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Stowell-Wiles Art Gallery

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Home of Stowell-Wiles Art Gallery

Good memories of pleasant boyhood days at West Perry, the fulfillment of a cherished dream, together with the artistry of another native son, are centered in the Stowell Art Gallery and Stowell-Wiles Collection of oil paintings in the Perry Public Library. Opened in 1935, the gallery came by gift from the late Dr. Charles Henry Stowell, physician and educator of Lowell, Massachusetts, as a repository for a collection of paintings by his half-brother's son, Lemuel Maynard Wiles, noted landscape painter and teacher of art.

Today, thirty-one valuable oils by Professor Wiles, one by his son, Irving R. Wiles, the eminent portrait painter, and other mementoes of the family are on display. Five of the paintings were by gift since the original bequest. Visitors will find scenes from this area, from Europe and the Far West, all expertly hung in an appropriate and restful setting. Those whose interest centers locally will enjoy "The Dark Forest," a study near West Perry, a gift from William R. Bathrick; "Scene at Silver Lake," showing a farm house on

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GAINESVILLE PIONEER CEMETERY

Located on a site donated by William Bristol, pioneer of the Town of Gainesville, this cemetery had doubtless been in regular use since 1820 or earlier, and continued to be the principal place of interment until about 1882. It is situated just east of the old district school and the grounds are maintained by the Town. During 1886 and 1887, considerable agitation developed over the reputed nuisance and health menace of the cemetery and a number of removals were made to the present village cemetery. Today, most of the stones are flat with the turf, show disintegration, in instances only fragments remain, and considerable difficulty was experienced in deciphering inscriptions. More than 200 names follow, taken on the site in May 1950. The grounds are kept mowed and its appearance is a great credit to the Town.

ANDREWS John Andrews, d. Oct. 12, 1858, 76y.
Melisa, dau. John & Sally Andrews, d. Jan. 20, 1839, 44y.

BACON Harriet, wife Reuben Bacon, d. Nov. 21, 1845, 27y 3m 17d.
Caroline, wife Reuben Bacon, d. Dec. 8, 1848, 26y

BAGLEY Josephine, wife John A. Bagley, d. Sept. 10, 1852, 37y.
Emma, dau. John & Josephine, d. Mar. 30, 1854, 1y 7m 5d.

BARKHUFF James H. Barkhuff, fell in Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, and died at U. S. General Hospital, West Point, Sept. 22, 1863, 17y 8m. 134th N.Y. Vols., 11th Army Corps.

BIGFORD Isaac Bigford, d. Dec. 6, 1874, 78y.

BLAKE George, son Rev. W. & S.N. Blake, d. July 23, 1865, 6y.

BLAKELY William, son J. and P. Blakely (Stone Broken)

BOWMAN Hannah, wife Jonas Bowman, d. Dec. 4, 1853, 30 y 7m 20d.

BOVEE William M (Monroe) Bovee, d. Mar. 25, 1881, 31y.

BRADLEY Julia T., Dau. William & Electa Bradley, d. Mar. 17, 1833, 2y 5m 11d.

BRAINARD Ly-----Brainard, d. Oct. 22, 1837, 12y.
Lo-----eBrainard, d. Aug. 11, 1849, 45y.

BRAINERD Day Brainerd, d. Feb. 7, 1875, 75y 6m 10d.
Emily, wife Day, d. Dec. 25, 1883, 77y 3m 11d.
Augustus F., son Day & Emily, d. Aug. 11, 1865, 21y 1m 23d.
Oliver D., son Day & Emily, d. June 7, 1857, 28y 9m.
Morris, son Day & Emily, d. Mar. 31, 1818, 21y.
----- Brainerd, (no other data)

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JOHNSON Children of Richard & Helen Johnson:
 James H., d. Jan. 21, 1846, 21y 6m.
 Lomon, son, d. July 23, 1845, 17y 3m 3d.
 Mary J., dau., d. July 15, 1841, 8y 21d.
 Hellen, dau., d. July 12, 1841, 5m 2d.

JOSLYN Sally T., wife Alvin Joslyn, d. Sept. 16, 1859, 67y.

KING Sophia King, d. Jan. 18, 1868, 70y.

KNAPP William S. & Wilber J, twin sons of William S. & Amy Knapp, d. March 1, 1842, 4ds.

KYES Fanny, wife John Kyes, d. April 29, 1850, 67y.

LAW Lydia, wife John Law, d. Feb. 16, 1840, 66y.

LATHROP Albert Lathrop, d. Sept. 9, 1876, 11y.
 Albert Lathrop, d. Dec. 4, 1863, 25y.

LENT Jacob Lent, d. Nov. 3, 1872, 77y.

LIVINGSTON Charlotte Livingston, wife Slocum Easton, d. April 30, 1839, 27y.

LOWELL Adalaide, dau. A. & M. Lowell, d. Nov. 1, (1845?) 9m 2d.

PHILLIPS Eliza E., wife N.B. Phillips, d. Mar. 11, 1833, 35y.
 Amy E. Phillips, wife Niles Freer, d. Aug. 5, 1873, 33y 10m 5d. Our Mother.

PRICE Thomas Price, d. Sept. 26, 1813, 18y.
 Nancy, wife Thomas Price, d. Jan. 30, 1837, 36y.
 William Jason, son Thomas & Eliza Price, d. May 11, 1837, 7mons.
 Eliza B., wife Thomas Price, d. June 12, 1856, 54y.
 George, son Thomas & Eliza Price, d. Jan 4, 1861, 18y.

PURKINS or PERKINS Chester Purkins, d. Dec. 7, 1875, 68y 10m 11d. (Born Jan. 25, 1807, he came to East Hill, Warsaw, in 1814. He moved to Gainesville in 1866.)
 Asenath, widow Chester Purkins, d. Jan. 15, 1879, 72y 5m 26d. (Born in Massachusetts.)
 Elam E. Purkins, 1835-1889.

REYNOLDS Henry (Harry) Reynolds, d. Mar. 25, 1872, 88y.
 Mary (Polly), wife Henry, d. Sept. 13, 1863, 77y.
 Eliza A., wife Nyrum Reynolds, d. Oct. 30, 1876, 46y.

ROWLEY Harriet Sharp, wife Amos P. Rowley, d. Dec. 4, 1851, 36y.
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