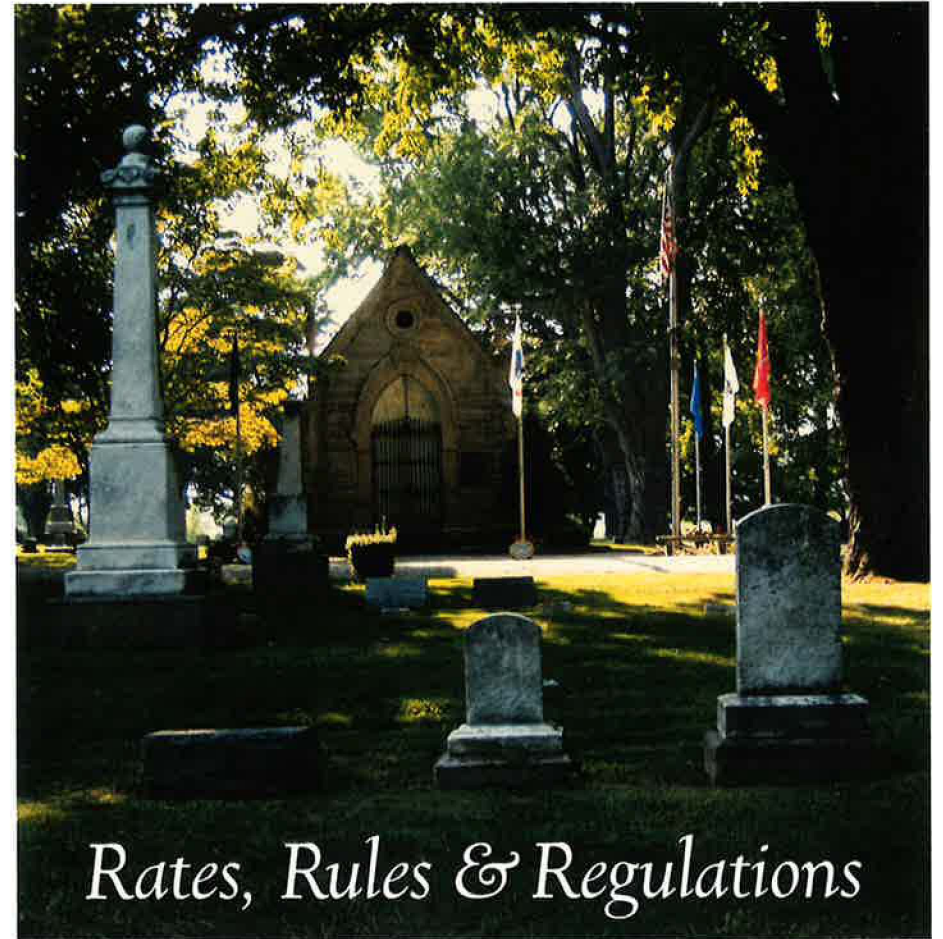


# Perry Township CEMETERY



## Rates, Rules & Regulations

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*Please see inside for a history of Perry Cemeteries, researched by Mary Platko*

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## **PERRY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **General Rules**

1. Cemetery grounds are open to the public from dawn to dusk.
2. All cemetery sales transactions, including grave lot purchases, are made at the Township Office and must be made by cash or check.
3. All funeral homes, monument companies, vault companies or any other firms working in the cemetery must notify the cemetery office by noon the previous business day before doing any work on cemetery grounds.
4. No pets shall be buried at any place in Perry Township Cemetery.
5. Notifications of burials must be by 2:00 p.m. of the previous business day. If there are unforeseen circumstances that place hardship on a family, exceptions may be approved by the Perry Township Administrator or the Perry Township Trustees. Any overtime costs will be the responsibility of the funeral home and/or family of the deceased.
6. Under no circumstances are grave owners to remove any lot markers or aluminium pins that are found in the ground.
7. Under no circumstances is there to be any alcohol or ammunition on the cemetery grounds.

**Lots**

1. Grave lots are sold at resident and non-resident rates. Resident rates are reserved for those persons residing in or owning property within Perry Township or anyone purchasing a grave for interment of a person who was a resident at the time of death.
2. Cemetery Lots shall be purchased from the Cemetery Sexton, who shall record the deed. In emergencies or in the absence of the Sexton, the Assistant Cemetery Sexton may sell a lot or lots.
3. Purchasers of lots will be issued a cemetery deed. This deed conveys burial rights only and the title remains with Perry Township.
4. The Township, when deemed acceptable, will buy back grave lots from certified deed holders at the price paid.
5. Cemetery lots cannot be sold or transferred between individuals. In the case of the death of the owner, lots may be transferred only to the immediate family.
6. Permanent type vaults are required for all full burials in graves.
7. One full grave can be occupied by three persons. Two cremations or two infants may be buried in addition to a Full Burial or Cremation Burial which has been previously made in the same lot.

### **Columbariums**

1. Columbarium niches are sold at resident and non-resident rates. Resident rates are reserved for residents and property owners only.
2. Niches shall be purchased from the Cemetery Sexton, who shall record the deed. In emergencies or in the absence of the Sexton, the Assistant Cemetery Sexton shall handle purchase of niches.
3. Purchasers of niches will be issued a cemetery deed. This deed conveys inurnment rights only and the title remains with Perry Township.
4. The Township, when deemed acceptable, will buy back niches from certified deed holders at the price paid.
5. Ownership of a niche shall not be transferable except in the case of the death of the owner, when the niche may be transferred to the immediate family.
6. Each niche can accommodate up to two cremains containers. The niche will have a bronze plaque displaying the name or names of the deceased.

### **Mausoleums**

1. Mausoleums are allowed to be placed in Center Road Cemetery with the following conditions being met:
  - a. Sufficient grave space must be purchased to accommodate the mausoleum.
  - b. Mausoleums shall be placed only in Sections 12, 13 & 14, Lots 24-27 East & West.

- c. Purchasers must place a Perpetual Care Fee on deposit with Perry Township that is equal to 10% of the cost of the mausoleum for future maintenance and repairs. Perpetual care fees will be invested by the Perry Township Fiscal Officer to best accrue interest on the fund.

**Cemetery Markers – *please see size restrictions chart***

1. When a large family name stone is used, all stones marking individual graves must be of similar size and style.
  - a. A minimum of eight graves, in block form with equal graves on east and west side, is required to have a family stone.
  - b. Any extra cost caused by the installation of a family stone will be assessed to the monument company and/or owner of the stone.
  - c. Perry Township is not responsible for any additional costs.
  - d. Only one upright stone is permitted per grave.
  - e. Any cost associated with moving stones will be the responsibility of the monument company and/or owner of the stone.
  - f. Monuments purchased online must be installed by a monument company.
2. Heights of stones - *See enclosed regulations*
3. Any military markers, not in the stone line, must be flush to the ground and no plantings will be permitted.

### **Decoration Rules**

1. Decorations and flowers left at the grave at the time of burial, will be left at the site for seven (7) days. All decorations will then be removed and discarded by cemetery staff.
2. Plantings and decorations, including urns, may extend to a maximum of 12" diameter around the monument only in the stone line. No planting is permitted around family monuments, only around individual markers.
3. All winter decorations must be removed by April 1st. All spring/summer decorations should be removed by November 1st.
4. All trees and shrubbery, type and location, must be approved by the Township. All planting and/or decorations must be under the direction of the Cemetery Sexton including steel rods, wreaths, eternal flames and/or ornamental fixtures. If there are any questions, please see the Sexton. Plantings and decorations that are in violation will be tagged for one week. After one week the decorations will be removed and discarded.
5. Any removal or pruning of trees/bushes can be done by Cemetery staff-please contact the Sexton to make arrangements.
6. No permanent foundations (i.e. concrete bases) can be used on any decorations.
7. No in-ground planting can be done until the monument is placed.

**Benches**

1. Must not exceed the maximum size restrictions for cemetery monuments. Benches may not be placed on graves which already have an upright monument.
2. Owner must own sufficient grave space to accommodate bench to be placed in stone line.
3. Must have foundation poured, at owner's expense, pursuant to current rates. Said foundations will be 4" flush except when bench is granite and made by a monument company. Foundation will then be poured according to monument pouring routine. Requests for foundations will be made in writing on standard foundation request form.
4. All benches will be pre-measured and approved by Sexton.
5. Benches will be subject to all other rules and regulations for monuments as set forth by Perry Township Board of Trustees.



**Perry Township Cemetery Rates**  
**Effective June 1, 2025**

	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>
Sale of Graves	\$300.00	\$800.00
Grave Opening Daily*	\$400.00	\$600.00
Grave Opening Saturday	\$600.00	\$800.00
Grave Opening Holiday**	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Interment of baby under 1 yr	\$60.00	\$150.00
Interment of Cremains Daily*	\$200.00	\$300.00
Interment of Cremains Saturday	\$300.00	\$400.00
Interment of Cremains Holiday**	\$500.00	\$500.00
Disinterments	\$350.00	\$350.00
Disinterments child under 1	\$200.00	\$200.00
Monument Foundations	\$175.00	\$175.00
Monument Moving	Contract Fee	Contract Fee
Sale of Columbarium Niche	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Col. Niche Per Opening Daily	\$100.00	\$100.00
Col. Niche Per Opening Saturday	\$150.00	\$150.00
Col. Niche Per Opening-Holiday	\$300.00	\$300.00
Columbarium Niche Plaque	\$400.00	\$400.00

\* Arrival of burials after 2:45 pm Monday-Friday are charged at the Saturday rate.

\*\* Township holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

**All fees for services are based upon residency of the deceased.**

## PERRY TOWNSHIP

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### MAXIMUM SIZE RESTRICTIONS ON CEMETERY MARKERS

#### MONUMENTS

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Height</u>
Top Stone	36"	8"	48"
Single Base	36"	14"	6"
Top Stone	50"	12"	48"
Double Base	60"	16"	10"
Top Stone	54"	12"	48"
Triple Base	66"	14"	10"
Flush/Single	36"	12"	6"
Hickey/Single	36"	12"	12"

#### SLANT STONES

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Height</u>
Top Stone	36"	12"	16"
Single Base	36"	14"	6"
Top Stone	50"	12"	16"
Double Base	60"	16"	6"
Top Stone	54"	12"	16"
Triple Base	66"	14"	6"
Flush/Double	36"	12"	12"
Hickey/Double	48"	12"	12"

#### Military Markers

Flush stones only, unless placed in stone line.

#### Family Markers

8' Any family marker over 4' would need to submit drawings to Administrator. Markers 4' and under may be placed according to rules of a double base monument.

#### Baby/Cremain Section - Flush or Hickey only

Hickey - single	36"	12"	6"	Flush - single	36"	10"	6"
Hickey - double	36"	12"	6"	Flush - double	36"	10"	6"

## HISTORY NOTES OF PERRY CEMETERIES

Researched by Mary L. Platko,  
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There are two cemeteries that are acknowledged in Perry Township, the Center Road Cemetery and the South Ridge Cemetery. Both presently continue as active burial grounds with the exception that burials at the South Ridge Cemetery are restricted to lot owners only. The future growth of the Center Road Cemetery has been assured with about 40 acres of land to the south and west, which is presently being leased for nursery use until needed. There are no present plans to expand the South Ridge Cemetery.

Cemetery properties are deeded to the Perry Township Board of Trustees and are maintained and supervised by them. Several private cemeteries and burial grounds in Perry have also been known to exist. Information is included elsewhere in this article.

Residents of Perry Township, North Perry Village and the Village of Perry are permitted to purchase cemetery lots at a nominal fee. Non-resident purchases are set at a higher fee.

Currently, there is an estimate of 1,100 veterans buried in our Perry cemeteries and over 10,000 burials in all (2024).

*Following are several well-known "famous people" buried in the Center Road Cemetery:*

**MONA K. PALMER CLINE** – The remains (ashes) of Mona K. Palmer Cline, 75, an American Indian princess, were buried on October 9, 1986. The Indian name given her was Mahoniaee Au-Paw-Chee-Kaw-Paw-Qua Keokuk. It meant the most beautiful thing that ever lived. The second part meant that name shall live on forever. The last part meant the watchful fox. She was the granddaughter of Chief Thunderwater Henry Palmer who was Titular head of supreme council of Indian tribes of the U.S and Canada. He lived in Cleveland and died in 1950. The surname of Palmer had been given to her Indian family by the government. Her third husband Ausburn Cline, an Englishman, died in 1976.

**ANN COOK WHITMAN** – Mrs. Whitman was born in Perry on June 11, 1908. She attended Perry schools and graduated from Perry High School in 1925. She served as President Eisenhower's confidential secretary from 1952 to 1962 and also served as Vice President Rockefeller's chief of staff and confidential secretary during the Gerald Ford administration. She died at the age of 83 on October 15, 1991 in Clearwater, Florida and was buried in the Cook lot on October 30, 1991.

A Perry High School scholarship honors Ann Cook Whitman and is funded by Whitman's own estate.

**JAMES RUTHERFORD** – 92, buried on October 3, 1986, reported to have been the driver for Elliot Ness when he was in the Cleveland area.

## **PERRY CEMETERIES**

**CENTER ROAD CEMETERY** – *(Sometimes referred to as Center Road Cemetery - Perry Center - Perry Township - Disciples)* – located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Center Street and Middle Ridge Road. (Active)

The 1940 WPA map included information that the cemetery was established in 1848. The property was deeded in 1804 to the Disciple Church (now the Christian Church on the corner) by Daniel Parmly and Benjamin Sinclair. (10.5 acres in 1940, WPA)

A list of cemetery stone inscriptions for this cemetery was done around year of 1929.

The earliest inscription found for the Center Road Cemetery is Ezra Beebe, the first settler of Perry, who died in January, 1813 at the age of 76.

First deed recorded for purchase of graves in Perry Cemetery was issued to Alonzo B. Turney on November 20, 1860 paying \$12 for purchase of 8 graves.

The Cemetery vault located in the middle of Center Road Cemetery was constructed in 1880 to hold bodies in the winter until the ground thawed and a grave could be opened.

Inscriptions on the vault honor the following Civil War Veterans:

B. Bartholomew, H. Brown, Lemuel Ellis, Erastus Gray, T. Hickok, J. Howrey, J. Johnson, Ebenezer Joy, M.O. Mallory, L. Malone, W. Malone, A.H. Nash, Caleb Sweet, G. Tatro.

**SOUTH RIDGE CEMETERY** – *(Sometimes referred to as South Ridge Cemetery - Lane Road - Wright - Methodist)* – located at the corner of South Ridge Rd. (Rte. 84) and Lane Road, deeded to the Trustees in 1939. (Active to lot owners only).

Land was donated by H. J. Wright's grandfather for cemetery use and for the South Church.

The South Church was later moved from the cemetery property in 1919 to across the road to the southwestern corner of River Road and South Ridge Road.

List of cemetery stone inscriptions for this cemetery was done around year of 1929.

The inscription list shows the earliest burial in the Lane Road Cemetery was Anna Cone, who died in October, 1829.

## **PRIVATE CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUNDS IN PERRY**

**Lemuel Ellis Cemetery** – *(River Road - Orcutt Burial Ground)* abandoned cemetery located on south side of River Road, east of Turney Road. The 1874 map and the 1940 WPA map information noted the cemetery was established in 1820 and consisted of 0.07 acres. Private property, no public access. (Inactive)

**NARROWS ROAD CEMETERY** – *(Axtell Farm Cemetery)* – located on the north side of South Ridge Road (St. Rte. 84), west of Narrows Road, 1874 map. Private property, no public access. (Extinct)

**CALL ROAD CEMETERY** – located where Call Road intersects with Casa Bella Drive, north of Middle Ridge, south of North Ridge (US 20) 1874 map. (Extinct)

**PARMLY CEMETERY** – located on the south side of Route 20, east of Perry Park Road, 1857 & 1874 map. Property placed on the Ohio Archaeological Inventory in 1994 by the owner and was titled the “Ronke Site”. Private property, no public address. (Extinct)

**MAYERS WOODS** – located at rear of property at 2496 Antioch Road in North Perry Village. Private property of 1.53 acres with no public access. (Inactive)

**PALMER CEMETERY** – located on the south side South Ridge Rd. (St. Rte 84), closer to River Road on Lot 27 of Palmer farm, information not verified. Private property, no public access. (Extinct)

Burials of some of cemeteries listed above were moved to the Center Road Cemetery.

*Research Sources – Lake County Genealogical Society (Ohio), Cemetery Sexton Kathy Leasure, archives and files of the Perry Historical Society of Lake County, Ohio, Mary L. Platko.*



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A copy of these rules and regulations will be presented to the purchaser of a cemetery lot at the time of purchase. These rules and regulations supercede all previous regulations.

Perry Township will not be responsible for any broken or stolen items. Perry Township also reserves the right to remove any articles not in compliance with the rules of the cemetery or which impede the maintenance of the grounds.

Perry Township reserves the right to review, revise, add, or delete rules as necessary. Any item not addressed in the rules will be considered not permitted.

Residents have the right to appeal the above rules to the Township Administrator or the Township Trustees.

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