

Rosemond Grove Cemetery - Lincoln the Orator



Lincoln. See passages marked.

Abraham Lincoln Statue

Just 3.5 miles west of Pana lies the village of Rosemond, where Civil War Captain Kitchell and his father owned land. He donated acreage around the cemetery to be farmed and the profits used to support the cemetery.

The gate at the entrance was donated by Mary Little Kitchell in memory of her father. The Kitchells are at rest here. Before his death in 1903, Kitchell commissioned the famous artist Charles Mulligan to cast a statue of his leader, Abraham Lincoln. The massive statue of Lincoln rises 18 feet above the highest point of the moraine and is the only known depiction of Lincoln with his hand raised. It was placed in the cemetery on a high round hill, where one could look east and see Pana and look Southeast and see the Illinois prairie and the second-highest point in Illinois, Williamsburg Hill.

Beneath the statue is two canons, the smaller of which, was named and christened by Lincoln himself as the "Mary Lincoln". The canon was built for the men of the Rosemond Militia and was taken to Springfield for Lincoln's blessing





SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Dedicated October 29, 1903.

In memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors and of their
Beloved Commander-in-Chief
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Presented by JOHN W. AND MARY F. KITCHELL.

ROSEMOND GROVE
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

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KERR'S PRINTING HOUSE.
Pana, Illinois.
1905.

Rosemond Grove Cemetery Association,

ORGANIZED - - - - - 1856

RE-INCORPORATED - - - - - 1903

Officers, 1905.

President,

R. J. McAFEE.

Secretary and Treasurer,

W. O. WILCOX.

DIRECTORS,

C. G. RICHARDS, E. A. HAWKES,

S. R. WEAVER.

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VIEW OF CEMETERY ENTRANCE,

Historical Sketch.

BY L. PARSONS.

The village of Rosemond, Christian County, Illinois, on the line of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, four miles west of the city of Pana, was settled in 1856 by a colony of Massachusetts people, who immediately established a Church and School.

No Cemetery was located until 1863, when the following named persons met and organized a Cemetery Association under the then existing laws of the State, viz: B. Smith, L. Parsons, D. Paine, G. G. Holmes, W. P. Warner, B. R. Hawley, B. E. Warner, John Putnam, B. F. Adams, C. A. Cragin, D. N. Harwood, W. A. Schermerhorn, A. C. Vandewater, E. S. Hill, and M. D. Seward; at which meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted, with the following

PREAMBLE.

“We, the citizens of Rosemond and vicinity, feeling it a duty to provide for a suitable resting place for the dead, do hereby associate ourselves together, and agree to abide by the following Constitution and By-Laws:”

But as the constitution and by-laws then adopted have since been merged into new ones they are here omitted.

After the adoption of the constitution the Association proceeded to the election of officers. L. Parsons was elected President, M. D. Seward, Treasurer, and A. C. Vandewater, W. A. Schermerhorn and B. Smith, Directors.

The Association then instructed the Directors to purchase a beautiful mound in Bell's Grove, one and three-fourths miles south-east of the village of Rosemond, containing ten acres.

After the meeting adjourned, the Directors at once secured the tract, paying therefor forty dollars per acre. A plat of the ground, laid out into burial lots was soon made and the lots offered for sale at ten dollars a lot, to raise money to pay for the land and for fencing the same. There came a hard struggle to clear the ground of trees, hazel-brush and briars which had full possession, as the Association had no funds on hand, and but for the energetic efforts of the Officers and a few faithful friends, all without any compensation, the attempt would have been a failure.

At the annual meeting in 1864 the same officers were re-elected. At the annual meeting in 1865, O. M. Hawkes was chosen a Director and served in that capacity for thirty years. At a called meeting April 2, 1867, L. Parsons was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and filled that office for thirty-six years, when he resigned on account of ill-health. In 1874 Robert Little was elected a Director and served in that capacity for thirteen years, to the close of his life; during that period, through his ability and aid the Cemetery grounds were wonderfully improved. In 1878, C. G. Richards was elected a Director, and has held that office until the present time with untiring service. B. E. Warner, Moses Hutchins, J. B. Waddington, W. O. Wilcox, E. A. Hawkes, P. L. Dodge, and S. R. Weaver have served as Directors with ability for shorter periods of time.

In the year 1901, Mrs. J. W. Kitchell presented as a memorial to her father, the late Robert Little, who in his life time had

been very active in the interests of the Cemetery, a beautiful metallic Gateway for the Cemetery entrance, which has added not a little to the convenience and attractiveness of the grounds.

In 1903 the Association re-organized and became incorporated under the general laws of the State; a certificate of such organization issued by the Secretary of State was duly recorded in the Recorder's Office of Christian County.

In the year 1903 Capt. J. W. Kitchell and his wife, Mary F. Kitchell, presented to the Association a Soldiers Monument, consisting of a granite pedestal surmounted by a bronze statue of

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

A work of which we are not only justly proud, but which should exercise an elevating influence in this community for many years, if not for all time to come.

In the same year Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kitchell deeded to the Association about fifty acres of land lying immediately West and South of the original ten acres, to be used in case of need for additional burial lots, and providing for an income from the rent of pasture lots, to be used in caring for the Cemetery grounds.

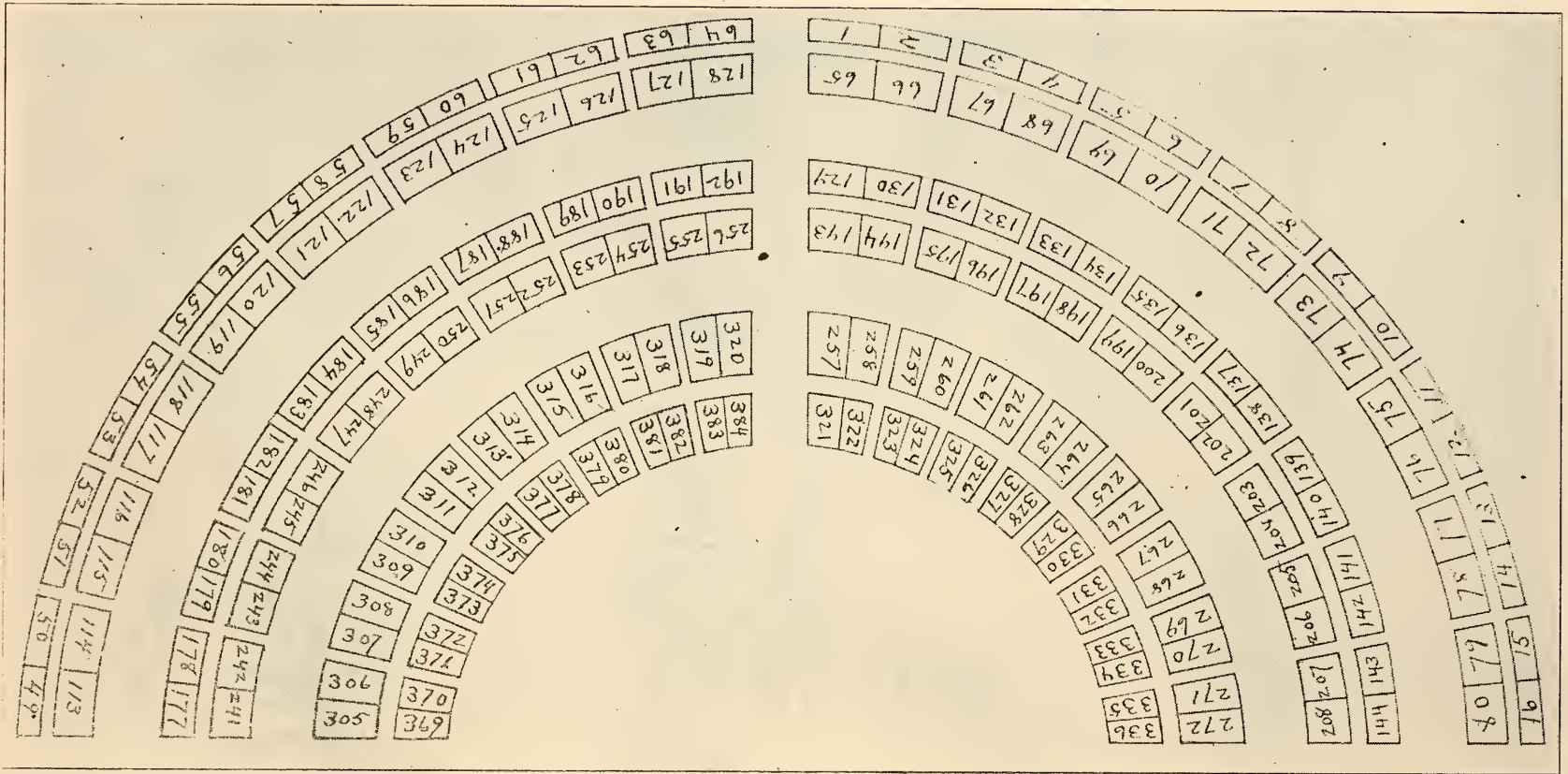
And now, after years of labor the Association has sixty acres of land in a surpassingly beautiful and retired location, excellently suited for cemetery purposes, high and dry, shaded with magnificent native walnut trees, affording a vista many miles in extent in all directions; and with a pledge in its constitution that all money for sale of lots shall be used to care for and improve the grounds already adorned with beautiful and costly monuments, it may be rightly affirmed that no more desirable locality can anywhere be found for burial purposes than

ROSEMOND GROVE CEMETERY.

Burial Plat.

The original Burial Plat laid out in a circle occupies the central portion of the mound. The Soldiers' Monument is located very nearly the exact centre of the open space at the junction of the two main avenues; the one running North and South being known as LITTLE AVENUE, and that running East and West as LINCOLN AVENUE.

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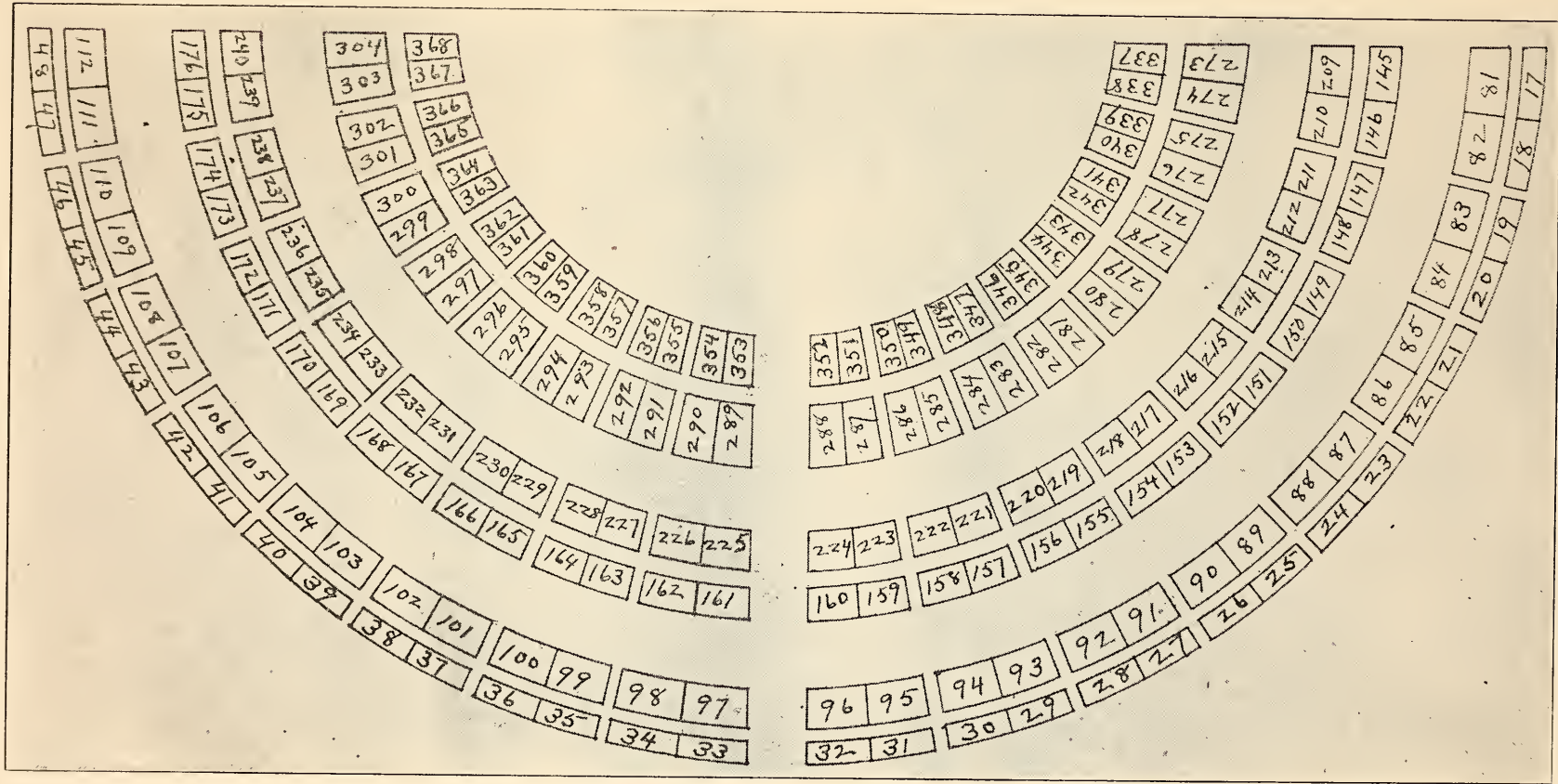


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By - Laws
of
Rosemond Grove Cemetery Association

As made and submitted by the Directors thereof, and adopted at an adjourned meeting of said Association, held at the Town Hall, in Rosemond, Illinois, March 9th, 1903, by a quorum of the Members thereof :

ARTICLE I.

NAME—LOCATION—OBJECT—MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation shall be "ROSEMOND GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION."

SEC. 2. The location shall be in the Township of Rosemond, in the County of Christian, the State of Illinois, and the Post Office address shall be Rosemond, Ill.

SEC. 3. The object of the Association shall be the establishment and maintenance of a Cemetery in said Rosemond township, and to obtain by purchase, bequest or gift land therefor; to hold or dispose of the same for burial and other purposes appropriate for a Cemetery; to properly improve and adorn the same; to absorb and more effectually perpetuate the Association as heretofore formed in said township in the year 1863, under the then existing laws of this State, and also known by the above name, but not of record, and to succeed to all its rights and property, including real estate held for cemetery purposes, as set forth in the Certificate duly signed, acknowledged, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Illinois on the 6th day of February 1902.

SEC. 4. The members of this Association shall consist of the owners of lots in the burial grounds of said prior association, and the owners of lots in the burial grounds of this Association; and five such members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 5. The owner of one or more lots shall be entitled to one vote in all meetings of said Association. In case of joint ownership either by purchase, succession, or heirship, such joint owners shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by the majority of such joint owners present at such meeting.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of said Association, and in his absence the members shall elect a President *pro tem.*; and he shall at all times have the right to be present at the meetings of Directors and to advise with them in respect to their duties and the interests of the Association.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money belonging to the Association, and pay the same out on the order of the Directors. He shall keep accurate accounts of such transactions in a book which shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the Directors, and shall present a written report at each annual meeting of such Association, or oftener if requested by the Directors. He shall keep the plat of the cemetery and burial grounds, negotiate sales of lots, make out deeds, and keep a record of all interments, and the names and dates thereof. He shall act as Secretary of all the meetings of the Association, and as Corresponding Secretary, and as Secretary of the Board of Directors, and shall keep a record of all deeds of lots sold and their prices, in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep the seal of the Association, and shall sign his name and affix the corporation seal to all such deeds.

The Treasurer shall give bond in such amount as shall be requested by the Directors, and a neglect or refusal to execute such bond shall be cause for the Directors to declare such office vacated, and in case of the death, refusal to act, or vacation of such office of Treasurer or Secretary, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Treasurer and Secretary *pro tem.* to hold such office until a successor shall be chosen by the Association.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors of the Association shall be charged with the care and management of the cemetery ground, and of all the property of the Association; they shall meet as often as shall be deemed necessary, either on call of the Secretary and Treasurer, or of either of the Directors, notice being given to the other Directors, and two of such Directors shall constitute a quorum, and at least two of them shall sign all deeds executed in the name of the corporation for cemetery lots. They may appoint a Superintendent and prescribe his duties, and they shall from time to time appraise the lots and affix the prices and the terms on which they shall be sold, and shall sign the orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

SEC. 4. All money received by the Association from the sale of lots shall be appropriated to the improvement or adornment of the Cemetery ground, or the purchase of the necessary tools or appliances to be used in the keeping up of said grounds, or for the payment of claims for labor or materials used in and about such ground.

ARTICLE III.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The management of said Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors (three) who are to be elected one every year in succession for a term of three years each, in manner as particularly set forth in said Certificate of Organization, and to hold their offices until their successors are elected.

SEC. 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be members of said Association. The Treasurer shall be the Secretary *ex-officio*. They shall be chosen by ballot, and hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV.

GRADING AND ORNAMENTATION.

SECTION 1. Before making any improvements or building monuments, lot owners shall notify the Directors or Superintendent. A uniform grade for all lots will be required, and terracing will not be permitted. No dirt except black loam shall be used for filling on surface.

SEC. 2. The Directors shall strive to avoid interfering with the individual tastes of lot owners and endeavor to protect the interests of each separate lot owner, and of those in general, and in doing this they shall have the right to prevent the erection of any construction which shall be deemed detrimental to the Cemetery.

SEC. 3. The beauty of the entire Cemetery and ground shall be considered, rather than the decoration of individual lots. Shrubs and plants may be cultivated subject to limitations, but no tree or shrub growing within or overhanging any lot shall be cut down, removed or trimmed without the permission of the Directors or Superintendent. If trees or shrubs become injurious by their roots or branches or otherwise, to adjacent lots, walks or drives, or unsightly, the Directors shall have the right to enter any lot and remove the same, or such part as may be necessary in the opinion of said Directors, doing as little injury to the lots or ground as possible.

SEC. 4. All persons are prohibited from hunting, trapping, or discharging fire-arms or other missiles within, into, or over any portion of said Cemetery ground, and the use of said grounds for pic nics is likewise forbidden.

SEC. 5. No portion of said Cemetery ground shall be used for the purpose of advertisements, and all inscriptions on monuments for such purposes are strictly forbidden.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 1. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held on the Second Monday of January in each year, the Secretary posting notice thereof at the Post Office door at least seven days prior, specifying the place, day and hour of meeting.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the Association may be held by adjournment from the Annual Meeting, or at any stated time in like manner for the Annual Meeting, on demand of the Directors or any Five Members of the Association.



VIEW LOOKING EASTWARD.

Dedication Exercises

At the Unveiling of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument,
October 29th, 1903.

About two thousand persons were present at Rosemond Grove Cemetery on the day selected for the dedication.

Upon a spacious platform erected at a short distance from the Monument about to be unveiled, were seated Mr. R. J. McAfee, President, Mr. L. Parsons, former Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs. C. G. Richards, P. L. Dodge and E. A. Hawkes, Directors of the Cemetery Association, and a large number of the older citizens of Rosemond and vicinity; among the latter, Mr. John Putnam, one of the founders of the cemetery, then in his 91st year, and Mr. Lyman Wilcox, then in his 92nd year and a resident of Rosemond Township for some forty years; both of these worthy citizens still survive.

The following account is taken from the *Pana Daily News* of Oct. 30th, 1903:

“The day was an ideal one, the weather being all that could be asked for, and kind Providence seemed to have cast its mantle over the occasion, which will be one long to be remembered by those present. Promptly at 11:30 o'clock the Red Men's band appeared on the square in the city of Pana and rendered some stirring airs which seemed to put vim and energy into the hearts of the old soldiers and they stepped about in a lively way. At 11:45 the procession started for the cemetery headed by the band. There were about sixty carriages in line.

“Upon arriving at the cemetery the people formed in line at the gates headed by the band, followed by Pope Post, No. 411, G. A. R., Women’s Relief Corps, and other visiting delegations, marched to the monument, and formed about it, and the band again rendered music. Mr. C. G. Richards, as presiding officer, called the assemblage to order. Prayer followed by Rev. P. F. Gay, of Ohlman, an old soldier. After this came the presentation by Capt. J. W. Kitchell, Mr. W. O. Wilcox, of Rosemond, responding and accepting the monument in behalf of the Association. Dedicatory services followed by Pope Post, after which the band rendered “Star Spangled Banner.” Capt. Kitchell then explained the absence of General Black and introduced Hon. Benson Wood, of Effingham, who made the address of the day. He affirmed that anarchy, socialism and lawlessness would never be tolerated under the shadow of this magnificent statue. He said one of LINCOLN’S chief characteristics was his ability to present his thoughts to the common people in language understood by all. His address lasted about three-quarters of an hour, and was able, eloquent and highly commended. After the closing of Commander Wood’s address the Rosemond school sang a song entitled “LINCOLN;” which was well received and heartily encored.

“The following resolutions were then adopted:

“*Resolved*, That we, the comrades, fellow citizens and friends of General John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, here assembled in Rosemond Grove Cemetery, around the monument erected and this day dedicated to the memory of deceased Union soldiers and their beloved Commander-in-Chief, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, do hereby tender to our comrade and fellow-citizen, lying sick in hospital at Washington, D. C., our heartfelt sympathy in his sad affliction, and our sincere regrets at his enforced absence on this occasion; and we ardently hope and pray that he may again be restored to all the enjoyments of life and health possible for one who bears such grievous wounds suffered in defense of his country’s flag.

“*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published and a copy of the above forwarded to General Black.

“*Motion*—Returning thanks to Commander Wood, carried unanimously.

“Captain Kitchell introduced sculptor Charles J. Mulligan, Chicago, who was heartily cheered. Congressman Ben. F. Caldwell, of Chatham, was next introduced, and delivered a very interesting talk appropriate to the occasion. Attorney W. M. Provine, of Taylorville, was the next speaker and made one of the best talks of the afternoon, which was well received and heartily applauded, and as an old Comrade, he interested the large assemblage for about twenty minutes in historical incidents of war times.

“Music by the band. Benediction by Rev. J. Scott Carr, of Rosemond.”



VIEW LOOKING WESTWARD.

Address of J. W. Mitchell

On presentation of Monument on behalf of himself and wife.

To be an observer and listener on this occasion would be much more to my liking and perhaps in your own judgment more in accord with the fitness of things, and I shall try to be so as far as may be; the force of circumstance seems to compel me to claim a certain portion of your time.

Within the hallowed precincts of this grove lie the remains of parents, grand-parent and other near relatives of her to whom I am united in the sacredest of ties, and with whom I share the deep feelings of respect and obligation which have led to the events of this hour.

Within the range of vision, perhaps within my hearing, are valued friends whose parents or some of whose relatives lie buried here, and these, together with ourselves, in God's good time, will be gathered here to rest beneath this sod.

Here too are entombed the bodies of some of that great army of the Union called into existence by the urgent appeal of its great Commander in Chief, the President of the then imperiled Republic, who left home and all they loved dearest on earth, to fight, if need be die, in defence of their Country's Flag; and here on this spot are now assembled surviving comrades, ever zealous to do honor to their memory.

In a word the abiding and collective sense of parental, filial, domestic and patriotic love existing in the hearts of this people has long sought some form of expression at once fitting and enduring, to further adorn this beautiful City of the Dead, and especially to perpetuate and keep green in the hearts of posterity the recollections of the persons and valor of the noble patriots, who offered themselves in defence of their country in the time of its deepest trial,

“Whose swords are rust, their bodies dust,
Whose souls are with the saints, we trust.”

Several conferences were held looking to that end, and it was finally agreed that inasmuch as nature had here prepared an eminence appropriate in the highest degree for such a work, what could be more in keeping with the surroundings or suitable as a memorial to the Soldier and the Sailor than the likeness of him who was above all others the Soldier's friend, the embodiment of the hopes and prayers of the millions of agonized souls looking to him as the one destined to save from destruction the Government which at their command he had solemnly sworn to “cherish, protect and defend,” whose heart daily bled for the sufferings and calamities of his beloved people, and who at last was himself to suffer martyrdom in the cause of his country and humanity, the greatest, grandest, best beloved of all America's sons,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

And so it was determined. It would occupy too much of your time to give in detail the circumstances attending the selection of a suitable model. Suffice it to say that a competent sculptor in the person of Mr. Charles J. Mulligan, of Chicago, was chosen and who was asked to put in plaster his conception of the image of the great Emancipator and Orator, choosing as the central idea the delivery of the Gettysburg address, and to place the same upon a suitable pedestal on which should be inscribed the concluding sentences of that world renowned address.

It was not required or expected, or even desired, that the artist should present his august subject in the actual pose assumed by him in the delivery of that address, but preserving the features, form and accustomed garb, the attitude of the speaker should be such as to emphasize in the loftiest and most impressive manner the sublime thoughts which living he had uttered on that memorable occasion.

The first design of the sculptor was a small sketch model giving the forms of a figure and pedestal which were afterwards submitted to a committee of those who were chosen for that purpose, and which were approved from the start, and substantially carried out in the completed work.

In considering the question of means to pay for the work, it was at first proposed that the necessary funds should be raised by subscription of the citizens of Rosemond and vicinity interested in the cemetery, including the two persons already above referred to with the understanding that the latter should make good any sum lacking in such subscription, or that the two should become responsible for the whole amount.

After considering the above the Directors of the Cemetery Association and the Committee on behalf of the Rosemond Memorial Association, actuated by no want of liberality or proper interest on the part of themselves or of those whom they represented, gave it as their wish that the two should become so responsible, with the understanding that the Cemetery Association, the Memorial Association and people of Rosemond would furnish the foundation, and otherwise add to the embellishment of the grounds, while the donors should in all respects be governed by their own desires and judgment as to the character and cost of the monument they should deem it their pleasure to present.

The delicacy of the compliment thus bestowed, the real sacrifice it implied (for I know there is not a single citizen of



VIEW LOOKING NORTHWARD.

this community that would not have been pleased and proud to contribute, and especially am I sure this is the case with the surviving comrades) has been appreciated to its fullest extent, and perhaps the offer ought not to have been accepted. But if the work as a whole is approved, as we pray it may, we also hope and pray that all of these will claim and look upon it as their own, for without their hearty sympathy and active co-operation and assistance in many ways, it could not and would not have been erected.

Although on request a second design was submitted it was finally determined to accept the first sketch, and the sculptor was asked to remodel in clay, then into plaster, and subsequently to have cast into bronze a figure heroic in size according to his first idea. It stands before you now, the semblance of the Great Martyr, not in the pose of a mere thoughtful philosopher or profound statesman, but as the orator alive with enthusiasm, intent, strenuous, pleading, appealing, yea demanding that each and all do "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people for the people, by the people shall not perish from the earth."

[At this moment the flags which enveloped the statue were withdrawn by Miss Ethel Wilcox.]

May I indulge the hope that the work of the sculptor also shall not be fruitless, and that the judgment of his fellow-men will not be that of condemnation, but bear me out in the opinion I fain would cherish that indeed it is a great example of art, worthy to bring distinction and honors to him who has thus transformed shapeless matter into the likeness of the human form, so striking, so speaking, as we might say, that we wait almost in expectation to see the statue breathe, and the giant form descend into our midst, and with lowered arm grasp the hands of his

comrades and countrymen, as Shakespeare's Hermione, mourned as dead, stepped from the pedestal on which she had so deceptively posed as some exquisite creation of the sculptor's chisel.

In response to the circular invitation sent abroad through this and other states, many letters have been received, some of which it would be a great pleasure to read to you to-day, would time permit, all of them speaking in commendation of the statue, including one from Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, wherein he says, "the statue of my father stands out splendidly in the surroundings and is manifestly full of life."

It is proper to say that there was some doubt in my own mind and in the minds of others who knew MR. LINCOLN personally, whether the raised right arm was appropriate for him, who seldom used that gesture. The insistence of the sculptor was so great and his reasons so cogent that the figure was accepted in that form. Since then I have received proofs that on at least three memorable occasions MR. LINCOLN used the uplifted arm and twice both of them to their utmost height.

But there is one letter I cannot refrain from giving you in part, written by a companion of my boyhood days, from whom I have since been separated only to meet occasionally, the able lawyer, the genial wit and poet, the eloquent speaker and veteran comrade, Capt. Joseph G. Waters, of Topeka, Kansas:

"I thank you very much for your letter and the picture of the statue of LINCOLN. As I unfolded it I was half startled to see the upraised arm. I do not believe that LINCOLN in all his life ever made such a gesture. It would have at once attracted attention. He usually talked with his hands folded across his stomach, finger in vest, toying with his watch guard or fumbling in his pantaloons pocket. And I think, nevertheless, there is one time he ought to have done so, and that was at Gettysburg. If he did not lift it then, it is no crime for us to lift it for him at that memorable spot and time. It was the tenderest, sweetest

and holiest moment in American history. The scene was a battlefield, the turf christened with the lordliest and costliest of sacrifices. A nation's graves were at his feet. From one ocean to another the tears were yet hot on women's cheeks. He stood encompassed by sacrifice. His heart lived to reach the ear of his God. He could do no less than lift his hand as he winged his prayer. It may be that it will startle those who knew him to see it, but it impresses the occasion and emphasizes the very moment when he ought to have done so. The raised arm explains itself. The visitor will know without reading the inscription.

“There is no position so direct to the loyal heart as LINCOLN's good right arm raised on high, half in benediction and all in thankfulness to the Almighty, who holds the issue of all mortal things in the hollow of his unforgetting hand.”

To you then, the Directors and Officers of Rosemond Grove Cemetery Association and your successors in office and trust, is presented this Monument to be cared for by you and them, and held in keeping for time far remote (for its material is such that without wilful and violent defacement, or some unusual occurrence arising from the forces of nature, time will offer little injury to its surface, but serve only to add softness and beauty to its outlines) that here may come youth to gather inspiration and fresh incitement to noble deeds and purposes, and that here too may wander age to meditate on the achievements of the past, and all to resolve anew that the words and admonitions of our sublime Leader shall be the touchstone to all determinations to do full and complete justice to our noble dead, that their memories may be kept ever green, and the cause for which they strove and suffered shall be forever triumphant.



MONUMENTS OF OTIS LITTLE AND ROBERT LITTLE.

Address of Acceptance.

BY W. O. WILCOX.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. KITCHELL:

In behalf of the Rosemond Grove Cemetery Association, I would say that we are very glad and very proud to accept this noble gift at your hands:

We accept it, feeling and believing that the remembrance of the grand life here represented, the generous motive of the givers, and the deeds it is designed to commemorate will have an uplifting influence on all our lives.

We thank you for it, and we promise to treasure it and care for it.

We promise it for ourselves, and for our successors, and for generations yet unborn.

This is no gift of an hour but centuries, hence men looking upon it will be moved to purer lives and nobler actions.

And I would thank you in the name of the Soldiers gathered here to-day; I would thank you in the name of the twelve who rest under the sod around us; I would thank you in the name of those who lie beneath the southern pines and whose blood has wet the southern sand; and again, I would thank you in behalf of those who enlisted from, or have lived in this community and who on more than two hundred battle-fields have risked their lives that—

FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE.



VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWARD.

“Mary Lincoln.”

BY R. J. MCAFEE AND A. N. WARNER.

The gun shown on the following page has an interesting history. It was cast at Terre Haute, Ind., in the year 1860, on the order of the Republican Club of Rosemond, and was mounted by L. Guth of the latter place, in true artillery style.

The gun squad consisted of Wallace P. Warner, John Hirt, Ben. E. Schermerhorn and Frank Adams, and was drilled by Capt. Edward Hill, formerly of New York militia.

Its first important service was during the occasion of a great Mass Meeting at Springfield, Illinois, the same year. It was taken there under charge of Capt. B. R. Hawley (a name familiar in Rosemond's history), accompanied by nearly every man in Rosemond and a number from “Buckeye” prairie, its escort stopping at Taylorville the first night out, and attracting much attention all along the route. Arriving at Springfield, the company halted in front of the now famed residence of A. LINCOLN, and fired a salute. MR. LINCOLN made his appearance amid enthusiastic cheering, and when quiet was restored, was asked to name the gun. Reflecting a moment and then laying his hand upon the piece he said: “Let it be named after my wife”; and so it was christened “MARY LINCOLN” and ever after known as such.

The gun has done service in every important campaign since then, except the last two. It is now relieved from active duty, and placed in the Cemetery by the side of the Monument erected to do honor to the memory of him who gave it a name.



"MARY LINCOLN."

