

## A SECTION OF THE BERLIN WALL COMES TO CINCINNATI

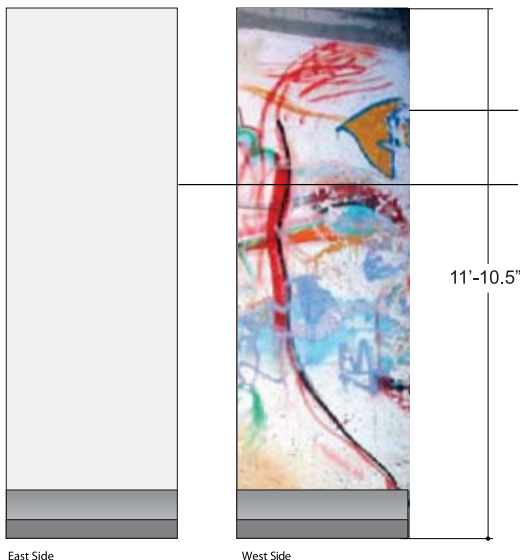
There are very few companies that are given the opportunity to be a part of history once. There are even fewer companies that are presented with two opportunities. At Long-Stanton we have been honored to be part of a number of historical events over our 148-year history. With some of these events, Long-Stanton capitalized on the opportunity of the time. While others we operated in the role of supporting our customers' efforts by applying our expertise to their final product. Each event was a part of changing the world we live in today. In the early 1860s our Founder, John Stanton, made metal uniform buttons for both the Union and Confederate Armies during the Civil War. Following the Civil War, he produced metal coins which were used for currency by merchants to sell and purchase goods.

Recently, Long-Stanton was offered another chance to be a part of an important historical event. We were asked to provide the support brackets and framing for the glass mount/lighting cowl of the "Berlin Wall" display. The wall was generously donated by the City of Berlin to the City of Cincinnati with the assistance of the Munich Sister City Association, and Richard E. Schade, Honorary Consul of Germany. It was brought over to Cincinnati by ThyssenKrupp Bilstein of America, Inc., a manufacturer of shock absorbers based in Hamilton. This section of the Berlin Wall is part of one of the last remaining symbols of the "Cold War" which once was a visible barrier to freedom for so many. This wall section will be permanently displayed outside the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Downtown Cincinnati with a gala dedication on Saturday, July 3rd from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased by emailing Laurie Leonard at [laurieleonard@realtor.com](mailto:laurieleonard@realtor.com).

"We are honored to be part of this landmark project," commented Dan Cunningham President & CEO of The Long-Stanton Group. "The first time you see this section of the Berlin Wall and reflect back on its history and why it was erected, you are filled with emotion. It is a stunning reminder of the fragility of freedom."

Fabian Schmahl, President & CEO of Bilstein commented, "It is just great to support such a significant project. We organized everything to get the wall segment over here and we continue to support the efforts to get it installed." He continued, "I was a college student when the Berlin Wall came down, 'fighting' my whole life for the reunification of Germany. But this wall stands for so much more than the reunification of Germany and we need to tear down all freedom-preventing walls in the world. We are grateful to all of the individuals, organizations and companies, like Long-Stanton, who have donated their time, financing, services, and expertise."

The section of the wall measures 11'-10.5" high and 4' wide. It weighs approximately 6,000 lbs. and is made of reinforced concrete.



As the wall separated east and west, the graffiti side faced west and the white face (in the former 'dead zone') faced east.

**The Berlin Wall Monument**  
**At the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**



L to R: Park Gast of Long-Stanton; Dan Cunningham of Long-Stanton; Fabian Schmahl of Bilstein; and Marvin Cunningham of Long-Stanton