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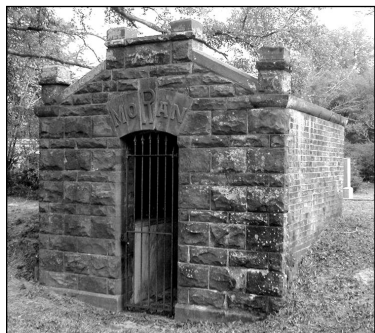
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## The History Corner

**The Reverend Robert S. Moran Mausoleum:** As you enter Oakdale Cemetery at the end of Fifteenth Street and proceed north down the main thoroughfare referred to as Jones Avenue, you will eventually notice the mausoleum of the Reverend Robert S. Moran. It is on the right side of the thoroughfare after the Hugh MacRae and the William R. Kenan plots with his name "Moran" cut into the stone.



The Moran Mausoleum, built under the supervision of James F. Post, was the first erected in Oakdale Cemetery in late 1892. The ten by ten foot structure with a brown stone front and a combination of brick and concrete side and back walls is covered with a concrete roof. The floor is also of concrete. The entrance at

one time had heavy oak doors and iron grated gates that remain today. It is estimated that the total cost was \$1,000.

The glass covered casket in which Reverend Moran was interred was placed in a marble covered sarcophagus in which the sarcophagus cover could easily slide open for visitors to view his remains. At some point in time, the family, friends or authorities decided that the ability to view Reverend Moran's remains was not appropriate and the sarcophagus cover was permanently stabilized.

Reverend Moran died in New York City in April 1862 and his remains were transported to Wilmington, North Carolina per his request. Funeral services were conducted at the Grace Methodist Church and attended by a very large group of friends, relatives and fellow ministers. After the service, Reverend Moran's remains were temporarily interred in the deRosset vault until the mausoleum was completed in December 1862.

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## 2009 Calendar of Events



### Camellia Tour: Sunday, March 8, 2:00 PM

Ed Powers and Bill Wilcox, both members of Wilmington's Tidewater Camellia Club and certified judges of the American Camellia Society, will guide participants on a two hour tour of the camellias blooming in Oakdale. \$8.00 for non-members; FREE for members.

### Spring Floral Tour: Sunday, March 29, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

See what's blooming at Oakdale with horticulturist/superintendent Eric Kozen. \$8.00 per person; FREE for members.

### Oakdale Historical Tour: Saturday, April 18, 10:00 AM – Noon

Architectural historian Janet K. Seapker gives a tour focusing on the history of Oakdale Cemetery and reveals the meaning of symbols used in Victorian funerary art. \$8.00 for non-members; FREE for members.

For all events, participants should park outside the gate at the end of North 15th Street and meet at the entrance. Admission is paid at the gate, cash or check only. Additional information may be obtained at the Oakdale Cemetery office at 520 N. 15th Street; 910-762-5682. ❖

## Annual Meeting for Friends of Oakdale Cemetery

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 – 12:00 pm

New Hanover Room, New Hanover County  
Public Library (Main Branch)



The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery have a volunteer opportunity waiting for YOU!

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- GARDENING
- ADMINISTRATIVE (COMPUTER SKILLS NEEDED)
- COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION
- ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER, INSCRIPTIONS

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# NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

(recorded between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008)

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## Friends' Board Member Profiles

### CHUCK RIESZ

Chuck Riesz was born and reared in Wilmington. He remembers frequent childhood trips to Oakdale to tend the graves of family members. After getting degrees from Ohio Wesleyan University and American University, he worked as a writer at Congressional Quarterly in Washington, D.C., on the campaign staff of Ohio gubernatorial candidate John J. Gilligan, and for The Dayton Daily News. In 1980 he happily returned home to become editorial page editor of the Star-News. In 2008 he retired and began research for a book about the Dutch immigrants who came to Southeastern North Carolina in the 20th century. ❖

### TEE DOXEY WOODBURY

A lifelong resident, Tee was born in Wilmington and graduated from New Hanover High School. She attended Salem College in Winston-Salem. She married her childhood sweetheart, Gene Woodbury, also a Wilmingtonian, and they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. She has been active in real estate sales in the area for over 25 years and enjoys touring newcomers to our area through Oakdale Cemetery to acquaint them with the history and beauty of this lovely place. Visits to individual plots have special meaning for Tee because of the many memories of her family and friends. ❖

### HELEN TAYLOR WOLFE

Helen Wolfe was born and raised in Wilmington. After marrying, she and her husband Tom left Wilmington and were gone for 37 years returning 12 years ago. She has five generations of family buried at Oakdale, and she and her family have always had a strong affection for the cemetery. Now that Helen has returned "home" she looks forward to being a part of the cemetery that she and Tom love so much. Tom presently serves on The Oakdale Cemetery Board.

Helen loves gardening and volunteering, and is constantly amazed at how much Wilmington has changed over the years. ❖

### ANN HEWLETT HUTTEMAN

One of Ann Hewlett Hutteman's earliest recollections is going to Oakdale Cemetery with her grandmother and aunt to visit several family plots. During the weekly ritual, the two adults told fascinating stories about those Wilmington citizens interred there. With certainty, these cemetery visits fostered Ann's lifelong interest in local history.

A graduate of UNC-W, she received a Master's Degree in elementary education from UNC-Chapel Hill. She taught at Tileston Elementary School before being employed by Standard Oil Corporation, teaching 3rd grade in Tia Juana, Venezuela. After her marriage, she lived all over the world, where her husband built power stations for Westinghouse Corp.

After retirement to Wilmington, Ann has been associated with the Cape Fear Museum, the New Hanover County Library (North Carolina Room), the Old New Hanover County Genealogy Society and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She is the author of several books and numerous articles on local history. ❖

## The History Corner

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Reverend Moran served the Front Street Methodist Church in Wilmington; a Salisbury, North Carolina Church; the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church in Wilmington returning to the Front Street Methodist Church after it was renamed the Grace Methodist Church. Because Reverend Moran tired of travel and relocating to a new congregation each year, he decided to reside permanently at one location but continued to serve as a minister for those who welcomed him. He was loved by many and had the total respect of his fellow clergy. ❖

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