

St. Paul's-in-the-Valley Cemetery

An Annual Newsletter for St. Philipians and Friends of the Cemetery

June 2009

From the Chairman

On May 16th we had a clean-up day at St. Paul's in the Valley and several loads of debris were removed from the paths and plots around the property. After the clean-up we gathered at the Parish House for a lunch of soup and cornbread and cookies. Dorothy Hudson's accident kept her from being with us, but she picked a day with good weather and made sure a large group of volunteers showed up. Having a dedicated group of people help take care of the Cemetery is a reflection of the high regard that St. Paul's holds in our hearts.

The Hemlock trees in the cemetery appear to be in good health. The treatments to keep the Woolly Adelgid in check have worked so far although another treatment may be needed in the near future.

Flags were placed on veteran's graves with the help of Jack Reak for Memorial Day. When the flags were removed I noticed several large tree limbs had fallen. No damage to the headstones was apparent and pathways are not blocked. Cleaning up the larger limbs may wait until this Fall and cooler temperatures. Someone may need the firewood.

Thank you all for your time and effort in keeping St. Paul's in the Valley presentable. And thanks to everyone who has made donations to the Cemetery Fund.

David Morrow, Chairman
St. Paul's in the Valley
Cemetery Committee



Seashell Decorations



Have you ever seen seashells resting on headstones or on some of the graves in St. Paul's in the Valley? Notice the Chisolm family plot on the right at the top of the drive. Their Charleston heritage surely has influenced the many conch shells there. The custom is especially prevalent in the South and is said to have been practiced many centuries ago in Africa and in Mediterranean countries. The nuances of meaning have differed widely from culture to culture, but the common thread is that the shells represent prayers for the soul of the departed and respect and caring by the family.

In Memoriam



The following burials have taken place since our last newsletter:

Jon Lloyd Boulet	67C
Rev. Charles Alexander Bryan	77A
Linda Hill Stansbury Candler	47
Martha Bailey LaVoie D'Agata	77C
Patricia Knoth Gibson	82
Marilyn Lee Mills Johnson	65
Helen Duke Green Kizer	66
Edward Jonathan Klopp	58J
Mildred Adele Ferguson Lindgren	79D
Walter "Pat" Curtiss Patzig	75C
Julia Tomkins Ramsey	58E
Margaret Ann Breth Saltsman	7J
Thomas Parks Saltsman	7J

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reminders

- ✚ We need to repeat that our cemetery rules require a permanent identifying marker with name and dates for each burial. If there are unmarked burials in your plot, you will receive a reminder in the mail.
- ✚ Make sure that before any burial or placement of stones, a member of the cemetery committee approves the placement.
- ✚ Artificial flowers are not permitted and will be removed by the cemetery committee.

Our Veterans

Since our last newsletter, we have added six names to the list of our honored military servicemen and women, bringing the total to sixty-two.

Thomas Parks Saltsman	7J
Carney "Dick" B. Carter	56
Arthur Middleton Dehon	58H
Edward Jonathan Klopp	58J
Jon Lloyd Boulet	67C
Charles Alexander Bryan	77A

Please let us know if there are those we have missed, as we continue to place flags at their graves twice a year, on Memorial Day in May and on Veterans Day in November.



Website News

Be sure to visit the great website of St. Philip's at www.stphilipsbrevard.org. Harry Sherwood has added our Policies and Procedures document and our Information Before Burial to the Forms area. Unfortunately, our photographers were out of commission during the last cemetery clean-up, so no new pictures are available. To reach the Cemetery section, click on Parish Life (Administration). View this newsletter there in living color!

Plans are in the works to add a listing of St. Paul's burials, possibly with photographs of the gravestones.

The Duncan MacDougald Family

There was an interesting article in The Transylvania Times on Monday, April 13, 2009, p.1 B. Jan Lee wrote of finding in her attic some old items relating to the Hansard family and the Duncan MacDougalds, who had built and lived in the house on Rice Street. Mrs. MacDougald was formerly Elise Hansard, whose sister Isabel lived with them here in Brevard. The papers of son, Duncan, Jr., who never married, are archived at Emory University. The stones in their large family plot, #63, in St. Paul's in the Valley read as follows:

Duncan MacDougald	1873-1951
Elise Hansard MacDougald	1876-1959
Isabel J. Hansard	1878-1960
Duncan MacDougald, Jr.	1913-1969

This is one of our "orphan" plots, with no known relatives to contact. We look forward to learning more about this family.



From Our Records

It is difficult to get an exact number of burials in St. Paul's in the Valley, as in the earliest days, record-keeping was not consistent. The first rector, Rev. J. S. Hanckel, did not return to the area from his home in South Carolina until May or June, so any burials during winter or spring were not recorded in the register. Rev. Hanckel recorded burials between 1857 and 1863 of four infants whose identifying markers have not been found. The families of these children did not return from Charleston after the Civil War. While Rev. Hanckel recorded baptisms and marriages of a few slaves, he did not record any slave burials, but tradition and the many unmarked stones indicate that there were surely slave burials here.

The number of recorded burials stands today at 371. Of these, 344 are plot burials and 27 are scattered or remembered at the Memorial Stone.

Our Policies and Procedures state that while casket burials are permitted, we encourage considering cremation. Since our last newsletter, there has been only one casket burial.



In Memory of...

REVEREND
THOMAS B. McCLEMENT
1867 ----- 1947



Reverend McClement was an Episcopal Priest who retired here and boarded with the parents of Joan Austin Kierstead and Pat Austin. He never married and apparently had no family in this country. A search of the internet turned up a birth record, some census records, a passport application, and several ship's passenger lists, from which some details of his widely-travelled and interesting life are learned.

Thomas Ballinger McClement was born to Robert and Jane Bailie McClement on 8 September 1867 in Grey Abbey, near Ballyhalbert, County Down, Ireland. He immigrated to the United States as a young man in 1889. The date of his naturalization is unsure, but took place in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri. Numerous ship's passenger lists record his travels and show his occupation as minister or clergyman. Episcopal Church records will surely hold more information about the churches he served.

At the time of a passport application in January 1919, he was planning to leave from Vancouver, BC, to visit Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, for the purpose of Lecture Tours. His previous residences outside the United States were listed as:

Australia	July 1907 - Oct. 1908
New Zealand	Oct. 1908 – Aug. 1909
Africa	Sept. 1909 – June 1910

He was a Clergyman in Silver City, New Mexico at the time of the application. He arrived back in San Francisco from New Zealand and Tahiti in Sept. 1919.

A 1925 arrival in Southampton, England, from Australia and a 1929 arrival in California from Honolulu attest to Rev. McClement's additional travels.

In the 1930 Census, Thomas B. McClement, age 62, resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico as a Minister in the Episcopal Church. Under the heading of Employment, one question asked was "Whether actually at work yesterday". The answer was "Yes"!

In 1937, at age 70 he arrived in New York on a ship from Southampton, England via Cobh, Ireland. His address in the US was Seamen's Church Institute, NYC.

Further study will fill in more of his personality, perhaps, and next year the 1940 Census will be available. But why dig into this man's past at all? Professional biographers write the stories of the rich and famous. Family historians write the stories of beloved grandparents for future generations. Rev. McClement had no fame, no fortune, no dotting grandchildren, but he deserves to be as honored as any in our cemetery.

Dorothy Hudson