

GLENWOOD CEMETERY

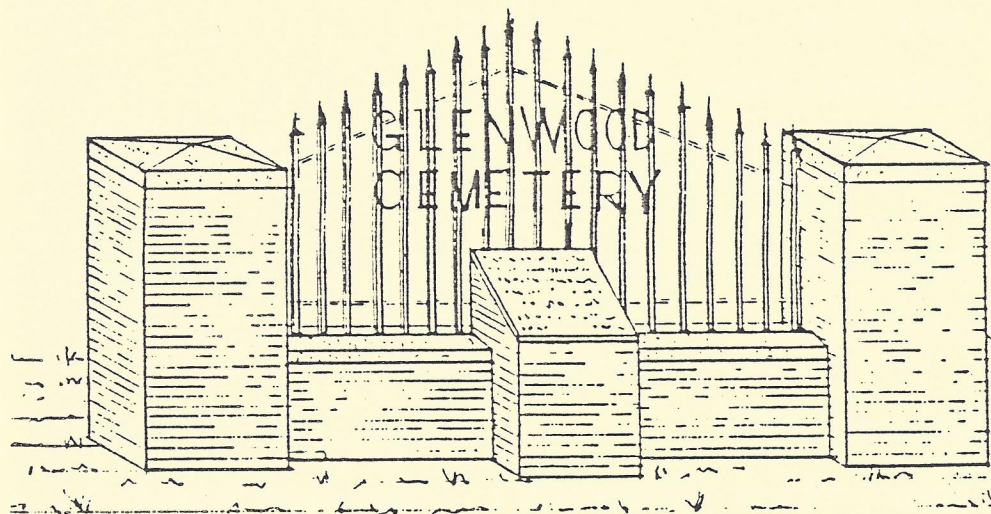
This cemetery was the original burial place for the first settlers of the Collinsville community. It was donated by the first settler, William B. Collins. Since there were no city officials then, it was deeded to the care of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. The first worship service of that church was held in a frame house erected in 1818. The first burial in 1820 was a worker on the farm of Peter Johnson named, Michael Squires. Mr. Collins and Mr. Johnson walked out on this ridge and decided on the location of the first grave. For a number of years, it was the only cemetery in Collinsville; hence, people of all religions, nationalities, and races are buried here. In 1849 there were forty deaths of cholera in forty-two days. One was a stage driver who died enroute. Another epidemic in 1918, this time flu, filled many additional graves. Among those were Mrs. Fred Beidler who had traveled to Washington to plead with Abraham Lincoln for the release of her ill husband from duty in the Civil War.

Glenwood is the resting place of many veterans. The first was a Revolutionary War soldier, William B. Collins. Also, there are ninety Civil War Veterans which included seven Black soldiers, one Confederate, and one Congressional Medal of Honor winner, 1st Lt. N. S. McKeen, 21st Vol. Illinois Infantry. In addition, there are four veterans of the Mexican War, three Spanish-American War, three Black Hawk War veterans, plus many from World I and II. Among the notables buried here was Arthur Fletcher, coach of the New York Yankees.

This is Glenwood Cemetery, original burial ground of the Collinsville Community. Once they lived, but now as the poet has said: "Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."
Here where they sleep, it is hallowed ground.

ERECTED BY TRUSTEES - FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 29, 1989

(Inscription on plaque dedicated today.)



**Original Burial Ground
of
Collinsville Community
Since 1822**

DEDICATION SERVICE
GLENWOOD CEMETERY

May 28, 1989

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Lloyd E. Shaw

Psalm 90

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Genesis 23:1-9; 17-20
John 19:38-42

MEDITATION

"Our Christian Dead" Dr. Lloyd E. Shaw

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mrs. Marie Quinlan
"For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest"

COMMUNITY VOICE

Mr. Irving Dilliard

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mayor Gene Brombolich

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

Mr. Blaine Markland,
Chairman, Board of Trustees

LITANY OF DEDICATION

LEADER: For the strength of body and mind which
permits us to come here today to honor
our departed loved ones;

PEOPLE: We thank You, O Lord.

LEADER: For those who have "run the race, finished
the course, and kept the faith";

PEOPLE: We thank You, O Lord.

LEADER: For those who have given of their time, tal-
ents, and money that this hallowed place be
set aside and preserved as the resting place
of our forefathers:

PEOPLE: We thank You, O Lord.

LEADER: For the improvements which have been under-
written and the pledges which have been made
to continue the perpetual care of this cem-
etery;

PEOPLE: We thank You, O Lord.

LEADER: For the assurance that the grave is not the
end of life, but only a necessary stage to
the life triumphant through Jesus Christ our
Lord;

PEOPLE: We thank You, O Lord.

LEADER: Knit us through memory to those of the past
who have lived among us, and inspire us to
noble endeavors in the future, that we might
faithfully carry on the torch which has been
passed to us, through Christ our Lord we
pray. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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You are invited to a reception to be held
immediately following this service in West-
minster Hall, First United Presbyterian Church.