

Edmondson Cemetery Board of Directors

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| W.E. "Sluggo" Davis, president | 2406 Holly Springs Rd, Hernando, MS 38632 | (662) 429-9781 |
| John E. Jones, vice president | 5853 Iroquois Dr., Walls, MS 38680 | (662) 781-1716 |
| Laura Ricks Easley, treasurer | 5267 Tulane Rd. S., Hernando, MS 38632 | (901) 831-4077 |
| Sarah Hassell Clenney, secretary | 3300 Byhalia Rd., Hernando, MS 38632 | (901) 262-8387 |
| Nancy Baker Pounders | 5929 West DeSoto Rd., Horn Lake, MS 38637 | (662) 781-0246 |
| Robbie Jones | 8849 Centre St., Southaven, MS 38671 | (901) 734-2469 |
| Josh Hargrave | joshua.hargrave@comcast.net | (662) 932-1197 |
| Sue Hilderbrand McMahon | 1299 Brookfield, Memphis, TN 38119 | (901) 289-4196 |
| Gayle Sherard | 1691 Vicksburg Dr., Southaven, MS 38671 | (901) 502-2969 |

Dinner On The Grounds

The tradition of visiting cemeteries, especially in the South, was often a call to gathering. It was a time to see relatives and friends, to reminisce, and to enjoy a common greenspace. *Cemeteries*, published by Keitehr Eggener of the University of Missouri, has over 600 archival photos, from rural cemeteries to memorial parks. The book explores the evolution of cemeteries in America as a distinct place, connecting living and deceased. On the web site atlasobscura.com, Jonathan Kendall addresses the popularity of cemetery picnicking as part of the late 19th century rural cemetery movement while noting the practice has ebbed & risen in many cultures and countries over time. The trend subsided in 20th century America as some visitors left garbage or caused slight damages and also communities built more parks and public spaces for recreation.



St. Lukes, Smithfield, VA 1957

Edmondson Cemetery Association
c/o Sarah Hassell Clenney
3300 Byhalia Road
Hernando, MS 38632

Burials Since October 2019

| Name | Date of Death |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Beverly Johnson | 10/28/2019 |
| Charles Owens | 11/5/2019 |
| McCoy McMasters | 12/17/2019 |
| Peggy Davis Hall | 3/7/2020 |
| Mildred Dodson Perry | 3/20/2020 |
| Martha Allen | 7/8/2020 |
| Thomas Ricks "Rickey" Guy | 8/4/2020 |
| Frances Ruth Jones | 8/21/2020 |



The Gateway

Annual Edmondson Cemetery Newsletter

Mississippi's Oldest Cemeteries

We know that our Edmondson Cemetery goes way back. With the formation of Pisgah Presbyterian Church, later Edmondson Presbyterian, in 1844 and the cemetery adjacent, our burial grounds are old but not the oldest in the state...nor the most unusual.

Settled in 1699, Biloxi was the first settlement in Mississippi. Though there were surely earlier burials, the earliest gravestone in Biloxi Cemetery is dated 1811. It is inscribed in French! The Clinton Cemetery in central Mississippi was established a decade earlier, 1800, but its oldest gravestone is dated 1815.

Rose Hill Cemetery founded in 1853 in Meridian is home to some interesting gravesites, including those of the King and Queen of the Gypsies.

Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson is that city's largest green space and was formally designated by an act of the State Legislature effective January 1, 1823.

The cemetery behind Pleasant Valley UMC in Foxworth, MS is the resting place of Sylvester Magee. Magee was America's last slave and the nation's last Confederate veteran and the last Union veteran. Born in 1841, he died in 1971 at the age of 130 years. At the time of his death he was the oldest person in America.

The county seat of Monroe County, Aberdeen, was incorporated as a town in 1837. And the oldest marked grave in the Aberdeen cemetery is from 1838

Springhill Cemetery was established in 1836, with the founding of DeSoto County and its seat, Jefferson, now known as Hernando in the newly-taken Chickasaw Cession. By the time of the last major yellow fever outbreak in 1878, there were hundreds of graves, many or most unmarked today. Only 6 monuments date after 1900.

Annual Cemetery Association Meeting

Hello to everyone

Did you ever think you would receive a letter from the President in our annual newsletter? Well neither did I think I would ever write one, but then came the year 2020 so I don't think I need to say more. I truly hope this finds everyone safe, healthy, and in good spirits.

The board of directors had its April meeting in July or August and discussed the grounds finally getting back in good shape due to a very wet spring and more than normal number of funerals. We also discussed meeting places not being available for board and annual meetings this year so now comes the sad reason of my letter: there will NOT be an Annual meeting the last Sunday in October. As you know this is certainly not what we wanted, but it is still 2020 and hopefully things will get better in 2021; if so we may have a meeting before next October to catch up. We do plan on having our November board meeting and please feel free to contact any board member with any issues or concerns you may wish to have addressed; please do so by the first week of November. The board will stay focused on our business at hand and try to keep y'all informed of anything major in the near future. I know I have rambled but as you know that is me in person or writing! Thank you for understanding the situation.

Sluggo Davis

Donations Received Since Previous Newsletter

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Edmondson Cemetery Association.

2019 Donor

10/23 Jim Franks
 10/27 Jacqueline and Emmett Collingsworth
 10/27 Albert S Wood
 10/27 Mamie Adkins
 10/27 Cash donations
 10/27 Glen Campbell
 10/27 Billie Wilhite
 10/27 Shirley W. Davis
 10/27 C. E. Davis I
 10/27 Carolyn Glover
 10/27 Lea Davis
 10/31 Adrienne Davis
 10/31 Judith Owen

11/5 Rickey Guy
 11/5 Bunny Johnson
 11/5 Calvin & Diann McBee
 11/14 Thomas C. Collier
 11/15 Martha Frances Franks and Anne Ramay
 11/15 James, Janet, Claire and Will Woodard
 11/18 Clayton Reed
 11/20 Joe Meux
 11/29 Karen and Mike Copp
 12/4 Beth Bailey Whitsett Fred Bailey

In Memory Of

Beverly Geneann Johnston

Carl Davis

Samuel & Evelyn Hartz and descendants
 buried in Edmondson Cemetery

James Lee Peek & Evelyn Peek

Beverly Johnston
 Beverly Johnston
 Beverly Johnston
 Doris Mae Davis Meux (mother) and Joe Clay Davis Meux
 Alvin & Irma Burkhalter, Edna Hurst, and William L. Glanville

Reminder on Decoration Guidelines

January 24, 2018

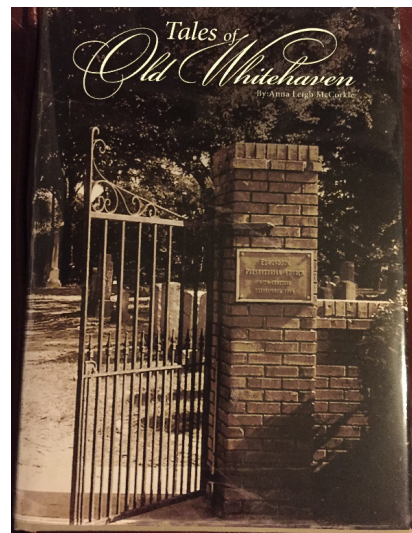
Dear Association Member,

We are sending this notice to all Edmondson Cemetery Association members as a result of discussion from the October 2017 annual meeting regarding cemetery decorations. The board decided that it was time to emphasize our guidelines again on allowed decorations, which are as follows:

Flowers in small cases, wreath, garden status 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 any one time. The board has authority to remove any decoration that it deems unacceptable after notifying the family.

This will help maintain the historical nature of the cemetery and at the same time be sensitive families that 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 any questions or concerns you may contact any board member.

Respectfully,
 Edmondson Cemetery Board of Directors



Tales of Old Whitehaven

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

Edmondson Cemetery Association
 5267 Tulane Road S.
 Hernando, MS 38632

All proceeds from sales will benefit Edmondson.

Donations Received Since Previous Newsletter

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Edmondson Cemetery Association.

2020 Donor

3/11 David and Virginia Wolfe
 3/16 Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Bouchillon
 3/15 William and Mary Ellen Chase
 3/17 Laura and Tom Easley
 3/19 Ann and Ed Peacock, III
 3/23 Thelma Alumbaugh
 3/26 Ben Earl and Dixie Fore
 3/26 Billy Hall, Sluggo and Wanda Davis,
 Sid and Elaine Shinault
 3/31 Steadtham/Weaver Sunday School Class of
 Hernando Baptist Church
 5/31 William E. Hall
 6/17 Melissa Coleman
 6/26 Dorothy Bowe Wingerd
 7/17 Susan and Mike Maybry
 8/12 DiAnn Guy
 8/10 Laura and Tom Easley
 8/11 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howe
 8/11 Hernando High School Class of 1965
 8/10 Bruce and Sandy Vest
 8/10 Jerry and Icy Hendrix
 8/12 Tallulah Redding
 8/13 John and Linda Scarbrough
 8/14 Linda and Donnie Smith
 8/14 Tommy and Mary Porter
 8/14 Sam and Jan Lauderdale
 8/15 Evon Jarrett
 8/16 Tim and Gladys Ricks
 8/20 Frances Rittenhouse
 8/20 Sluggo and Wanda Davis
 8/20 David and Laurie Riley Haynes
 and Thelma Riley
 8/21 Frances Scarborough
 8/21 Billy and Nancy Powell
 8/24 Duane and Nancy Steadham
 8/24 North Mississippi Grain Co., Inc.
 8/25 Gayle Sherard
 8/25 Sluggo and Wanda Davis and
 Elaine and Sid Shinault
 8/27 Ronald and Peggy Miller
 8/27 Jason and Cindy Parolli
 9/3 Mitch and Ann Burton
 9/3 Bobby and Sarah Dodd
 9/3 Thomas and Carol Little
 9/3 Judith Owen

9/16 Glenn DeHan

In Memory Of

Peggy Davis Hall
 Peggy Davis Hall
 Peggy Davis Hall
 Peggy Davis Hall
 Peggy Davis Hall
 Peggy Davis Hall
 Mildred D. Perry

Peggy Davis Hall

Peggy Davis Hall

Bowe Family

Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy

Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Ruth Jones
 Ruth Jones

Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Rickey Guy
 Ruth Jones

Descendants of Samuel and Evelyn Hartz buried
 in Edmondson Cemetery

Rickey Guy

