

GREENLAWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
THE WALKING TOUR

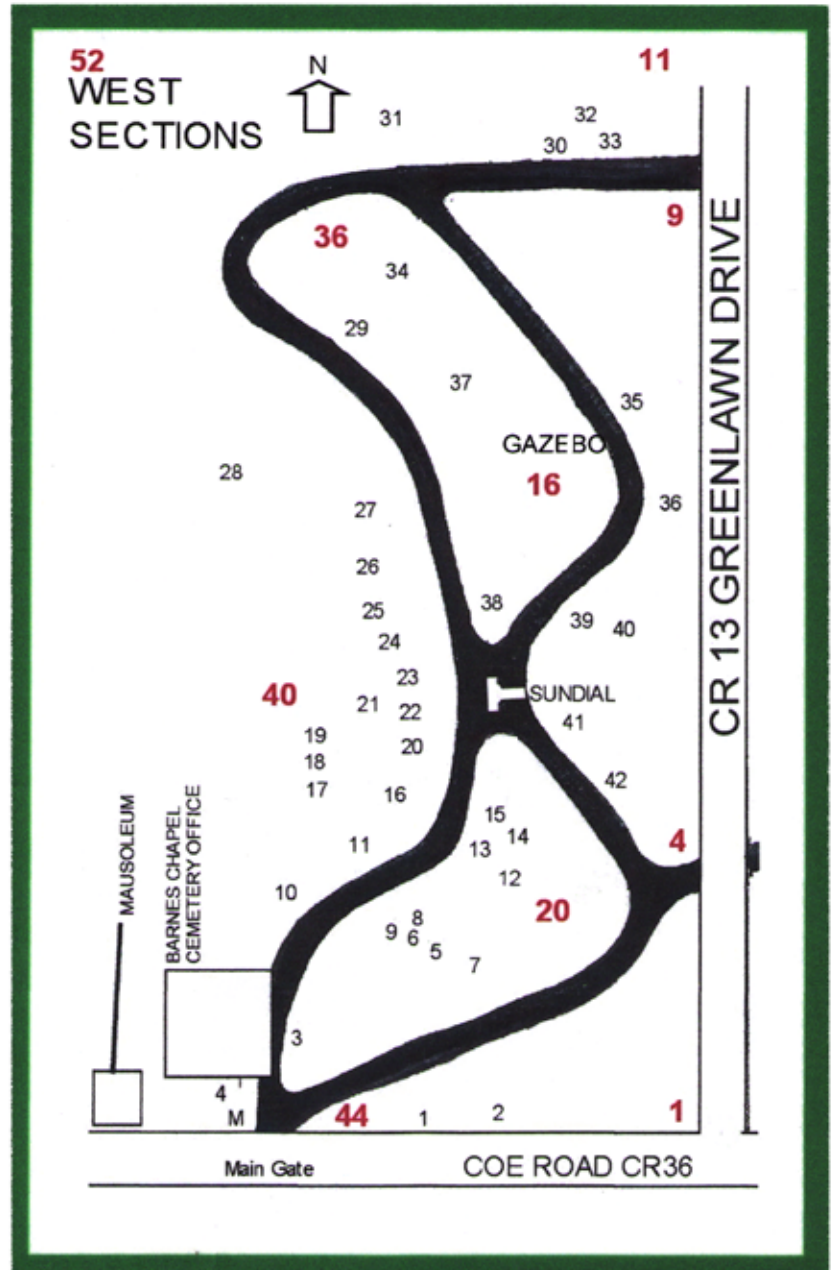
Please refer to the maps for the walking tour. This is an incomplete list of interesting and influential people from Tiffin's past. We welcome information on others to include in our tour.

In the descriptions below, we have used the following to help you locate these monuments:

R–Right side of road **L**–Left side of road **M**–Mausoleum **L**–The Ehrenfried Mausoleum

By definition a mausoleum is an above-ground burial structure that can be entered like a building. These structures are almost always made of stone and are expensive to construct. Individual burial cells or chambers in a mausoleum are referred to as loculi (from the Latin word *loculus*, meaning small compartment). Mausoleums usually contain family members and most often have four or more chambers. Mausoleums may contain both bodies and cremated remains. In urban cemeteries, mausoleums are sometimes large buildings containing hundreds of loculi.

Located north of the main entrance gates and completed in 1910, this mausoleum was privately built by J. B. Ehrenfried. Throughout the years, it was popularly referred to as Greenlawn Mausoleum but this reference was based on its location only, as it was not part of Greenlawn Cemetery Association, but a private burial association. In the 1990's, Charles Meyers, a descendant and heir to the mausoleum records approached Greenlawn Cemetery Association and the board agreed to assume ownership of the structure and promote mausoleum burials. Greenlawn has restored the exterior and replaced the first two levels of the roof. The uppermost roof is made of copper. The association intends to restore the interior when funds become available.



Congressman Dr. James Albert Norton – entombed in the Ehrenfried Mausoleum. Born in Bettsville, Ohio on November 11, 1843, he graduated from Tiffin High School. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Union Army in August of 1862 and served as sergeant of Company K, 101ST Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to First Lieutenant and adjutant of the 123RD Regiment, United States Colored Infantry in 1864 and was mustered out of the service in 1865. He then studied medicine and commenced a practice in Iowa in 1867, a profession he continued until 1879. He then studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He was a democratic member of the Ohio State House of Representatives from 1878-79, serving as

speaker in 1877 and 1878 and also chairman of the State Democratic Committee from 1887-1892. He served as County Auditor from 1885-1892, commissioner of railroads and telegraphs from 1889-1895 when he resigned to accept a position in the legal department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. He was elected as a democrat to the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, and Fifty-seventh Congress of the United States and served from March 4, 1897 until March 3, 1903 being an unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1902 to the Fifty-Eighth Congress. He resumed his legal service with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. and died in Tiffin on July 24, 1912.

MAIN ENTRANCE GATES: Donated by George D. Loomis in memory of his father John D. Loomis, the gates were erected in 1926. The columns are one-piece Barre granite resting on foundations of 6 foot deep concrete which support not only the huge columns but also the massive iron gates.

#1 RM Sneath, Samuel B. and family: Mercantile business, banker, grain broker, Sneath Glass, Tiffin Public Library Association+, Tiffin, Woolen Mills, helped bring National Machinery to Tiffin, Interurban rail line, Meadowbrook Park, developed residential area near Oakley Park, Tiffin Board of Trade to become Chamber of Commerce.

#2 RM Spayth-Yerk: Rev. Henry Spayth, his wife, Mary B. and Charles M. Yerk, his wife Mary Yerk – This mausoleum has no windows and the door has been sealed to create a tomb.

#3 R Pittinger, John: John was a prosperous and well-respected lawyer and partner of Luther Hall. The Pittinger family had the first general store in Tiffin

#4 L Cunningham, Arthur: grain brokerage business with Samuel B. Sneath, owned many grain elevators in Tiffin and Carey areas.

L GREENLAWN CHAPEL aka BARNES MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The chapel was erected in 1905 by Greenlawn Cemetery Association prior to the establishment of local funeral homes. Services were held in the Chapel before the deceased was taken to grave site. At the conclusion of the funeral services, the casket was then lowered through an opening in the floor and placed on an awaiting casket-bearing wagon for transport to the gravesite. During colder winter months, when grave digging was difficult, if not impossible, the caskets were stored in the basement until weather permitted burial at the gravesite. In the 1990s, the Chapel was renovated with funds given by Myron and Paul Barnes, following Myron's death; hence the Chapel was rededicated in their honor. At the time of this renovation, the aforementioned opening was closed permanently. Interior work was performed and the antique organ was added after it was properly restored to working condition. Bathroom facilities were also added for the conveniences of those who use the building for final services. The Barnes Chapel can be used for funeral services at no charge.

#5 R Naylor, John M: One of the organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery. In 1867 organized Tiffin Woolen Mills, became successful merchant, banker, civic leader. Also contributed to Heidelberg College to prevent school from moving to Dayton.

#6 R Loomis, John D.: Loomis Machinery Company, manufacturers of oil drilling equipment, saw mill machinery, plows and steam engines. Supported the establishment of Tiffin Public Library Association, and was one of organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery. He also contributed to Heidelberg College to prevent the school from relocating to Dayton. George D. (John's son) donated front entrance gates to Greenlawn and continued his father's work.

#55 R Krout, Charles A.: C.A. Krout Elementary School was named after Charles A. Krout, Superintendent of Tiffin City Schools, from 1900-1931. Krout School opened its doors to kindergarten through sixth grade students during the 1956-57 school year. In 1996, Krout was named to the Ohio Schools' Hall of Fame.

#7 R Pennington., Robert G.: A lawyer who organized the first bank in the county called Seneca County Bank, he organized and developed Tiffin Gas Light Co. before selling to Judge Seney, and maintained an interest in Tiffin's railway development. He was one of organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery.

#8 R Seney: A Judge of Common Pleas Court from 1852-1862, Seney was also a Judge of the Third Judicial District of Ohio and a U.S. Congressman (D) from 1882-1890. He became owner of Tiffin Gas Light Co., invested in Tiffin Electric Works, was the largest stockholder of Tiffin Savings Bank, and organized the Tiffin Board of Trade which became the Chamber of Commerce. He wrote Seney's Ohio Code which is a code of civil procedure used by lawyers throughout U.S

#9 R Noble, Warren P.: (1820-1903) County Prosecutor, elected to 38th Congress, served as a trustee of the Ohio State University, founded Commercial Bank, had interests in Baltimore & Ohio Railway Co. He organized Tiffin Board of Trade which later become the Chamber of Commerce and was involved with the Tiffin Library Association.

#10 L Selle, Lewis: A merchant and tailor, he contributed \$30,000 in 1920 to build a nursery at Junior Home to house approximately 30 infants. The building still stands in his memory.

#11 L Gross-Armstrong: W. Armstrong was one of first great newspapermen in Tiffin, published the journal, "Advertiser" and was later one of the organizers of Tiffin Woolen Mills.

#12 R Breslin, John G: The first Tiffin newspaperman of German cultural origin, he purchased a journal called "Van Burenite" in 1842 and began publishing the "Seneca Advertiser" journal

#13 R Nyman: Philetus: A partner in Nyman & Loomis which later became Loomis Machinery Co., his inventive skills made Loomis Machinery a well known manufacturing firm.

#14 R Coe: The Thomas Coe family owned land on which Greenlawn Cemetery stands.

#15 R Barnes: Myron and family. Myron published his book "Between the Eighties: Tiffin, Ohio, 1880-1980" in 1982 bringing Tiffin's history to current status at the time. He also served many years as director of Seneca County Museum.

#16 L Shawhan, Rezin W. and Family: One of organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery, Tiffin Woolen Mills, The National Exchange Bank, Lower Sandusky, Tiffin & Fort Ball Plank Road Co. (a toll road), he built the Empire Hotel which become the Gibson Hotel, owned the Eagle Hotel, and re-built and named the Shawhan Hotel. He built a series of stores on Washington St., built the house which is now Seneca County Museum and contributed to Heidelberg College to keep the school from moving to Dayton. He later received the first certificate issued by Heidelberg College.

#17 L Truman Bagby: The only Probate Judge elected with no law degree, he served as county commissioner, helped to select the architect for the design of courthouse and was an abolitionist who housed runaway slaves during the Civil War.

#18 L Yingling, Charles: Charles ran very successful dry goods store until the 1930's and served as mayor of Tiffin from 1936-1941.

#19 L Weirick, Upton (T. Bagby's son-in-law): Reputed to have invented the corn cob pipe.

#20 L Hall, A. Luther: A county prosecutor, clerk of the Supreme Court and Common Pleas Court, he had a law office with John Pittinger. In 1838 he bought the local newspaper, “Tiffin Gazette and Seneca Advertiser” and changed name to “Tiffin Gazette.” He was one of the organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery.

#21 L Ebbert, Henry: He was the third mayor of Tiffin (1842-1844) and one of organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery.

#22 L Lee, John: One of organizers of Greenlawn Cemetery, his other business is unknown. He served as a Colonel in the Civil War.

Sundial: Located at the flagpole, this memorial includes a granite base on which the sundial is mounted. It was dedicated on May 26, 1940 for the Veterans of the Civil War (1861-1865).

#23 L Lang, William H.: A lawyer, William built Lang House across from the Courthouse on Market St, wrote “History of Seneca County”, and was editor of the “Seneca Adler” with John Berslin as publisher. He was Mayor of Tiffin from 1850 to 1853 when Fort Ball and Tiffin incorporated.

#24 L Gibson, William H.: Gibson helped organize volunteer firemen in Tiffin, was elected State Treasurer in 1885, served in the Civil War as a General, and for 45 years travelled presidential campaign trails becoming widely known and respected as an orator. His monument stands at the courthouse.

#25 L Yeager, Jacob F: Jacob served in the Civil War. He is reputed to be the only recipient of the Medal of Honor in Seneca County.

#26 L Tomb, Benjamin: A pioneer settler and founder of the first bank in Tiffin.

#27 L Huss, John: A partner of Benjamin Tomb in the first bank in Tiffin.

#28 LM Clark, J.M.: This mausoleum is included in our tour because of its unusual location. Clark’s tomb is embedded in the hillside in the vicinity of the Patterson monument.

#29 R Hubach, Henry: Owned Hubach’s Brewery until after prohibition when the brewery was converted to a milk and ice cream plant. The brewery was located at the base of Madison Street.

#30 R Bunn, Laura: The wife of Judge Bunn, she was an early organizer and officer of the Tiffin Library Association.

#31 R Drake: The Drake family monument is a perfect sphere of granite, each of the headstones are granite spheres and are included due to the unique style.

#32 R Young, John L.: Also included in the tour due to the unique style. Like the Bunn monument, Young’s monument is made of cast metal, thought to be zinc.

#33 R Bowe, Erastus: The first settler in Seneca County, he arrived at Oakley (Ft. Ball) in November 1817. He kept a tavern in the area which later became the site of the first post office in Seneca County.

#34 R Six: The Six family owned farm land north of town which later became known as Six’s Corners.

#35 L Hedges, Josiah: The founder of Tiffin, he built a saw mill, platted surveys of Tiffin and in 1825 bought Ft. Ball. In 1831, he donated land located on Madison Street and laid out the first cemetery.

#36 L Flack: This family owned a business which made carriage tops and buggies.

#37 R Manley, Spivey: Born March 2, 1822, in North Carolina. North Carolina was a slave state at the time Spivey was born. His wife Emmeline was born in 1820 in the same state. They came to Tiffin and later owned the first home to be built, in part, by an African American. While he was initially a teamster, Spivey became one of the first merchants in Tiffin when he became a butcher and operated a livery stable where he took care of the community's horses. With the livery, Spivey was the local blacksmith. Sometime before 1859 he opened a grocery store at 51 E. Market St. In Tiffin Spivey enjoyed the rights of a free man and it is assumed his home, which is in the process of being refurbished by the Tiffin Historic Trust, is the oldest or one of the oldest homes in Tiffin.

#38 R Grammes: This family operated a bakery and candy making factory on Court Street.

#39 L Grummel, Phillip: Phillip bought Mueller Brewery located at the site of what is now Tiffin Scenic Studios. He also built a block of stores known as "Grummel Block" across from the Courthouse.

#40 L Leiner: Many will remember Leiner's, a men's clothing business in Tiffin.

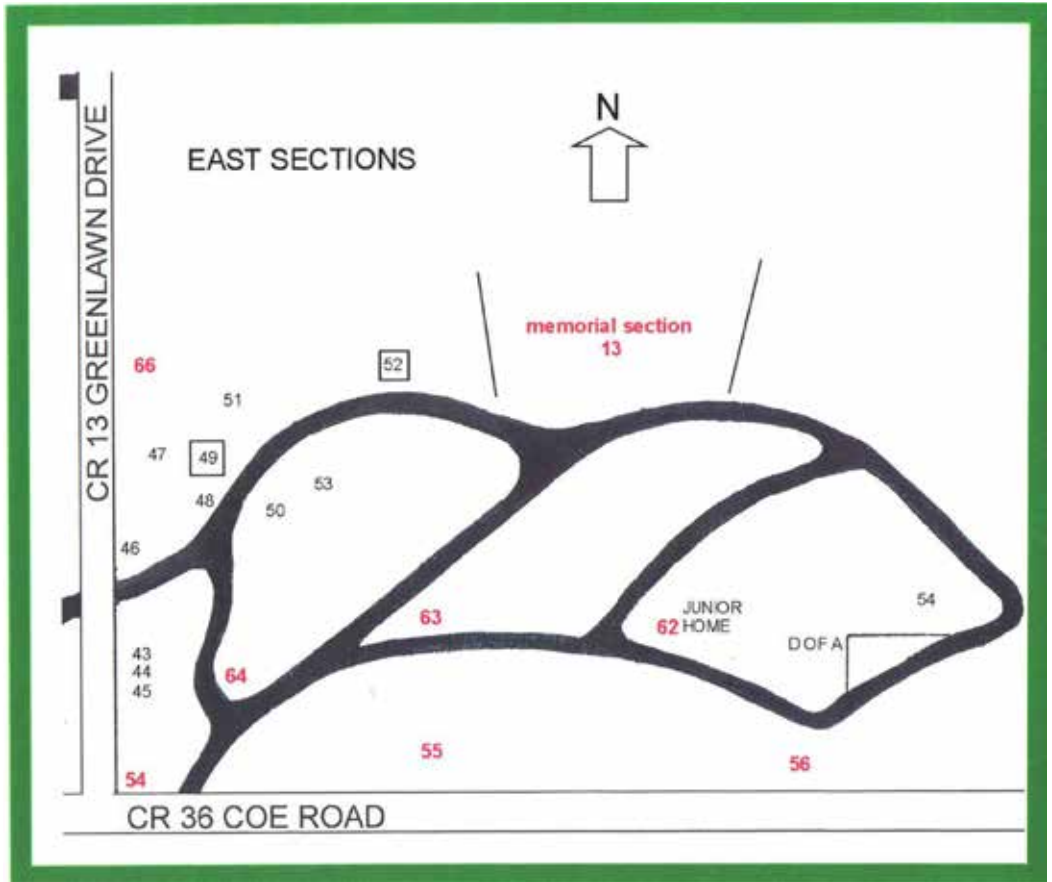
#41 L Feige, Henry & John: These two brothers owned and operated Fiege Furniture Co., and also were undertakers and manufactured their own caskets. Fiege Furniture Co later became Ewald's Furniture Store.

#42 L Geyer, Charles: Geyer owned the Empire House before it was purchased by Rezin Shawhan. This hotel later became known as the Gibson Hotel. His home on Melmore Street was purchased for the First English Lutheran Church in which Geyer was very active.

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#43 R M Sneath, Ralph D.: Son of Samuel B. Sneath of Sneath Glass Company ran grain elevators, a brokerage firm, and an electric streetcar enterprise.

#44 R M Frost, Meshech: Frost was instrumental in bringing National Machinery Co. to Tiffin and brought the Beatty Glass Co. to Tiffin from Steubenville. Brewer Pottery and Sterling Wrench Works came to Tiffin under his guidance and he promoted the first streetcar in Tiffin. He began the beautification of the river area, and in his will, left money known as the “Frost Foundation” to the City of Tiffin for civic development.



#45 R M Hopple, William: Owner of the Hopple Handle Co. which manufactured handles.

#46 L Hanson, Clifford and Family: This family owned and operated the Hanson Clutch and Machinery Co. which was more recently known as Tiffin Pettibone Co.

#47 L Hertzner, William: Known for his keen business insight and his sterling integrity, William L. Hertzner was a Tiffin banker, associated with the Tiffin National Bank for over 50 years. He served as its president from 1925 to his retirement in 1935. From 1935 until his death in 1938, he served as Chairman of the Board at Tiffin National Bank. He also was a director and member of the board of managers for the National Machinery Company, as well as a director and treasurer of the Citizens Building and Loan Association. He was secretary and treasurer of The Greenlawn Cemetery Association for over 60 years. He represented his ward on the City Council and served on the Tiffin Board of Education. On April 25, 1889, he married Emma Geyer, daughter of Charles and Ida Geyer, in Tiffin. Charles Geyer was a prominent businessman, highly regarded in Tiffin. William and Emma Hertzner had four children: Carl, Robert, Lucile, and John.

#48 L Frost-Kalnow: Earl Frost carried on his father’s (Meshech Frost) work and became a civic leader and humanitarian. Earl Frost also started work at the National Machinery when its’ financial status was precarious. Earl’s daughter, Jane and her husband Carl Kalnow continued his work. Their children, Carl and Andrew Kalnow, Gertrude Chisholm and Loretta Kaplan continue to be generous to Tiffin.

#49 L M Troxel, Howard and Lynn Sr.: Donated family home to Seneca County Museum for use as its headquarters. The museum is still in use today.

#50 R Asa L. Seewald: A colorful figure in Tiffin’s history, Asa served in the regular army from 1903-1906, returning to Tiffin in 1911 where he held several conventional jobs. During his employment, he earned a reputation of being unimpressed by monetary gains and later started his own business travelling the streets of Tiffin

washing windows or doing odd jobs in exchange for food. He moved into a roadside shed along US 224 and SR 100. Many over 60 can remember “Acy” walking in Tiffin as he continued his window washing well into his late 70’s. He was rumored to be a rich man when he passed away in 1956 at 80 years.

#51 L Miller, Franklin J.: President and co-founder, with Alfred.M. Reichard, of Tiffin Business University now known as Tiffin University. In 1912, the team of Miller and Reichard acquired the Department of Commerce of Heidelberg University in Tiffin. For six years, from 1912-1918, they worked together on Heidelberg’s Campus. It was during this period that the plan for the opening of Tiffin Business University was incubated. After several years of planning, research and study, the various courses which were to form the curricula of the new Tiffin Business University were completed, faculty employed and the institution was opened on January 27, 1918

#52 LM Conradt, Frederick: This family started the Tiffin Pottery which was later called American Standard and also controlled Tiffin Art Metal.

#53 R Hedges, William: Owned Tiffin Woolen Mills and built National Hall.

#54 R Meyer, Walter H.: Founded Meyer Drug Store and Meyer Drug Co. He was a civic leader and one of the organizers of Tiffin Community Development Committee to promote Tiffin’s industries as well as relocate other industry to Tiffin.

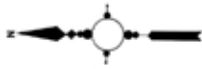
R Daughters of America: This burial ground was purchased by the Daughters of America for the residents of the National Home formerly located on the north side of Tiffin.

R Junior Home (J. O. U. A. M.): The former Junior Home was a nationally recognized orphanage. The site of this former facility is now the Tiffin Development Center on River Road. This burial site was used for children who had died while still residents of the orphanage.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to tour Greenlawn Cemetery. We are constantly making improvements to the landscaping and overall appearance of the cemetery and still have available land for future expansion of our grounds. The cemetery was founded out of community need and through the years the trustees have strived to maintain the high standards that the twelve men who organized the Greenlawn Cemetery Association have set. We are proud of our historic significance and hope that you have enjoyed a look at our community’s past through your tour of Greenlawn Cemetery.

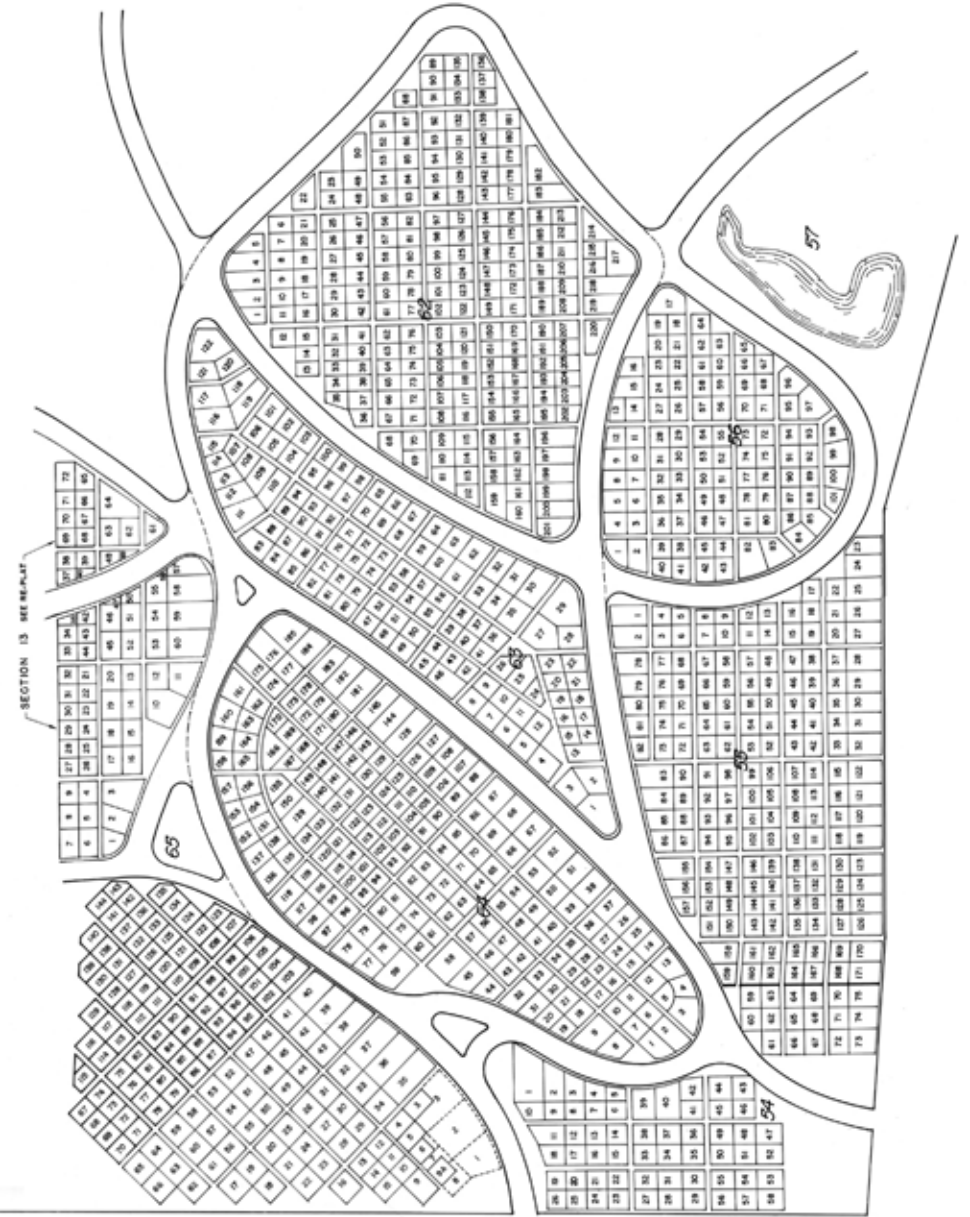
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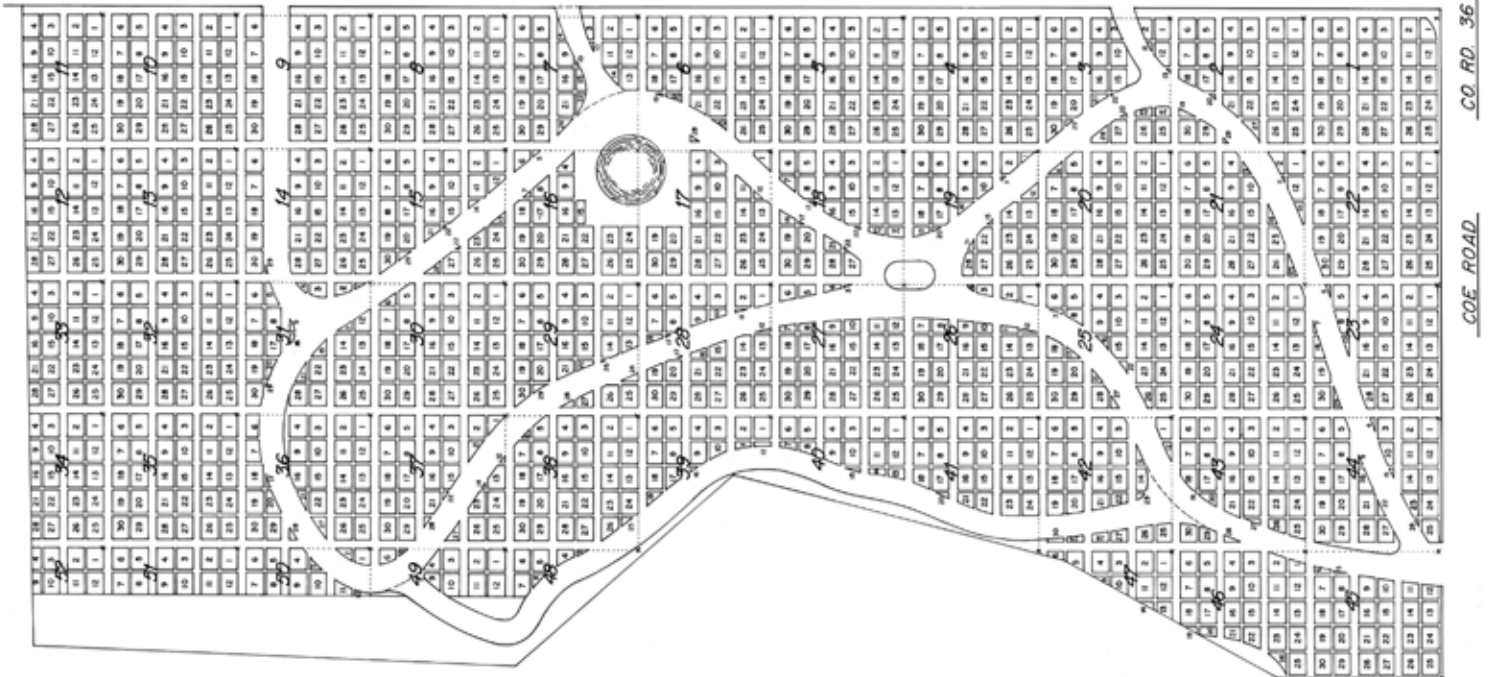


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