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Living History Tour 2008

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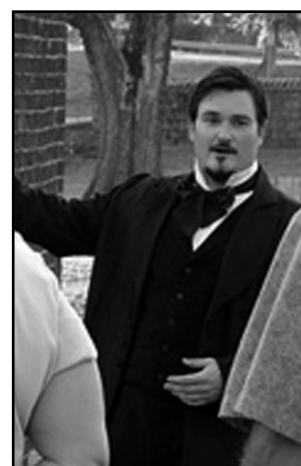
You are invited to join us for a journey back in time. Visit the early days of Nashville on Saturday, September 27, as this year's Living History Tour brings our past to abundant life at

Nashville City Cemetery. Walking tours will begin every few minutes from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 for adults or \$10.00 for families. Children under the age of 12 are admitted free.

The theme of this year's Living History Tour is **"Mayors, Musicians, the Military, and More!"** The cemetery is the final resting place for 22 mayors of Nashville, some of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers, and numerous veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War of 1848, and the Civil War. Actors dressed in period costumes will be stationed at selected gravesites along the tour to tell the stories of individuals buried at those sites.



The Nashville City Cemetery is the oldest existing public cemetery in Middle Tennessee. It opened on January 1, 1822, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As one of the earliest racially integrated cemeteries in the United States, it was truly a public cemetery



where people of any race, religion, or economic status could be buried. It became the final resting place of much of the citizenry of Nashville from the city's earliest days through 1870.

If you have not visited the cemetery lately, you will be delighted to find, thanks to a generous appropriation from Metro Nashville City Council, that the tombstones, box and table tombs, markers, and vaults have been cleaned, repaired, and/or restored. In addition, the landscaping has been updated, roads repaved, and new lighting and fencing installed.

Remind your friends of this year's Living History Tour at Nashville City Cemetery on September 27, 2008, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the event, or are interested in joining the Nashville City Cemetery Association, visit the Nashville City Cemetery web site, www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org, and go to "Contact us."

The Nashville City Cemetery is located at 1001 Fourth Avenue South, with the entrance at the corner of Fourth Avenue South and Oak Street. It is open to visitors daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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