

CANAWLERS AT REST

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH

b. January 16, 1783
d. February 10, 1863

By Carolyn I. Schmidt

Nicholas Longworth was born in Newark, New Jersey to Thomas Longworth and Apphia D. (Vanderpool) Longworth on January 16, 1783. His father was a Tory and had lost everything during the American Revolution. For a time Nicholas was a clerk in his brother's store in South Carolina. He had some experience in reading law.

When Nicholas arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1803 it had about a thousand people living in the little wooden village. Although he hadn't much more than the clothes on his back, he was twenty-one and eager to become successful. He paid \$2 a week room and board at David Wade's home on Front Street. When he had free time he would frequent Yeatman's Tavern where he heard talk about land speculation and growing grapes on

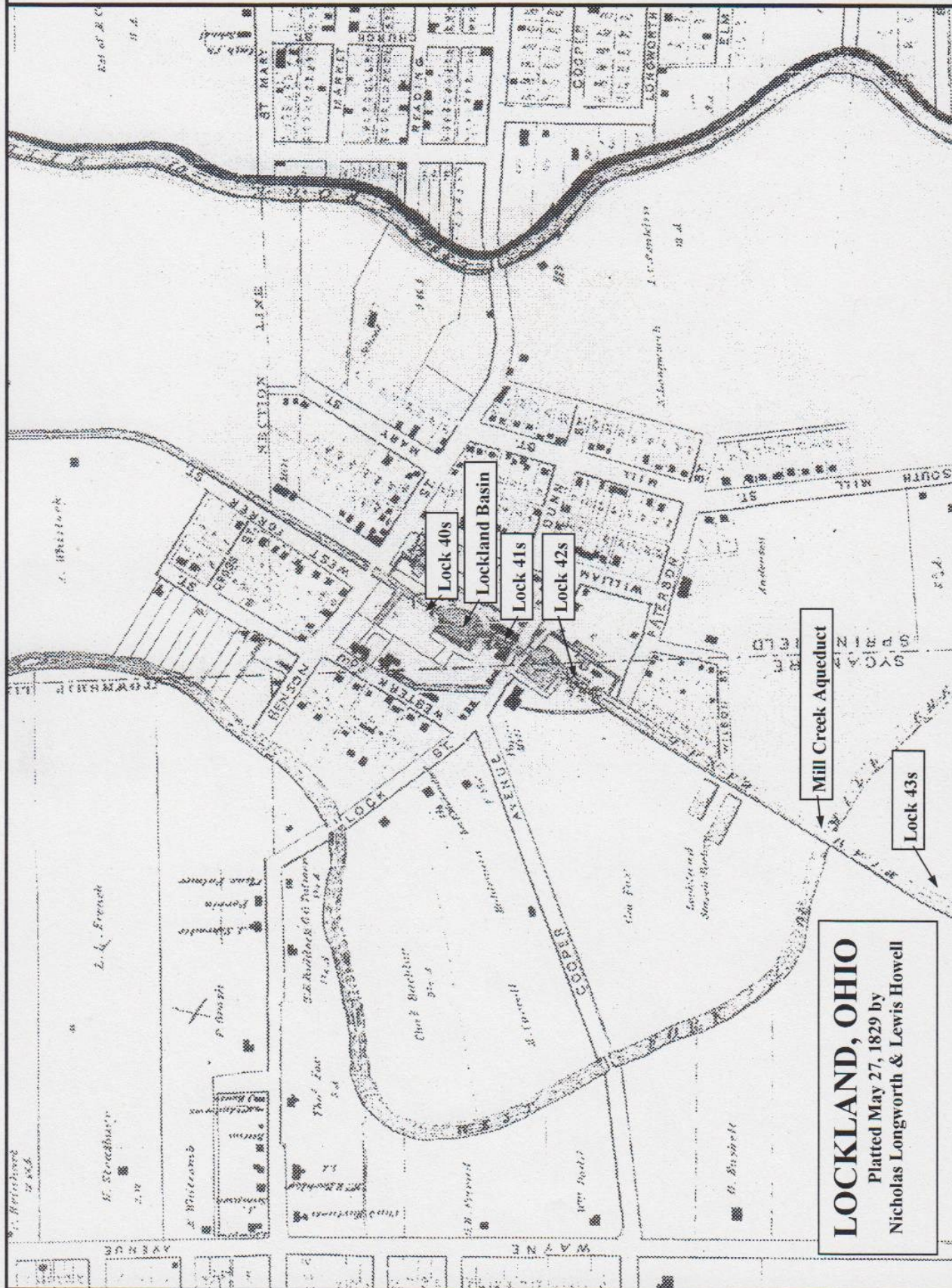
the hillsides along the Rhine. While there he met notables such as the mayor, David Ziegler; the judge, Jacob Burnet; Squire William McMillan; John Cleves Symmes and Martin Baum.

Susanna (Howell) Conner, the widowed daughter of Silas and Hannah Howell, became Nicholas' wife on December 24, 1805. They had five children, four of which grew to adulthood as seen on the chart below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Spouse Born</u>	<u>Spouse Died</u>
Nicholas	01-16-1783 Newark, NJ	02-10-1863 Cincinnati, OH	<u>Susanna (Howell) Connor</u> 12-24-1805	05-06-1786 Morristown, NJ	09-18-1865 Cincinnati, OH
<u>Longworth Children</u>					
Mary	10-07-1808 Cincinnati, OH	01-04-1886	John Stettinius 4-13-1841		
<u>Elizabeth L.</u>	12-09-1809 Cincinnati, OH	1891	Wm. J. Flagg		
Sarah	10-21-1811 Cincinnati, OH	09-14-1812			
Joseph	10-02-1813 Cincinnati, OH	12-30-1883	Anna Maria Rives 04-13-1841	1822	1862
Catherine L.	10-22-1815 Cincinnati, OH	06-20-1893	Larz Anderson	Nelson Co., VA	

Joseph Longworth's daughter, Maria Rives (Longworth) Nichols Storer founded Rookwood Pottery in Cincinnati.

Joseph Longworth's son, Nicholas Longworth (1844-1890), married Susan Walker (1845-1922) and had a son, Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931), who married Alice Lee Roosevelt (1884-1980). He was the great-grandson of our subject, Nicholas Longworth. He was a member of the U. S. House of Representatives and the Longworth House Office Building in Washington D. C. is named for him.



LOCKLAND, OHIO
 Platted May 27, 1829 by
 Nicholas Longworth & Lewis Howell

After taking up the study of law again by reading Blackstone and the local statutes of law in Judge Burnett's office, Nicholas hung out his shingle and practiced law for two decades. He defended a man charged with horse stealing and won. The man was so grateful at being saved from hanging that he gave Nicholas two copper stills — the beginning of the Longworth fortune. Nicholas remembered the things he had heard at the tavern and exchanged the stills for 33 acres of wooded land beyond Cincinnati's Western Row, later known as Central Avenue. This land, which was originally worth only a few dollars, eventually was valued at two million dollars.

As Cincinnati grew, Nicholas continued to invest in land buying a parcel here and there. One of these purchases was Jacob Burnett's cow pasture, which he purchased for \$5,000. His fellow citizens thought this purchase was crazy, but years later this parcel was appraised at one and a half million dollars.

In 1821 Nicholas sold a tiny plot on the north side of Chestnut Street near Central Avenue to Morris Moses and Joseph Jonas, two of Cincinnati's six Jews, for \$75. They buried Benjamin Leib there and created the first Jewish cemetery west of the Allegheny Mountains. He usually didn't sell any of his land unless he made a sizeable profit.

After hearing Baum and Ziegler talk about vineyards growing on the hillsides of Germany and knowing all attempts to grow grapes in the United States had been unsuccessful, Nicholas thought that the hillsides around Cincinnati would be ideal for them and he could get the wine industry started in America. In 1828 he gave up his law practice to concentrate on real estate and horticulture. He began planting hundreds of different European grapevines, but the short growing season in the Ohio Valley did not suit them.

When Nicholas learned that four locks were to be built across the Springfield/Sycamore township line for the Miami Canal, he knew that it would take time for boats to pass through the flight of locks (Locks 40s-42s) and nearby Lock 43s and that the 15 foot drop between water tables could power industries. It would be an ideal spot for a town. At the time there were only two houses located there. On May 27, 1829 Nicholas and Lewis Howell [possibly his brother-in-law] laid out the town of Lockland at the northern end of Mill Creek Valley.

The locks were constructed. Lock 40s [south of the summit] was in upper Lockland; then there was Lockland Basin and Dry Dock where boats could layover or be repaired; then Lock 41s - Collector's Lock where tolls for using the canal were collected; followed by

Lock 42s - Flour Mill Lock where local farmers had their wheat ground into flour; then Mill Creek Aqueduct to carry the canal over the creek; and finally Lock 43s - Halderman's Lock. They became the focal point for industrial development and a shipping port for Hamilton County. Nicholas' gamble paid off. Lots sold rapidly. The canal became a part of Ohio's Miami & Erie Canal and business boomed. Paper, boxes, lumber, wheat, flour, asbestos and cotton were manufactured and shipped from the town. By 1860 the population of Lockland was 1,231. The town was incorporated on December 20, 1865. Today the southbound lanes of Interstate 75 run through the route of the canal and locks in Lockland.

Although land speculation took up much of his time, Nicholas did not give up on planting grapes. He planted the native Catawba and was extremely successful in producing a good crop. With this knowledge he persuaded others to plant Catawba vines, helped them get started and shared their crops on a 50-50 basis. In the 1830s-40s the Ohio counties of Clermont and Hamilton had wine cellars burrowed into the bedrock of rocky hillsides that were covered with hundreds of acres of vines. With about one third of Cincinnati's population being German, there were plenty of competent vine-dressers and wine-makers. One of the most successful was Thomas Yeatman, who produced 4,000 gallons of wine in one year that included a fine champagne.

Nicholas himself owned 200 acres of vineyards and a large wine-house. From the grapes Nicholas manufactured high quality, marketable wine. At one time he produced about 500 gallons of it per year. Once bottled it sold for ten to fifteen dollars per dozen bottles. His sparkling Catawba compared to fine European champagne and sold for eight shillings a bottle. He became famous for his Golden Wedding Champagne.

Nicholas won prizes at county fairs for his excellent Catawba and Isabella wines. After presenting Henry Wadsworth Longfellow with a gift of his wine Longfellow wrote a poem about it.

The "black rot" or mildew attacked Nicholas' vines and those of other Cincinnatians in the 1850s and ended grape growing in the area. Some think this was due to the clearing of the forest and changing the climate of Southern Ohio. The atmosphere became heavy with fogs, was wet and changed from warm to cold without wind. Following Nicholas' pioneering efforts other parts of the United States began producing wine and prospered.

Growing grapes was only one of Nicholas' contributions to horticulture. In 1842 only the very wealthy could afford to buy strawberries. Nicholas was determined to produce them more cheaply. He experimented



CATAWBA WINE

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



This song of mine
Is a Song of the Vine,
To be sung by the glowing embers
Of wayside inns,
When the rain begins
To darken the drear Novembers.

It is not a song
Of the Scuppermong,
From warm Carolinian valleys,
Nor the Isabel
And the Muscadel
That bask in our garden alleys.

Nor the red Mustang,
Whose clusters hang
O'er the waves of the Colorado,
And the fiery flood
Of whose purple blood
Has a dash of Spanish bravado.

For richest and best
Is the wine of the West,
That grows by the Beautiful River;
Whose sweet perfume
Fills all the room

With a benison on the giver.

And as hollow trees
Are the haunts of bees,
For ever going and coming,
So this crystal hive
Is all alive
With a swarming and buzzing and humming.

Very good in its way
Is the Verzenay,
Or the Sillery soft and creamy;
But Catawba wine
Has a taste more divine,
More dulcet, delicious, and dreamy.

There grows no vine
By the haunted Rhine,
By Danube or Guadalquivir,
Nor on island or cape,
That bears such a grape
As grows by the Beautiful River.

Drugged is their juice
For foreign use,

When shipped o'er the reeling Atlantic,
To rack our brains
With the fever pains,
That have driven the Old World frantic.

To the sewers and sinks
With all such drinks,
And after them tumble the mixer;
For a poison malign
Is such Borgia wine,
Or at best but a Devil's Elixir.

While pure as a spring
Is the wine I sing,
And to praise it, one needs but name it;
For Catawba wine
Has need of no sign,
No tavern-bush to proclaim it.

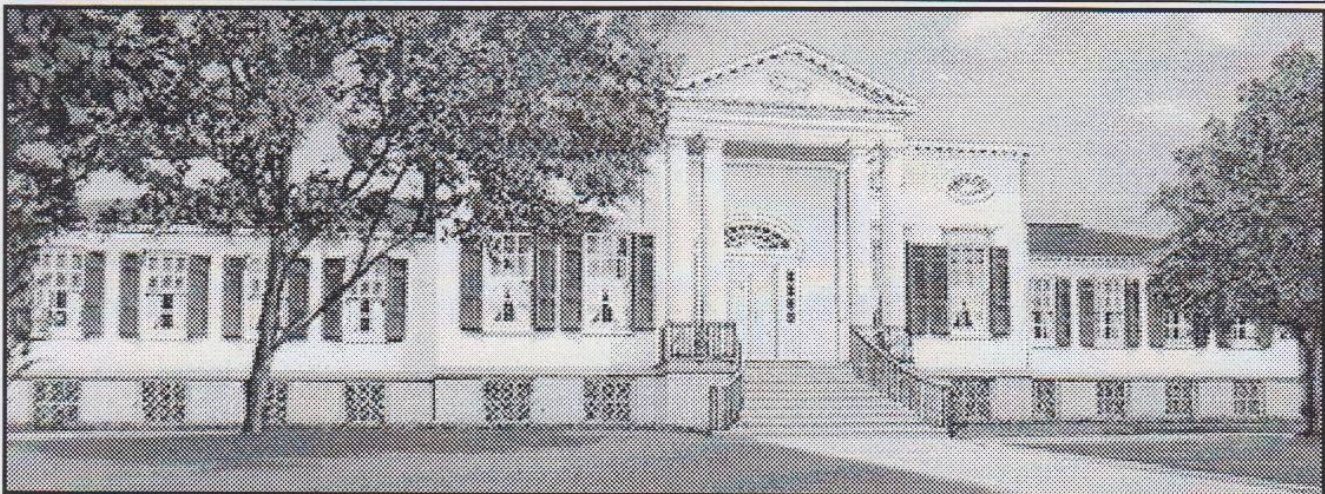
And this Song of the Vine,
This greeting of mine,
The winds and the birds shall deliver
To the Queen of the West,
In her garlands dressed,
On the banks of the Beautiful River.

with them and after learning that planting pistillates among staminate produced more berries, he shared this knowledge with the public. This was so successful that by 1846 over 9,000 bushels of strawberries were sold by vendors in Cincinnati to people of all incomes. Nicholas also introduced the Ohio Everbearing Black Raspberry.

Martin Baum, an early Cincinnati capitalist, had a huge early Federal-style mansion built for himself at the east end of Fourth street in Cincinnati during 1819-20. It occupied the center of a three-to-four acre lot. Sandstone steps with iron railings led visitors through Tuscan pillars onto the gracious portico. The mansion had 30 rooms connected by hallways. Baum also invested heav-

ily in other enterprises. In 1826 the financial panic brought him such financial difficulties that he was forced to transfer the mansion and property to his own bank and to sell many of his enterprises. For a short time a female seminary known as the Belmont School operated in the mansion. Then in 1830 Nicholas purchased the property, which became known as Longworth's Garden. In it he displayed flowers, fruits, and grapes. It became one of the chief attractions to the city. Being of short stature and dressing carelessly, he often showed a stranger through his garden and, when the tour was over, was given a dime by the man who mistakenly thought Nicholas, who had become a millionaire, was a gardener or servant. He would pocket the money and thank the man.

Nicholas Longworth purchased the Baum Mansion at 316 Pike Street in 1803. Today it is the Taft Museum of Art.



About 1830 Nicholas also purchased Mount Ida. It had a corduroy road over it that had been built in 1791 by a pioneer Presbyterian preacher, the Reverend James Kemper, to create a short cut between his congregation and his blockhouse home. Nicholas planted almost the entire hill in vines. In 1842 he donated four acres of this property on which to build an astronomical observatory at the request of Ormsby McKnight Mitchel of Cincinnati College.

Mitchel formed an astronomical society that raised \$7,500 to purchase a 12-inch lens [the world's largest at the time], dug a foundation for the observatory, and held a cornerstone dedication on November 9, 1843 with John Quincy Adams as guest speaker. However, the building was never completed due to lack of funds and the hill's name was changed to Mount Adams in honor of the former U. S. president who had spoken there.

The astronomers used the telescope the best they could, but the black smoke and exhaust steam from the growing industries below the hill forced them to sell the site and move to Mount Lookout. The McMicken School of Design, which later became the University of Cincinnati, was given the proceeds from the sale of the property.

On one hand Nicholas would take the smallest sum of money for himself and on the other he was very generous to the poor. For many years on every Monday at an appointed hour he would give free gifts to old German and Irish ladies who flocked to his doorstep with their baskets to choose between a loaf of bread, a peck of corn meal or a dime. However, he was prone to turn aside continuous appeals for charity if he thought they could be helped by others. Those he considered the Lord's poor. He said he would help the devil's poor — those who no one else would help such as the drunkards who lay in the gutter and were kicked and despised.

As Cincinnati grew so did Nicholas' wealth. His land speculation brought him huge profits. By the 1850s he was the richest man in town estimating his own worth at \$10 million. His taxes were second only to those of William Astor of New York.

He was very eccentric. He would talk to himself in second person and was heard to say, "There's Longworth; it takes \$30,000 to pay his taxes, and it keeps him poor to raise the money. He was land rich — money poor and was "haunted at times with the fear of poverty and the dread of dying in the poor house."

Nicholas died in his home on February 10, 1863 of paralysis. He was laid to rest in Section 24 Lot 1

Space 9 of Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati on February 13, 1863. The *Cincinnati Enquirer* carried an announcement and report of his funeral as well as his will.

February 11, 1863

The Cincinnati Enquirer

DIED

February 10, at 3½ o'clock P.M., NICHOLAS LONGWORTH, aged 80 years and 23 days.

Funeral from his late residence on Friday, 11th, inst., at 10 o'clock A.M.

February 12, 1863

The Cincinnati Enquirer

THE FUNERAL OF MR. LONGWORTH. — The funeral of Nicholas Longworth, Esq., takes place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. The members of the Bar hold a meeting this morning at ten o'clock, to pay their respects to his memory.

February 14, 1863

The Cincinnati Enquirer

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE NICHOLAS LONGWORTH YESTERDAY. — The funeral obsequies of the late Nicholas Longworth took place yesterday morning. The yard in front of Mr. Longworth's late residence, on Pike-street, was densely crowded at an early hour by citizen of all classes desirous of paying their last respects to the memory of the deceased. At a little after eight o'clock the doors of the hall were thrown open, and the crowd passed through into the room on the east side, where the body lay, shrouded in the habiliments of the grave. The coffin was covered with black velvet, and richly mounted with silver. A silver plate, bearing simply the name of the deceased and his age, was upon the lid. At nine o'clock the assemblage was immense, comprising, within the grounds and residence, many of our most prominent and oldest citizens. Soon after, the south end of the spacious apartment was filled with ladies, while at the upper entrance a continuous stream of citizens passed in to take a final look at the features so familiar to them in the thoroughfares of business for many years. After the arrival of Bishop McIlvaine and the Rev. Mr. Cox, of St. Paul's Church, the family of the deceased entered the apartment, and Bishop McIlvaine proceeded to read the Episcopal burial service of the dead. This was followed by the reading, by Rev. Mr. Cox, of a portion of the Scriptures from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, and beginning at the 20th verse. The Bishop then delivered a very affecting prayer, which terminated the exercises for the time.

The body was then removed to the hearse, Messrs. Judge D. K. Fate, Henry E. Spencer, John Shillito, J. P. Foote, Robert Burnett, and Robert Buchanan acting as the bearers. Among the pall-bearers we noticed Messrs. Geo. Graham, Nat. Wright, V. Worthington, A. H. Riddle, Dr. Reeves, Judge Hall and Judge Storer. The number of pall-bearers was sixteen, selected by the family to act in that capacity. The funeral cortege moved at eleven o'clock, in the following order:

Six carriages containing pall-bearers.

Hearse.

Carriages of Jos. Longworth and family.

Carriages of W. J. Flagg and family.

Carriages of L. Anderson and family.

Carriages of attendants — 37 in number.

Pioneers members — 35 in number.

Members of City Council.

The procession moved out Fourth-street, attended by a large concourse of our citizens, and proceeded on its way to Spring Grove, where the deceased will be interred. The body in the calm repose of death was remarkable for the natural and quiet expression of its features, differing little from those so strongly impressed upon the mind who had known them while living. The coffin was adorned with several wreaths of white flowers, placed there by the hands of an affectionate father and kind friend.

February 18, 1863
The Cincinnati Enquirer

The Will and Codicil of the Late
Nicholas Longworth.
The Distribution of His Immense Estate.
THE BEQUEST IN FULL AS PROBATED

&c &c &c &c &c

The will and codicil to will of Nicholas Longworth were probated in the Probate Court, yesterday. The document reads as follows:

I, Nicholas Longworth, of the city of Cincinnati, and State of Ohio, do hereby make, publish and declare my last will and testament, in the following words, to-wit:

Item 1. I do hereby will and devise to my wife, Susan Longworth, during her natural life, the house in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, in which we now reside, with the lot of ground on which it is situate, fronting 100 feet on the east side of Pike street, and extending back at right angles the same width to Butler street, the center of said house lies upon and coincides with the middle line of said lot, running from Pike to Butler street; and also my stable and stable lot now used by my family, situate on the south side of Third street, east of Pike street, in the city of Cincinnati, and State of Ohio.

Item 2. I do hereby give and bequeath to my wife, said Susan Longworth, all my clothing, and all my household and kitchen furniture, fixtures, silver, plate, carpets, beds, bedding, china, crockery, glass, statuary, looking-glasses, pictures, books, goods and effects paid in and about my house, above devised to her, and I do hereby also will and bequeath to her during her natural life, the yearly sum of six thousand dollars, payable monthly in advance in each year, commencing from the day of the probate of this my last will and testament.

Item 3. I do hereby will and direct that all taxes, levies and assessments made or to be made upon the aforesaid house, lot of ground, stable, lot, furniture, goods, effects, horses, cows, carriages and annuity, so devised and bequeathed to my said wife, shall be paid by my executors, during her natural life, from my estate, as well as the premiums for the reasonable insurance to be made thereon, or any part thereof by my executors from my estate, during the natural life of my said wife. In consideration of her long and most faithful life, as a wife and mother, I would gladly have granted to her the entire control, as well as income, of my estate, but I well know that its management would prove a burden, and not a benefit to her, during her declining years, and I trust the provision I have made for her, will prove to be not only amply, but entirely satisfactory to her.

Item 4. I do hereby will and bequeath to my sister, Catharine Longworth, during her natural life, an annuity of \$500, if she wishes it and calls for it.

Item 5. I do hereby will and bequeath to Barbara, who has lived with my sister, Catharine Longworth, many years two hundred dollars, to be paid to her, if then living, three years after my decease.

Item 6. I do hereby will and bequeath to each of the children of my sister, Elizabeth Morris, now deceased, surviving me, five hundred dollars, to be paid three years after my decease.

Item 7. I do hereby will and bequeath to my faithful servant and humble friend, Harvey Young, as a memento of my kindest regard for his most amiable disposition and honest character, five hundred dollars, to be paid to him three years after my decease.

Item 8. I do hereby will and direct my just debts and the expenses of my last sickness, funeral, burial and monument to be paid by my executors from my estate, as may be lawful. And I do hereby direct and request my executors to place in trust from my estate five hundred dollars to be kept safely invested, and the yearly income therefrom, as far as needs be, I require and direct to be applied in the preservation and adornment of my burial grounds and monument, and the balance, if any, to accumulate and be used perpetually for like

purposes.

Item 9. I do hereby will and direct that my executors complete, fulfill and execute all contracts by me made, as it may be necessary and proper to complete, fulfill and execute the same after my decease and for such purposes I do hereby give and grant to them and each of them full and ample power and authority to execute deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing, to convey, lease and mortgage my lands with and without covenants, and to take the title by deed, mortgage or otherwise to lands tenements and hereditaments, as well as chattels real and personal, in trust, for the purposes of this my last will and testament.

Item 10. I do hereby will, give and grant to my executors, and to each of them full and simple, power, and authority to compromise, adjust and settle all claims and demands against me, and all claims and demands I may have against others, at discretion, and the like powers and authority I do hereby give and grant to whomsoever in law may have the execution of this my last will and testament.

Item 11. I do hereby will and devise to my grandson, John L. Stettinius and his heirs, a lot of ground in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, fronting fifty feet on the east side of Pike street, and running back east at right angles the same width to Butler street, and bounded on the north by the south line of the lot of ground owned by Charles Anderson, Esq., extended straight from Pike to Butler street, and I do hereby authorize my executors after my debts are paid to expend from my estate not exceeding \$20,000, in improving the same for him as he may wish, provided such improvements be not made thereon for him in my lifetime, by me and under my direction, and provided, also, they can be made for real estate at fair prices.

Item 12. I do hereby will and direct, after all my just debts are paid and settled, and after the legacies in items fifth, sixth and seventh of this my last will and testament are paid, that all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, in possession or in action at the time of my death, together with the lot of ground on the corner of Pike and Third streets in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, with the improvements thereon, conveyed to me by my daughter, Catharine L. Anderson, and the tracts of land near the city of Cincinnati aforesaid, with the improvements thereon, conveyed by myself and others to my son, Joseph Longworth, and paid for by me, containing about one hundred acres, and occupied by him and not needed to support and fill the provisions of this my will in the second, third, fourth and fifth items thereof, be divided into twelve equal parts, according to the cash value thereof, as near as may be, by three or more competent and disinterested men, selected for that purpose by my executors, with the consent of my then living children; and I do hereby will, give and bequeath to my son, Joseph Longworth, and his heirs, three of said parts, and in which shall be included the aforesaid tracts of land, conveyed to him as aforesaid by myself and others, and occupied by him, and containing about one hundred acres; and also the house and lot of ground on Pike street, above devised, to his mother, but subject to her life estate therein; and I do hereby will, give and bequeath to my daughter, Catharine L. Anderson, and her heirs, six of said parts, and in which shall be included the aforesaid lot of ground on the corner of Pike and Third streets, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, conveyed by me to her as aforesaid, as well as the lot of ground lying between it and the above described lot of ground, fronting on Pike street, devised to her mother for life; and I do hereby will, give and bequeath to my grandson, John L. Stettinius, and his heirs, one of said parts, in addition to what I have in the eleventh item of this, my will, devised to him and his heirs; and I do hereby will, give and bequeath to my son, Joseph Longworth, and son-in-law, Lars Anderson, and to the survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor, the remaining two parts thereof, and in which share shall be included one thousand acres of land to be selected by my daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, from my lands in the counties of Adams and Scioto, in the State of Ohio, in one tract, to have and hold the same, nevertheless, in trust for the following uses and purposes; that is to say, from the income thereof to pay all taxes, charges, levies, and assessments thereon, during the continuance of the said trust; to manage, farm, sell, convey, lease and improve the same; and in case of sale and conveyance, to reinvest the proceeds in their name, with the right of survivorship as aforesaid, in trust for the purposes herein directed, so as to make the same productive, by and with the sole advice and

consent of my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, and from the net proceeds thereof to pay to the sole use and benefit of my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, during her natural life, the yearly sum of \$5,000, in monthly or quarterly installments, or otherwise as she may desire; and also to make such reasonable improvements on the said one thousand acre tract of land as she may desire, in case she should reside thereon; and to permit and allow her to occupy the same, or any part thereof, at such reasonable yearly rent or charge as may be just and proper to be deducted from said yearly allowance to her of \$5,000, as aforesaid; and in case her husband, Wm. J. Flagg, survives her, to pay to him from the said net proceeds thereof, to his sole and only use and benefit personally, during his natural life, the yearly sum of \$2,500, in monthly installments, or otherwise as he may desire. This provision is entirely personal, and to stop, if by himself, or by operation of law it is diverted, or attempted to be diverted, directly or indirectly, from his personal use and control, at any time or for any period; and in case my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, should die leaving issue of her body surviving her, then to convey to the said issue in fee-simple the residue and remainder of the said two parts, with the accumulations thereon, subject to the same annuity for the said Wm. J. Flagg, surviving her; and in case my daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, should die without leaving issue of her body surviving, then it is my will that four-eighths of the said residue and remainder of the said two twelfth parts, subject to four-eighths of the annuity of the said Wm. J. Flagg, surviving her as aforesaid, with the accumulations thereon, be conveyed to my said son Joseph Longworth and his heirs; and that three-eighths of the said residue and remainder of the said two twelfth parts, subject to three-eighths of the annuity of the said Wm. J. Flagg, surviving her as aforesaid, with the accumulations thereon, be conveyed to by said daughter, Catherine L. Anderson, and her heirs; and one eighth of said residue and remainder of the said two-twelfth parts, subject to one-eighth of the annuity of the said W. J. Flagg surviving her, as aforesaid, with the accumulations thereon be conveyed to my said grandson, John L. Stettinius and his heirs; and should my son, Joseph Longworth, die before me, then it is my will that his heirs-at-law take under this my last will and testament in his place and stead, and as he would have taken under it had he survived me, but subject to an annuity of \$3,000 to his wife surviving him, to be paid quarterly to her therefrom, during her natural life. And should my grandson, John L. Stettinius die before me, then it is my will that his heirs-at-law of my blood, take under this, my last will and testament, in his place and stead, as he would have taken had he survived me, but subject to an annuity of \$2,000 to his wife surviving him, to be paid quarterly to her therefrom during her natural life; and should by daughter, Catherine L. Anderson, die before me, then it is my will that her heirs-at-law take under this, my last will and testament, and as she would have taken had she survived me, but subject to the control and management of her husband, Larz Anderson, surviving her, at discretion, for the use and benefit of himself and his children, her heirs-at-law, during his natural life, as he things test; and should my daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, die before me, leaving issue of her body surviving me, then it is my will that such issue take under this, my last will and testament, in her place and stead, the said two-twelfth parts devised in trust as aforesaid, for her use, as aforesaid; but subject to the annuity aforesaid, in favor of the said W. J. Flagg, her husband, if he survives, as hereinbefore provided; but if she leaves no such issue, then my son Joseph Longworth, my grandson, John L. Stettinius, and my daughter Catharine L. Anderson, and their heirs, shall take under this, my last will and testament, as they would have taken in the life event, subject to the said annuity of the said W. J. Flagg, had my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, survived me.

Item 13. I do hereby will and direct, until a division can be had of my estate, as hereinbefore directed, so far as it may be proper to the interests of others, that my son, Joseph Longworth, and my daughter, Catherine L. Anderson, and my grandson, John L. Stettinius, be allowed to draw from the yearly income of my estate, from time to time in each year, such sums as they may need, in proportion to their respective interests, and to be charged therewith and pay interest thereon, until the division hereinbefore directed can be made. And I do hereby further will and direct, until the division aforesaid directed can be made, my entire estate shall pass under the control and management of my executors, or who may be authorized by law to execute this may last will and testament, and my executors or whoever may be authorized by law to execute this may last will and testament, are hereby

authorized to advance from my estate to my son, Joseph Longworth, and daughter, Catherine L. Anderson, and grandson, John L. Stettinius, as hereinbefore in this item provided, and to charge each of them with such advances; and they will also advance to my daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, from my estate, counting from the probate of this my last will and testament, the annuity of \$5,000, above provided for her, after the division of my estate takes place, as directed in item twelfth of this my last will and testament, in the same manner the trustees of her portion are directed to advance the same after said division; and in case of her death before such division, leaving her husband, W. J. Flagg, surviving her, then there shall be paid to him the sum allowed to him after the division in said item 12, until said division shall be made; but subject to the very same conditions, limitations and provision as in the said item is directed. These advances to my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, or to her said husband, shall be charged in the division against her portion, in the same manner the advances to my son, Joseph Longworth, my daughter, Catharine L. Anderson, and grandson, John L. Stettinius, are charged to them, and shall in like manner constitute a part of my estate, to be divided as hereinbefore in item 12 directed. These advances to my children from their support, while my estate is under progress of settlement, must of course be limited and controlled by all the circumstances at the time, and be made under the just and lawful discretion of my executors, in the discharge of their duties.

Item 14. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, Joseph Longworth, and my son-in-law, Larz Anderson, executors of this my last will and testament, and in the death of either of them before the final settlement of my estate, leaving an executor or executors, then it is my will that such executor or executors succeed the deceased executor of this my will, in the execution thereof, both as executor and trustee; but in case either of my said should die without a will, or decline to accept the office of executor or trustee under this my last will and testament, then the executor that survives or that does accept the office of executor or trustee, shall be clothes and invested with all the powers and authority given by this my last will and testament to my said executors and trustees jointly and severally, and in case my said executors or executor, trustees or trustee or other person authorized as aforesaid, should die or become disqualified from any cause to execute the same, and if shall become necessary and proper for one or more administrators or trustees to be appointed to execute the same, then I hereby give and grant to such administrator or administrators, trustee or trustees, all powers necessary and proper at law to fulfill and execute this my last will and testament, as full as if it were executed by my said executors and trustees or either of them. And from abundant caution I do hereby clothe and invest my said executors and trustees, or whosoever may be called to execute this my last will and testament, with full and ample powers to carry into full effect all the purposes and intentions of this my last will and testament, and more especially do I authorize them to sell and convey any or all the lands of which I may die seized or possessed or have any claim to, and not herein specifically devised, whether acquire before or after the execution hereof, or to have the same or any part thereof, and the proceeds thereof or therefrom, to reinvest so as to make the same productive, and most conducive to the interests of all concerned; and I do hereby authorize them to execute and deliver all deeds and other instruments of writing necessary and proper in the execution of this my last will and testament; and also to take to themselves or to either of them, or to the survivor of them, as may be lawful, deeds necessary and proper in the execution of the same; and I do hereby authorize them to appoint and employ such servants, attorneys, agents and factors, clerks and counsel as they may think proper, and I hereby grant to and bestow upon my said executors and trustees, and all others called on the execute this, my last will and testament, such full, ample and complete powers as becomes those in whom I justly have so much confidence, and who will have to manage a trust and property so extensive, so complicated and so subject to difficulties that can not be foreseen or guarded against. It is my will that neither of them be held personally liable except for his own acts, and I request that my said executors and trustees be not required to give bonds or security for the execution of this my last will and testament by any court from which they may have procured the necessary authority under the law to enable them to execute the same, and I have entire confidence in them, and believe it not necessary to require the same.

Item 15. I do hereby will and declare it to be the intent of this my last will and testament to dispose of all the property or right of property of and to which I may have any claim or title at the time of my death, whether acquired before or after the execution and publication of this my last will and testament.

Item 17. [sic] I do hereby expressly, revoke and annual all former wills by me made, and publish this as my only true last will and testament; and I do hereby direct and require that it be liberally interpreted and construed by all parties and all courts to further and carry into effect the manifest purposes I have therein expressed or intended to express, according to the ordinary sense and import of the language used.

In witness thereof, I, the said Nicholas Longworth, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at the end hereof, at the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, who, in my presence, subscribed their names as attesting witnesses to the execution hereof, as my last will and testament, this the 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

[Signed] NICHOLAS LONGWORTH

We, the subscribers, do hereby attest that the foregoing instrument of writing was subscribed and sealed, at the end thereof, by Nicholas Longworth, of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, in our presence, and at the same time he declared and published that he executed the same as his last will and testament, and we in his presence hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses thereto, this the 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1859.

W. WORTHINGTON
STANLEY MATTHEWS
CLEMENT DEITRICH
JAMES T. WORTHINGTON

THE FIRST CODICIL TO THE WILL OF NICHOLAS LONGWORTH

I, Nicholas Longworth, of the city of Cincinnati and State of Ohio, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my first codicil to my last will and testament, dated the 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1850, in the following words, to-wit:

Item 1. I do hereby devise that the whole of my lands in the counties of Adams and Scioto, in the State of Ohio, and known as Buckhorn, containing five thousand acres, more or less, be included in the two-twelfths of my estate, by my said last will and testament devised in trust to my son, Joseph Longworth, and son-in-law, Larz Anderson, for the use and benefit of my daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, as therein states, but the same is not to be taken nor considered as an addition to the said two-twelfths.

Item 2. I do hereby will and devise and direct that my daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, during her natural life, shall have the full use, occupancy and control of the said lands above named, and known as Buckhorn, according to her own will and pleasure, by herself and tenants, as her own, without waste, rent or charge in any way, with full powers to dispose of the same, or any part, or other parts thereof, by her last will and testament in writing, at her pleasure, and the same, or any part or parts thereof, to vest and put at law and in equity, as she may by her said last will and testament direct, without further or other grant or assurance whatever.

Item 3. I do hereby will, devise and direct that the annuity of five thousand dollars, given by my said last will and testament to my said daughter, Elizabeth Flagg, shall be paid to her as in my last will and testament directed, without any abatement or deduction whatsoever.

Item 4. I do hereby will, devise and direct that the improvements, charges, taxes, levies, assessments and expenses to be paid on said lands known as Buckhorn, while held, used, occupied and controlled by my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, as herein authorized, shall be borne by her, and all the income and profit therefrom shall be hers, and subject to her sole control and use; and the same shall not be charged upon the residue of the said property so devised in trust, as aforesaid, for her use and benefit.

Item 5. In case my said daughter, Eliza L. Flagg, should

die without leaving issue of her body surviving her, then it is my will that three-fourths of the said residue, and remainder of the said two-twelfths, so devised for her use and benefit, as aforesaid, and undisposed of by her last will and testament, as hereinbefore by this codicil authorized, subject to three-fourths of the annuity of her husband, the said Wm. J. Flagg, surviving her, as in my said last will and testament authorized, with all the accumulations thereon, shall vest and pass both at law and in equity to my son Joseph Longworth, his heirs and assigns forever, and in case of his death before the death of the said Eliza L. Flagg, to such uses as he may by the last will and testament direct, and in default of such last will and testament to his heirs-at-law, without further grant or assurance whatever; and it is further my will, that the remaining one-fourth part of the said two-twelfths, so devised, as aforesaid, for the use and benefit of the said Eliza L. Flagg, and undisposed of by her last will and testament, as hereinbefore by this codicil authorized, subject to one-fourth of the annuity of her husband, the said Wm. J. Flagg, surviving her, as by my last will and testament authorized, with all the accumulation thereon, shall vest and pass to my grandson, John L. Stettinius, his heirs and assigns, and in case of his death before the death of the said Eliza L. Flagg, to such as be by last will and testament shall direct, and in default of such last will and testament, to his heirs-at-law, without further grant or assurance whatever, and as fully as the same would have passed to and vested in him, had he survived his said aunt, Eliza L. Flagg.

Item 6. So much of my last will and testament only as is inconsistent herewith, I do hereby revoke and annul, but in all other respects I do hereby republish and declare it, with this my first codicil thereto, to be my only true last will and testament, and to be taken and construed together as one instrument of writing.

Item 7. It is my wish that this, my first codicil to my said last will and testament, be liberally interpreted and construed, in all respects as I have directed my said last will and testament to be interpreted and construed by the sixteenth item thereof.

In witness whereof I, the said Nicholas Longworth, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at the end hereof at the city of Cincinnati, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, who in my presence subscribed their names as attesting witnesses to the execution hereof, as this, my first codicil to my said last will and testament, and to the republication of my said last will and testament, as hereinbefore stated as modified hereby, this, the fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH

We, the subscribers, do hereby attest that the foregoing instrument of writing was subscribed and sealed at the end thereof, by Nicholas Longworth, of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, in our presence, and at the same time he declared and published that he executed the same, as the first codicil to his last will and testament dated the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and to republish his said will and testament in all respects, except as revoked and modified by his said codicil thereto, the fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

DANIEL R. HOMES
JOHN SHILLITO
RUFUS LONG

Susan Longworth, Nicholas' wife, died on September 28, 1865 and was laid to rest beside Nicholas on September 30, 1865 in Section 24 Lot 1 Space 10 of Spring Grove Cemetery.

Nicholas is described as being "very shrewd, quick witted; with great common sense and acquisitive-ness. He had little dignity or learning,

but had a quiet good humor and a readiness at repartee which made him very popular." Elsewhere he is noted as a "little, crooked old man" as to his stature and being "the archetype of success in the wonderfully growing city [Cincinnati]." He was in the right place at the right time.

He supported artists. His son, Joseph Longworth, grandson, Nicholas, and granddaughter, Maria [Longworth] Storer were noted patrons of art. The whole family became popular from their fostering of things of beauty and fragrance as well as their helping others.

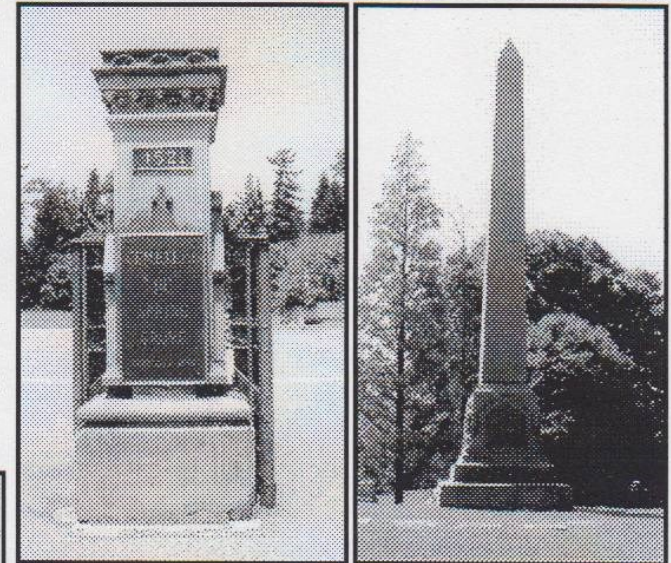
Some of Nicholas' property was purchased and given to enhance the life of those living in Cincinnati. In 1871 the Longworth family sold Longworth's Garden to David Sinton. It became known as the Taft house following the 1873 marriage of Anna Stinton to Charles Phelps Taft. Taft's half brother, William Howard Taft, was notified of his Presidential nomination on its portico steps in 1908. The Tafts offered to give the house to the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts in 1927 with stipulations that it was restored to its appearance on an old 1857 print and that drapes, andirons, fenders, and reproductions of the original carpets were installed to recreate a fine, early-nineteenth century American home. It opened officially as the Taft Museum on November 29, 1932 and displays wonderful works of art.



Longworth's home now Taft Museum Photo by Nancy Gulick

In 1916 Mrs. Frederick H. Alms gave Cincinnati Alms Park as a memorial to her deceased husband. It had once been covered with Nicholas' vineyards and was originally known as Bald Hill because the Indians had cleared away the trees in order to spy on the white men coming into their territory. It has had adjacent property added to it over time.

The Longworth's family graves are located in a huge section (24) of Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio with a large monument and surrounding smaller markers.



Spring Grove Cemetery Entrance, gate, and Longworth monument with grave markers. Photos by Nancy Gulick

Sources:

Ford, Henry A. and Ford, Kate B. *History of Hamilton County, Ohio*. Cincinnati, OH: L. A. Williams & Co., 1881.

Howe, Henry. *Historical Collections of Ohio In Two Volumes*. Cincinnati, OH: C. J. Krehbiel & Co., Printers and Binders., 1903.

Morthorst, Michael. *The Miami Canal in Hamilton and Butler Counties, Ohio*. Ft. Wayne, IN: Canal Society of Indiana, 2002.

Spring Grove Cemetery Records

The WPA Guide to Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH: The Cincinnati Historical Society, 1987. A reprint of *Cincinnati: A Guide to the Queen City and Its Neighbors*.

The Cincinnati Enquirer. February 11, 12, 14 and 18, 1863.

Wittke, Carl. *The History of the State of Ohio*. Columbus, OH: Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, 1941.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockland,_Ohio

Special Thanks:

Phil Nuxhall — Spring Grove historian

Nancy Gulick — Pictures of Longworth Monument, Grave and House