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Colonial Dames Plaque for Edmondson

Over Memorial Day weekend, a plaque acknowledging the historic significance of Edmondson Cemetery was dedicated by the Elizabeth Tilley Chapter of the Colonial Dames 17th Century, Mississippi State Society.



Burials Since October 2020

Name	Date of Death
Glen Campbell	12/18/20
Neil Pinkley	6/15/21
Rita H. Jones	9/30/21
June McMasters	10/03/21



A program was held the morning of Saturday, May 29, which included remarks by Robert Long of the DeSoto County Museum, cemetery historian Hunter Johnson, cemetery



board chair Sluggo Davis, and Colonial Dames state president Melissa Holmes as well as special music by Margaret Moore.

Some 80 people attended the unveiling and dedication. The DeSoto Time-Tribune gave the event generous coverage.

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

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Annual Cemetery Association Meeting

The board of directors is pleased to announce that an in-person annual meeting of the cemetery association will again be held. The 2020 meeting was not held due to the pandemic. The 2021 annual meeting of the cemetery association will be held on October 31 at 2:00 pm at the M. R. Davis Library. All families of those interred are invited to attend and to join the association if they have not already done so.

Donations Received Since Previous Newsletter

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

2020 Donor

10/02 Charlie Davis and Zac Davis
 10/24 Lea Davis
 11/03 Shirley W. Davis
 12/03 Doris Ward
 12/18 Elizabeth White Brown

In Memory Of

Peggy Davis Hall
 David McAlister
 Carl Davis

 Marion and Bernice White & descendants

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In Memory Of

Mary Anne Gilless Ford
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 Peggy Davis Hall

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 Carl Davis

Reminder on Decoration Guidelines

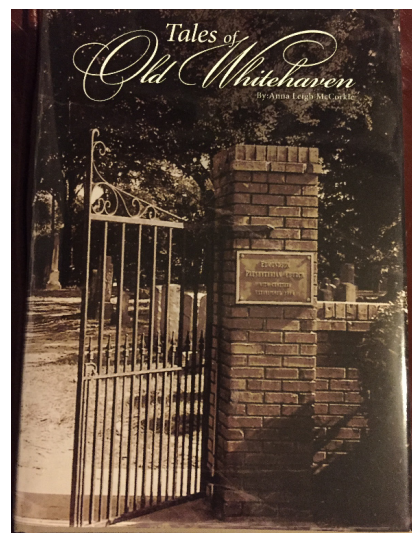
Dear Association Member,

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 to 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.

A Cemetery Lost

Edmondson has survived where many, many older cemeteries have become lost over time. A sad example exists off Tchulahoma between Holmes Road and Shelby Drive: the Davis-Bowe-McCargo cemetery. There are many connections between the families interred in Edmondson and this Tinsley Davis cemetery. Of the 67 people buried there between 1839 and 1929, only one headstone remains and it lies on its side; there is also the base of one more. The City of Memphis maintains the three-acre site as Easthaven Park, but it is essentially an overgrown field surrounded on four sides by modest homes from a 1974 development.

Research done by Doris Davis Meux, great-great-granddaughter of Tinsley Davis, indicates that some years after the last burial the land surrounding the cemetery

was leased to a dairy farmer who pulled up the stones and stacked them along a fencerow. According to one report from the early 1970s, City of Memphis trucks may have carted off the old stones. See more at findagrave.com.



A visit to the site this spring, turning east onto Morningview Drive from Tchulahoma, confirmed the sad state of this resting place.

Whitehaven Presbyterian Traces Roots To Edmondson

Taken from article by Perre Magness

The Whitehaven Presbyterian Church origins go back to April 27, 1844, when a group of Scots-Irish Presbyterians organized a church in a little schoolhouse at what is today Airways and State Line in DeSoto County. The church was called Pisgah, after the school.

Rev. S. Hodge was instated as supply minister. Tradition says he preached his first sermon "On This Rock Will I Build My Church" for a congregation of 10. By October 1847, there were 25 members, enough to leave the schoolhouse and build a church on the William Edmiston farm. Edmiston had given two acres for the first cemetery in the neighborhood. The congregation bought two adjacent lots at what is today 800 State Line Road in Southaven, and erected a one-room building with a slave gallery. The congregation was now known as Edmiston Presbyterian Church.

Rev. A. W. Young preached on the first and third Sundays of each month, for \$200 a year. By 1864, the name had evolved into "Edmondson" for a family of that name active in the church. By 1888, the elders were pleased to report that "But little intemperance and worldly amuse-

ments visible in the church." By the 1890's, members began meeting separately, with one group meeting nearer to Whitehaven, which was taking shape as a town.

As more Presbyterians settled in the area, it was decided to build a church on Hernando Road, south of the Baptist church. But the Presbyterians and the Baptists were so few in number that it took both denominations to make a congregation, and they met together on alternate Sundays.

The members left at Edmondson met for a time in the Fairview School because the church building was in need of repair, but members gradually drifted away. There are no records after 1892. The Edmondson Church was not officially dissolved until the 1930s, but the members had all moved to the Whitehaven Church long before. Just as worship services were beginning on a Sunday in 1941, a fire broke out and destroyed the building. All that is left now is the Edmondson Cemetery at this location.

UPDATE: Whitehaven Presbyterian Church closed in 2005.