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JOHN LAY LOT (SECTION D) and THE WETLANDS (SECTION GG) at FOREST LAWN CEMETERY



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DEATH OF JOHN LAY.— Another of the older class of thecitizens of Buffalo is gone. JOHN LAY, who has been a resident here for many years past—and for a long time an active and successful merchant, died on the 10th inst., at the age of 60. Mr. LAY came here while Buffalo was a small village—hamlet, as it were—and has continued a resident until the time of his death. As a merchant, he was energetic and successful; but in the "speculating era," he was visited with the general pecuniary misfortues of the times, which reduced so many from wealth. He was always honest and upright in his business relations, and highly estecmed as a citizen. Thus are annually passing away, one by one, the pioneer inhabitants of Buffalo. Their ranks are even now thinned—but Sew remain—another generation has taken their place. JOIN US



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WE WILL BE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE INAUGURAL INDUCTEES INTO FOREST LAWN'S JOHN LAY SOCIETY — THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A LEGACY COMMITMENT TO OUR FUTURE AT THE JULY 12 EVENT





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John Lay, Jr.

Our First Permanent Resident at Forest Lawn

John Lay, Jr. was a friend to the founder of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Charles Clarke. As Charles and his wife Mary Anna developed this landscape into a rural cemetery, their dear friend John Lay passed away on July 10, 1850. Although John admired the visionary work of his friends, he died without wealth, nor the ability to secure a burial plot in Buffalo's newly-established cemetery.



As an expression of benevolence, Charles and Mary Anna Clarke donated a premium burial plot for the final disposition of their dear friend, buried on July 12, 1850. The Rev. William Shelton, who presided over the committal service, looked over the grounds and remarked to a bystander "What a tide of grief will be poured forth here." It is believed that as a result of John Lay's final interment, Forest Lawn became the desired location for Buffalo residents to be buried.

Those who make a legacy gift to Forest Lawn today will always be remembered for their generosity, much like what was done for John Lay by our founders, Charles and Mary Anna Clarke.



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