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Descendants Research Project Phase I

As Oakland approaches the 150 year mark it struggles to stand firm against the ravages of time. The monuments to those who have come before us appear at a glance much the same as they did when they were erected. Upon looking closer the effects of time and weather become apparent. It is in these monuments that the lives of our parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends are remembered.

The Historic Oakland Foundation wants to ensure these citizens of Atlanta are remembered as the cemetery approaches its sesquicentennial.

The Descendants Research Project is designed to provide the Foundation with a living connection to those who are interred within it's walls. Although the cemetery records are extremely thorough and complete, only a small percentage of lot owners, heirs or authorized agents are known.

A majority of Foundation members have family at Oakland, therefore Phase I of this project will compile data from those within the organization. Each member will be receiving a form in late November to be completed as thoroughly as possible and returned to the Foundation. Phase II will

concentrate on cemetery records and Phase III will involve genealogical research to locate living descendants. The ultimate goal of the Descendants Research Project is to ensure up to date and accurate records to enable the Foundation to become a valuable resource for genealogists and to increase community awareness of Oakland's value as a culturally significant and historic site.

Upon receiving the Descendants Research Form, please complete and return to:

The Historic Oakland Fdn.
248 Oakland Ave. SE
Atlanta, GA 30312

The United Daughters of the Confederacy Remember MARY J. GREEN



The United Daughters of the Confederacy remember one of their own. During a grave side ceremony a "Daughters of the Confederacy" bronze plaque was placed at the grave of Mary J. Green.

"who with her own hands gathered and interred the bones and bodies of the Confederate dead left lying on the Resaca Battlefield."

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From the Director...

1994 has been a memorable year for the Historic Oakland Foundation. We mourned the loss of our beloved Jane, welcomed two energetic young staff members, restored 15 retaining walls and the north public grounds, and faced undaunted the reality of severe City of Atlanta funding reductions to Historic Oakland Cemetery.

I hope you have read with pride each issue of your newsletter and know that without your support we could accomplish nothing. We appreciate your encouraging comments and hope you will continue your enthusiastic support of our mission. As you read through this issue of *Historic Oakland News*, you will see that we are working in many ways to bring the rich culture and history of Oakland to the wide audience we reach through our members, friends, and neighbors. Our members are, of course, our best audience as we work to serve and keep you informed.

While membership dues are crucial to this small but growing organization the tasks we face far outweigh our resources. If we are to truly "save" Historic Oakland Cemetery we must accelerate our restoration and preservation efforts. We must act quickly before further deterioration puts one of Atlanta's earliest and most significant historical sites beyond our help.

As you consider charitable contributions before the end of the year please remember Oakland and the work we have only begun. Everyone's support and interest is key to Oakland's future. There are a number of ways you might choose to assist the Historic Oakland Foundation beyond a year-end cash contribution. I would be delighted to talk with you about these options. Thank you for your continuing support and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Mary Alice Alexander
Executive Director

THE HISTORIC OAKLAND FOUNDATION

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The Foundation's Restoration Coordinator represented Oakland at a meeting of the Historic Cemeteries Alliance at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Boston Mass.

THANK-YOU TO THE OAKLAND CREW FOR THEIR HARD WORK CLEARING THE VEGETATION FROM THE CONFEDERATE OBELISK!

(watch for replanting news in the Spring!)

Membership Coordinator Vicki Johnson attended a Membership Manager's meeting at the Michael C. Carlos Museum.

Executive Director Mary Alice Alexander travelled to Savannah and Richmond for the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Georgia Division and General Conventions.

*Congratulations Vicki and David Johnson
who were wed
October 15, 1994*



*A Special thanks to those who have renewed their membership
since the summer edition of Historic Oakland News*

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont Allen
Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Barnwell
Mrs. Jane Baumgartner
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*A welcome and Thank-you to the preceding members who have joined The Historic Oakland Foundation
or upgraded their previous membership as of October 31, 1994*

Corporate Memberships

Cruikshank Inc.
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Special Contributions

Junior League of Atlanta

Memorials

Jane Hameister
Max Mosovitz

Sunday in the Park

A special thank-you to

Junior League of Atlanta
Oakland Tour Guides
Oakland Cemetery Crew

Kroger

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and many dedicated volunteers



A holiday gift membership* for family or friends in the Historic Oakland Foundation lasts all year! Your gift will allow the recipient to stay informed about activities taking place at Atlanta's most beautiful historic site, learn about Oakland's rich heritage, receive a free tour (a perfect time while holiday bows are in place) *and* directly benefit restoration.

** Holiday gift memberships are offered at special seasonal levels until December 31, 1994.*

*Gift memberships received after December 16 may not arrive to recipient by December 25.
Please call the Foundation for more information at (404) 688-2107*

Sunday in the Park



A wonderful October afternoon welcomed over 1100 to our annual fall event. Many enjoyed picnics, tours, or simply strolling along Oakland's fascinating walkways.



From bagpipes to cymbals, storytellers to teddy bears the cemetery was alive with activity. Oakland was truly transformed back to a time when local citizens gathered for a refreshing afternoon in the park.

All found something of interest, many standing mesmerized by intimate conversation with Franklin Garrett while others enjoyed the sounds of a number of musical attractions or a popular new Victorian Mourning Clothes Exhibit.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event!



THE HISTORIC OAKLAND FOUNDATION
presents
FIRST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

The Historic Oakland Foundation invites you to participate in our First Annual Photo Contest.

AWARDS

BLACK & WHITE FORMAT

1ST PLACE	\$100.00
2ND PLACE	\$ 50.00
3RD PLACE	Foundation Membership

COLOR FORMAT

1ST PLACE	\$100.00
2ND PLACE	\$50.00
3RD PLACE	Foundation Membership

HOW TO ENTER

Please mail or bring your photos with entry forms attached to:

**The Historic Oakland Foundation,
248 Oakland Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA 30312**

The Cemetery office is open 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. If you have any questions please call (404) 688-2107

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 15, 1995

REGULATIONS

WHO MAY ENTER: This contest is for amateur and professional photographers of all ages.

DIVISIONS FOR ENTRIES: Color and Black & White, with separate awards for each division.

SUBJECTS: All photographs must be taken in (or of) Oakland Cemetery.

PRESENTATION: All entries must be mounted on rigid backing and covered with a mat board. *Entries not presented in this manner will be disqualified.* Although not required, the judges recommend using a white, gray or black mat.

PHOTO SIZES: Minimum - 5in. X 7in., Maximum - 8in. X 10in.

MAT SIZES: Minimum - 8in. X 10in., Maximum - 11in. X 14in.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES AND FEE: You may submit up to 3 entries. *There is no entry fee.*

RESTRICTIONS: Oakland employees or members of their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

THE HISTORIC OAKLAND FOUNDATION PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

please complete this form and attach it securely to back of entry

ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE A FORM. This form may be photocopied. Please print or type.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone # (____) _____
Title of photo _____ Date taken _____
Camera _____ Film and Exposure Info. _____

ALL ENTRANTS MUST SIGN TO ENTER

I understand that my print will remain the property of The Historic Oakland Foundation and

I grant permission for its use in displays and future publications with my byline.

Photographer's signature _____ Date _____

Holiday Bow Memorials

The chill in the air, the leaves on the ground and the frost glistening on the marble and granite sculpture marks the return of the holiday season and a time to remember family and friends. Walking through Oakland Cemetery in the month of December in years past has been like walking through a winter wonderland of stark cold stone and soft red velvet. The color that fades from Oakland with the change of season is returned with this great tradition.

The Foundation is again sponsoring a

project that enables members and friends of the Cemetery to help beautify Oakland with red velvet bows in the spirit of the Holidays and the Victorian era. This opportunity allows you to place a memorial bow wreath or magnolia spray on the lot or marker of your choice in memory of a friend or loved one. *Proceeds from this project directly benefit the restoration fund.*

We have sent renewal letters to last years participating members. If you do not receive a letter or if you are interested in

participating by purchasing a bow(s) for the first time please contact the Foundation office at 688-2107 or return the form below before **December 5.**

For those interested in helping the Foundation place the bows throughout Oakland on Saturday, December 17 please contact Paula Reith at (872-6414) or Linda Stone at (355-4225).

Celebrate the decorating of Oakland by making it a part of your holiday tradition this year and every year!

HOLIDAY BOW MEMORIAL

Please make checks payable to The Historic Oakland Foundation Inc. & mail to 248 Oakland Ave., S.E. Atlanta, GA 30312 before **December 5!** Remember your gift is tax deductible as allowable by law.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ for _____ Holiday Memorial Bow(s) (\$10.00 ea)

☐ This is a renewal. ☐ This is a first time order. spray (\$25.00 ea)

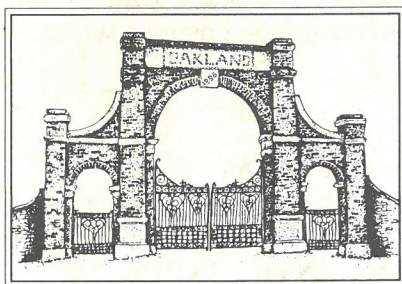
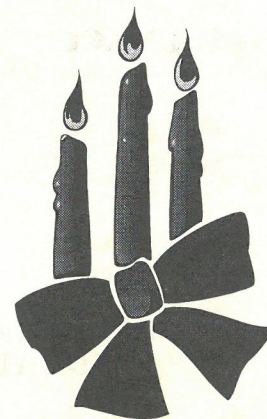
Please place Bows; wreath (\$75.00 ea)

☐ Block No.# _____ Lot# _____ Location/Name _____

☐ Please notify (name & address) _____

that a Memorial Bow was placed by _____

in memory of: _____



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