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# Burlington Historian

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## Calendar

Saturday, June 3, LOOP DAYS,  
10-2 pm, meet us in the Loop to  
share pictures and stories

Saturday, July 29, 10-3 pm,  
HIDDEN HISTORY HUNT,  
Pioneer Cabin, Wehmhoff  
Square, Burlington

Sunday, Oct 8, 1-3 pm  
BURLINGTON'S EARLY  
INFLUENCERS, Cemetery Walk  
at Burlington Cemetery

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## History Museum to Receive Repairs!

An assessment of the History Museum has revealed the need to replace window glass panes, build new window frames, pin tuck bricks and mortar, repair holes in the wooden siding, and paint the wooden exterior. The total project is estimated to cost \$40,000.

This summer the windows will be boarded up and work will begin.

If you are able to help, please send donations to the address above.

## Welcome New Member

Leslie Scherrer, Burlington, WI

## Renewing Members

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### We are in need of Docents for the Museum and Pioneer Cabin!

- Greet visitors and share the history of the Burlington area
- Thursdays 4 pm -7 pm and Saturdays 9 am -12 pm



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Do you enjoy telling stories?

Being a docent is like being a storyteller. Help history come alive for old and young alike. Who knows you may inspire someone to find out more about their families. How exciting to be a part of that. Come join our team and find out how exciting history can be!!

## We appreciate your support!

### Donations

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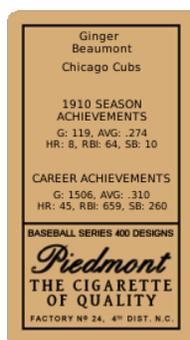
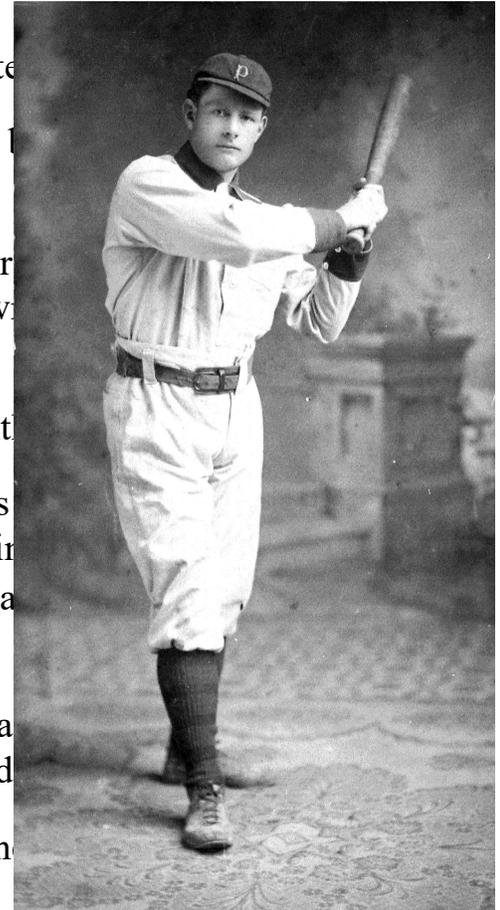
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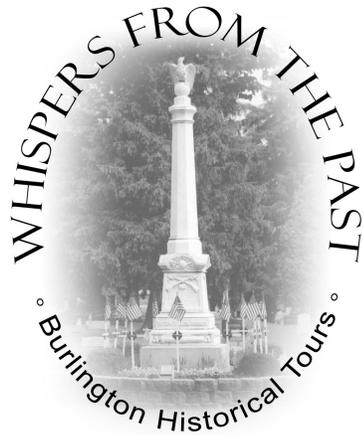
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# Clarence "Ginger" Beaumont

- ◆ Clarence Beaumont was born July 23, 1876 in Rochester, N.Y.
- ◆ He made his major league debut Apr. 21, 1899 and his last game was on Oct. 1, 1910, from 1899 to 1910.
- ◆ Ginger played 8 seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates, three with the Washington Nationals and one season with the Chicago Cubs. The owners of the Cubs nicknamed him "Ginger" due to his red hair.
- ◆ In 1902, he was the National League batting champ with a .327 average.
- ◆ In 1903, the first game of the modern day World Series was played between Boston's Cy Young was on the mound with Lou Criger caught out to centerfield.
- ◆ He was in the National League's top 10 in batting average 10 times. Led the NL 4 times in base hits and once each in runs and home runs.
- ◆ After 12 seasons Beaumont retired and returned to home in Rochester. He lived on his farm called "Center Field Farm."
- ◆ In 1951 Beaumont was inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame.
- ◆ Beaumont died at 79 on Apr. 10, 1956 in Burlington, WI. He was buried in the Rochester Cemetery. His obituary in the Sporting News called him, "One of the game's all-time great outfielders."



On July 19th, 2015, a two-sided monument was unveiled honoring Ginger Beaumont at Beaumont Field in Burlington, WI. Beaumont has been a member of the Burlington Baseball Hall of Fame since 2012.<sup>3</sup>



## **ington's Early influencers**

October 8, 2023

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Burlington Cemetery

vn's Lake Drive, Burlington, Wisconsin

The term "influencer" today is used to describe a person who has a following in a distinct area of expertise and whose opinion is highly valued by others. In the 21st century, these people are mostly social media stars and are responsible for marketing products and ideas.

But, in a more general sense, influencers are also people who shape the world they live in, by using their personalities and positions to create change in their environments. In every society, community or group, there are people whose vision and ideas shape the direction of that organization. This year, Whispers from the Past will be bringing to life some of the people or influencers, who helped create the city we live in today.

This year's subjects include Pliny Perkins, Eda Meinhardt, Dr. Edward Gelisha Dyer, Nettie Karcher, and Elias Nelson White. Each of these individuals were influencers at a critical point in Burlington's growth. Without their influence, Burlington would probably be a very different place than it is today. Re-enactors will greet you at the gravesites of these notable figures and share with you a part of the life and the time in which they lived.

This will be the third event held at the Burlington Cemetery on Browns Lake Drive, hosted by Whispers from the Past, a branch of the Burlington Historical Society. The first event, in 2021, was a fundraiser to help with the cost of the restoration of the Shelter House chapel located within the cemetery and to invite the community to learn about the history of the place and the people who have been buried there. While the chapel house renovation is essentially finished, thanks to the donations of time, money and services from many local people, it is important that the community remains engaged in supporting the only non-denominational cemetery in Burlington. A public cemetery such as the Burlington cemetery, must be supported by the sale of burial sites and donations from benefactors.

One of the centerpieces of the Burlington Cemetery is the Civil War Soldiers Monument, dedicated in 1880. It was designed by McDonald and Blakeman of Spring Prairie. The cost of the monument was \$775. At the time, it was suggested by some citizens that the monument should be erected in the city of Burlington but the decision was almost unanimous by the Monuments Committee, that it be built in the public cemetery. It was the first such memorial built in southeastern Wisconsin. The Decoration Day ceremony where the monument was dedicated on May 31, 1880, started with a procession from the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Kane Street, and involved a brass band, local dignitaries, old soldiers on a chorus, and friends and family members of dead soldiers. At the cemetery, the group first stopped to decorate the graves of the fallen. Then they gathered around the veiled monument. When all had taken their places, two local men, representing the city and the state, unveiled the monument. Three cheers went up among the crowd. The monument is a tribute to the soldiers who fought in the Civil War. When the ceremony was completed, the procession returned to the city. A vote of thanks was given for those who had made this possible. It is a testament to the fact that this monument and these events had on the soldiers, the community. They did not want these lives to be forgotten.

By: Ann Beardsley



Civil War Soldiers Monument at Burlington Cemetery

Many small community cemeteries, each with its own history and life stories of their early influencers, are in peril. Without involvement from the communities where they exist, many of these graveyards are being abandoned. Whispers from the Past, as one of its missions, invites the public to see and understand the importance of preserving this part of our past. The peaceful wooded setting of Burlington Cemetery is the final resting place of many of Burlington's early and more recent influencers. Caring for this place, maintaining and preserving it, is a sacred trust. We hope you will join us for a peek at Burlington's past as you get to know some of its early leaders as interpreted by local actors. We promise you a very interesting afternoon!

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