

**1826 WOODWARD TRUST DEED**  
*Original first deed of trust*

No. 3	Wm. Woodward to S. Lewis & O. Cogswell	Rec. 18 <sup>th</sup> June 1827 Recorded Book N. 25 in Page 582 Griffin Yeatman Recorder of Hamilton Cty Ohio	X
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*(Property Description)*

This Indenture, made this twenty first day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty six, between William Woodward of the one part, and Samuel Lewis and Osmond Cogswell of the other part; witnesseth that the said William Woodward, as well for and in consideration of the better educating of the poor children of Cincinnati, as also for the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by the said Samuel Lewis and Osmond Cogswell, hath in trust and for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned, given, granted, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said Samuel Lewis and Osmond Cogswell, their assigns, successors and associates, and the successors of such associates, to be named and appointed as hereinafter directed, all the following described real estate lying and being in Cincinnati , viz.:

commencing on Sycamore Street at the northwest corner of a tract heretofore conveyed to N. Guilford, an out lot, and running from *thence eastwardly* with the line of said N. Guilford, or his assigns, four hundred feet more or less to the eastern boundary of said lot; *thence* with the eastern boundary *northwardly* four hundred feet; *thence westwardly* on a line parallel with the line first drawn across Sycamore Street to a point from which a line drawn parallel with Main Street will strike the eastern boundary of a lot conveyed by Osmond Cogswell to the county of Hamilton; *thence southwardly* on a line to be drawn to the northeast corner of the land so conveyed to the county; *thence* on the eastern boundary thereof to the south line of the land of said Woodward; *thence eastwardly* on the south line to Sycamore Street to the place of beginning, containing seven acres more or less;

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, Based on current plats**

This property is assumed to:

- Start on the east line of SYCAMORE STREET at the SOUTHWEST CORNER of plat 75-1-206,
- Thence EAST about 400 feet to the west line of BROADWAY STREET,
- Thence NORTH about 400 feet to the north line of WOODWARD (13<sup>th</sup>) STREET,
- Thence WEST about 600 feet to the SOUTHWEST CORNER of 75-4-051,
- Thence SOUTH about 400 feet to the SOUTHWEST CORNER of 75-4-207,
- Thence EAST about 200 feet to the place of beginning.

(Property Conveyance)

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of him, the said William Woodward, in and to the said premises and every part and parcel thereof, to have and to hold the premises hereinbefore described, or meant and intended so to be, to the only proper benefit of the said Samuel Lewis and Osmond Cogswell, their assigns or successors as hereinafter directed, forever:

(Beneficial Uses)

Provided always, that the land and tenements hereinbefore described, and the rents, issues and profits that may arise thereon are to be held, used and applied for forwarding and maintaining a free school for the education of poor children of the said city of Cincinnati, in reading, writing, arithmetick (*sic*) and English grammer (*sic*); the said school to be established in the said city of Cincinnati, and to be managed and directed by the grantees in this deed named, and their successors perpetually, and to be founded and commenced as soon as means are produced by said land and tenements for such purpose.

(Two 7-year, Appointed Trustees)

And said school, with the premises hereinbefore described, and every part and parcel thereof to be managed by and under the exclusive control of three trustees, two of whom, viz., Samuel Lewis and Osmond Cogswell, I, the said William Woodward, hereby nominate and appoint to hold said places or offices during their lives, and hereby empower them to nominate their successors by will or deed, duly executed as in other cases, which successors are also hereby empowered to nominate and appoint their successors, and their successors to continue to nominate and appoint their successors forever in the same manner. But if, at any time, it should happen that by reason of death or resignation, or any other cause, there should be a failure to nominate a successor or successors as aforesaid, so that a vacancy should happen in either or both of the aforesaid trusteeships, then that vacancy to be supplied by an appointment or appointments made by the officiating mayor

and aldermen of the city of Cincinnati, and the persons so appointed to hold their places seven years and until their successors shall be appointed, and if it should so happen that there should be no mayor and aldermen, then by the Court of Common Pleas of the county aforesaid.

*(One 1-year, Elected Trustee)*

The third trustee to be elected annually on the first Tuesday of May in each year by the qualified voters of the city of Cincinnati, to hold his office for one year and until his successor shall be elected and qualified in such manner as shall be hereafter provided by the Legislature of the State of Ohio. The said two trustees first above named to procure from the legislature of this state an act of incorporation as soon as convenient, and when such act is passed to make such conveyances as may be necessary for vesting the property and right, title and interest thereof in such incorporation, and the trustees thereof in manner aforesaid forever. But in case such incorporation should be refused by the legislature of the state, this conveyance not to be void, but to be held and governed as aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid, and the city council (*sic*) of said City to determine the time and manner of electing the third trustee as aforesaid.

*(Re: Religion)*

The benefits of this trust not to be confined to any particular religious sect or denomination, or are the doctrines of any particular religious sect to be taught in said institution, nor any persons to be trustees or teachers thereof not possessing good moral characters and believers of the doctrine of the Christian religion.

In witness whereof, the said William Woodward and Abigail, his wife, who hereby relinquishes her right of dower in the above premises, have hereunto set their hands and seals this twenty fourth day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty six.

Sealed, Signed and  
Delivered in the presence of

/s/ Abigail Foster

/s/ James Foster

/s/ William Woodward

her  
/s/ Abigail X Woodward  
mark

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The State of Ohio  
Hamilton County

Before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for said county, personally came William Woodward, together with Abigail, his wife, the granters of the within deed of conveyance, and acknowledged the signing and sealing the same to be their act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and the said Abigail, wife of the said William Woodward, being by me examined separate and apart from her said husband, and the contents of the written deed made known and explained to her, did acknowledge that she did freely and voluntarily and without fear or coercion of her husband, seal, sign and deliver the same as her act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of November, A.D. Eighteen hundred and twenty six.

/s/ James Foster, Justice of the Peace