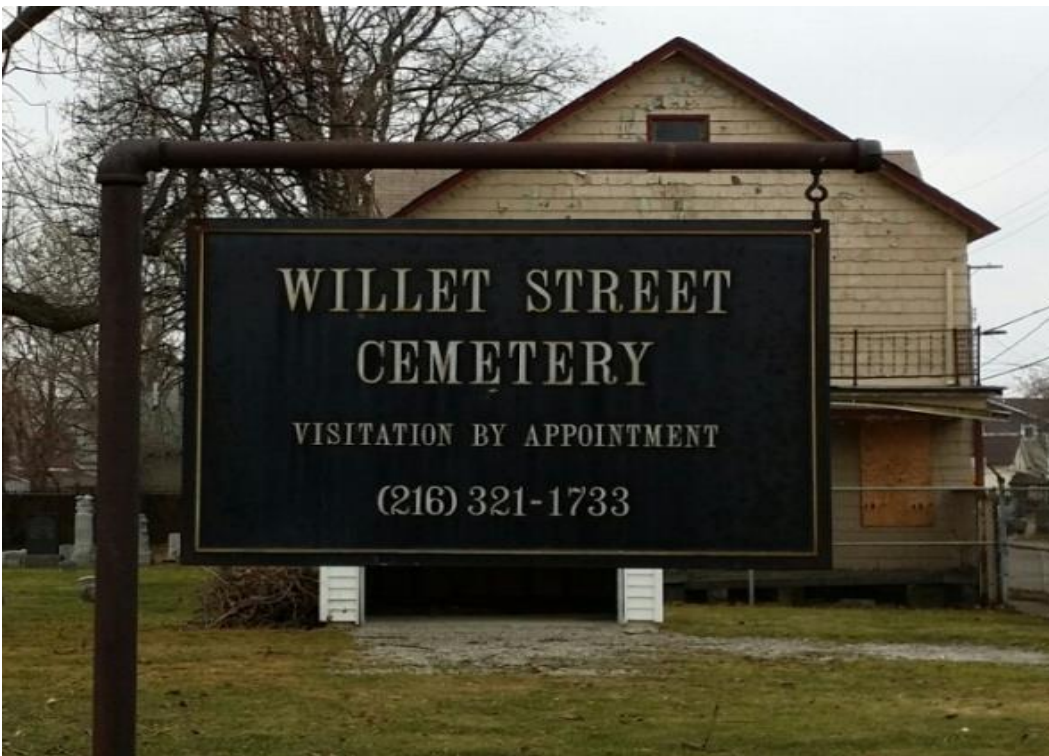


Willet Street Cemetery

2254 Fulton Rd.
Cleveland Ohio 44113

Cleveland's first Jewish cemetery was established in August of 1840 by the Israelite Society at 99 Willet Street, (2254 Fulton Rd.) The 1.6 acres consists of two parcels of land. The first parcel was acquired from Josiah Barber. The second parcel, a small lot at the western edge fronting Baily Avenue, was acquired in 1871 by the Jewish Orphanage Asylum. The Israelite Society would soon become a part of Cleveland's first incorporated Jewish Congregation, Anshe Chesed. Formed in 1848, Anshe Chesed is today known as Fairmount Temple. Today, the cemetery is well managed by The United Jewish Cemeteries Inc. which is a partnership between Anshe Chesed and Tifereth Israel.



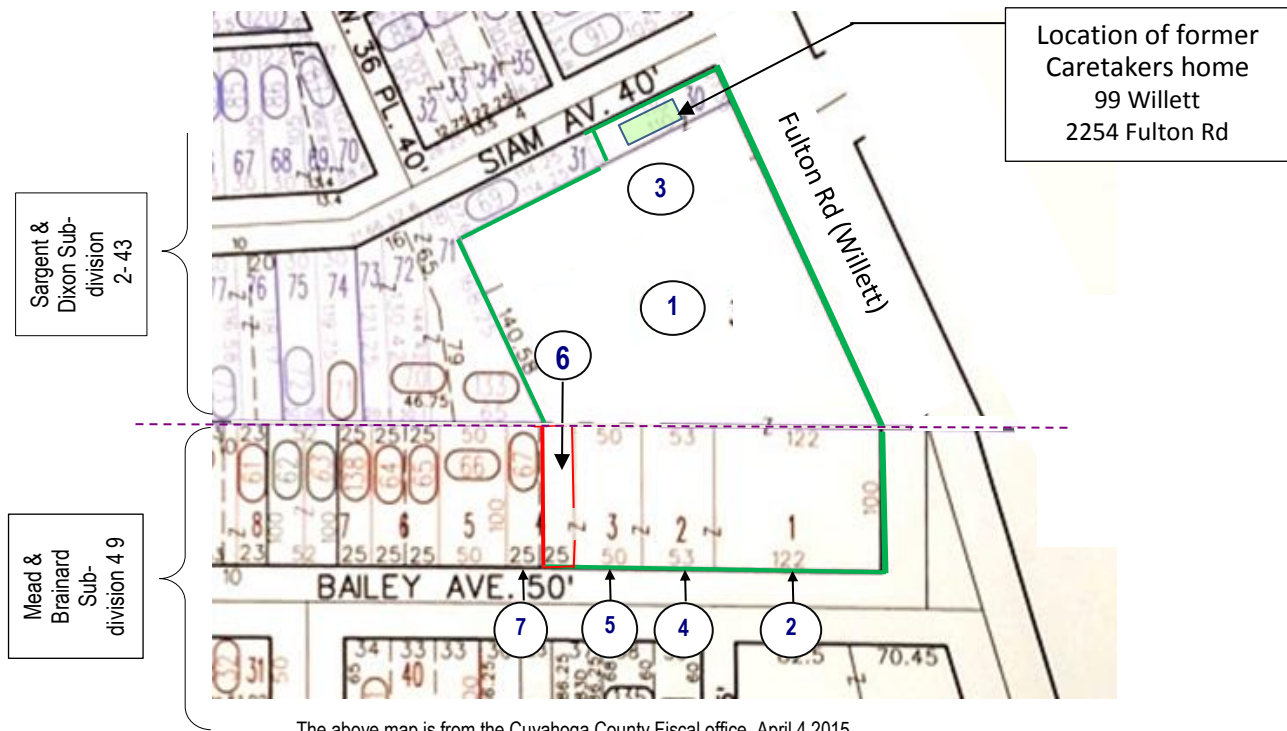
Is it Willet or Willett Street? Deeds and maps going back as far as the mid-1800s spell the street's name both ways. The sign shown above is just east of the former caretaker's home. The garage was constructed when the former home was demolished circa 1970. The house behind the garage is on Siam Street, and for many years was owned by the Rindfleisch family.

The Rindfleisch Legacy

According to Census data and newspaper articles from the day, its long time Caretaker, August Rindfleisch, often referred to as the Sexton of the Cemetery. Arriving from *Prussia* (now Germany) in 1850, serving in the Civil War, he returned to Cleveland and purchased a home adjacent to the Cemetery at the corner of Willet and Siam Ave. In 1866, he sold the home to the cemetery with the agreement that

he and his family could live at the site for an undefined period of time. August would maintain the cemetery until his death in 1905. His son, Henry, would follow in his father's footsteps until his death in 1936. Henry's stepson, Ralph Koepke, served as the Superintendent of the Mayfield Road cemetery (also owned by United Jewish Cemeteries) in the mid-1940s

The Rindfleisch name is, also found at the Anshe Emeth cemetery at the corner of Richmond Rd. and Chagrin Blvd. in Beachwood, OH. Edward Rindfleisch served as the caretaker for this cemetery established in 1910 until his death in 1962. His son, Arthur, continued to oversee the cemetery into the 1970s.

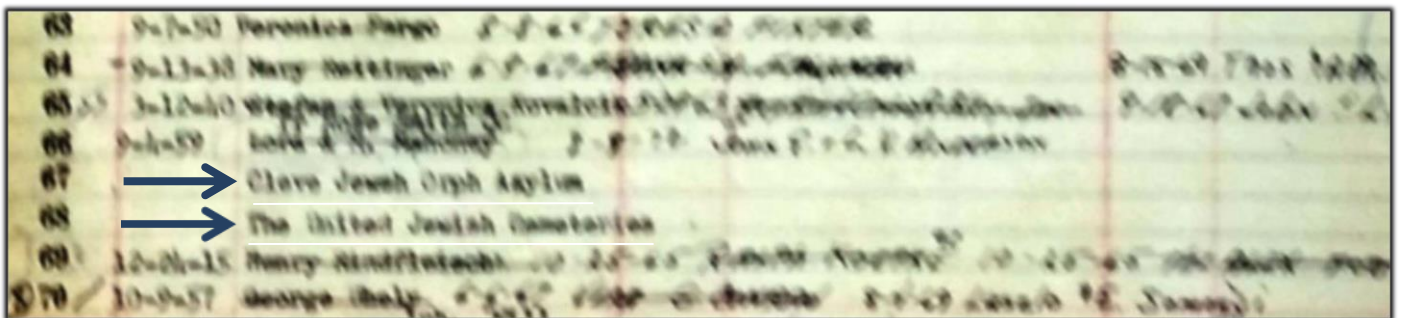


The above map is from the Cuyahoga County Fiscal office, April 4 2015

	Date	Grantee (Seller)	Grantor (Buyer)	Sub Lot Number	Book & Page deed transfer is documented by Cuyahoga County Fiscal (Recorders) Office	
					Book	Page
1	8/7/1840	Josiah Barber	Israelite Society	n/a	28	461
2	6/1/1854	Joel Scranton	Tifereth Israel	1	71	308
3	3/26/1868	August Reindfleish	Anshe Chesed	30	156	6
4	2/22/1871	Mary Scranton	Tifereth Israel	2	184	121
5	4/5/1871	Thomas MCGuire	Tifereth Israel	3	186	43
6	4/06/1871	Mary McGuire	Jewish Orphan Asylum	east ¼ of 4	184	477
7	3/24/1881	Thomas McGuire	Tifereth Israel	west ¼ of 4	318	401

Note:

All of the parcels listed above are part of Permanent Parcel Number 007-07- 068. This excludes the small parcel fronting Bailey Ave. Purchased in 1871 by The Jewish Orphan Asylum and known as Permanent Parcel Number 007-07-067, it is currently owned by the Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau. According to the Ohio Secretary of State, Bellefaire’s name until 1920, The Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum.



The above listing is a portion of book number 7, page 7, indicating line 67 and 68 as the two parcels that make up the Willet Street cemetery. Source: Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office.