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We are proud to announce that the Loveland Legacy Foundation has partnered with the Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Association, Inc. and will offer a dollar- for- dollar match up to \$1,500 to complete the funding needed to restore the historical cemetery located in White Pillars subdivision on Ramsey Court. With your help, and this matching grant, the restoration work will be completed this summer and this historically significant site can be restored to a level of care that it deserves.

The first burial there was Lt. Col. Thomas Paxton in 1813, a Revolutionary War patriot who dined with General George Washington as one of the officers of the day at Valley Forge, Christmas Day in 1777. Paxton also was chosen by General Anthony Wayne to lead the advance guard at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794. Paxton was credited as being the first permanent settler in Clermont County. Paxton and his sons-in-law carved out the wilderness to make a home for their families in 1795 and brought their wives and children here in 1796. Paxton is the founder of Clermont County, Miami Township and the city of Loveland, and he helped with the Statehood of Ohio. Capt. John Ramsey, Paxtons's son-in-law, also a Revolutionary War patriot, is buried in the cemetery along with other family members.

The Loveland Legacy Foundation is passionate about preserving our founding families' place of rest, along with American Legion Post # 256, American Legion Auxiliary Post #256, Bond Home Furnishings, City of Loveland, Clough Valley Daughters of the Revolution, Eads Fence Company, Loveland Magazine, Paxton's Grill, Ramsey's Trailside, and Rainey Tree Service. We have united together to make this project a reality which will include removal of the dead and decaying trees, the replacement of the chain link fence to a 4' black aluminum industrial grade, and a 10' antique wrought iron gate fully restored and installed.

We would like to extend this opportunity to help secure the final part of the funds needed with this generous match which doubles the value of your donations up to \$3,000. Listed below are ways you can help. Please go to our website at <u>https://lovelandlegacyfoundation.org/</u> and click on the DONATE NOW button to make your online contribution, visit the local downtown Loveland businesses listed above to place your donation in the donation jar, or mail your check, payable to Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Association, to Rob Geiger, PO Box 25 Loveland OH 45140. Both Loveland Legacy Foundation and Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Associations are 501-3C organizations so your contributions may be tax deductible to the extent allowable by the law.

The Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery is a hidden gem locally, statewide and nationally! Jan Beller, Director of the Loveland Museum Center (Greater Loveland Historical Society) stated: "We are fortunate to have such a historical site right in our own thriving town!"

Thank you for joining us to see this project through and living up to our motto "Loveland Strong".

Sincerely,

Steve Max, Chairman Loveland Legacy Foundation www.Lovelandlegacyfoundation.org Rob Geiger, President Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Association, Inc.