

CANAWLERS AT REST

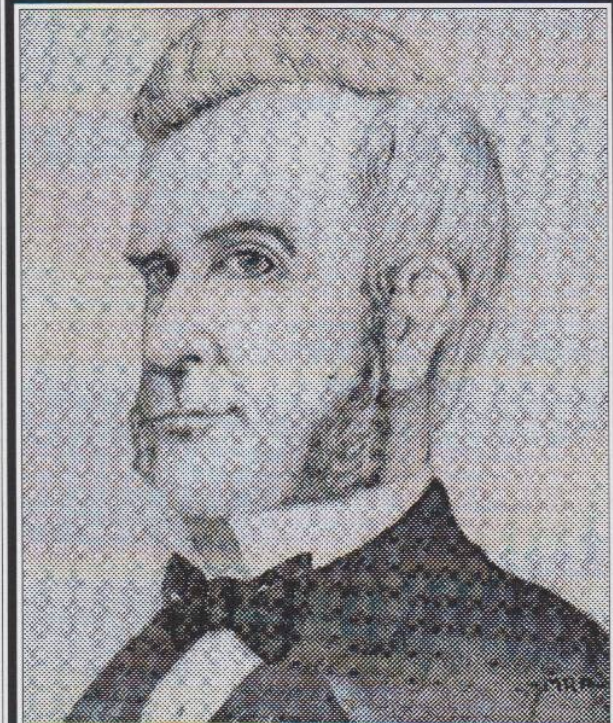
PLINY HOAGLAND

b. July 31, 1810

d. January 11, 1884

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Drawing by Morris R. Perry from
"Pioneers Resting in Historic Lindenwood"



Pliny Hoagland was born July 31, 1810 near New Philadelphia, Ohio in Tuscarawas County. In 1834 he worked as an engineer on an Ohio Canal. Several years later in 1838 he became Chief Engineer for the Ohio division of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

Hoagland moved to Fort Wayne in 1845 and became involved with the building of the Ohio and Indiana Railroad. His help at first was being involved with legislative action and then with the actual building.

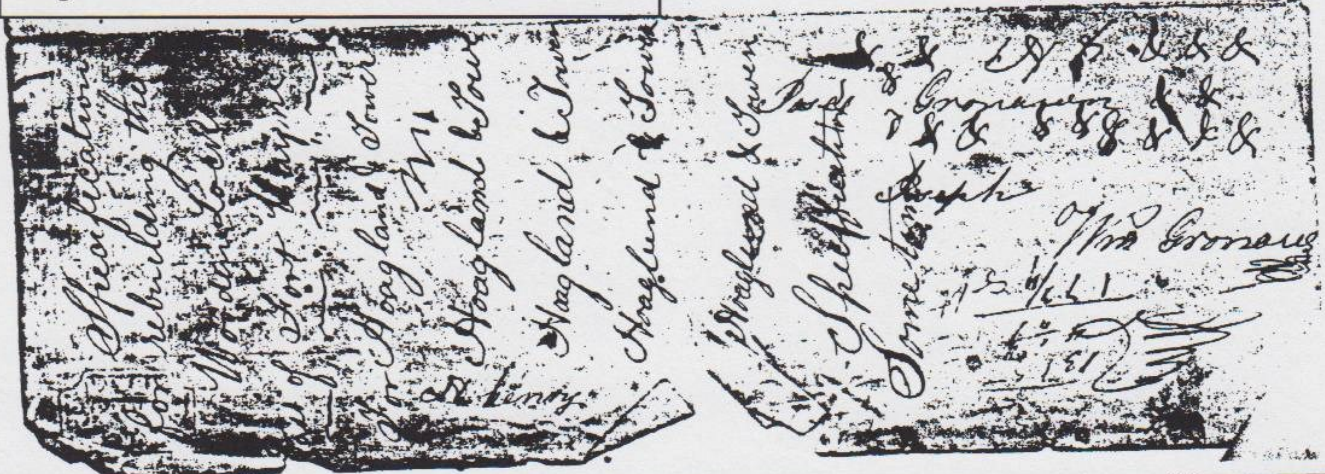
Hoagland and Benjamin Tower were responsible for the rebuilding of the Gronauer Lock near New Haven, IN in 1849. Joseph Gronauer's great-great-grandson Mel Gronauer gave a copy of the contract to CSI.

In 1852 Mr. Hoagland's friend Samuel Hanna asked him and William Mitchell to work with him undertaking a contract to build a railroad from Crestline, Ohio to Fort Wayne that would be 132 miles in length. The project was stopped and resumed largely because of the persistence of these three men. He became director of the Pittsburgh, Chicago and Fort Wayne Railroad and of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad.

In 1856 Hoagland was elected a state representative. He was also director of the Branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana.

After the death of his wife, Merica, on December

Hoagland & Tower contract to rebuild the Gronauer Lock.



6, 1861, he went on to become a state senator in 1862. He also became more involved with banking and accepted the job as Vice-President of the Fort Wayne National Bank.

According to Fort Wayne and Allen County directories, he resided at 110 W. Berry. (Today this is the address of National City Bank that had been Fort Wayne National Bank for many years.) At this same time of 1867 he was one of the proprietors of City Mills. It was just west of Clinton Street located near a swing bridge over the Wabash and Erie Canal. In 1872 he is listed as residing at 106 W. Berry and is still Vice-President of Fort Wayne National Bank. A little later he became involved with Hoagland and Tresselt, a milling firm.

Hoagland was a well respected citizen and friend. He gave a great deal of this time and knowledge to make Fort Wayne a prosperous city. He was respected enough that the town of Hoagland, on the railroad from Crestline, OH to Fort Wayne, was named in his honor.

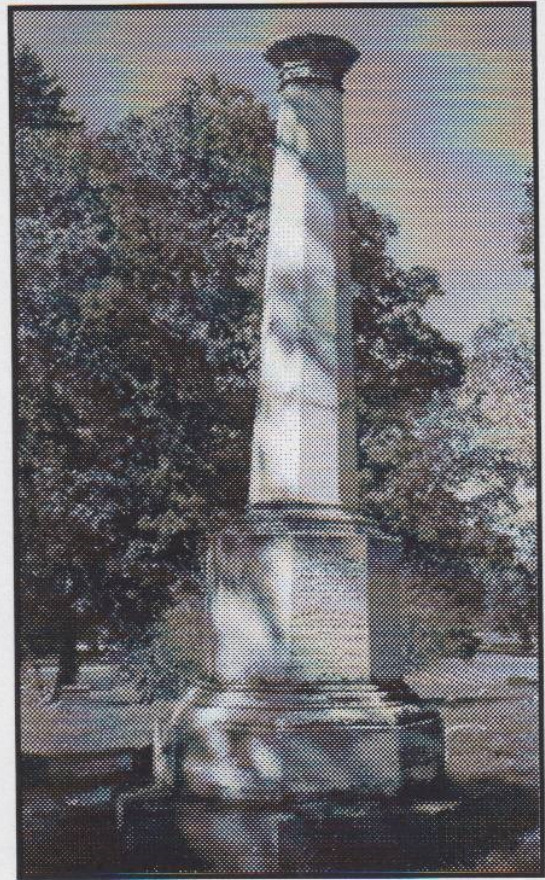
Pliny Hoagland died January 11, 1884 and is buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Section H Lot 29. His obituary reads:

PLINY HOAGLAND

Death of this old Citizen this Afternoon.

Mention of the sickness of Hon. Pliny Hoagland has already been made. He was believed by himself and family and physician to be better. Yesterday he told Dr. Myers he would take no more medicine. He shaved himself and was cheerful. This afternoon at 2 o'clock, he began sinking rapidly, and died within half an hour, a few moments before the physician reached the house. He was Vice-President of the P., F. W. & C. R. R. Co., a director in the Fort Wayne National Bank, and was otherwise prominent in business affairs.

The funeral of the late Hon. Pliny Hoagland will take place from his late residence, 106 West Berry street, on Monday morning, January 14th, at half past 10 o'clock. Deceased was in the 74th year of his age. Death was caused by heart disease, which suddenly attacked him as he was recovering from a ten days illness with a severe cold.



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