Union Campground Cemetery Association
Annual Spring Meeting

11:00 AM Saturday, May 30, 2015
Ziggy’s Restaurant
2515 N Glenstone
Springfield, MO
(Just north of Kearney on the west side of the street)

Message from the President

It’s time for the Spring meeting, and time to try another restaurant. (There was no problem with our restaurant last time, we just thought somewhere new might be nice.)

We hope to see many of you at the Spring meeting! The more the merrier, of course, as we discuss what has been going on with the cemetery and its ongoing repair and refurbishment, and as we make plans for the future of the cemetery.

The articles in the newsletter will give you a very good idea of what has been going on, but we certainly would like you to share in helping with planning for the future.

If you cannot join us on May 30, please know that you will be missed, and that we hope to see you at the next meeting.

Also, please feel free to call or email your thoughts or suggestions if you cannot attend. That way you can still take part in helping guide our work at the cemetery, and know that we are all participating in the work of honoring the memory of our loved ones buried at the Union Campground Cemetery.

Thank you, and may God bless you!

Robb Chandler

Web Site Updates
Jean is still finding new information for the Union Campground Cemetery. She has added some new information to the burial listings on the web site.

Cemetery Report
I made a trip to the cemetery a couple of weeks ago for my spring inspection. There are tree limbs on the ground and leaves that I didn’t get burnt last fall. Also a couple of trees that need to be removed.

As soon as I can get around I will go out and spray the weeds again.

If anyone wants to visit the cemetery this year after the meeting let me know so I can arrange for a golf cart.

My computer has bit the dust and this newsletter will go out by email. There will only be 2 pages. I haven’t received any more articles.

This stone box grave intrigues me, I would like to sort out all the pieces and put them back together. There are 2 graves at this site. It will take an A-frame lift or a forklift to lift the pieces and re-set them. Larry

A MOMENT IN HISTORY
The life of Martha Jones

Early in the summer months of 2014 a death certificate surfaced for Martha Jones. The certificate (File #32660 issued by the State Board of Health) verifies her burial in Union Campground Cemetery. She was the wife of Warren Jones, also buried in the cemetery.

Information on the certificate states Martha was born in Tennessee on 4 Jun 1833, and when she died from paralysis agitare in 1912 she was 79 years old, 4 months and 25 days. She was a widow at the time of her death. Her father’s name was H. Jarrett, born in Tennessee, and her mother’s name was Martha Ricks, born in Tennessee.

A supplementary death certificate (with the same file number as above) gives the date of death as 9 October 1912.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Paxson Undertaking Company.

The 1900 Federal Census of Greene County, MO., E.D. 61, Sheet 24, North Campbell Township, lists her husband as Warren Jones, Black, born 1 April 1838, age 60; wife Martha, born January 1837; nine children, 4 living, married 28 years, occupation farmer. Birth date differs on the census for Martha from that recorded on her death certificate.

A tombstone for Martha is missing. She is probably buried close to her husband, Warren, but his tombstone is also missing. Some years ago, a footstone with the initials W.J. was found in the northwest section of the cemetery near the base of a damaged headstone.

Note: Paralysis agitare (the cause of Martha’s death) had to do with her neurological system, causing her to suffer from advanced Parkinson’s Disease.

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

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Treasurer’s Report
Submitted by Douglas Rayl,
Treasurer
April 24, 2015

Previous balance (fall newsletter)  $4556.87
Deposits:  Dues: 80.00
Expenditures:
Josh Dilsaver (website maintenance): 50.00
Insurance: 301.00
Total Expense 351.00

New Balance:  4285.87

The dues for 2015 are the same as before -- $15 for individuals and $25 for two. I would deeply appreciate it if you would send your dues to me at your earliest convenience, either by mail or at the annual spring meeting. My address is:

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or if you have questions just call me.  417-830-2371
Thanks
Doug