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New Smyrna Cemetery – A Neighborhood Eye-sore Privately Owned – Not City Property

A number of people have called the Smyrna City Hall, the Smyrna Historical Society, The Smyrna Museum and the Smyrna Cemetery Association in the past few months complaining about the condition of the New Smyrna Cemetery on Hawthorne Street near the intersection of Highland Avenue and Old Roswell Road.

Each of these people, who have relatives buried there, have been told that it is privately owned the city can not legally do any work on the property with city employees or equipment. According to information on file at the city hall Community Service Workers can not be used for that purpose either.

From time to time individual Boy Scouts have worked in the cemetery to earn credits for merit badges. Some Girl Scout troops and other organizations have, from time to time taken on New Smyrna as a project and cut grass and weeds, cleaned up gravesites, etc. But for the most part, it has been left up to the families of the people who are buried there to take care of their own lots.

Even one of our own Historical Society members, Tom Camp, took it on his own to cut the grass and weeds and at times assist some of the families in the upkeep on their grave sites.

New Smyrna was never a perpetual care cemetery, but was established as the New Smyrna Cemetery Association. Apparently families who owned lots in the cemetery sent in contributions to the owners from time to time and those funds were used for the upkeep of the cemetery. That probably worked pretty well until most of the original owners were dead.

The current owners of the New Smyrna Cemetery are Harry Quarles and Bobby Martin, heirs of some of the earlier stockholders in the New Smyrna Cemetery Association.

In 1988 in an effort to establish a history of the cemetery, Harold Smith asked attorney Jim Webb (a member of the Smyrna Historical Society) to check Cobb County records for deeds to that particular piece of property.

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MEMORIAL ON STONE MOUNTAIN

By Tom Akin,

Historian & Member of the Smyrna Historical Society

It took 55 years and four sculptors to complete the carving. The project began in 1915 when the Atlanta UDC met with the world-renowned sculptor Gutzon Borglum, who had at this time completed a number of notable sculptures and two less notable ones: Abraham Lincoln and Phil Sheridan.

Borglum's original design was ambitious if not grandiose. It showed the Confederate Army on the march with the central group of Davis, Lee, and Jackson at the head, with 1,000 marching figures stretching a quarter of a mile across the face of the mountain. The height of the marching figures would average 140 feet. In addition, there would be a memorial hall carved out of solid granite that would be 300 feet long and 45 feet high. The estimated cost of the project was 4 million 1915 dollars, far above the resources of the sponsors.

On April 29, 1916, the Venable family, who owned the mountain, deeded to the UDC the land for the carving with the provision that a permanent memorial to the valor of the Confederacy would be completed within 12 years of the deed date. The value of the site was over one million dollars. But the start of World War I ended all fund-raising efforts and the UDC could not arrange financing. At this time a group of businessmen formed the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to promote the carving project. This group in time resolved the financing problem by minting 5 million half-dollar coins for sale across the South at one dollar each to raise two million dollars after expenses of minting and management.

An act of the 68th Congress authorized the coinage of the 50-cent pieces, although there was some hostility in Congress as some felt that it was not proper to honor the 'lost cause' of the Confederacy. But the coins sold well in Georgia. I remember seeing a number of them in my

With financing resolved for the time being by coin sales, the Association in 1923 signed a contract with the sculptor Borglum for the carding of seven figures: Davis, Lee, Jackson and four others to be called the 'Central Group.' The nation's response to this plan was generally favorable, and the president of the Association received a letter of support and appreciation from President Warren G. Harding, who said that the project "had the complete concurrence of a united country?"

The work progressed well, and on Lee's birthday, January 19, 1924, the perfectly done head of General Lee was unveiled with much fanfare. On that occasion, as a publicity stunt, a luncheon for 13 people was served at a table on Lee's shoulder. The menu was southern fried chicken, of course. The diners were seated at a table that was 300 feet above the ground, and I have no information on the effect that location might have had on the guests' appetites or on the method of raising (or lowering) them to and from that position on the face of the mountain. More research is needed.

At this point the artistic temperament of the sculptor became a problem, in part because the association wanted to limit the scope of the *carving* to the 'Central Group' of seven figures instead of the quarter-mile long array that Borglum had proposed. An additional problem was Mr. Borglum's attachment to the KKK. He had become an influential member of that organization which had by this time become a very potent political force in the nation, and he had lost much of his public support because of that membership.

As the Association prepared to fire Borglum, much controversy arose. Borglum had been a real friend to the South, and his artistic talent and technical innovation were applauded by the nation's artists and by many Georgia people, and he went on to achieve great fame with his carvings on Mount Rushmore.

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After the departure of Borglum, the Association engaged another sculptor, Henry Lukeman, in 1926. Some of the existing work was chipped off and Lukeman started anew, but his work became so badly butchered that it was partially blasted off.

Interference from members of the Association who wanted to influence the design contributed to the failure of Lukeman's attempt. Mr. Lukeman moved on to other work, and the Association hired Mr. Albert Weiblen to continue work on Lukeman's design, which he did until 1928 when the Venable family reclaimed the site under the terms of the original deed. In the summer of 1928 the funds ran out and the project was abandoned until the State of Georgia purchased the mountain in 1958.

In March 1963, five years after the state's purchase, Walter Hancock of Massachusetts was engaged as the fourth sculptor. He was employed to finish the carving per Lukeman's design, and completed the work in 1967; 44 years after Borglum started it. The 'Central Group' had been reduced to three: Davis, Lee, and Jackson.

President Nixon was scheduled to dedicate the finished carving on May 9, 1970, but could not attend because of his involvement in a critical phase of the Vietnam war, and vice-president Spiro Agnew was to appear in Nixon's place. But Agnew's character was clouded at this time amid charges of accepting bribes, and the press was hostile to Agnew and the Confederacy, so only 10,000 attended the ceremony where 100,000 had been expected.

The carving is the world's largest high-relief sculpture and measures 90 x 190 feet, a height equivalent to a 10-story building, located 300 feet above ground level.

I have some personal memories of the mountain that have persisted since 1948. At that time my brother and I, students at Tech, climbed to the top of the mountain via the path up the sloping side, then proceeded to walk a short distance over the 'brow' enjoying the view. When we realized what we had gone too far and were about to join the long list of people

and animals who had found themselves in that predicament and fallen to their death. This happened before the safety fence was installed above the carving on the steep side of the mountain. My own experience confirms that some humans are dumb enough to get into such a situation, but I thought animals instinctively knew better. But we sat down and carefully inched our way back up until we reached such a point that we could crawl away from that alarming place.

A very able local man, Elias Nour, became a legend saving the lives of people and animals that ventured too far over the brow. He received much recognition and many awards, including the Carnegie medal, for his heroic service.

The information for this article came from *The History of Stone Mountain* by Harkness Kenimer, an Atlanta real estate broker and appraiser. The booklet was published in 1994.

This is the page for inserting
The letter from Jim Webb to Harold
Smith about the New Smyrna
Cemetery Association.

Jim Webb referred to the Nov. 5, 1919 deed, which conveyed approximately 14 acres plus the 12-foot driveway property or street from J. T. Rutledge to W. D. Hasty for \$2000.00 dollars.

On April 9th, 1943, a Mr. A. E. Willie conveyed that same western boundary line 12 feet wide and 722 long to the New Smyrna Cemetery Association for one hundred dollars.

We have been unable to establish the exact origin date of the New Smyrna Cemetery but apparently it was around June, 1910 when T. L. Hamby, J. C. Moore (9-12-1851 – 1-11-1912), H. L. Mathews (6-2-1886 – 8-7-1912), J. T. Rutledge (5-3-1867 – 4-25-1942) and T. B. Martin invested \$300.00 each for three shares of stock in the New Smyrna Cemetery Association. The \$1500.00 was used to pay \$1000.00 for the six acres of land and \$500.00 for “Betterments.”

The association began to sell lots beginning at 25.00 depending on the size of the lot and arranged for the purchasers to pay monthly, quarterly, or at whatever terms could be worked out with the Association.

The Smyrna Historical Society has a copy of a deed dated June 28th, 1912 from the Association to G. W. Slayton for lot number 14 in section B containing 787.5 square feet. The cost of the lot was \$25.00. J. T. Rutledge, President and T. B. MARTIN, Secretary signed the deed.

As early as 1919 Rev. A. C. Cantrell (5-31-1862 – 3-13-1946) was listed as Secretary and Treasurer. Records show that on April 1, 1944 he sold his stock in the New Smyrna Cemetery Association to Mr. W. A. Quarles, Sr. (1-16-1878 – 1-8-1950).

Many of Smyrna’s prominent citizens purchased lots in the new cemetery. Some of them paid as little as \$1.00 per month by cash or check until the full amount was paid.

No lots have been sold in the New Smyrna Cemetery for a number of years because of changes in the law dealing with cemeteries. If lots are sold in old non-perpetual care they

have to become perpetual care cemeteries and establish trust funds and bonds to insure that the cemeteries are properly cared for.

Burials continue in New Smyrna cemetery because families who purchased lots years ago still burying they’re kin.

The New Smyrna Cemetery is one of the most historic places in the city and many of those who served as Smyrna’s Mayors and City Councilmen are buried there:

Mayors

Harry Arrington
3-2-1902 – 1-8-1941

Arthur T. Bacon
2-12-1917 – 10-26-1985

Guye N. Duncan
1908 – 1954

J. Walker Fuller
6-7-1879 – 6-10-1927

Thomas W. Huffstutler
2-18-1887 – 10-20-1971

Jake C. Moore
9-12-1851 – 1-11-1912

John Franklin Petty
1864 – 1934

John Lewis Pollock
4-14-1871 – 4-28-1942

Matthew Varner Ruff
9-15-1858 – 1-26-1928

The Smyrna Cemetery Association has discussed the possibility of assuming responsibility for the cemetery if the current owners will quit-claim the property to the city and the city accepts it.

Welcome New Members

Amir Askarian
Owner – Café Michel
Sponsor Membership

Pam Broadwell
Willowbrook Dr.
Marietta, GA
Individual Membership

Herschel S. Owens
Natalie Lane
Smyrna, GA
Individual Membership

Jerry Smith
Lake Dr.
Smyrna
Upgrade to Sponsor

Thank you for joining the Smyrna Historical and Genealogical Society. We urge you to attend the meetings and take part in the activities and the opportunity of service at the Museum.

Donations

The following have made donations over and above their regular category dues since our last issue of Lives and Times. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and dedication.

Anonymous
Martin & Nellie Cantrell
Melvin & Mary Ruth Holleman
Joann McDowell
Emory & Nelda Parrish

Jerry Smith
Linda Ruff Smith

Museum Donations

The following have made donations of artifacts, memorabilia, etc. since our last issue of Lives and Times.

Tom Akin
Berry Bright
Dorothy Douthitt
Nancy McGavic & Jo Oliveri
Melvin Potts
Harry Smith
Parker Lowry
Bobbie & Tarver Shirley
Norma McHann

We Get Letters

Mr. Smith:

For years I have been complaining about the cemetery on Hawthorne St. to the Mayor. My mother and dad, Robert and Zelma Motter, are buried there.

It is the worse eyesore in Smyrna. We who have loved one's there, hate to see the place looking so badly, Can't something be done? If so let us know.

Thanks, Mary M. Fowler.

P.S. Forward this to whomever can help—please.

Harold

John and I really enjoyed this last issue of Lives and Times. The old prices and menu, pictures, etc. was good plus we knew some of the people. Keep up the good work. Hope to see you in the near future.

Darlene Davidson

Hi Harold,

I know we ought to come sometime. We do miss a lot. Thanks for all your interest and work.
Bob and Nancy McDuff

Neighborhood Social By Lillie Wood

The home of Sandra and Sammy Hamby at 1312 Roswell Street in Smyrna was the setting for a "Meet Your Neighbor Cookout", on Saturday, June 28, 2003. The outing was in their spacious, beautifully landscaped back-yard. The neighborhood, east of the railroad, including Roswell, Spring and the surrounding streets, is undergoing major redevelopment. The neighborhood includes many long time residents and a growing number of newcomers. Sixty to seventy people enjoyed the delicious food and grilled steaks. It was reminiscent of years past when neighborhoods came together for food, games and fellowship.

The Hamby house was built in 1907. It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. David C. Hamby in 1917. Mrs. Hamby was the former Jinnie L. Gable. Her dad, the Rev. J.L. Gable, was a large land owner in Cobb County. According to information from family members, he donated the land for Marietta Square.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Hamby reared ten children in this house. They are as follows, Olive H., Little H., Howard H., Joseph J., David Otis, Jenny Lou, Quillian, Alta, Clayton Belk, and Danny Banks. Jennie Lou Hamby was married to Roy Fowler, who ran a barber

Shop on Atlanta Street in Smyrna.

Clayton Belk Hamby and his wife, the former Mary Elliott from Commerce, Georgia reared their three sons in this house. The sons are, Clayton B. Hamby, Jr., known as "Sonny". Quinton Hamby and Samuel, known as "Sammy".

Sammy and his family are the current residents. It is one of only a few homes in Smyrna occupied by the same family for this long. Sammy's children are the fourth generation of Hamby's to live in this house.

Ed Hatcher with cooperation from the Smyrna City Council began building new homes on Roswell Street about eighteen months ago. The homes are in character with the older homes that graced Roswell Street for more than a century. He is currently building new homes on Spring Street.

The Mayor and City Council, their wives and other city officials were invited to meet the residents of the neighborhood. Those attending were; Mayor Max Bacon, Third Ward Councilman Bill Scoggins and his wife Gerrye, Seventh Ward Councilman Pete Wood and his wife Lillie, City Clerk, Susan Hiott, and Assistant to the Mayor and Council, Susan Drinnon and her husband Ernie.



l to r Susan Hiott, Janet & Joe Bland , Pete & Lillie Wood, Ernie Drinnon



Hamby House, 1312 Roswell St.

War Between the States

Editor's Note: Joann McDowell, a Smyrna Native and long-time member of the Smyrna Historical Society shares the following stories with us. Her mother Sadie Robinson McDowell (10-17-1908 - 8 27- 1996) composed both. The Robinson home place was located near the intersection of what is now East Spring Street and Mathews St. The 1890's vintage house was demolished several years ago to make way for condos. A photo of the house appeared in Lives & Times in the Jan. – Feb. 1996 issue. Here are Sadie's stories:

My great-grandmother, Julia White Brown, lived in Smyrna during the Civil War. She lived on Church Street in the southwest corner across the street from Smyrna Elementary School. She owned the property where the school stands. I attended that school and at recess we would play on the grounds where there were still signs of the breastworks or trenches used in the Civil War. Grandmother and Grandfather Brown had five children and were expecting their sixth child when he was killed in the Civil War. He died and was buried in Virginia. Their oldest son, David, was called into service in the war. Soon the battle was being fought on Kennesaw Mountain and then on to Marietta and Smyrna. Grandmother Brown thought it best to leave home and take her five children with her to her brother's home in South Carolina. Her brother owned a plantation there. She said as they waited in Smyrna for the one train a day (the Rome Express) to go to Atlanta, she could see the smoke and hear the cannons as the fighting drew near to Smyrna. All homes and buildings

were destroyed.

When she returned to Smyrna, all the neighbors got together and built her a small home. We believe her baby was born in South Carolina. Her son, David, never returned from the war. He was reported missing in action. The last heard of him was that he was in a battle in Virginia. She always believed he would return. As long as she lived, she burned a lamp at night sitting on a table by the window so the light would show him the way home and that they were waiting for him to return.

My grandmother, Sarah Jane. Brown (Cannon) Was a young girl when all this happened. She was the mother of Georgia Alice Cannon 8-4-1871 – 2-19-1933) (my mother).

The other story related by Joann's mother is this one: During the Civil War a wagon load of ammunition got stuck in the mud at the branch (spring) on Spring Street. It was after a rainy spell. They unhitched the mules from the wagon and left the load of ammunition. My brother Lonie, in later years, found a lot of mini balls there. He sold them and made enough money to buy his first shot gun.

Joann went on to say "I didn't get to know my grandmother, but I'm proud to have been named for her. She was Georgia Alice Cannon Robinson. I am "Alice" Joann and another granddaughter is "Georgia".

Another story that Sadie had passed along to Harold Smith on January 24, 1984 was about a black man named Dick Fobs. It was her understanding that he had constructed a house on the Spring Street property mentioned above and also had dug a well, which was about 60 feet deep. Sadie's father, William Oliver Robinson, (7-21-1866 – 1-28-1935) said that Civil War soldiers drank from that well on the days around July 4, 1864 during the battle of Smyrna Campground.

Congratulations to Patricia Durham Keisling \$ Robert M. Baldwin

Romance budded in the Smyrna Historical Society and it bloomed into a marriage on Saturday, August 16, 2003 when Pat and Robert became Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin.

The ceremonies took place to a full house in the 1924 vintage rock Chapel of the Smyrna First Baptist Church.

Members of both families were present for the “un-traditional” ceremony where there were no bridesmaids, no ring bearers, no best man, and no one to give away the bride.

After a program of wedding music by Noel Roberds, Pat’s son in law, Phillip Johnson sang *In This Very Room*.

The handholding couple entered the sanctuary where both of them had been baptized on Sunday July 2, 1944 and walked directly to the platform where the Rev. Steve Kimmel, the First Baptist Pastor, and Jimmy Crandal, Bob’s brother-in-law were waiting.

The couple exchanged vows administered by Rev. Kimmel, and exchanged rings while Mr. Crandal held the bride’s bouquet to the laughter of the congregation. Philip sang *With This Ring I Thee Wed*.

Rev. Kimmel pronounced the couple husband and wife and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin. He invited everyone to the reception in the church fellowship hall.

The romance had actually started in February 2003 at a regular meeting of the Smyrna Historical Society at the Smyrna Museum. Pat has attended the meetings regularly since she became a charter member in 1986. Bob Baldwin was visiting the society meeting that night to hear a talk by Cobb County Preservationist Becky Nash Paden, a Smyrna native.

During the refreshments portion of the meeting Pat and Bob discovered that they had attended Smyrna High School at the same time and had been friends some 50 years earlier. Both had experienced the death of their spouses in recent years.

The courtship began in earnest when Bob called Pat the very next day and the whirlwind romance has continued. They found they both had compatible beliefs, ideas, faith, likes, etc.

They started “dating” and one Sunday they would attend Pat’s church services at First Baptist, the next Sunday they would attend Bob’s at Lost Mountain Baptist Church.

A bride’s “no gifts shower” with long time friends, was held at the home of Virginia McDaniel on August 7. Those in attendance were:

Corinne Abbott	Beverly Johnson
Doris Boring	Anita Jones
Joyce Cash	Pat Keisling
Hilda Chaffin	Jacqui Landers
Mary Lou Cochran	Pat Mathuss
Betty Culpepper	Virginia McDaniel
Frankie Farquhar	Norma McHann
Jerri Graham	Lee Schoonover
Doris Grimsley	Edna Scoggins
Mary Lynn Griswold	Dean Wallace
Helen Hanson	Dani B Whitecotton
Mary Ruth Holleman	Lillie Wood
Mildred Hudlow	Jane Yancey

The newlyweds, following the activities of Saturday afternoon, spent the night at the Marietta Conference Center.

After a brief trip to the home of Pat’s daughter and son-in-law on Sunday morning, the couple headed for a weeklong honeymoon in Savannah.

You just never can tell what might happen when you attend a meeting of the Smyrna Historical Society. The next one is coming on August 28. Invite a friend or perhaps find a long-lost one there.

Sympathy To

Smyrna Historical Society member Vonnie Gilstrap in the death of her mother, **Lois Grant Masters Dunn. 8-31-1911 – 7-27-2003.** Funeral services were held in Easley, South Carolina at the Robinson Funeral Home. We extend the sympathy of the Society to her family. Thanks to Doris and Russ Grimsley for the information on Mrs. Dunn.

Last Meeting

The regular meeting of the Smyrna Historical and Genealogical Society was held at the Smyrna Museum on June 26, 2003. Unlike so many of the meetings in recent months, the weather was sunny and warm. There was a good turnout for the meeting.

The guest speaker and two assistants arrived at approximately 6:30. They began to turn the basement meeting room into an exhibit area of World War 2 memorabilia. The exhibit included photographs, military medals and awards, flags, weapons, uniforms, etc. By the time the members assembled at 7:30, the front of the room was ready.

Harold Smith welcomed the members and visitors. Former Master Sergeants Larry Able and Hoyt Amos who had come with the guest speaker provided some entertainment with harmonicas. They played each of the service songs and members of the audience were asked to stand with their particular song was played. Program chairman Forster Puffe introduced Harold

Davis, of Marietta who presented a most interesting program about his activities as a gunner in the Army. He also talked about his involvement with the liberation of the infamous Dacha Prison Camp in Germany. Mr. Davis is a native of Ripley, Mississippi. He was inducted into the army on his birthday July 19, 1942 (born in 1922) and was sent to Marietta, Ga.

After his discharge from the military he returned to Cobb County and worked for the Cobb County Police Department

He received a number of medals for his activities during WW 2 and told of many of his experiences while serving in the military. Following the presentation, he answered many questions on an individual basis.

Due to the length of the presentation, a report from Joe Bland on the Taylor House was delayed until the next meeting.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments prepared by Norma McHann.

The following were present for the meeting: Jim Webb, Don Cheek, Pat Askew, Ben and Dene Morris, Martin and Nell Cantrell, Bob and Annett Bourne, Nelda and Emory Parrish, Ken and Jeane Travis, Mary Annie Johnson, Jennette Rutledge, Jane and Emmett Yancey, Norma McHann, Dorothy Bacon, Joe & Janet Bland, Bob Baldwin, Pat Keisling, Bill and Jennifer Atkins, Mike and Sue Terry, Nancy Hancock, Frank and Shirley McDaniel, Bob Lynes, Milton Brown, Harold Smith.

Dues

We had such a good response on the dues payments as a result of this column; we'll try it again by printing the names whose membership anniversary date falls in the last six months of the year.

We're also leaving the names for the first six months who have not responded yet. Please make your check payable to the Smyrna Historical Society and mail it in the enclosed envelope in the amount of your particular category.

Family	25.00	Individual \$20.00
Sponsor	100.00	Donor 50.00

Billie & Martha Akins, January, Family
Carolyn Amburn, February, Individual
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Dot Bacon, July, Individual
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Harold Ivester, February, Family
Amy Jennings, August, Family
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Thomas Knox, February, Individual
Janelle & John Lampp, Jan., Family
Jacque Landers, February, Family
Bill Lyons, June, Family
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Billy Martin, July, Individual
Bob & Virginia McDaniel, May, Family
Jan McDaniel, January, Individual
Norma McHann, February, Individual
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Betty McNiff, June, Individual
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Barbara Orsolits, February, Family
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Shirley Parson, January, Individual
Doris Pflughardt, April, Individual
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Tom & Megan Price, December, Family
Forster Puffe, June, Individual
Joe Ransbotham, April, Sponsor
Pat & Bob Roche, May, Family
Jennette Rutledge, February, Individual
Sarah Sentell Scott, July, Individual
Pat Cantrell Smith, January, Individual

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Smyrna Library, January, Sponsor
Willouise Spivey, March, Individual
Jack Sutton, February, Sponsor
Ed Travis, January, Individual
Travis & Frances Turner, November, Family
University of Georgia, November, Subscript.
Valliere, Louise, A., November, Individual
Pam Walker, August, Donor
Jim & Margie Webb, January, Family
Dodi Williams, December, Individual
Robert Wilson, June, Family
Steve Wilson, May, Family

Social Security Index from Roots Web

The current version of the United States' Social Security Index (SSDI) at RootsWeb has information about deaths reported through June 2003. It contains 70,901,606 records.

RootsWeb provides this valuable genealogical source for free to its users and updates it regularly -- soon after it is received from the SSA (Social Security Administration). However, RootsWeb does not create, verify, edit, or correct any of the information found therein.

If you believe that SSA has listed incorrectly someone as deceased, misspelled their name, or has erroneous dates or information in the SSDI, please do not write to the Help Desk about it. Instead contact your local Social Security office. It will be necessary for you to provide acceptable proof to have any error(s) corrected. Learn more about this unique finding aid and information pertaining to it in the RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees.

<http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson10.htm>
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For more information and an index to the more than 27,100 RootsWeb-hosted genealogy Mailing Lists and easy subscribing options go to: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/>

Refreshments Schedule

If you are willing to provide the refreshments for one of the historical society meetings, please call Norma McHann, 770 432 3199 or Harold Smith 770 435 7549.

August, 2003 _____

October 2003, Joe & Janet Bland, Nancy Hancock.

February, 2004 Jeane Travis, Lillie Wood

April, 2004 Dot Bacon, Jennette Rutledge

June, 2004 _____

August, 2004 _____

October, 2004 _____

Additional Memorabilia/Artifacts/ Publications Donations to the Smyrna Museum in August

Mary Annie Johnson
C. T. Killingsworth
Peggy McCutchen Martin
T. G. Rogers
Margaret Rolader
Stephanie McKinnell

Thank you very much for your interest and contributions to the Museum.

Grandma's Biscuits

Cataloging the Museum

While cataloging some of the items donated to the Museum by the Estate of Leodelle Jolley, a small prayer booklet published in June 1943 by The Upper Room was found. It had been given to Mrs. Jolley by long time Smyrna resident, the late Darrinda Martin.

Miss Darrinda had written a note on the first page of the booklet to Mrs. Jolley as follows:

“Papa was in the army and said ‘It is an error to think that you cannot be a soldier and a Christian. A soldier does not have to be immoral, drink, curse, gamble, etc. because you are in the service. You can be a soldier of the cross. He was 92 years, 6 months old when he went home to God.’”

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, God's grace all sufficient shall be thy supply. He, who does not crown Christ Lord of all, does not crown Him Lord at all.

May you have Christ as your personal saviour to guide, guard and keep you and bring you safely home. Sincerely, Miss Darrinda Martin, Smyrna, GA.

Other items, which are a part of the Jolley estate donations, are the United Daughters of the Confederacy magazines. All monthly issues (except June 1963 and July 1968) from 1962 through 1979 have been added to the research room. Also, the 1894-1994 Centennial edition is on hand. All are currently available.

All of that was said to say this: You find some interesting items in the collection at the Museum when you're cataloging. We have thousands of items that need to be recorded and we need volunteers to help with it.

If you can assist with this project, please contact Harold Smith at 770 435 7549. We'll show you how to do it at your convenience.

Melvin Potts, a former Smyrna Schoolteacher who lives in Tennessee, provided the menu on the inside back page.

Grandma's Biscuits was located in the Pat Mell Shopping Center at the intersection of Pat Mell and South Cobb Drive and operated for a few years in the early 1970's.