

# Linwood Legacy

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## *Linwood at Sunrise*



This photograph represents the Legacy that was started when the town of Columbus was formed over one hundred years ago. I would like to dedicate this cover of the Linwood Legacy to those who have been instrumental in reviving an old cemetery to its present state of beauty.

Many people, past and present have contributed so much to this “work in progress”. When a group comes together for the same cause and the passion for that cause is ignited, it is inevitable that others will want to become a part of the effort. That being said, I would like to commend everyone who has given of their time over the past eleven years. If not for you, this work would simply fade away as people move on, but somehow the excitement of one flows into another and the process continues throughout the years.

A personal thanks to Linda J. Kennedy for sharing her passion of restoring Linwood Cemetery with so many others.

*Photo courtesy of Linda Kennedy*

### *News from the Gatekeeper....*

For those of you who I have not yet had the pleasure to meet, I am Deborah Love Payne. I have recently accepted the position of Executive Director of Historic Linwood Foundation. This is such an honor for me. I am looking forward to meeting each of you in the coming months.

The past month has been very exciting as well as gratifying. We have had three events in the newly remodeled Lummus Chapel. The first event was the Georgia Trust Historical Society's Sunday Brunch in the cemetery, after which they toured the Chapel. On April 24th, we hosted our Annual Meeting along with the Lummus Chapel ribbon cutting ceremony. Approximately 80 guests were in attendance. Mr. Ed Lummus and Pat Walters cut the ceremonial ribbon. The NSCDA hosted a lunch and lecture on May 15th. Our Board president, Scott L. Boyce, spoke to the group about the history of the Chapel and Historic Linwood Foundation. I am proud to say we have had so many wonderful comments regarding the Chapel and our ongoing work in the cemetery.

To continue this important work, it is imperative that our membership continues to grow. I charge all of you to simply invite a friend or two to join our Foundation. The present membership stands at 390. Please reach out to individuals who you think would be interested in the mission of preserving an important part of your Columbus Heritage. Annual member categories are listed on the last page of our newsletter.

Deborah Love Payne  
Executive Director

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### **Upcoming Events**

David Via and his assistant Diane Oliver are doing monument repairs  
in the cemetery throughout June

June 19th, Scott Boyce and Deby Payne to speak at the Exchange Club

June 25, Tour scheduled for the Methodist Home for Children and Youth Program

July 8th, Tour scheduled for "Tears Inc." Youth Program

October date for the Annual Fall Ramble TBA in the next issue of "The Linwood Legacy"  
(Start making your reservations now for events you would like to have at the Lummus Chapel)

The Board of Directors would like to extend a special Thanks to the city of Columbus and Mrs. Debra Abraham for their dedication in keeping the grounds of Linwood maintained. It is the effort of these city employees that keep lawn care consistent in the cemetery.

The following information was gathered by Linda J. Kennedy

### **Philip Thomas Schley and Frances Vivian Brooking Schley**

In a box of letters and clippings given to Historic Linwood Foundation by Billy Winn, I ran across an article written by Mary Margaret Byrne describing an event that took place in Linwood Cemetery. Following is a little bit of history.

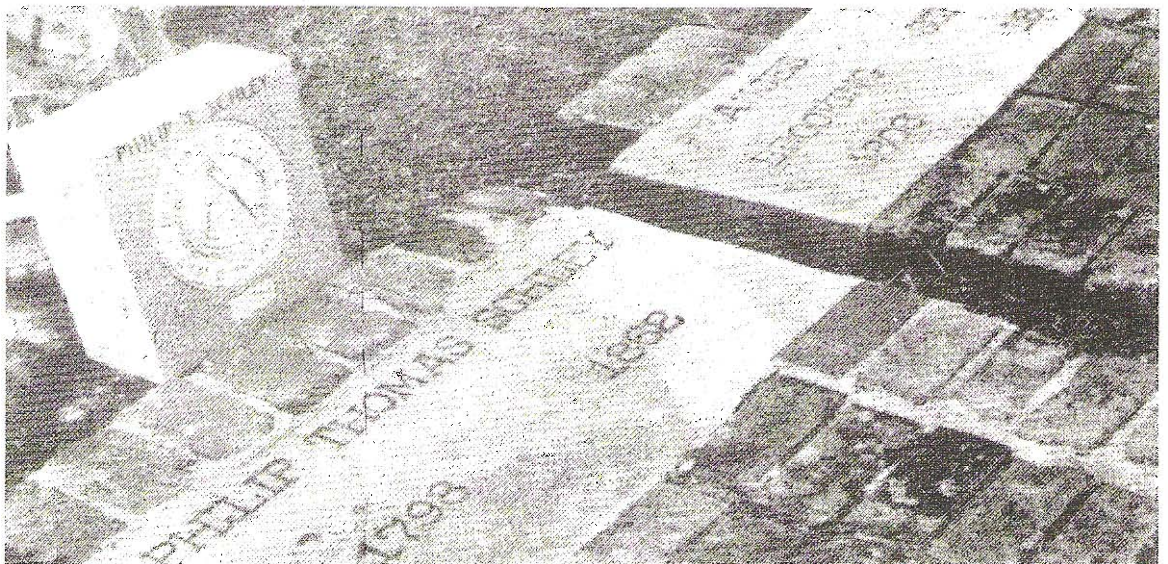
In September of 1982, a ceremony was held in Linwood Cemetery. The Masonic Order of The Grand Lodge of Georgia had begun a research project looking for the burial places of past Grand Masters.

Philip Thomas Schley was a grand master of the Grand Lodge from 1836 to 1842. His grave was the first that was marked by this Lodge. The marker is no longer there as it was removed for safe-keeping by the current Dr. Philip T. Schley.

Philip Thomas Schley was born in Maryland in 1798 and came with his family to Louisville, Georgia as a young boy. His first wife died soon after marriage and he married Frances Vivian L. Brooking in 1824 in Hancock County, Georgia. By 1834 Schley had moved his family to the western frontier, otherwise known as the fledging town of Columbus. He began practicing law and was captain of the Muscogee Blues. His brother, William, became governor of Georgia in 1835. The Schley family name abounds throughout Columbus history.

Philip and his wife, Frances, had eight children. Frances died when she was only 44 and was buried in Linwood Cemetery. In 1857, Philip moved to Savannah. He sold his home that was on the northwest corner of First Avenue and 11th Street to the First Presbyterian Church. That house, which has an interesting history itself, is now directly across the street from the Rankin House.

Philip Schley died in Savannah and was buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery. Eventually his body was moved to the lot where his wife was buried along with other Schley descendants.



*Thank you to those of you who have renewed membership, joined as new members or made donations to Historic Linwood Foundation during the last quarter (February 15, 2008 through May 15, 2008).*

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Arthur and Amy Bickerstaff  
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## *The Stone Orchard*

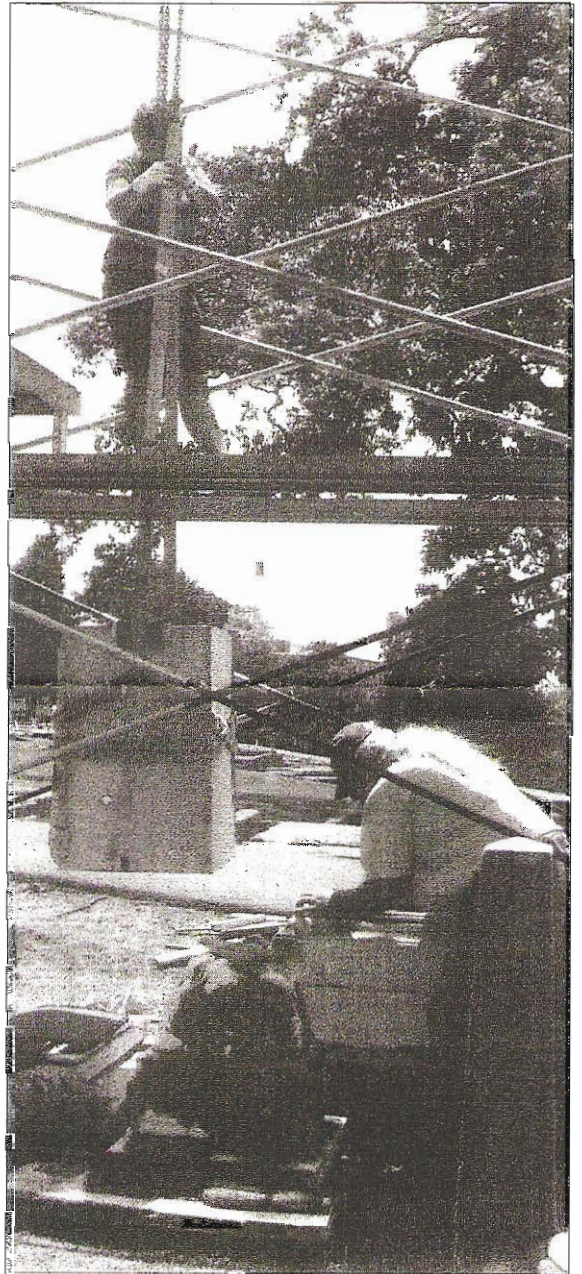
If there is one thing that I have learned working in historical cemeteries over the past 18 years, it is that there are always surprises.

The Evelina Abercrombie monument is only one of many fine examples of stonework at Linwood. Consisting of six blocks of Cararra marble, and at a weight of six thousand pounds, it is the largest monument that Stone Faces and Sacred Spaces has conserved at Linwood. The monument is a fine example of those that were produced in the workshop of Henry McCauley during the mid-1800's.

Leaning more than a foot to the west, the topmost piece of stone was in danger of falling at any time. Substantial preparations were made for the disassembly and repairs of the monument.

Disassembly revealed that four of the blocks in the monument were hollow. The centers of the stones were cut out. Whether to save on weight being transported, or for the recovery of stone to create other pieces such as urns or finials, it is anyone's guess as to why such a radical step was taken. I certainly never imagined that I would see monumental blocks that resembled a gigantic square stone donut.

David Via  
Monument Conservator



*Photo's courtesy of Deby Love Payne*