Changing the numbering system of the Newsletter.
It will be changed in this issue to:

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In visiting with Jean, she wrote a letter to interested families in early 1994.
Larry was elected as corresponding secretary at the May 2000 meeting.
Larry started his term as newsletter editor with Vol 2, Issue 12

1. Feb, 15, 1994 A letter
2. Apr, 12, 1994 Another letter
3. Aug 30, 1994 a newsletter which would have been Vol 1, Issue 1 1994
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   Vol 2, Issue 24, Fall 2006
   Vol 2, Issue 25, Spring 2007
   Vol 2, Issue 26, Fall 2007
   Vol 2, Issue 27, Spring 2008
Jean and I discussed the volumes. I write another newsletter and each year
starts a new volume. If we did this we would be on Volume 15, Issue 1.
Jean published the first newsletter on August 30, 1994.

Greetings from your President

If you haven't seen the cemetery lately, or maybe for a long time, take a drive on Highway 65 between Bluegrass Road and I-44. The right of way adjacent to the northwest corner of the cemetery has been cleared, and you can see into the cemetery from the highway very well. Thanks to the volunteer hours of Larry and Hazel Voris, Doug Rayl, Ben Gravely, Jackie Warfel, and Don and Dorothy Holdway (and others, I feel sure, that were not documented) the cemetery is looking good.

If you want to walk into the cemetery, our best access is from Valley Water Mill Road. Park on the north side of Valley Water Mill Road on the east side of Highway 65. Then you can walk north on our access trail along the east side of the highway. This path will take you to the gate at the southwest corner of the cemetery. Please use caution, as this is a walk for those hardy souls that are sure-footed and don't mind the downhill (and uphill) nature of the trail, as it is a bit steep in spots.

If walking to the cemetery seems unrealistic for you, we have an alternative. Saturday, June 7th, will be the day of the annual meeting and picnic for our association. Board member Don Holdway has a golf cart that he can use to take folks up and down the trail and through the cemetery. We appreciate his doing so in the past, and hope it works out this time as well.

We hope to see you at the meeting. If that is not possible, give us a call with your ideas and comments about the cemetery. We plan to continue the upkeep and to make improvements that will both beautify and perpetuate the cemetery.

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
Union Campground Cemetery Association
3822 E. State Hwy AA
Springfield, MO 65803

PLAN ON BEING AT THE MEETING THIS YEAR.
WE NEED YOU.
This is a summary of hours worked in 2007. We will start a new log for 2008.

171.5 hours to date Oct. 26, 2007

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2008 Storm Damage

Hazel and I went out to the cemetery in early March and was surprised that we had escaped damage after the 2008 ice storm. There are several limbs down but nothing like last year. It will take 2-3 people about a day to do the cleaning and piling brush. It looks barren now but that is how it needs to be while we work on the sunken graves sites.

Don Holdway and I went out the last day of April and sprayed for weeds and brush. The green was starting to come through. We put on about 95 gallons of mixture. The price of spray has went up a bunch in price since last fall. Right now the cost of the concentrate is $8.00 a quart and it takes 6 to 7 quarts for each time we spray. 6 quarts make 90 gallons.

We need to work the east side across the ditch. I am thinking of pushing the brush into the ditch and burning it.

DID YOU KNOW

That in 1864 prisoners were being held at the Valley Water Mill Dam, guarded by Thomas Amos McCracken? He was with Co. A. 8th Missouri State Militia Calvary. (Information is from the Greene County Archives: “The Known Descendants of Thomas & Elizabeth McCracken”)

This event confirms military presence in the vicinity of Union Campground Cemetery. Valley Water Mill is approximately one mile west of the cemetery.

For the past 13 or 14 years, many longtime area residents have said that Union soldiers camped on the Union Campground site, and that some soldiers were buried in the old graveyard. We keep searching for evidence to support this claim. Note: Loring Bullard, Director of the watershed Committee or the Ozarks, sent us a letter stating that the best of his knowledge, Valley Water Mill and McCracken Mill are one and the same. This was in October 1999.
Delphia Viola Nimmo

Delphia Viola Nimmo, 86, went to be with the Lord on December 9, 2007, in Maranatha Village. She was a lifelong resident of Greene County. Viola was born on September 5, 1921, in Springfield, Mo., to Harry and Agnes McMurry. Viola accepted Christ in 1932. She was united in marriage to Edgar C. Nimmo on October 9, 1954. He preceded her in death in January of 1988. They shared 33 wonderful years together. She went to school at Whitlock and Fair Grove High School and attended business college. She was employed at Greene County Farmers Association of seven years and 10 years at Martin Motor Company. She was a homemaker and a loving mother. Viola was a longtime member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church. She enjoyed working in W.M.U., teaching Sunday school, helping in Bible school, working in the library and the quilting group. Viola enjoyed volunteering for Cox Medical Hospital from 1988 until December 2005 as a gift shop and Lifeline volunteer. Viola was proud to have lived most of her life on her parents’ century-old farm north of Springfield.

Viola’s death occurred on December 9, 2007. Funeral services were held at Greenlawn Funeral Home North on Dec 15, 2007 with the Rev. Calvin Parrish and Rev. Lex Fox officiating. Interment was at the Mt. Comfort Cemetery. She was 86 years old, having been born on September 5, 1921. When the Union Campground Cemetery Association was organized in 1994, Viola became a charter member and continued to be active for many years, often helping with the clean-up activities and serving as treasurer. Her cheerful disposition will be missed by her Union Campground friends.

Submitted by Jean Rayl

### Experience life on the Butterfield Stage

Please plan to attend the Sesquicentennial of the Butterfield Stage scheduled for September 7 and 8 at the Rutledge-Wilson Farm Community Park, 3825 West Farm Road 146, Springfield, MO. The Butterfield Overland Stage came through Springfield for the first time on September 17, 1858. Prior to the Civil War it was an important transportation link between St. Louis, MO and the West Coast, Carrying both passengers and mail.

On September 8, 2008, Greene County will be the starting point for the 1400 mile western trek of an original Butterfield stagecoach. This coach will travel along much of the original line, bringing history alive for communities from Springfield to Arizona.

Rick Hamby and his wife, Bev, from West Plains, MO have traveled the route before and they will be on hand to share their experiences.

**EDUCATING SCHOOL CHILDREN IS A PRIORITY.**

Watch for more publicity later this summer.

Submitted by Jean Rayl

### A MOMENT IN HISTORY

**Rebecca Roper**

Her tombstone leans heavily to one side. The years have taken a toll...after all, it has guarded her resting place since 1846. The grave has caved in leaving a depression surrounded by remnants of a stone box burial. Read the words inscribed on her stone:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
Rebecca Roper

B: 6 Jan 1795
D: 4 Dec 1846

Rebecca was the wife of David Roper, a gentleman who came to Greene County, MO. Ca. 1831 (Holcombe’s History of Greene County, p. 143. “Opening the Ozarks: First Families in Southwest Missouri 1835-1839” says he was married to Rebecca Cannon on 10 Sep 1813 in Blount Co., Tennessee. His name appears on the 1833 Greene County Tax List. He obtained his parcel of land by the Emigration Act of 1834.

Children of David and Rebecca (Cannon) Roper:

1. Elizabeth Roper b: 2 Sep 1818 in TN
2. William Roper b: 1820 in TN
3. ?Ann Eliza Roper b: ca. 1822 in TN
4. ?Jane Roper b: ca. 1824 in TN

In the 1840 Censuses of Greene Co. MO, Rebecca is listed only as white female, as 40-50 years.

The above scant details are all we know about her life. But, as we walk through the oldest section of Union Campground Cemetery, we observe her tombstone and pay tribute to her life.

Submitted by Jean Rayl

This is the address to the Union Camp Ground Cemetery web site as it is now.
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gemoehs/3rd_level/org_union.htm

Anne Baker is the webmaster. This all comes in through the Historical Society. It is confusing. We need to work on this.

This is another address that the info isn’t all correct. I don’t know where it came from or who put this information on line.
ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC
of the
UNION CAMPGROUND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 7, 2008
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 2009-2010

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