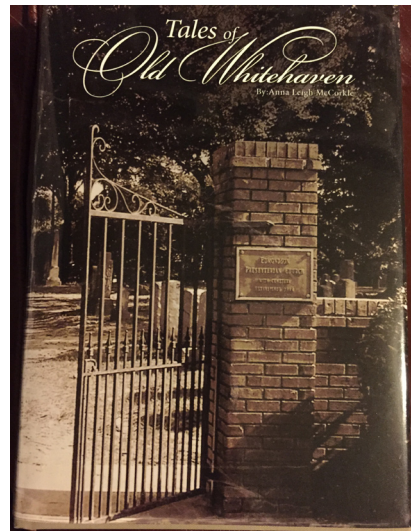


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Board members Sara Clenney and Robbie Jones are rolling off as their terms expire and Hunter Johnson is retiring. Thank you for your service.



Tales of Old Whitehaven

Copies of this book by the late Anne Leigh McCorkle are available by sending \$28.50 to:

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All proceeds from sales will benefit Edmondson.

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Annual Cemetery Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Edmondson Cemetery Association will be held at **2:30 pm on Sunday, October 28** in the M. R. Davis Library, 8554 Northwest Drive in Southaven. The annual meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Those who own burial plots in the cemetery or have family buried therein are eligible to become voting members of the cemetery association. Annual dues – a suggested donation of \$1 or more – are payable at the meeting, prior to the call to order.

Association members are encouraged to bring younger members of their family in order to familiarize them with the cemetery care and management.

Several business items are addressed each year at the meeting. Three positions on the nine member Board of Directors come up for election each year, and there is a review of the Board actions and financial reports. The floor is open for questions, discussions, and comments.

Thank you Hunter

It is with a heavy heart that the Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Hunter Johnston. He has been involved with our cemetery for so many years. Although his official title is groundskeeper, he volunteered and took responsibility for numerous roles – selling cemetery plots, coordinating funeral arrangements, meeting families at the cemetery to discuss and handle any concerns, repairman, historian, newsletter editor, gardener, record keeper, and the list goes on. We as Board members and with the entire Association members wish him well. And most of all, we thank you, Hunter, for your years of faithful service and your dedication to taking care of the needs of Edmondson Cemetery. We appreciate everything you have done, and you will be greatly missed by this Board.

Letter on Decoration Guidelines

This was mailed to all association members earlier this year.

Dear Association Member,
We are sending this notice to all association members as a result of discussion at the October 2017 annual meeting regarding decorations. The Board decided that it was time to emphasize our guidelines again on allowed decorations, which are as follows:

Flowers in vases, wreath, garden statues, or small flags may be placed at the headstone. All items shall be a maximum height of 12". A limit of two decorations may be used at one time. The Board has the authority to remove any decorations it deems unacceptable after notifying the family.

This will help maintain the historical nature of the cemetery and at the same time be sensitive to families who have loved ones buried there.

Please share this letter with other family members as we do not have everyone's mailing information.

If you have questions of concerns, you may contact any board member.

Respectfully,
The Edmondson Cemetery Board of Directors

Burials Since October 2017

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
William G. Harris	10/6/2017
Rose Owen	12/18/2017
Sheperd Skrmetti	1/12/2018

Stories of the Cemetery: Martha Ann Edmiston Morgan

She was born October 10, 1812 in Virginia, the daughter of General William Campbell Edmiston and Elizabeth Stewart. Her father was not a military man and “General” was just his first name and not his rank. He had been named in honor of General William Campbell who fought in the Revolutionary War. Martha’s mother died and her father was married at least four other times, so she had a number of half brothers and sisters. The last name gets spelled all sorts of way, sometimes Edmiston, then Edmondson and other variations all within the same family. She came with her large family from Virginia to Lincoln County Tennessee.



John Hall Morgan was born March 8, 1805 in North Carolina and moved with his family to Lincoln County. John and Martha married and had seven children, five of them lived to adulthood.

The two oldest boys were born in Lincoln County, and then the couple moved to Memphis in 1835. Another son was born late in 1836 but he only lived to be 10 months old. John H. Morgan was elected as the seventh mayor of Memphis and served from 1837-38. By 1840 the family moved to Desoto County, Mississippi where they farmed and also had a tavern on Tchulohoma Road.

In April of 1844, Martha and several others gathered in the school house on the Daniel Hilderbrand place and formed Pisgah Presbyterian Church. Martha’s father sold this group two acres of land on which to build a church and donated another two acres to serve as the cemetery. He had also given the land back in Lincoln County for the Presbyterian church there. The cemetery here was located on this hill where she had laid another infant son to rest in 1842. His name, Hiram C. (for Campbell) Morgan, is on the obelisk that marks the family plot.

Her husband died in 1853 and then the Civil War took two of her sons. John Hall Morgan Jr., a captain, was killed the last day of 1862 in a battle of near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, or Stones River as the Yankees named it. Then his brother, Colonel William Edmondson Morgan, died January 4th 1863 from wounds he received in that same battle. After the news came, she sent a slave with a wagon to bring them home for burial.

The only remaining son, James Bright Morgan, also fought for the Confederacy and he survived the war. Like his father he was a lawyer and had a practice in Desoto County with an office in Hernando. He later served in the United States Congress and was shot by another disgruntled lawyer as he rode home on the train in 1892. He is buried in Hernando.

The only daughter and youngest child, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, was born in Desoto County in 1846. She married James Monroe Goodbar in 1867. He was also a Confederate officer and was afterwards successful in the manufacture of boots and leather goods; they lived in Memphis. They are both buried there at Elmwood Cemetery.



Isabella Buchanan Edmondson, who is better known as the Confederate spy “Belle” Edmondson, noted the hardship of over a decade of widowhood and loss of children which her cousin Martha endured with a diary entry on February 24, 1864 – “poor Ladie, she has at last gone to her rest, she died yesterday evening at 4 o’clock”

Addendum: Actress Alexis Bledel of *Gilmore Girls* fame is the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of John and Martha Morgan.

This article is adapted from a 2010 reenactment in the cemetery organization by Sadelle Jackson and scripted by Hunter Johnson. Edited by Ken Hall.

Donations Received Since Previous Newsletter

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Edmondson Cemetery Association since the last annual meeting. These include:

Donations 2017 (appearing chronologically)

Donor	In memory of
Steven R. Kimbrough	Leah Kimbrough
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Meaux	Frank Bailey
Martha Norton Wilson & Richard	Bowe, Hilderbrand, & Norton families, and in honor of daughter Laura
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Donations 2018 (appearing chronologically)

Donor	In memory of
Sluggo & Wanda Davis, Sid & Elaine	Dale Graham
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Shirley Davis	Carl A. Davis
George & Anne McGaha	Their family at Edmonson



Edmondson Needs Your Help

We are writing to friends of Edmondson Cemetery. In recent years we have done much to stabilize crumbling embankments, stall soil erosion, foster turf, improve parking, and more. The cemetery still has a few burials each year but the income from plots is hardly adequate to maintain the property. We are asking friends of Edmondson, friends of old Whitehaven, friends of Horn Lake and Southaven, all interested in history to support this place with a modest contribution.

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Thank you for considering this request,