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Celebrating Women's History Month Susan L. Bates Winters

"They had loved and esteemed her noble character in this life
and came to honor her in death."

Susan Luella Bates Winters, wife of Jonathan H. Winters, died Friday, September 9, 1910 at her home on the northeast corner of First and Wilkinson streets.

She was the daughter of Richard and Nancy Bates born September 16, 1837 in Cincinnati, Ohio. On June 9, 1857 she married Jonathan H. Winters, member of one of the most influential families of Dayton. At the time of Mrs. Winters death, Mr. Winters was president of the Winters National Bank. They had been married for 53 years.

Mrs. Winters was an organizer of the Woman's Christian Association (WCA) in November 1870 and one of the founders of the Dayton Widow's Home on Findlay Street. It was her mother, Nancy Trotter Bates, who founded the Widow's Home with support from her daughter.

Mrs. Winters donated the land to the Miami Valley Hospital Society to move the hospital from Fourth Street to its present location. She was a major contributor to the hospital and the Widow's Home and in the early days of the WCA, she laid out the plans for its work. Additionally, Mrs. Winters secured a matron to be employed at the Central Police Station to be in charge of the juvenile offenders who spent time in jail.

In 1870, seven women responded to an appeal by a number of prominent Dayton men for the formation of the Woman's Christian Association. Susan Winters answered that call and served as the organizations first president. Her work included rescuing men and women from intemperance, conducting religious services in the jail, reformation of fallen women, establishing a legitimate employment bureau, and dispensing relief to the poor and needy. The work was her life's calling.

Mrs. Winters was survived by her husband, three children and seven grandchildren. Several hundred people attended her funeral service at the Third Street Presbyterian Church and she was then laid to rest at Woodland Cemetery in Section 43 Lot 1008.

Source: The Dayton Herald, September 1910





Built in 1882, the Widow's Home on Findlay Street.

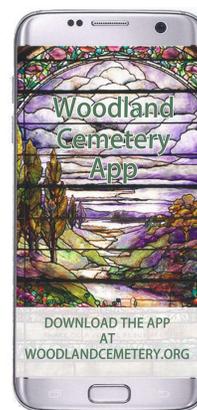


The Valentine Winters home was the first location of the Woman's Christian Association.

As Spring comes upon us, you can take your own walking tour at the cemetery or a virtual tour from the comfort of your couch by visiting our website at: woodlandcemetery.org/tours.

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