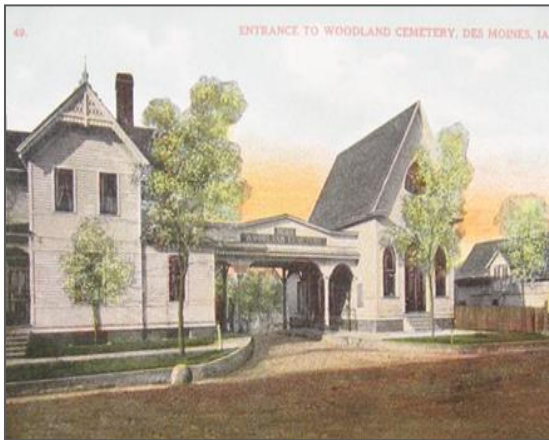


Historic Woodland Cemetery Tours

Few things in Des Moines are as old and contain more history than the grassy knolls and stately trees of Woodland Cemetery. The stories told by the monuments and headstones combine to form the history of the city as it has passed through civil and world wars, epidemics and natural disasters as well as the normal course of birth, life, and death. Passing through the narrow drives of the cemetery, you see stone etchings of the names of many citizens from our past who helped build Des Moines and are now a part of everyday life in our city's landscape, street and building names like Savery, Kenworthy, Ingersoll, Hubbell, Kaplan, Teachout, Fleur, Redhead, Polk, Sherman and Crocker.

In 1848, area farmers on the outskirts of the city donated the first 5½ acres for Woodland Cemetery; today it includes 65 acres. Woodland eventually became an often times forgotten part of the city's inner core, remembered only by neighboring residents, genealogists and distant relatives of the thousands of people buried in the park.



Entrance 1890s



Entrance Today

Archie Cook, a local historian/researcher/educator will be providing tours on:

Saturday April 18	1:00-3:30
Saturday May 16	1:00 -3:30
Saturday June 27	9:00-11:30
Saturday July 18	9:00-11:30
Saturday August 29	9:00-11:30
Saturday September 19	1:00-3:30
Saturday October 10	1:00-3:30

The tours are free, however a donation is suggested. All donations go towards Woodland Monument Restoration Project. To register find us on Facebook, search for Des Moines Parks and Recreation and look for events. Follow the link to register/tickets from Eventbrite.