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CHAPTER III

At the Board meeting, April 23, 1872, Robert N. Jones was appointed Superintendent of Buildings for the year ending April 1, 1873.

The employment of a Landscape Gardener was brought up at this meeting of the Board and the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas the Board was desirous of availing themselves of the professional skill of Mr. Strauch to lay out their grounds, but understanding his engagements with Spring Grove Cemetery, and the City of Cincinnati, were such as to preclude such undertaking in our behalf, it is therefore, resolved; that the Trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery, are hereby respectfully requested to permit Mr. Strauch to spend one day on our grounds, in order that we may avail ourselves of his general advice and great experience.

A copy of this resolution was sent to the Trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery."

The failure to secure Mr. Strauch to lay out the College Campus, resulted in the Executive Committee employing Mr. H. Haerlim, who also, was connected with Spring Grove Cemetery, to make maps of the Campus as evidenced by a resolution by Mr. Buchtel, which was adopted at the January 2nd 1873, meeting of the Board.

"That the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase from Mr. Haerlim, Cincinnati, Ohio, the maps made by him and presented at this meeting (by the Executive Committee) for the improvement of the College grounds, together with all the surveys and estimates made by him in connection therewith provided the same can be had at a price not exceeding three hundred dollars--the general features of said plan being approved by the Board."

The plans were purchased and paid for by the Board as agreeed to but shortly after Mr. Haerlim presented a claim for extra work performed by him on the College Grounds. As there was no evidence that he had performed extra work his claim was rejected by the Board.

However, on January 8, 1875, the Board passed a resolution "to pay Mr. Haerlim $20.00, provided he gave the Board a receipt in full for all claims and services in 1873".

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Captain Haerlein, Landscape Gardener, during April 1900, laid out walks aand roads and locations for trees and shrubbery around Townshend Hall, Armory and Biological Buildings. The work to be done under the supervision of Professor Thos. F. Hunt, Superintendent of the Campus.

June 30, 1980

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Dear Mr. Goerler,

This is in response to your letter of June 6 concerning biographical information on Captain Herman Haerlin.

I checked the Cincinnati city directories for the time period you mentioned and was able to verify that Herman Haerlin lived in Cincinnati from approximately 1873, when he first appears in the directory, until 1905. The 1906 directory lists his widow, Pauline. From 1880 through 1895, his son, Herman Haerlin, Jr., was listed separately in the directories as a clerk, then a florist, then a landscape draughtsman. I am enclosing the directory search that was done on the Haerlins with complete addresses and business information.

Beyond this, I was not able to find any biographical information on Haerlin. I checked our vital statistics index, local history index, obituary files, and manuscripts catalog but found nothing at all pertaining to Haerlin nor his involvement with OSU.

I hope the enclosed information from the directories will be of use to you. If I can assist you in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I called Spring Grove Cemetery and found out that Haerlin died October 11, 1905, at age 73 years, 2 months, and 17 days, and was buried in Section 71, lot 226 of Spring Grove. Their records also indicate that he was born in Germany. According to the Miller Funeral Home which handled his funeral arrangements, he died of carcinoma of the rectum, was attended by Louis Schwab, M.D., and was buried October 14, 1905. The obituaries which appeared in the Commercial Tribune and Enquirer newspapers give no further information.

Spring Grove Cemetery does not have any employment records going back to the time of Haerlin's employment there.

HERMAN HAERLIN

1873	Cincinnati city directory:	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, office 66 Walnut, residence Spring Grove Avenue, Cumminsville
1874	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, florist, home Spring Grove Avenue, Cumminsville
1875	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener and proprietor green houses, north side Spring Grove Avenue between Ludlow and Chambers, Cumminsville
1876, 1877	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener and proprietor green houses, north west side Spring Grove Avenue between Mad Anthony and Chambers, Cumminsville
1878, 1879	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, florist and landscape gardener, Spring Grove Avenue between Mad Anthony and Chambers, 25th Ward
1880	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, florist and landscape gardener, green houses and residence, north side Spring Grove Avenue between Mad Anthony and Chambers, 25th Ward; store. 385-1/2 Vine
		Haerlin, Herman, jr., clerk, 385-1/2 Vine, residence Herman Haerlin's, 25th Ward
1881	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, florist and landscape gardener, green houses and residence, Spring Grove Avenue nr. Mad Anthony, 25th Ward
		Haerlin, Herman, jr., same as 1880
1882	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home Spring Grove Avenue, 25th Ward
1883	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home Chase Street. 25th Ward
		Haerlin, Herman, jr., same residence
1884	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home Chase Street. 25th Ward
1885	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, north side Chase between Langland and Fergus, 25th Ward
1886	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, 426 Chase, 25th W
		Haerlin, Herman, jr., clerk, 72 W. 4th St., home 426 Chase, 25th Ward
1887	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, 426 Chase, north west corner Williamson Place, 25th Ward
		Haerlin, Herman, jr., florist, home 426 Chase, 25th Wa

1889	Cincinnati city directory:	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home 426 Chase Avenue, 25th Ward Haerlin, Herman, jr., (Haerlin and Schoettle), also, landscape draughtsman, home 426 Chase, 25th Ward Haerlin and Schoettle (Herman Haerlin jr. and Eugene Schoettle), florists; roses and specialty; choice cut flowers, bedding plants, etc., Spring Grove between Mad Anthony and Chambers, 25th Ward
1890	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, same as 1889 Haerlin, Herman, jr., florist; roses, choice cut flowers bedding plants, etc.; cemetery work a specialty, green houses, Spring Grove Avenue between Mad Anthony and Chambers, 25th Ward
1891	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, florist; Cemetery work a specialty; bedding and decorating plants always in stock, green houses Spring Grove Avenue between Mad Anthony and Chambers, residence 426 Chase Avenue, 25th Ward Haerlin, Herman, jr., landscape draughtsman, Herman Haerlin's, home 426 Chase Avenue, 25th Ward
1892	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home 426 Chase Avenue Haerlin, Herman, jr., draughtsman, same residence
1893-95	" " " :	Same for both
1896-97	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home 1518 Chase Avenue
1897	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home 1518 Chase Avenue
1898	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, home 1511 Chase Ave
1899-1904	" " " :	Same address
1905	" " " :	Haerlin, Herman, landscape gardener, parks, cemeteries, and lawns a specialty; office and residence 1511 Chase Avenue
1906-08	" " " :	Haerlin, Pauline, widow Herman, home 1511 Chase
1909, 1910	" " " :	Haerlin, Pauline, widow Herman, home 124 Parker