

Linwood Legacy

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Executive Director

Our beautiful fence has been damaged!! Someone ran a pickup truck off Linwood Boulevard into our cemetery damaging three fence panels and hitting a brick wall surrounding a cemetery lot. The driver abandoned his truck. The accident is still under investigation at this time. We are exploring ways to get the panels repaired. The city has closed the gap in the fence with chain link temporarily.

Enough bad news! We had a very nice day for our **Ninth Annual Meeting** held May 1st in the cemetery. Our speaker was Christine Neal who works in the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural resources. She is called upon to assist people in the state of Georgia with cemetery questions. She also has authored a book which is a comprehensive guide to preservation and restoration of cemeteries. She spoke to us about the history of cemeteries and discussed some of the symbolism seen on markers.

We were pleased to present the **Autry Award** to Pat and Joe Walters for their tremendous work on the tree project. They have devoted many hours to Linwood Cemetery.

Thanks to three retiring board members, Robert Galer, Marion Page, and Lea Dowd. Their time and efforts expended on behalf of the Foundation for the past four years are truly appreciated.

We added five new board members: Cordy Arnold, Thacker Cargill, Scott Jones, John Page, and Virginia Peebles. The current officers will continue to serve for another year. They are John Holt, President; Frank Lumpkin, Vice President; Scott Boyce, Treasurer; Mimi Childs, Secretary.

The city cemeteries have a new manager. Debra Abraham has been promoted to replace Michelle Brown who has moved to another Division. Debra was Michelle's assistant so she is familiar with the cemeteries. We wish her success in her new position and will assist her in anyway we can.

Linda Kennedy
Executive Director

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Memorials

Dr. Thomas G. Crymes, III

Dr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Palmer

Mr. Hines Holt

Mrs. Joann Holt

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Mr. And Mrs. Richard Y. Bradley

Mrs. Thomas G. Crymes

Mr. And Mrs. Robert F. Galer

Mrs. Sara B. Heard

Mrs. Iva Hudson

Mr. And Mrs. John D. Kennedy

Mr. Frank Lumpkin

Mr. And Mrs. Bill Tillman

Mr. Ben Hudson

Ms Ann T. Abercrombie

Mr. Frank O. Jones

Mr. And Mrs. Robert H. Patterson

Mr. William H. Martin

Mr. And Mrs. Robert H. Patterson

In Honor Of

**Clason Kyle
Barbara Pound**

**Katherine Waddell
Helen Jordan**

**Warren Foley
G. I. And Sarah Morris**

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New Members

**Mr. And Mrs. David K. Gerber
Maxwell Air Force Base, AL**

**Julia and Terrence P. Keating
Duluth, GA**

**Mrs. Nancy Whitehead
Columbus, GA 31904**

**Ms Valerie S. Szucs
Columbus, Ga**

**Bill and Annie Laura Tillman
Columbus, GA**

**Dr. and Mrs. James H. Sullivan
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Jerry C. Averett, Jr.
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Forrest L. Champion
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Ray Crowley
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Bruce Frazer
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Robert G. Hecht
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. John W. Humes
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Jack B. Key, Jr.
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Ronald O. Mullenix
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Daniel S. Rickard
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. J. Barrington Vaught
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. Bernard D. Wheeler
Columbus, GA**

**Mrs. John B. Wine
Columbus, GA**

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Mimi Childs, Secretary
Scott Boyce, Treasurer
Linda Kennedy, Executive Director
and Editor

Staff Change!!

Again, I announce that our Foundation has a new secretary. Deby Love joined us in April. Deby came to us from the Columbus Country Club and will be a familiar face to many of our members. She is very well-qualified and already has proven to be a great help in the work of the Foundation. Please make her welcome when you visit or call the office.



TREES FOR LINWOOD

When visiting Historic Linwood Cemetery, please take note of all of our new trees that have leafed out. Your response to the "Tree Fund" to restore and maintain our tree population has been overwhelming.

With the addition of our new trees, we hope their shade will encourage people to visit Linwood and enjoy the history of our city that is written in the tombstones.

Trees are the oldest living witnesses to history. The trees we plant today will stand witness in Historic Linwood long after we are gone. Think of all the events that our huge Laurel Oak has shaded.

We need volunteers!! With summer fast approaching, we need help watering our trees. Please call us and adopt one or two trees to water for the summer. It is a perfect way to bring a child or teenager to help you water and teach them the importance of volunteerism. Bring a friend that you enjoy a quiet chat with — we promise no t.v., ringing telephones or job stress. We have trees to water in the Confederate section for you history buffs! While strolling and watering our trees, observe the tombstones — you will be amazed how many countries our early Columbus settlers represent.

Please call Dixie Crymes (322-5194) or Pat Walters (323-1128) for more information. We encourage you to join our group.

Pat Walters
Tree Project Chairman

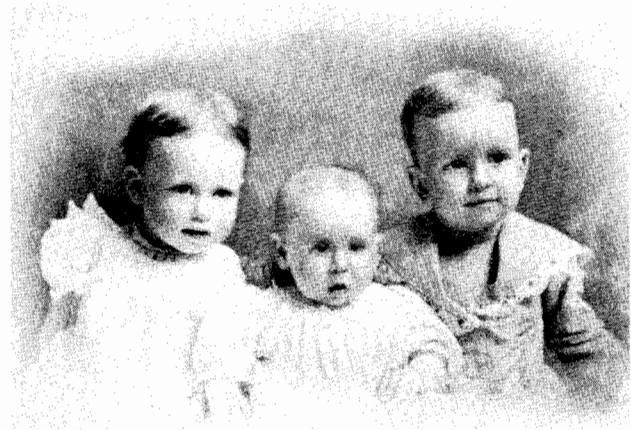
A Gift of Love

When Leonora Guy of Thomasville, Georgia, began estate planning, she thought of her hometown, Columbus, and her family. Born Leonora McCormick, she was daughter of Esther and Edward George McCormick, a native of New York state. When Leonora's father, a career Army officer, died in 1939, her mother then only 40 years old made the decision to return the family of four girls to the place of her birth, Columbus. Mrs. McCormick with her four girls, Betty, Patricia, Helena and Leonora, first lived at 1722 Stark Avenue and then moved around the corner to 1701 Carter Avenue.

Leonora's mother, Esther McCormick, was born Esther Floyd Dismukes, the second of ten children of Elisha Paul and Helena Morrissett Dismukes. Esther had five brothers: Elisha Paul Dismukes III, Bradley Lee Dismukes, Arthur Forman Dismukes, Logan Dismukes, and John Immel Dismukes, who died in infancy. Her sisters were Mildred (Mrs. Perry Borom), Mary Bolling (Mrs. Samuel Buracker), Anna Helena (Mrs. Terrell Hill), and Leonora (Mrs. Walker Parrish). Additionally, Esther's uncle, Robert Ernest Dismukes and his wife Leonora, daughter of George and Leonora Epping Swift, lived in Columbus. With the marriages of her brothers and sisters, Esther's family connections extended into all areas of the cultural, social, religious and political life of the city. Her daughters grew up surrounded by loving grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles as well as many friends.



Father of Esther Floyd Dismukes, Elisha Paul Dismukes, Jr.



Esther Floyd Dismukes (Mrs. Edward, McCormick), Mildred (Mrs. Perry Borom), and Elisha P. Dismukes, III

The youngest of the four McCormick sisters and six years old at the time of their move back to Columbus, Leonora attended Wynnton School, St. Mary's School and the University of Georgia. She met and married Robert Harrell Guy of Thomasville. They had two children, Esther now of Bloomingdale, Georgia, and Harrell of Chapin, South Carolina. Leonora was known for her contagious laugh and had many friends. Although she loved Thomasville, she never forgot her Columbus roots and enjoyed reunions with her sisters: Betty Acosta (Mrs. Carroll Edwin Carter) of Jacksonville, Patricia (Mrs. Harry Hodgson McNeel) of Marietta, and Helena (Mrs. Leonard Garrard Pease) of Columbus.

In Linwood cemetery, the Dismukes/McCormick lot is the final resting place for four generations of this family. The purchase of the lot and the placement of the beautiful obelisk were made by the first Elisha Paul Dismukes (1839-1918), a former member of Lee's Army who was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg and then captured, serving fifteen months as a prisoner of war in Ohio. He and his wife, the former Miss Anne Forman (1844-1905), were outstanding citizens of Columbus. A former member of the Florida state senate, Mr. Dismukes was involved banking, cotton manufacturing, the First Presbyterian Church, and city government. Mrs. Dismukes was a leader in the free kindergarten movement, chartered in 1896, and was a member of Trinity Episcopal church. She organized the George Walton Chapter of the DAR, was an early member of the Columbus Town Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and occupied leadership positions in other patriotic organizations.

The members of the Historic Linwood Foundation are grateful to Leonora McCormick Guy, who died in 2003, for making a substantial gift to continue restoration within the cemetery and to preserve the Dismukes/McCormick lot. By establishing a charitable remainder trust in 1997, she honored her hometown and her heritage.



The McCormick sisters: Betty Acosta Carter, Helena Pease, Patricia McNeel, and Leonora Guy.

Contributed by Mimi Childs