

The new publication on Erie Street Cemetery by Arcadia Publishing under the Images of America Series will be available in the spring of 2011. The restoration of Erie Street Cemetery will be one of the major projects of The Early Settlers Association of The Western Reserve in cooperation with the Honors Program of Cuyahoga Community College. Proceeds from the sale of this book will help to establish a fund that can be used for improvements to the historic grounds. Erie Street Cemetery is Cleveland's oldest existing cemetery. Today downtown Cleveland towers over this peaceful plot of land, which has remained essentially unchanged since it was opened as a burial ground in 1826, in what was at that time the far edge of the town. Within the cemetery are the graves of soldiers who served in the Indian Wars, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Spanish American War, Civil War, and other wars; and it is last resting place of many of the city's early leaders and pioneer families. It is the site where the saga of the life in early Cleveland can be told from its founding as a pioneer settlement, to becoming a boomtown and then on to the industrial revolution. A cemetery cannot speak, but this book attempts to unfold its story.

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