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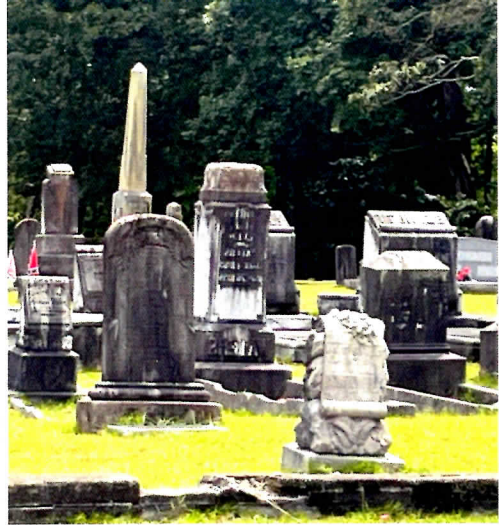
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ABOUT THE *Cemetery*

Originally known as Fayetteville Town Cemetery, the cemetery was established in 1823. The name was changed to the Fayetteville City Cemetery in 1902 when the town of Fayetteville became a city. The county was a farming community with few professional people living in the area. The 1830 U. S. Census, the first for our county, shows the entire population of Fayette County as 5,504. The city limits of Fayetteville were much smaller during this time, and in the downtown area, churches did not have cemeteries.

Although no deed or bill of sale has been found, William Bennett, a citizen who owned a great deal of land, is generally understood to have purchased the two acres for the cemetery. Bennett had purchased other tracts of land as well and donated them for other uses. He purchased one acre of land on which the Fayetteville Academy was built, which is the same property that the Glynn Street Primary School occupied for many years before serving as Fayetteville City Hall for many more years.



Several of the most notable and visited graves in the Fayetteville City Cemetery are those of the family of

Margaret Mitchell, the author who penned the 1936 classic novel *Gone with the Wind*. According to local lore, Mitchell used stories in the book that she heard while visiting her relatives. It is said that the Holliday-Dorsey-Fife House was her inspiration for her glorious Tara.

Mitchell's cousin "Doc" Holliday also has family buried in the cemetery, as he lived in Griffin and would travel to Fayetteville to visit them. Of course, his mode of transportation would have been horseback or horse and buggy during that era. The road was dirt until the 1900s in the cemetery, and the deceased would enter to their final resting place by wagon.

Still an active cemetery, there are several burials each year.

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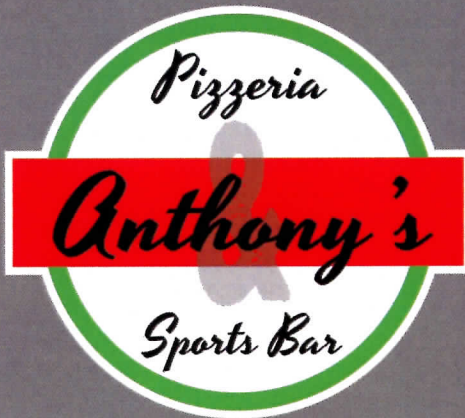
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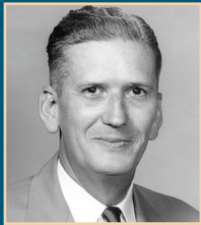
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2023 *Honorees*



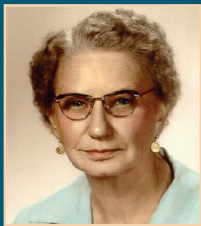
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Geneva Morgan
Portrayed by her cousin, Mary Williams



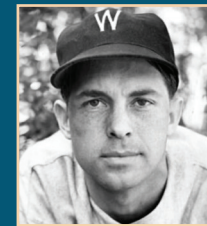
Jack Day
Portrayed By Crystal Booth (as Jack's Wife) & Joe Clark

Reverend JC Collier
Portrayed by his grandson, Jonathan Kyle Collier



Louis Brown Seawright
Portrayed by her granddaughter, Michele "Shae" Cleghorn

Cecil Travis
Portrayed by Courtney Woodruff (as Cecil's wife)



Sallie Kate Graham
Portrayed by Brigette Greer

William Bennett
Portrayed by Doug Bennett



MAKING A *Difference*



A Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

study was completed, and we are in the process of using this data to complete the first plat of the cemetery showing all graves, marked and unmarked. This was a huge endeavor and will be an awesome tool for us in accomplishing this task.



We were able to get water installed in the cemetery, which benefits us in cleaning the gravestones and walls. A huge thank you to Chip Smith, owner of Action Plumbing.



A professional landscape plan was done by Craig Haugh. We have submitted this to the City of Fayetteville and are awaiting the approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) due to the cemetery bordering Highway 54.



We have also submitted a plan and price quote for repair and completion of the fence (that runs along Highway 54) to the City of Fayetteville, and are awaiting on GDOT to approve this as well.



We participated in the City's Bicentennial Celebration as

we hosted tours of the Cemetery on June 3rd. We also had the honor of having local author Victoria Wilcox available with her Doc Holiday books. Later at the Old Courthouse, we had an amazing face painter and balloon artist make tons of children smile with her wonderful creations.



New landscaping at the Exit that faces Center City Pkwy has been completed thanks to Robbi Martin and her team at Art of Landscaping.



Our Memorial Brick Path has begun but we are far from finishing, it is our hope that we can extend this path throughout the cemetery so that people who have not been able to visit their loved one's graves will eventually be able to. Please help us by purchasing a brick.



Continued efforts to keep the cemetery maintained by cleaning headstones and graves is a never-ending task. We have cleaned over 100 headstones since our beginning. Trees and bushes are trimmed, limbs were cut, and underbrush removed. Headstones have been up righted and leveled and we are currently working to restore, and fix walls, damaged capping, tombs, headstones and monuments.

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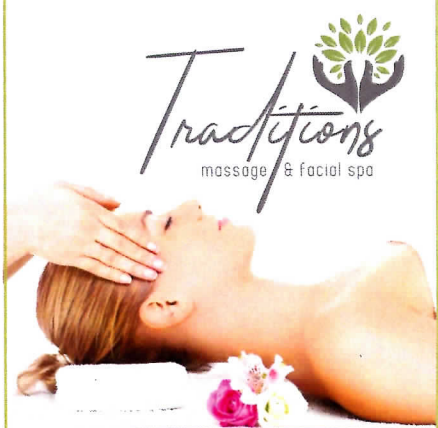
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BECOME A *Friend* OF THE CEMETERY

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MEMORIAL BRICK PATH

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Purchase a memorial brick which will become part of the beautiful paths leading through the grounds. Available in different sizes.

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