

**City of Jefferson Cemetery Resource Board Report
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

The City of Jefferson Cemetery Resource Board continues to be active in the preservation and restoration of historic Old City Cemetery, Woodland Cemetery, and Longview Cemetery in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Cemetery Resource Board is very active in honoring and preserving those individuals who are a part of Jefferson City history. The current Cemetery Resource Board members are:

Nancy Thompson (Chair)
Tim Theroff (Co-Chair)
Pat-Rowe Kerr
Beth Bock
Rebecca Gordon
Mark Schreiber (Council Liaison)

In 2015-2016 the Cemetery Resource Board continued to restore historical gravestones and structures, and to unearth historic gravestones that had been lost to time. With the help of the community and volunteers many projects have seen progress this past year.

In July of 2015, the Cemetery Resource Board finished the restoration of the Clarke Mausoleum located along East McCarty Street. With money allocated from the City Council, the Clarke Mausoleum was successfully restored by Koestner Masonry from Russellville, Missouri. Over the years the Clarke Mausoleum had shown deterioration of its structure due to time and weathering. The roof line was sagging, mortar was cracking and missing around block seams, and the windows/roof was allowing moisture to penetrate into the structure. Koestner Masonry completed the necessary repairs to make the structure sound again and to preserve it for many years to come.

Clarke Mausoleum



Also in the summer of 2015, an American flag was installed on the flag pole located in the State of Missouri burial lot next to former State of Missouri Governor John S. Marmaduke and Thomas Reynolds. There are also many other State of Missouri government office holders buried in this area. The Cemetery Resource Board felt that these individuals should be honored for their service to the State of Missouri.

American Flag in State of Missouri Lot-Woodland Cemetery



The resetting of gravestones continued in 2015-2016 throughout Woodland/Old City Cemetery. Nancy Thompson, Chair of the Cemetery Resource Board, reset many gravestones throughout the cemetery. Many of these stones were leaning, broken, or buried. Many gravestones were reset in the cemeteries which improved the maintenance and aesthetics of the area.



The Cemetery Resource Board also took time out of their busy schedules to attend a training sponsored by Riverview Cemetery Association on July 28, 2015. This training was conducted by Gary Kershner of Creative Sculptures and Restoration, Inc. Gary gave hands on training to cemetery board members and city staff in the proper cleaning and repair of gravestones.

In the fall of 2015 Nancy Thompson, Cemetery Board Chair, made arrangements with Lincoln University staff Dr. Ruthi Sturdevant who began research on the western portion of Old City Cemetery where many unmarked graves are located. The goal of this research is to identify grave lots in this section. Some of the people interred may have been founders of Lincoln University. Also at this time arrangements were made with Lincoln University ROTC Program for volunteer help in cleaning up areas of the cemetery. Lieutenant Colonel Ray Ferguson and his ROTC students volunteered time in helping clean grave stones, rake leaves, and remove unwanted brush in Old City Cemetery.

Pictured below (Lincoln University ROTC)



Throughout the year the Cemetery Resource Board and City of Jefferson staff continued the maintenance upkeep of the cemeteries. In the fall of 2015 staff recommended that Lamberson Lawn Care receive the three year contract for maintenance of the cemeteries. This included the mowing, trimming, raking, trash removal, and snow removal at Old City, Woodland, and Longview Cemeteries. Decoration guidelines were also created for the Longview Cemetery to help guide individuals in the proper decoration of grave sites.

The Parks and Recreation Department gave assistance this year in the trimming and pruning of trees in Woodland Cemetery. The Parks and Recreation Department helps keep the trees in good condition and safe for the public who visit the cemeteries. Also a large maple tree was removed due to decay to prevent it from falling and damaging many important monuments and grave stones in Woodland Cemetery.

In the spring of 2016, contact was made with the State of Missouri Office of Administration to solicit help in restoring the State of Missouri lot in Woodland Cemetery. Immediate response was received from the State of Missouri providing help and materials in enhancing this lot. Walking paths and bed stone grave markers that had been overgrown with grass were restored to make an area that looked cared for and respected.



State of Missouri Lot

The spring of 2016 became busy with the planning of the Historic Cemetery Walking Tour which occurred on June 4. A monument was dedicated to Carrie Crittenden at this event. Carrie Crittenden was the nine year old daughter of former Governor Thomas Crittenden (1881-1885). She was a little girl who was beloved by everybody in Jefferson City. Carrie died due to diphtheria when she was nine years old in 1882 and was buried in Woodland Cemetery on E. McCarty Street. The Daughters of the American Revolution enumerated Woodland Cemetery in 1976 and stated the monument where Carrie was buried was no longer present. An article in "The State Times" published in Jefferson City on Friday, August 13, 1886, included this statement, "Scarcely ten feet away from Mr. Lay's (the Honorable Alfred M. Lay, member of the Congress from Missouri) monument, sleeps the beloved daughter of Governor Crittenden". Using this research, Nancy Thompson, Cemetery Board Chair, was able to locate a stone slab fitting the above description and determined the grave site of where Carrie Crittenden was buried. The Cemetery Resource Board agreed that a monument honoring Carrie Crittenden should be established at this location. With the help of the Friends of the Missouri Governor's Mansion, the City of Jefferson, and community partners a monument was created to honor this little girl who was a part of Missouri and Jefferson City history.



Carrie Crittenden Monument (Dedicated June 4, 2016 at Woodland Cemetery)



The Historic Walking Tour also gave insight about many individuals buried in Woodland Cemetery and Old City Cemetery. The Friends of the Missouri Governor's Mansion docents dressed up in period costumes to represent the individuals interred in these historic cemeteries. They were stationed throughout the cemetery at these grave sites to tell the history of these individuals. The event was well attended by the public and many compliments were given on how well the tour was conducted and much appreciation for the improved maintenance conditions of the cemetery. The Cemetery Resource Board members, City of Jefferson staff, and community volunteers helped make this event a success.



Pictured above (Friends of the Missouri Governor's Mansion Docents)



Reverend Beau Underwood-First Christian Church



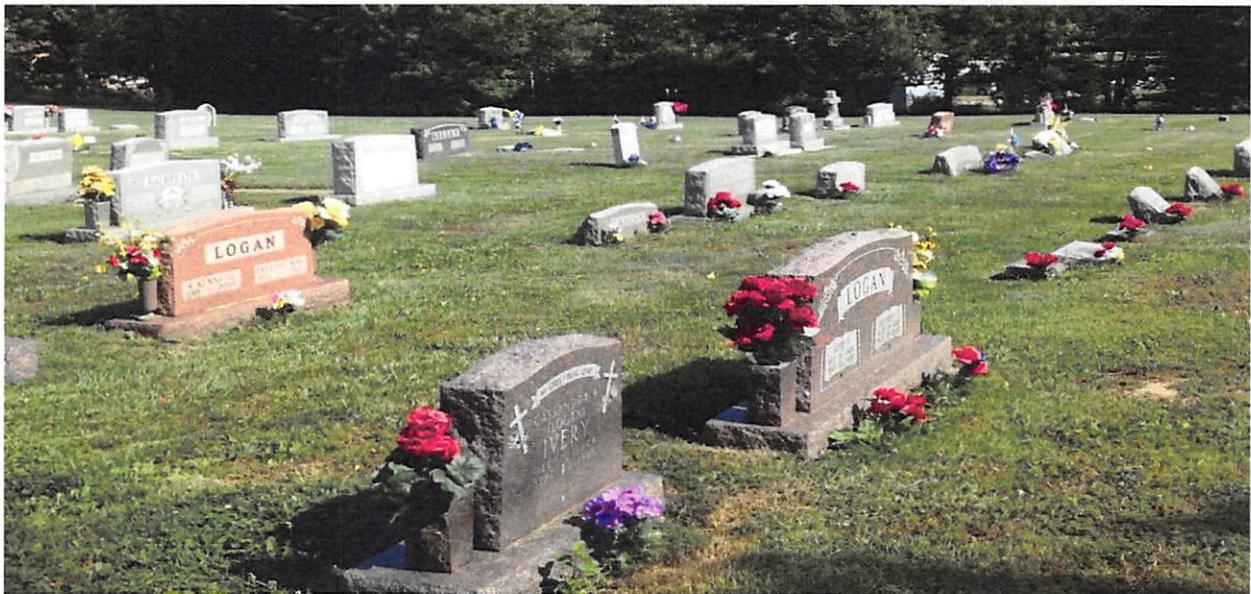
Rebecca Gordon-Director Friends of the Missouri Governor' Mansion

There were many other notable accomplishments completed at Woodland Cemetery and Old City Cemetery this past year. Nancy Thompson, Cemetery Resource Board Chair, has worked on many record keeping tasks. They include the following:

- *Woodland and Old City Cemetery has been completely enumerated and photos taken of every tombstone standing for archival records.
- *Utilizing death certificates, obituaries, and historic documents, 766 unmarked burials have been identified and the information is posted on the City of Jefferson website.
- *The identification of 103 veteran burials has been recorded so flags can be placed on these graves for Memorial Day. An additional five veterans are buried in unmarked graves and an application will be made to the Veteran's Administration for military stones for these graves.
- *There has been 141 tombstones reset and roughly 20 more tombstones have been straightened or positioning improved.
- *Flower beds have been planted in various bed-stones grave lots throughout the cemetery with more to be planted when repairs to the tombstone are done.

Longview Cemetery

Improvements to Longview Cemetery, 204 Scott Station Road, continued throughout this past year. Numerous trees were trimmed and underbrush was removed from around the storage building to improve maintenance and aesthetics to the cemetery. Guidelines regarding maintenance and decorating grave sites were posted at Longview Cemetery to help guide visitors in the proper care of their loved ones grave site. Also this past year the City of Jefferson staff sold eight grave sites at Longview Cemetery.



In conclusion, the Cemetery Resource Board continues to actively pursue the improvement of Jefferson City Municipal Cemeteries. Continued restoration of historic grave stones and maintenance of the grounds is a primary goal of the board. Also continued efforts in improving the record keeping of these cemeteries has become a major goal this next year. With continued support from the City of Jefferson, board members, and community volunteers, these cemeteries will become a historical area for visitors to enjoy for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Thompson".

Nancy Thompson
Cemetery Resource Board Chair