

# Linwood Legacy

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## *Executive Director*

Our Foundation office has been very busy these past months. We had many Columbus High student volunteers who completed the survey of over 200 lots. These are being added to our database. We are nearly halfway through! The fact that our Foundation has an office in the cemetery seems to be a big help, not just to the city, but also to tourists and visitors trying to find family graves. Recently, we had a couple from Copenhagen who was looking for Dr. Pemberton's grave. We also get a lot of visitors who are interested in the Civil War.

Our restoration efforts continue. Bo Patterson is working nearly every day repairing brick work. He has really done a great job. He'll be going back to New York in the Spring. David Via has just finished his work here for the Fall. David has really taken an interest in our cemetery and our community. Thanks, David for all the "extras" that you do for us.

Several families have made donations to our foundation so that repairs can be made on their family lots. We appreciate this very much.

Victorian Christmas was a great success! We sold 65 wreaths and they were placed either by us or by family members. The hot chocolate and hot cider really tasted good on the cold, wet December Saturday. Thanks to all who participated.

And a great BIG thank you to all of you who participated in our Annual Campaign Fund. So many of you have really taken our mission to restore Linwood Cemetery to heart and your contributions are truly helpful. Please encourage your friends and family to become a member of our Foundation. The membership form on the back of this newsletter could be sent to someone who might have an interest in what we are doing. The more our membership grows, the more we can accomplish.

Linda Kennedy  
Executive Director

*Memorials*

*Mrs. J. Edgar Chancellor,  
Jr.*

Mr. Bo Patterson

*Dr. Tom Crymes*

Mary Elsie and Buddy Martin

Jane and Walt Sheffield

Western District Dental Society

*Mr. Benjamin Hudson*

Mr. William F. Adam

Bartol, Langbein, and Bess Families

Marsha and Leon Belk

Mr. R. H. Bickerstaff

Mr. Buster Bickerstaff

Elizabeth Biddle and Joseph J. Cox

Ms JoAnne Boykin

Mr. And Mrs. Richard Y. Bradley

Mr. And Mrs. Stephen T. Butler

Susan and Thomas Cochran

Columbus Museum Docents Group 3

Mrs. Dixie Crymes

Mr. And Mrs. Joe V. Day, Jr.

Edith H. DuBois

Warren Foley and Jim Gray

Mr. And Mrs. Sam Kimberlin

Col. Dick Munn

Edward Nairn

Ann and Eddie Norris

Thomas D. Orr

Mr. Bo Patterson

Mr. And Mrs. Frank A. Philips, Jr.

Mrs. Josephine Roche

Mr. And Mrs. Tom Rodman

Mr. And Mrs. Charles Sikes

The Dickie Straus Family

Charles and Carolyn Scudder

Kenneth Slay

Mrs. Eleanor Small

Mrs. Victor Szebehely

Mrs. T. Earl Taylor

Ms Barbara Theurkauf

Mr. And Mrs. John Walden

Mr. And Mrs. Conrad Werkenthin

Frances and John Woolfolk

*Mrs. Opal Holton*

Mr. And Mrs. T. W. Tillman

*Emma Caroline Dykes  
Kibler*

The Kibler Foundation

*Mr. William H. Martin*

Betty R. Pearson

*Betty Kyle Patterson*

Mr. Bo Patterson

*Mr. John Powers*

Mr. And Mrs. William H. Martin

*Mr. James Sentell*

Mr. Bo Patterson

*Mrs. Betty Sims*

Mr. And Mrs. Ben Hudson

*Mr. William H. Young, III*

Mr. Bo Patterson

*In Honor of*

*Mr. And Mrs. Philip Adams, Jr.  
and children*

*Dr. and Mrs. Brian E. Campbell  
and children*

*Mrs. Emily C. Adams  
and children*

*Dr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jarrell*

Mr. And Mrs. Philip Adams

*New Members*

Sue W. Morrison

Charlotte, NC

Barbara Morrison Moses

Farmington, MN

Theresa Morrison Wood

Weaversville, NC

Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young, IV

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*Historic Columbus Foundation*  
*And*  
*Historic Linwood Foundation*  
**Lunch and Lecture**  
*February 22, 12:00 Noon*  
*Rankin House*  
*1440 Second Avenue*

Mary Jane Galer and Linda Kennedy will talk about their book on Linwood Cemetery. Books will be available for purchase. Bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

## **Monument and Marker Cleaning Pros and Cons**

Are the monuments or markers in your family lot covered with ugly black stains? Do they have lichens and moss growing on them? Is your first thought "These need to be cleaned! Bring on the bleach!" - **No, No, No, No!!!**

There are different rules of thought on the benefits of cleaning stones. The purists say don't clean! Every time a monument is cleaned, a part of the stone is lost. Others say a light washing with a soft brush and water is sufficient. The monuments and markers in our cemetery are made of these different materials: marble, granite, brick, concrete, very few sandstones. Many of the marble stones are covered with a ugly, black stain and may benefit from a light cleaning. Remember, marble and granite are porous. Anything put on a stone will be absorbed, so the least toxic cleaner should be used. For flat slabs and upright tablets, we recommend a light scrubbing using a non-ionic detergent (we use a mild horse shampoo) and plenty of water. It is important to cleanse the stone of all detergent. The brush you use should be a soft bristle brush. This method will get rid of surface dirt and some stain, but will take some elbow grease!! Larger monuments should be left to professionals.

Lichens sometimes can be brushed off if they are very dry. Wet lichens are much harder to remove. A mixture of ammonia and water may help to loosen the lichens if the dry brushing doesn't work.

### **Always check for these things before cleaning any type of monument:**

Is the monument in danger of falling? You may break the monument or worse, yourself, if it is unstable. When you run your fingers over the surface, do grains come off on your fingers? This means the monument is deteriorating and no cleaning should be attempted.

These are a few things I have learned over the years of working in Linwood Cemetery. I use as my guide a book by Lynette Strangstad called *A Graveyard Preservation Primer*.

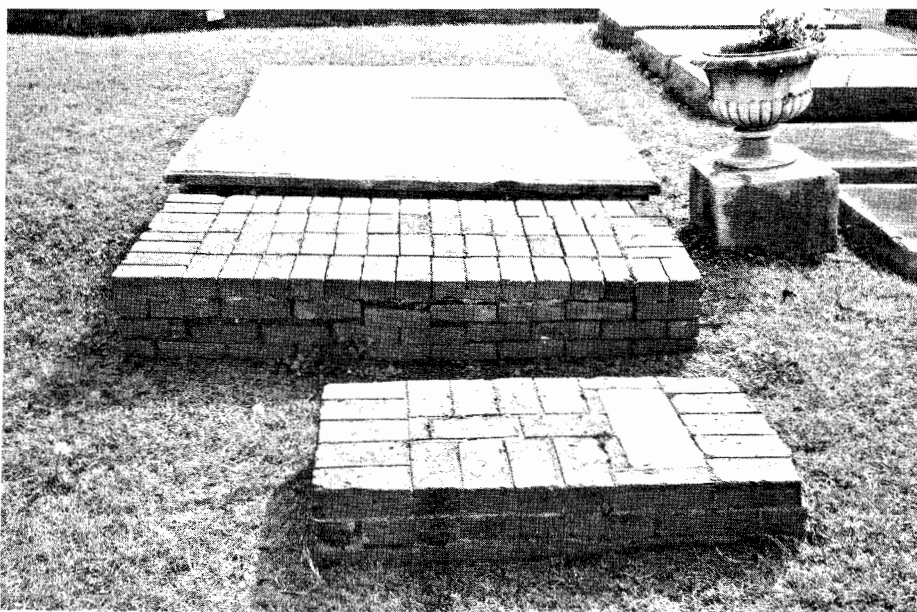
## The Blackmar Family

When Alfred Owen Blackmar traveled the country looking for a place to settle, little did he know of the legacy this adventurous young man would leave behind when he moved his family to the frontier town of Columbus.

Around 1816, as a very young man, he left his home in Rhode Island to visit many different places in the United States and Canada, eventually settling with his wife Betsy Brainerd Arnold in Savannah, Georgia. After the death of his wife and first born son, Francis, he took his second son, Alfred Owen Blackmar, II, and moved to Augusta where he married Susan Daly.

Columbus was thriving as an industrial town by 1836 and Alfred decided to move his family here. Thus began the Blackmar family line whose descendants are still living in Columbus today. Alfred Owen Blackmar died in 1865 and his wife Susan, died in 1895. They are both buried in Linwood near the grave of Ann America, their baby daughter who died in early childhood.

Alfred Owen Blackmar II married Mary Ann Blood in Columbus and were the parents of five children. Alfred had a very interesting life, becoming very wealthy in stocks, real estate and slaves, but all was lost during the War Between the States. He served in the Confederacy as Captain of the steamer *Munnerlyn*. He was on a mission for the Navy through Major James H. Warner, and on his return to Columbus saw the last of Wilson's raiders leaving the burnt town. After the war, he went into the grocery business and in 1872 organized the Merchants and Mechanics Bank where he stayed until he retired in 1895.



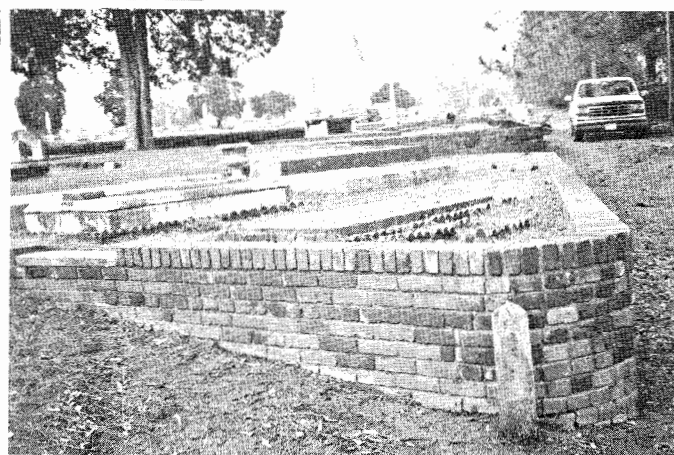
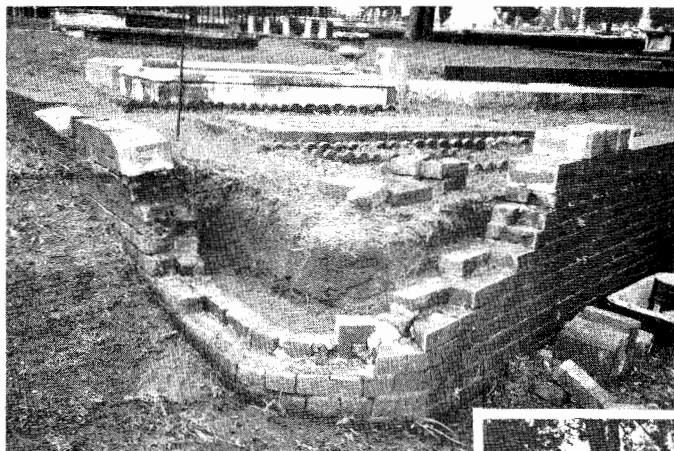
Mary Ann Blood Blackmar was written about in *The Sunday Ledger-Enquirer* in 1931. The headlines read "Beloved Columbus Woman Celebrates Her 100th Birthday." The article is a genealogical treasure for this woman's descendants.

Alfred and Mary had very long lives, Alfred dying at age 99 and Mary dying at 101. They are buried in the same lot as Alfred Owen I and Susan Daily.

Alfred and Mary's children were John Brainerd Blackmar who married Susie Wellborn; Savannah Blackmar who married Clarence Julian Edge; Mary Blackmar who married Dr. William Lewis Bullard; Dana Blackmar who married Nattielow Wellborn Harden; and Betsy Brainerd Blackmar who never married. The descendants of these children have continued the legacy of Alfred Owen Blackmar by contributing to the growth of the city he adopted as his home.

Linwood Cemetery is the final resting place of many of the Blackmar descendants.

*Research for this article was provided by Nancy Edge and Lea Dowd.*



**Our brick mason, Bo Patterson, has worked his magic again.**