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The Old City Cemetery Committee Celebrates its Twenty Year Anniversary!

By Lynda Walls, OCCC President

OCCC Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 10 am The Real 49'ers History Tour

Guide: Frances Pendleton

Wed., Sept. 12 - 7:30 am

Birding in the Cemetery Tour

Guide: Maureen Geiger

Saturday, Sept. 15 - 10 am What's Blooming in the Cemetery Garden Tour Guide: Anita Clevenger

Saturday, Oct. 13 - 9 am Firemen's Memorial

Saturday, Oct. 20 - 10 am What's Blooming in the Cemetery Garden Tour Guides: Sharon Patrician & Carol Nelson

Saturday, Oct. 27 - Evening Lantern Tours

Saturday, Nov. 17 - 10 am Autumn Color in the Rose Garden Tour Guide: Anita Clevenger

Saturday, Dec. 1 - 10 am Rose Pruning Clinic Saturday, Dec. 15 - 10 am Rose Pruning Clinic

Information: 916-448-0811

Just twenty years ago, the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery seemed a forlorn and forbidding place. A stark chain-link fence surrounded acres of uncared for overgrown plots. Headstones and monuments were toppled and broken. Markers were hidden by weeds and tall grasses. Those plots that were not overgrown were barren.

Twenty years ago, the most common visitors to the City Cemetery were teenagers trying to spook each other at night, hell-bent vandals and the occasional horror film crew. The City Cemetery did not attract walkers and joggers looking for a pleasant place to exercise. Mothers did not bring their children for picnics and history lessons. Few families visited the grave sites of their departed loved ones.

Fortunately, twenty years ago a small group of community-minded folks looked around and realized that just wasn't right. Armed with little more than determination and good intentions, they set into motion a transformation so striking it would gain the attention of the entire city.

Twenty years later, the Sacramento City Cemetery is a beautiful and inspiring historical site, teaming with life and activity. On weekend mornings the Cemetery is filled with the sounds of volunteers and Sheriff's Work Project Crews busily maintaining the plant life and infrastructure. Parents with strollers walk the carriageways and excited students attend history and garden tours. Visitors travel great distances to enjoy the three dedicated gardens and nearby office workers relax in the shade on lunch breaks. Local and regional publications list a visit to the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery among the city's top things to do.

Twenty years from now and beyond, the Sacramento City Cemetery will continue as a historic cemetery, museum and gardens. The City of Sacramento has commissioned a Cemetery Master Plan that will be completed by the end of this year. The Master Plan addresses maintenance and preservation issues, diagramming a course of action to continue and expand on the dreams of those visionaries who founded the Old City Cemetery Committee twenty years ago.

To find out how this transformation happened, please read Dr. Bob LaPerriere's detailed history of the Old City Cemetery Committee inside this newsletter.

President's Message

By Lynda Walls

Congratulations to the Old City Cemetery Committee on its 20th Anniversary! Many people have worked very hard to make the City Cemetery the historic destination it has become. Please read Dr. Bob's "The Development and Evolution of the Old City Cemetery Committee" on page three to find out how it happened.

Thank you to all who came out for the OCCC Annual Members meeting in June. The members present passed revisions to the bylaws. The bylaw revisions made no changes to the functioning of the Committee and were little more than 'housekeeping.' We continue in our effort to make the OCCC bylaws an understandable and workable document. OCCC board elections were also held during the members meeting and all directors on the slate were re-elected. Congratulations to everyone! You will find a list of the board and officers on page eight.

After completing her term, Jane Howell has resigned as the OCCC Vice President. Jane spent a few months serving as Acting President during my illness and I am very grateful to her. Thankfully, Jane will continue on the Board of Directors and as Tours Chair. Long time board member Connie Bettencourt has been elected as our new VP. She has agreed to accept the position as long as I promise not to get sick again. Thank you, Connie! I'll do my best to stay healthy.

Past president, **Judy Eitzen** has retired from the OCCC board so that she may pursue other interests. Judy will continue her efforts in the Historic Rose Garden and coordinating the OCCC's presence at Gold Rush Days in Old Sacramento on Labor Day weekend. Thank you Judy, for all your hard work!

I'd like to welcome our newest board member, **Debbie Rogenmoser**. Debbie is a librarian at California State University, Sacramento with a broad background in history and a very impressive resume. In addition to her work on the Board, Debbie leads tours and assists with research and special events. Thank you for joining us, Debbie! It's nice to have another Emma Peel fan on the board.

A big thank you also goes out to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Work Release Program and **Officer Al White**. Officer White has just passed the 1-year mark as lead deputy at the Cemetery. In this year, he has taken a genuine interest in the City Cemetery and made considerable progress on many fronts, including plantings and repair of the cemetery's brickwork. If you haven't noticed a difference, take a stroll through the Middle and Lower Odd Fellows sections (just south of the fountain).

We're preparing for our major fund-raiser, the October evening tours. There are many opportunities to get involved and you only need to commit yourself for one evening. There is a tremendous demand for these tours—we could easily sell out tours on every weekend evening in October if we just had enough volunteers to produce the events. Please see below for more information on how to get involved.

A tremendous amount has been accomplished during the OCCC's first twenty years.

Let's all work together to achieve another productive and prosperous twenty years!



Be a REAL GHOST for Halloween!

The Old City Cemetery Committee is seeking volunteers to portray Cemetery 'Residents' during the October Lantern Tours. No experience necessary, but a yearn for the spotlight helps! We'll provide the true-life (or death) stories, scripts and crypts. You provide the warm body and haunting charisma. If acting isn't in your bag of tricks, treat yourself to a free tour by being an usher. We also need a few hardy souls to take tickets at the gate. Tours are scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 27, from approximately 6 to 10 pm. Contact Lynda at 916-804-1446 or SayLynda@aol.com for more information or to sign up.

The Development and Evolution of the Old City Cemetery Committee

By Dr. Bob LaPerriere, Founding Board Member

The Cemetery had existed, relatively untended for decades, with little interest by the City of Sacramento.

Prior to the formation of the Old City Cemetery Committee (OCCC), two persons were instrumental in attempts to improve the Cemetery.

William Mahan, a history teacher at Sacramento City College, entered the Cemetery in the 1970's to evaluate a path for a "run" as a fund-raiser for a charity. He talked with the City employee who worked less than two days a week watering certain plots and was impressed with the employee's interest in the Cemetery. Mr. Mahan mentioned walks through European cemeteries, and the employee asked if Mr. Mahan might somehow get involved in such a project. This led to a class project in 1979-1980 which developed into a self-guided tour brochure, printed by the City.

Mr. Mahan would personally guide tours, and on one tour **Ila Collin**, a County Supervisor, was in attendance. Shortly after this tour, the **Sheriff's Work Release Program** became involved with Cemetery upkeep and maintenance. It was an ideal situation as the "inmates" were close together within the Cemetery confines and therefore easy to supervise. Mr. Mahan continued tours at least annually and still helps with the current tour program.

The other key person was **Virginia Marsh**, a retired nurse, who became involved in 1985. She wanted to develop a thorough and accurate list of the 25,000 plus burials. Over a period of many years, she researched records and verified information at various public agencies such as the Recorder's Office. In 2003, her work was completed and published in digital format as a PDF file, and printed in a limited number for Cemetery use.

A Concept of Restoration

Early thoughts about "restoring" the Old City Cemetery developed when **Dr. Bob LaPerriere** led a tour for the Medical Society Historical Committee, which he chaired, to locate the grave sites of 19th Century Physicians. Over the following year, he talked with **Mory Holmes**, a retired undertaker,

about organizing a group to work on preservation and restoration of the City Cemetery.

The Initiating Factor

An opportunity presented itself in 1987 when an episode of major vandalism occurred, prompting an article in the Sacramento Bee and an offer by Councilman Dave Shore to hold a meeting at City Hall for those concerned about the Cemetery. Dr. Bob suggested that interested persons start a "grass roots" committee to evaluate ideas to preserve and restore the Old City Cemetery. The "Executive Board" was formed under the Chairmanship of Robert LaPerriere, M.D. and called itself the Old City Cemetery Committee. The committee's other founding members were: Kristen Bennett, John Bettencourt, Hershal Beauchamp, Virginia Marsh, Dorothy Mills, Darrell Martineau, Roy Ruhkala, Irma West, MD and Pat Stanford, PhD. groups was encouraged and supported by Darrell Martineau, City Parks Superintendent.

Early Committee Days

The OCCC realized that embarking upon its own non-profit organization would divert time needed to devote to cemetery preservation. They requested the **Sacramento County Historical Committee** to "adopt" the OCCC. This was accomplished in March of 1987.

In order to develop some revenue, early fund-raisers were done, including a Murder Mystery evening at Mory's Place (now a hostel linked with international hostels).

Interpretative tours on Saturdays were instituted, and school tours for grade and high school students were also put in place.

The cemetery Mortuary Chapel was emptied, cleaned, and painted by the work release crew under the supervision of Darrell Martineau, Parks Superintendent. The mortuary is now our library and archive facility, which is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm.

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Various sub-committees were formed within the OCCC's structure and work in close cooperation with the **Sacramento Department of Culture & Leisure**. Those sub-committees include Tours, Volunteers, Publicity, Membership, Rose Garden, Sales, Archives and Restoration. Activities by these various sub-committees are reported monthly to the Board of Directors of the OCCC.

It was realized by the OCCC that a small group could not restore and maintain such a large cemetery without positive publicity and volunteer help. John Bettencourt, founding member, had excellent contact with various media personalities and did a great job getting press releases out to publicize tours and events.

Volunteers were drawn to the effort each time media coverage or articles discussed the cemetery's need for help.

Adopt A Plot

This program began about 1988 with an energetic and visionary volunteer, **George King**, who spent at least several days a week volunteering at the Cemetery until his death in 2001. The initial area involved was near the volunteer firemen's plot, adopted by King who was a retired fireman. The City was supportive of this program. Then **Mayor Anne Rudin** adopted the plot of an early mayor, and the Adopt A Plot program was successfully launched.

Plot Beautification

The earliest involvement in plot beautification was with roses. **Fred Boutin**, retired biologist, approached Darrell Martineau about a suitable site to plant his collection of antique roses, many originally obtained from other old cemeteries and homesteads. Through a positive interaction between Fred and Darrell, an agreement was reached to devote one area in the cemetery to roses from various historic places and cemeteries.

This area has developed into an internationally known showcase collection of historic roses containing over 400 plants of 300 different varieties.

In 1997 John Bettencourt requested **Sharon Patrician**, Committee member, to beautify Hamilton Square. Sharon got the **Sacramento Perennial Plant Club** involved by seeking a grant from the Glide Foundation to rebuild plot surrounds. Hamilton Square, named after 49er Stephen Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, is about an acre and planted with modern roses and drought tolerant perennials. Again, the Sheriff's Work Release crew is crucial to the maintenance and perpetuation of this site with Sharon's oversight. Plants and materials are still provided by the Perennial Plant Club.

One large area has been beautified through the effort of a woman who husband is buried in that area. She has been involved for over 15 years, funding most of the plants herself. This beautiful area is a real testament to the loving care and dedication of family members. Unfortunately, very few family plots are still maintained by family members, which created the need to have volunteers tend plots which had been abandoned.

About 1997 the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) sought an area for a native plant demonstration garden which is in the southeast part of the Cemetery near Riverside Avenue. Most native plants bloom in the spring and late winter, and this area needs periodic care as many native plants go dormant and the foliage dies. The CNPS holds tours in the areas, hosts workshops for those interested in propagation of native plants, and seeks to educate the gardening public on the use of natives in home landscapes.

Other volunteers have adopted a large number of plots and created stunning gardens throughout the cemetery.

The cemetery is especially beautiful in the spring when bulbs, roses, flowering shrubs and perennials are a mass of color and scent.

Artifact Restoration

Over many years, headstones, monuments and mausoleums had deteriorated, been vandalized or, in the case of small headstones, disappeared under debris. Hundreds of headstones lay where they had

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fallen, giving the cemetery a desolate and abandoned appearance.

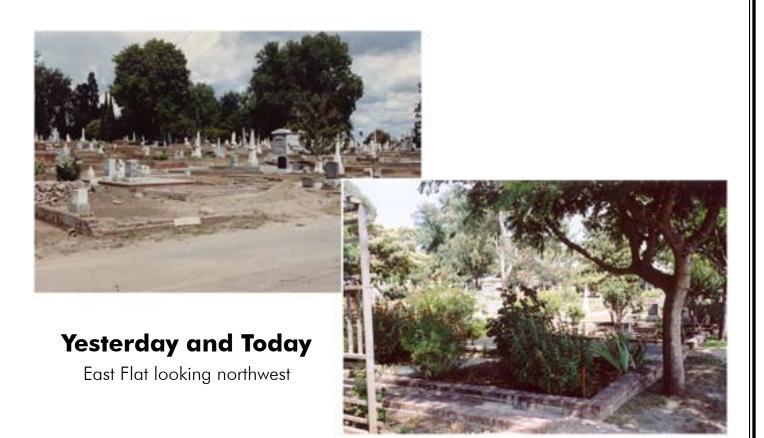
When the OCCC discussed its goals in the early days, it was clear that repairing and cleaning old headstones was a priority.

With the help of **Ruhkula Monument Company** across the street from the cemetery, and with funds raised through special events and tours, the number of monuments still in need of repair has been greatly reduced. In addition, volunteer groups and Scout groups have cleaned headstones and cleared weeds and debris. Mausoleums are a special issue because of their size and the expense to repair roofs and improve foundations. At this time, there is not the funding to repair mausoleums; however, such funding might be obtained through historic preservation grants.

The Future

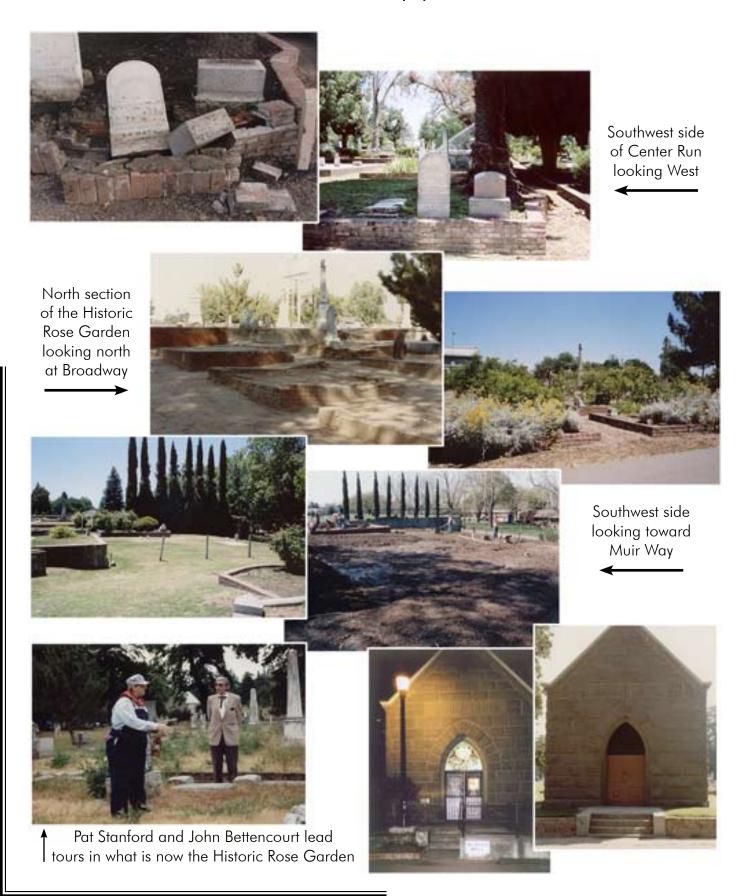
Exciting ideas and opportunities are ahead for the OCCC. The past 20 years have seen steady improvement in the restoration of artifacts, beautification of plots, establishment of a volunteer corps, administrative processes to handle money earned in support of restoration projects and a mature Board of Directors schooled in local politics. A Master Plan addressing all the physical plant and administrative approaches is being drafted and will be presented to the City Council for acceptance. Among the ideas proffered by this Plan is the further development of the OCCC as a key element in cemetery administration. There are discussions on fund raising ideas and grant writing proposals to seek serious money to improve the physical facilities and restore artifacts in danger of further deterioration. The next 20 years will offer new challenges and new ideas.

We are looking forward to supporting these ideas and meeting the challenges.



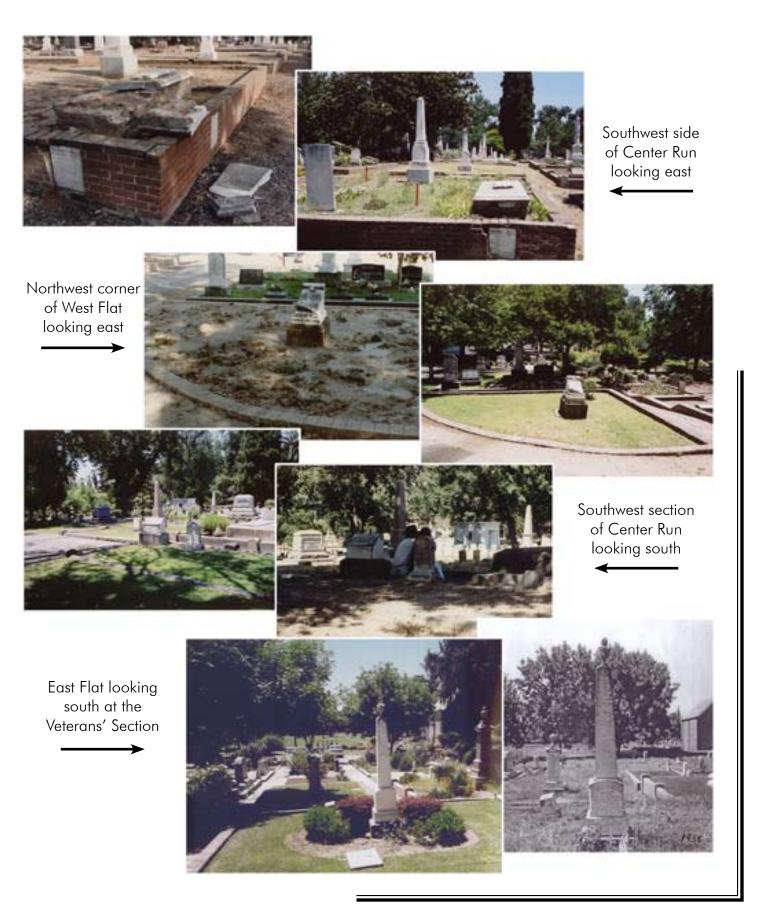
Yesterday and Today

What a difference twenty years can make...



Yesterday and Today

What a difference volunteers can make!



Volunteer News

By Sharon Patrician, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Hours

Please call or e-mail me at 916-455-8166 or **patrician@ midtown.net** with your monthly volunteer hours.

Weekly City Meetings

You are all welcome to come to the City staff and adopt volunteer meetings, held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the 10th Street gate office. Call Sharon at 916-455-8166 if you have any questions or concerns.

Plant Donations

Those of you who look forward to periodic plant donations will find the pickings sparse. Most nurseries now outsource their plants, and those entities want unsold plants back. We do get some annuals from Big Oak Nursery, but this is entirely dependent on their supply.

So, if you need plants to fill those empty spots, you will need to dig a little deeper into your already-stressed wallet. You can approach nurseries for a discount since it's for the cemetery. You can take a tax deduction for any plants and/or materials you purchase for the cemetery since the volunteers are part of the Old City Cemetery Committee's tax

exemption. You can also have divided perennials from Hamilton Square, and cuttings (with permission) from the other gardens.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharon at 916-455-8166.

Watering!!

"Now is the summer of our discontent" ...with apologies to Shakespeare's Richard III. Every year at this time watering becomes a major issue for adopt volunteers. City staff struggle to keep all the planted plots watered, but it is a massive job — over 30 acres. They try to water each section at least once a week, maybe twice, but I would not count on them for consistency.

We are working together to get a schedule in place; in the meantime, I urge you all to supplement water your plots on especially hot days. The cemetery is open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and if you are on vacation or can't get in, let me know or call Victor at 264-5621. We'll try to keep your plants alive. Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet The Volunteers will return in the *Epitaph's* next issue.

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20 Years of Accomplishments

By Sharon Patrician, Board Member & Volunteer Coordinator

What follows is just a partial list of accomplishments by dedicated, talented and motivated volunteers at the Historic City Cemetery from 1987 through 2007:

1987 through 1990

- Creation of the Old City Cemetery Committee as a subcommittee of the Sacramento County Historical Society
- Initiation of the Adopt A Plot program to encourage citizens to "adopt" an abandoned grave site and beautify it with plantings
- Establishment of the Archives in the old Mortuary Chapel to provide genealogical research, burial information, resources for further research, and items for sale furthering the objectives of the Old City Cemetery Committee
- Installation of a time capsule in 1988 to be opened in 2088 at the Cemetery

1990 through 2000

- Installation of antique roses in a designated area of the Cemetery, which collection of roses has become internationally recognized
- Completion of an ongoing index of all burials in the Historic City Cemetery
- Completion of an automated list of these burials for use on the City's web site and to assist archivists in the cemetery in answering questions
- Completion of an ongoing survey of all headstones, monuments and mausoleums in the Historic City Cemetery
- Obtained and installed computers in the Archives
- Creation of tour programs to educate and entertain visitors to the Cemetery
- Creation of merchandise for sale at tours, special events and on-site sale in the Cemetery Archives
- Restoration of the Volunteer Firemen's plot
- Installation of the old bell used to summon volunteer firemen in the early days of Sacramento's downtown area
- Involvement in the interment of John Sutter, Jr., with the cooperation of his surviving daughter and the Government of Mexico
- Creation and continuation of special events, school tours, horticultural tours and urban wildlife tours
- Installation of a veteran's memorial in the plaza area to honor all war dead buried in the Cemetery
- Creation of an Open Garden annual event which features the historic roses as well as other gardens in the cemetery
- Establishment of an active volunteer program which is managed with appropriate processes and reporting
- Water fountains installed for the comfort of visitors
- Installation of a perennial garden in the Hamilton Square section of the Cemetery and sponsored by the Sacramento Perennial Plant Club
- Installation of a native plants garden sponsored by the California Native Plant Society

• Creation of a commemorative plaque program with ultimate plans to convert most plaques to long-lasting materials

2000 to Present

- Installation of an indigent memorial near the old Mortuary building
- Creation of a tax-exempt status for the Old City Cemetery Committee and its role as an independent Committee devoted to its goals for the Cemetery
- Stimulated the installation of a black metal fence around the cemetery to help secure the cemetery's artifacts
- Installed granite markers in place of wooden markers on grave sites
- Involvement with other rose societies and groups for the purpose of preserving historic roses
- Obtained a golf cart which is available to take disabled visitors on tours
- Involvement in ongoing project to restore the iron fence around the Volunteer Firemen plot
- Ongoing involvement with improving irrigation and drainage throughout the cemetery
- Ongoing repair of damaged and broken headstones
- Ongoing outreach to the community through publicity, web sites, a newsletter, occasional presentations or booths at community events and the development of informational brochures and pamphlets
- Access to the Sheriff's Work Release Program which provides countless hours of maintenance and beautification in the Cemetery
- Installation of benches through a sponsorship program for the comfort and ease of Cemetery visitors
- Ongoing relationships among volunteers, sheriff's work release crew and city staff for the maintenance and beautification of the Cemetery
- Installation of a Roll of Honor stone near the 10th Street gate to honor and recognize devoted volunteers, sponsors, patrons and contributors
- Production of an inventory of all trees in the cemetery to ensure proper tree replacement and planting
- Involvement with the writing of a Master Plan for the future improvement, preservation and beautification of the Historic City Cemetery
- And, most importantly, the thousands and thousands of hours donated by volunteers in the past 20 years helping visitors with ancestor research, leading interpretative tours, planning and managing special events, beautifying plots with flowers and shrubs and a myriad of tasks contributing to preserving a unique public treasure

James Wood Coffroth Tuolumne's Favorite Son (A53 – 176)

By John Bettencourt

This story about the life of a Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Resident was written and presented on tours by the late John Bettencourt. Mr. Bettencourt was a founding member of the Old City Cemetery Committee.

His was a true Horatio Algier story, from his humble beginning on May 3, 1829 in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, to his untimely demise at the age of 47, when at the very pinnacle of his legal career as California's foremost criminal lawyer. (Oct. 15, 1876)

He learned to battle with adversity early in life, his father unable to make enough to support his large family.

James, with little in the way of education, went out to make his own way in the world.

He went to Philadelphia where he apprenticed into the printing trade, spending all of his spare time educating himself. He would later set type all day and attend lodge or political meetings at night. He loved to speak and was often called upon to address the gatherings.

In 1846 he roses from typesetter to associate editor, and in 1850 was able to purchase half interest in the journal, becoming its editor.

Late in 1850, Coffroth sold his interest in the paper and headed west for California. Apparently in no hurry to get here, he stopped off in Indiana and Texas, not reaching California until 1851.

He arrived in Sonora, Tuolumne County in May and in June of '51 found employment on the Sonora Herald, in which his editorials appeared from time to time, as well as his prose and verse.

He first came to the miners' attention when he was asked to speak at the Fourth of July celebration in Sonora. So stirring was his speech - so eloquent and patriotic - that his was given a rousing ovation and in that hour become what he was forever to be known... Tuolumne's Favorite Son.

They sent him to represent them at the Democratic State Convention in 1851, where he was nominated to run for the assembly. He was elected overwhelmingly.

In 1853, he was elected to serve Tuolumne County as their State Senators re-elected in 1854, 1856 and 1857.

So proud of their young Senator. Paraded him down the streets of Sacramento in a carriage drawn by six white horses, with banners that read "Here Comes Tuolumne's Favorite Son."

Declined his party's nomination for governor in 1856, with aspirations of sitting in the Halls of Congress, aspirations that he was never able to fulfill.

When his political aspirations were finally set aside, Jim Coffroth returned to his practice of law. It is from these annals that I draw the story I am about to relate.

I call it "Jim Coffroth and the Highwayman"

About a year prior to his untimely demise, Jim was retained by wealthy relatives of a young man accused of stage robbery at Ukiah. The retainer was \$1,000, plus an additional \$500 on acquittal.

After a long and drawn out trial, he succeeded in obtaining a verdict of "not guilty."

Upon discharge of the defendant, Coffroth was paid his \$500 and that same evening started back to Sacramento in a buggy, accompanied by his driver. They had proceeded but a few miles when, at a lonely and isolated point in the mountains, they were halted by a masked highwayman who, brandishing a shotgun, demanded their money.

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Now Jim didn't like the idea of giving up his hard earned fee, and said to the robber, "My man, all the money I have is what I received from clearing the likes of your kind." With that the highwayman lowered his gun, took down his mask.

"Is that you, Jim? It's gettin' so dark, I didn't recognize you. Hell! I don't want your money. I thought you was someone else."

It was, of course, the young man Jim had defended in Ukiah. He told Jim to drive on quickly as the other party was due along soon. And Jim did.

Jim returned to his practice in Sacramento, and the highwayman continued his in and around Ukiah.

Pets or Pests?

By Sharon Patrician, Volunteer Coordinator & Animal Lover

We've all fed them – if not now, probably as kids.

They can be charming, chasing one another up tree trunks or rearing up on their hind legs for a treat or a better look. We curse them when they double back on us in front of our car. We are delighted when they take a peanut with delicate paws and nibble daintily.

Of course, we're talking about squirrels, the mascot of the Historic City Cemetery. Volunteers and visitors have been feeding these rodents for a long time, and we now have a problem.

What were sweet little squirrels just minding their own business have become...thugs!

The stories are coming in: a squirrel snatches a bagel from a terrified little kid; gangs of them approach visitors looking for treats and will crawl up your leg to beg; they get into volunteers' cars looking for nuts or whatever and sometimes get locked in; and they are breeding like, well, squirrels.

Which brings us to the point: stop feeding the squirrels and all the other wild critters in the cemetery. While this sounds harsh, it is better for the animals. Squirrels do not harvest peanuts or bagels in the wild. They need very hard shelled nuts to keep their teeth from growing too long.

A diet of soft shelled nuts can eventually cause them to starve to death because they can't use their teeth efficiently.

So, keep the peanuts and other foodstuffs away from the squirrels, crows, jays and other bold wild creatures. It will help stop the population explosion, keep little kids from crying when a marauding squirrel snatches the sandwich, and reduce the food litter. Your cooperation will really be appreciated. E-mail me at patrician@midtown.net if you have concerns or comments.



Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

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If you're receiving this newsletter, you're important to the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery! *Are you a member of the Old City Cemetery Committee?*

The Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit association, whose purpose is to maintain and preserve the beauty and integrity of the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. Membership is only \$15 per individual, \$20 for families and \$35 for businesses. Join today!

Membership Application

Annual Dues (Membership runs January 1 throug	,
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Family: \$20.00 (One household, One voting	ng member) Sponsor: \$300 - \$599
Business: \$35.00 (One voting member per	business) Silver Sponsor: \$600 - \$999
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