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Collins Springs Cemetery Association, Inc

The Collins Springs Cemetery Association, Inc. held its very first official annual meeting, since being incorporated, on Sunday, February 13 at the Log Cabin Church, just a few hundred feet from the cemetery.

The ownership of the cemetery had been in dispute since August 28, 2001 when the remaining member/trustees (Charles E. Westbrook and Willard E. Age) of the Collins Springs Primitive Baptist Church **sold** the church and the cemetery to developers who wanted to build a Kroger store across the street and sell alcoholic beverages. As long as the church was in operation, the Kroger store would have been to close to the churches to sell alcohol. That problem, for the developers, was solved when the two trustees **sold** the church to the developers and **simply divided** the \$110,000.00 proceeds without turning over any to the Cemetery Association.

From that time until recently negotiations between the attorneys for W. B. Cemetery L. L. C. Inc. and the trustees of the Collins Springs Cemetery Association had centered on returning the ownership of the cemetery back to the families and the descendents of those

buried in the cemetery. To make a long story short, eventually the ownership of the cemetery was transferred to the Association, and with the help of Attorney Alton Curtis, the association was incorporated as a not-for profit corporation in the state of Georgia.

The following have served, off and on, as Trustees. Advisory Committee Members or other leadership positions for varying periods of time:

Willard Age
E. A. Brown
Molan Brown
Ray Brown
Raymond Dempsey
Aubrey Herren
Clyde Herren
Rodney Hogue
W. E. Hogue
Phillip Holder
Susan Joiner
Hansell Jordan
Mary Annie Johnson
Harry Maner
Jan McDaniell
Zelma Jane Daves Murphy
Don Sentell

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There may be others. If we missed you, we apologize.

The first official annual meeting of the corporation was held in the Community Room at Log Cabin Church with Rodney Hogue acting as moderator.

Rodney gave a brief history of recent events as they related to the organization of the Association and said that he had been asked by the other two trustees (Raymond Dempsey and Harry Maner) to conduct the meeting.

Ray Dempsey gave a report of income and expenses for the year of 2004. Contributions had only amounted to \$2375. and expenses \$1928. The small amount of contributions was attributed to the uncertainty of the ownership of the cemetery property and felt they would pick up in the coming months.

Ray Dempsey also distributed copies of proposed By-laws for the Corporation and went over each section in the 8 page document. Several of the articles were discussed at length, but on a motion and second the document was adopted without change.

The next order of business was the election of Trustees. Four names (Rodney Hogue, Phillip Holder, Raymond Dempsey and Zelma Murphy) were submitted on a printed ballot with instructions to vote for three.

Harold Smith and Auburn Smith were appointed to count the ballots.

The three Trustees elected were Rodney Hogue, Philip Holder and Raymond Dempsey.

Following the election the

necessity of raising funds and securing new contributors and members was discussed and many ideas were suggested.

Moderator Rodney and Raymond Dempsey thanked Harry Maner for all the work he has done for the Association over the years and for the leadership and information he has provided in the newsletter.

A draft of a proposed membership brochure and application was passed around for critique and suggestions. Raymond said that he had received a quote of approximately 87.00 for 1000 of the brochures and would pursue this as soon as a final design could be finished.

Newsletter editor Jan McDaniel asked for suggestions and help in providing articles, photos, etc. for all issues.

The meeting was adjourned and the attendees gathered in front of the Log Cabin Church for a group photo in a slight drizzle.

The following were present:

Raymond Dempsey, Marietta
Wayne Dobbs, Smyrna
Rodney Hogue, Roswell
Philip Holder, Austell
Alyce Maner, Powder Springs
Gary Maner, Lilburn
Harry Maner, Powder Springs
Jan McDaniel, Forsyth
Norma McHann, Smyrna
Zelma Murphy, Austell
Jim Rivers, Lilburn
Auburn Smith, Smyrna
Harold Smith, Smyrna
Marin Walker, Mableton

Editor's Note: The Smyrna Museum has recently obtained some records that pertain to burials of bodies in the Collins Springs Cemetery. These are permits that were issued by the State of Georgia Board of Health in the 1920's and '30's which apparently were required at the time. I have not had time to check these records against the record of burials in Collins Springs. It may be that some of these people do not have markers and the graves are otherwise unmarked. These records are available for research at the museum . The permits show the name of the individual; the age; the sex; the race; date of death; date of burial; cause of death; place of death; the name and location of the firm or individual receiving the permit and the residence of the deceased. In a later edition of Lives and Times we will publish all the information recorded on the permit. In the meantime only the name, date of death, cause of death and age will be printed here.

Argo, Infant of Eva Argo	0	3-31-24	Stillborn
Argo, Johnny	ns	1-21-1920	not shown
Argo, Roy	23	11-12-1923	Fractured skull
Atkinson, Francis M.	ns	7-5-1920	Cholera Influenza
Baldwin, Lawson	80	7-17-1933	Congestive Heart Failure
Baldwin, Mary Atta	72	6-19-1934	Septic pneumonia
Benson, Infant of Ernest	0	7-26-1931	Premature
Bolling, Infant. Of B. D.		8-25-1925	Stillborn
Bolling, Lillie	38	8-28-1925	Eclampsia
Brown, C. C.	44	12-13-1928	Nephritis with uremia
Brown, Doris Vivian	5	11-12-1924	Burns, accidental
Brown, James Clarence	20	3-2-1925	Intestinal perforation
Brown, R. C. Infant child of		5-12-1925	Not shown
Brown, Sarah	ns	3-28-1919	Not shown
Brown, Thomas Oran	23	10-5-1920	Pistol wound in chest
Buckrien, Bettie Ann	2 mos.	3-5-1927	Cholera Infantum
Byrd, James Franklin	76	4-28-1925	Chronic Myocarditis
Cannon, Ida Brown	22	5-21-1936	Pulmonary tuberculosis
Carroll, Mildred Shivers	ns	4-16-1919	not shown
Chatham, Claude	16	4-5-1924	General peritonitis
Edwards, Barney	ns	4-28-1923	ns
English, Flin Augustus	ns	6-26-1921	Apoplexy
English, Mrs. J. L.	ns	1-8-1920	Pneumonia
English, T. J.	83	2-25-1923	Senility
Gordon, Elizabeth	86	12-3-1923	Colon
Harper, J. D.	ns	11-17-1919	ns
Herren, John William	30	2-10-1923	Fractured skull, hit by Street Car
Herren, Mary	2	7-28-1925	Whooping cough
Hill, Serena	57	1-24-1925	Tabes Dorsalis
Hogue, W. B. Infant of		1-22-1920	not shown
Hooks, Harietta	ns	3-9-1923	Not shown
Jackson, A. M.	64	5-6-1922	Cancer of prostate
Jackson, Andrew W.	73	10-4-1931	Aneurysm

Jackson, Mary E.	73	8-27-1929	Shock - surgical
Jordan, J. M.	82	4-1-1931	Uremia & arterio sclerosis
Jordan, Theodore	27	7-18-1918	Wounded in Action
Landers, J. F.	85	6-14-1936	Hylertensive heart disease
Landers, Lizzie Catherine	45	11-30-1924	Intestinal obstruction
Maneor, Mattie	70	6-19-1933	Paralysis
Maner, Addie	68	9-25-1931	Broncho pneumonia
Maner, Frances Ruby	16	10-16-1930	Malignant endocarditis
Maner, Mrs. Forrest	55	2-4-1924	Labor
Maner, Pauline	21	5-6-1930	Pulmonary Abcess
Maner, Sims	52	4-11-1924	Pyemia
Maner, Virginia Frances	48	8-14-1923	Ruptured appendix
Maner, William D.	70	1-11-1935	Hypo pneumonia
McDonald, HA Infant child of		7-29-1924	Premature
McMichen, Silas`	59	8-28-1931	Cerebral hemorrhage (accident)
Montgomery, C. M.	80	1-28-1926	Not shown
Moon, Lillian Blanch	21	8-14-1927	Operation
Moss, W. G. (child)		1-17-1923	Now shown
Nichols, Walter Novelle	26	6-16-1934	Pistol Shot wound of the head
Owens, Lewis	27	2-13-1927	Pneumonia Fever
Penn, Nora Lee	28	1-7-1923	Influenza
Penn, R. S., Infant of		6-28-1921	Stillborn
Piper, John A.	41	1-13-1932	Acute Lobar pneumonia
Pitts, Jack	70	7-12-1933	Cardo-valvular-disease
Rogers, Mildred	6 mos	6-22-1923	Gastro enteritis
Rogers, Ulyssess	45	5-24-1930	Fraematic Severity of body
Sewell, Thomas Faibain	30	5-17-1936	Internal injuries, auto accident
Tyner, Sallie	49	5-25-1930	Ac. Cardiac decompensation
Weaver, Ida	60	10-30-1930	Myocardial degeneration
Wilkins, Fred	32	12-17-1931	Auto accident
Wood, L. J Infant of		4-13-1923	Stillborn

In Memoriam

Mildred Mitchell Sisk April 30, 1913 - December 24, 2004

Millie Valentine Mitchell Sisk was a longtime member of the Historical Society until she became ill. She had j

joined in June of 1986 and remained a member until her health failed a few years ago. She is the sister of Gennie Haralson who is also a long-time member of the society.

She was raised in the Log Cabin Community in South Cobb and was a member of the Smyrna 1st United Methodist Church (**continued next page**)

Millie Sisk (Continued)

She had been active in the Susannah Wesley Sunday School class and the Smyrna Social Club. She is a former president of the Cobb County Medical Auxiliary and was one of the originators of the Gift Shop at Kennestone Hospital.

Other than Gennie, her husband J. Thomas Sisk, three sons and three daughters and son's in law and a brother, Grady L. Valentine, of Ellijay survive her.

Funeral services were held at the Smyrna First Methodist Church with Rev. Al Turnell and Dr. Stuart Greene officiating with Carmichael Funeral Home in charge. Burial was in Cheatham Hill Memorial.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Gennie and her family in the death of her sister.

Welcome New Members

The following have joined the Smyrna Historical Society since the last issue of Lives and Times. We welcome them and urge them to participate in the activities and meetings.

Representative Rich Golick Sponsor Category 1-2-2005 Smyrna

Rich Golick represents Smyrna and part of South Cobb County in District 34 in the Georgia House of Representatives. He has been a friend of Smyrna for a long time and involved in its civic, political and religious organizations.

Lillian B. Cofer

Individual Category 2-2-2005

Lillian is the sister of member Betty Brown and she (Lillian) has been assisting her sister as a volunteer at the Museum.

John Sours

Individual Category 1-20-2005

Smyrna

John is active in church and civic organizations in Smyrna and has lived here for a number of years.

Tom Akin

Individual Category 1-3-2005

Smyrna

Tom has been a long-time friend of the Historical Society and has donated a number of artifacts and information to the Museum. He is a member of a number of Heritage organizations and is quite active.

Curt and Linda Johnston

Donor Category 12-31-2004

Smyrna

Curt is Smyrna's representative on the Cobb County School Board and he and his wife are active in church and civic organizations in the area.

Brian Cooper

Individual Category 12-8-2004

Brian is the son of member Hugh Cooper and has contributed a number of documents and other items to the Museum. He is active in civic, service and religious organizations in the area.

Membership Upgrade

Mike & Karleen McNabb

Donor Category

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