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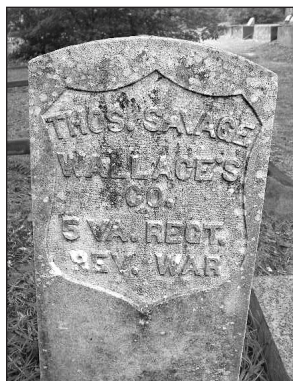
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A Mystery

A recently published book, *Redcoats on the River* by Bert Dunkerly, about the American Revolution in the Lower Cape Fear Region revealed the surprising knowledge that there were three Revolutionary soldiers buried in Oakdale.



Since the first burial in the cemetery was in 1855, it is fairly obvious that the three had to be re-interments. The lot card shows these interments, but no date as to when they occurred. The three stones are located behind the Matt J. Heyer Mausoleum in Section O, Lot # 161. The lot was

purchased in November 1913. The space between the end of the mausoleum, where the three stones are located and the edge of the lot is too small for the burials to be in that location.

Furthermore, the foundation of the mausoleum would be large and substantial which would not allow any burials to be placed below or beside the structure. It is entirely possible that only the stones were moved from another cemetery.

NSDAR records show that the three are ancestors of Mary Bell Heyer (1859-1934), wife of Matt J. Heyer. She was born in Norfolk, VA and all three soldiers were born and died in Northampton County, VA.

The inscriptions on the stones are:

Thomas Savage, "Wallace's Co.", 5th Va Reg. – Rev. War
Capt. Robert T. Bell, "Beall's Co.", 9th Va Reg. – Rev. War
W. H. Bell, "Peyton's Co.", 9th Va Reg. – Rev. War



2010 Calendar of Events

Walking Tour with Bob Cooke:

Saturday, September 18, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The tour will have a Civil War theme.

\$8.00 – Friends of Oakdale, free

Birding Tour with Dr. James Parnell:

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

\$8.00 – Friends of Oakdale, free

Cemetery Conservation Workshop

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 P.m.

\$35.00 which includes box lunch (Limited to 35 participants)

Horse-drawn Wagon Rides, Sunday, October 24

Narrated tours every 30 minutes beginning at 3:00 PM, last tour at 5:30 PM; adults, \$10; children 12 and younger, \$8; members: adults, \$8; children 12 and younger, \$6.

Besides these three Revolutionary soldiers, there are two Confederate soldiers on the same lot - Samuel Bell and Lt. James Elwell Bell, who both served in the Civil War from Virginia. The latter soldier is the father of Mrs. Heyer and he was interred in the mausoleum in 1914, when he died at the age of 91. On the lot card, the date of the interment of Samuel Bell is not noted.

The mystery continues whether or not the soldiers are actually interred in Oakdale or only their stones are placed there. ❖

Planting Flowers

Summer cemetery visitors may have noticed the lovely red lantana and purple vinca blooming at the cemetery's entrance.

Tee Woodbury, Sylvia Stoudenmire and Bonnie Burriess planted the flowers in May. Another project funded by the Friends was the removal of twelve dead trees and the pruning of limbs of other trees throughout the cemetery.



NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

(recorded between January 1, 2010 and July 31, 2010)

If you joined during this time and we failed to list your name, please phone the office and we will correct the listing in the next issue of *Inscriptions*.

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SALE OF Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias

The Friends of Oakdale will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias to be placed on loved ones graves this 2010 holiday season.

Watch for postcards in early November with ordering details.



A REMINDER

To all the Friends of Oakdale, when receiving this periodic publication news and events of the Friends, this is not a reminder of your membership status. The Membership Committee sends out a specific letter. These letters are mailed to you annually when the time arrives according to the month you had renewed last or joined.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Ms. Bertha A. Register

Ms. Bertha A. Register has worked for Oakdale Cemetery since April 1997. Prior to joining the cemetery, she was an Administrative Assistant in the Wilmington Police Department, retiring after 30 years of service. Her numerous duties with Oakdale include answering the telephone, greeting and assisting families and visitors, maintaining the cemetery records and taking care of the cemetery's correspondence. She is also the appointed secretary to the Oakdale Cemetery Board of Directors, which entails writing the minutes of each their meetings. She was an integral part of converting the lot owners and burial records from the old traditional card catalog to the more modern computer database system. It took her nine months to enter, meticulously, nearly 30,000 burial records and 8,000 lot owner cards into our burial database which is available on the Oakdale website.



Recently, Ms. Register has taken on the administrative duties for the Friends of Oakdale. She helps maintain the membership records, mail merges the monthly renewal letters, prepares the deposits, sells tickets and maintains the participant's lists for each Friends event.

We would like to acknowledge this dedicated and valued employee of The Oakdale Cemetery Company and assistant to the Friends group. Thank you, Bertha, for all you do! ❖

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(Not pictured, Edward Gibson)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

If you would like to become more involved with the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery, Inc., we have lots of opportunities for you.

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- NEWSLETTER
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- FUND RAISING
- DISTRIBUTION
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MATERIAL

Please call the Oakdale Cemetery office for more information.
910-762-5682

Conservation Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery and the Historic Wilmington Foundation are sponsoring an all-day cemetery conservation and restoration workshop.

It will be held at Oakdale Cemetery and will feature Mr. Jonathan Appell, a professional cemetery preservationist from the New England area.

It will cover all of the basics – how to repair minor damage and the best ways to properly clean all types of monuments. The cost is \$35.00 per person, which will include a box lunch. Participants will be limited to 35 in order to keep the workshop as intimate and as hands on as possible. Registration is required. To register, contact the Historic Wilmington Foundation (910) 762-2511 or e-mail Edwards@historicwilmington.org.



On Friday, October 15, 2010 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Mr. Appell will be at Pine Forest Cemetery on North 16th Street. He will give a brief overview of cemetery preservation and conservation. There will be an on site discussion of various stones and concepts to care for them. This will be free to public. ❖

Friends' Board Member Profiles

MARCUS "MARK" STANLEY

Marcus "Mark" Stanley was raised in Shallotte, NC. After graduating from West Brunswick High School, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed away from North Carolina, returning to Wilmington in 2000. At a very young age, he became interested in genealogy after finding his name in a family history book written by his great, great uncle. This interest grew into research and extensive work on his lineage, which necessitated visiting many cemeteries, large and small. When he discovered Oakdale, he began to explore opportunities to participate in the preservation of such an historic cemetery.

Mark is married and has two daughters. He is a professional photographer and a stay at home father. He often visits Oakdale to further his family research. ❖



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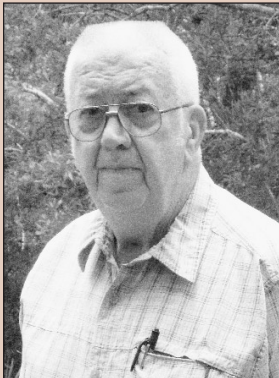
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Bird Tour

Saturday, September 25, 2010
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Join us on Saturday, September 25, 2010, for an informative and interesting bird tour conducted by



Dr. James Parnell. Dr. Parnell taught in the Department of Biological Sciences at UNCW for over 30 years, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1996. While at UNCW, he taught Ornithology, Vertebrate Natural History and Wetland Science as well as introductory biology courses. His primary research involved the ecology and management of coastal water birds. He is the author of over 60 articles

and books including being the co-author of *Birds of the Carolinas*. Retirement interests include birding, wildlife photography, wood working and gardening.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Sunday, October 24, 2010 • 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.



Once again, Oakdale Cemetery will host the popular Wagon Rides on October 24, 2010. Our old friends, NIP and TUCK, the black Percheron horses, will pull the twelve passenger red wagon around Oakdale, with their owner, Mr. Ed Lewis in the driver's seat. It is an opportunity to view the cemetery from the wagon while listening as a guide tells about the historic old cemetery.