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# Graceland Cemetery Development Co., Inc.

TO

Mrs N.E. Matthews

#3 Vine Street, San Souci

Greenville, S.C.

## DEED

State of South Carolina,  
Greenville County }

Register Mesne Conveyance of said County, hereby

certifies that the foregoing conveyance was filed for registration in this office on the 5th day of

May 1955, and was

recorded in Vol. 524 Record of Deeds,

Pages 451 on the 5th

day of May 1955

Register Mesne Conveyance.  
Greenville, S.C.  
Record Fee, \$ 1.37 P.M.

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS OF  
GRACELAND CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.**

**1. RULES GOVERNING CEMETERY LOT OWNERSHIP.** Lots purchased in Graceland Cemetery are conveyed by Warranty Deed to the purchaser for his family and heirs, as a burial place forever.

In order that the Corporation may have a correct record of ownership of all lots where a re-sale and conveyance is made, it is required that the recorded deed shall be presented at its office so that a record of the transfer can be made. A fee of \$2.00 will be collected before any transfer of ownership is made on the Corporation's records. The Corporation is governed by its own records as to ownership of lots.

Where a lot is purchased and an extension of time is granted by the Corporation for payment, the Corporation retains ownership of the lot until all charges due it are paid, and the Corporation reserves the right to remove the remains which may be interred on the lot, to a smaller lot equal in value to the amount paid on the original, or to a single grave in the event that a default occurs in the agreed payment.

An order in writing is required of the lot owner whenever a grave is to be opened, containing the name, age, sex and residence of the deceased, and a permit from the Board of Health, must be shown the Superintendent of the grounds before interment is made. If interment is to be made in the forenoon, application must be made before 2 o'clock p. m. on the previous day. If in the afternoon, by 9 o'clock a. m. on the same day.

Lot owners shall at once notify the Corporation of any change in his or her post office address or name. No disinterment shall be allowed except upon order of the Executive Officers of the Corporation, and upon the written order of the owner or owners of the lot, and in every case can only be made under the supervision of the Superintendent.

The Corporation shall have the right at all times to enter upon each and every lot for the purpose of maintaining, cleaning, and policing it.

The Corporation from time to time may lay out or alter such avenues or walks, or make such rules and regulations for the government of the grounds as it may deem requisite or proper to promote the general objects of the cemetery.

No consent or approval of the Corporation shall be valid or binding unless the same shall be in writing over the signature of an Executive officer.

**2. RULES GOVERNING WORK DONE AT CEMETERY.** All orders for work should be left with the Superintendent who is located on the Cemetery property. Employees are forbidden to accept orders for work and are not allowed to accept fees, payments of any sort, or tips.

No lot owner shall have the right to have shrubs and plants cultivated in any portion of the lot, except upon consent of the Corporation. In the event permission is granted, all work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent and to be paid for in cash before work is done. If any shrubs, plants or trees situated in any lot shall become detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues or unsightly or inconvenient, or interfere with the proper care of the cemetery, the Corporation by its authorized representatives or employees, shall have the right to enter the said lot and remove the said trees or shrubs or such parts thereof as they shall determine to be detrimental, unsightly, or inconvenient. No owner shall be permitted

to put any covering such as crushed stone or foreign substance, on any grave or lot. No coping or other means of marking boundaries of lots or graves can be used except corner stones as provided. No sign indicating a lot or vault is "For Sale" will be permitted in the cemetery grounds.

No improvement shall be made or monument, effigy, or structure erected and no object or inscription shall be used or placed in or upon any lot without the consent of the Corporation.

No work of any character will be done upon any lot except by cemetery employees or by some person authorized in its behalf, and no lawns, trees, shrubbery, structures, improvements, enclosures, or excavations shall be put, placed or dug upon any lot except by the cemetery employees as directed by the Superintendent.

The grade of all lots, lawns, and avenues as established, or changed, from time to time, by the cemetery and all improvements put or placed upon any lot shall not be altered or changed except by the cemetery.

No trees, shrubbery, or plants shall be placed upon or removed from any lot or pruned, except with the consent of the Corporation, but the Corporation shall have the right, from time to time, to plant, transplant, remove, or prune trees, shrubbery and plants upon said lots.

The Corporation reserves to itself the entire control of every tree, shrub, or vine, growing within the cemetery enclosure, whether planted by the lot owner or otherwise, including the right of removal when it considers such removal advisable.

Trees will not be removed to make additional burial space.

The Corporation will use reasonable care in examining trees and removing those apparently in unsound and dangerous condition or unsound and dangerous limbs and branches of trees, but it expressly disclaims responsibility for damage either to persons or property resulting from falling trees or parts of trees.

No flowers or ornaments or objects shall be kept upon any lot after the same shall have become withered, soiled or unsightly, and in case of the failure of the owner of any lot to remove any such flowers or other unsightly objects the Corporation shall have the right to remove the same and in no case will the employees attempt to find them after removal, nor will the Corporation be responsible for anything placed on lots or graves.

No baskets, glass, crockery, wire, metal arches, watering pots, glass case, covering, box containing artificial flowers, or any sort of receptacle for flowers, except such as are sunk below the surface of the lawn for the grave or lot containing an inner apartment which may be lifted out while moving the said lot, shall be permitted upon any grave or lot and all such as are not sunk below the surface of the lawn, grave or lot, may be removed by the Corporation.

**3. RULES FOR VISITORS AT THE CEMETERY.**  
The cemetery will be open from seven o'clock a. m., to sunset.

No firearms, refreshments, or intoxicating liquors, shall at any time be brought upon any lot or in any portion of the cemetery; provided, however, that firearms may be used and discharged in case of a military funeral or on a regular appointed Memorial Day or other patriotic service.

No bird or animal shall be killed, wounded, or trapped upon, nor shall any animal or the eggs of any bird be removed from any lot or from any road, walk or parkway except by the Corporation. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

The roadways, and walks which are the property of the corporation are to be used as means of ingress and egress in and to the lots and visitors and lot owners are to use no other means of ingress or egress.

All persons visiting any lot shall respect the solemnity of the cemetery and no loud noises or disorderly conduct shall be permitted upon any road, walk, park, parkway, or any portion of the cemetery.

A visitor shall touch nothing in the cemetery that does not belong to him.

Visitors to Graceland Cemetery, who are not members of a funeral procession, are required not to intrude upon a funeral or to loiter about an open grave.

Entrance to and exit from the cemetery by vehicle otherwise shall be by way of the regular established entrance place.

Vehicles shall not pass a funeral procession, nor shall funeral be closely followed or joined by persons who straggle. It is not an occasion for idle curiosity.

Vehicles are not to turn around upon any of the roads but should follow one of the circular driveways to their objective. They shall keep on the right and when they stop at least six inches from the lawn.

**4. RULES GOVERNING MONUMENTS AND FOUNDATIONS.** Vaults shall be built only in that part of the cemetery designated for same by the Corporation, and only upon receiving permission from the duly authorized officers of the Corporation. The said vaults must be furnished with shelves having divisions allowing interments to be separately made and perpetually sealed, and all monuments and all parts of vaults above ground shall be of marble, granite, or other cut stone.

All foundations for monuments are to be laid by the cemetery authorities at a price to be set by it, and all work in the laying of the foundation shall be done by the employees of the Corporation, and under the supervision of the Superintendent, and completed as rapidly as possible. No foundation shall be laid until the cost of same has been paid for in cash.

No individual marker or headstone shall be placed above ground level, except when permission is granted by the Corporation, and then, only in the event it is considered in keeping with existing markers.

All monuments placed in restricted sections of the cemetery shall conform to the following dimensions: Four and six grave lots—minimum base size 18" x 54", maximum base size 18" x 60", minimum height including base 30", maximum height including base 34". Eight and ten grave lots—minimum base size 16" x 60", maximum base size 20" x 84", minimum height including base 32". Maximum height including base 38". Section 3 and the Northern sub-section of Section 5 are restricted sections. Also other sections which are developed may be declared restricted.

Stone slabs will not be permitted, either erect or reclining. All stone and marble work, monuments and headstones must be accepted by the Superintendent as being in conformity with the foregoing rules before being taken into the cemetery. No material of any kind will be received at the cemetery on Saturday after 12 o'clock noon. When monuments, headstones, etc., are placed upon any lot sold, no removal of same will be permitted to be made under claim that they are not paid for, or other pretense, without the authority of the officials of the Corporation.

No monument is to be placed until the lot has been fully paid for and only after an exact diagram has been submitted to the office of the Corporation for approval.

Individual markers will be placed in each end of the lot and family memorials will be placed in the space provided therefore as shown on detail plat of the cemetery lots. No family memorial can be erected unless the lot owner has monument privileges.

No monuments will be allowed in the cemetery, aside in a trust fund the last ten (10) percent paid on the purchase price of all lots purchased after November 1, 1947. This trust fund will be used by the Corporation to provide annual care hereafter of lawns, flowers, shrubs, trees and to keep straight and plumb all headstones, curbing and other stone work. The Corporation is not responsible for the wear or damage to monuments, headstones, curbing, or other stone work by the elements, and will not repair or replace same. The extent of the obligation of the Corporation for such annual care is limited to the funds available from such trust fund.

Graceland Cemetery will take reasonable precaution to protect property of lot or grave owners, properly in the cemetery from loss or damage, but distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage whether direct or collateral, from the acts of thieves, vandals, rioters and malicious mischief makers; from all acts of Providence including especially winds, tornados, cyclones, hail, snow, frost, fire, explosion or lightning, and from all causes beyond its control.