

◆ THE UNION CAMPGROUND NEWSLETTER ◆

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Cemetery Established 1840

Spring 2013

Union Campground Cemetery Association Annual Meeting:

Saturday, June 1, 2013

**Golden Corral Restaurant
2734 N. Kansas Expressway
(Across from the Wal-Mart
Supercenter at Kansas and
I-44)**

Meeting at 11am, eat at Noon

Message from the President:

Time is drawing close for us to hold our Annual meeting, which will be held the first Saturday in June, which this year is June 1. We will hold the meeting at 11am at the Golden Corral on N. Kansas (across from the Wal-Mart Supercenter at Kansas and I-44). Afterward we hope to have tours of the cemetery, weather permitting.

It will be nice to see old friends again, get caught up on how each has been, and conduct the business necessary for the upkeep and preservation of the cemetery. We have several things to discuss, so we hope you can be there with us.

I hope time has been kind to each of you over the months since we last met. The cemetery has fared well, both with projects and with fewer trees down.

This past Fall we had a faculty member and several students from MSU that helped us with some restoration projects in the cemetery. You can learn more information on this exciting project in another article in this newsletter, and see some pictures of the work at the meeting as we discuss the progress made in this part of our cemetery restoration.

Larry will outline this and other aspects of the work done in the cemetery in his article. We again want to thank Larry, Hazel, Jean, and Doug,

who all helped with various aspects of the care of the cemetery. Their help has been of great assistance to our group.

Again, I hope we can see you on June 1st. Please try to join with us, if you can. If you cannot do so, please know that you will be missed and we will hope to see you next time.

Take care, and God bless you,

Robb Chandler

A MOMENT IN HISTORY

The Life of Edward Johnson

In December 1993, a lower portion of a tombstone was discovered in Union Campground Cemetery with this inscription:

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"

A photograph was taken of the base and filed away for future research

In that same month and year, a photograph was taken of a top portion of a tombstone gearing the name of Edward Johnson, Age 40, with date of death February 8, 1909. It was found near the base mentioned above.

During the next year leaves and dirt covered this top portion and it was not until a volunteer uncovered it during one of our work days that a connection was made that the two portions belonged together.

Edward Johnson is to be found in the 1900 Census of Greene County, MO along with his wife, Nellie, and two daughters, Ida and Ollie. Ida is buried near her father's grave.

An article in the February 9, 1909 Springfield Republican reads as follows: "Edward Johnson, colored, forty years of age, died at his home on the William Young place, six miles east of Springfield, at 5(?) o'clock yesterday morning of stomach trouble. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon with interment in Union Camp Ground Cemetery."

Greene County Burn Permit

I found out recently that to burn in Greene County you have to have a burn permit. I requested the information from the Strafford Fire Dept and then went and visited with the Chief and a couple of other department people. I explained where we are located and the difficulty we have in getting to the cemetery. The Chief indicated that he would be glad to have a workday with us if we give notice. He will bring out some Fire Cadets and use this as a show and tell on how to extinguish a leaf fire. I told him in the past we have always called and asked if we could burn. They would ask if we had struck the match yet and they would call 911 and tell them we were burning in the cemetery.

MORE on UP Keep

So far I haven't had time and further more we haven't had any decent weather that we could work.

This year I would like to rake the leaves in rows and burn in place. This would probably take the least amount of labor.

More on the cemetery upkeep, we have 5 or 6 trees that need to come out. I have been in contact with Delbert Choate and he will take them down for us. I have been to the cemetery several time this winter and there are always dead limbs on the ground below them and I don't feel safe around them. Some of these dead trees are the results of the 2007 Ice Storm.

It doesn't look to promising to get any work done before the annual meeting this year. But we can still have tours down to the cemetery to observe the immediate needs in cleaning up the brush and leaves.

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Doug Rayl is our web site coordinator.

Check it out at:

www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org

We also have a web newsletter.

Cemetery Location:

US Hwy 65 North of I-44 at Valley Water Mill Road, Springfield, MO.

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Note from **Robert (Bob) Thomas**, My great (Third generation back) grandparents are buried in Union Campground Cemetery, Jeffries, William and Elmira. I was at the cemetery May 3 and 4, 2013. Do you have any history of the cemetery? If so, can you provide me a copy?

**UNION CAMPGROUND
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
TREASURERS REPORT**

May 10, 2013
Annual Meeting

Balance, April 24, 2012	\$3,306.50
Receipts:	
Donations	\$85.00
Dues	440.00
Sign Rental	250.00
Total Receipts	\$ 775.00
Total Balance and Receipts	\$4,081.50
Disbursements:	
Bank Box	\$20.00
Insurance	\$379.35
Newsletter	\$85.25
Maintenance	\$130.08
Total Disbursements:	\$614.68
Balance May 10, 2013	\$3,466.82
Signed: Pansy Harvey, Treasurer	

Editors Note:

I sent this newsletter out a week ago to the email list and got a few corrections back. I hope everything is ok with all our members. This has been a very busy time this year and the weather has been crazy and we didn't get done what was planned. I did get a new chemical called D/2 which is used to take the lichen off the tomb stones. Billy's group from SMU used this and it worked. But we need some hot dry days to make it work. There is also a compound to repair the broken stones but I haven't got any of the yet. We need you all to be at the annual meeting on June 1. See you then.

Greene County, Missouri History A Decade of Growth 1840-1849

About the same time that the trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church purchased the acreage for the union Campground and Cemetery, a spurt of growth occurred in the Springfield-Greene County area.

It has often been said that the small hamlet of Springfield, deep in the Ozarks, often proved to be unfriendly and remote to the early settlers. Dense forests covered the land and many species of wild animals roamed the countryside. Yet, the area held a powerful attraction to those who were looking westward. Vast tracts of untamed land were available and ready to be claimed by those possessed of an adventurous and enterprising spirit. Thousands were willing to give up a relative life of comfort east of the Appalachians to fulfill a dream of owning a farm somewhere in the American west. A law had been enacted in 1820 allowing a person to purchase as little as 80 acres of land for \$1.75 per acre, and so \$100 would buy a farm, although this amount often placed a burden on the pioneer.

When the first U.S. Census occurred in 1840 a grand total of 5,372 individuals lived in the city/county, and by 1844 the population of the city alone was 532 with 105 slaves.

Springfield had first become incorporated in 1838 when the population stood at about 300 people. However, in 1846, by citizen petition, the town was again incorporated.

The city continued to grow and by 1847-48 schools were estab-

lished in nearly every township. As the year of 1848 progressed, there were five private schools in addition to Stephens Classical Academy and Carlton College.

"The brave men and women of this decade approached life with a passion and out of a wilderness carved a solid foundation for future generations. They built this foundation of the standards of integrity and honor."

Prepared by:
Jean Gaffga Rayl

Steve Illum from MSU had one of his classes all lined up to help rake the cemetery this spring. But the weather didn't cooperate. It snowed on the party. Robb, Hazel and Larry met with the class over at the OGS library on a Sunday afternoon for an information session about the cemetery. I believe there were 17-18 members of his class present. We missed another good chance for help in cleaning the cemetery. Thanks Steve for thinking of the cemetery. Looking forward to another one of your classes in the future.

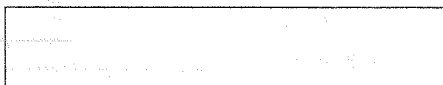
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PAY YOUR DUES NOW

Dues are \$15.00 per single person or \$25.00 for any two persons. Your support will help pay the cost of preparing and mailing the newsletter and for cleanup activities at the cemetery.

*Dues will be payable at the meeting or mail a check to:
Pansy Harvey, Treasurer
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Assn*

*3822 E. State Hwy AA
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Note To All Members

Keep me updated on your e-mail address. This is a quick and easy way to communicate with each of you. Besides it is cheaper than sending mail. But if your email address bounces I may delete you from the list, it depends on how I feel that day.

So far the ucamp list has been pretty good on letting me know if changes have been made.

Past Newsletters

I think that all past newsletters have been up loaded to the web site. You can read them there. If you want a copy on a CD let me know and I will copy one off for you. I also need to know if you can download programs in pdf format. There will be a minimal charge for this service. You can also furnish a flash drive if you have one.