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Living History Tour 2011

With its rapidly growing number of fans, the annual Living History Tour at the City Cemetery has become one of Nashville's must-do activities in the early fall. Over 1200 people attended last year, spellbound by the stirring reenactments of figures from Middle Tennessee history.

As visitors follow their guides around the cemetery, local actors dressed in period costumes bring characters from our region's past back to life. One of the remarkable individuals you will meet this year is Lucinda Bedford, a former slave who became one of the wealthiest women in Nashville through judicious investments in gas company stock and real estate. A few years before her death at 94, Lucinda was the victim of an attempted poisoning by her cook that took the life of a family member. The lurid court case that followed headlined Nashville news for weeks!

Another amazing Nashville woman who will greet you on the Tour is Mary Middleton Rutledge Fogg, a member of one of Nashville's early families, and granddaughter of two signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mary was a prolific writer,



NOVEMBER 5, 1-5 P.M.

nominated by President George Washington in 1797 to be the first judge of the U.S. District Court for Tennessee and was the only federal judge serving the state until his retirement in 1833. During his career he helped draft the state's first constitution and served as trustee of Davidson Academy and Cumberland College.

We heard about the Honorable Ephraim Foster in a recent Tour when former slave Sally Thomas told how he helped her and her children gain their freedom, but there was much more to this great Tennessean than his kind heart. At 18 he served under Andrew Jackson in the Creek Wars, so distinguishing himself that the General made the young man his private secretary. Returning home, he studied law with celebrated attorney John Dickinson, soon passing the bar himself. Elected to the General Assembly in 1827, he was chosen Speaker of the House two years later. In 1837 he went to Washington, D.C., as Senator from Tennessee, returning to Nashville and the practice of law in 1845.

These are only a few of the fascinating characters you will meet on this year's Tour. A special feature of the event will be an emphasis on music, both vocal and instrumental, to surround you on your journey into the past.

So join us for this year's Living History Tour on November 5th. It's a delightful and inexpensive outing for families, Tennessee history buffs, or anyone else who would enjoy a pleasant stroll through Nashville's finest historical outdoor museum.



Living History "Ghosts" stand ready to share stories of the lives of the prominent Nashvillians they portray.

producing volumes ranging from science textbooks to poetry. She was an active member of Nashville's Christ Episcopal Church and a leader in local education.

You will meet the eminent Judge John McNairy near his distinctive tomb. This schoolboy friend of Andrew Jackson was

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