

CEMETERY LOCATIONS

Look for our Ohio Historical Society signs!



Old Cemetery (1888-1922) is located on the north side of Arlington Avenue and west of South Detroit Avenue, behind Bowsher High School, where there are 907 burials.

New Cemetery (1922-1973) is located on the University of Toledo Health Science Campus, east of East Campus Drive, where there are 1087 burials.

Land transfers occurring in the 1960s and 1980s resulted in both cemeteries coming under the ownership of the University of Toledo Medical Center.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS ON THE HISTORY OF THE HOSPITAL AND CEMETERIES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



For information about the hospital and cemeteries, and opportunities to volunteer and donate, contact www.toledostatehospitalcemetery.org

For historical stories and anecdotes about the hospital and cemeteries, contact www.facebook.com/ToledoStateHospitalCemeteries



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TOLEDO STATE HOSPITAL CEMETERY RECLAMATION PROJECT



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HOSPITAL HISTORY

Toledo State Hospital was opened on January 6, 1888, as The Toledo Asylum for the Insane, in an effort to increase local care for Northwest Ohioans with behavioral disorders. Options before that time were limited to distant state hospitals, jails, or over-crowded county facilities.



The hospital grew quickly, as did its reputation as a beautiful facility that was based on the new cottage-plan concept of creating a treatment community that encouraged freedom from isolation and restraint. Care was provided for those dealing not only with mental illness. But also for those with behavioral issues resulting from addictions, physical and emotional injuries, neurological and medical conditions, and age-related changes. Toledo State Hospital had its highest census of over 4,000 patients in the 1950's. Although the old campus was demolished prior to the 1990's, the State of Ohio continues to provide psychiatric

services in one building on the corner of the original campus, as Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital, with a 124 bed capacity.

For burial list,
information on volunteering, and
presentations, visit our Website and
Facebook page!!!

CEMETERY RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

Organized in 2005, our committee of volunteers began working to honor those buried in the TSH cemeteries. We welcome both short and long term volunteers to help

- *Develop short and long-range planning*
- *Restore and maintain the cemeteries*
- *Record and share hospital history*
- *Conduct genealogical studies*
- *Research historic documents*
- *Help families locate lost ancestors*
- *Honor those buried in TSH Cemeteries*

Volunteer Opportunities Exist For:

Scouts and Schools
College Level Research
Churches and Youth Groups
Community Service Groups
Social Service Agencies
Medical/Behavioral Service Providers

THE CEMETERIES

There are 1,994 known burials of patients in the Toledo State Hospital Cemeteries, which makes it the largest state hospital cemetery in Ohio. Graves are marked only with numbered cement bricks that indicate the order of burial. Documents match each burial number with a name, and additional patient information may be available to family members and researchers. Restoration efforts continue to raise many burial markers that had been lost underground after decades of neglect. Monetary and labor donations have sponsored several memorials, and volunteers work to provide government burial markers for veterans. There are plentiful opportunities for new volunteers to help honor those who pave the way for the many advances in psychiatric and medical care that exist today.

