

Methodist Cemetery Association

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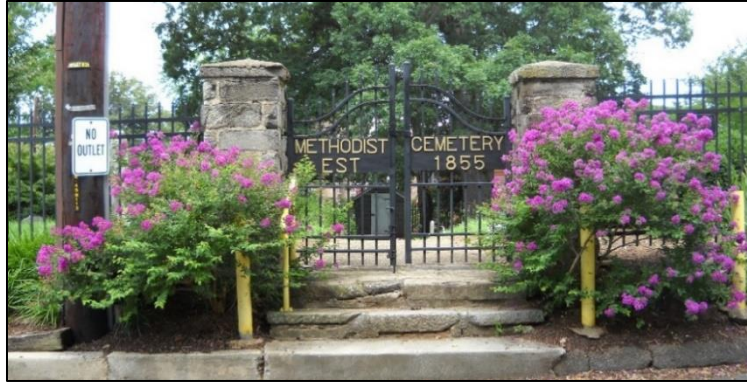
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Spring, 2021 Newsletter

As most of you know, last year in 2020 we were not able to hold our Annual Meeting for *The Methodist Cemetery Association* at our usual Tenleytown location, or at the usual time of year, due to the Corona Virus pandemic. However, we did conduct the Annual Meeting in September virtually, via *Zoom*. The *Zoom* meeting was very well attended, and everyone appeared to enjoy this virtual format.

At the Annual Meeting last year, it was announced that the 2021 meeting was to be held on May 2, 2021. However, we recently notified you that we are now planning on having the Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will again be held virtually via *Zoom*. This is a very convenient format which allows you to participate in the business of the Association in the comfort of your home. It is hoped that many new cemetery family members will be able to join us in this manner, particularly those living out of the area. We hope to make it worth your while by showing photos of the cemetery as well as our annual reports. Any members who do not wish to appear on video, can still participate, although it would be nice for everyone to introduce themselves to the group. However, if possible, we may also be able to host a group at the cemetery along with the *Zoom* participants. We will keep you posted on this possibility.

For those of you who do not have computer access, a telephone contact number will be provided which will allow you to phone in so you can hear the meeting on your regular telephone. Or, you may want to consider asking for help from a friend or relative who has a computer or Smartphone and can use *Zoom* - which is a free application for the user.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Tree Maintenance:

We ended 2020 with tree maintenance in the snow. In mid-December we had to have a very large branch cut out of the huge white oak tree in the middle of the cemetery. It had broken and was caught up in the lower branches, just dangling. This was an emergency due to the possible danger to anyone walking or working below as well as to nearby tombstones. We had all other existing dead-wood trimmed out of the tree at the same time.

Tombstone Repairs:

I'm sure you will remember that we were supposed to have some tombstone repairs by the *Mosko Monument Services*, a company that specializes in cemetery conservation, preservation, and restoration. While their work in our cemetery has been delayed (by many factors, not the least of which was a stop-work order due to the pandemic), they are now attempting to schedule our work for this spring.

Website:

Our webmaster, Steve Shoemaker, is doing a great job. The relationships included on the *Burials* page are almost complete - as to what is known. However, Diane Tamayo keeps "running into" more unmarked burials and more information, and has been preparing another bunch of updates, so stand-by (patiently!).

We are also interested in adding a "*Members Only*" menu item which among other things will provide Association members' contact information. This will be helpful to members doing ancestral research as well as provide the ability to contact each other. More information will be provided on this website addition at the Annual Meeting.

Bylaw Review:

Proposed revisions to some sections of the Bylaws are being considered which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in September. You will be provided these suggested changes with your meeting reminder notice to be sent to you before the meeting. Proxy voting instructions for those unable to attend the meeting will be included with this meeting reminder notice.

Family History Corner Addison Ellsworth Chappell

The article attached to the newsletter was written by Addison E. Chappell descendent, Dan Nielsen. This is a very interesting family history which includes significant historical information. Thanks, Dan. In due time, this article will be included on our website for other Association members to access. In coming newsletters, we hope to include other family histories as they are submitted.

**Welcome New Association
Member**



We welcome a new Association member as of April, 2021. Her name is Robyn Trower, and she is a descendant of the Nokes, Rittue, Clementson, Skidmore, Mattingly and Payne families. She has information that Jacob Payne, as well as being the father of Louisa Payne (wife of Aquila Eld Jr.) is also the father of her ancestor - thus also relating her to the Eld, Shoemaker, Ernest, and Beach families.

In Memoriam

We would like to express our sorrow on the passing of two of our members:

- James Clift, a quiet long-time member, one of four siblings supporting us from King George, VA.
- Martha Shoemaker, a delightful, truly lovely person and dedicated supporter.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to both of their families.

Thank You Volunteers!!!

Thanks again to Bart and Betty Robey for another bush and small-tree trimming session in November. We hope to see them back this year.

2021 Membership Dues Reminder

(Dues must be paid in advance of annual meeting)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$50.00

Lifetime membership is \$500.00

DUE BY: June 1, 2021

Please make your check payable to *The Methodist Cemetery Association* and send it to:

**Diane Tamayo
1896 Milboro Dr.
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Tax deductible donations for cemetery upkeep are always much appreciated.

Candidates for Association Officer Positions - Consider Serving

At the Annual Meeting in September, candidates will be considered to fill positions on the Board of Directors. The Association members will then elect these candidates for a two (2) year term. If you are interested in serving, please contact Diane Tamayo.

Your Support is Needed

We are hoping more of you will consider becoming more active in the Association. Remember, you don't need to be local to contribute your time and/or information! Contact Diane Tamayo if you can help.

Help from Local Members would include (at your convenience):

- Trimming small bushes and trees;
- Pulling weeds;
- Raking leaves;
- Periodically picking up small limbs from the cemetery;
- Straightening footstones;
- Taking photos of tombstones for posting to the website;
- Cleaning tombstones.

Support from both out-of-town, as well as local members, would include:

- Providing family photos to include on our website;
- Submitting family histories/genealogies;
- For genealogists, assisting with unmarked grave research and looking more closely into family relationships.

The members of *The Methodist Cemetery Association* are comprised solely of descendants and family members of the deceased. In that regard, we are an *exclusive group*. It is our responsibility to take care of our ancestors and to hopefully tell their stories for future generations. It is a pleasure to work with you in this endeavor, and we look forward to continuing to protect this lovely resting place, and to increasing the knowledge of our, often mutual, family histories.

DO ZOOM WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 AT 2 P.M.! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU "ABOARD". CONTACT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING.