

## Excerpts of Urbana Council Minutes relating to the Old Burying Ground

### Urbana Council Minutes August 5, 1867

... On motion of Ald. Gere, Ald. Harvey was appointed a committee to confer with Simeon Busey in reference to the limits of the burying ground and to obtain from Samuel T. Busey a deed for said Grounds.

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### Urbana Council Meeting minutes September Meeting 1867 Council Rooms, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1867

... At a regular meeting of the city council of the city of Urbana convened and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. AD 1867 the following members were present. Hon. Eli Halberstadt, Mayor, and Ald. Tobias, Gere, Harvey, and Sing and the Marshall and Clerk-

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, Ald. Harvey reported that he had conferred with the Busey heirs in reference to getting a deed for the old burying ground, and they were not disposed to give a deed for the same.

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### Urbana Council Meeting Minutes December 6, 1869

... Resolved by the City Council of the city of Urbana that the burying of the dead in the burying ground North of Town within the corporate limits of the city be prohibited from and after this date and that the City Marshall cause notices to be posted in suitable places and to enforce this resolution. Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec A D 1869

On motion of Ald. Russell the communication [?] and proposition of Jesse Burt in relation to the cemetery was referred to the committee on new cemetery.

On motion of Ald. Russell the council decided that when they adjourned it be to meet Dec 13<sup>th</sup> A D 1869...

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### Urbana Council Meeting Minutes March 7, 1870

... On motion the special com appointed on cemetery ordinances reported in favor of adopt. Mount Hope Cemetery as the city Burying G[round]

On motion of Ald. Russell the following resolution was adopted.  
Resolved, That the old Burying Ground commonly called the "Old Grave Yard" and the same is hereby declared vacant and all persons having friends therein buried are requested to remove them there from.

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### Urbana Council Meeting Minutes July 1, 1872

... Resolved. That the Street known as University Avenue be opened through the grave yard and be deeded to the City of Urbana to be held by said City as a grave yard and sohere abandoned as such to be held as public grounds also that the graves which will be exposed by the opening of said street are to be moved at the expense of the City-The Cost of fencing street through the grave yard to be borne jointly by the owners of the land adjacent to the grave yard and the city

### City Council Minutes February 3, 1896 page 405

Ald Call moved the care of the Old Cemetery near Race Street in North part of the City be placed in the charge of Committee on Buildings and grounds, which motion prevailed.

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Urbana City Council Minutes Monday February 2, 1903 pages 190 and 191

The Mayor reported that survey had been made of Old Cemetery by Engineer Royer. That report would be made & deed prepared for execution by Col S.T. Busey to the City. That an effort was being made to have remaining bodies interred there in removed by their friends or relations. Also, that it was ascertained that there were three (3) relatives of Urbana's 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor, Archa Campbell interred there, & suggestion that the city council take charge of the removal of these remains to a suitable Lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Ald. Jno. B. Bennett moved that the City Council have the remains of relatives of Archa Campbell removed to a suitable location, the lot to be procured at expense of the city; which motion prevailed.

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Urbana City Council Meeting Minutes March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1903, page 195

Ald. Hall reported that Supt Leal, had been in charge of removal & other disposition of bodies in old graveyard, and had been in communication with relations or friends of parties buried there- whenever such persons could be found. In some cases he had been instructed by the relatives to bury the stone, in others the stone only had been removed to other cemetery & in still other the bodies had been removed. That the work was progressing satisfactorily. Also that the remains of relatives of Mr. Archa Campbell, Urbana's first mayor had been removed this day to lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery provided by Mr. J.O. Cunningham.

On motion report received and the committee on streets were given full power and discretion as to future dispositions etc.

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Urbana City Council Minutes April 6, 1903 page 199

Ald. Baker presented a deed from Col S. T. Busey for the ground occupied by the Old Cemetery, & also a strip 30 feet wide on the West side of the same. Said deed only specifying that if said ground was vacated as a cemetery that it should be used as a Public Park: Also a plat of the same as prepared from a survey by Engineer Jos. W. Royer.

On motion the City Council accepted said deed and the Clerk was ordered to have deed and plat placed on record in Co. Recorder office.

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Deed Record recorded April 7, 1903, Book 126 page 495

Deed from the City of Urbana, a municipal corporation of the State of Illinois, as Trustee to the Urbana Park District was dated 2 November 1965.