



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 8, 2024
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. This year, our annual meeting will include a special vote. See page 2 for details.

Notice of a Special Vote of the Craig Memorial Cemetery Membership

**Saturday, June 8, 2024, 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 8, 2024, **regardless of your choice to include a donation in the new format envelope.**

This year, in addition to our annual vote for a new trustee, we will hold a simple YES or NO vote for the whole adoption of proposed amended bylaws. The board believes the few minor clarifications they offer will bring our beloved cemetery into the new century.

Our board of trustees first proposed the amended bylaws to membership at our annual meeting on June 10, 2023, with a second reading at Remembrance Saturday on October 28, 2023. These opportunities were more than sufficient for legal notice of this vote.

While there will be an additional copy available to read before the annual meeting begins at noon, if you wish to read (or print) the bylaw document online, we ask you to please visit **craigmemorialcemetery.org**.

Kindly direct any questions to board members well in advance of the vote on June 8, 2024.

Do you have a young adult child or grandchild who was born before 2006 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: Henry Field Jr.
Secretary: Elizabeth Bost
Treasurer: Jackson Parris

Board Members:

Robert Craig (2024)
Laura Cobham, Chairman (2025)
Suzanne Fort (2026)
Don Craig (2027)
Mike Craig (2028)

Webwizard:

Kathryn Martin

Contact the board at **secretary@craigmemorialcemetery.org**.

The board recommends **Elizabeth Horton Bost** be placed in nomination for the Board of Trustees for a term of five years.

Elizabeth Horton Bost

I am your cousin, Elizabeth Horton Bost, and am willing to serve as Secretary of our Craig Family Board. I am a descendant of William Speed Craig, great granddaughter of Bob and Nina Craig, granddaughter of Grace Craig and the daughter of Nancy and Elbert Horton. My brother is Dr. Craig A. Horton and my sister is Dr. Natalie Jane Simpson. Together we grew up romping the hills of Isaqueena Point, well blessed with cousin play dates and time submersed in family. Currently, I am the wife of Eric W. Bost and the mom of 4 great kids: Bennett (21), Walton (18) and twins Grace and Eliza (11). We are fortunate to live locally near the Point and are well vested in the happenings of Oconee and Pickens counties. I am a public school teacher serving as the Art Teacher at Keowee Elementary School and lead visual arts teacher for our school district. Somehow this year is my 24th year in education, which is a job that is never boring! I know the importance of family and treasure the special bond we have created as Craigs. I hope to continue nurturing the love of cousin gatherings, lake days, delicious food, and the yearly discussion of our favorite sunscreen brands. I look forward to celebrating the blessing of family alongside you for as long as I am able.



Remembrance Saturday

Cemetery Beautification

October 26, 2024

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 service

Join your cousins as we gather for an informal service to 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.

You provide your bag snacks, but we provide the bagpiper!

*please bear in mind that the church lacks toilet facilities and running water



Are you a Craig cousin born before 2006? 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!



Visit our website for updates on our new Instagram channel!

FINANCIAL REPORT

PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

TOTAL FUNDS January 1, 2023	\$75,164.35
Balance CD & Mutual Fund (January 1, 2023)	\$70,667.14
Checking Account Balance January 1, 2023	\$1,496.21
PayPal Balance January 1, 2023	\$2,144.27

Deposits:

Paypal	\$342.05
Contributions / Memorials	\$4,950.00
Checking Interest	\$0.52
Columbarium & Urns	\$0.00
CD Interest Transfer	\$0.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$5,292.57

Expenses:

Safety Deposit Box	\$155.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$2,100.00
Urn & Plaque Purchases	\$0.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$232.78
Cassell/Hendricks Acct. (tax prep)	\$122.50
Printing & Stamps (2022 letter)	\$493.70
Isaqueena Point Rental	\$0.00
Shipping (Urns & Books)	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$(3,103.98)

Balance On Hand (Checking Account)	\$3,342.75
Balance On Hand (PayPal Account)	\$3,450.69
Balance CDs January 1, 2023	\$10,162.55
Balance Mutual Fund January 1, 2023	\$65,348.66
Interest Received CDs	\$96.55
Mutual Fund Capital Gains/Loss	\$42.96
Total Interest and Gains/Losses	\$139.51
Balance CDs & Mutual Funds December 31, 2023	\$75,650.72
Plus Cash (Checking and PayPal)	\$6,793.44
TOTAL FUNDS December 31, 2023	\$82,444.16

How to Donate

If you have the PayPal app, the QR code below will take you directly to our Craig Memorial Cemetery donations page. Alternately, 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, 2024 to June 8, 2024, 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.

Did you know?

If each Craig cousin donated just \$10 a year, that amount would cover the current annual Craig cemetery maintenance, thereby leaving our capital endowment to grow.

Estate planning?

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

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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 Trevor Bauknight is most appreciated for his talent in transforming our annual report into our new format, *The Kindred*.

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 [funeralocity.com/average-funeral-price/sc](https://www.funeralocity.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 hlander@woodsong.us or visit [craigmemorialcemetery.org](https://www.craigmemorialcemetery.org).

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SAVE THE DATES

The Craig Family Reunion
Saturday, June 8, 2024, Noon

Remembrance Saturday
Saturday, October 26, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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.**

