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A WALK THROUGH OUR PAST

Few places tell the story of Middle Tennessee more eloquently than Nashville City Cemetery. This sacred site at 4th Avenue and Oak Street is not only a peaceful and beautiful burial ground but also a compelling outdoor historical museum.

Each fall the Nashville City Cemetery Association (NCCA) welcomes the community to its annual Living History Tour, a delightful opportunity to watch the past come alive. Costumed reenactors step forward from the gravestones and tell stories of the people buried here. You may learn about the heroic deeds of a Civil War soldier, or you might meet a slave who bought her children's freedom – visitors are often surprised to learn that this cemetery was integrated from the moment of its creation in 1822. Among those who rest here are several of Nashville's founders, including James and Charlotte Robertson; 3 Revolutionary War soldiers; 3 Confederate generals; Union Navy Commodore Paul Shirley; and William Driver, who named the American flag "Old Glory." Governor William Carroll is buried here, as are 15 Nashville mayors.

This year's Tour focuses on individuals who lived in Nashville during the Civil War. You will meet Lizinka Campbell Brown, named for the Czarina of Russia, who had been a friend of Lizinka's parents when her father was serving as James Monroe's Minister to Russia. Widowed in 1844, Mrs. Brown returned to her father's home on Charlotte Avenue – the very house Andrew Johnson later commandeered as his residence during the Union occupation of Nashville in 1862.

The Reverend Nelson Merry also joins us this year. A slave willed to the First Baptist Church by his mistress, he was baptized and freed by the church in 1845. Eight years later local clergy ordained him as the first black minister in Nashville. Under his leadership, the First Colored Baptist Church grew to become the largest church in Tennessee, gaining its independence from the white Baptist Church in 1866. Merry went on to organize more than a dozen Negro Baptist churches in the area, and he proudly officiated at the marriages of many freed slaves.

One of the more tragic local Civil War stories involves one of Nashville's most prominent families. Francis Brinley Fogg, attorney, State Senator (1851-52), law professor, and first president of the Nashville City Schools, was a loyal Unionist. His wife, Mary Middleton Rutledge Fogg, granddaughter of two signers of the Declaration of Independence and a popular author, was a firm supporter of the Confederacy. When their only son, Henry, joined the Confederate Army and became Gen. Felix Zollicoffer's aide, she was filled with pride. However, young Henry was one of the first casualties of the war, killed in Kentucky in January 1862. *(continued on page 5)*



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Nashville City Cemetery Association presents

The 9th Annual Living History Tour

Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun," and our year *has* been fun, as well as rewarding. The NCCA board works hard encouraging people to visit the cemetery. Monthly tours hosted by board member volunteers began in April and will continue through October. The Master Gardeners' tour in early May was followed by an outing for 190 students from Bellevue Middle School. In June attendees of the Tennessee Preservation Trust's annual conference enjoyed a group tour led by Metro Historical Commission staff. Individual and small-group tours continue throughout the summer. Next year we plan to feature more activities for local schools.



We celebrated spring with our 13th annual Memorial Day Dash/ 5K Run, as 375 athletes tested their mettle in the heat. We are very grateful to say the event raised over \$5,000 for our general fund.

We were fortunate this year to avoid major weather damage to buildings and monuments. Thanks to the continuing clean-up help of our terrific Hands On Nashville volunteers and Metro Parks' grass cutting crew, the cemetery looks its very best. Increased patrols by Metro and Park Police have noticeably reduced much of the loitering and litter.

Several new initiatives are worthy of note: 1) the Newsletter will be going **online** soon in order to conserve funds for cemetery repairs and maintenance. Of course printed copies will continue to be sent to those who need them. To receive your copy online, please send your **email address** to staff member Angie Nichols, at abn.home@gmail.com and specify "email for newsletter" in the subject line; 2) efforts are nearly completed to have City Cemetery officially designated as an Arboretum by The Nashville Tree Foundation, in recognition of the more than 30 different species of stately trees on the grounds; and 3) in July we began the process of having the cemetery's 1½ miles of paved roads officially designated as a Metro Greenway. We hope this effort will increase neighborhood interest and encourage more walkers and bikers to use the cemetery for relaxation and exercise.

Mark your calendar now for our fall & winter events. The annual **Living History Tour** is scheduled for **October 6** and will highlight a diverse group of Nashville citizens during the war years of 1861-1865. Another treat is the ever-popular Civil War tour led by John Allyn on **November 10**. A fitting climax to 2012 will be our annual membership meeting (and Christmas party) on **December 13**, hosted by Carter and Emily Baker at their lovely Richland Avenue home where we will be recognizing the board members, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed so much to our progress.

It has been my genuine pleasure to serve as your President in 2012. I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who have supported our mission so generously with time, talents, and financial resources. Much progress has been made, yet much remains to be done. I know 2013 will continue to build upon the initiatives we have set in motion.

Winder Campbell, President, Nashville City Cemetery Association

ANOTHER THRILLING MEMORIAL DAY DASH!

Nearly 375 participants came out on a steamy morning for the Memorial Day Dash, the annual 5-K NCCA run/walk from Sounds Stadium to City Cemetery. Jacob Carrigan, Nashville, won his *fourth* Male Overall title with a blazing 16:21. Other winners included Caitlin Standifer (Women's Overall), Theresa Saupe (Female Masters), and Charlie Simon (Male Masters). Claire Torchia (8) was our youngest winner, and Jennifer Ladefoged (80) our most experienced. All runners and times can be found on the Striders' website: <http://www.nashvillestriders.com/race-results-2012/>

The NCCA is grateful to all who participated this year. Our sincere thanks to the Nashville Striders for organizing and supervising the race, and to the Nashville Sounds for opening the stadium and its facilities to our runners. They have been our partners from the beginning. Our deepest gratitude to Michael Bigley, the Sounds' Communications Director; Krista Castillo of Ft. Negley Visitors Center; David Graeflin of the Athletes House; and Mr. Commodore of the Vanderbilt Athletic Department. Thanks, too, to Fred Zahn, Sean Alexander, and Robin Zeigler of the Metro Historical Commission staff; to members of the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow, who placed flags at the graves of the 75 military veterans buried in City Cemetery, played Taps, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; and to our generous Hands On Nashville volunteers who help us with so many tasks. The proceeds from this and other activities help fund our preservation efforts at the Nashville City Cemetery. *KBL*



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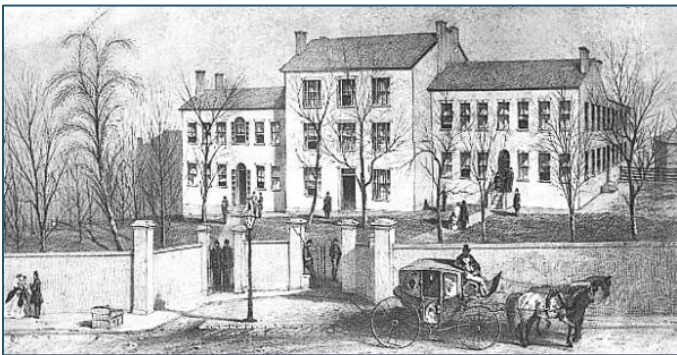
BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

WHATEVER THE COST TO OURSELVES: NASHVILLE WOMEN'S CIVIL WAR.

by Carol Kaplan, Metro Historical Commission
Achievement Award Winner, 2009

When the Civil War began, Nashville's women were eager to take any roles available to them. A *Confederate Veteran* article explained that, "with no rules or formulas to guide them except the instinctive promptings of patriotic love and mercy," they organized a system of service to provide for the medical needs of the sick and wounded.

Led by the tireless Felicia Grundy Porter, the Soldiers Relief Society of Tennessee was organized to gather and send hospital supplies to Virginia, but members soon realized that help was needed in Nashville itself. Dr. David Yandell, medical director of the Army of the West, organized a number of hospitals in Nashville: the one called Elliott Hospital was in the former Nashville Female Academy, closed by Superintendent Collins Elliott in 1861.



Sketch of Nashville Female Academy from Tennessee State Library & Archives.

Since all of the hospitals were poorly equipped, the Relief Society solicited contributions of blankets, flannels, underclothing, provisions, and (especially) money. Anesthetics were almost unavailable, and medicine was scarce. Despite the fact that hospitals were places of sadness and misery, many brave and strong women came to help. They stood by during amputations, bent over the dying to receive their last messages to loved ones at home, and attended their interments.

There is no record of how many Nashville women actually served as nurses, but three are known to have paid with their own lives for their care of others.

Lucy Butler Lanier was a teacher at the Nashville Female Academy for 33 years. She had a comfortable childhood, but after the death of her father, Presbyterian minister Edmond Lanier, financial reverses caused Lucy, at age 16, to assume the support of her mother and two younger siblings. She taught in Columbia briefly, and then accepted a position with her *alma mater*, the Nashville Female Academy. According to obituaries in the *Banner* (March 5, 1862) and the *Morning Bulletin* (April 1, 1862), Lucy had no superior as a teacher. She was just and exact, affable and delightful. By 1860 she was head of the Collegiate Department, and her younger

sister Ann taught in the Primary Department. After the Academy became a hospital, she remained there, "constant in her attentions upon the sick and wounded." One day, taking a moment's rest, Lucy complained of a sudden and severe pain in her head. A fit of apoplexy followed, and she died within an hour. "She passed away like a brilliant cloud across a sunset, her glory shines no more." Lucy Lanier was buried at City Cemetery March 5, 1862. There is no marker on her grave.

Two other women who performed "beautiful hospital service and are worthy of special memorials," were sisters: Mrs. John B. Nichol and Mrs. Alfred Hume. Evelina Nichol and Louisa Hume were the 11th and 12th children of Revolutionary War veteran John Bradford and his wife Elizabeth Blackwell. Both women were widowed by 1853 and shared a home with their children on South Vine Street (7th Ave.). Both Evelina and Louisa caught pneumonia and camp fever while caring for sick and wounded soldiers, and they died within days of each other. Separated in death as they never were in life, Evelina Nichol was buried at Mt. Olivet on December 18, 1861, and Louisa was laid to rest beside her husband Alfred in City Cemetery December 22, 1861.

As the *Confederate Veteran* said, "Wherever women could serve were recorded deeds of sacrifice and heroism, a bit of history that should be known, because it is unwritten history and history that counted."

NCCA PARTNERS WITH HANDS ON NASHVILLE

by Elizabeth Parrott, NCCA Board Member

Again this year the Nashville City Cemetery Association has teamed up with the Hands On Nashville organization in a mutually beneficial relationship. On the **second Saturday** of each month, April through October, the NCCA holds a cemetery clean-up day from 9-11 a.m. with the aid of HON volunteers. These generous partners have allowed us to keep up with routine cemetery maintenance by raking leaves, cleaning off tombstones, and picking up trash. Through the help of our volunteers, we have also been able to create a large compost pile, which helps the NCCA lessen its carbon footprint.

This year we were doubly blessed by being selected by volunteers from Vanderbilt Law School as part of their Day of Service August 18. Nearly 20 students came to help on this special work day, allowing us to cover a much larger area than usual as we prepared for our next big NCCA event, the annual Living History Tour, scheduled for **October 6**.

If you are interested in helping with our monthly clean-ups or with the Living History Tour, please go to www.HON.org and sign up to volunteer. We would love to have you join us and be a part of Nashville history!

Nashville City Cemetery Calendar 2012 - 2013

GENERAL INFORMATION: Free tours of the cemetery begin at 10:00 a.m. on the same Saturday each month as Volunteer Work Days. Most tours last about 45 minutes. In case of unfavorable weather (i.e., tornado, hail, drenching rain, or piles of snow), a canceled tour will take place on the following Saturday.

The Nashville City Cemetery is open to visitors every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 (Sat.) VOLUNTEER WORK DAY* (9-11 a.m.)

SEPT. 25, 2012 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

OCTOBER 6, 2012 (Sat.) LIVING HISTORY TOUR (1:00-5:00 p.m.)

Our most popular cemetery event! See costumed reenactors bring Nashville history to life.

New characters and stories every year!

ADULTS \$5 – FAMILIES \$10

OCTOBER 13, 2012 (Sat.) VOLUNTEER WORK DAY* (9-11 a.m.)

OCT. 23, 2012 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

NOVEMBER 10, 2012 (Sat.) CIVIL WAR TOUR WITH JOHN ALLYN (10:00 a.m.)

John Allyn's Civil War tours are perennial favorites. Come, learn, & enjoy. FREE

NOV. 27, 2012 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER 6, 2012 (Sat.) NCCA ANNUAL MEETING (6:00-7:30 p.m.)

Members are invited to join us at the Baker residence, 3708 Richland Ave, Nashville FREE TO ALL MEMBERS

JAN. 19, 2013 (Sat.) NCCA Board Retreat, Sunnyside (9:00 a.m. – noon)

FEB. 26, 2013 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

MAR. 26, 2013 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

APRIL 13, 2013 (Sat.) VOLUNTEER WORK DAY* (9-11 a.m.)

APR. 23, 2013 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

MAY 4, 2013 (Saturday) MASTER GARDENERS' TOUR (10:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

The Davidson County Master Gardeners maintain the historically accurate gardens in City Cemetery. Their popular tours instruct and inspire amateur gardeners of all levels. Come celebrate spring with us. FREE

MAY 11, 2013 (Sat.) VOLUNTEER WORK DAY* (9-11 a.m.)

MAY 21, 2013 (Tues.) NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside (5:30 p.m.)

MAY 27, 2013 (Monday) MEMORIAL DAY DASH (8:00 a.m.)

Watch for details in the spring newsletter!

***NOTE: To volunteer for Work Days, sign up on the Hands On Nashville website – <http://www.hon.org/>**



www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR WEB PAGE LATELY?

Read about the **190-year history** of City Cemetery in early **NEWS ARTICLES, OBITUARIES**, and other records. Access our **newsletter archives**. Link to the **interment list** at Nashville Public Library. DISCOVER MAPS, TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, AND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY LINKS. See **PHOTOS** of our events. **Order books, follow useful links, and join & support the NCCA.**

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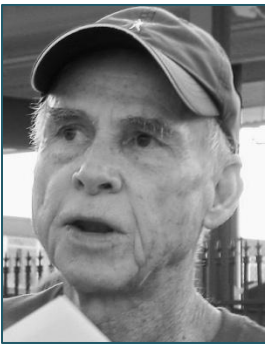
MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS: WINDER CAMPBELL

by Carter G. Baker, NCCA Board Member

Winder Campbell, retired SunTrust banker and golfer extraordinaire, is currently Chairman of the Nashville City Cemetery Association (NCCA) Board of Directors. He and I recently settled in at a Green Hills eatery to talk about his career, avocations, and family.

Winder previously served as secretary of the NCCA, in addition to being the driving force behind one of its major fund-raisers – the Memorial Day Dash. This popular 5K run brings valuable publicity (as well as dollars) to the Association's efforts to maintain the monuments and grounds. Winder, a runner himself, has long been involved in racing, and the Dash benefits greatly from his knowledge and interest.

He was born in Franklin where his father, Jim, was a lawyer on the courthouse square, and his mother, Gordy, was a well-loved teacher in the city school system, as well as the first woman ever elected to the Board of Aldermen. Winder attended BGA and was quarterback and captain of the football team his senior year. He went to Vanderbilt on a Navy ROTC scholarship and then spent a couple of years seeing the world as an officer on sea duty.



Back in Nashville an uncle's advice steered him into the banking world. He went through management training at the Third National Bank, and then, after a couple of detours, returned to the Third to spend his entire career in the private banking field, finally retiring from SunTrust (the Third's

successor) a few years ago.

Winder has been married to Patsy, an attorney specializing in family law, for nearly 49 years, and they have four grown children: two girls, with a set of twin boys in the middle. Only after the children were in school did Patsy finish law school and begin her career.

Local historian Fletch Coke was the one who convinced Winder to join the NCCA Board, knowing he had ancestors in City Cemetery. Among his ancestors, Winder can count the McGavocks and Grundys who have been part of Nashville history for over 200 years.

"My great-great-grandfather was Van Perkins Winder, who grew up on a plantation near Houmas, Louisiana," Winder told me. "Young Van was sent up to Nashville to read law under the famous Felix Grundy, and he boarded in his mentor's residence, where he soon fell in love with Martha, one of the Grundy daughters.

"Judge Grundy had a long career as an attorney and politician; he was a Congressman, a U.S. Senator, and

Attorney General under Martin Van Buren, so he was often out of town. Once, stopping to rest his horse on the way home, he asked a farmer what had been going on in town. 'Well', the farmer replied, 'old Judge Grundy's daughter Martha ran off with that Winder boy that was living there!'"

Sure enough, they had eloped. The year was 1828 and young Martha was barely 16, but the young couple made a success of their marriage: after moving back to the sugar plantation, they had 13 children. Five who died young were brought home to be buried in the Grundy plot in City Cemetery. In 1854, when Van died of yellow fever, Martha buried him there, too, then returned to Louisiana, where she ran the plantation successfully for years. When she died in 1891, she was buried beside her husband. Although other Grundy remains were later removed to Mt. Olivet, Martha, Van, and the five little ones remain in the family plot.



"I have a great interest in the old City Cemetery and enjoy being on the Board," Winder told me. "I feel good about the progress we continue to make in the improvement of one of Nashville's most historic and beautiful places. And perhaps one day, my ashes will be buried there, as well."

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A Nashville resident wrote in her diary, "Today I attended the funeral of Maj. Fogg. I think I never saw such grief & sorrow in anyone's face as in Mr. Fogg's. His mother was wonderfully sustained by the hope she has in his death & in her abiding faith in God. She sang at the funeral of her lost child."

Tragically, General Zollicoffer, who had taken such care to return young Fogg's body to his parents, was himself killed hours later, becoming the first Confederate general to die in the Western Theater of the Civil War. A newspaperman before the war, he and his wife Louisa lost eight of their 14 children, and all six surviving daughters took part in his funeral. His daughter Octavia will tell you about that day.



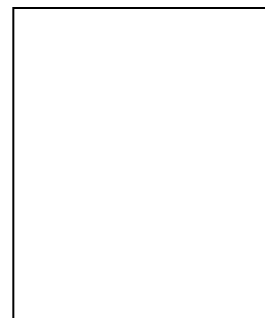
Make plans now to attend this inspiring event on **October 6**. You will meet Elias and Milly Polk, slaves who remained here with Mrs. James K. Polk throughout the war. You will meet spies and doctors, soldiers and slaves, all of whose lives and deaths are now and forever part of our city's history.

Seasonal Advice from Our Master Gardener



Yes, July was hot, and August brought rain. How did your trees and shrubs survive? I hope you watered those trees and shrubs you planted last spring, since they have not had time to establish their root systems fully. Most older ones are drought tolerant, though, and can survive a moderate period of limited moisture. Take a good look at your plants and take note of any sudden changes in their foliage. You might have to replace a few next season, but most of them should survive. Fall is the time to over-seed your Fescue lawns. Be sure the seeds make contact with the ground so they can germinate. Be careful that the new seeds get plenty of water for the first few weeks so they can fill in those bare spots. Notice which plants did well this year and which might need to be moved (to more sun or less sun) next spring. Enjoy your gardens!

NCCA Board Member Robert Mather is a Master Gardener. He shares a timely lawn & garden tip in each issue.



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Don't miss the *Living History Tour* October 6, 2012 ~ 1:00-5:00 p.m.

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR NCCA MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Your membership is extremely valuable to us. It helps support our efforts to repair, restore, and preserve the Nashville City Cemetery. It also allows us to offer the Living History Tour each fall, along with other cemetery tours throughout the year, and to sponsor the popular Memorial Day Dash, now designated as a Nashville Striders Grand Prix Race.

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