



The Kindred

"... Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee." (Genesis 31:3)

On July 5, 1966, as our Craig ancestors rested in the red clay of the Keowee valley, Duke Power Corporation announced big plans for that hallowed ground. By October of 1969 the Craig Memorial Cemetery was founded to receive the remains disturbed by the construction of the Oconee Nuclear Station. James A. Keith, together with Olin and Nean Craig, organized half an acre on a hill to honor our family's place in the founding of this region.

As required by law, these men provided for a regular time to meet and discuss the details of their newly formed 501(C)(13).

This annual business meeting of the Craig Memorial Cemetery Board evolved into the family reunion, held at our beloved Isaqueena Point, that we enjoy today.

Our cemetery provides each generation with a valuable link to our Craig heritage. Burial sites are free of charge for members. You are a member if you are a lineal descendant of William Speed Craig, John Craig, or Arthur R. Craig.

We Craigs have so much to be grateful for. The Craig Memorial Cemetery grounds are maintained throughout the year and mowing is provided before each funeral service. While our cemetery is endowed, ***perpetual care is not guaranteed without the continued financial support of every member.***

Please consider the information in this annual report and how you can lend your time, talent, or financial resources to the privilege that is our Craig Memorial Cemetery. The Craig Memorial Cemetery is a 501(C)(13) Tax-Exempt Corporation, and all contributions may be tax-deductible.

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Craig Reunion

Saturday, June 14, 2025
Isaqueena Point

- Annual Meeting at Noon
- Covered Dish Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Plan to bring:

- A favorite covered dish and drinks
- Lawn chairs
- Our shade is in transition so remember sunscreen, hats, and maybe a tailgate tent
- Bathing suits and towels for those who choose to enjoy the water

In accordance with provisions in the bylaws, the Craig Memorial Cemetery annual meeting of members will be held the second Saturday in June at Isaqueena Point.

Members present and votes by proxy will elect one trustee to serve for a term of five years. The Board of Trustees, acting as nominating committee, places in nomination one eligible family member. Members may vote for the recommendations of the nominating committee or any other eligible family member desired.

Notice of the Craig Memorial Cemetery Annual Meeting

**Saturday, June 14, 2025, Noon
Isaqueena Point**

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR PROXY BALLOT IS NOW AN ENTIRE ENVELOPE

As always, if you are unable to attend our annual meeting held at the Craig Reunion, and wish to vote or update your contact information, PLEASE COMPLETE, FOLD, and SEAL THE ENTIRE NEW FORMAT PROXY BALLOT ENVELOPE, as tearing anything apart will destroy your ballot. Add your stamp and mail the entire, completed envelope to be received by June 14, 2025, **regardless of your choice to include a donation in the new format envelope.**



Do you have a young adult child or grandchild who was born before 2007 and does not currently receive *The Kindred* newsletter? Please forward their permanent address so we may engage the next generation by adding them to our member mailing list. Email secretary@craigmemorialcemetery.org with any updates to your family contact information.

The Officers and the Board of Trustees of Craig Memorial Cemetery

Officers:

President: Hayne Cope
Vice-President: Kathryn Martin
Secretary: Elizabeth Bost
Treasurer: Jackson Parris

Board Members:

Laura Cobham, Chairman (2025)
Suzanne Fort (2026)
Don Craig (2027)
Mike Craig (2028)
Elizabeth Bost (2029)

Webwizard:

Kathryn Martin

Contact the board at secretary@craigmemorialcemetery.org.

The board recommends **Kathryn Craig Martin** be placed in nomination for the Craig Board of Trustees for a term of five years.

Kathryn Craig Martin

Kathryn Craig Martin is a direct descendant of John Craig and the granddaughter of Jane and Olin Craig. Her family has deep roots in Craig Memorial Cemetery. Many of her loved ones, including her two sisters, Aubrey and Rebecca (Beth) Craig, and her daughter, Kellie Rynn Martin, are laid to rest here. After the tragic loss of Kellie Rynn in 2014, Kathryn dedicated her life to advocacy; successfully passing one South Carolina state, and two national, laws to improve child care safety. She continues her professional work as the Director of Web Design and Digital Marketing with her largest client, Girls Scouts of the USA. In 2011 Kathryn married her husband, Ashley, at Old Pickens Presbyterian Church. Together they have two additional children and wonderful sons; Finley and Aven. She is honored to carry on her grandparents' legacy as the Vice President of Craig Memorial Cemetery and is excited to serve in this meaningful role. For Kathryn, preserving Craig Memorial Cemetery is not just a duty, it is a personal mission to protect the sacred space where her loved ones, and so many other Craigs, are remembered.



CRAIG MEMORIAL CEMETERY

ROBERT CRAIG AND RACHEL SPEED CRAIG HAD THREE SONS.
WILLIAM SPEED HAD THIRTEEN CHILDREN, JOHN HAD ELEVEN,
AND ARTHUR R. HAD THREE.

IN MEMORY OF THEIR DESCENDANTS
WHO ARE NOT BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY

The Craig Columbarium

The columbarium provides a dignified and affordable option for our families. With careful selection, two urns will fit in each 12" niche. Niches may be chosen and reserved upon receipt of the tax-deductible donation of \$900. All funds are placed into the general cemetery endowment.

Double-occupancy urns designed to fit inside the Craig Columbarium will be on display at the reunion. They are available in either silver or gold, and each urn is \$90-\$100 (plus shipping).



Average cost comparison for traditional burial and the columbarium

One cannot truly compare the cost of a traditional burial with the option of using the Craig Columbarium because there are so many variables. The prices below may be incomplete and offered only as a relative average as of press time, April 2024. For current comparisons, visit funeralcity.com/average-funeral-price/sc.

Average cost of traditional single casket burial: \$8,200

Craig Cemetery plot: NO COST to members, although a burial vault is required in our cemetery. Average burial vault: \$1,795
(Average funeral service: \$6,000-\$12,5000)
Average headstone: \$800-\$1,200 (single), \$1,200-\$2,000 (double)

Average cost of using Craig Columbarium with cremation: \$3,500 (*single)

Craig Columbarium niche tax-deductible donation: \$900 (*our single niche will accommodate two urns)
(Average direct cremation cost: \$1,930)
Craig urn option, double occupancy size assumed: \$90-\$100 (per each, plus postage)
Average engraved face plate: \$250

Please note that the Craig Columbarium does not charge for opening or closing the niche. Other cemeteries charge at least \$900 per opening. A double Craig niche will be opened both times at no cost. This offers a savings of at least \$1,800 for those choosing our double occupancy option.

Average cost of using a traditional Craig Cemetery plot with cremation: \$4,100 (single urn)

Craig Cemetery plot: NO COST to members
(Average direct cremation cost: \$1,930)
Average burial urn: \$250
Interment of burial urn: \$500
Average headstone: \$800-\$1,200 (single), \$1,200-\$2,00 (double)

Please contact Hank Field Jr. for more detailed information and procedural guidelines at 864.784.4533 or hfjr001@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

Names of descendants of William Speed Craig (1839-1907), John Craig (1843-1907), and Arthur R. Craig (1846-1902) who are not laid to rest in the Craig Memorial Cemetery may be added to the bronze marker on the columbarium wall at the cost of the current market price for the plaques. If you wish to purchase a plaque for a family member, contact Hank Field Jr. at 864.784.4533 or hfjr001@gmail.com.

To our Veterans and families of Veterans

We invite all Craig veterans or their families to designate the Veterans' Walk as the destination for your Veteran's Plaque. These plaques are free and are usually ordered by the mortuary. Burial in the Craig Cemetery is not required to have a Veteran's Plaque in the Veterans' Walk. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Hank Field Jr. at 864.784.4533 or hfjr001@gmail.com.

Notice of Upcoming Cemetery Site Audit

Do you, or some members of your immediate family, have a cemetery plot reserved? Not sure? Perhaps your mother recently said to you, "Hey, I'm not sure where I want to be buried but I think I got a plot out there at Craig Cemetery some years back ... but I'm not real sure?" Part of our agenda for the new fiscal year is a complete audit of the cemetery burial sites to assure we know "who and where."

For more information about our upcoming audit please contact Jack Parris at hielder@woodsong.us or visit craigmemorialcemetery.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2024

TOTAL FUNDS January 1, 2024 _____ **\$82,481.07**

Balance CD & Mutual Fund (January 1, 2024) _____ \$75,650.72

Checking Account Balance January 1, 2024 _____ \$3,342.75

PayPal Balance January 1, 2024 _____ \$3,450.69

Deposits:

Paypal _____ \$260.00

Contributions / Memorials _____ \$6,730.00

Checking Interest _____ \$1.18

Columbarium & Urns _____ \$900.00

CD Interest Transfer _____ \$0.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS: _____ **\$7,891.18**

Expenses:

Safety Deposit Box _____ \$155.00

Cemetery Upkeep _____ \$1,950.00

Urn & Plaque Purchases _____ \$0.00

P.O. Box Rental _____ \$182.00

Cassell/Hendricks Acct. (tax prep) _____ \$128.75

Printing & Stamps (2024 letter) _____ \$1,036.90

Isaqueena Point Rental _____ \$0.00

Shipping (Urns & Books) _____ \$944.89

TOTAL EXPENSES _____ **\$(4,397.54)**

Balance On Hand (Checking Account) _____ \$6,576.39

Balance On Hand (PayPal Account) _____ \$3,606.03

Balance CDs January 1, 2024 _____ \$10,338.97

Balance Mutual Fund January 1, 2024 _____ \$65,348.66

Interest Received CDs _____ \$166.85

Mutual Fund Capital Gains/Loss _____ \$6,154.75

Total Interest and Gains/Losses _____ \$6,321.60

Balance CDs & Mutual Funds December 31, 2024 _____ **\$82,009.23**

Plus Cash (Checking and PayPal) _____ **\$10,182.42**

TOTAL FUNDS December 31, 2024 _____ **\$92,191.65**

How to Donate

If you have the PayPal app, the QR code below will take you directly to our Craig Memorial Cemetery donations page. Alternatively, you may simply use the enclosed envelope to mail a check (DO NOT MAIL CASH!)



Gift Match Challenge

An anonymous Craig cousin has issued a challenge to match all donations received from January 1, 2025 to June 14, 2025, up to \$1000.00. **Your proxy vote is always free and you need never donate to vote.** However, to have your donation matched, please use the PayPal links provided or mail your check in our new format business envelope.

2024 Donors List

Mary W. Batson	Nancy K. Horton
Laura Cobham	Deryl and Carolyn Keese
Hayne Cope	Nancy W. King
Andy Craig	Libby MacRae
Anonymous Donor	Anonymous Donor
Don Craig	Jack Parris
Gail Craig-Jager	Craig Ragsdale
William Rhett Craig III	Nancy Roberts
Verd Craig	Robin Tidwell
Cunningham	Ronald and Linda Wayden
Phillip Finley	Cash donors present at the reunion
Stephen C. Finley	

Did you know?

If each Craig cousin donated just \$20 a year, that amount would cover the current annual Craig cemetery maintenance, thereby leaving our endowment fund to grow.

Estate planning?

Visit craigmemorialcemetery.org and learn more about how to include our family cemetery in your plans.

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Remembrance Saturday

Cemetery Beautification

October 25, 2025

Historic Old Pickens Presbyterian Church*

Set-up and fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m.

Bagpiper and service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Beautification begins after the service.

Join your cousins as we gather for a very informal service to share stories and acknowledge the births and deaths recorded in the Craig Clan this year. Bring a photo of a baby born or the story of a loved one who passed during this last year, and a few useful garden tools for another glorious Saturday with your Craig cousins.

*ADA accessible toilet facilities will be available on site this year.

Are you a Craig cousin born before 2007? Would you consider giving your time to your larger family group? You can start slowly with social media engagement or helping with the website. We are always looking for younger family members to serve a future term on our board. Visit craigmemorialcemetery.org for more information.



From the Genealogy Desk

Greetings, dear cousins! I have been trying to to update the family files and would LOVE your help. I am looking for:

1. Updated information on each family.

I have a form you can fill out, or you can email me the information listed below:

- birth dates and locations
- spouse names with marriage dates and locations—also divorces with dates
- children with birth dates and locations (please note if children are adopted). With DNA becoming more common, I wish to show that there is a simple explanation for someone being listed as family when they are not presenting with genetic markers common to other family members.
- death dates and locations

2. Any newspaper clippings, extra wedding invitations or birth announcements. These can be mailed to me to be archived with your family information sheets.

3. Any corrections that need to be made to the latest publication of the Craig book. I will have a copy of the book at the reunion for family to make changes and add information, or you may send that information to me by mail or email.

4. Educators in the family, what they taught, and what positions they held. I would love to recognize all of our Craig teachers in a special section of the new book.

5. Anyone that has done DNA for genealogy, including the companies you used to have your DNA tested. This will be helpful when trying to confirm our findings.

If you have done the things listed above and have some time to share, I would love help as I continue to look for documentation on the cousins we have lost touch with or know little about. If you are willing to help, you can reach out to me at accioancestors@gmail.com call or text me at (803) 463-4121.

Hugs, Jenna

Jenna Barrett
621 Chimney Hill Road
Columbia, SC 29209

A special thank you to Jenna Barrett for her research to bring forward the Craig family history. We all benefit from Jenna's efforts.



Search "Craigs of the Keowee," and join the group!

Again this year, the Craig family wishes to thank our cousin, Craig Ragsdale, and martinprinting.com for the generous in-kind donation of resources needed to print and deliver this publication. Graphic designer Rachael Arblaster is most appreciated for her talent.

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SAVE THE DATES

The Craig Family Reunion
Saturday, June 14, 2025, Noon

Remembrance Saturday
Saturday, October 25, 2025, 9:30 a.m.



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Grace Cope
309 Regent Dr
Duncan SC 29334-8983

Directions to Isaqueena Point

Isaqueena Point is approximately 2.9 miles on the east side of Salem Road and the west bank of Lake Keowee in Oconee County.

The entrance to Isaqueena Point is on S.C. Highway 130 between the Keowee-Toxaway Information Center and Salem. Enter the Keowee Key North Gate and tell the guard you are with the Craig Reunion going to Isaqueena Point. Scan the QR code below for Google Maps directions.

