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The Friends of the Historic Fayetteville City Cemetery is a 501 (C) 3 charitable organization that focuses on the preservation and beautification of the cemetery grounds and telling the stories of the notable people and history surrounding this hallowed location. With the generous sponsorship of local businesses and organizations, the City of Fayetteville, Main Street, and citizens like you who donate and volunteer, we are reaching our goals to make this cemetery a storied place for remembrance now and in the future. Any company that donates \$100 or more or donates work that would cost over \$100 will be placed on our donor page of our website: [FriendsOfTheHistoricFayettevilleCityCemetery.org](http://FriendsOfTheHistoricFayettevilleCityCemetery.org)

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**Hear amazing local folklore and enjoy reenactments of historical Fayette citizens while supporting cemetery beautification projects**

# FAYETTEVILLE CITY CEMETERY *Walk*

**OCTOBER 11- 13, 2024**

OCTOBER 11 & 12.....6:30 - 8:30 PM  
OCTOBER 13.....2:00 - 3:30 PM

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# ABOUT THE *Cemetery*

Originally known as Fayetteville Town Cemetery, the cemetery was established in 1823. The name was changed to the Fayetteville City Cemetery in 1902 when the town of Fayetteville became a city. The county was a farming community with few professional people living in the area. The 1830 U. S. Census, the first for our county, shows the entire population of Fayette County as 5,504. The city limits of Fayetteville were much smaller during this time, and in the downtown area, churches did not have cemeteries.

William Bennett, a citizen who owned a great deal of land, is generally understood to have purchased land for the cemetery. The Fayetteville First Baptist Church and the Fayetteville First United Methodist Church did not have cemeteries like most of the other churches in the county. The majority of the plots were purchased and belong to citizens that attended these churches and others that lived in the city limits.

The African American section of the cemetery was purchased by five African American men from Mr. Blalock, a local businessman, for the sum of \$20

in 1884. A ground-penetrating radar study was performed on this section and located over 700 unmarked graves.

The study also recorded over 300 unmarked graves in the white section of the cemetery. In walking through the cemetery, one might notice that many last names are shared in both the white and African American sections of the cemetery. It was quite common during slavery to take the owner's name.



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