Help us today by making a gift to the Mt. Wood Cemetery Fund. Please complete this form and mail it to CFOV, 1310 Market St. Wheeling, WV 26003. Make checks payable to CFOV, and designate Mt. Wood Cemetery on the memo line.

☐ Please contact me for more information about leaving a gift for Mt. Wood Cemetery in my estate.
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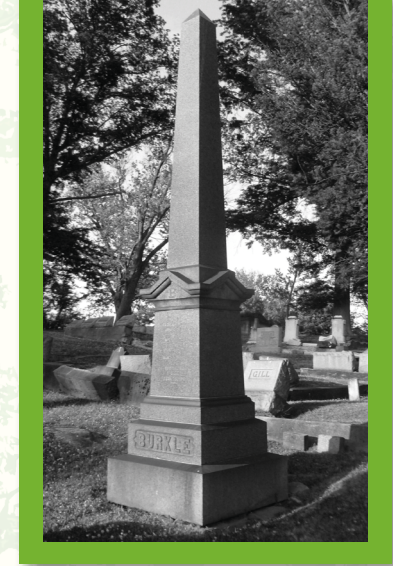**Do you have relatives buried in the cemetery? Please list their names.**

Add me to the Wheeling Heritage mailing List: Yes ☐   No ☐

I am interested in volunteering: Yes ☐   No ☐

My talents include:

Donation: $25 $50 $100   Other $

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Mt. Wood Cemetery
WHEELING, WV

THE HISTORY OF

MT. WOOD Cemetery

WHEELING, WV

Mt. Wood Cemetery is Oldtown Wheeling's oldest, extant cemetery. Incorporated in 1848, it was a popular interment place well into the 20th century and serves as the resting place for many of the area's notable and hardworking citizens.

The cemetery is located on Mt. Wood Road, at the top of Wheeling Hill, just off of National Road. Almost 2,000 souls are buried within the 14 hillside acres that comprise the property. Monuments are spaced under the trees, with 10 mausoleums standing among the gravestones. The monuments are made of marble, granite, white bronze and sandstone and range in size from large to small.

The cemetery was constructed during the time of the rural Romantic Movement – when cemeteries were built in places with unique topography, laid out with a care for spaciousness and beauty. The view from Mt. Wood Cemetery offers a perspective of Wheeling and the river valley that is unparalleled on the eastern side of the river.

As all things change over time, the cemetery was less often chosen as a burial place during the 20th century, the association that took care of its affairs dwindled, and the cemetery fell into disrepair. After several decades of neglect, vandalism, and the negative effects from gravity, the cemetery was in need of help by the turn of the 21st century. The City of Wheeling took over its care during the 1970s when several acts of vandalism terrorized the mausoleums and gravestones.

The year 2013 saw the launch of a grassroots movement that consisted of several local organizations and volunteers coming together to partner on a variety of projects for the benefit of the cemetery. Under the leadership of Wheeling Heritage, events, fundraisers, and volunteer workdays have been held on the cemetery's behalf over the past four years. Through volunteer workdays, we facilitated the leveling, resetting, and cleaning of the gravestones and monuments. Wheeling Heritage worked to have Mt. Wood Cemetery listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2013, and we received a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to aid in its restoration efforts. Since 2013, there have been many partners and volunteers who have donated their time and talents to aid in the restoration of the cemetery. With their help, a great amount of work in improving the state of the cemetery has occurred, but there is still much work to be done! Since Wheeling Heritage's work began, our volunteers have shared close to 1,000 volunteer hours to restore almost 300 gravestones within the cemetery.
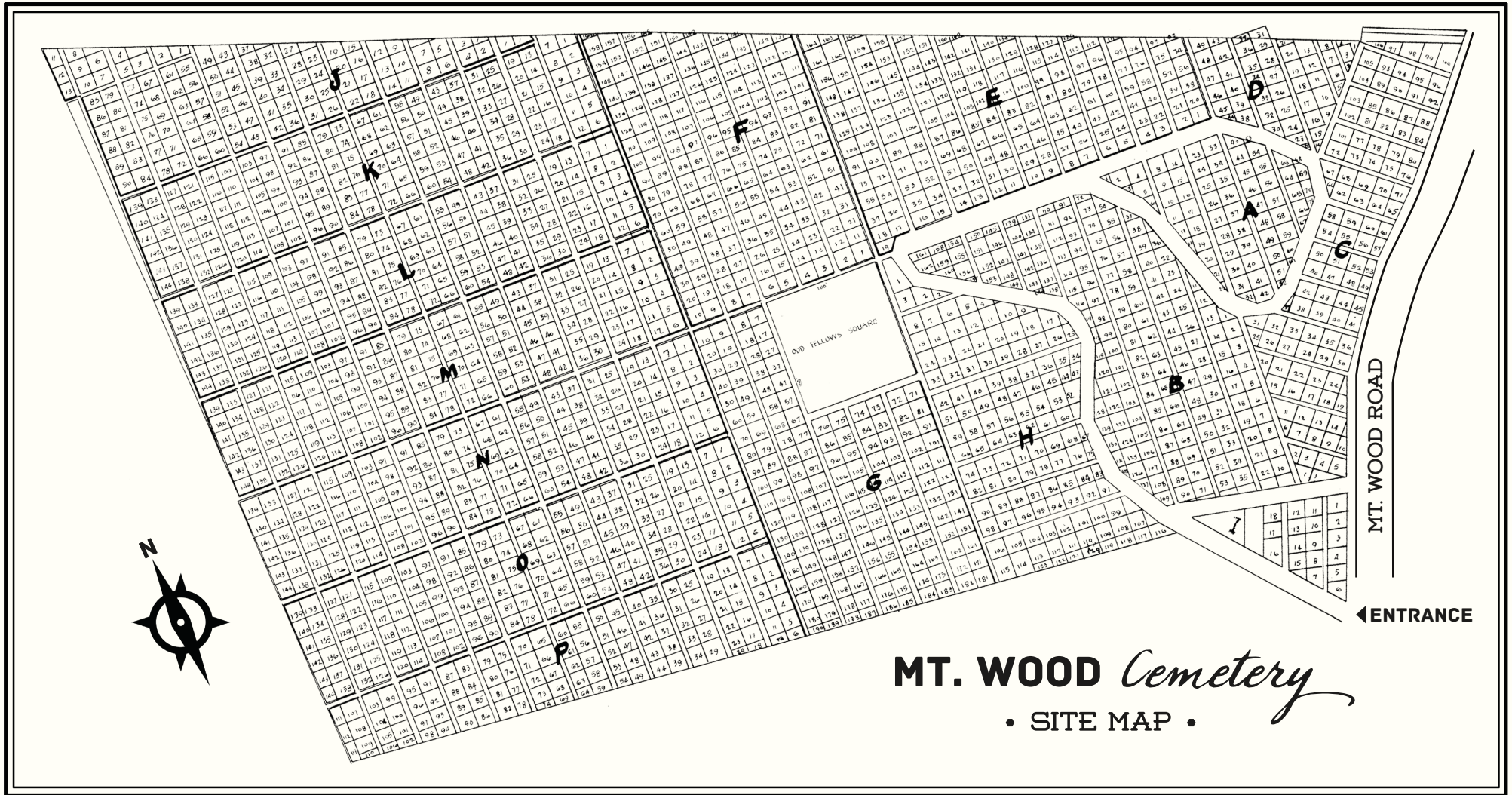
While much attention has been paid to resetting, leveling, and cleaning gravestones, many mausoleums need restored and retaining walls need rebuilt. Our efforts are now moving toward those larger and more complex projects. Improving and sustaining a historic community resource takes a team approach. That's why the **Mt. Wood Cemetery Fund** was created at the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley.

When you make a gift to the Mt. Wood Cemetery Fund, you are making an investment in our community.

Make your gift to the Mt. Wood Cemetery Fund at www.cfov.org, or mail your contribution using the attached form.

MT. WOOD *Cemetery*
• SITE MAP •

ENTRANCE

MT. WOOD ROAD

OLD FELLOWS SQUARE

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

WHEELING HERITAGE & VOLUNTEERS HAVE:

- Cleaned more than 1,500 gravestones with a biocide cleaner

- Leveled and reset more than 300 gravestones

- Reset 18 large monuments with the help of professional monument companies

- Created two historic structure reports with construction drawings for two endangered mausoleums

- Launched the Mt. Wood Story Map as an online interactive research tool

WORK TO BE DONE:

- Resetting, leveling and cleaning of hundreds of gravestones

- Restoration of three abandoned mausoleums

- Repair of front gate

- Rebuilding of retaining wall