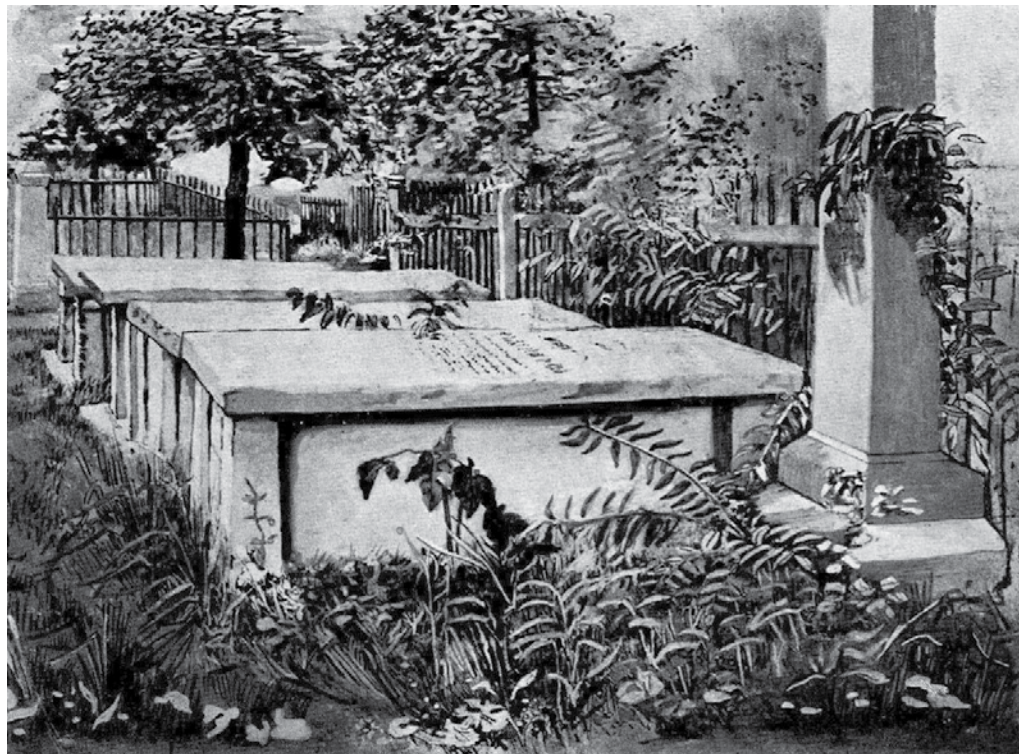


Memorial Day Dash 5K

Whether you are a seasoned veteran or will be a first-timer, join us for the 2015 Memorial Day Dash 5K Run and Walk. This fun and family-friendly event is Monday, May 25, at 8:00 a.m. Runners begin at Greer Stadium, loop through historic Fort Negley, and finish on the shaded paths of the Nashville City Cemetery. Part of the Nashville Striders 2014–15 Grand Prix Series, this unique race attracts all ages and both top competitors and walkers, all brought together by a common desire to help preserve the past.

The Striders provide excellent management and support, including chip timing. Last year's top male and female finishers were Michael Peters (16:12) and Dana Schoewe (20:10). The top three overall male and female finishers and top masters (40+) male and female receive awards, and prizes also go to top three finishers in age groups ranging from 9 and under to 80-plus, and in five-year (continued on page 4)



West and Woods of Westwood

BY SARAH ARMISTEAD

Jane West was born October 25, 1785, in Kentucky, the daughter of Edward West and Sarah Brown West. On August 21, 1806, she married Joseph Woods in Smithland, Kentucky. By 1814 they were living in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1818, two years after the death of George Deaderick, his house on the Franklin Pike was occupied by Joseph and Jane West Woods. And in this house, that same year, Joseph's younger brother Robert married Jane's sister Sarah West. Eight years later, the Davidson County Deed registered sale of the property to Joseph and Robert Woods. The sale included 240 acres, but reserved one-fourth of an acre in the garden for the Deaderick family cemetery. The name of the home was arrived at by combining the names of the West and Woods families. Jane Woods refers to the home as

Westwood in her letter of May 7, 1818, to Joseph.

The home, originally built by George Deaderick, was probably enlarged and added to by Joseph when he moved there. According to one article, the front was built with cypress wood blocks cut to resemble blocks of stone.

Jane and Joseph remained childless while her sister Sarah, who married Joseph's brother Robert, had several children and lived in Nashville. An article in *The Nashville American*, dated September 19, 1909, stated: "Following in this pretty family drama was the journey, horseback, to Philadelphia of the brother husbands intent on pleasing their young sister wives by the selection of house furnishing as nearly alike as could be had." From the richly carved mahogany suits for the double parlors, inlaid in French gilt and upholstered in rose-colored brocade, to the satin damask window (continued on page 6)

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President's Message



Welcome to a new and wonderful year for the

Nashville City Cemetery Association. I wanted to take a few minutes and

introduce myself. I grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, where I learned to appreciate and respect the history and beauty of our cemeteries. All Saints Day was a day for cleaning in the cemetery and visiting with those who had passed. From my love of those cemeteries, I learned about the Nashville City Cemetery when I moved here. Over six years ago I started working with Hands on Nashville during the Cemetery Clean Up Days after the flood. I then volunteered for other events and became a board member and the Hands On Nashville liaison the next year. I have served two years as your treasurer and last year as your vice-president and Memorial Day Dash chair.

Through these varied activities I have learned many things about the cemetery and its uniqueness. I also understand the dedication of volunteers and board members, the magnitude of the financial support of our members and sponsors, and the needs the Cemetery faces in the upcoming years.

You, our members, are a vital link in the continued funding, restoration and preservation of the Cemetery. This year we have several restoration projects, including replacement tombstones, Mrs. Carroll's replacement marker, and many more that need your assistance. We also have an ongoing need to repair sites at the Cemetery, as well as outbuildings, and to clean and preserve the existing tombstones. In the newsletter you will see our calendar. We hope you can join us for our events.

Come out and volunteer at the cleanup days with Hands on Nashville —each month from April to October—or attend the Master Gardener Tour and their boxwood trimming classes. While you are here, take a tour of the Arboretum—the Cemetery was awarded this designation last year, and thanks to our grounds committee, you can take a tour of the site and see the variety of trees and plants which grace the Cemetery.

Itching for some education? Download our app from Google Play or the App Store and take a self-guided tour of the cemetery. Pull up our amazing website and see the hard work of several of our board members and our

webmaster—the website is a truly unique educational and research tool. Find relatives buried here and the plot deeds. In October, come out to our annual LIVING HISTORY TOUR and learn about residents from the actors portraying them, who relate their stories.

Want some exercise? The cemetery is a Metro Park. You can stroll with your dog or with your friends along the paths. Or come out in

May for the Memorial Day Dash, and run or walk the 5K from Greer Stadium through Ft. Negley and the Cemetery and help us raise funds for the restoration and preservation of this Nashville gem.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next year and

I hope that you will become more involved in preserving this historical site for our children and their children to come.

Very Truly Yours,
Liz Parrott



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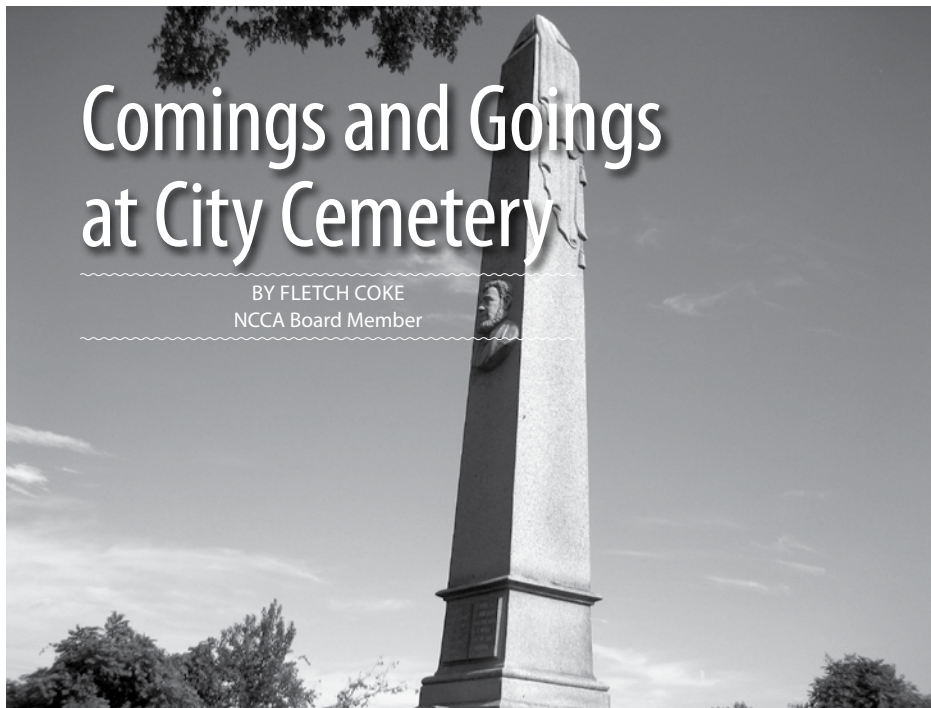
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Comings and Goings at City Cemetery

BY FLETCH COKE
NCCA Board Member



City Cemetery opened in 1822. During the 19th century there were quite a number of relocations from family graveyards to City Cemetery. There were also removals from the City Cemetery.

- **James Robertson** died in 1814, while serving as the U.S. Indian Agent in the Chickasaw Agency, the western part of Tennessee. His remains were returned and buried with Masonic Honors on October 15, 1825, at City Cemetery.

- **James K. Polk** and his wife had just returned to Nashville at the end of his presidential term when he was struck down with cholera and died on June 15, 1849. He was buried in the Grundy family lot at City Cemetery. In less than one year, on May 22, 1850, a monument designed by William Strickland, Architect, was completed and President Polk was reburied at “Polk Place,” on Vine Street (7th Avenue North). Many years later, in

1893, President and Mrs. Polk’s remains and the monument were relocated to the grounds at the State Capitol.

- **Ann** and **John Cockrill** lived on their farm near present-day Centennial Park. Ann, sister of James Robertson, died in 1821, and her husband, in 1837. In 1911, the Cockrills were reburied in Ephraim H. Foster’s lot at City Cemetery.
- **Rev. Nelson G. Merry**, first African American Baptist preacher in Nashville, purchased a lot at City Cemetery in 1850, where family members would be buried. On the day of his funeral, on July 17, 1884, a long funeral procession walked or rode from First Baptist Church on Spruce Street (8th Avenue North) to the City Cemetery. In 1890, Nelson Merry Monument Association was organized by the ladies of his church. The ladies raised funds to purchase a lot at Mt. Ararat, first African American cemetery in Nashville to open after the Civil War. To this lot Rev. Merry’s remains were relocated. On Saturday, May 13, 1893, the monument, paid for by the ladies at a cost of \$800, was dedicated to Rev. Merry. 🌿

Thanks to Tennessee State Library for having ProQuest Newspaper Search which made it possible to find this dedication article.

Cecilia Bradford, daughter of Revolutionary War Veteran Henry Bradford, was born and grew up in Tennessee. In 1813, at age 21, she married **William Carroll**. They would have five sons, three of whom lived to adulthood. Her husband became a famed general in the Creek Wars and at the Battle of New Orleans. In 1821, Carroll was elected governor of Tennessee. Their home was on High Street (now called Sixth Avenue North) in Nashville. One year after the death of William Carroll, the Tennessee Legislature passed a resolution to erect a handsome monument over his grave at City Cemetery. When Cecilia died four years after her husband, there was

no space on the lot for her burial. She was buried on a nearby Carroll lot. Over the years, her tombstone was lost to time and weather. On Sunday, April 12, 2015, the Tennessee Society of Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a replacement tombstone for Cecilia Bradford Carroll. The ceremony was presided over by State Regent Susan S. Thomas (right) and State Chaplain Dianna D. Callaway. A memorial wreath was placed by members of the Cecilia Bradford Carroll Chapter, Tabitha Myers, Organizing Regent. Albert Austin (center), direct descendant of Cecilia and William Carroll, and his wife, Wendy (left), were in attendance at the ceremony. 🌿



Nashville City Cemetery Calendar 2015

increments between ages 10 and 79. A special award is reserved for most patriotic running attire, so get your creative American spirit ideas flowing! All participants receive a 2015 Memorial Day Dash t-shirt. Food, drink, door prizes, and awards ceremony follow the race, as well as a moving flag ceremony conducted by the Boy Scouts in honor of our fallen veterans.

The registration fee for pre-registered runners (through May 23) is \$30, or you can register on the day of the race for \$35. You may register online at active.com until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23. Striders members who pre-register receive a \$2 discount. Race morning registration and packet pick-up begin at 6:30 a.m. on Memorial Day in Greer Stadium parking lot. Parking is free. Call NCCA Board member Clay Bailey with any questions: (615) 319-3505. All profit from the event goes to the Nashville City Cemetery Association to be used for cemetery restoration and repair. 📷 PHOTOS BY JOHN CROSS



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 the following Saturday. All public events are held at the cemetery unless otherwise indicated. The Nashville City Cemetery is open to visitors every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 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

Saturday, May 9 Volunteer Work Day* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 19 NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY DASH 8:00 a.m. at Greer Stadium

Our popular 5K race, part of the Nashville Striders' Grand Prix Series. All runners and walkers welcome on this beautiful course.

Saturday, June 13 Volunteer Work Day* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 14 DAR FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday, June 23 NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 11 Volunteer Work Day* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 28 NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8 Volunteer Work Day* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 25 NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22 NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26 Volunteer Work Day* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 3 LIVING HISTORY TOUR 2:00–6:00 p.m.

(Watch for more information about the Tour in our fall newsletter!)

Tuesday, October 6 Fisk Jubilee

Saturday, October 10 Volunteer Work Day* 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 27 NCCA Board Meeting, Sunnyside, 5:30 p.m.

*Note: To Volunteer for Work Days, please sign up on the Hands On Nashville website: hon.org or "Volunteer Central," tennessean.com/volunteer


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MEMORIAL DAY DASH 5K

Monday, May 25, 2015

All Proceeds Benefit the Restoration of the



ChampionChip Timing and Race Management Provided by the Nashville Striders



Race begins promptly at 8 a.m. at Greer Stadium,
Runs around Ft. Negley with Finish in the Nashville City Cemetery.

- Refreshments, Door Prizes, and Awards Ceremony following race
- Awards to Top 3 Overall Male/Female; Top Masters Male/Female;
Top 3 Age Group Male/Female: 9 & under through 80+ in 5 year increments
- Nashville Striders Grand Prix 2014 - 2015 Series Event
- Prize for runner with Best Patriotic running attire
- Registration Fee: \$25 Early Registered (thru 4/30); \$30 (thru 5/23) and \$35 Race Morning
- Nashville Striders members: \$2 discount with mail-in preregistration form
- Race morning registration and packet pickup at 6:30 AM
- Use of headphones discouraged; strollers lined up at rear; pets not allowed

Return registration form with checks payable to:

Nashville Striders
Attn: Peter Pressman
4035 Trail Ridge Drive
Franklin, TN 37067

Info: Peter Pressman (615) 293-8862

register online at www.active.com

First Name		Last Name	
Age on Race Day		Sex (M / F)	T-Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, or XXL)
DOB: / /			ChampionChip #
Mailing Address		(Only pre-registered guaranteed t-shirt) (If using your own ChampionChip enter # here)	
City		State/Prov.	Zip/Postal Code
Telephone Number		E-Mail Address	
Emergency Contact		Telephone Number	
Signature: _____		(Parent or Guardian if minor)	Date: _____

Waiver: I understand that I should not enter and participate in the Memorial Day Dash unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of an event official relative to my ability to complete this event safely and I further agree that event officials may authorize necessary emergency treatment for me. In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself and event officials, waive and release any and all right and claim for damages I may have or that may hereafter accrue to me against all sponsors, contributors, supporters, and officials associated with this race, their representatives, successors and assigns for any injuries incurred by me during, because of, or in travel to or from race or event. If I decide to use a ChampionChip for official time and lose it or fail to return it, I agree to pay a \$30.00 replacement fee.

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WESTWOOD (continued from page 1) hangings, everything was bought in duplicate and sent to Nashville by wagon train over the old National Road. The next scene some years later is the sensible proposal of Joseph Woods, who had no children, that his brother Robert shall bring his fast-growing family to Westwood and let the childless pair move into the High Street house. No sooner said than done. With mutual affection and confidence that gave the minimum of trouble in exchange, nothing was transferred from one house to the other except family silver and wearing apparel.

The Rifleman was the second steamboat to reach Nashville, on February 10, 1820, just a year after the arrival of the first boat, the General Jackson. The Rifleman was owned by the Woodses and John Yeatman. The Woods brothers, in Nashville banking and in the steamboat business, were interested in blast furnaces near Dover. Joseph and Robert Woods and Thomas Yeatman built the first charcoal cold-blast furnace in 1830, which was called the Bear Spring Furnace.

In 1843 Joseph Woods bought a lot in City Cemetery and here many of the



West and Woods family were buried. The first family member to be interred, in 1849, was Agness Woods Trabue, wife of Mayor Charles C. Trabue. Jane's brother, William E. West, was a famous artist in America and Europe, especially known for his portrait of Lord Byron. Late in his life, William E. West moved from Philadelphia to Nashville, where he painted many of his nieces and nephews. He was living in Jane's home when he died in 1857. Two

years later, Jane's husband, Joseph, died on his way home to Nashville from Philadelphia. Jane passed away in 1871 and was followed by the last family member, Sarah West Woods, in 1878.

In the Woods lot at City Cemetery, tombstones for family members, including Jane West Woods, have been lost to weather and time. This summer, in the Woods lot, a replacement tombstone will be dedicated to Jane West Woods. 🌿

Some Replacement Tombstones for the Cemetery

Mayor Karl Dean and the Metro Council have approved \$60,000 for the Metro Historical Commission to use for maintenance in the City Cemetery. This is the first money allocated for continuing restoration of the tombstones and monuments since a large grant some years ago that allowed restoration of the Cemetery.

BY CARTER G. BAKER
NCCA Board Member

Since then, we have spent much of the money raised by the Association for repair of stones damaged by tree falls, vandalism, and old age. Thanks to increased patrols by Metro and Parks police, our vandalism incidents have been greatly reduced. We will now be able to allocate more of our dollars for replacement tombstones. We have made replacements using our scarce funds and donations from relatives. Veterans Affairs markers have been obtained for some of our military dead. Now we will be able to speed up this process in our goal to make the City Cemetery a better memorial to the history of Nashville from

its very beginnings.

Here are a few new markers that are in the works or have been recently installed:

Captain Bailey Johnson. This well-known 19th century steamboat captain, who died in 1887, had a marker recorded in the 1908 survey, but the stone is now gone. In 1865, Captain Johnson married Caroline Coleman, twice a widow. She died in 1879 and was buried in the lot of her first husband, John H. Smith. Bailey Johnson was buried in the lot owned by another steamboat pilot, Captain Jacob Hunter. His replacement stone will be funded with private donations.

Jane West Woods. Mrs. Woods died in 1871 at the age of 89. Her husband and many Woods and West family members are buried at the City Cemetery. Jane West Woods' tombstone has been lost to time and weather. This summer a replacement tombstone will be given by family members and partially funded by the Nashville City Cemetery Association. (You can read the cover story by Sarah Armistead to learn more about Jane West

Woods and her family.)

Grief Price. This War of 1812 soldier was born in Virginia around 1790 and served in Ambler's 19th Regiment of Virginia Militia. After his military service, he lived in Louisville where he was married twice and had a son and daughter. His second wife was the sister of William Archer Cocke, third mayor of Louisville. He died in Nashville in 1829 at the home of George Ament. His grave is marked with a Veterans Affairs tombstone

Many Nashvillians don't know that the City Cemetery is still an active cemetery, provided that the deceased has some family claim on one of the lots. There are usually four or five burials each year. We prefer cremains as room is limited and one never knows completely what lies beneath our hallowed sod.

In the past ten years, 70 "new" tombstones have been dedicated in the City Cemetery. If you know of an unmarked grave, please get in touch so that we can discuss the possibility of marking another grave in this historic spot. 🌿

Bringing History to Life

The following death announcement appeared in the *Nashville Banner* on February 26, 1908. Nashville City Cemetery records list the interment, on February 27, 1908, in the Vaulx plot located at Cedar and Locust.

Maj. Joseph Vaulx, a native resident and a member of one of the most prominent families of Nashville, died last night while taking a drive in a carriage.

Maj. Vaulx had been confined to his rooms for several months, but had recovered sufficiently to be out during the past few days, and spoke of feeling greatly improved to his friends. About 9 o'clock last evening he engaged the carriage of Webster Crutcher, a veteran colored hackman, and told him to drive him to the house of Mr. Hutchison on Patterson Street. He did not know the number of the house, but the Hackman went to Patterson Street and endeavored by inquiry to find the house mentioned. He was unsuccessful, however, and they returned to 411 Union Street, where Maj. Vaulx had an apartment. Crutcher opened the door of the carriage for Maj. Vaulx to get out, but he was unable to arouse him. He immediately called Henry Griffith, who had been a servant of Maj. Vaulx for twenty-six years. Maj. Vaulx had fallen slightly forward, but, being a corpulent man, he had not fallen between the seats. The combined efforts of both men were not sufficient to move him from the hack, and thereupon Crutcher drove to DeMotive & Co.'s drug store and asked Dr. W. H. Owen, prescriptionist, to come and see what was the matter with Maj. Vaulx. Dr. Owen made an examination and stated that he had probably been dead about half an hour. The remains were removed to the establishment of Dorris, Karsch & Co. and the relatives of Maj. Vaulx were notified.

The news of the sudden death of Maj. Vaulx came as a great shock to his many friends in the city, where he was very popular and highly esteemed. He had lived in Nashville all his life, with the exception of ten years which he spent in New York as a merchant. He was at one

Gentleman of the Old School

MAJ. JOE VAULX DIES SUDDENLY WHILE DRIVING IN A CARRIAGE



Monument inscription:

Joseph Vaulx
Son of
Joseph & Susan Vaulx
Born September 13th 1835
Died February 25th 1908

time superintendent of the Cumberland Iron Works in Stewart County. He had amassed a considerable fortune, and for some years had not actively engaged in business. He was unmarried. He was a brother of Mrs. M. M. Crockett, who died several years ago; Miss Kittie Vaulx and Mrs. R. S. Cowan.

Maj. Vaulx entered the service of the Confederate army as Lieutenant in Company A, First Tennessee, and throughout the war served with distinction. He was promoted to a captaincy and later served on the staff of Gen. Cheatham.

Mr. Vaulx was widely known in Nashville. For many years he was a member of the Hermitage Club and spent a large portion of his time there. He had a splendid memory, was a fluent talker, and his familiarity with the early history of Nashville made his presence at any function very acceptable. During his lifetime he had been thrown in touch with many distinguished men.

Maj. Vaulx was a young man when the sports of the turf were at their zenith in Tennessee, and he delighted so to recount the events of those days that whenever

he had a listener he would sit up all night long calling forth the reminiscences of the old days. He was acquainted with the pedigree and achievements of all the noted horses. He claimed to have been in part instrumental in the bringing to Tennessee of Bonnie Scotland, the great Belle Meade sire. Many of the famous Belle Meade horses were named by him.

Maj. Vaulx was 75 years of age at the time of his death, and with his death another of the old landmarks passes away. His strong traits of character and outspoken language sometimes caused the term eccentric to be applied to him, but over all he was genial and courteous as befits a gentleman of the old school. 🌿

— with thanks to Ridley Wills for his research at the State Library and Archives



Don't miss the **Living History Tour** October 3, 2015

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. Members receive the newsletter and are invited to special events. Please provide e-mail address below.

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If applicable, please list the names of your ancestors buried at City Cemetery: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Please complete this form and mail to NCCA, P.O. Box 150733, Nashville, TN 37215-0733

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