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Fall 2013

Union Campground Cemetery Association Fall Meeting:
Thursday, December 12th,
at 6:00 pm,
Houlihan's Restaurant North,
(in the DoubleTree Hotel at
Kearney and Glenstone)

It is already time for our Fall meeting! Time passes so quickly. I hope the past few months have been kind to you, and that many of you can join with us for good food, fellowship, and a brief meeting to discuss our past and current projects in the cemetery.

The meeting site and day of the week are both new for us, a Thursday evening at 6pm, at the North Houlihan's Restaurant. It is hoped the choice of Thursday will allow some members of our group that have to work on Friday or Saturday the opportunity to meet with us this time.

Please refer to the articles in the newsletter for the current updates on what has been done in the cemetery this past several months. If you can attend the meeting, please feel free to bring your ideas for new projects, and if you can't attend please call or email your ideas to us.

Again, I hope you can join with us on December 12th, but if not, please know that you will be missed and we will be hoping to see you next time. Take care, and God bless you! Robb

Summer Work at The Cemetery

We got a little more done this summer and fall. I sprayed 2 times trying to keep the weeds and grass down. It seemed to work. I went back after the first spray job and I notices a few places I missed. Later I went back and sprayed again.

In mid August I purchased a new leaf blower. I hadn't done any raking this year. Trent Auvil had been out and raked the upper part of the cemetery on the south side. I took the blower out and moved the rows around a little and burned them. I did some more with the blower and I think this is the way to get rid of the leaves. I went out in Aug and did some more blowing and burning and again in late October. When you use the blower you can see the clean ground. I cleaned down on the northeast corner and I could see stones & rocks I

hadn't seen before. I always call the Strafford Fire Department (417-736-3679) and ask if it was ok to burn. They in turn call the 911 center and let them know that we are burning.

When I finish and leave I try to call them back and report that the fire is out and I'm gone. When you burn leaves, you don't want to get any branches or wood in the fire unless you have a lot of time. It is hard to put out a bed of coals unless you have water.

Cub Scout Tour

On October 26 I met Marvin Jones Cub Scout Master of Cub Scout Pack 197 from Sequiota Elementary School, near Battlefield Rd and hwy 65. There were 10 boys and 4 adults. The boys picked up a few branches while there. The boys seemed to have a good time.

MSU 2012 Fall Project

Jean, Hazel & Larry met Dr. Billie Follensbee at MSU this fall. She had a display of projects her student had completed. They had a large display of the Union Campground Cemetery project of 2012. She is excited about coming out again in the summer-fall of 2014 and doing more stone repair.

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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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Burial Listings

Jean Rayl and Hazel Voris have been working of updating the burial listings of the Union Campground Cemetery. They have made corrections and added some new names.

**UNION CAMPGROUND
 CEMETERY
 ASSOCIATION
 TREASURERS REPORT
 Dec 12, 2013
 Fall Meeting**

Balance, May 8, 2013
 \$3,466.82

Receipts:
 Donations \$15.00
 Dues 265.00
 Sign Rental 350.00

Total Receipts
 \$ 630.00

Total Balance and Receipts
 \$4,096.82

Disbursements:
 Bank Box \$20.00
 Insurance
 Newsletter
 Maintenance

Total Disbursements:
 \$20.00

Balance Nov 15, 2013
 \$4,076.82

As of now we have 19 members.

Signed: Pansy Harvey,
 Treasurer

IN MEMORIAM**Harry Stiver**

Harry was born March 21, 1923 in Springfield, Missouri. His death occurred October 17, 2013 at the age of 90.

He was united in marriage to Betty Stockstill on June 9, 1946. They enjoyed 67 years together.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Greenlawn Funeral Home North, with burial in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, MO.

In the early days of restoration efforts in the Union Campground Cemetery, Harry was an active participant when our barbed wire fencing was installed (1996—see photo below). He, along with Bernie Stiver, Clarence Stiver and Jim Rayl, worked many hours preparing holes for the fence posts, as well as stretching and tightening the wire.

Our Association has lost many charter members in the past 20 years of research and restoration. We remember and honor each and every one.



Bernie Stiver, Clarence Stiver & Jim Rayl, 1996

Exhibit

at

**Missouri State University
Springfield, Missouri
Union Campground**

Cemetery received an invitation to attend a "Learning Through Practice" exhibit on October 16, 2013 at Missouri State University. The Exhibit was held in the Special Collections and Archives Gallery of Meyers Library on the main campus. It featured extensive research and conservation by the advanced art history students.

Art and artifacts on display were from the Ralph Foster Museum, Drury University, the Mace Collection, and private collections as well as images of on-site conservation done at the Union Campground Cemetery.

We appreciate the fact that our historic cemetery was included.

In the Fall 2012 Union Campground Cemetery Newsletter, it was mentioned that Professor Billie Follensbee brought her advanced art students to the cemetery to participate in preservation and restoration work. Their involvement resulted in the images displayed in the exhibit.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY

The Life

Of

James N. King

No tombstone found for this gentleman. The only information we have is copied from a newspaper article:

Springfield, MO. Republican, Hall's Abstracts, p. 65, Thursday, November 16, 1899.:

"James N. King, 65 years old, who was stricken with paralysis, Tuesday afternoon near this city, was buried at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Union Cemetery."

Birth date: Unknown

Death date: November 14, 1899

Age 65 years

A search of the 1833-1892 Springfield Land Office Sales Book found no property listed for a James N. King.

Note: Since a Peter E. King purchased 48.88 acres of land in North Campbell Township in September 1857 (some distance west of the Union Campground Cemetery), the question comes to mind if he was related to James N. King, the subject of this article. Peter King was Collector of Taxes for Greene County in 1856, according to a handwritten note in probate of Joshua Davis #2370, and at one time served as sheriff of Greene County (Personal Reminiscences and Fragments of Early History of Springfield and Greene Co., MO., p. 20).

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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:

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Springfield, MO 65803*

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.