

Inscriptions

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A Lasting Legacy for Wilmington **James Walker**

In our last newsletter, we identified over fifty medical doctors buried in Oakdale Cemetery. Those that practiced from 1901 until 1967 were affiliated with James Walker Memorial Hospital which was named for its benefactor.



Photo courtesy of North Carolina Room, New Hanover County Library

James Walker was a native of Scotland, having immigrated with his family when he was twelve years of age. He became a contractor and his first work was on the capitol building in Washington, DC. In 1857, he came to Wilmington to build the Marine



Hospital, located on property now designated as Robert Strange Park. Among his other projects was the construction in the 1860s of the First Presbyterian Church on Third Street. He was the supervising architect for the Temple of Israel and for the Y.M.C.A. building and the old stone post office both on North Front Street. He also built the



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North Carolina Hospital for the Insane in Morganton, NC.

A lifelong bachelor, Mr. Walker's lasting legacy was his donation of funds to build the local hospital, which was located at North Tenth and Rankin streets. His obituary lauds not only his philanthropic efforts, but his attention to details of the

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Calendar of Events



Friends of Oakdale Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month, 12:00 noon. Kenneth Sprunt Office Building, Oakdale Cemetery.

March 17, 2016 – Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies

Easter is March 27, 2016. The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery are offering for sale full, fresh Easter lilies for the graves of loved ones. \$35.00 for non-members; \$33.00 for members. See Easter lily order blank on page 4 of this newsletter.

Horticultural Tour with Eelco Tinga and Eric Kozen **Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

These gentlemen have a combined over 50 years of horticultural experience and will delight you with their knowledge of the flora of Oakdale. They will emphasize magnificent specimens and will show the gems of a rural garden cemetery. \$10.00 for non-members; FREE for members

Summer Walking Tour

Saturday, May 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Ed Gibson, local historian, will lead a walking tour of Oakdale. He will tell some interesting tales of those interred in the cemetery. \$10.00 for non-members; FREE for members.

Summer Walking Tour

Saturday, June 18, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Local historian, David Rice, accompanied by the Oakdale Superintendent, Eric Kozen, will emphasize the tragic Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1862. \$10.00 for non-members; FREE for members.

Flashlight Tour – Sat., July 16, 2016, 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Historical walking tours of North Carolina's oldest rural cemetery will

be led by local historians, Chris Fonvielle, Robin Triplett and Superintendent Eric Kozen. Each of these knowledgeable guides will lead a tour and tell about the history of Oakdale, Civil War veterans, funerary art as well as interesting stories about some of Oakdale's most prominent citizens. Cost is \$15.00 per person and you must supply your own flashlight.

Flashlight Tour – Sat., August 20, 2016, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This Flashlight Tour will once again feature local historians, Chris Fonvielle, Robin Triplett and Superintendent Eric Kozen. Cost is \$15.00 per person and you must supply your own flashlight.

Summer Walking Tour

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Mike Whaley, local historian, will be the guide for the walking tour. Mr. Whaley will tell some interesting stories about the folks interred in the cemetery. \$10, non-members; FREE for members.

Summer Walking Tour

Sunday, October 16, 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Local historian, Kenneth Newland will lead an afternoon historical tour of Oakdale. Stroll through the cemetery and hear tales of some of the Civil War notable buried here. \$10.00 for non-members; FREE for members.

Veterans of War Tour

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A Veterans of War Tour guided by Mr. Jack Fryar, an author and publisher of Cape Fear history. He will tell stories of those who fought and died in the defense of freedom of our country. \$10.00 for non-members; FREE for members.

ALL TOURS ARE CANCELLED IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

(Recorded between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015)

If you joined or renewed your membership 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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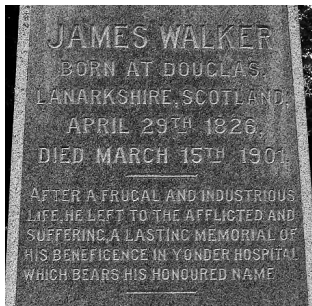
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James Walker

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construction of the hospital. Sadly, he died on March 15, 1901, about six months before his project was brought to fruition. He is buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Section N, Lot #3.

New Hanover Memorial Hospital replaced the old hospital in 1967.



SOURCE: Obituary, *Wilmington Dispatch*, 15 March 2, 1901

Eagle Scout Project

In November, Scott Perry, a member of Boy Scout Troup #234, performed his Eagle Scout Project. The Friends of Oakdale gave some assistance to his project, which was to plant a "Cut Garden" in the Memorial Park. This garden allows visitors to cut flowers for the graves of their loved ones if desired. Also, Mr. Perry made three benches which will be placed at the graves of new burials for about a week for the comfort of their families.



Veteran Day Flags



On November 7, 2015, nearly 1500 flags were placed at the graves of veterans in Oakdale, Pine Forest and Bellevue Cemeteries. Over 75 Laney High School ROTC cadets, their parents and some

veterans assisted in the project. For the first time, First National Flags were placed at the graves of Confederate Veterans thanks to the Cape Fear Chapter #3, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Our appreciation goes to the Woodmen of the World for supplying the flags and for the water provided for this annual event.

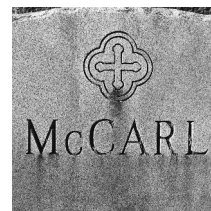
VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

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

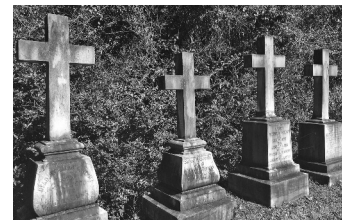
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Crosses in the Cemetery

One of the most common symbols in Oakdale Cemetery is that of the cross. There are three basic types of crosses which have evolved over the years. The Greek cross looks like a + sign, having equidistant arms. It is more likely to be a decoration on a tombstone rather than a freestanding cross. The Latin cross resembles a *t* and is by far the most familiar and popular symbol of Christianity. The Celtic cross has a circle (nimbus) connecting the four arms of the cross. This cross is pagan in origin and predates Christianity by a number of centuries. They can be found in cemeteries as plain stone monuments, but most often they have intricate drawings on the surface. Graves of Irish and Scottish families are most likely to have Celtic crosses on their plots.



Greek



Latin



Celtic

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE

Obby Allsbrook, Carlton Allegood and Ann Hutteman, members of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery, rotated off the Board. We thank them for their years of devoted service. Raymond Kozen and Bonnie Cooper Warwick were elected to the Board at the Friends' December Annual meeting.

Raymond Kozen

After attending Seattle University, Mr. Kozen spent 40 years working in the Defense/Aerospace Industry, retiring after 24 years as a Corporate Vice President and Officer of General Dynamics Corporation. Following his retirement from GD, he served as a Managing Director of the Windsor Group, an investment bank, located in Reston, Virginia and as a Managing Director of Porton Capital, a venture capital firm headquartered in London and Dubai, UAE. He was a founder and Managing Partner of Aspen Partners, LLC, a consultancy firm in the Defense/Aerospace sector. After fully retiring in early 2013, Mr. Kozen and his wife, Dorothy, relocated to Wilmington from northern Virginia to be near his son, Eric, who is Superintendent of Oakdale Cemetery. He views the cemetery as a historic gem and an asset to the Wilmington community and welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Friends of Oakdale Board.

Bonnie Cooper Warwick

Mrs. Warwick is a 1955 graduate of Acme Delco High School and a three year graduate of James Walker Hospital School of Nursing. She married Wilmington native, Lenox Cooper, who served on the Oakdale Cemetery Company Board for 27 years. The couple lived away from Wilmington for a number of years before returning in 1973. They have two children and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Warwick was a volunteer with the Salvation Army Auxiliary while working part time at Cape Fear Hospital in Surgery and Recovery. For nineteen years, she was a Doncaster Wardrobe Consultant, having four shows a year in her home. When her husband became ill, she gave up her job, which was really her hobby! After losing her husband in 2011, she devoted her time to her church, the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, serving as a Deacon for the past three years. On November 21, 2015, she married Bob Warwick, who was a friend of Lenox's and hers since 1959. She looks forward to serving on the Friends' Board.

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Order Your Easter Lilies NOW!

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

Friends of Oakdale Cemetery are offering
for sale full, fresh Easter Lilies for graves of loved ones.

**\$35 for members & non-members of
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These lilies are **beautiful, substantial two-stemmed plants**
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