Suddenly, without fanfare, Mother Nature painted a beautiful canvas on a hilltop a few miles northeast of Springfield. She flamboyantly invaded the grounds of Union Campground Cemetery and splashed the trees with vivid colors. She layered the colors on the oaks and hickories and transformed them into a flaming display, ever reminding us that autumn represents a season of reflection and change.
Report on Annual Meeting
May 22, 1999

Forty-one attended the picnic and annual meeting at the Chandler farm. There was plenty of good food and everyone enjoyed the gospel music presented by The Old Stuff trio.

During the business meeting, the membership voted to increase annual dues to $15.00 per person or $25.00 for any two individuals, effective May 2000.

The following people were elected to the Board of Directors to serve three-year terms: Clarence and Donna Stiver from Springfield, MO., and Betty Roy from Bella Vista, AR.

IN MEMORIAM

David Franklin Alexander, a state health program coordinator, died August 6, 1999. He was the husband of Peggy Alexander, former corresponding secretary of Union Campground Cemetery Association. His funeral was held at Klingner Mortuary Chapel on August 9 with the Rev. Edward Bodanske officiating. Interment was in Danforth Cemetery. We express sympathy to members of the Alexander family.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

Union Campground Cemetery received publicity in the May 24, 1999 edition of The News-Leader. The article included photographs of the cemetery and stressed our lack of an access road and our need for volunteer help with cleanup activities. Several people called in response to the article, not only to offer assistance with physical labor, but to inquire about possible family connections to those who are buried in the old graveyard.
A MOMENT IN HISTORY
The Snow Family

During the years when settlements were first established at Jamestown and Plymouth, conditions in England forced many people to seek new homes. The Thirty Years War on the continent had begun and this eventually caused financial strain on the farmers in England. It was hard to find the money for taxes and, to make life even more difficult, the church insisted on religious conformity. From 1618 to 1642 emigration from England grew to such proportions that these years were called "The Great Period of Migration."

In 1628, William Snow left everything familiar in England and sailed to the new colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Whether he left England because of the above harsh conditions or whether he left for other reasons, history does not say. Research does reveal he stayed in the Plymouth area until 1682, when he removed to Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Throughout the ensuing years many of the Snow descendants fought in wars and performed honorably in their duties. Along the way, various members of the family began to migrate to other parts of the country. Sometime during the period 1836/1840 a man by the name of Horace Snow came to Greene County, Missouri. He purchased land in what is now known as Galloway, Missouri and other parcels of land in the Fulbright Springs area. His children remained in Galloway where they raised their families.

Horace either had an older brother by the name of William C. Snow or this same William C. might have been a son. In any case, William C. Snow is reported to be buried in Union Campground Cemetery along with his wife, Amanda Hollingsworth Snow. Descendants of William C. relate that he and two of his children, Ivanaunt and Rebecca, died during the smallpox epidemic of 1865. Since no one would touch the bodies to prepare them for burial, an older son of William by the name of Isom, took leave from the Union Army and delivered the bodies by wagon to Union Campground Cemetery. He also had to dig the graves and conduct the burials.

In this year of 1999, the graves of William C., his wife, and two small children cannot be found. If headstones were installed, they are no longer in existence. Two documented burials for the Snow family do exist:

Elizabeth G. Snow
Wife of W. A. Appleby
B: 17 Jun 1828
D: 21 May 1864

Rebecca J. Snow
B: 22 Jul 1832
D: 9 Feb 1846
(this is not the same Rebecca mentioned above)
These names are given as possible burials:

**William C. Snow**
B: 5 Sep 1817 - Indiana  
D: 28 Mar 1865 - Springfield, MO

**Amanda Hollingsworth Snow**
B: 18 Feb 1823 - Illinois  
D: 9 Nov 1893, age 71 - Springfield, MO

**Ivanant Snow**
B: 8 Jul 1859  
D: ____ 1865 (smallpox) - Springfield, MO

**Rebecca Snow**
B: ____  
D: ____ 1865 (smallpox, age 3) - Springfield, MO

**Sarah J. Snow**
B: 10 Jun 1863  
D: 11 Jun 1874  
(daughter of John Snow?)

**John Snow**
B: 8 Apr 1841  
D: ____ 1902

Genealogy furnished by:
**William C. Bodanske, now deceased, Greatgrandson of William C. Snow**

Edited by:
**Peggy Bodanske Alexander**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**
September 20, 1999

Balance, May 22, 1999........................................... $1,400.81

Receipts:
- Membership........................................ $460.00
- Books................................................. 5.00
- Donations........................................... 50.00
- Rental of sign..................................... 150.00
Total Receipts.............................................. 665.00

Total Balance & Receipts.................................. $2,065.81

Disbursements:
- Postage............................................... 14.72
- Film Development................................... 5.73
- Legal fees......................................... 368.75
- Office Supplies................................. 41.02
- Secretary of State................................ 15.00
Total Disbursements..................................... 445.22

Balance, September 20, 1999................................. $1,620.59

Respectfully submitted

Pansy Harvey, Treasurer
Commercial development is moving closer to Union Campground Cemetery. At a Springfield City Council meeting on September 7, 1999, Council Bill 99-309 proposed the rezoning of about 235 acres of land located at the northwest quadrant of Interstate Highway 44 and U.S. Highway 65 for single family residential/R-1 to a planned development district. This proposal has the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff. The developers plan to build 900 apartment units plus a golf course.

To better describe the location, the land in question is situated across Highway 65 west of Union Campground and to the south of Valley Water Mill Road, and was recently annexed by the City of Springfield. This is the same site that was proposed by the City for an entertainment zone five years ago.

Observing the growth pattern in northeast Springfield and Greene County, it will probably not be too long before the land south of the cemetery between Valley Water Mill Road and I-44 will be rezoned. When this occurs, traffic and other activity will increase in the vicinity of our old graveyard.

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