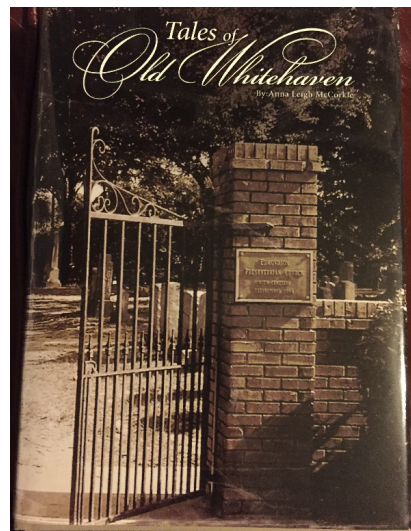


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### Tales of Old Whitehaven

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

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# The Gateway

## Annual Edmondson Cemetery Newsletter

### Annual Cemetery Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Edmondson Cemetery Association will be held at **2:30 pm on Sunday, October 27** 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.

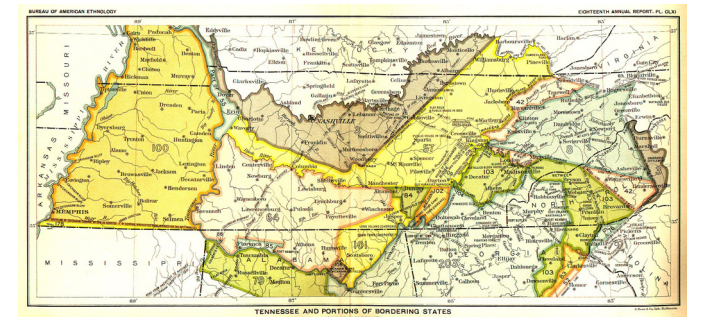
Several business items are addressed each year at the meeting. Three positions on the nine member Board of Directors come up for election each year, and there is a review of the Board actions and financial reports. The floor is open for questions, discussions, and comments. Association members are encouraged to bring younger members of their family in order to familiarize them with the cemetery care and management.

### Burials Since October 2018

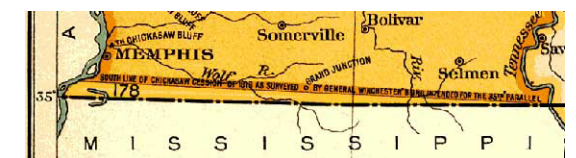
Name	Date of Death
Diana Owen	12/11/2018
Steven Dale May	1/24/2019
Arthur Gerald Davis	4/29/2019
Mary E. Dial	9/22/2019
Nancy Kirkland	9/28/2019
Mary Davis Bryant	10/2/2019

### From Mississippi to Tennessee... and Back Again

Some of you may have heard that Edmondson Cemetery was considered to be in founded in Mississippi and then later adjudged to actually be in Tennessee and then back to Mississippi again. That is true. It begins with Indian land cessions done piecemeal to establish the Tennessee border (Tennessee became a state in 1796 and Mississippi in 1817). The Winchester Line along the 35th latitude became a source of debate and contention of no small consequence in that the difference between a measure of 35 degrees, 9 minutes, 48.8 seconds and 35 degrees, 9 minutes, 37.7 seconds amounted to 217,927 acres as measure between the Mississippi and Tennessee rivers.



Map of Indian Land Cessions 1785-1838



Close up of the Winchester Line

Sources:  
Colonial Period Indian Land Cessions in the American Southeast  
Cherokee Land Cessions  
Charles C. Royce's 1884 Cherokee Map with Cessions and Original Territorial Limits  
Old Cherokee Town Names  
The Chickasaw and Their Cessions  
First People of Tennessee, TNGenWeb Project., Text and Maps.  
Samuel Cole Williams, LL.D., Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, Chapter XIV, pp. 105-1-8, *Beginnings of West Tennessee, In the Land of the Chickasaws, 1541-1841* Watuaga Press, Johnson City, Tennessee, 1930



## Stories of the Cemetery: Marion Francis White

Marion Francis White was born in Harmontown, Lafayette Co., MS on October 17, 1897. He had one sister and ten brothers. Growing up, he helped his father with farming and raising livestock. In about 1917, 1918 he met his future wife, Lillian Bernice Petty, whose family came from Tate County, specifically Tyro, MS. They married July 7, 1918. A family home was built by him near Sardis, MS where he proceeded to farm and raise livestock. Around 1930 plans were made to construct Sardis Reservoir. The property upon which their house stood was in the path of that construction. At that time he took the house apart that he had built for his family and relocated to Mississippi Street in Memphis, TN for a short period of time. He purchased 80 acres on Swinnea Rd. in Horn Lake, MS from Guy Petty, his brother-in-law, where he reassembled the family home. For a time he taught carpentry at Whitehaven School. After that he devoted his life as a farmer and raising livestock. His techniques in truck gardening were noted by a local newspaper who published an article on him and his innovative ideas. Many of our summer days as children were spent with our Granddaddy at the local Farmers Market where he sold his produce. We had our run of the market and made many friends who shared their produce with us as snacks during the day. Mainly watermelons, cantaloupes and tomatoes!

Mr. White and his wife had 5 children. The initial 6 family plots in Edmondson Cemetery were purchased at the time of the death of their daughter, Sara Carolyn, age 5 years, in 1933, prior to the birth of the youngest child in the family, Mary Patricia. The family were members of First Baptist Church in Horn Lake.

“Granddaddy” was the best grandfather imaginable. He couldn’t take a step in the summer without 4 children at his heels, but he never lost patience with us. He would take us fishing with cane poles at the small lake on his property (where we mostly played with the minnow bucket) or on rambles through the woods. We spent many a summer’s evening shelling peas and beans with him on the front porch. Once he retired from farming, he loved to go sit on the benches in Southland Mall and talk to anyone who wandered up. He never met a stranger. He was loved by the community, a fact that was demonstrated by the overwhelming out-pouring of love and respect from individuals of DeSoto County and the Whitehaven area at the time of his death, August 27, 1974.

*Submitted by Gayle Berry Sherard, Carolyn B. Garnett, Susan B. Hargrave*



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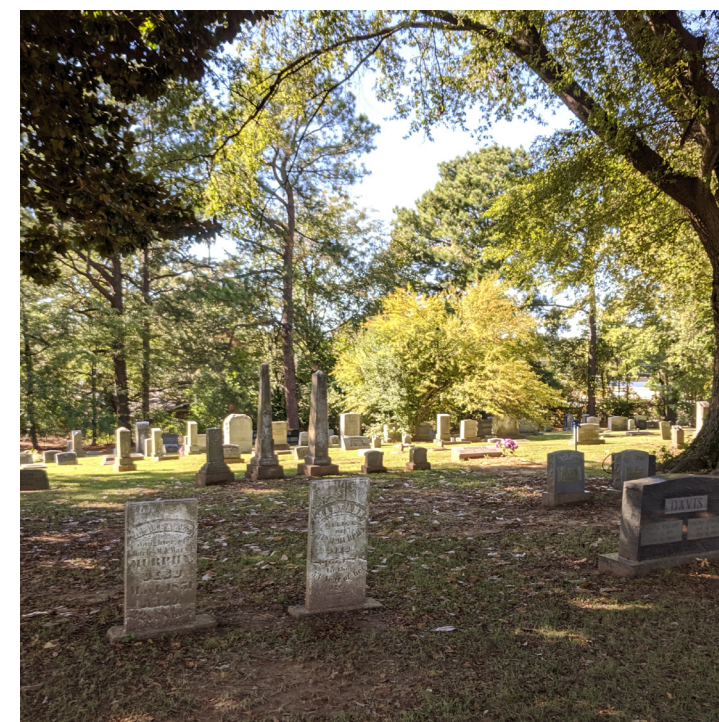
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## Edmondson Needs Your Help

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,