

# Linwood Legacy

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## President's Column

Have you been to Historic Linwood Cemetery lately? You will be as excited as I am at the things that are happening. There are new bushes and improved landscaping at the back gate (on 17th Street) and work on the Gate House at the lower entrance is underway, all under the encouragement and counseling of Chairman Warren Foley. The volunteer Master Gardener students working on the landscaping project were brought to us by Board of Directors member Pat Walters. The renovation of the Gate House is under the able oversight of Jack Jenkins and Johnny Cargill, both members of HLF Board.

Meanwhile, back at the office, Linda Kennedy has begun to work the bugs out of a new software package developed especially for HLF. It is intended for storage of the data being gathered by volunteers doing the surveys. We are now looking for a volunteer to input the data. The office will be moved into the Gate House when renovation is completed, which will give us a much needed presence in the Cemetery.

Plans are under way for the Annual Membership meeting, to be held May 19th, featuring the Old Cemetery, where early residents were sent "up on the hill" to bury their dead. We are asking for volunteers to help stage the event.

I regret to report the City still hasn't repaired the damage done by the DOT while widening 5th Avenue which endangers graves in the cemetery. We continue to work with them on a solution.

## Tips on Cleaning Tombstones

Use only a non-ionic detergent (Orvus, a horse-shampoo is what we use)

Use a soft bristle brush – NO WIRE BRUSHES

Use plenty of water. Wet stone before, during and after cleaning.

The above methods will not give you a sparkling white monument, but with elbow grease, some of the surface grime can be removed.

Listed below are methods that are very damaging to marble, granite, old bricks. Because the stones are porous, the use of the below items does more damage than good.

Don't sandblast. Don't use acidic cleaners. Don't use high pressure washers.

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### Welcome New Members

Lea L. Dowd, Columbus  
Mr. And Mrs. Douglas Johnston,  
Columbus  
Mrs. Virginia S. Jordan, Columbus  
Mr. And Mrs. Robert L. Pound,  
Norcross  
Mary Connolly Egan, Amherst, NY

## Executive Director

Historic Linwood Foundation is alive and well and moving along with our projects. Restoration work has slowed; (1) because of the weather, and (2) lack of craftsmen who want to do restoration-type work. I have been in contact with a company in Virginia that travels to Savannah to work, but have not been able to get a firm commitment from them to come to Columbus. I am also talking with a company in Opelika that repairs monuments. There is lots that can be done in the cemetery by laymen, such as resetting stones and cleaning markers. If you have an interest in doing such as these, please call me at 321-8285.

Work has begun on the gate house at Linwood Cemetery. Once the project is completed, Historic Linwood Foundation office will move there. Having an actual office on the grounds of the cemetery will be of great benefit to visitors. We can assist in locating graves and our presence will help deter vandalism. We hope to schedule tours for school groups and other organizations. Check our progress!

We now have a software program

that was written especially for us so we can enter the data we have been collecting on the family lots. Eventually we will be able to scan photos into the actual records. I am working out the bugs before the program is actually finished.

Mark your calendar for the May 19th Annual Membership Meeting. You will receive a notice.



### Memoriam

Ailene Craig Smith passed away on January 20, 2001. She was on the United Daughters of the Confederacy committee which began what has become Historic Linwood Foundation. She and her husband, Murray, had long been interested in Linwood Cemetery. Her help and encouragement have enabled us to grow from our first meeting of about twenty-five people to 400 people.

She will be missed.



## **General Daniel McDougald, 1799– 9/8/1849**

By

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Daniel McDougald was one of the first citizens to arrive in Columbus, the new boomtown on the Chattahoochee River. He came west with brothers Alexander and Duncan from Cumberland County, North Carolina, by way of Washington and Harris Counties, Georgia, where Daniel had represented Harris County in the Georgia Senate.

The brothers owned land on both sides of the river. In Columbus Daniel owned lots on the northeast corners of Bay Street and St. Clair (11th St.), Broad Street and St. Clair, and Broad and Randolph (12th) and on the southeast corner of Jackson (2d Ave.) and Bryan St. (13th St.) He also owned property in the County, as city records show that in 1845 he paid \$164 taxes in Muscogee County, which is probably where he had most of his 22 slaves.

Daniel was Director of the Bank of Columbus as early as 1832. He was listed among the War Leaders of 1836. He became a Major General of the Georgia Militia, and at one time commanded the troops in Columbus who were organized for protection of the border from Indians. He was Mayor of Columbus in 1838, and in that same year he helped organize the Planters and Merchants Bank, because of the growing need in the cotton trade, serving as its first President.

Daniel McDougald married Ann Eliza Alexander on December 24<sup>th</sup>. 1831, in Putnam County, Georgia. They had four children, Mary E., William Alexander, Daniel, and Duncan, all of whom are buried in Linwood Cemetery. After Daniel's death Ann Eliza Alexander McDougald (36 years old) married Dr. Samuel F. Billings, a physician in the town. When they married in 1857 he built the Swift Kyle House at 303 12<sup>th</sup> Street, in 1857.

Daniel McDougald has been described thusly: "his fine abilities and popular manners made him at once a favorite. He was...several times elected to represent Muscogee County in the Legislature, of which he was one of the shrewdest and most influential members. He was a man of generous and impulsive disposition. Few men had warmer or more devoted friends, though he had some enemies, chiefly because of his activity and zeal as a politician. He was an excellent judge of human character and seldom made mistakes in his estimates of men."

McDougald put his shrewd political and business skills to work according to an interesting story pieced together from the Columbus, Georgia, City Council Records. It concerned Daniel McDougald and the toll bridge. Council built a covered bridge across the Chattahoochee River with \$20,000 loaned to them by the State. They expected to charge tolls to cross the bridge and they asked the Alabama Legislature for a road running from the bridge to Montgomery. Daniel McDougald, James C. Watson, Burton Hepburn and Robert Collins owned the land across the river where the western abutment of the covered bridge stood. McDougald and Company declared intention to set up a claim for half the toll. Council sent the Marshall to the west end of the bridge to remove the floorboards so no one could cross the bridge, and they ran the ferry again until the issue was

settled. Negotiations began in September of 1832 between Columbus Council and McDougald, and Company which lasted sixteen months. On 17 January 1834, the Alabama Legislature passed a law giving to Daniel McDougald, and Co. the right to receive Toll at the western end of the Bridge across the Chattahoochee River opposite the Town of Columbus on certain conditions therein stated“... Two weeks later Council proposed to sell one half the bridge to McDougald and Co. for \$22,500, or to buy them out at a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars. In May of 1834 Council made a contract with the owners of the property where the abutment stood, to pay \$10,000 for the claim to the bridge. McDougald and Co. granted one acre, with the right of way through the “reserve.” Commissioners were to pay 8% annually and the entire amount in ten years. Council seems to have paid off the debt in four years, but the issue wasn't settled. They had failed to secure a title to the acre of land for which they paid \$10,000, and were surprised in 1848 when Russell County, Alabama, taxed them heavily on the property. They applied to the Inferior Court for a revision of the exorbitant assessment and then had to work with McDougald to obtain the title. By this time Daniel McDougald was Mayor of Columbus and President of the Planters and Merchants Bank. City records show he paid an annual toll of \$50 to cross the bridge in 1840, graduating down to \$20 by 1848.

By today's standards we might judge the incident to be a conflict of interest. But in 1832 elected officials were not paid for their services, many of them were in office to further their businesses and there were no rules about ethics. There was no doubt that he was committed to help Columbus progress. In 1839 he was the largest subscriber to stock issued for the Muscogee Insurance Company begun by the Council. And in 1848 he voted for a special tax to build a railroad.

According to the Sexton's reports he buried Daniel McDougald in Linwood Cemetery on September 9, 1849. McDougald died at age 50 of Erysipilis (infectious disease).

For more information on the McDougald and other Kudzu families see: <http://people.atl.mediaone.net/bigo2000/>

## Memorials

Mrs. Ailene Smith Craig

Mr. William Zimmerman

Mary Ruth Holder

Mr. And Mrs. W. H. Martin

Mr. And Mrs. M. Patrick Vining

Mr. Joseph Flowers, Jr.

Mr. And Mrs. Claude C. Fox

M. Alexich

Mr. And Mrs. William H. Martin

Dr. and Mrs. T. Earl Taylor

Mr. Ritchie White

Mr. And Mrs. C. Richard Hearn

Mr. And Mrs. John D. Kennedy, Jr.

Mr. Warren Foley

## Flowers at the Back Gate



Last fall, the University of Georgia Extension Service offered a Master Gardener course in Columbus. This was a 2 1/2 month course chaired by Karl Pearson, with instructors coming from around the state for lectures.

After the completion of the course, each class member has to complete 50 hours of service to the community for final certification. Improving the landscape at Linwood has been important—but not in our budget yet. I approached the Linwood Board with the idea of letting our group volunteer our time to Linwood. Linda and Warren gave our group a tour, along with Susan Kleto, City Arborists.

The back gate was designated as a starting point. Shovels in hand and eager to begin, Martha Bouchard, Tom Crymes, Annie Laura Tilliman, Norma Ackert, Peggy Dunn and Pat Walters measured off the project. Ms Kleto provided twelve white crape myrtles that we planted along the fence line. Sally Foley's generosity in loaning us the services of her gardener, Murray Jenkins, is greatly appreciated. Future plans, include planting the area with evergreens and using seasonal annuals in the two new beds.

Our next project will be drawing plans for landscaping around the gate house to present for the Board's and BHAR's approval. With Master Gardener Courses taught each fall, we hope to expand our volunteer group and keep a supply of interested and trained people to beautify beds in special areas of Linwood.

There are many open areas in Linwood that have lost trees to age or storms. We hope to encourage people to donate a tree "In Honor of" or as a "Memorial" for our volunteers to plant. Please call the Foundation Office and donate a tree. 321-8285.

Pat Walters

**Editor's Note:** Historic Linwood Foundation appreciates so much the efforts of this group to beautify our cemetery.

## Membership Form

**MISSION STATEMENT:** TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN LINWOOD CEMETERY AS AN HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITE OF IMPORTANCE TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND ITS CITIZENS, TO ASSIST THE CITY OF COLUMBUS IN RESTORING, PRESERVING, IMPROVING, MAINTAINING, AND MANAGING LINWOOD CEMETERY, AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUES OF LINWOOD CEMETERY, AND FOR OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE FAMILY BURIED IN LINWOOD? \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00    GUARDIAN ANGEL \_\_\_\_\_ \$250.00

FRIEND \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00    ARCHANGEL \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00

GATE KEEPER \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00    PATRON SAINT \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.00

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