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Executive Director

The grass in Linwood Cemetery seems to grow a foot a day and Mr. Hardy and his prison crew have been kept busy trying to stay ahead of it. The sexton of the cemeteries is hard pressed to stay ahead of the grass. By the time the prison crew finishes with Linwood (it takes three weeks to cut it), the grass is ready to cut again, but they have to move on to other cemeteries. Don't you wish we had a nice carpet grass instead of the bahai that covers so much of the cemetery. Some of our members are maintaining their lots themselves. Mother nature has given us a hard time these past months. During a recent storm, the big oak tree lost another two limbs that fell into a lot and damaged a monument and a tablet.

Columbus State University students were in the cemetery this summer, some of them volunteering several hours to help us with our survey. Callie McGinnis and Reagan Grimsley, who taught classes this summer, incorporated Linwood into their syllabus and brought their students to learn about our cemetery. Thanks, Callie and Reagan, for your interest and help.

Our master gardeners have been busy this summer watering the trees that have been donated and planted. The city has placed us on the watering schedule but Pat Walters and Tom Crymes have been making sure the trees receive the care they need to survive through the summer. We appreciate their dedication.

One of the projects undertaken this summer was to straighten tombstones. A college student who worked for us this summer has been re-setting as many of the sunken and leaning tombstones that he could handle. The bigger stones will have to wait until more help is available. Of course, those that are set in concrete cannot be straightened.

I am sorry to announce that LeeAnne Meeks, our administrative assistant, has resigned. LeeAnne had been with us since our office moved into the Gate House and was a very positive asset for our Foundation. I know our members will miss her cheerfulness and helpfulness. We wish her every success in her next position.

The Board of Historic and Architectural Review approved our plans for the plaque that will be placed in honor of Mrs. Hines Holt and others who purchased fence panels. Look for it near Ramble time.

Linda Kennedy, Executive Director



Historic Linwood Cemetery book is still available for sale at the Gate House. Price is \$20.00 plus \$1.40 tax. If purchased by mail, the cost is \$23.00.

Also, on September 16th, at noon at the Rankin House, Mary Jane Galer and I will speak on *Historic Linwood Cemetery*. This is the lunch and lecture series hosted by Historic Columbus Foundation. Bring your lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided. Mary Jane and Linda Kennedy will be available to sign books.



Fall Ramble

Plans are underway for the Ramble on October 12th. Look for your invitation that will give complete details in the mail mid-September. Warren Foley is planning the tour route and has picked some lots where we will learn ~~many interesting things~~ about the people and their way of life in **High Uptown!!**



We will be needing lots of volunteers. I am hoping I can count on some of the regular volunteers for tour guides, golf cart drivers, money takers, parking attendants, and just another pair of hands where needed. I will be contacting some of you to ask you to participate, but if anyone would like to help, please call the office at 321-8285 Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We are trying something new this time by having parking available in the vacant area near 10th Avenue.

Since the City has taken down the fence and cleaned the brush from the area, it makes an excellent parking area and golf carts will be available to drive people up the hill to the assembly area.

Of course, we are going to have our usual refreshments after the tour and hope you will encourage your friends and relatives to join us on October 12th. See you there!

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Welcome New Members

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New Staff Member

Historic Linwood Foundation is pleased to have Brenda Evans as our Administrative Assistant. Brenda has recently moved to Columbus from Thomaston. Brenda is attending Columbus State University at night and will soon receive her Bachelor of Arts degree. We know she will be a great asset to our office.

Arts on the River

This year the annual Arts on the River is being held on October 9. We are always given a table to help promote Historic Linwood Foundation. **A volunteer is needed** to chair this event who would be responsible for securing volunteers to man the table from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **Call 321-8285** if you can help with this event. This is good publicity for our organization.

Memorials

Cliff Averett, Jr.

Mrs. G. Gunby Jordan

Mrs. J. Edgar Chancellor, Jr.

Mrs. G. Gunby Jordan

Ruth Flowers

Warren W. Foley

Jean Rainey

Warren W. Foley

Alan F. Rothchild

Mrs. G. Gunby Jordan

Annette Threatte

Estelle Y. Bradley
 Elinor Y. Reeves

John Barnett Woodruff III

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The Family of William Riley Brown

In 1839, when the planned city of Columbus was only a year old, a man named William Brown left Forsyth with his family to settle in Columbus.

William and Jannie Cook Brown had eleven children. One of those children, William Riley Brown, played a very important part in making Columbus one of the earliest and largest southern industrial centers in the Antebellum South.

Brown was 17 years old when he arrived in Columbus with his parents. He soon began to learn the foundry trade and by 1853 was able to organize the Columbus Iron Works. The iron works was leased to the Confederacy in 1862 and converted it into the Confederate States Naval Iron Works. They cast, bored, and fabricated boilers and steam engines for fourteen Confederate ships, including the ram ship *Jackson* or *Muscogee* which was built in Columbus. Union Cavalry troopers under General Wilson captured Columbus and burned the Iron Works on April 17, 1865. Despite the destruction, like other Columbus industries, the Iron Works was rapidly rebuilt at the end of the war. It was back in operation by August 31, 1865.



Mr. Brown also organized the Southern Plow Company in 1877 which manufactured cultivators, planters, fertilizer spreaders, hay presses, cane mills, syrup kettles, all kinds of plows, and other farm-related machinery.

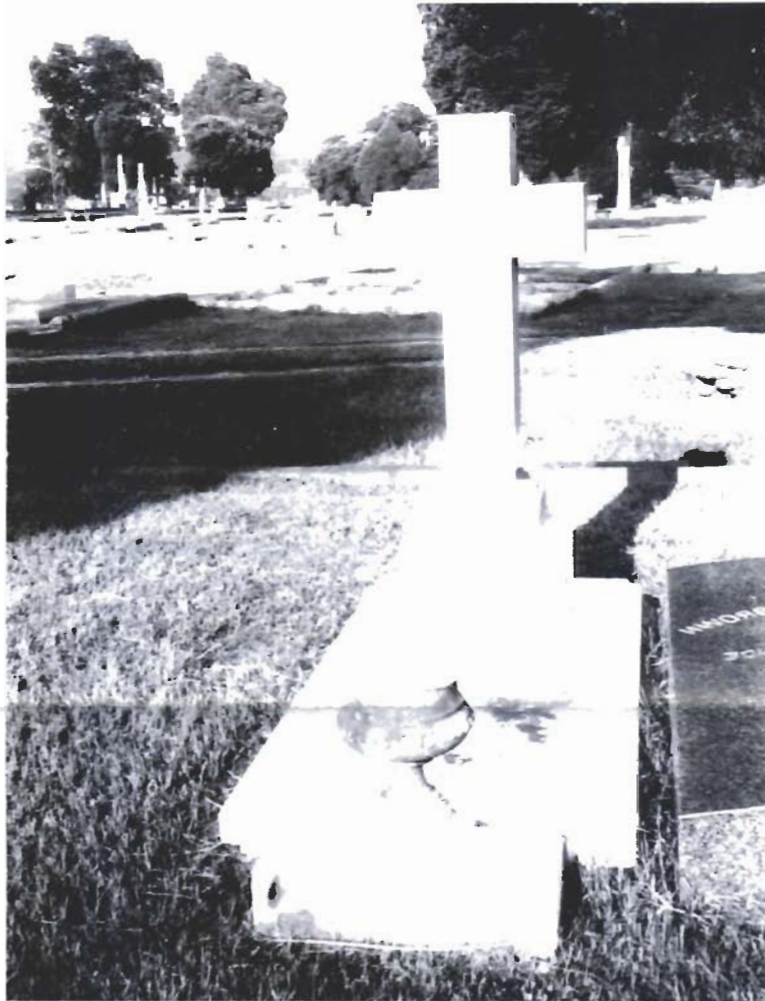
William Riley Brown had a big rambling house at 914 Broad Street next to the Pease mansion. The area now contains The River Center.



William Riley Brown's daughter, Carrie Eugenia, married George B. Whiteside, a riverboat captain, who worked for her father. There was a man named George Whiteside who was the Captain of the steamboat *Rebecca Everingham* when it caught fire in 1884. It hasn't been determined if they are the same person. Mrs. Whiteside was known as "Tinsey."

Mrs. Whiteside left money for the construction of the nurses' home that was built on the site of "Glen Lora," the old home of the Chappells, on Talbotton Road.

This past Spring, restoration was made to the lot of Carrie Brown who was the sister of William Riley Brown. The grave was straightened and the cross which had been leaning badly and was in danger of falling was drilled for rods, epoxyed and placed back on the grave.



William Riley Brown was born April 22, 1802 and died March 28, 1902. His wife, Maria Emmett Brodnax, was born March 31, 1834 and died July 3, 1857.

George B. Whiteside was born October 4, 1855 and died March 10, 1920. His wife, Carrie Eugenia "Tinsey" Brown was born March 4, 1857 and died March 28, 1938. They were married in Columbus on April 30, 1878. They, along with other members of the Brown family are buried in Linwood.

By Linda J. Kennedy

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