spring and summer season of the year 1911 presented the first opportunity of transforming sections of the newly acquired piece of woodland from its uncultivated, virgin state into additional cemetery grounds. This work consisted of removing all dead wood, underbrush, stones and other unsightly accumulation of any kind which nature had left undisturbed perhaps for ages, and on the other hand bestow the necessary attention and care for the preservation of all such natural growth and vegetation as had a tendency to increase the beauty and attractiveness of the place. Such artificial improvements as suggested themselves in the course of the work, were added,

as, for instance, gravel paths and roadways facilitating more convenient and comfortable travel and strolls for recreation; winding, romantic trails along the beautiful river bank with unexpected little clearings of grassy places inviting the intruder to pause and rest awhile—all these efforts of the able landscape decorators contributing greatly to the already idyllic, natural embellishments of the cemetery grounds.

A far better idea of the wonderful bits of scenery permitted by the Creator to survive for the benefit of mankind in this little area of cemetery park, can be gained from the accompanying artistic photographs in this booklet, which speak, in a silent but far more expressive and universal language, those thoughts which the limited vocabulary of the writer finds impossible to convey. For young and old, desirous of rest and repose, whether in this life or in that of the Hereafter, the sun does not shine on a lovelier spot than this little cemetery overlooking the banks of the Sheboygan River, of which the entire community is justly proud.

On July 21, 1913, the last real estate purchase by the association to date of this writing was made in the matter of a strip of land acquired from John Klauck for the sum of \$100.00, and of the following description: Ten feet in width by two hundred feet in length, partly adjoining the west line of the original two-acre tract, and also adjacent to one line of the new addition, this strip of land having been used for service purposes by the association during the entire fifty-year period of cultivation of the cemetery proper. Under the customary intelligent supervision of the board of trustees, with an outlay of but little labor and expense, this rather unattractive natural border of the cemetery was transformed into a pretty walk, lined with evergreen and shade trees in harmony with the older sections, realizing thereby the final ambitions of the association in this direction.

In March, 1915, the financial statement of the Kiel Cemetery Association showed no liabilities, and a surplus of \$700.00 in the treasury, which has already been contemplated as forming the nucleus of a fund designated for the erection of a

crematorium, although no definite action has as yet been taken in this regard.

As a fitting and due tribute to be tendered at this time, and as a recognition of the co-operation accorded them, the officers and board of trustees of "The Kiel Cemetery Association," who during these latter years remained the same in personnel, desire to extend a vote of thanks, in the name of the association, to all the good people who have so liberally contributed their support, their valuable time and untiring energy to the purpose of advancing the work of the association, and this gratitude is especially due the members of the Kiel Frauen-verein who have never failed in extending a helping hand on all occasions, and who, as the latest act of generosity on their part, have also subscribed the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of regenerating this history and presenting same to its readers in this most attractively illustrated and complete form.

Signed, this second day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen:

GUSTAVE DUECKER, President.

HENRY GOERES, Secretary.

PHIL. A. MUELLER, Treasurer.

AUGUST JASCHOB,

MISS MINNIE HEINS,

MISS ANNA MESCH,

Board of Trustees.

J. B. LAUN,

CHAS. J. MEISELWITZ,

MISS MINNIE HEINS,

Executive Committee.



# By-Laws, Rules and Regulations

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## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

This association shall be known as the KIEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION. The Cemetery grounds of this Association shall be known as the "Kiel Cemetery".

### ARTICLE II

The Association shall consist of the owners of a family burial lot in the Cemetery, and no person shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting or hold an elective office who has not paid in full for his or her lot or lots.

### ARTICLE III

The Board of Trustees shall consist of six members of the Association, who shall be residents of Manitowoc, Calumet or Sheboygan Counties, Wisconsin, and any Trustee removing from said Counties forfeits his office.

### ARTICLE IV

The annual meeting of the Association for the election of Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year in the Village of Kiel, subject to call issued by Trustees. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE V

At each annual meeting there shall be elected two Trustees, who shall serve three years each, or until their successors are elected. The election of Trustees shall be by ballot without nomination, and every person of full age, who is a member of the Association, shall be entitled to one vote.

### ARTICLE VI

If such annual election shall not be held on the day as provided in Article IV, the Trustees, or a majority of them shall, within twenty days thereafter, appoint another day for holding such election, which day shall not be more than sixty days after said first Tuesday in May, and the Secretary shall give public notice of the time and place of holding said election in the same manner as provided in Article IV for giving notice of the annual meeting, and the terms of office of the Trustees chosen at such election shall expire at the same time they would have done on the day fixed for the annual meeting.

### ARTICLE VII

In case of a vacancy occurring in any of the offices between any two annual meetings, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII

A special meeting of the Association may be called by the President, or upon the request of three of the Board of Trustees.



#### ARTICLE IX

The officers of said organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of said officers shall be a resident of one of said counties, and shall be elected at the annual meeting of said Association, and hold their offices for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

The Board may at any time appoint any other officer or agent, define his duties and fix his compensation.

#### ARTICLE X

The Board of Trustees shall meet for transaction of business on call of President or of any two Trustees at some place to be designated in said call.

#### ARTICLE XI

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Trustees, regulate their proceedings, preserve order and have a casting vote. He shall appoint the Committees, unless otherwise directed by the members. He shall sign all Certificates of Ownership made by the Association. He shall see that all laws, rules and regulations relating to the Cemetery are faithfully observed.

#### ARTICLE XII

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, discharge all his duties.



### ARTICLE XIII

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees and of all meetings of the Association, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of any member of the Association, and shall be considered the property of the Association.

He shall give notices of the annual and all other meetings.

### ARTICLE XIV

The Treasurer shall have charge of all books appertaining to the Treasurer's office and charge of all funds, and pay same out only by consent of Board of Trustees, on order signed by President and Secretary.

### ARTICLE XV

All conveyances of burial lots shall be under the seal of the Association, attested by the President and Secretary. They shall be made subject to the conditions and limitations and with the privileges specified in the rules and regulations that are now in force, or that shall, from time to time, be adopted by the Board of Trustees for the regulation and government of the Cemetery.

### ARTICLE XVI

The Board of Trustees shall at each annual meeting make a report to the members of their doings, and of the management and condition of the property and concerns of the Association.

### ARTICLE XVII

These by-laws may be enlarged, altered or amended at any meeting of the Association, the members thereof having been duly notified for that purpose, and three-fourths of the members present voting for said alteration or amendment.

### ARTICLE XVIII

All moneys willed or given to the Association shall constitute a separate fund, and shall be invested in safe securities to the best of advantage to the Association, and shall only be used by the Association in the manner provided for by the donor, and all expenditures shall be under the control of the Trustees.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### *Secretary*

SECTION I. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all conveyances of lots in the grounds of the Association, containing the number of the lots conveyed, to whom and when conveyed, and the price paid for the same.

He shall keep a record, as carefully and correctly as may be, of all interments in the Cemetery, which record shall show the name, age, nativity, late residence, whether married or unmarried, cause of death, date and place of burial. Upon the expiration of his term of office, or when his successor shall have been appointed and qualified, he shall deliver to the Board of Trustees or to his successors in office, all records, documents or property then in his possession belonging to the Association.

## *Treasurer*

SEC. II. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and render to the Board of Trustees statements thereof monthly and at such times as the Board may require.

He shall have charge of all collections and accounts due the Association, and shall make a detail statement of the same to the Trustees at least once a month.

He shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum as the Board of Trustees may determine. His books shall be audited by a committee once a year, and the auditing committee report to the Board of Trustees. Upon the expiration of his term of office, or when his successor shall have been elected and qualified, he shall, on demand of the Board of Trustees, pay over to the Board of Trustees, or to his successor in office, all moneys belonging to the Association, and deliver to the Board of Trustees all securities, records, books, vouchers, or other papers then in his possession, belonging to or relating to the business of the Association.

## *The Superintendent*

SEC. III. The Superintendent shall have the care and custody of the Cemetery grounds and of all buidings and property thereon.

With the consent of the Board of Trustees, he shall have sole power to employ and discharge all workmen on the grounds, and to order and arrange their respective duties.



He shall make all sales of lots, but payment thereof must be made to the Treasurer.

He shall have charge of all improvements and keeping of lots in order, interring and removing the remains of persons, the building of foundations for vaults, tombs, monuments, headstones, etc., set all cornerstones and landmarks in their proper places: Provided, That no disinterment or disturbance of the remains of any person buried in the Cemetery shall ever be made without the consent in writing of three of the Board, which shall be filed in the office of the Secretary; but this proviso shall not apply to the removal of the remains of any person from one part of the Cemetery to another part, which shall be made by him on the Secretary's order.

He shall be subject to the direction of the Board of Trustees, and shall take note of all matters coming under his observation, which may be of importance or interest to the Cemetery Association for future reference, and present the same to the Board, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may require from time to time.

He shall preserve an inventory and keep in good order all personal property, furniture, animals, wagons, tools, etc., used in the Cemetery and belonging to the Association, and present an annual statement thereof to the Board of Trustees.

He shall be accountable, only, to the Board of Trustees for the faithful performance of his duties. Upon the expiration of his term of office, or when his successor shall have been appointed and qualified, he shall deliver to the Board of Trustees or to his successor in office, all property then in his possession or under his control belonging to the Association.

## PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS OF LOT OWNERS

### *Cornerstones*

SEC. IV. The landmarks or cornerstones indicating the boundaries of the lots will be set even with the surface of the ground by the Superintendent at the expense of the lot owners, and the same shall not be altered or removed.

### *Lot Enclosures*

SEC. V. No fence, coping, or enclosure of any kind, will be permitted on burial lots.

### *Objectionable Ornaments and Fixtures*

SEC. VI. The Board of Trustees have no wish unnecessarily to interfere with the taste of individuals in regard to the style of their improvements, but in justice to the interest of the Association, they reserve to themselves the right given them by law of preventing or removing any structure or object which they shall deem injurious to the general good appearance of the grounds and, particularly, adjoining lots. Glass cases, artificial flowers, toys, boxes, shells and similar articles on a lot, are inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds, and will not be permitted.

### *Grades*

SEC. VII. All grading or improving of lots, and all excavations for vaults, foundations or any purpose, must be done under the supervision of the Board of Trustees and Superintendent.

## *Planting*

SEC. VIII. No person will be allowed to plant on graves or lots without the consent of the Superintendent.

## *Running Vines, Etc.*

SEC. IX. Running vines or hardy spreading plants on graves are in the way in the proper care of lots, and the Association reserves the right to remove such when found objectionable.

## *Unfilled Vases*

SEC. X. Unfilled vases or unsightly objects will not be allowed to remain on the lots after June 15th, but will be removed to the tool house and held subject to the order of the owner.

## *Planting Trees and Shrubbery*

SEC. XI. The Superintendent will plant trees and shrubs in accordance with the general plan for the ornamentation and embellishment of the grounds. No additional planting by the proprietors of lots will be permitted, except by consent of the Superintendent. To prevent injury to monuments and adjoining lots, and to preserve the beauty of the ground, no trees shall be planted on lots, nor any trees or shrubs be cut down, removed or trimmed, without permission of the Superintendent or the Board of Trustees. Such work must be done under the supervision of the Superintendent.

## *Removal of Trees, Etc.*

SEC. XII. If any tree or shrub standing on any lot shall by means of its roots, branches, or otherwise, become detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, or interfere with the general design, the Superintendent shall have the right, and it shall be his duty, to remove such tree or shrub or any part thereof as in his judgment may seem best.

## *Monuments, Mausoleums and Vaults*

SEC. XIII. Monuments, mausoleums and vaults may be permitted, provided a design of the same be first submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees.

## *Headstones*

SEC. XIV. Gravestones or marks must be placed at the head or foot of the grave, and shall not be more than two feet in height from the surface of the ground nor less than six inches in thickness. They must be placed on foundations not less than four feet deep and not less than twelve inches square, unless the stone be a single piece, in which case a depth of three feet below the surface of the ground shall be sufficient, except as modified in Sec. No. 15.

No gravestone or mark can be set in a socket.

SEC. XV. In Sections 6 and 8, being sections set apart for single interments, no monument, headstone or marker erected shall exceed two feet in height from the ground.

Whenever lots are sufficiently large to admit of foundations, they are required to be of the same dimensions and depth as described in Sec. 14 of these rules, and where the space is insufficient for foundations, all such monuments and markers must be set on a flagstone of sufficient strength to support the same and of the following dimensions, viz: Adults, three feet eight inches in length, the width not to exceed that of the base stone over six inches of such monuments or headstones, and not less than four inches in thickness.

Children, two feet nine inches in length, width according to the base stone, as above, and not less than four inches thick. All such work must be approved by the Superintendent before erection.

Granite is recommended as the best and most durable material for grave marks and monuments.

### *Removal for Inscription, Etc.*

SEC. XVI. When any monument or headstone is to be removed or any inscription to be made thereon, the owner of the lot, or his or her representative, must apply to the Superintendent in person, or by written order giving authority.

### *Reparation of Monuments*

SEC. XVII. The reparation of monuments and other structures on a lot can be provided for only by special contract, in each case, with the Board of Trustees.

### *Footstones*

SEC. XVIII. No footstones will be allowed in any part of the Cemetery.

### *Foundations*

SEC. XIX. Foundations shall be made at least as large as the bottom base or first masonry course above ground, but the Cemetery Association reserves the right to require a larger foundation, when, in their estimation, the weight of the structure requires it.

### *Contractors*

SEC. XX. The first course of masonry above the foundation, and all monuments and other bases, must be bedded off to an equal thickness, as no building up or underpinning with chips, spalls, cement or other material will be allowed. All monument bases must be set in a bed of cement or mortar evenly covering the foundation.

Persons engaged in erecting vaults, monuments, or other structures, are prohibited from attaching ropes to the trees, shrubs or other objects, without permission from the Cemetery authorities.

Workmen must not scatter material over adjoining lots, or leave the same on the ground any longer than is absolutely necessary, but in all cases must proceed and act in accordance with the rules of the Cemetery.

Obstructions to the avenues incidental to improvements of all kinds must be as slight as possible, and there must be no unnecessary delay in finishing after work has been commenced.

In order to protect the paths and grass from injury, planks must be laid on them when heavy material is to be moved over them.

Contractors and others having work in the Cemetery must make known their business to the Superintendent, and get his consent before work is commenced. All workmen in any capacity within the confines of the Cemetery, whether as masons, stonecutters, erectors, gardeners, carters, or helpers, are subject to the direction and control of the management. Workmen who do not regard the regulation and proprieties of the place cannot, in the future, be admitted to work in the Cemetery.

Soliciting work in the Cemetery, or placing business cards upon lots, is prohibited.

Lot owners will be held responsible for any injury or damage done by any contractor or workman engaged in the work upon their lots, either to the grounds or property of the Association, or of any proprietor, and for the removal of any rubbish that may be made in doing the work, and for any charges for work done by the Association.

### *Care of Lots*

SEC. XXI. All family lots and single graves will be sodded and given general care by the Association when requested at a nominal charge. Roads, grass and walks will be kept in good condition, and trees and shrubbery pruned, when necessary, but extra care or work, such as resodding of grass, cultivating or watering flowers, will only be done at the expense of the lot owner.



### *Special Care of Lots*

SEC. XXII. When special care of lots is desired, the same can be had at a reasonable price for each season. Orders for the same should be in writing, and left with the Superintendent or the Secretary.

### *Sale of Lots*

SEC. XXIII. The Treasurer or Superintendent will show the various lots that are ready for sale, and when a selection is made, and purchase money paid to the Treasurer, a deed from this Association will be issued and delivered by the Treasurer. When a lot is held by two or more persons, they are regarded as but one owner, and will have but one vote, and no lot shall be subdivided except by order of the Board of Trustees.

No lots will be regarded as sold until fully paid for. No promissory notes shall be taken in payment thereof unless secured and after the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Purchasers of lots acquire the privilege of burial and the perpetual repose of their dead. They should designate what persons they want buried on the family lot and their relationship to owner. They are the proprietors of the Cemetery, and by their votes in the election of Trustees they control the government of the Association. Any person may become a member of the Association by becoming the owner of one or more Cemetery lots, as the same shall be laid off by the Board of Trustees, but no member shall have more than one vote.

The joint purchase of a lot is not recommended, but when it occurs, the Board of Trustees, on application in writing, if deemed expedient, may allow a transfer duly executed by either owner to the other, but to no other persons. No transfer is valid until entered on the Cemetery records, nor will it be recognized by the Association unless approved by the Board of Trustees.

### *Sale of Lots by Lot Owners*

SEC. XXIV. Sale of lots by lot owners cannot be permitted. The receipts of the Cemetery for lots being the principal means for the purchase of land and the improvement and perpetual care of the grounds, a competitive interest of lot holders would conflict with the interests of the Association. The grounds are exempt from taxation and liability of lot owners for debt.

### *Subdivision of Lots*

SEC. XXV. The subdivision of lots by lot owners is not allowed.

### *Decease of Owners*

SEC. XXVI. On the decease of any owner or part owner of a lot in the Cemetery, the heirs or devisees of such decedent must file in the office of the Association full proof of their heirship or proprietorship, for the purpose of being duly recorded in the books of the Association. Without such proof and record, the right to the lot cannot be recognized by the Association or its officers.

### *Fees*

SEC. XXVII. No money shall be paid to any workmen or attendants on the grounds except by the Superintendent or Treasurer, who will furnish a receipt for all moneys paid.



SEC. XXVIII. Until all charges due the Cemetery Association are paid, burials are not allowed in any lot, and, if they should be permitted before the lot is fully paid for, the Association retains the right of ownership in the lot; and in case the party contracting for the purchase of the same fails to pay the full amount due thereon, the Association may, after waiting one year, at its discretion proceed to remove the bodies buried therein to some other suitable place in the grounds, on a portion set apart for single graves, or to a smaller lot, at the expense of the purchaser of such lot, for their burial, and such new assignment, or place of burial, shall be in full for all money paid on the lot contracted for, the same having been forfeited by reason of failure to complete the purchase.

### *Re-opening Graves*

SEC. XXIX. In consequence of frequent complaints, as well as for sanitary reasons, graves shall not be re-opened for re-inspection after one week's interment, except for official investigation. The consent in writing of at least three Trustees must be obtained, stating some imperative reason therefor, before the Secretary can have authority to issue such an order.

### *Charges for Interment*

SEC. XXX. All interment fees must be paid to the Superintendent or Treasurer on obtaining permit, and no interment will be allowed until paid for. For price, see Treasurer or Superintendent.

## RULES REGARDING BURIALS, ETC.

### *Laws to be Complied With*

SEC. XXXI. No burial will be permitted in the Cemetery until such laws regarding burials as may be in force in the State of Wisconsin have been complied with, and until the burial fees have been paid.

### *Who Allowed Burial on Lots*

SEC. XXXII. No burial other than the known family of a lot proprietor will be allowed on any lot in the Cemetery, except on written permission of such lot owner, filed in the office of the Association, and no lot owner will be allowed to dispose of any grave or graves on his or her lots for a remuneration.

### *Notice to be Given for Graves*

SEC. XXXIII. Twenty-four hours' notice for graves must be given to the Secretary or Superintendent, otherwise the management cannot guarantee to have them ready, and in all cases the box must be either sent at once to the grounds, or the exact size be left with the Superintendent.

### *Drivers*

SEC. XXXIV. Carriage drivers and others employed at funerals must always keep to the right on the avenues, and remain near their respective vehicles during the funeral ceremonies; nor will they be allowed to turn their vehicles on the avenues, but drive round the section on the way out of the Cemetery, and otherwise observe the rules and regulations thereof.

### *Diagram of Lot*

SEC. XXXV. Every lot holder should have a diagram on the back of his or her deed or other convenient place for reference, and mark every interment thereon. This method will enable them to point out the precise location for each grave without going to the grounds, and thus prevent misunderstanding and mistakes which occur from an imperfect description of location. One interment only should be made in the same grave, unless at a great depth or when necessity seems to require it.

### *Children*

SEC. XXXVI. Children under ten years of age will not be admitted to the Cemetery unless accompanied by their parents or guardians.

### *Refreshments*

SEC. XXXVII. No person will be permitted to bring refreshments into the Cemetery.

### *Shooting and Firearms*

SEC. XXXVIII. Shooting will not be allowed, and no firearms will be permitted within the grounds except at military funerals.

### *Driving and Hitching*

SEC. XXXIX. No vehicle will be allowed to pass through the grounds at a rate exceeding six miles an hour, and no one is permitted to drive on the grass or walks.

Horses must not be left without a driver unless safely fastened.

Every person driving in the Cemetery shall be responsible for any damage done by him or by the animals in his charge, or by machines. No heavy traffic will be allowed on the grounds.

### *Picking Flowers*

SEC. XL. All persons are prohibited under penalty of the law from picking any flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking any tree, shrub or plant, or marring or defacing any monument or stone, or any structure within the Cemetery.

### *Dogs*

SEC. XLI. Dogs running at large will not be permitted in the Cemetery.

### *Disturbers of the Peace*

SEC. XLII. All persons disturbing the quiet and good order of the place by noise or improper conduct will be expelled from the grounds. Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and a strict observance of all that is proper in a place so dedicated will be required of all who visit it.

Some of the foregoing rules may appear arbitrary; they are, however, no more so than those adopted and strictly enforced by the best cemeteries

in the country. For the proper management of a first-class cemetery, like The Kiel Cemetery Association, they are a necessity. They are for the protection of every lot owner and grave.

“Touch nothing that does not belong to you”.

This is the only safe rule to adopt in visiting the Cemetery, where the temptation for picking flowers, etc., is so great.

### TAKE NOTICE

Many people are desirous of granting bequests or gifts to the Association in their last will and testament, and for the information of donors we submit the following paragraph, which can be inserted in your will (fixing the amount).

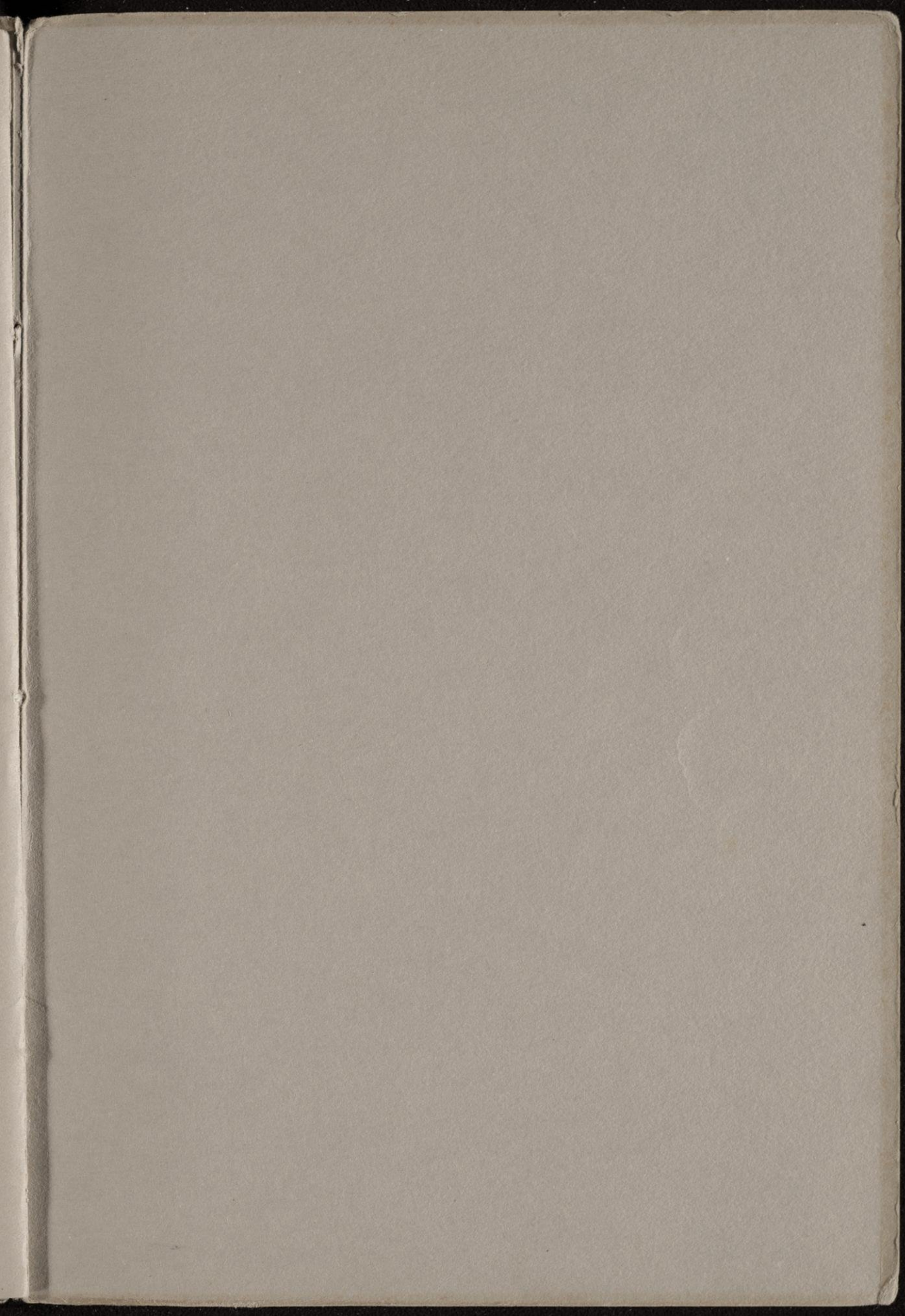
I give and bequeath to The Kiel Cemetery Association of Kiel, Wisconsin (a corporation) the sum of ..... Dollars, to be invested by the proper officers of said Association, and the interest derived from said investment shall be expended yearly for the beautifying of my family lot and the grounds of said Association. Said income to be expended by the trustees of said Association for ..... years, after which period said principal sum shall become the absolute property of the Association.













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