

recorded therein was that of Justus P. Stevens, who died on May 21, 1843.

In 1851, the city spent \$434.00 to erect a fence around the cemetery, and the Catholic church paid its proportionate share.

Much of the responsibility for maintenance of the cemetery apparently rested with the lot owners during the early days. The Gazette and Democrat of September 16, 1854 carried this notice: "Owners of lots are requested to clear them up and trim the shrubbery within two weeks. After that time, the lots not attended to will be cleaned up by the city. The dilapidated fences must be repaired, and those which have fallen into the alley must be reset within the same time or they will be removed from the cemetery. Committee: J. E. Knight, W. B. Wait, J. A. Henry, W. W. Adams."

On July 5, 1855, the City Council directed the recorder to sell no less than two lots to a single purchaser in block 209. In 1856, Absalom Fowler was given four lots, having complied with certain conditions imposed upon him by the Council.

In 1860 the question of the removal of the graves at the old cemetery on block 179 became an important issue, as the city had decided to build a school building there. On August 9, the problem was turned over to the Mount Holly Cemetery Committee, and on December 4 the committee recommended "that only such graves be disturbed as have monuments over them or are otherwise very distinctly marked, and have the appearance of recent burial."

It is known that some of the graves had been moved to Mount Holly prior to that time, for Chester Ashley had had the remains of Governor George Izard re-interred on his own lot, and also those of several of the Ashley children. Many other tombstones stand today on family lots at Mount Holly, bearing death dates earlier than 1843, indicating that they were first placed in the old cemetery. Presumably each family was responsible for the reburial of its members formerly buried on block 179, and most of these had probably been removed to Mount Holly long before the 1860 problem arose. A group of six tombstones near the north end of the row between Cedar and Jessamine Avenues seem to have no connection with each other except death dates prior to 1843. It seems likely that they were among the last few graves removed to Mount Holly early in 1861, and that there were probably no heirs in Little Rock to provide lots for their reburial. These stones mark the graves of R. D. C. Collins, who died July 1, 1841; John Cooper, who died August 29, 1840; George S. Lincoln, who died March 18, 1842; Alexander Kirkpatrick, who died October 27, 1835; Mary Jane Cross, who died August 12, 1837; and Sarah Caroline Owens More, who died January 24, 1839.

One marker was left at the old cemetery, and remained for several generations of Peabody school's students to sharpen pencils on. The inscription on this old stone read: "Sarah H. Samuel, wife of J. P. Norman, born April 13, 1818, died August 28, 1840. She believed that her God would be merciful." The