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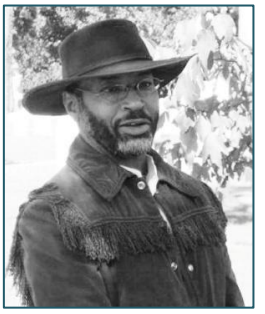
A WALK THROUGH OUR PAST

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*)

Nashville City Cemetery Association presents

The 9th Annual Living History Tour

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

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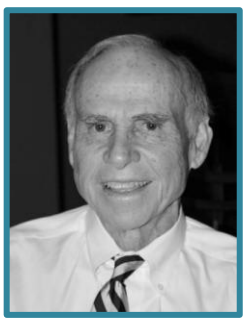
well as rewarding . The NCCA board works hard encouraging people to visit the cemetery.
Monthly tours hosted by board member volunteers began in April and will continue through
October . 7KH 0DVWHU * DUGHQHU WDONV were followed by
an outing for 190 students from Bellevue Middle School. In June
DWWHQGHHV RI WKH 7HQQHVVHH 3UHVHUYDWL 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 sc hools.



We celebrated spring with our 13th annual Memorial Day Dash / 5K Run, as 375 athletes tested their mettle in the heat. We are very grat eful 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 look s its very best. Increased patrols by Metro and Park Police have no ticeably 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 VSHFLI\LQJ ³2QOLQH 1HZVOHWWHU´ 2) efforts are nearly complete d to have City Cemetery officially designated as an Arboretum by The Nashville Tree Foundation, in recognition of the more than 30 di fferent species of stately trees on the grounds ; and 3) LQ -XO\ ZH EHJDQ WKH SURFHVV RI KDYLQJ WKH FHPHWHU\ ¶V designated as a Metro Greenway. We hope this effort will increase neighborhood interest and encourage more wa lkers 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 a s 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

A NOTHER THRILLING MEMORIAL DAY DASH!

Nearly 3 75 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 , w on his fourth Male Overall title with a blazing 16: 21. Other winners included & DLWOLQ 6WDQGLIHU :RPHQ¶V 2YHUDOO 7KHUHVD 6DXQGHUV) H (Male Masters). Claire Torchia (8) was our youngest winner, and Jennifer Ladefoged (80) our most experienced. All r unners and times can be found RQ WKH 6WULGHUV http://www.na shvillestriders.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 . T hey have been our partners from the beginning. Our deepest gratitude to Michael Bigley , the 6RXQGV¶ Communications Director; Krista Castillo of Ft. Negley Visitors Center; David Graeflin of the Athletes House; and Mr. Commodore of the Vanderbilt Athletic Department. Thanks, to o, 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 N ashville City Cemetery. KBL

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