Woodside’s Historical Cannons Are Restored

Woodside Cemetery & Arboretum is proud to showcase 3 Civil War Naval Cannons which are located in the Military Section, just off the Main Drive.

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The USS Ohio was launched in 1820 and most notably was recommissioned in 1847 for use in the Mexican War. The armament varied at different times in the ship’s history but Woodside Cemetery & Arboretum is proud to have 3 of the larger cannons that were on the ship.

Woodside’s Parrott Cannons were mounted on the USS Ohio Naval Ship. This type of cannon was also used in ground warfare as seen in the photo (left). Called 100 pounders, because the weight of the ammunition, these cannon had a maximum range of just over 4 miles. All 3 of Woodside’s cannon were cast at the West Point Foundry in 1863.

For more interesting information about these cannon click on the links below:
http://www.civilwarartillery.com/