

THE FAYETTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Fayette County Historical Society came about as a result of Fayette County's Sesqui-centennial celebration in the summer of 1971. After the successful weeklong celebration, the need for an organization to promote and preserve the county's history became apparent.

Since its inception, the Society has published *The History of Fayette County 1821-1971*; *Cemeteries of Fayette County*; and *The Fayette County Georgia Heritage Book*. For 33 years, the Society has operated the Margaret Mitchell Research Center at 195 Lee Street on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It also opens Starr's Mill on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will soon open a welcome center/museum in Fayette County's historic courthouse.

The Society has sponsored Georgia Historical Markers for Flat Rock AME, Starr's Mill and Governor Hugh Dorsey, and it has accepted ownership of four of the county's old cemeteries. In addition, The Society was the lead organization in this year's Bicentennial Celebration, which included a parade, fireworks and weekly articles in the Fayette County News.

Membership is open to all interested in preserving Fayette County's rich history.

For more information, visit our website at fayettehistoricalsociety.com.



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14TH ANNUAL HISTORIC CEMETERY SPIRIT WALK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
&
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16,
2021

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Fayetteville Cemetery
GA Hwy. 54/Stonewall Avenue
Fayetteville, Georgia

WELCOME TO HISTORIC FAYETTEVILLE CEMETERY



Thank you for joining us for Fayetteville's fourteenth annual historic cemetery tour, brought to you by the Fayette County Historical Society .

As in years past, this weekend's cemetery walk will acquaint you with some of Fayette County's original citizens, men and women whose lives spanned multiple centuries and who are now buried in

Fayette County.

Your tour guides will introduce you to these characters— vividly portrayed by actors from our local communities— and their fascinating stories will bring to life those early days of Fayetteville's history.

While you wait to begin your walk, please enjoy period music performed in part by a member of the local SCV.*

Musician: Patrick Murphy*

Tickets: Nicole Gilbert
Ashley Poole

Scripts: Debi Riddle
Ashley Poole

Brochures: Laurie Allgood

Banners/Flyers: Gail Jenkins

All of our characters, Spirit Guides, ticket-takers, our musician and other tour personnel are volunteers. All proceeds from this year's ticket sales go toward continued restoration of the Fayetteville Cemetery.

CHARACTERS

Arthur Arnold	.....	Marcus Dorsey
Viola Dorsey	.....	Tamara Dorsey
Theriol Padgett	.....	Ron Pressley
Ida Harp	.....	Debbie Becka
Isaac Woolsey	.....	John Grafmiller
Oscar Phillips	.....	Sam Graves
Prof. George Looney (Friday)	.....	Charlie Fells
Gretel Farr	.....	Darlene Thomason
William Travis	.....	Dale Wright
John Brooks	.....	Doug Utt
Floy Farr	.....	Michael Boylan
Lizzie Brown	.....	Sandy Utt

GUIDES

Coordinator/Lead: Laurie Allgood

Michelle Anderson (Saturday)	
Sabrina Barlow (Saturday)	
Crystal Booth	Jordan Grafmiller
Dara Dyer (Friday)	Gail Jenkins (Friday)
Annie Fells	Randy Jones
Bob Graff	Angela Pendleton

As a courtesy to cemetery characters and others in your group, please silence your cell phones during the tour.

Masks should be worn at all times during your tour

- ◇ The cemetery is almost 200 years old; earliest graves date back to the 1820s.
- ◇ Several of those interred here were born before the Revolutionary War.
- ◇ Over 80 Confederate soldiers and veterans rest here; some died elsewhere, even as far away as Virginia, and were brought back to be buried at home in this cemetery.
- ◇ Many graves are adorned with seashells, a custom during the 1800s and early 1900s. Seashells were novelties in those days and were considered highly decorative.

