

Some Little Known Facts About

**WILMINGTON AND
BRANDYWINE CEMETERY**

701 DELAWARE AVENUE
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The Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery with modern office headquarters at 701 Delaware Avenue, contains some 24 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds with a profusion of rare trees and blooming shrubbery. All combine to make a quiet, serene and dignified setting bounded on the north by the picturesque Brandywine.

One of the finest specimens of a Cedar of Lebanon in America is located at the main entrance. The tree was brought from Palestine by James Canby in 1850. Some years ago, Lowell Thomas referred to it as the most beautiful tree of its kind in this Country.

A lovely non-sectarian stone Chapel is located a short distance from the main entrance. It comfortably seats about 100 persons and is frequently used for private burial services. Parking is available and a reasonable charge is made for its use.

A full time staff including an experienced Superintendent of grounds keeps a daily supervision of the cemetery. A Board of Directors comprised of seven civic minded men, one of whom is an attorney, meet periodically to go over matters pertaining to its finance and over-all care.

The history of Wilmington and Delaware includes many prominent citizens whose graves are in the cemetery: John McKinley, first president of the Delaware State and thus the first governor of Delaware; and Dr. James Tilton, Revolutionary War Hero and one of the organizers of The Medical Society of Delaware.

The location of the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery within the city limits offers a big advantage and accessibility. A number of desirable lots are available for purchase under the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Agreement. Details may be secured at the main office. Here a map may be seen and a staff member will take interested parties to the exact location desired.

Entrance to the cemetery is best made by proceeding out West 12th Street to the cemetery entrance.

Gates are open daily from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Bequests to aid the fund for Perpetual Care and Maintenance of the cemetery are now being solicited. They are needed. Many grave sites were purchased at the

turn of the century and placed in Perpetual Care. This care has been carefully given for many years but at a cost to the cemetery far exceeding by thousands of dollars, the original price paid in the Perpetual Care agreements. These sites of course will always be carefully maintained as originally agreed upon. The Board of Directors, however, will be very grateful at this time for contributions to assist the Perpetual Care Fund.

Funds given for Perpetual Care of the cemetery are Tax Deductible if not restricted for use on specific Burial Lots. Gifts of Stock are also deductible as are gifts of property that have accumulated Capital Gains over the years.

Arrangements may be made at the Cemetery office for flowers to be placed on graves at specified dates. A Floral Fund is set up for this purpose.

Contributions for the Perpetual Care Fund for Maintenance of the Cemetery will be promptly acknowledged. A form for this purpose is enclosed. Again, all contributions are tax deductible and will be most gratefully received.