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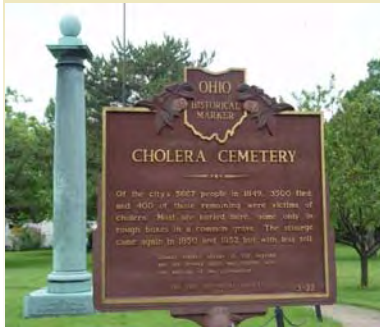


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Harrison Street

Between the years 1830 and 1850, many travelers brought a disease called cholera with them to Sandusky. Symptoms included diarrhea, fever, and vomiting, resulting from contaminated water and unsanitary conditions.



In 1849, the most severe cholera epidemic occurred in Sandusky, when nearly 400 people died. Fifty more people died in a recurrence in the 1850's.

Victims were buried in a long trench, rather than individual graves, at this Harrison Street site. It is the city's second oldest cemetery.

The Cholera Cemetery was restored in 1924. It had been neglected since 1850, when Oakland Cemetery opened.

John W. Lay, whose father is buried in Cholera Cemetery, designed the bronze monument inscribed in part, "**Erected in memory of the pioneers of Sandusky, Ohio who gave their lives during the cholera epidemic of 1845 to 1849 A.D. During this great tragedy half of the 4000 population either fled or were called by death...**"



History taken from: Aldrich, Lewis Cass, ed. History of Erie County Ohio. D. Mason & Co., Publishers, 1889. 302-310.

For additional information, call the City of Sandusky Division of Parks, Recreation & Horticultural Services at 419.627.5879, or email cityrec@ci.sandusky.oh.us

Directions:

From East: Enter Sandusky via Cleveland Rd. (Rt. 6). Follow Cleveland Rd. (Rt. 6) west to Adams St. and turn right. Take Adams St. to Harrison St. and turn right. Cemetery is on the right.

From West: Enter Sandusky via Cleveland Rd. (Rt. 6). Follow Cleveland Rd. (Rt. 6) east to Adams St. and turn left. Take Adams St. to Harrison St. and turn left. Cemetery is on the right.

From South: Enter Sandusky via Milan Rd. (US 250). Take Milan Rd. north to Monroe St. and turn left. Follow Monroe to Tiffin Ave., turn right. Follow Tiffin Ave. to Adams St. and turn left. Take Adams St. to Harrison St. and turn left. Cemetery is on the right.

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