

# How to read the Akron Cemetery Map:

## Each burial is listed by

1. Block
2. Section
3. Lot
4. Space

## **Blocks**

- Blocks are listed on the far left side of the map
- Each block is bordered with bold matching colored lines
- Blocks run from the west border to the east border of the cemetery
- Total blocks available are 1 – 7

## **Sections**

- Sections are defined on the map by fill color
- There are four lettered sections that run from the north border to the south border of the cemetery (on the west 1/3 of the cemetery)
- The rest of the sections are defined by a number

## **Lots**

- The small numbers within each Section are the lots
- There can be 1 – 6 burials(spaces) within each section

## **Spaces**

- Spaces are listed from 1 – 6 for each burial
- Space #1 is the north most space within that lot, and each following space numbers follow to the south

## **Ready to try?**

To test your map reading skills, we invite you to try and find one of the oldest burials in our cemetery. Little Winnie V. Curtis was buried here in 1887. Her stone is within walking distance of this map should you care to pass by and say hello.

**Winnie V. Curtis:** Bl. 1, Sect. A, Lot 5-A, Sp. 2

Space on map is marked with a \*

## **INTERESTING FACTS**

- Water hydrants separate the blocks
  - Most lots are 13 x 30
- The thin white space on the map between each block is a walkway
- The thin spaces between the lots (every 2<sup>nd</sup>) are also a walkway

## **Burials**

Horace G. Pickett – 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor of Akron – Born 7/16/1844 – Death 12/23/1939  
Blk. 1, Sect. A, Lot 8, Sp. 5

Alva N. Graves – 1<sup>st</sup> Casualty from Washington County that served in WWI  
Born 6/8/1896 – Death 6/14/1918  
Blk. 1, Sect. A, Lot 8, Sp. 5

## **The Dash by Linda Ellis**

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with  
tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.  
So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?