

Olive Hill Cemetery Association Inc.

Newsletter

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Condolences:

We send our deepest sympathy to the three families who have memorialized their loved ones at Olive Hill this past year. Words cannot heal the pain of your loss but we know you have memories for comfort, and many friends for support.

Bob Lay (1 Oct 1922 - 3 Feb 2008) the great-grandson of Olive Hand Bailey was born in Enid, OK. He enlisted in the Army at 17. A WW-II pilot he spent the years after the war designing security systems, but never gave up his love of flying. He leaves his wife of 64 years Marjorie, three sons, Terry, David and Zeke, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Bill Joe Clark (4 Apr 1930 - 21 Jul 2008) husband of the great-granddaughter of James McKinney was born in Wewoka, OK. He enjoyed traveling for work and pleasure and a special love of music and was quite proud of his record collection. He leaves his wife of 58 years Mary Jo, son Clifford, daughter Kathy Smith, 2 granddaughters, 2 great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter.

Tom Williams (2 Mar 1945 – 15 Sep 2008) the great-grandson of Thomas Jefferson Meeker was born in Britton, OK. He was a man on a mission-a Mission for Christ! His ideology in life was always about others, never about himself. He went on Mission Trips thinking he was touching others lives, but it really touched his own life more. He leaves his wife of 40 years, Jean and three daughters, Angela Smith, Marci Hamburger and Wendy Leigh Stamps.

From The Chairman:

Spring greetings to all the Olive Hill families! We've had a relatively mild winter in Oklahoma City and no major maintenance issues at the cemetery. The neighborhood continues to grow and thrive and joggers and walkers often stop to read the plaque on our entrance with interest. Our former Secretary-Treasurer, Fran Morris, lives in a nearby retirement community and has conducted a couple of tours of other seniors who are especially interested in history and genealogy. Our historian, Donna Hocking, continues to discover gems of Olive Hill-related stories and our website features information of interest to many. Our annual meeting will be held Monday, May 25 at 10:00 AM and the agenda will include a look at our by-laws and financial investments. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Nina Lay, OHCA Chairman



MEMORIAL DAY MEETING, Monday May 25, 2009

News and Notes:

This year we added two new stones to "orphan" plots at the cemetery. Wyatt Mosbey Phillips (1846-1919) and William A. Andes (1854-1939) now have granite markers showing their resting places. We will continue to try to mark the other unmarked (orphan) plots as we discover their history. The special contributor's plaque near the front of the cemetery was also updated to reflect the passing of Bob Lay last year. Gary Cook, who took care of the mowing and maintenance during 2008 was forced to "retire" from his work at Olive Hill by knee replacement surgery. Zachary Smith will take over that duty this year. Zach is the stepson of former OHCA chairman David Lay.

Linda Brooke Stabler, OHCA Secretary/Treasurer

Vist our website at www.olivehill.org

From the Historian:

James Alexander Nicholson was born Oct 8, 1839, in Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, NC, the eldest of the six children born to William Goforth and Aladelpia Speaks Nicholson. Early in 1850 James' father moved his family to Hamilton county, IN (near Noblesville). He married Caroline Keffer on Mar 10, 1859 at Noblesville. They had two children: Charles and Elizabeth. On Aug 16, 1861, James volunteered to serve in the Civil War. He was a 2nd Lieutenant, Company E, 8th Regiment, Indiana Cavalry. He served three years, was wounded at the seige of Savannah and discharged Jan 1, 1865 at Savannah, GA. James married Louise Stephens on Dec 7, 1868 at Noblesville. They moved to IA in 1869. Louise died Nov 10, 1882. James and Louise had seven children: Cora, George, Mary, William, Almeda, Anna, and Susan. On March 14, 1883, James married a widow, Margret Peister Schultz in Wayne IA. James and Margret had only one son Curtis. James and his eight youngest children came to Oklahoma about 1890. James died on Feb 25, 1915. His granddaughter Oleeva Nicholson Albrecht wrote:

"His funeral was in the home. Grandpa had on his navy blue army uniform and his long white whiskers were spread out neatly on his chest. His whiskers were always immaculately clean and brushed".

Curtis and his mother Margaret are memorialized at Olive Hill along with James. Curtis Nicholson enjoyed more years on earth than anyone else memorialized at Olive Hill. He was born Sept 14, 1885 and died he Sep 13, 1977 one day shy of his 92nd birthday.



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MORE OLIVE HILL HISTORY

On Memorial Day 2008 OHC was visited by Thomas Gray and family. Thomas was the brother of the two children of Art Gray memorialized at OHC. The family brought us pictures of the Gray family and their life in Oklahoma. We do so much appreciate learning about the families of the area (the old Spring Creek Township).

This year we've also been contacted by those researching the Clinkscale(s) family. All we have ever known about our Nellie Clinkscale is that she died about 1909-10 and was the niece of our Lucy Smith Rosecrans. We now believe (but have not yet proven) that Nellie was the daughter of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Smith Kight (or Kite) and was the wife of Clarence Clinkscale.



Art & Nellie Gray (1907)