Cemetery Progress
When the year 2006 closed out we had made a lot of progress in the cemetery. It was a joint effort by many that we got the cemetery cleaned to the point that we were ready for dirt to start filling the sunken graves.

We had offer of unmarked head stones from Rite-Way concrete Products for us to set at the head of the unmarked graves. We were in hopes of starting 2007 with this phase of the restoration project.

But, you know the rest of the story. We had a Ice Storm start on January 12. This was the mother of all ice storms that hit the Ozarks and Springfield area in many years. The cemetery looked like a war zone. Hopefully we can get it cleaned up by the annual meeting on June 2.

So far we have spent 14 hours with the chain saw just getting ready for the cleanup to start. This makes it hard. We had to start all over again and do the cleanup again. But it hasn't been as bad as last year. As wet as it has been in April we should have been Probing graves and getting ready for the annual meeting on June 2.

I talked to the Strafford Fire Chief and it is all right for us to burn. We don't need a permit, we only have to call him and report we are going to burn so he can call 911 and let them know. He knows where the cemetery is located.

We are going to need a crew to work on the fence. The neighbors on the east and south have already fixed the fence on those 2 sides. The north side had 2 trees down on the fence and it needs repair. Along the state side there is about 4 places that needs repair. I have been in the cemetery with the tractor pushing brush to the old road bed to burn. Will try to have the brush burned by the meeting date.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY
WARREN JONES
As you enter the walk-through gate at the northwest corner of Union Campground Cemetery there is a faint pathway leading into the grounds. Some distance along this pathway, a broken tombstone is to the left with a footstone bearing the initials W.J. The top of the tombstone is missing.

(Editors note: The path is the old road. It is visible since the cemetery has been cleaned and it about 180 feet from the NW walk-in gate.)

A tombstone for Warren Jones was in existence in the 1960s when John LeMerle Cockran read the stones in the cemetery. They did not mention the location of the stone. The name Warren Jones was inscribed at the top of the stone and his birth date was given as, 1 April 1838, and death date as 3 February 1910.

Very little information could be found about Mr. Jones but the 1904 Plat Book of Greene Co. MO. had W. Jones living on 10 acres near the Valley Water Mill Lake and Dam (T29 R21 S5).

The 1900 Federal Census of Greene Co. MO. E.D. 61, Sheet 24, North Campbell Township lists Warren Jones, Black, born 1 April 1838, age 60, wife Martha, born January 1837, 9 children, 4 living, married 28 years, occupation farmer.

The birth date and death date for Warren Jones in the 1900 census differ from the dates inscribed on his tombstone.

Death Certificate #1502 (last digit blurred) gives his birth date as unknown and cause of death paralysis and old age. The certificate verifies burial in Union Campground Cemetery.

We do not have any other documented burials in the cemetery with the initials W.J.

Prepared by: Jean Gaffga Rayl

Greetings
From the UCCA President
I sincerely hope you are having a good 2007. With the January ice storm we are still trying to recover from, the passing of two of our members, injuries and surgeries others of our membership have gone through... it all makes me think "aught seven" (as my father would have said) got off to a pretty rough start. We do have trees budding out and flowers blooming again, so it looks like things will get back to normal before too long though. One of the things we normally do about this time of year is meet for our annual membership meeting at the home of Vera Chandler. More details about this are covered as you read further in the newsletter, but be sure to mark June 2nd on your calendar. We hope you are able to join us on that day, for food and fellowship at Vera's and for tours of the cemetery (courtesy of Don Holdway's golf cart) immediately following our business meeting. Some of our progress from last year has been erased by mother nature, but we are again getting things shaped up and looking better at the cemetery, thanks to many volunteer hours. Larry and Hazel Voris continue to lead the charge in this category, and they deserve our heartfelt "Thanks!" Very soon we should be about where we were last year in restoration of the cemetery, and I am sure we will make good progress during the rest of "aught seven"...
I would like to add telephone numbers to the officers and directors and anyone else that would like to be included. Phone Numbers are All "417"

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I am adding e-mail addresses. This is an easy way to communicate. If you would like to have your e-mail address posted please let me know. We do e-mail occasionally on the progress of the Cemetery. We have pictures on a picture program that you can view the progress that has been made at the cemetery.

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I am sure many of you have e-mail address. We do not sell the address. We like to keep this private.

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**The Sign**
by Larry Voris

Hazel has been searching everywhere for a great uncle that was killed in 1890. This man’s name was Lem Grissom and was her dad’s, mother’s brother. He moved to Texas to work as a carpenter in 1870. If you know anything about a genealogist, it is a disease, far worse than the tractor/engine bug.

Hazel found him in the 1880 Census in Dayton, Texas and 1890 he was in Shepard, Texas. He was killed in Shepard, Texas on October 17, 1890. Hazel’s dad always said he was killed in a bar room brawl, fighting over a woman.

When we started talking about going to Florida for our 2007 winter vacation, (some people call this snow-birding) it was decided by her that we would need to be on I-10 and the closest way was go straight down to Texas and get on at Houston and go east to Gulfport, MS where our son Steve and wife Becky live. Steve was deploying for Kuwait in January. I said I wanted a sign and I got one. I told Hazel the search was over because I got the sign. I say the old man was buried on that spot. I didn’t need any witching sticks to determine if there was a grave at that spot. The color blue of a snake triggered the thought it might be a Blue Racer and they have been know to chase you. When I was several steps away I did look around to see where the snake was. It was going through the fence. Then I stopped running. Hazel just stood there and watched it all happen.

Later that afternoon we were at the Sam Houston Museum and Library where Hazel mentioned my encounter with the snake to the librarian. She questioned me more about the snake. She said it could have been a water moccasin/cotton mouth or a rat snake. By the color blue it was probably a rat snake. It was in a marsh area with lots of water and brush on the other side of the fence. We visited 2 court houses and 6 cemeteries that afternoon.

While we were in our shirt sleeves at 72 degrees you were getting the worst ice storm in history in the Springfield area. It may have been cold in the south this winter, but we never complained a bit.

We came back on March 11. The first thing we did was go to the cemetery and check and see how much damage there was in the cemetery.

Vera Chandler has been in the hospital and had a knee replaced.
I expect in a couple of months she will be back on the lawnmower again.
CHARLES THOMAS DULIN
Charles was a charter member of the Union Campground Cemetery Association. His knowledge of the Valley Water Mill area was an invaluable tool as research began in early 1994. The Dulin Family were early pioneers and have always owned property near the old cemetery.

He was 93 years old at the time of his death on Jan. 7, 2007. He was born on the family farm northeast of Springfield on Nov. 3, 1913 and remained there his entire life, owning a dairy operation until his retirement. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Klinger-Cope Funeral Home and Interment was in Eastlawn Cemetery.

BERNICE EILEEN GOODWIN
Eileen was also a charter member of Union Campground Cemetery Association. She was a great help in providing names of old-time families still living in the Valley Water Mill area. Eileen was a descendant of the McMurry family and was well-acquainted with people who were born and raised near the cemetery.

Eileen was born on Mar 24, 1919 and passed away on Jan 12, 2007. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Greenlawn North Funeral Home with burial in Mt. Comfort Cemetery.

Both Reported by
Jean Gaffga Rayl

WASH DAY
Monday was always wash day at our house. Even the coldest and dreariest days did not prevent this from happening. The clothes, my mother said, could always be taken to the attic and hung on clothes lines strung from wall to wall.

Preparation for doing the laundry began with moving the wooden wash bench to the center of the enclosed porch just off the kitchen. Two galvanized tubs were placed on this bench, one for sudsy water and one for rinsing. A hose was connected to the faucets at the kitchen sink and was long enough to reach the tubs on the porch. When the tubs were filled, soap was emptied into one tub where articles of clothing were scrubbed up and down on a metal corrugated washboard. This action removed soil, but was very hard on the knuckles of the hands. Bluing was added to the rinsing tub to counter the yellowing of laundered fabrics.

After rinsing, some clothing had to be starched before hanging out to dry. (I cannot recall what kind of soap was used when scrubbing the clothes, although I remember Oxydol, Ivory flakes and P & G soap were available)

A wringer was attached to one of the tubs so the clothes could be pressed through to remove the soap residue. They were then plunged into the rinse tub where they were again pressed through to remove excess moisture. I was always cautioned as a child to keep my hands away from the wringer.

After everything had been washed and rinsed, the clothes were placed in a large laundry basket and taken outside to hang on the clothesline or taken up to the attic. Wooden clothes pins were used to attach items to the clotheslines. The clothes would remain until dry and then in the evening removed and later "sprinkled down" so they could be ironed the next day. This was usually an all day procedure as there were many cotton dresses, blouses, work pants, shirts, tablecloths, etc. to be carefully ironed and folded.

History of the Wringer

A washboard which used a corrugated slab of a hard material like metal (but occasionally some companies used glass) could loosen soil in fabrics. This was quite an improvement over immersing clothes in a stream or heating water over a fire in a large, wrought iron kettle.

Vera Chandler wrote to the Mendota Reporter in Mendota, Illinois in 1975, inquiring about a washboard in her possession. A portion of their reply:

"Roller washboards were the invention of Will Hubbard, who operated a lumber yard in LaMoille, about 8 miles west of Mendota.

The Mother Hubbard filled a large order for one of the mail order houses. You might be interested in a paragraph from an article which appeared in the Mendota Reporter at that time: 'The Mother Hubbard Co. in this city manufactures a roller washboard which they claim is superior to all other makes in that the clothes roll along on the rollers instead of over the ridges as in other boards that have been in existence for years and years.'

The Mother Hubbard Co. discontinued the manufacture of these boards in 1936.

Prepared by: Jean Gaffga Rayl
THE UNION CAMPGROUND

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Cemetery Location:
US Hwy 65 North of I-44 at Valley Water Mill Road, Springfield, MO.
Address all inquiries to:
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UNION CAMPGROUND
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
TREASURERS REPORT

Balance, June 1, 2006 $4,055.68
Receipts:
Dues $400.00
Sign Rent 150.00
Donation 110.00
Total Receipts 660.00
Total Receipts & Bal. $4,715.68

Disbursements:
Bank box rental 20.00
Liability Insurance 216.00
Maintenance 368.27
Newsletter Fall 2006 77.38
Total Disbursements: 681.65
Balance, May 3, 2007 $4,034.03
Respectfully submitted,
Pansy Harvey, Treasurer

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I'll close this part of the newsletter by saying "Thank you" to everyone who has helped support our efforts at restoring Union Campground Cemetery. Many have played a role in the improvement of the cemetery, with their dues, their time, their sweat, etc. The efforts have not been in vain. We are making progress, and have a cemetery we can really be proud of, one that is befitting our ancestors that are buried there. Thanks, to all of you!

God bless you, and I hope to see you in June,

Robb Chandler
ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC  
of the  
UNION CAMPGROUND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 2, 2007  
At  
The Vera Chandler Farm  
(direCTIONS are in the newsletter)

10:00 a.m.  
Meeting of Board Members

11:00 a.m.  
General membership meeting and election of officers  
For 2007-2008

12:00 noon  
LUNCH

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Meat, iced tea, lemonade and coffee will be provided along with paper products. Bring a generous dish of your choice.  
Bring your lawn chairs

DUES  
Dues will be payable at the meeting or mail a check to:  
Pansy Harvey, Treasurer  
Union Campground Cemetery Association  
3822 E. State Hwy AA  
Springfield, MO 65803

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.

Note:

Weather permitting we could have a tour of the Cemetery after the meeting.

All meetings are important, but we need your input at this meeting on headstones for the unmarked graves.

We have a sign for the Southwest entrance that could be erected.

PLAN ON BEING AT THE MEETING THIS YEAR. WE NEED YOU.