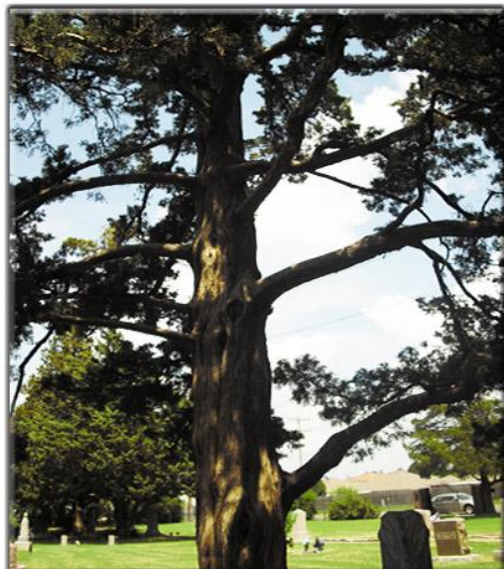


# OLIVE HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## The Chairman's Notes

The cemetery is in excellent condition. We plan on opening the cemetery upon request to enable families and friends to visit. It is an important step in maintaining and preserving the cemetery and we invite you to come and explore our park-like setting. To arrange that the cemetery is open on a particular day contact OHCA Secretary Linda Stabler.

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Memorial Day we want to assure Associations members that comments and suggestions arriving via mail or email are afforded the same significance as comments made in person. Send comments to the OHCA Secretary Linda Stabler ([linda.stabler@cox.net](mailto:linda.stabler@cox.net)).

*Nina C. Lay, OHCA Chairman*

## **What's New?**

An official formal tour of Olive Hill Cemetery took place on May 22, and was a howling success. Concordia Community (on Britton Road) brought a bus load of their residents. They set up a card table and served cookies and punch. They listened to all the OHC legends and history, and Lifestyles Director, Kay Coldiron, took pictures for OHCA. Thanks to Fran Morris for conducting this tour.

## Minutes of the Memorial Day Meeting

OHCA Chair Nina Lay called the meeting to order at 10:12. Those present were: Brooke Stabler, Nina Lay, Fran Morris, Erinn Lay, David Lay, Terry Lay, Marjorie Lay, Les Faulkner, Kathy Faulkner, Wendy Stamps, and Jean Williams.

The secretary treasurer read the minutes of the previous meeting. Fran Morris moved that they be approved as presented, seconded by Kathy Faulkner. Motion passed.

The financial report was presented. Fran Morris mentioned that the secretary treasurer Brooke Stabler was interested in the possibility of expanding the investment strategy of the association to include purchase of stocks, given the current low prices. It was agreed that the possibility would be explored, but that a cap of 3% of association funds be placed on higher risk investments. Stock investments will be investigated by the secretary treasurer and approved by officers of the association prior to purchase. David Lay moved that the report be accepted as presented, seconded by Erinn Lay. The motion was passed.

Old Business: The secretary treasurer reported that two new stones had been added to orphan plots for Wyatt Moseby Phillips and William Andes. In addition, Mike Myers put in a stone for his ancestor Miranda Hunt. The secretary treasurer also reported that the update to the special contributors' plaque reflecting the date of death for Bob Lay had been completed. Fran Morris reported for Historian Donna Hocking that the Olive Hill web site had been revamped due to technical issues. The domain name will be renewed in August and good for 10 years. In addition, we at Olive Hill wished to offer apologies to the family of Bill Joe Clark for printing his name incorrectly in the August newsletter.

New Business: Fran Morris asked for permission to occasionally leave the gate to the cemetery unlocked during the day so that local families and other interested individuals might visit Olive Hill as long as she promised to lock up at night. Kathy Faulkner suggested that a "no animals" sign be placed near the gate so that visitors do not bring dogs into the cemetery. There were no objections to opening the gate some days. Fran Morris also proposed that we begin investigating management firms for the cemetery for possible use in the future. The secretary treasurer agreed to begin this process.

The chair opened the floor for the nomination of officers. Fran Morris moved that the current slate be re-elected for another year. Erinn Lay seconded the motion, which was accepted by acclamation with a unanimous vote.

Fran Morris, Brooke Stabler, and Nina Lay commended the continuing dedication of Donna Hocking, OHCA historian, in her efforts on behalf of the cemetery association.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda B. Stabler, OHCA Secretary/Treasurer*



## **HISTORICAL NOTES:**

*Daily Oklahoman, OBITUARY: 12/17/1944*

In the passing of "Wink" Carson Oklahoma has once more lost another link in her chain of pioneer traditions of early days. He came of a family of adventurous pioneers always looking for new frontiers until the course of events finally led to Oklahoma.

He was born in Jackson County, Kansas on Dec. 23, 1875 near what is now the town of Hoyt and was the eighth child of the union of Joseph Pine Carson and Helen Esther Bailey. His family moved to Pratt County, KS about 1885 where they resided until the opening of Oklahoma Territory in 1889 then his father took up a homestead six miles west and one-half mile north of Britton where "Wink" grew to manhood and resided until about 1909. From then until 1919 he traveled about from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Pacific Coast and Northwestern Canada often returning to "home" in Oklahoma.

He was married to Mary Celia Hasley of Britton on January 19, 1900 but suffered the loss by death of his wife on November 30, 1900.

He was later married on Feb 21, 1927 to Florence Smith of Britton and they have resided in Norman, Oklahoma since 1929 where his death occurred on Dec 14, 1944.

In Wink Carson was strongly developed the pioneer spirit of friendliness and helpfulness to family, neighbors, and even strangers in need of any assistance, and he has ever been surrounded by a large circle of friends. While never attaining great material success he has by his kindness, patience, good humor, generosity and unaffected friendliness won a place in the affections of a host of people who will always remember him as a trusted friend and neighbor.

*[Arthur "Wink" Carson, the grandson of Olive Hand Bailey, and his first wife Mary Hasley Carson are memorialized at Olive Hill.]*



**Olive Hill Cemetery**  
located 10501 N. Rockwell, Oklahoma City

The cemetery is regulated by the Olive Hill Cemetery Association, Inc., which has duly elected officers dedicated to furthering and preserving the history and maintenance of the cemetery.

Ninca C. Lay is OHCA Chairman.  
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