

Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter

11th Edition – June 27, 2017

Words From Our President

Greetings! We trust this newsletter finds you and your family well. It's been a year since our last publication, so we hope you've been able to keep up with the events of the Old Saltillo Cemetery and surrounding community via our website www.oldsalttillocemetery.com and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/oldsalttillocemetery.

Those in attendance for the 2016 Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day/Annual Business Meeting had a great day. The historic Old Saltillo United Methodist Church and adjoining Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center provided welcomed relieve from the hot summer day. We enjoyed a sizable crowd of attendees from near and far. The formal program began at 10:30 a.m. Lou Briley Daniel opened the meeting with greetings, Mike Briley led the congregation in the opening songs, and Bobby Goswick led the congregation (the youth, in particular) in a salute and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Lou recognized the oldest person in attendance, Wayne Wardrup of Saltillo, TX; the youngest in attendance, Jacob Friedrich of Irving, TX; and the person who had traveled the longest distance to attend the Memorial program, Bill Dennis of Albuquerque, NM. Vivian Dennis-Monzingo and Ryan Agee presided at the Annual Business Meeting, including a review of the Association's activities and Board of Directors elections.



Savannah McAfee delivered a touching memorial tribute those laid to rest in the Old Saltillo Cemetery since the prior Memorial Day. Savannah is the daughter of John Mark McAfee, the granddaughter of Johnny & Patsy McAfee and the great-great-niece of Jewel McAfee, who over the course of decades made the memorial program a hallmark of Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day.



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Spotlight: Lisa Lowry

The Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Board of Directors is pleased to spotlight our 2017 Memorial Day Program Speaker, Lisa Lowry.



Born and raised in Mount Vernon, Lisa is the daughter of Charles and Peggy Lowry. Following her graduation from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Lisa worked in corporate training and motivational speaking roles for American Management Association as well as many school districts in Texas. She has also worked as an education consultant for Region 8 Education Service Center.

Lisa enjoys a successful career as a sales consultant for Century 21 Butler, and is a recognized Multi-Million Dollar Producer. Lisa says of her role in real estate, "Of all the hats I've worn throughout the years, 'Realtor' is my favorite! I love the opportunity it gives me to work with people and help them."

Still, Lisa finds time to serve as pianist for the First United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon and holds active membership in the Franklin County Historical Association, Rotary Club, and Franklin County Arts Alliance.

The OSCA Association is privileged to have Lisa pulling 'double duty' at this year's Memorial Day Program, as both our pianist and key note speaker.

Welcome and thank you, Lisa Lowry!

Ryan T. Agee, Editor

Loved and Remembered...

We wish to recognize the recent passing of two loyal friends and contributors to the Old Saltillo Cemetery, for their long lives well-lived and their support of our common cause.

Mildred Oris Loving 1919 - 2017

Lela Mattingly Jordan Roberts 1917 - 2017

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Generosity In Bloom

We wish to thank those who have made donations to the Association earmarked for floral bouquets at the site of unmarked and/or unattended graves. We have worked for many years to ensure that no graves are forgotten or left bare at Memorial Day. While investment options leave Association earnings too limited to purchase floral arrangements, we greatly appreciate donations of labor and private funds to this worthy cause!

OSCA Board of Directors

Preserving History

The Board of Directors would bring to your collective attention that there remain a number of known gravesites within the Old Saltillo Cemetery for which no permanent monuments have been placed.

Association members should note that aluminum markers placed by funeral homes are not sufficient to stand the test of time, as they fade, bend and may be altogether lost within just a couple of years of placement. While OSCA records will document the burial location of those interred within the cemetery, for purposes of genealogical research, companion burials and/or memorialization of your loved ones, permanent markers are highly recommended. Mindful that the anticipated cost of a quality, permanent monument may be discouraging, we have researched locally available pricing for various monument shapes/sizes and share our findings with you below.

Flat Monument:

- Material: gray granite
- Dimensions: 24" wide X 12" X 4"
- Transported and set in cemetery
- Cement structure beneath
- Local average price **\$375 + tax**

Bevel Monument:

- Material: gray granite
- Dimensions: 20" wide X 10" X 6"
- Transported and set in cemetery
- Cement structure beneath
- Local average price **\$405 + tax**

Slant Monument:

- Material: gray granite
- Dimensions: 20" wide X 10"
- Height slopes from 6" back to 4.5" front
- Transported and set in cemetery
- Cement structure beneath
- Local average price **\$515 + tax**

Single Upright Monument:

- Material: gray granite
- Upright Dimensions: 20" X 20" X 6"
- Base Dimensions: *about* 32" X 18" X 6"
- Transported and set in cemetery
- Cement structure beneath
- Local average price **\$775 + tax**

*Lou Briley Daniel, Vice President & Secretary
OSCA Board of Directors*

Words From Our President, cont.

Mrs. Mary Brooke Casad, Sulphur Springs resident, published author and active/accomplished United Methodist layperson, delivered an insightful message about family faith and tradition. Learn more about Mrs. Casad in the Spotlight column of tenth edition of the OSCA Newsletter, found at: www.oldsaltilllocemeter.com/documents/newsletters/



Following the benediction given by Rev. Vic Casad, the congregation enjoyed a plentiful buffet served in the air-conditioned Kirby Memorial Center. As is tradition, many attendees preferred to take lunch under the shade of the church's large oak trees.



By all accounts, it was a great day of fellowship and remembrance for attendees. See 'Planning for Memorial Day 2017' for details concerning this year's program.

*Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President
OSCA Board of Directors*

Say Cheese!

As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words! If you have enjoyed the photos included in this and prior editions of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter, then check out the photo gallery of the association website, www.oldsaltilllocemeter.com, where you will find photo collections from Memorial Days 2010-2016 as well as a variety of vintage and down-right antique photos of past Memorial Days, family reunions and singing schools at the Old Saltillo Church and Cemetery and elsewhere in the community.

If you have photos you wish to share with the Association, please email them to trapperpace@gmail.com or post them on our Facebook page, and we will ensure they are included in the website gallery.

*Trapper Pace, Webmaster &
Contributing Columnist*

Keeping Up Appearances

The topic of monument cleaning has not been covered in a newsletter article since June 30, 2011. While this topic is addressed during the annual Association business meeting, we thought it was appropriate to provide an updated message.

We continue to observe new occurrence and persistent growth of mold and lichen on monuments in the Old Saltillo Cemetery, particularly in low-lying areas. As stated in 2011, there are varying schools of thought on whether or not to attempt removal, and if so, with what materials. The topic is a tough one for rural public cemeteries, desiring well-preserved monuments, but mindful of the first and greatest rule of monument preservation, "Do no harm".

Certainly, molds and lichens are unsightly and can obstruct lettering and other monument detail, but (depending on the type of stone) the risk of harm posed by molds and lichens is far less than that posed by certain tools and/or methods of eradication, such as acids, abrasives and power/pressure washing. While effective cleaning methods, they are potentially harmful to soft, porous and/or aged stones.

Since monuments within the cemetery grounds are considered personal property, and because the most common molds and lichens pose no immediate threat of harm or danger to the monuments' structural integrity, the OSCA Board of Directors does not condone use of OSCA funds for cleaning monuments. Still, the Rules and Regulations do not prohibit monument cleaning by the Association members. It is the responsibility of each family to decide if or how they will respond to this issue.

Since our last newsletter article about mold and lichen in the cemetery, biological stone cleaning solutions have become more commonplace and widely adopted, and more is known/believed about their safety and effectiveness. One such product, D/2, has been celebrated by a number of organizations, including the National Park Service and the Department of Veteran Affairs National Cemetery Administration. D/2 is particularly attractive due to the fact that it can be used in conjunction with irrigation and gentle removal of mold, lichen and other organic material, as well as a 'spray it and leave it' method when irrigating the stone is impractical and/or when the stability of the stone does not permit active removal of mold or lichen.

We share this information as an acknowledgement that we are aware of the mold and lichen issue within the cemetery and to create awareness of the evolving options you and your family might evaluate for removal and prevention of mold or lichen growth on your family monuments. This article is not intended as an endorsement of any product or method by the Association or Board of Directors. As previously advised, prior to cleaning a monument, individuals should perform thorough research, seek permission from the lot owner or next of kin, and/or build consensus among known decedents. *Additional information on OSC website.*

OSCA Board of Directors

Planning for Memorial Day 2017

As of the publication date of this newsletter, the Board of Directors is finalizing plans for the 2017 Annual Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Business Meeting/Memorial Day program, to be held in the Old Saltillo United Methodist Church, on Sunday, July 16, 2017.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with opening comments from Lou Briley Daniel, singing led by Mike Briley with accompaniment from Lisa Lowery at the piano. Darwin McGill will offer the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following further congregational signing, a brief business meeting of the Association will be conducted. The Annual Business Meeting will consist of a report on the activities undertaken and work performed for the care of the cemetery during the past year, a financial report, and the election of three members for three-year terms to the Board of Directors.

Kelli McAfee Tarver will offer a special memorial tribute to those interred in the Old Saltillo Cemetery since last Memorial Day. Members of the family of each person buried in the cemetery during the year are encouraged to attend and participate in the honoring of their loved one.

Ms. Lisa Lowry has graciously accepted our invitation to be our 2017 guest speaker. Please read more about Ms. Lowry in the Spotlight column of this newsletter.

Following the benediction, lunch will be served in the air-conditioned Kirby Memorial Center. For those who still prefer Memorial Day lunch outdoors, tables will be available under the shade of the church's large oak trees. Everyone is asked to bring the usual full meal with ample portions to be shared with others. The food will be arranged in buffet style with cups, plates, napkins, eating utensils, and water and iced tea being furnished.

We look forward to seeing you in July!+

Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President

Interments

Since last publication, the following individuals have been laid to rest in the Old Saltillo Cemetery:

Charles E. Hamilton: July 27, 2016

Elizabeth Nichols Peters: October 3, 2016

Etoile Martin: January 20, 2017

Glenda Joy Knotts: January 23, 2017

Amelia Ann Dillon Martin: April 6, 2017

June Whitten: April 12, 2017

Dwaine Hankins: April 29, 2017

Paul Gerald Wilburn: June 23, 2017

*What we keep in our memory...
is ours unchanged forever.*