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New Cottage Cemetery Group Forms

Attention all local descendants of early pioneer and leader Oswell Eve. Over 12 descendants of Augusta's Oswell Eve family met recently at Augusta Country Club to form an organization to help preserve and protect Augusta's historic Cottage Cemetery. The group's official name is Augusta's Historic Cottage Cemetery, Inc.

The Cottage Cemetery is an historic site dating from 1812 and contains the remains of some of South Carolina, Georgia and Augusta, Georgia's early leading citizens and leaders. According to family member J. L. Sibley Jennings Jr., the names buried in the cemetery are a Who's Who of our area's historic families.

Ancestors and descendants of Confederate General James Longstreet and General and later South Carolina Governor Wade Hampton are counted in the number buried. Other family names represented at the site are Adams, Bones, Campbell, Carmichael, Couper, King, Cunningham, Eve, FitzSimons, Pritchard, Schley, Sibley, Smith, Watkins, Whitehead, and Williams.

According to Ann Carmichael Sherman, who is leading the effort, the site was vandalized some 30 years ago, and has fallen under further disrepair. It holds about 100 graves, Sherman relates. The new group's purpose is to restore, preserve and protect the cemetery and to disseminate historical and genealogical information regarding the cemetery and associated families.

The Augusta Historic Cottage Cemetery has executed an agreement with Historic Augusta, Inc. to hold funds designated for the project. According to committee member Edward Eve Crawford, anyone interested in contributing to the effort should write checks to Historic Augusta, Inc. and any checks should be clearly marked as a contribution to Augusta Historic Cottage Cemetery (AHCC). Historic Augusta is a tax-exempt organization and their address is P.O. Box 37, Augusta, GA 30903.

Interested parties including family members and friends who would like to join this effort should contact Anne Carmichael Sherman at P.O. Box 700, Edisto Island, SC 29438 or email her at tidesofmarsh@bellsouth.net