

Willows in winter along
the road south of Shopiere,-
a scene practically still
unchanged since the time of
Governor Harvey.



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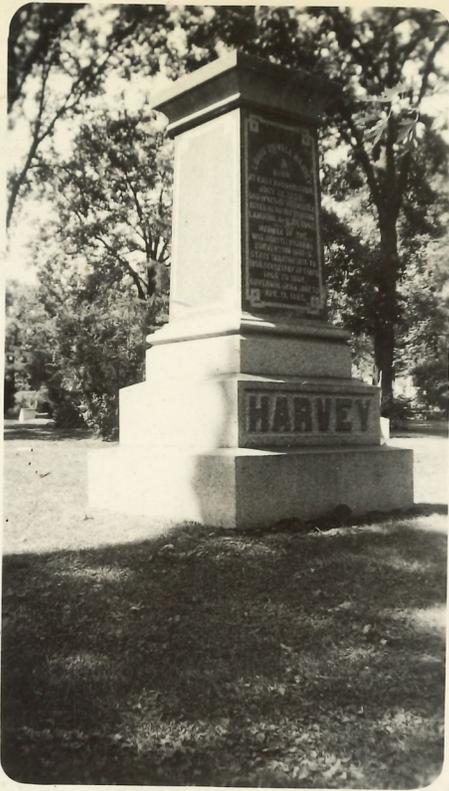


IMPERSONATION OF LINCOLN.

On June 24, 1934, a play-pageant was given in the Shopiere Congregational Church by people of the Shopiere and Clinton community, setting forth the life and work of Governor and Mrs. Harvey in relation to the countryside. In this play, a memorable impersonation of President Lincoln was made by Mr. Ray Swingle, member of a pioneer family and for many years Treasurer of the Town of Turtle. The young officer saluting in the picture is Mr. Robert MacGowan, who lives at this date on the Shopiere Road. (1953).

It is a shadowy possibility that Lincoln trod on the soil of the Town of Turtle in person. If he did, it would have been in the days of the Black Hawk War. On the night of June 30, 1832, young Lincoln, then with Early's Rangers, a troop among the Illinois volunteers, encamped on a bluff above Rock River near the present site of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. It is known that the regular army forces came up from Illinois way into what is now Wisconsin about the vicinity of what is now Park Avenue and the St. Paul Railway junction below Calvary Cemetery. When, after being mustered out of service in Wisconsin, Lincoln found that his horse had been stolen and then had to walk back to New Salem, Illinois, he may have been for a while in Town of Turtle region. There is still a small house in South Elloit pointed out as "where Lincoln once slept." It is not far from heeler School. It is probable that this is about all we shall ever know of Lincoln's movements when he was still unknown to fame.

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HARVEY.

A handsome granite monument in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, bears this inscription:

Louis Powell Harvey
Born

Cordelia Perrine Chester
Wife of
Rev. A.T. Chester, D.D.
of Buffalo, N.Y.

At East Haddam, Connecticut,
July 22, 1820.
Drowned in Tennessee River
Near Pittsburg Landing
April 19, 1862.
Member of Wisconsin
Constitutional Convention,
1847-8.
State Senate, 1854 to 1858.
Secretary of State, 1860-1862.
Governor, January 6, 1862 to April
19, 1862.

Formerly the wife of Governor
Harvey, after whose death
she ministered untiringly to
soldiers in camp, hospital, and
on battlefield, also conceived
and assisted in founding the
Harvey Hospital in Madison, the
first northern hospital for
soldiers during the Civil War.
Dec. 7, 1874.
Feb. 27, 1895.

Near them in the grass lies an old-fashioned white marble stone
inscribed, "Little Mary."



No such amenities as a State Flower for our state were known in the pioneer times of the Harveys. But they would have liked the violet for loyalty and remembrance.

This paper was given by the compiler of this book for the Beloit Historical Society in Shopiere in the summer of 1946. Since then Frank Dole, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Ackley, and Mrs. Van Galder have passed away.

A.S.McL.

Clinton Corners, near Clinton, Wis., where on coming from Southport or Kenosha to the vicinity, Mr. Harvey had a grocery store, in 1847 and in the same year, married Cordelia Adelaide Perrine, whose family had also moved here from Southport. In 1849, the Harveys became identified with Shopiere. The daughter, Mary, was born at this time. A sister of Mrs. Harvey married into the Benson family of Clinton Corners. and in her home Mrs. Harvey died. Both the Perrine and Benson homes, somewhat changed, still stand at Clinton Corners, - the former, the Reum, and the latter, the Swartz homestead.



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Thomas Branigan. 1838-1919.
Mary Branigan. 1849-1919.
Thomas Branigan, Jr. 1887-1916.

This cross is of pure Celtic design.

In Memory of

Paul Broder. Doctor of Laws.
December 14, 1881.
Rest in Peace.

Jacob Henry Broder.

Died
July 17, 1867.
Rest in Peace.



NOTE.

A translation of this inscription has not been attempted because there might be somewhat different readings in the Catholic scriptures to which there is no access at this time.

In Memoriam

Paulus Brodaeus, L.L.D.
14 mo Decembris MDCCCLXXXI

R.I.P.

Bonum Certamen Certavi, Cursum Consummavi, Fidem Servavi.
In Reliquo Reposita Est Mihi Corona Justitiae, Quam Reddet,
Mihi Dominus In Illa Die Justus Judex: Non Solum Autem Mihi.
Sed Et Iis, Qui Diligunt Adventum Ejus.

II Tim. IV. 7, 8.

In Memoriam

Jacobi Henrici Brodaeus.

Obiit Die

17 mo. Julii MDCCCLXVII

R.I.P.

Scio Quod Redemptor Meus Vivit Et In Novissimo Die De Terra
Surrecturus Sum Et Rursum Circumdabor Pelle Mea, Et In Carne
Mea Videbo Deum Meum, Quem Visurus Sum Ego Ipse Et Non Alius:
Reposita Est Haec Spea Mea In Sinu Meo.

Job. XIX. 25, 26, 27.

In memory
Paul Broder, LLD
died on
14 December 1881
R.I.P (stands for rest in peace)

Then what is listed is Latin for the Bible verse of 2 Timothy Chapter 4, verse 7, and most of 8.

From 2 Timothy Chapter 4, verse 7, and most of 8
Vulgate (Latin)

(Knox Bible)

Douay-Rheims

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Bonum certamen certavi,
cursum consummavi, fidem
servavi.

7
I have fought the good fight; I have
finished the race; I have redeemed
my pledge;

7
I have fought a good fight, I
have finished my course, I
have kept the faith.

8
In reliquo reposita est mihi
corona justitiæ, quam reddet
mihi Dominus in illa die, justus
judex: non solum autem mihi,
sed et iis, qui diligunt
adventum ejus.

8
I look forward to the prize that is
waiting for me, the prize I have
earned. The Lord, the judge whose
award never goes amiss, will grant it
to me when that day comes; to me,
yes, and all those who have learned to
welcome his appearing

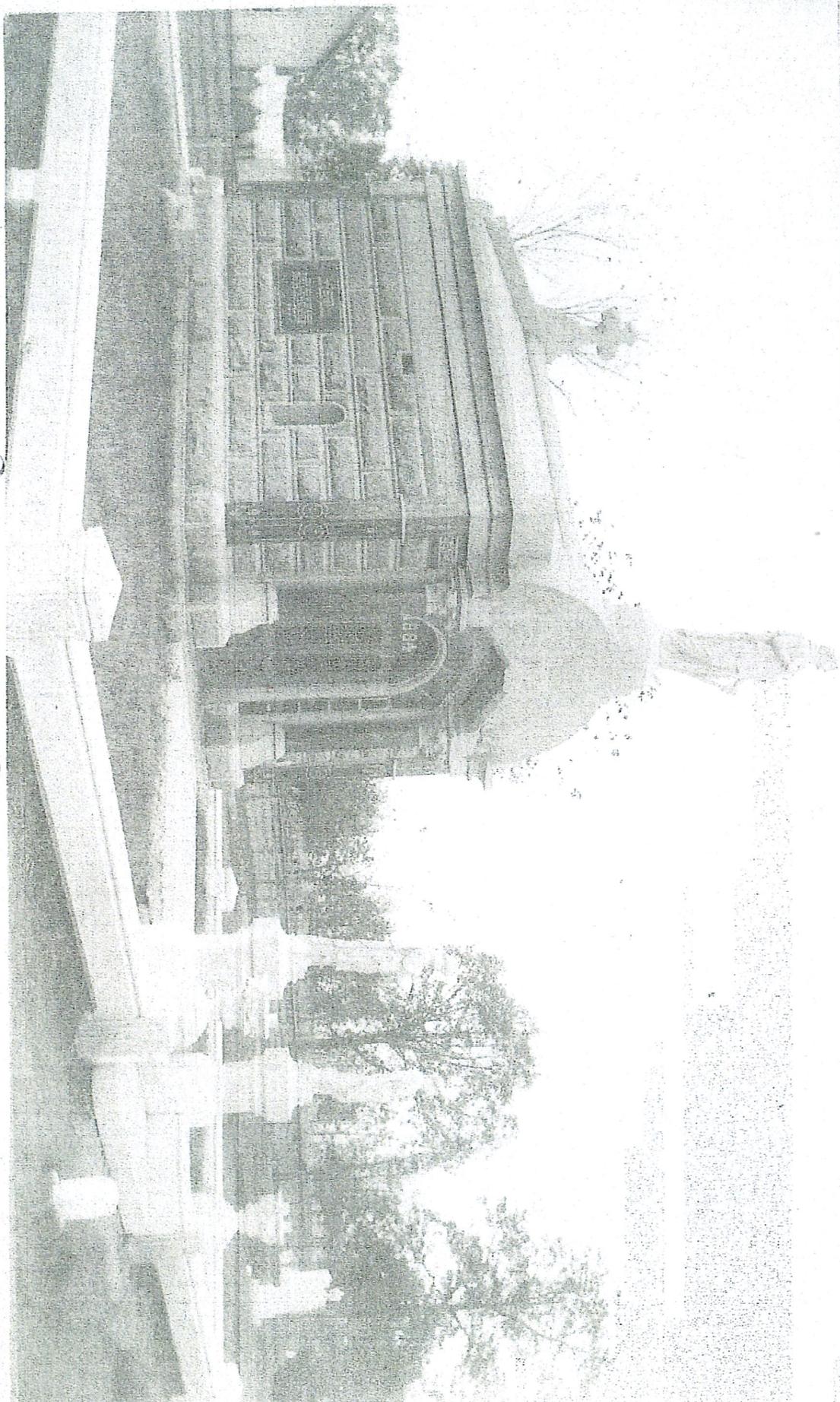
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As to the rest, there is laid
up for me a crown of justice,
which the Lord the just
judge will render to me in
that day: and not only to
me, but to them also that
love his coming.

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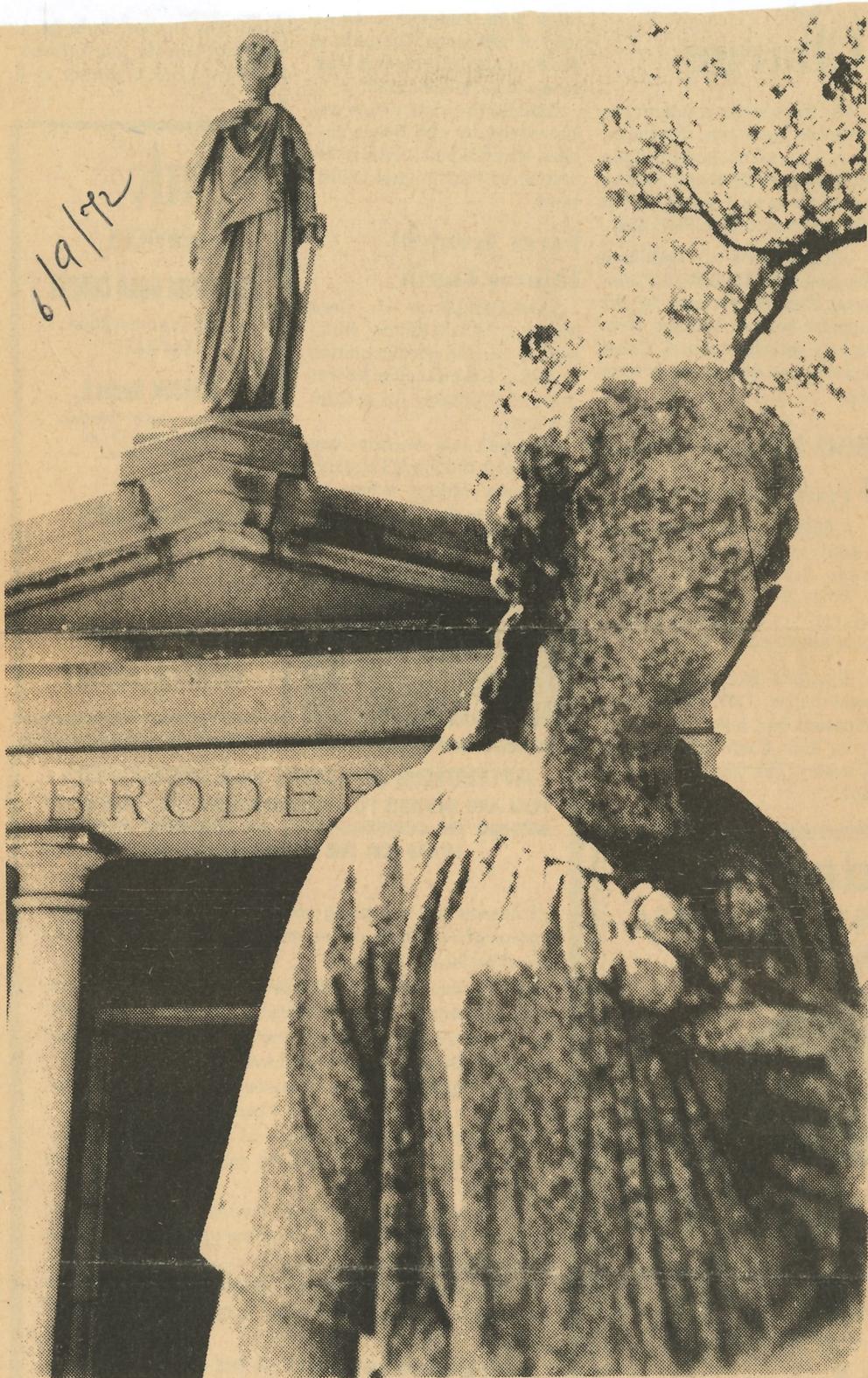
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Garden Tour
 Dec 18, 1989
 Dick & Ma



Hiding a mystery, the Broder Mausoleum rests in Roman serenity in Oakwood cemetery. The edifice, built around 1881, was meant to house six of the Broder children and their father, but only three sisters are there for sure. The prominent family died out in 1922, under the shadow of possible murder, having left its wealth to finance two local churches.

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Only the Wind Knows Broder Family Secret

By Tim Norris

An afternoon breeze moves cautiously through the anteroom of the marble mausoleum, stirring musky odor of humus through the two small apertures cut in the sides.

The darkened chamber traps a sudden sound, a whisper and spews echoes that reverberate into the structure among the coffins. Words distort against the marble walls, and seep out above the wings of carved angels into the trees.

A thick stone slab separates the room, accessible only to the eyes and an occasional

hand tossing in a beer can, from a mystery.

The Broder Mausoleum

The mausoleum, which oversees Oakwood Cemetery, belongs to the Broder family, once prominent in Beloit but now swept from the area by death and circumstance. The

family patriarch was Jacob, who brought his family from Ireland in 1849. His wife died on the trip, but their five daughters and two sons survived. The group settled in Beloit, and Jacob lived until 1867.

There is a mystery about who is buried in the family crypt that may never be

solved. The black iron doors are locked and the key long since disposed of by the Catholic Church, as directed by the Broder will.

The last surviving Broder, Mrs. Ann Broder Mallems, died Oct. 25, 1922, at age 93.

Hint of Murder

The hint of murder hangs over the family. Both of the sons died young, James of tuberculosis and Paul of a mysterious fall. Today no one is left to answer questions, there are descendants of the family outcast, Margaret who married

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Mausoleum

ried outside the Catholic Church to her family's anguish.

Though father Jacob's lumber business was unprofitable, his daughters, Mary and Catherine and Alice, had business genius that carried the family to social prominence.

Sisters Make Money

The three parlayed a modest millinery business into profitable real estate exchanges.

They eventually financed the building of two Catholic churches, St. Paul's in the city and St. Peter's in South Beloit. At her death in 1918, Alice left an estate exceeding \$70,000. Catherine had died in 1905 at 70.

Although the sisters, with the exception of outcast Margaret, lived to old age, the brothers died prematurely, prior to construction of the mausoleum around 1883. James died at 21 in 1870, while his brother was preparing to embark on a law career and the rest of the family was supervising the construction of an ornate Gothic mansion at 629 Union St. (now Wisconsin Avenue).

Paul an Attorney

Paul, following a successful graduation in law from Notre Dame, became so well-known locally that in 1878 he was the main speaker at the city's first Memorial Day celebration. He was rent-collector for his wealthy sisters, and local historian M. Walter Dundore says he was a popular figure around town. On Dec. 14, 1881, Dundore relates, Paul was found dying at the foot of his office stairs after a fall. Though the coroner ruled accidental death, the sisters claimed murder, possibly over money owed them. Paul was 28 when he died.

Jacob's Sons Buried

Jacob and his two sons had been buried in the Catholic cemetery established in 1850 on the west side of the Rock River in South Beloit. The sisters found this unsatisfactory and proposed the mausoleum as a way to reunite the family in death.

Upset with a certain priest in their home parish, St. Thomas, the willful sisters asked permission to put the mausoleum in the Protestant cemetery, and the Italian marble and Vermont granite edifice was built.

Inside the main vault is space for seven caskets, and three marble plaques were set into the outside walls, two of them inscribed to the memory of Jacob and Paul. A third, probably meant for the sisters according to Dundore, is blank.

Are Caskets Empty?

The number of those seven caskets filled remains a mystery. Florence Larson, an office clerk for 13 years at the cemetery, says daughters Catherine, Alice and Ann are buried there, but the father, two sons and Mary may not be. Margaret was not provided for.

"I would think the rest must be buried there," said Mrs. Larson, "but with it locked up there's no real way to tell. I think there was some difficulty in moving the men's bodies from the other cemetery to this one. Their names aren't listed on the records."

Quiet Mausoleum

Today the mausoleum bears its mysteries quietly, its Roman pillars, Latin inscriptions and oddly Gothic sculptures protecting its occupants. The sisters grand home and their effort to support their father's laziness and their brother's education have joined them in dust. The two churches they founded, though, still stand. "They should be remembered," says Dundore, "as people who suffered tragedy and overcame it to benefit the community in which they spent all of their adult lives." But who rests in the Broder tomb? No one is certain.

The Broder Fence

4-17-72



By George A. Clark

It was in the Gav 90's, more specifically in the gaslight age, that decorative fences indicated a family's well-being. An iron picket fence spelled affluence, and a fancy board construction also added a moderate tone of distinction.

In my grade school days, there were many such appurtenances alongside houses. In addition to their decorative effects, fences served as something of a utility.

Not that dogs minded such barriers. They found the posts spots of accommodating relief, and youngsters reveled in climbing and running the length, pounding, especially the iron pickets, with a stick to produce the rat-a-tat-tat of a snare drum. Birds and squirrels used the top rails as perches and runways.

It is difficult, now, to find a fence-enclosed family house and lot. Even in the country fences are scarce. Occasionally, a board construction in front of a farm family home may be seen.

Although I remember several houses in Beloit surrounded at least in part by fences, one in particular intrigued me. It was long - extensive on the Chapin Street side, less on the Prairie Avenue front.

The Broder home, then at 629 Prairie Ave., one of the city's early landmarks occupying considerable ground from Wisconsin Avenue to Prairie Avenues, was demolished nearly 40 years ago. It was a somewhat imposing structure - square, high and typifying the architecture of the middle 1800s.

The Broders, three women, two single, lived in that house more than half a century. Records about them reveal little. It is believed their father was a wealthy lumberman who made his fortune in northern Wisconsin. It also is reported that he built the house for his daughters. Some records indicate that there was a fourth daughter, and it is not clear if the fourth lived in Beloit.

One daughter, Mary, died in 1909. Alice died in 1938, and apparently there is no record of the third, Mrs. Mallans. All were socially prominent in this community. Accounts about the Broders in Beloit newspapers back at the turn of the century were brief.

An early land development, making the Prairie and Wisconsin Avenue sections suddenly popular as potential residential sites, brought about the demise of the Broder house. As I remember, the long wooden fence with a flat top rail was demolished first. The home was next, and I recall that three or four marble fireplace mantels were offered for sale. Such pieces now, catalogued as antiques, would bring a fancy figure.

The father also provided a place of interment for his daughters. A mausoleum of imported marble is reported to be the resting place of the trio. Somehow, and the record again is vague, the mausoleum close to the west limit of Oakwood Cemetery is under the perpetual care of Marquette University. Presumably, somewhere along the line, the senior Broder must have liberally endowed the school.



Ghost from the past, the Broder mansion at 629 Union St. (now Wisconsin Avenue), had one of Beloit's most elegant exteriors when it was built after the Civil War. Three Broder sisters made the family fortune through real estate. The house burned to the ground in 1925.

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| DATE | | | | ADDRESS AND CHANGES | | DATE OF DEED | |
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| RECORD OF INTERMENTS ON THIS LOT BY GRAVE NO. | | | | GR. | | LOCATION OF GRAVE ON LOT BY GRAVE NUMBER | |
| DATE OF BURIAL | BURIAL NUMBER | NAME OF INTERRED | AGE | VET. | MAR-KER | No. | |
| 5-8-1905 | | Catherine Broder | 70 | | | 1 | |
| 2-28-1918 | | Alice Broder | 80 | | | 2 | |
| 10-25-1922 | | Mrs. Ann Mallems | 93 | | | 3 | |
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| SW | | 176-177-184-185 | Broder, Miss Alice | 4 lots | | | |

Mary Broder died 1909
 Henry Broder died 7/17/1887
 James Broder died 1870
 Anne Broder died 1870

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Catherine Broder May 8, 1905 70
 Alice Broder Feb. 28, 1918 80
 Mrs. Ann Mallems Oct. 25, 1922 93

Father Catherine's
 mother
 buried Catherine's
 father's