

Thomas Cemetery ASSOCIATION

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Four men from the Disaster Relief Team came on March 29 and accomplished a great deal toward clearing the underbrush and overgrowth in the cemetery. They were able to cut down a couple of trees that needed to go, but didn't have the proper equipment to cut dead limbs, etc. Others have plan to do that in the near future.



About 10 people came on Clean-Up Day, April 20, including one man from Clinton. Robert Cagle from Benton was among the group. Robert has been trained in cleaning and restoring stones and plans to continue to help as we move through the restoration.



Scott Copeland has joined the Board of Thomas Cemetery Association. He brings experience in dealing with restoration and preservation and is a valuable addition to the group. Welcome, Scott!

One Civil War Veteran was mentioned in the earlier newsletter. Further research has found that burials include a total of 13 men who fought in the Civil War, 2 who fought in World War I and 2 veterans of World War II. Both Confederate and Union soldiers are here. Most of them do not have stones, but are on earlier lists of burials. Being sure there is a marker for each of them is planned, although their individual graves are no longer known.

Copies of the book “Thomas Cemetery, North Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas; Interments, Obituaries, and Articles” which was compiled and published by Teresa A. Clark, are available from Teresa for \$25, plus \$4 shipping if necessary. Contact her through tca1876@gmail.com. It contains many interesting articles about the cemetery and those buried there, and total sales go to the Association.

The webpage for Thomas Cemetery Association is now up and running. Thanks go to Lisa Winkleman for the many hours she spent learning to develop it. It is www.thomascemeterynlr.com. She would like to feature pictures and stories of those buried there. If you are a descendant of those buried there, or know someone who is, please send information, photos, etc. to tca1876@gmail.com. Early pictures of stones would help when restoration of the broken pieces found throughout the site begins.

A pressing need is for a group such as Master Gardeners to help work out a landscape plan. If you are interesting in helping with developing such a plan or in volunteering to help in other ways, please contact us through email.

Welcome to a number of new members of the Association. If you would like to join, Regular membership is \$10 – Sustaining membership is \$25. Contact Teresa, the Treasurer, at the above email address. We greatly appreciate donations that have been made by individuals and by interested organizations.