

KERNERSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING FEBRUARY ZOOM MEETING

Learn How to Research Historic Topics

This coming **Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM** will be the next KHPS meeting. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. You may be hesitant, as I was in the beginning, to use an online platform for meetings. However, as the pandemic drags on longer and longer, it has become inevitable that to stay in touch, especially with some of the more at risk populations (which some of our membership are in), to use a no contact solution for the time being. If you cannot log in on a computer, or if your computer does not have a camera or microphone, there is an option where you can call into a

phone number and join the meeting like a conference call. Hopefully, with these options, no one will be left out that would like to participate. The topic of this meeting will be **“How to Research Historic Topics: Resources and Methods”**. We will have guests who include David Bergstone from Preservation Forsyth and Kelly Hargett from the Kernersville Museum, to inform us about this topic. There will be a comment and Q&A time after the panel discussion. Please make time to join us and learn how to help or perform research for historic topics in the future!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AT ST. PAUL'S

By Chris Gaugler

On December 13, 2020 as part of the Wreaths Across America (WAA) Program, the Joseph Koerner chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Kernersville Historic Preservation Society collaborated to sponsor an event at St. Paul's Cemetery. The cemetery is the burial place of nearly all of the African-American population of Kernersville from the pre-Civil War era until modern day. The mission of the of the WAA program is....Remember, Honor and Teach all Americans about the importance of never forgetting the sacrifice made by our country's service members and to teach younger generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms.

It was a beautiful sunny day in Kernersville as the DAR members proudly placed wreaths on the gravestones of four veterans who served in World War I and World War II, all coming from different branches of the service. We know that there are at least four veterans interred at St. Paul's but there may

be more, so a wreath in honor of those unknown soldiers was also placed at the front of the cemetery.

The veterans who were honored include:

--**Andy McGee** who was born December 28, 1886 to Priscilla McGee and served in the transportation corps during World War I from March 27, 1918 to May 7, 1919.

--**Millard Filmore Stafford** who was born January 9, 1895 to Emmeline Holt Stafford and served in the 346 Labor Battalion during World War 1 from August 22, 1918 to July 16, 1919.

--**Robert Leroy Brooks** who was born May 2, 1910 to Melvin and Eva Hairston Brooks and served as a technician in the Army during World War II from July 17, 1943 to November 14, 1945.

--**William Howard Friend** who was born August 14, 1942 to Ira and Minnie Warren Friend and served as a truck driver during World War II from April 27, 1942 to November 27, 1945.

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Körner's Folly Virtual Aunt Dealy Exhibit

The directors and staff at the Folly have been fantastic during the pandemic with facilitating safe and online programming to keep people engaged and in touch. This month for Black History Month is no exception. If you have not been to their website to see their virtual exhibit featuring Clara Körner, lovingly known as "Aunt Dealy", please visit their website today and have a look!

<https://www.kornersfolly.org/connect/virtualexhibits/who-was-aunt-dealy/>

St. Paul's Article in Kernersville Magazine

Our own KHPS Vice President authored an article recently in the Kernersville Magazine about the St. Paul's Cemetery. Please visit this link <http://kernersvillemagazine.com/?p=5457> to read his article about the history of the cemetery and the people responsible for helping restore the cemetery from a once forgotten state to what we see today. If you are interested in helping Chris Gaugler organize monthly clean up groups, or help with future research about the cemetery and those resting there, please email Chris Gaugler at hgaugler@msn.com.

Thanks to Marble Granite World

Many thanks to Joel Hage at Marble Granite World on East Bodenheimer St. for donating time and materials to provide almost 100 granite markers for the unmarked graves that were identified when the ground penetrating radar study was completed in 2020. It is community members like this that allow some wonderful things (like the ongoing Preservation of St. Paul's Cemetery) to be completed in Kernersville. A certificate will be presented to Marble Granite World as a thank you for all their help.

Hope to see you online Monday, February 15th at 6PM!

Your Zoom invitation to join is in your email

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE SEND MEETING TOPIC SUGGESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE KHPS WEBSITE OR MANDYCHEEKFNSD@GMAIL.COM. THANK YOU TO BRUCE FRANKEL FOR CREATING AND MAINTAINING OUR WEBSITE. FOLLOW THE KERNERSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY FACEBOOK PAGE AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO OUR FUNCTIONS SO THEY CAN LEARN ABOUT AND BE A PART OF PRESERVING OUR HISTORY AND HISTORICAL STRUCTURES IN KERNERSVILLE!