

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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CHARLES CUMMINGS

The Fighting Parson

By: Douglas Summers Brown



The Reverend Charles Cummings is a folk hero in the Virginia highlands. The first Presbyterian minister to be called to a congregation beyond the Alleghany Mountains in southwestern Virginia, he is more often remembered as a late-eighteenth-century pioneer and patriot who defended his region against Indian attacks and the encroachment of the British empire. Cummings well deserves the sobriquet "Fighting Parson" given him by historian Lewis Preston Summers.

Charles Cummings was the son of John and Sarah Polk Cummings, and was born in Donegal, Ireland, in 1733. One of the thousands of Ulster Presbyterians who for generations had been rebels against tyrannical kings and the established church, he came to America as a young man. Some accounts state that Cummings immigrated to Pennsylvania, and others say that he came directly to Lancaster County, Virginia. All agree that he was in Lancaster County, Virginia, by the early 1760's. He studied theology there with the Reverend James Waddell. While in Lancaster County he wooed and won Mildred Carter, the daughter of John Carter, and they were married on February 13, 1766. Over the next twenty-two years, the couple had thirteen children, four of whom died in infancy. They also shared together the vicissitudes and dangers of a long, colorful life on the Virginia frontier.

According to David Campbell, who was governor of Virginia from

1837-1840 and who, as a young boy, was a member of Cummings's congregation, the pastor was "thoroughly educated - well acquainted with Latin and Greek and Hebrew and possessed, for his age, a very large and valuable library." Campbell further described the parson as "a man of middle stature, about five feet ten inches high, well set and formed, possessing personal firmness and dignity of character. His voice was strong and had great compass... His mind was good but not brilliant... He was a Presbyterian of the old stamp, rigid in his faith, strict in the observance of the Sabbath, and faithful in teaching his children and servants the Catechism."

Charles Cummings' early career cannot be fully documented, but it is known that on May 4, 1763, he took a significant step toward becoming a Presbyterian minister by signing a statement subscribing to the "Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms," the embodiment of the Presbyterian creed. Two years later the Hanover Presbytery, the governing body formed in 1755 to oversee the Presbyterian church in a large portion of Virginia and sections of North Carolina and the future state of Tennessee, expressed intention to encourage Cummings in his pursuit of a ministerial career. The Presbytery required him to deliver a series of sermons and lectures in a trial period during which his qualifications for the ministry would be judged. Cummings delivered the requisite orations during various Presbytery meetings and

underwent an examination covering subjects such as Latin, Greek, rhetoric, logic, geography, philosophy, and astronomy. On April 16, 1766, he was licensed as a "probationer of the gospel ministry." In this capacity, Cummings served as supply pastor for various congregations in western Virginia, speaking before assemblies convening at Major Brown's Meeting House in Augusta County and at various places in what were then Augusta and Botetourt counties.

When the Hanover Presbytery convened at Brown's Meeting House on May 13, 1767, Cummings delivered a sermon on Romans 10:4 and a lecture on "3 John 1: ad finem." He was also examined by the ministers on the subject of theology. With this his period of probation ended and since he had successfully completed all requirements of his trial, the Presbytery agreed to admit him to the clergy. On the following day he was ordained the Reverend Charles Cummings and became a member of the Hanover Presbytery.

Although based in the congregation of Brown's Meeting House, Cummings served as a supply minister to congregations throughout the southern and western parts of Virginia, an experience common to most young ministers of his day. In the autumn of 1770, following instructions from the Hanover Presbytery, he made a six-week missionary tour through the vacancies from Timber Ridge to Unity Congregation and this journey took him to

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to their communities, states and nation.

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Sincerely,
Doug Blankenship
Chairman
Board of Advisors

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southwestern Virginia. When, in April 1772, it became apparent that his primary congregation at Brown's Meeting House could not support him adequately, Cummings petitioned

river in the west and the Tennessee line in the south.

Less than a year after Cummings had accepted the call of the Sinking Spring Church, the congregation purchased from Dr. Thomas Walker of Albemarle County, 55 acres of land on Wolf Creek, a branch of the Holston River, which flows through the present town of Abingdon. This became the site of the first meeting house. Cummings also purchased 300 acres of land from Dr. Walker on Wolf Creek for his own personal use. Near the church site, the minister built a small, two-room log cabin in which he and his wife and four small children lived temporarily until the completion of a handsome brick home. The log cabin still remains today, although moved

Why Cemetery?

Almost 200 years ago, even before we secured our independence from England - on April 14, 1774, the Rev. Charles Cummings, the first minister to the Stinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, Va., purchased from Dr. Thomas Walker 75 acres of land, a part of which today comprises S. S. Cemetery. The land was decided to the minister and congregation of the S. S. P. Church and their successors.

The first Meeting House of the S. S. P. Congregation was erected in the present cemetery, near the entrance, in the rear of the Martin vault. As the custom was in the early days of our country, people were buried in the churchyard, and the burial ground moved outward therefrom.

The first Meeting House was a large cabin of unheavened logs, 80 to 100 ft long and about 40 ft. wide.

The first person to be buried in the cemetery was Henry Creswell. In a rough native stone is engraved "Henry Creswell entered his place July 4, 1776." Note: ~~he says we got our independence.~~

On a larger new stone is the inscription: "Henry Creswell - This monument was erected in 1913 by the citizens of Abingdon to mark the grave of Henry Creswell who was killed by the Indians near this place and was the first person buried in this cemetery."

Another early grave is that of the Rev. Charles Cummings who died "in the 80th year of his age" - was pastor of the S. S. P. Church for 39 years.

William King - whom you read much about during the Festival & who built the house where the Hilltons live, is buried in the cemetery. He was born in Ireland in 1769 and died in Abingdon in 1808, after an active life devoted to mercantile pursuits.

The former monument to William King was injured by age and broken, so the trustees of Abingdon Male Academy erected a new monument in grateful appreciation of his generous donation to that school.

The Abingdon Male Academy was late William King High School and now William King Elementary School. When the new elementary school is completed, if the old school building is not used any longer for

educational purposes, it reverts back to the King heirs.

There are many distinguished men from Washington County who have had an important part in the development of our town, our county, and our country.

In this list will be found the names of 3 Governors of Virginia who are buried in the cemetery.

John Buchanan Floyd - Governor from 1830-1834

Wynham Robertson of the Bedford Governor from 1835-1837
David Campbell of Montcalm - Governor from 1837-1841

Abingdon has furnished two Presidential Cabinet members who are buried in the cemetery:

Col. John Campbell, appointed Treasurer of the U. S. by President Andrew Jackson from 1829-1839.

John Buchanan Floyd, appointed Secretary of War by President Buchanan from 1856-1861

The inscription of Capt. John Campbell of Hills Bottom, born 1742 died 1825 is quite interesting and tells such history:

It reads: "Participated in the French and Indian wars, the Battle of Point Pleasant 1774, Long Island 1776, King's Mountain 1780, a sister of the Fincastle Resolutions 1776, member of the first County Court held at Blacett's Fort 1777, County Clerk for Wash. County 1779-1815 (36 yrs.)"

From these old tombstone inscriptions, one can get an interesting history of the conservation of human lives and the progress of medicine.

One stone reads: "Helen McGregor Gilmer, 2nd wife of Wyntham R. Gilmer, dau. of T. P. and Eliza M. Clapp, died 18 Mar. 1873, age 31 - also the little lamb of a few weeks who sleeps upon his mother's bosom."

There are many others where a young mother died in childbirth and her infant is buried with her.

My own great grandparents buried 5 of their little children aged 1 to 10 years who died in the same week in 1845 with Scarlet Fever.

125 years later, we seldom hear of a case of Scarlet Fever.

There are many other interesting inscriptions:

"Julian C. McChesney, b. 25 Dec. 1824, d. in Holston Spring 9 Jun 1847."

"Nicola Baffetti, b. 20 May 1881, d. 1 Sep 1923," Killed on Highway by the cemetery, religious belief was that he must be buried right where he died.

Charles B. Coale, the man who wrote "Wilbur Waters has a stone erected by McCabe Lodge No. 56 IOOF."

Much can be learned about the part played by men in this area in the war between the States (or Civil War) by the inscriptions on the tombs.

In 1863 a train of Confederate soldiers left Bristol; and as it neared Abingdon, it wrecked, killing more than 100 Confederate soldiers. They were buried in S. S. Cemetery, but there are no marked graves.

As recorded in the Old Fincastle Records: "At a meeting of the Abingdon Town Council on April 18, 1864, a resolution was adopted requesting Captain W. B. Tate,

post-quartermaster, to make some arrangement as to a proper location for the burial of Confederate soldiers and to enclose the same.

An iron fence was installed around the area where these men were buried. After almost 100 years, this fence rusted and collapsed. Then the Anna Stone-Daughters of the Confederacy put up a new black iron fence, landscaped the square, and put up the iron plaque at the entrance of the square. Today this Chapter watches over the square, and gives \$100 to the S. S. C. Asso. for the summer mowing of the grass.

Mrs. Young, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Price, and I are members of that Chapter.

There are many monuments to Confederate soldiers scattered throughout the cemetery. The one to Col. Samuel V. Fulkerson (bro. of Mrs. Katie Hurt) is especially interesting with much history recorded. He was mortally wounded at Cold Harbor in 1862.

There are about 3000 marked graves and many many more unmarked ones. The cemetery is sacred to many of our garden club members because many of their loved ones are buried there.

WE ARE NOT SURE OF THESE FACTS

Wm. Matthews

Mrs. Furtt's husband
Mrs. Russell's husband - as well
as her parents
Mary Rowland's ancestors - the
Belkams and the Cosbys

I have 3 grandparents and 2 great
grandparents there.

Many charter members of the G. C.
rest there.

Misses Minnie and Ethel Baugh
Mrs. Mary Balance
Mrs. Edgar Rambo - to mention a
few.

Many Frontier Women of this area,
who ventured into the wilderness
with their men folk and heroical-
ly bore their part of defending
their homes against Indian raids,
a civil war, and pestilence are
buried there.

I'm sure we care too much to
see their resting place - here
in the middle of our town - grow
up in weeds and be destroyed.

I once heard Paul Campbell say
that he and Dr. Walsh felt
ashamed to bring a funeral
procession through the brush and
weeds of the cemetery.

It was through their interest and
the interest of Judge Preston W.

Campbell that in 1921 the S. S. C.
Asso. was formed.

Judge Campbell deeded the frame
house and lot to the left of the
entrance to the Asso. as long as
the Asso. keeps a caretaker living
in the house. When a caretaker
cannot be had, the house and lot
revert back to the Campbell heirs.

Dr. Malcolm Campbell, Johnson City
gave the S. S. P. Church permissio
to move Person Cumming's cabin to
the lawn of the caretaker's house.
That log house is the responsibility
of the Pres. Church.

As far as I know the Church does ~~not~~
not contribute to the upkeep of th
cemetery, because long ago the
Church let it be used as a commu-
nity burial ground.

The attractive entrance way to the
cemetery (the brick posts and the
plaque) were contributed by one
of the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Have you ever walked through the
cemetery and observed the beauti-
ful trees there?

There are maples, dogwoods, the
boxwoods, firs, pines, and the
most beautiful holly trees. In
the wintertime they are full of
berries.

The cemetery has no Perpetual Up-
keep, - no funds at all to carry
over from year to year for upkeep

The Asso. has a Trust Fund of
about \$6,000 which cannot be used
yet for upkeep. Some people - in
their wills - have left money to
the Trust Fund. Others have made
donations to this Fund. It will
be many, many years before the
Fund will be large enough to
support the work.

There are no grave sites for sale,
as all the space has been used.
A grave is opened only if owners
of plots know that there is an
unused space in their square.

For operating money, the Town
contributes \$300, and for the
balance the few members of the Ass
solicit contributions (door-to-door
from people who have loved ones
buried there. It does well if it
gets enough money each year to pay
for mowing the grass and picking
up the litter - about \$3000.

What can Garden Club members do?
Well, tis said that two herds are
better than one, even if one is a
sheep's head. Mrs. Peck has often
said that she's not going to be the
sheep's head. I'm willing to be
the sheep's head this time, if you

can think up some way the club might help.

The Asso. meets annually in Sept. Any one is welcome to come to those meetings. We usually meet at the home of Mrs. John Bradley on Valley Street - she is the Treasurer.

What do other people do?

Home Demonstration Club - donated the entrance posts and plaque
Anna Stonewall Jackson Chapter of UDC looks after the Confederate Square

Citizens of Abingdon = erected stone to Henry Creswell's grave
Abingdon Male Academy - erected stone to William King's grave
McCabe Lodge No. 56 IOOF - erected stone to Charles B. Coale's grave.

1. Contribution to Trust Fund
maybe: In memory of some former member who is buried there.

In memory of some member who has loved ones buried there.
In Will make Contribution
2. Contribution annually to Administration Fund.

3. Maybe some landscaping project
4. Show interest - talk it up to others - get the correct facts

At the June 13, 1921, meeting of the Sinking Spring Association, the following Constitution and By-Laws were adopted.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Article I - Name

The Association shall be called the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association.

Article II - Object

The object of the Association is to maintain and keep, at all times, the graves in the cemetery, and the roadways, hedges, shrubbery, trees, etc., in first class condition.

Article III - Membership

Any person may become a member of the Association by attending the meetings or by signifying a desire to join, and by the payment of an annual fee of \$1.00.

Article IV - Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer, a recording secretary, and a corresponding secretary who shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting after their election, or until their successors are chosen.

Article V - Committees

Sec. 1 - The officers shall constitute an executive committee.

Sec. 2 - The following standing committees shall be appointed:

A Finance Committee.

A Membership Committee.

Sec. 3 - Other committees may be appointed as need arises.

Article VI - Meetings

The annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday in April. Monthly meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month. Meetings may be called at any time by the president provided due notice be given.

Ten shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(This was amended on May 1, 1923, to read: "Those present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.")

Article VII - Duties of Officers

Sec. 1 - The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be the general executive officer.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-Presidents shall, in their respective order, in the absence of the president, perform the duties belonging to the president's office, and shall render such other assistance as may be required by the president.

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- Sec. 3 - The corresponding secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the association, and shall send out such information as may be directed from time to time.
- Sec. 4 - The recording secretary shall have charge of the records of the association, keep the minutes of all business meetings, and shall make all announcements.

Article VIII - Duties of Committees

- Sec. 1 - The executive committee shall have general supervision of the work in the cemetery acting for the association between meetings.
- Sec. 2 - The membership committee shall make an organized effort to enlist members. They shall make an annual effort to retain all old members, and to secure new ones.
- Sec. 3 - The finance committee shall devise ways and means to keep adequate funds in the treasury to meet all expenses in properly caring for the cemetery.
- Sec. 4 - Special committees shall perform such duties as are indicated in their appointment.

Article IX - Amendments

This Consistution and By-Laws may be amended during any regular business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Any motion to amend must be on the table at least one month before final action is taken.

Committee: Mayor A. P. Hutton
Rev. W. M. Walsh
Mr. Gilmore Penn

First deposit June 9th 1954
Last deposit 11 9th 1975

Amount given for upkeep of square & lots 3063.40
June 9/75 Interest accrued money 5297.15

Trust fund administered by Court from
field fronting on Main & Russell Rd. 6132.55

Interest used for upkeep

ashion land \$ 1405.21

Account due on gifts 232233.75

1187.81
81.355
7.0
10.1
11.05
1905.31
28.33
11.785
01.11
55.208

General Expense
Interest
Income
Expenses
Total

1187.81

00.008
00.005
00.006
00.002
00.000

Income
Expenses
Total

Sinking Spring Cemetery, Res -

Farmers Exchange Bank -

Able of Field Lot, court administered by ~~court~~ \$6133.55 only
interest can be used for upkeep Int \$509.42
1975

Farmers Exchange Bank Savings account

interest only can be used and never been used

#5540-20 Bank

\$3063.40 - Int accrued \$2493.50

Mail contributions about 65, amounting \$500

From " " 73, " " 600
From of Abingdon " " 800

about graves
in this addition

Done for the surviving
Cem Assoc
Compiled in May 1954
Corrected and checked again
Summer 1957
Margaret R. Davis

Scott-Campbell Addition - May, 1954
Sinking Spring Cemetery, Abingdon, Virginia

First row, along Bluefield Highway

Arnett, monument, corners marked "A"

Mary Katherine Arnett	W. F. Arnett
Wife of	1865-1931
W. F. Arnett	(Woodmen of World Memorial)
1860-1935	

Mary E. Arnett Ashley
1893-1936

Beam, double stone marker

Mother	Father
Emma Beam	Jesse Beam
1857-1920	1853-1937

Burke, Stone

George R. Burke
1880-1934

Second row

Ketchum, double stone marker, corners marked

Joseph Lee Ketchum	Martha Saunders Ketchum
1856-1925	1858-1939

- Price
- ? where is this stone?
1. N. B. Price, stone
1879-1944
 2. Funeral marker ? faded
 3. Mrs. Louise Price Clark
Died June 16, 1951, (F.M.)
 4. Fundral marker ? faded.

- Adelaide Sneed
mother
1854-1928
5. ~~Funeral marker ? continued, faded~~
6. ~~Funeral marker ?~~
7. Jessie Price Lilly
1907-1942
- Susan Catherine Price
1886-1929

Orfield

Sarah L. Orfield
 Mar. 17, 1862
 Feb. 4, 1951

G. W. Orfield
 Dec. 9, 1858
 Dec. 3, 1926

Burke, corners marked "B"

David Duncan Burke
 Lt. U. S. A., A. E. F.
 May 24, 1892
 June 16, 1927
 (Woodman of World Memorial)

Browning

Michael Browning (F.M.)
 Died April 29, 1937, Aged 67

Bronze memorial tablet

In Memoriam
 Sherman Browning
 of the
 U.S.S. - S 41
 Killed in an accident, Manila, P. I., Dec. 4, 1927
 Erected as a testimonial of high regard
 By his shipmates of Submarine
 Division Seventeen

Waddell

Waddell, died Apr. 16, 1934, Aged 76

Third Row

Roberson, monument, corners marked

William F.
 1855-1925

Alice C.
 1862-~~1924~~ 1947

~~Mrs. Minnie Hortenstine~~ (F. M.) faded
 Died Aug. 18, 1948
Infant of Joel + Selia Hortenstine

Clark, corners marked

*2 Squares*Roy G., son of D.J. & N.J. Clark
b. April 5, 1896 d. May 18, 1925Christlee, daughter of R.T. & Bessie Clark
1930-1931Elizabeth Clark
March 5, 1927 - June 5, 1927Baby Clark
Feb. 7, 1941Joseph Leroy Clark
June 16, 1943 - Sept. 10, 1943*unmarked grave
Infant Clark
d. of Roy Clark*

Rush, Monument

John C. Rush
1901- 1948

Thompson, double marker, corners marked

Dorothy Mae
Aug. 14, 1927
Aug. 15, 1927Virginia Ellen
Sept. 4, 1926
Oct. 14, 1926

Unknown grave or graves

Small markers
"H.J.G.D." "G.D."

Tucker, Monument, corners marked

Dora Ella Tucker
B. Aug. 15, 1888
D. Jan. 30, 1947Roy Edward Tucker
B. April 21, 1890
D. July 4, 1930

Wilson, double marker

James J. Wilson
1871- 1930Minnie G. Wilson
1873- 1933*"At Rest"*

Gilpin, Corners marked

Mrs. M. B. Gilpin
 March 13, 1856
 Sept. 28, 1938

Moore, Double marker, corners marked

Maxie E.
 1898 - 19 _____

Charley H.
 1898- 19 _____

Davis

George Harrison Davis (F.M.)
 Mrs. Dora Ellen _____ (F.M.)

Rickey Davis
 son of
 Bert and Imogene Davis
 1950-1952

Crosswhite, Monument, corners marked

Father 1860-1936
 Mother 1861-1929

May Crosswhite
 Died Dec. 15, 1948

Cox

Taylor Cox, died Mar. 1, 1952, aged 66 years (f.m.)

Wife of Taylor Cox (f.m.) *dad*

Cregger, Monument

Nancy A. Cregger
 Dec. 10, 1846
 Oct. 16, 1929

John W. Cregger
 July 1, 1840
 Aug. 11, 1930

~~David C. Repass~~
 David C. Repass
 April 25, 1900
 Feb. 29, 1941

[In Cregger Square

Scott, Monument, corners marked "S"

Solomon L. Scott
Nov. 13, 1855
June 7, 1949

Wright

David K. Wright
Died July 8, 1842, Aged _____ (f.m.)

Jimmie Wright
Mar. 21, 1914
Sept. 16, 1931

Parrott

George C. Parrott
1874-1932

At end of driveway

Chas. Harrison Haley
Died July 29, 1948, aged 37 (?) f.m.

2 unmarked graves

Driveway

First Row East of Driveway

Vacant Square ?

Clark, corners marked "C"

Robert Wayne Reynolds
Jan. 19, 1940
Nov. 11, 1949
"He Loved Much"

Henry Samuel Clark
Oct. 11, 1902
March 26, 1934
"He is not dead, but sleepeth."

Double monument
David J. Clark
March 29, 1876
Sept. 29, 1948

Nannie J. Clark
June 1, 1877
Feb. 16, 1951

"Thy will be done."

Phelps, corners marked

Blythe S. Phelps,
1901-1926
"Asleep in Jesus"

Unmarked grave

*Ma. Scott Phelps. Buried 1957
unmarked.*

Musick, monument, corners marked

J. Taylor Musick
June 18, 1905
~~Jan. 5, 1933~~
Apr. 19, 1925

Mother Elizabeth Musick
Sept. 17, 1876
Jan. 5, 1933

Dad Isaac W. Musick
Aug. 26, 1870
Mar. 11, 1949

Litz, corners marked

P. G. Litz
Mar, 3, 1868
and His wife

Lula Brown
Mar. 26, 1873 - Oct. 3, 1928

Young, Monument

Lucy C. Young
1851 - 1928

I. N. Young
Dec. 16, 1853
Oct. 25, 1941

Hughes, Monument, corners marked

Charles White Hughes
1876 - 1928

Owens, Monument, corners marked

Hal S. Owens
July 8, 1874
July 20, 1950

Bear, Monument, corners marked

Ollie Ann Bear
May 2, 1901
Jan. 9, 1921

Gilpin, Monument, corners marked

Carl Leach Gilpin
1891 - 1943

Hawkins, Monument, corners makred

Gerald Thomas Hawkins
Dec. 20, 1923
Mar. 31, 1926

Phelps, Monument

Francisco
April 21; 1880
Dec. 17, 1932
"Come unto me ye weary,
And I will give you rest."

L. Pearl
Apr. 2, 1860
Dec 17, 1932

Wm Mont
Mar. 15, 1873
Feb. 2, 1955

could not
be found
1957

Wells, Monument, corners marked

Mother
Sallie B. Wells
1845 - 1928

Irvin Beech Wells
1870- 1941

James Sydnor Clarke
1882- 1942

Irvin B. Wells, Jr. (f.m.)
died Nov. 16, 1948
aged 43 yrs, 10 mo, 17 da.

Kestner, corners makred

Dan Richard Kestner
June 9 - July 3
1929

Carson

Henry Garnett Carson, Jr.
1919-1930

Henry Garnett Carson (f.m.)
Died Jan. 14, 1951
Aged 54 yrs. 1 da.

Henry, Monument

no graves apparently at this time

Hayley

Charles Harrison Haley (f.m.)
Died July 29, 1948
Age 37 (?) yrs. 30 mo. 5 da.

2 unmarked graves

First row west of driveway

Harrop - McConnell, corners marked

Infant son of Walter E. & Pauline McHarrop
Aug 17, 1923

Rose Bradley McConnell
1864-1930

William Merton McConnell
1897-1934

Edmendsen, Monument

Samuel G. Edmendsen
1877-1938

Gilliam Monument

William H. Gilliam
1884-1936

Sue Bradley Gilliam
1860-1942

J. Thomas Gilliam
1856-1936

Unknown Square

5 unmarked graves

Sandee, corners marked

Joseph B. Sandee, Jr.
March 20, 1911
April 7, 1929

Barbara Elizabeth Richards f.m.
died June 24, 1956
Age 89 yrs
Bettie Richards
dau. of
Andrew F. & Mary L. Richards
Nov. 4, 1866

1 unmarked grave
must be Mrs. J. B. Sandee, Sr.

Allie Richrds Sandee
Died Jan. 23, 1954
Aged 79 yrs. (f.m.)

Hockett, Monument - double

John C.
1854-1934

Mary Alice
1854-1929

Louie C. Hockett
1917-1925

Same sq.
Hagy + Hylle
Hylle

Hagy, corners marked

"A dear Husband and Father"
C. N. Hagy
Feb. 23, 1866
Nov. 7, 1925
"At rest."

Ernest C. Hagy
April 6, 1908
Feb. 18, 1951

Double Marker Hylle
Jessie Mact
b. Aug 28, 1891
d. _____
Jennie Finances
May 16, 1892
Aug. 25, 1954

Wright, corners marked

Our Mother
Nancy W. Wright
Aug. 22, 1867
Nov. 26, 1929
"Safe are souls whom Thou dost keep."

1 unmarked grave

Arnold

Wiley H. Junier
Son of W.H. & E. M. Arnold
March 25, 1921-Sept. 12, 1929
"A little time on earth he spent
Till God for him His angel sent."

2 unmarked graves
Mrs. Wiley Arnold told me on
Aug 16, 1965 that there were
two children of
Wiley Arnold's Brothers.

Square marked "H" at corners

Mitchell, corners marked

*m. Barbara
alice Mitchell
ied Dec. 31, 1956
aged 81 yr. f.m.*

Father

Reece B. Mitchell

Mar. 15, 1893

July 8, 1949

"A tender father and
a faithful friend."

Irene D. Mitchell

April 30, 1926-Aug. 30, 1926

James H. Mitchell

Jan. 20, 1932

May 30, 1932

Gose

William Morgan Gose

Virginia

Lt. Master Gunner, 60 Art'y CAC

World War 1

Sept. 20, 1890-May 14, 1946

Belisle, Monument

Rachel M. Belisle

Nov. 11, 1876

Nov. 17, 1950

Ruby

~~Ruby~~ Mae Belisle

Sept. 28, 1908

Apr. 28, 1942

Thomas Lee Belisle

June 17, 1877

Feb. 6, 1954 (?)

Square, corners marked "C"

1 unmarked grave

Roark

Earl M. Roark

Feb. 14, 1907

June 29, 1940

Square, Vacant (?)

Second row west of center drive and right of path.

Second row west of center drive and right of ^{Path}

Clapp, corners marked "C"

T. M. Clapp
Nov. 29, 1842
Oct. 23, 1923

Mary Bradly
Wife of T. M. Clapp
May 16, 1852
April 7, 1933

Samuel Paul Clapp
Oct. 3, 1887
Feb. 23, 1936

Thomas M. Clapp
Sept 17, 1882
May 31, 1956

Heltzhaver Square, corners marked "P"

Vacant

Monument Rogers, corners marked "R"

Richard G. Rogers
July 8, 1866
Oct. 5, 1935

Mary Ada Steller Rogers

Died June 25, 1956

Aged 90 years.

There is now a special granite marker

Richard B. Rogers, Jr.
Feb. 13, 1898
Apr. 12, 1924

W. Clayton Rogers
Nov. 12, 1900
Jan. 26, 1937

Fred L. David
Dec. 5, 1892
Mar. 30, 1938

Minnick, corners marked "M"

John D. Minnick
March 5, 1881
Nov. 22, 1929

His Wife
Callie W. Mays
Mar. 3, 1880
Nov. 3, 1925

Gilley, double stone, corners marked "G"

Wiley F.
Feb. 25, 1872
Dec. 9, 1931

Febe E.
Jan. 15, 1875
June 13, 1935

Adkins, corners marked "A"

Malissa Ann Adkins
Died Nov. 3, 1946
Aged 80 yrs. 1 mo, 14 da.

Richard Eugene Adkins
Feb. 13, 1940
Sept. 4, 1940

Alexander J.
1010 1016

Double

Dukes *Corners marked*

Ollie H. Browning, wife of
W. L. Dukes
August 31, 1889-Apr. 20, 1928

Goodpasture

All on one monument { Goodpasture
Tennie J. *Bertie D (on west side of marker)*
1876-1938

John A. 1859-1944	Tennie J. 1861-1929
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Daughten

Ruth Amelia Stamper Daughten
1883-1948

Berdwine, corners marked "B"

J. Ernest Berdwine
Born, Nov. 11, 1906
Wash. Co. Va.
Died Nov. 31, 1929
Filbert W. Va.
"At rest in the arms of Jesus"

Vacant square ? (back of Gese square)

Vacant square ? (back of Belisle square)

Vacant square ? (back of square marked "C")

Beardwine

Anna Bell McGray
Wife of S.T. Beardwine
Sept. 17, 1888
Oct. 27, 1933

Gobble

Edwan (?) Lewis Gobble (f.m.)
d. Jan. 23, 1950
Aged 5 years

Infant Gobble
Died Mar. 1 ? (f.m.)
1956 _____

3 unmarked graves (?)

First row west of path, or 3rd row west of center driveway

Webster

Unmarked grave of Mr. Webster, father
of Jack and Stuart Webster. He lived in the
Palmer addition, Abingdon, Va.

Totten, monument, corners marked

John A. Totten
May 13, 1875
Aug. 29, 1949
"Asleep in Jesus"

unmarked grave

Scott L., Jr.
son of S.L. & G.F. Smith
April 23, 1926
May 3, 1926
"A littel bud of love
To bloom with God above."

Vacant square (?)

West of Rogers Square.

Dennison, Monument, corners marked "D"

William A. Dennison
Jan. 28, 1888
June 15, 1935

Lelia Farris Dennison
April 6, 1895
April 11, 1949

Reade, corners marked "R"

Double monument

Willeughby Reade
1837-1887
and his wife
Elizabeth Philips
1836-1885

"Underneath are the everlasting arms."

Galliher (?)

Galliher (f.m.)

*1/2 sq. - The other half belongs to
Ritze Odum.*

Vacant square (?)

Left, only square at extreme west side

Repp, Monument, corners marked "R"

David P. Repp
1847-1927

Mary E. Craig, wife of D.P. Repp
1856-1932

The regular meeting of Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held on June 2, 1959, at the home of Mrs. Lucille McConnell. There were eleven persons present at said meeting.

After the meeting was called to order, Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treasurer of the Association, gave the following report:

Cash on hand January 1, 1959	\$354.03
Donation from Town of Abingdon	500.00
Other donations	309.00
Opening graves	80.00
Total receipts to June, 1959	\$1243.03.

Disbursements

Caretaker's salary	\$402.25
Equipment	121.62
Repairs on house	72.16
General expenses	176.19
Total disbursements	\$772.22
Cash on hand	470.81
	<u>\$1243.03.</u>

After a lengthy discussion of the business affairs of the Association the following business was transacted:

On motion duly made, seconded and carried A. W. Croswite was unanimously elected president of the association for the ensuing year.

On motion duly made, second and carried Anne C. Campbell was elected secretary of the association, to succeed Miss Thyrza Fugate, who resigned as secretary.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was decided that the association fix the salary of the caretaker at \$125.00 per month for the months of June, July, August, September, October and November, 1959, and if the finances of the association would permit, to pay the caretaker an amount to be determined at the next meeting of the association for the three months of the year for

which he has been receiving no compensation. The association hopes to be able to pay the caretaker a salary of \$125.00 per month for nine months of the coming year, and some compensation for the three months for which no compensation has heretofore been paid.

The treasurer reported that she had received a check for \$100.00 from the estate of Mrs. Pauline White Mason. It was decided that this amount be placed in the trust fund of the association at this time.

The treasurer also reported that Mr. J. V. Geisler of Knoxville, Tennessee, had agreed to give the association a deed for his square in Sinking Spring Cemetery.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was agreed that the association have at least two meetings each year, and it was moved that the association meet in October, 1959.

No further business appearing, the meeting, on motion, adjourned.

W. C. White
President

Ann D. Campbell
Secretary

~~# 100.00~~

Received \$100.00 from Mrs. Pauline Morris

Sister

Went to lot in cemetery from J. V. Giesler Knoxville Tenn.

Dear Min Anne

I do hope this is a little more coherent than the way it was given at the meeting.

Margaret Bradley —

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Siebing Spring Cemetery Assoc.
 Mrs. J. Q. Brodley Treasurer -
 June 2nd 1959 -

Report to Town of Abingdon Jan 1st 1959 - for 1958

Receipts

cash on hand Jan 1st 1959 249.85

Donations (Town of Abingdon) 1294.00

Opening year 90.00

\$1633.85

Disbursement

Carotoken Salary 675.00

Equipment 147.23

Repairs on House 177.96

General Expense 279.63

\$1279.82

cash on hand 354.03

\$1633.85

Trust Fund in Farmers Exchange Bk \$1074.95

Report June 2nd 1959 -

Receipts

Donation (Town \$500) 809.00

Opening year 80.00

cash in Bank \$889.00

354.03

\$1243.03

Disbursement

Carotoken Salary 402.25

Equipment 121.62

House repairs 72.16

General Expense 176.19

cash on hand 470.81

\$1243.03

Trust Fund \$1074.95 + interest paid in June 30th

The regular meeting of Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held on June 1, 1960, at the Appalachian Power Company., with a good attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the president.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary.

The president gave a report of work done on the cemetery during the year, which consisted of cleaning the grounds of rock, dead trees, etc. The land belonging to the H. H. Scott and the Campbell heirs was cleaned up, which made available additional ground to be used for some purpose. Mrs. Lucille McConnell, one of the Scott heirs, advised the Association that she, Mrs. Muriel Bundy and Mrs. Frances Morgan, which are all of the Scott heirs, desire to donate their interest in this plot of ground to the Association. She also stated that the Campbell heirs had expressed their desire to donate their interest in same to the Association.

Mr. A. W. Crosswhite, President, stated that Mr. E. J. Clifton had donated a two room building to the Association, which has been moved to the cemetery grounds, and will be used for a tool house.

The corresponding secretary was requested to write a note of thanks to Mr. Clifton for the donation of this building.

Mrs. C. B. Goodpastuer advised that the Wolf Creek Home Demonstration Club had created a memorial fund to be used in beautifying the entrance to the cemetery. After a discussion of the matter Mrs. John O. Bradley made a motion that the Association donate a sum of at least \$25.00 to be used for a memorial to Mrs. Mary Balance and Mrs. Mamie Hyler. After a discussion of this matter, it was decided that there were many loyal members of the Association who had passed that should be remembered, and upon motion of Mrs. Lucille McConnell, seconded and carried, it was decided that the members of the Association contribute at least \$1.00 each as a memorial fund, and to be used in connection

with the Wolf Creek Home Demonstration Club memorial fund. Miss Dora

Bradley was asked to contact members of the association and solicit funds for this purpose.

The following financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mrs.

John L. Bradley:

REPORT - SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION - 1959

Receipts:

Cash on hand 1-1-59	\$ 354.03
Donations (\$500.00 - Town of Abingdon)	1504.75
Opening graves	200.00
	<u>\$12058.78</u>

Disbursements:

Salary - caretaker	\$1097.25
Equipment	150.14
House repairs	375.13
General expenses	527.78
	<u>\$1870.30</u>
Cash on hand 1-1-60	188.48
	<u>\$2058.78</u>

Estimated budget for 1960

Salary - caretaker	\$1500.00
Mower and trimmer	200.00
General expenses	300.00
	<u>\$2000.00</u>

Trust Fund: \$1207.42 - Farmers Exchange Bank (To be used for upkeep of certain plots).

January 1, 1960

Receipts:

Cash on hand	\$ 188.48
Donations - Town of Abingdon \$500.00	
Donations	267.00
Opening graves	767.00
	<u>125.00</u>
	<u>\$1080.48</u>

Disbursements:

Salary - caretaker
House repairs
General expenses

Cash on hand 6-1-60

\$400.00
75.00
85.00
\$560.00

520.48

\$1080.48.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the same officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

On motion of Mrs. John D. Bradley a rising vote of thanks was

given to Mr. A. W. Crowlitz in appreciation of his services during the past

year.

No further business appearing, the meeting, on motion, adjourned.

W. H. Crowlitz
President

W. H. Crowlitz
Secretary

Sicbeig Spring Cemetery Assn -
Treasurer's Report Jan. 1st 1961

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan 1 - 1960	188.48
Donations	500.00
Town of Abingdon	868.00
Individual Contribution	230.71
Put from Trust Fund (Lot)	10.00
Damage to hedge by Automobile	345.00
Opening graves	# 2142.19

Disbursements

Contractor's Salary	\$ 1235.80
Equipment	80.84
House	170.27
General Expenses	607.68
	# 2094.59
Cash on hand Jan 1961	47.60
	# 2142.19

Estimated for 1961

Salary Contractor	1500.00
Equipment	200.00
General Expenses	300.00
	# 2000.00

Indigent	# 1338.58
Trust Fund in Farmers Exchange	
#50 Mrs. Ella Higby \$157.18 available interest	
Sale of Lot administered by Court each Jan 1 -	6133.55

The regular meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held at the Appalachian Power Company building June 15, 1961, with ten members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. A. W. Croswhite.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

\$29.00 was given by individuals to Mrs. C. B. Goodpasture for the memorial entrance to the cemetery.

The president recommended that the caretaker be paid \$125.00 for the month of June, \$25.00 to be applied to his note, and also recommended that a note of thanks be sent to Mr. Luke Russell for his time at the cemetery.

The following financial report was given by the treasurer, Mrs. John L. Bradley:

REPORT - SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION- 1961

Receipts:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960	\$188.48
Donations - Town of Abingdon	500.00
Individual contributions	868.00
Interest from Trust Fund (Lot)	230.71
Damage to hedge by automobile	10.00
Opening graves	345.00
	<u>\$2,142.19</u>

Disbursements:

Caretaker's salary	\$1,097.25	
Equipment	80.84	
House	170.27	
General expenses	607.68	
	<u>\$2,094.59</u>	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1961	47.60	<u>\$2,142.19</u>

Estimated budget for 1961:

Salary - caretaker	\$1,500.00
Equipment	200.00
General expenses	300.00
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Trust fund in Farmers Exchange Bank \$1,338.58

Sale of lot administered by the
Circuit of Washington County,
Virginia, each January 1st. \$6,133.55

Report as of June 15, 1961

Receipts:

Deposits - Jan. 1st balance \$985.67

Trust fund	\$182.07
Donations	736.00
Opening graves	30.00
	<u>\$948.07</u>

Disbursements:

Salary	\$274.88
House	35.24
Expenses	323.29
	<u>\$633.41</u>

Balance June 15, 1961 \$352.26.

W. Crosswhite

President

Anne P. Campbell
Secretary

First of Jan 1960. 188.48
 89200 Def.
 #104848

Donat. 500.00 Loan
 " 267.00 Loan -
 125.00 O. H. -
 #492.00

Disbursement \$547.31 /

C. Lohr	400.00
House	75.00
General Exp	75.84
	<u>560.84</u>

Def on Income Exp - Trust Fund -
 \$1106.40 - Def - \$137.24
 July 1st -

Memorial Mrs. Blau
 " Mrs. Nyles
 Rising of St. of Thores - & Study -

The regular meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held at the Appalachian Power Company Building April 24, 1962, with eight members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. A. W. Croswhite.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The President gave a brief report on work done in cleaning and care of the cemetery, and the work hoped to be done this year.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the following were unanimously elected officers of the association for the ensuing year:

A. W. Croswhite	President
Mrs. J. L. Bradley, Sr.	Treasurer
Anne C. Campbell	Secretary
Mrs. Anne Gose	Corresponding Secretary.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was ordered that a vote of thanks be extended Mrs. John Catron for her services to the association.

Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treasurer, gave the financial report of the association, which is as follows:

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Report January 1, 1962

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1961	\$ 47.60
Donation - Town of Abingdon	500.00
Donation - Individuals - Abingdon	480.25
Donation - Individuals - Mail	394.00
Opening graves	180.00
Interest on Trust Fund, Farmers Exchange Bk.	<u>182.07</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,783.92</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Caretaker's salary	\$962.50
Caretaker's loan	50.00
Equipment	95.45
House	41.59
Expenses (including help while caretaker was injured)	638.01
	<u>\$1,787.55</u>
Bills payable	14.20
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,773.35</u>
Balance in bank	10.57
Total	<u><u>\$1,783.92.</u></u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1962

Salary Caretaker (9 mo. @ \$125.00	\$1,125.00
Equipment	200.00
House	100.00
Expenses	400.00
	<u>\$1,825.00.</u>

Trust Fund - Farmers Exchange Bank - \$7,326.95.

No further business appearing, the meeting, on motion,
adjourned.

Alton White
President

Ernie D. Campbell
Secretary

Sieking Spring Cemetery Assoc -
Report Jan 1st 1962 -

Receipts

Cash on Hand Jan. 1st 1961	-----	47.60
Donation Town of Abingdon		500.00
" Individual Abingdon		480.25
" " Mail		394.00
Opening yross		180.00
Dut. Trust Fund Farmer Exchange		182.07
Total	-----	\$1783.92

Disbursement

Carotoku Salary		962.50
" Loan		50.00
Equipment		95.45
House		41.59
Expenses (including help while Carotoku was injured)		638.01
		<u>\$1,787.55</u>
Bills Payable		14.20
		<u>\$1,773.35</u>
Balance in Bank		10.57
Total		<u>\$1,783.92</u>

Estimated Budget 1962 -

Salary Carotoku (9mo @ \$1.25.00)		\$1,125.00
Equipment		200.00
House		100.00
Expenses		400.00
		<u>\$1,825.00</u>

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 148.16
34.91 *cash cost*

Mr. McSmalle
~~cost~~ *leave*
 May 1st - Mr
 Elm + Mr. J. G. B. from
 Mr. Weston about
 7th 1/2 thru, etc.
 make note

April 24th
 Daily # written \$ 25.00
 from 150.00
 4.51
 from 14.20
 Bills Payable P. A. 27.34
 Exp. ~~\$~~ 75.05

Wp. Trust Fund 148.16
 Remittance J. G. B. 25.00.00
 " fund 25.00
 349.46
 " Mail 922.62
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 Balance 933.19
 175.05
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The regular meeting of the Sinking Springs Cemetery
association was held at the Appalachian building
June 15, 1961 with ten members present. The meeting
was called to order by the president Mr. A. W.
Russell. The minutes of the last meeting were
read. Twenty nine dollars was given by
members to Mrs. C. B. Goodpasture for the
removal entrance. The president recommended
to pay over caretaker \$125.⁰⁰ for the month of
June \$25.⁰⁰ to be applied to his note also a note
of thanks to Mr. Sude Russell for his time at
cemetery.

The regular meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held at the Appalachian Power Company Building in Abingdon, Virginia, on April 10, 1963, with nine members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. A. W. Croswhite.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President gave a report on work done on the cemetery. A discussion was had on work done and to be done during the year.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was ordered that a vote of thanks be extended Mr. A. W. Croswhite for services rendered by him.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the following were unanimously elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite	President
Mrs. J. L. Bradley, Sr.	Treasurer
Anne C. Campbell	Secretary
Mrs. Anne Gose	Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treasurer, gave the financial report of the Association, which is as follows:

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 1963

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1963	\$10.57
Donation - Town of Abingdon	500.00
Contributions - Square owners - local	501.30
Contributions - " " - by mail	507.46
Opening Graves	150.00
Interest on Trust Fund	148.16
Loan - work H. L. Reynolds	50.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,867.49</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Caretaker's salary	\$1,125.00
Equipment	220.68
House	47.04
General expenses	399.46
Bills payable	14.20
	<u>\$1,806.38</u>
Social Security	22.43
	<u>\$1,783.95</u>
Cash on hand	83.54
	<u>\$1,867.49</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1963

Salary - Caretaker (9 months @ \$125.)	.\$1,125.00
Equipment	200.00
House (Insurance and repairs)	100.00
Expenses	400.00
	<u>\$1,825.00.</u>

No further business appearing, the meeting, on motion,
adjourned.

Albroswhite
President

James D. Campbell
Secretary

Report to Date

Jan 1st 1963

May 10th 1963

Receipts

Cash on hand	83.54
Int on Trust Fund	179.64
Donation Love of Abingdon	500.00
" Sq. Owen	20.00
	<hr/>
	\$783.18

Mrs. W. W. Webb - \$250
 Mrs. Elly Beth Finmore - 124
 Mrs. Elly Beth Finmore - 15
 Mrs. W. W. Webb - 15

Miss Worsen at	
Leavelle's Salary	\$125.00
Equipment	112.32
House	22.95
Bills Payable	22.43
Expense	52.66
	<hr/>
	\$335.36

Hand over in \$120 - \$135.32

We are \$453 A.A.
 Cash on hand 319.83
 W.F. Dep. 37.60

 356.53

Trust Fund is - F.E.B. 6133.55 - Court admin.
 Ass. 1458.40

 \$7591.95-

Loss in Contributions 94
 Trust " 80

Report - 1962 ~~to~~

Jan 1 - 63

S. S. Cemetery Assoc -
Abingdon Va.

Receipts

Cash on Hand Jan 1st 1962	10.57
Donations Town of Abingdon	500.00
Contributions Squon Owners Town.	501.30
" " " " Mail	507.76
" " " " " "	150.00
Opening year	148.16
Dut - Trust Fund.	50.00
Loan Work H. I. Reynolds	<u>\$ 1867.49</u>

Disbursements

Lesetoben Salary	\$ 1125.00
Equipment	220.68
House	47.04
Billy Payable	14.20
General Expenses	399.46
	<u>\$ 1806.38</u>

Notes Payable 122.43	\$ 22.43
S. S. 22.43 - Top Hand to pay when he goes back on land	<u>\$ 1783.95</u>
	16983.54
	<u>\$ 1867.49</u>

Estimated Budget for 1963 -

Salary Lesetoben (9 mo @ \$125.00)	1125.00
Equipment	200.00
House (Insurance + Repairs)	100.00
Expenses	400.00
	<u>\$ 1825.00</u>

The regular meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetary Association was held at the Appalachian Power Company Building in Abingdon, Va., June 19, 1964, with nine members present

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. A. W. Croswhite.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President gave a report on the work done on the cemetary grounds and house during the year, also plans for the future.

A discussion was had in regard to the condition of the driveway and the hedge.

Miss Anne C. Campbell having resigned as secretary, an motion, duly made and seconded, Pearl G. Ropp was elected secretary to succeed Miss Campbell.

The following are to serve as officers for the year 1964:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite	President
Mrs. J. L. Bradley, Sr.	Treasurer
Pearl G. Ropp	Secretary
Mrs. Anne Gose	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treas.,	gave the financial report.

It was announced that the following people had left money for the interest fund:

Mrs. W. W. Hebb	\$250.00
Mrs. J. W. Cummings	\$150.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Finne	\$ 15.00

Mrs. Bradley's financial report is filed with the minutes.

Pearl G. Ropp
Secretary

President

REPORT

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 1964

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1963	83.54
Donation Town of Abingdon	500.00
Donations Square Owners-Abingdon	509.50
Donations Square Owners-Mail	492.50
Opening Graves	125.00
Interest Trust Fund	<u>179.64</u>

Disbursements

Caretakers Salary	1125.00
Equipment	283.18
House	65.52
Bills Payable	22.43
General Expense	<u>244.73</u>
	1740.86
Bills Payable S.S.	16.19
	<u>\$1890.18</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1964	165.51
	<u>\$1890.18</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1964

Salary Caretaker (9months @ \$125.00)	\$1125.00
Equipment	200.00
House (Insurance & Painting)	300.00
Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
	\$1925.00

The regular meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetary Association was held at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley, Sr., on August 26, 1965 with eleven members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. A. W. Croswhite.

The minutes of the 1964 meeting were read and approved.

The President gave a report on the work done in cleaning and care of the cemetary.

Mrs. Bradley reported on the work done on the care taker's house, she also reported that a gift of \$50.00 had been received from Mrs. Evelyn Trigg Sargeant to the association.

After some discussion, it was decided that the annual drive for collection of the 1965 dues, which is \$5.00 per square, should be made at once. Mrs. Eucille McConnell, chairman, appointed members to solicit subscriptions in different sections of the town.

Mrs. Annie Gose, corresponding secretary, reported that she had sent cards asking for contributions from out of town people who have squares in Sinking Spring Cemetary and those who have loved ones buried there.

Mrs. Bradley gave the financial report of receipts and disbursements for the year, which is filed with the minutes.

Mrs. Bradley read a letter which received from Mr. George Kreger in which he stated that the fee paid by the Virginia National Bank to Mr. Volney Campbell should have been only \$5.00 per year on the trust fund instead of \$25.00 per year for the past three years. Mrs. Lucille McConnell volunteered to take the letter and talk to Mrs. Fleenor at the bank, who is in charge of trust funds and ask for a refund of \$60.00 from Mr. Campbell.

The following officers are to serve for the year 1965:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite	President
Mrs. John L. Bradley	Treasurer
Mrs. Annie Gose	Corresponding Secretary
Pearl G. Ropp	Secretary

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Pearl G. Ropp
Secretary

President

Estimated Budget 1965

Salary (12 mo)	1500.00
Equipment	150.00
House	100.00
Expenses	400.00
	<hr/>
	\$2150.00

~~Balance~~ The Nat. Bank Trust fund tax by
Court \$6133.55

The Nat. Bank of N. Security Assoc. - Trust
Fund \$1508.40 - accrued int - \$526.49
Total \$2034.89

The annual meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley, Sr., September 6, 1966 with ten members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. A. W. Croswhite.

The minutes of the 1965 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Croswhite told of the work that had been done in the cemetery, mentioning especially that the drive ways had been rocked, which was badly needed. He said that Mr. Reynolds, the care taker had become resentful of the things he asked him to do and under the circumstances he recommended that Mr. Reynolds' work be terminated and a new care taker be secured. The members voted to abide his recommendation and Mr. Croswhite to secure and hire a man to replace Mr. Reynolds. He also stated that if the person who is hired has a home of his own that the care taker's house could be rented for \$40.00 or more per month. Mr. Croswhite was to make a list of all the tools and equipment belonging to the Cemetery Association before Mr. Reynolds left.

Mrs. Lucille McConnell reported that Mr. Volney Campbell had refunded \$60.00 which had been paid him for three years by the bank on the trust fund.

It was decided to have the annual drive to solicit for dues earlier in 1967. Several members were assigned different sections of the town to solicit dues.

Mrs. Bradley gave the financial report for the year, which is filed with the minutes.

A letter from Mrs. Sarah Marshall, daughter of Mr. Sam Edmondson; was read, in which she enclosed a check. She expressed her love for Sinking Spring Cemetery.

It was voted to retain the same slate of officers for the coming year 1967.

A standing vote of thanks was given Mr. A. W. Croswhite for his untiring work and efforts towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

There being no further business, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

Paul G. Rupp, Secretary

REPORT

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 1966

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - January 1, 1965	\$555.52
Interest - Trust Fund	178.09
Donations, Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations, Square Owner - Town	366.00
Donations, " " - Mail	494.00
Opening Graves	328.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretakers Salary	\$1370.83
Equipment	35.11
House	87.72
Bills Payable	16.19
General Expense	559.40
	<u>\$2069.25</u>
Social Security	16.19
	<u>2053.06</u>
Cash on Hand - January 1, 1966	468.55
	<u>\$2521.61</u>

\$2521.61

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1966

Salary - Caretaker (12 Months)	\$1500.00
Equipment (Lawn Mower & Repairs)	150.00
House	100.00
General Expense	600.00
	<u>\$2350.00</u>

REPORT

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 1967

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - Jan. 1, 1966	\$468.55
Interest - Trust Fund	264.70
Donations, Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations, Square Owners, Town	534.50
Donations, Mail	507.75
Opening Graves	390.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00	
Equipment	205.63	
House	26.33	
Bills Payable	23.45	
General Expense	269.03	
	<u>\$2024.44</u>	
Social Security	15.75	
	<u>\$2008.69</u>	
Cash on Hand, Jan.1, 1967	756.81	
	<u>\$2765.50</u>	<u>\$2765.50</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1967

Salary caretaker (12 months)	\$1500.00
Equipment (Mower & Trimmer)	200.00
House	100.00
General Expense	500.00
	<u>\$2300.00</u>

in Va. Not. Bond
Trust Fund administered by Court # 6133.55
S. A. Cemetery Trust Fund, Va. Not Bond # 2294.02
Balance in Bond June 12/67 # 1235.73

The Sinking Spring Cemetary Association met at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley, Sr , June 10, 1968 with seven members present.

In the absence of Mr. A. W. Groswhite, President, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lucille McConnell.

The minutes of the 1966 meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Bradley reported that a mower and trimmer had been purchased for use in the cemetary. She also reported that she had received a check for \$30000 from Mrs. Eliza Roberts which was given in memory of her family and Mrs. Susie Gilliam Thomas.

It was voted that the Association purchase a copy of Mrs. Charles McConnell's book entitled "High Up On A Windy Hill."

A general discussion was entered into by those present in regard to soliciting dues and those asked to do the soliciting were named.

Mrs. John L. Bradley, Sr., read the financial report for 1966, which is filed with the minutes.

The same slate of officers were elected to serve for another year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Pearl B. Rapp
Secretary

President

REPORT

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 1968

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - January 1, 1967	\$756.81
Interest - Trust Fund	291.70
Donations, Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations, Square Owners- Town	482.00
Donations, Mail	561.00
Opening Graves	330.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00	
Equipment	411.27	
House	25.93	
Bills Payable	15.75	
General Expense	304.07	
	<u>\$2257.02</u>	
Social Security	16.50	
	<u>\$2273.52</u>	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1968	780.99	
	<u>\$3054.51</u>	<u>\$3021.51</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1968

Caretaker's Salary (12 Months)	\$1500.00
Equipment	200.00
House (Paint, if Possible)	300.00
General Expense	400.00
	<u>\$2400.00</u>

The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met on August 4, 1969, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley, with 8 members present. They were:

Mrs. John L. Bradley
Mrs. F. B. McConnell
Miss Tommie Graham
Mrs. W. E. Harrop
Miss Floy Hayter
Miss M. Margaret Hughes
Mrs. W. O. Hurt
Mrs. E. C. Hamilton

Mr. A. W. Croswhite, the president, was unable to attend the meeting, but came by after the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bradley.

There were no minutes of the previous meeting, as Miss Pearl Ropp, the recording secretary, was ill. Mrs. Bradley asked Miss Hughes to take the minutes of the meeting.

Mrs. Bradley, treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,378.01 as of August 1, 1969. She also presented a typewritten copy of the Financial Report dated January 1, 1969, with an estimated budget of \$2,300.00 for the year 1969. This copy of the Financial Report is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Bradley reported that the large poplar tree near the front entrance of the Cemetery was damaged by a wind storm, is considered a hazard, and should be taken down. The Association will have to pay the Bartlett Tree Trimmers to take the tree down, but the Town of Abingdon will have the tree limbs hauled away at no expense to the Association.

It was suggested that Mr. Croswhite contact the new Town Manager (as soon as he takes office) and determine whether the town will assume the maintenance of the Cemetery.

Mrs. Bradley announced that Miss Mary Fugate (Miss Thurza Fugate's executor) had deposited \$1,000 to the Sinking Spring Cemetery Trust Fund as a gift from the Fugate estate. Mrs. Bradley also announced that the Sinking Spring Cemetery Trust Fund now amounts to \$3,545.46.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

M. Margaret Hughes
Secretary Pro Tem

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sinking Spring Cemetery Association

January 1, 1970

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - January 1, 1969	\$ 997.22
Refund	20.80
Interest - Trust Fund	183.22
Donation - Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations - Square Owners - Town	511.94
Donations - Square Owners * Mail	443.50
Opening Graves	500.00
	<u>\$3256.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00
Equipment	126.78
House	59.42
Bills Payable	16.50
General Expense	482.83
	<u>\$2185.53</u>
Social Security Due	18.00
	<u>\$2167.53</u>
Cash on hand - January 1, 1970	1089.15
	<u>\$3256.68</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET for 1970

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00
Equipment	200.00
House	350.00
General Expense	500.00
	<u>\$2550.00</u>

Farmer Exchange Bk - \$6133.35 Court Adm.
" " Trust Fund - 3693.48
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The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met September 8, 1970, at 4:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley, with 14 members present. They were:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite, President
Mrs. F. B. McConnell, 1st Vice President
Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treasurer
Miss M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary
Miss Annie Gose, Corresponding Secretary
Miss Dorothy Bell
Miss Dora Bradley
Mrs. Jack Bundy
Mrs. F. L. Davis
Miss Tommie Graham
Mrs. W. E. Harrop
Miss Floy Hayter
Mrs. W. O. Hurt
Miss Pearl Ropp

The president called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the August 4, 1969, meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Bradley gave the financial report of the Association showing an estimated budget of \$2,550 for the year 1970. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

The president reported that the cost of taking down the storm damaged poplar tree near the front entrance was \$120.

Miss Gose requested new names for the mailing list.

Mrs. Bradley said that Mrs. Charles McConnell came to see her about plans for the log house which was the home of the first Presbyterian minister in Abingdon and which was given to the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church by Mrs. Mary Cummings. The church wishes to place this log house in the caretaker's yard, on the front southeast corner.

Mrs. Bradley suggested that, if possible, the caretaker's house should be painted. Mr. Croswhite said that he had instructed the caretaker to start the painting as soon as he gets caught up with some other work and the grass mowing.

Miss Pearl Ropp resigned as recording secretary of the Association because of ill health. Mrs. McConnell nominated Miss M. Margaret Hughes for recording secretary. The nomination was seconded by Miss Gose, and carried.

Other than the recording secretary, the same officers were reelected for 1970-71:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite, President
Mrs. F. B. McConnell, 1st Vice President
Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treasurer
Miss Annie Gose, Corresponding Secretary

A standing vote of thanks was given Mr. Croswhite for his work of many years as president.

Appreciation was extended to Mrs. Bradley for many years of service as treasurer.

Mrs. Davis displayed a book containing the minutes of the Association for the period 1921-25, which an antique dealer had found in a box of books he had purchased from another antique dealer. The dealer in Knoxville contacted Mrs. Davis and inquired whether she would like the book for the Washington County Historical Society library. This book contains the organizational details of the Association.

Mrs. Davis gave the following highlights of that book and then passed it around for members' inspection:

"The 1921-22 officers of the Association were:

Mr. J. Paul Campbell, President

Mr. J. Gilmore Penn, 1st Vice President

Mr. Welford Bell, 2d Vice President

Mr. W. W. Webb, Treasurer

Miss Sarah Katherine Hutton, Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. L. H. Potts, Recording Secretary

There were 1,658 marked graves, 533 unidentified graves, and 159 squares.

Mr. E. S. Reynolds was placed in charge of the cemetery on May 1, 1921, at a salary of \$60.00 a month - the opening of graves to be applied on his salary - \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for intermediates, and \$3.00 for infants.

June 1921 Memorial Day was observed in a union meeting with UDC.

On May 1, 1923, the fee for care of squares was raised ~~to~~ from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

On April 8, 1924, the caretaker's salary was raised to \$72.00, plus house rent.

(As of September 8, 1970, only three members of the Association mentioned in the book are still living: Mr. Welford Bell, Mrs. E. J. Clifton, and Mrs. Irvin Keller.)

On April 20, 1924, the action of the Town Council in placing \$600 in the year's budget for use of the Cemetery Association was discussed. Mrs. Robert R. Campbell moved that a committee composed of Mr. W. W. Webb and Mr. Crabtree should go before the Town Council and decline their assistance and explain to the Town Council that, while deeply appreciating their interest, it was the sense of the Cemetery Association that those who owned squares would and should pay for the upkeep of the same. The motion carried with one dissenting vote."

Appreciation was extended to Mrs. Davis for bringing these interesting facts to the attention of the Association. This book is now in the Washington County Historical Society Library.

For the information of the Association, I have made a copy of the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association" as shown in that book and have attached them to these minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

M. Margaret Hughes
Recording Secretary

Attachment

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A. A. Cemetery Assn.
1977-

Bank Washington Co. Not-Balance
\$1,146.80-

A. A. Cemetery Assn. Va. Not Bank.
Trust Fund \$2,798.40

Court Administered Trust Fund
from sale of lot \$6,133.55-

FINANCIAL REPORT
Sinking Spring Cemetery Association
Jan. 1st 1971

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1971	\$1089.15
Interest - Trust Fund	287.38
Donations - Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations - Square Owners, Town	497.94
Donations - Square Owners, Mail	585.00
Opening Graves	320.00
	\$3379.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$1493.49	
Equipment	178.29	
House	83.34	
Bills Payable	18.00	
General Expense	544.39	
	\$2317.51	
	18.00	S.S. Due
	\$2299.51	
Cash on Hand	1079.96	
	\$3379.47	

ESTIMATED Budget - 1971

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00	
Equipment	200.00	
House	350.00 (paint)	
General Expense	500.00	
	\$2550.00	

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The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met August 29, 1971, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley with 10 members present. They were:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite	Mrs. John L. Bradley
Mrs. F. B. McConnell	Miss Dorothy Bell
Mrs. Jack Bundy	Mrs. W. E. Harrop
Miss Pearl Ropp	Miss Tommie Graham
Miss Floy Hayter	Miss Margaret Hughes

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Croswhite.

The minutes of the 1970 meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mrs. Bradley, reported a balance in the Washington County Nat'l Bank of \$1,146.80; balance in the Trust Fund of \$2,798.40 in the Virginia Nat'l Bank; and Court Administered Trust Fund of \$6,133.55. She gave an Estimated Budget for 1971 of \$2,550.00. A Copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Some discussion was had regarding the lack of uniform care of the cemetery - that the back section was not mowed as often as the front section.

Discussion was also had regarding turning the care of the cemetery over to the Town.

Mrs. Bradley said that Mrs. Annie Gose had been doing a fine job in her correspondence with out-of-town contributors and that she had ~~contributed~~ \$488.50 in contributions.

Mrs. Douglas Summers Brown had asked Mrs. Bradley about the Trust Fund; and Mrs. Bradley sent her the information requested. The Summers family expected to meet in California for a reunion and Mrs. Brown wished to call attention to the needs of the Cemetery during their reunion.

Miss Tommie Graham asked "if the Town takes over the Cemetery, what would happen to the Trust Fund?" It was the opinion of the Association that this matter would have to be worked out by a lawyer.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

M. Margaret Hughes
Margaret Hughes
Secretary
Sinking Spring Cemetery Association

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sinking Spring Cemetery Association

January 1, 1972

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - Jan. 1, 1971	\$1079.96
Interest - Trust Fund	307.54
Donations - Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations - Square Owners - Town	557.51
Donations - Square Owners - Mail	538.50
Opening Graves	<u>255.00</u>
	\$3338.51

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$1501.00
Equipment	469.49
House	210.68
Bills Payable	18.00
General Expense	<u>323.74</u>
	\$2522.91
Social Security Due	<u>19.50</u>
	\$2503.41
Cash on hand	<u>835.10</u>
	\$3338.51

ESTIMATED BUDGET for 1972

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00
Equipment	200.00
House	300.00
General Expense	<u>400.00</u>
	\$2400.00

Abingdon Va -

Dec. 4th 1972

Miss Margaret Hughes -
Abingdon Va.

Dear Miss Hughes:

As you know there was no meeting of the S. S. Cemetery Assoc. this past year. There was so much sickness at the time for it. Mr. Crosswhite suggested Mrs. McLeswell contact her members and we would try for a meeting. This she did. I do hope this won't happen again. Mr. Crosswhite has had such a time with help taking care of the cemetery and it really has been looking dreadful. I believe he is getting some work done now as to trimming and maybe next year it will be better.

I am enclosing my report for 1971 for your records.

Sincerely

Mrs. John L. Brodley
Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sinking Spring Cemetery Association

January 1, 1973

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - January 1, 1972	\$ 835.10
Interest Trust Fund	191.45
Donation - Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations - Square Owners - Town	447.44
Donations - Square Owners - Mail	538.25
House Rent	40.00
Opening Graves	440.00
	<u>\$3092.24</u>

DISBURSMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$1455.00
Equipment	282.41
House	34.85
Bills Payable	19.50
General Expense	354.54
	<u>\$2146.30</u>
Social Security Due	3.90
	<u>\$2142.40</u>
Balance on hand	949.84
	<u>\$3092.24</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET for 1973

Caretaker's Salary	\$1500.00
Equipment	250.00
House	300.00
General Expense	400.00
	<u>\$2450.00</u>

Sept 24th 1973
 Cash in Bank \$873.23
 Trust Fund bank adm. \$6133.55
 Sent this year - \$290.34

Donation
 Sinking spc. for upkeep of personnel
 from \$4597.07 with interest
 Contributions 3008.40

The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met September 24, 1973, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley. Those present were:

Mr. A. W. Croswhite
Mrs. Lucile McConnell
Mrs. John L. Bradley
Miss Margaret Hughes
Mrs. Annie Gose
Miss Dorothy Bell
Mrs. Jack Bundy
Mrs. Fred L. Davis
Miss Floy Hayter
Mrs. W. O. Hurt
Miss Pearl Ropp

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Croswhite.

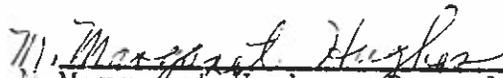
The minutes of the August 29, 1971, meeting were read and approved. There was no meeting in 1972.

The treasurer reported a balance in the general fund as of January 1, 1973, of \$3,092.24, and a balance in the court administered Trust Fund of \$6,133.55. An estimated budget for 1973 of \$2,450.00 was presented by the treasurer.

There was discussion in regard to liability in case of injury to a person visiting the cemetery and also in regard to incorporating the Cemetery Association. No definite action was taken on these two subjects.

Mrs. McConnell suggested that figures be compiled on the upkeep of the cemetery and these figures be presented to the Town Council with a request that the Town of Abingdon take over the care of the cemetery. Mrs. W. O. Hurt was appointed to talk with Mr. George Kreger, an attorney, and determine who is responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sinking Spring Cemetery Association

January 1, 1974

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - Jan. 1, 1973	\$949.84
Interest Trust Fund	290.34
Donations - Town of Abingdon	600.00
Donations - Square Owners - Town	517.44
Donations - Square Owners - Mail	641.58
Opening graves	300.00
	<u>\$3299.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker & helpers Salary	\$1841.50
House	162.16
Equipment	75.77
Bills Payable	3.90
General Expense	589.65
	<u>\$2672.98</u>
Social Security Due	17.64
	<u>\$2655.34</u>
Cash on hand	643.86
	<u>\$3299.20</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET for 1974

Caretaker's salary	\$2000.00
Equipment	250.00
House	300.00
General Expense	500.00
	<u>\$3050.00</u>

July 13th 1974 Washington Leo Bond
less on hand # 1470.03

~~James~~ Va. Natural Bld -
Contribution for upkeep of square, the
interest, ^{only} to be used #3008.40
Accrued Int - #1994.71

Trust Fund administered by court
#6133.55 - Int to be used -
Interest 1974 - #346.29 -

Armstrong Leo - Bond given
by Tom Hayter bearing interest 1.96
every four months

Sorry you couldn't be with us

Minutes 1974 Meeting

Annual meeting of Linking Spring Cemetery Association, met at home of Mrs. S. Bradley, Treas. & members present. Mr. Crossen, Pres. Called meeting to order, and asked Mrs. M^{rs} Cornell to read the minutes of last meeting. Mrs. Bradley read a letter asking Council for increase in amount Town annually gives to Association, this year which was \$60.00 increase of 200.00. Treas. read following report.

Lyle Scott M^{rs} Cornell
Sec. Sub-Tem.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SINKING SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 1975 -

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand - Jan.1, 1974	\$ 643.86
Interest on Trust Fund	346.29
Donations - Town of Abington	600.00
Donations - Mail Square owners	634.76
Donations * Town Square owners	462.94
Mistake in Deposit	1.37
Opening Graves	375.00
	<u>\$3064.22</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretakers Salaries	6184.71
Equipment	223.48
House	3.07
Bills Payable XXXX	17.64
General Expense	429.41
	<u>\$2520.97</u>
S.S. Due	33.85
	<u>\$2487.12</u>
Cash on hand - Jan1	577.10
	<u>\$3064.22</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET for 1975

Caretaker's Salary	\$2300.00
Equipment	200.00
Housepainting	300.00
General Expenses	500.00
	<u>\$3300.00</u>

The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met September 8, 1975,
at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley. Those present were:

Mrs. John L. Bradley
Mrs. Lucille McConnell
Miss Dorothy Bell
Miss Margaret Hughes

The president, Mr. A. W. Croswhite, was absent, and there was not
a quorum, so no business was transacted.

M. Margaret Hughes
M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sinking Spring Cemetery Association

January 1, 1976

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1975	\$577.10
Interest on Trust Fund	393.96
Town of Abingdon Contribution	800.00
Donations Square Owners - Town	668.44
Donation " " Mail	540.00
Opening Graves	975.00
Deposit Error	4.00
	<u>\$3958.50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Caretaker's Salary	\$2128.50
House Repair	47.19
Equipment	100.48
Bills Payable	33.85
General Expense	774.66
	<u>2984.68</u>
FICA Due	29.25
	<u>2955.43</u>
Cash on hand	1003.07
	<u>\$3958.50</u>

ESTIMATED BUDGET for 1976

Caretaker's Salary	\$2400.00
Equipment	200.00
House Repairs	500.00
General Expense	500.00
	<u>\$3600.00</u>

The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met on July 12, 1976, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley. Those present were:

Mrs. John L. Bradley, Treasurer
Miss M. Margaret Hughes, Secretary
Miss Floy Hayter
Miss Nell Hayter
Mrs. Yost Hagy

The minutes of the September 8, 1975, meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance in the General Fund of \$1,003.07 and a balance in the court administered fund of \$6,133.55. Only the interest of this trust fund can be used for general expenses. An estimated budget for 1976 of \$3,600.00 was presented by the treasurer. A copy of this financial report is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Bradley announced that it costs \$75.00 to open a grave on week days and \$90.00 on Sundays. She also announced that the caretaker is paid \$200.00 per month during the summer and \$150.00 per month during the rest of the year.

Mrs. Bradley announced that she would have to resign because of failing eyesight effective January 1, 1977. Mrs. Bradley has been treasurer for 23 years. During these years she has been most faithful and has given outstanding service. Her resignation will be a great loss to the Association.

A vote was taken on whether to use the interest from the court administered fund for general expenses for the year 1976. The vote was unanimously in favor of using this interest for said purpose. At the present time, the interest amounts to \$2,473.80.

Mrs. McConnell volunteered to call Mr. Walter Hendricks and ask him to take the office of treasurer or president.

M. Margaret Hughes

M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary

Copy

October 6, 1976

Dear Mr. Croswhite:

At a meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association on September 21, 1976, it was announced that because of ill health you would not be able to continue as President of the Association.

We have missed you at our last two meetings, and I was asked to write and tell you that the members of the Association greatly appreciate your faithful and helpful service for so many years.

All good wishes to you for improved health!

Sincerely,

M. Margaret Hughes
Secretary, S. S. Cem. Asso.

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Financial Report
 Sinking Spring Elementary Assn -
 Jan 1st 1977 -

Receipts

Cash on hand	1003.07
Interest on note	509.82
Interest Trust Fund	550.00
	800.00
	535.44
Town of Abingdon Square Owner Contribution	702.60
Mill Square Owner + Friends Contributions	475.00
Opening Yr over	475.00
	#4375.93

Disbursements

Secretaries Salary + Helper	2739.19
House	64.21
Bills Payable	29.25
Equipment	403.22
General Expense	884.94
	#4120.81
Cash on hand	255.12
	#4375.93

Estimated Budget

Secretaries Salary	2400.00
Bookkeeper Salary 3 1/2 mo.	500.00
Equipment	250.00
House Repairs	500.00
	#3650.00
General Expense	500.00
	#4150.00

Cash on hand 1976 so many
 yr over opened. This will not happen
 again -

Secretary Report

The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met on May 31, 1977, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley. Those present were:

Mr. Frank White, President
Mr. Willoughby Smith, Treasurer
Miss M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary
Mrs. John L. Bradley
Mrs. Lucille McConnell
Miss Hulda Hamilton
Mrs. Yost Hagy
Mrs. Frances Moore
Miss Floy Hayter
Miss Nell Hayter
Mrs. Arthur Totten

Mr. White, the president, called the meeting to order.

As Mr. Smith could not stay until the meeting adjourned, he was called upon to give the financial report first. He reported a balance in the trust fund of \$5,378.27, and stated that he had put this fund on savings at a higher rate of interest. Interest on savings account deposited in January 1977 is \$512.57. He reported a balance in the checking account of \$757.88. He reported that the balance in this account as of June 1, 1976 was \$1,789.71, but on June 1, 1977, this balance dwindled to \$757.88. He stated that he purchased a trimming machine for \$260; additional help was paid \$50 for 2 weeks (part-time); and \$150 was spent for thawing water pipes during the winter freeze.

He reported that \$934.36 was received from cards sent out, and the town of Abingdon paid \$800. He reported that he had compiled a list of all contributors and that he will give that list to the Association on January 1, 1978. He suggested that a nice letter be written to the people on the list asking them to get the younger members of their families interested and involved in the upkeep of the cemetery.

He reported that a number of repairs have been made to the caretaker's house, but that it is still hardly in livable condition.

Mr. Smith stated that he had been in contact with Dr. Malcolm Campbell of Johnson City, Tennessee, about the caretaker's house; that Dr. Campbell said he is not in a position to help with repairing the house and did not know where to start to contact the Campbell heirs about the situation; that he did not think any of the Campbells were going to keep the house in repair; that he was sending five young people to college and was not able financially to repair the house; and that, if he did not have the responsibility of sending the five to school, he did not have the inclination to help with the house; but that he would be willing to make a small contribution to the Association. He recommended that the Association forget that the house belongs to the Campbells, and do what can be done to repair it or tear it down.

Mrs. Frances Moore stated that the committee on the Log Cabin proposed to move the cabin to the lot next to the Manse on Valley Street, log by

log and rebuild it, buying new logs to replace those needing repair.

Mr. Smith stated that the Association is not paying the caretaker enough to live on.

Mr. Smith suggested that the Association select a town councilman with whom they would like to talk and some member of the Association go to the council meeting requesting more money.

The minutes of the July 12, 1976, meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Bradley made a motion that enough interest from the trust fund be transferred to the checking account to pay the expenses for 1977. Mrs. McConnell seconded the motion, which passed. As Mr. Smith had to leave before the meeting was adjourned, Mr. White said he would notify Mr. Smith of this motion to transfer the funds.

Mrs. Moore suggested that articles be published in the Washington County News and the Abingdon Virginian telling about the historic value of the cemetery and explaining that it has no upkeep and is badly in need of contributions. Mr. White said he would check with Mr. Bowman and Mr. Weisfield about these articles.

Mrs. Bradley suggested that another meeting of the Association be called in the autumn of 1977.

M. Margaret Hughes

Recording Secretary

CALENDER YEAR - 1977

INCOME

1/1/78 Washington County National Bank \$ 255.12

Receipts: (All Sources)

Contributions \$1,288.00

Interest - Trust Account 522.53

va Nat'l Bank

Interest - Savings Account 1,505.00

Town of Abingdon 800.00

Opening Graves 525.00

4,640.53

\$4,895.65

EXPENDITURES:

Labor \$2,796.80

Utilities 39.43

Repairs 223.56

Taxes 379.84

Gas & Oil 150.86

Postage & Printing 43.06

Machine Hire 175.00

New Equipment 260.00

\$4,068.55

12/31/77⁷⁸ Cash in Checking Account

827.10

4,895.65

WILLIAM C. WAMPLER
NINTH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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August 19, 1977

Mrs. Pocahontas Hagy
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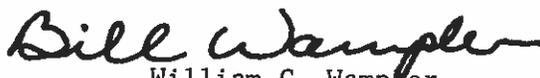
Dear Mrs. Hagy:

Enclosed is a report from the Veterans Administration which has been issued in response to my inquiry in your behalf.

I regret very much that this report is not more favorable; however, I thought you would want to have the information it contains.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of further assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,


William C. Wampler
Member of Congress

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420
AUGUST 10 1977



The Honorable
William C. Wampler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wampler:

This is in response to your letter of July 20 in behalf of Mrs. Pocahontas Hagy of Abingdon. Mrs. Hagy wrote to you in regard to the availability of Government funds for the maintenance of a private cemetery in Abingdon.

There is no existing authority under which the Veterans Administration (VA) may provide for the maintenance of privately-owned cemeteries even though veterans, including those from earlier wars, are interred in the cemetery grounds. The Federal Government only maintains the graves and cemeteries that are on Federal property, such as national cemeteries, post and installation cemeteries. In some areas, local veteran, patriotic and civic organizations conduct programs to assist in projects of this nature.

Mrs. Hagy's interest in this project is certainly commendable and I regret that I am unable to provide a more favorable response.

Sincerely,



MAX CLELAND
Administrator

The Sinking Spring Cemetery Association met on March 20, 1978, at the home of Mrs. John L. Bradley with 12 members present. They were:

Mr. Frank White, President
Mr. Willoughby C. Smith, Treasurer
Miss M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary
Mrs. John L. Bradley
Mrs. Frances Moore
Miss Floy Hayter
Miss Nell Hayter
Mrs. Arthur Totten
Miss Margaret Keller
Mrs. F. L. Davis
Mrs. Irvin Wells
Mrs. Leota Clifton

Mr. Frank White, the president, presided.

The minutes of the May 31, 1977, meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer, Mr. Willoughby Smith, gave the financial report. He also presented a proposed budget for the year 1978. Mrs. Bradley moved to accept that budget. The motion was seconded by Miss Nell Hayter, and passed.

Mr. White stated that he talked with the editors of the Washington County News and the Abingdon-Virginian about carrying articles in their newspapers about the Cemetery. Mr. Bowman wrote and printed an article about the Cemetery in his newspaper.

Mr. White and Mr. Smith talked with members of the Town Council about giving more than \$800.00 to the Cemetery Association. They requested at least \$2,000.00.

Again, Mr. Smith recommended that a good letter be composed and sent to all people on the Association mailing list; and that Mr. G. R. C. Stuart and Miss Hughes work together to research and compose such a letter. Mr. Smith said that he had names of approximately 120 contributors on his list. *Mr. Stuart was never available, so Miss Hughes wrote the letter.*

There was discussion on the cost of maintaining a square in the Cemetery. It was agreed that \$5.00 per square was not sufficient, and that this point should be included in the letter to be sent out.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Moore said that they would get some new names to add to the mailing list.

Miss Hughes volunteered to type such a list and take it to Mr. Smith.

Mr. White said he had talked with Lawyer Stuart and they believed it would be better to have an agreement between the Association and Mr. Reynolds, the caretaker, whereby Mr. Reynolds would hire any outside help needed and be legally responsible for any injuries to such help. Mrs. Bradley put this suggestion in the form of a motion. It was seconded by Mrs. Moore, and passed.

M. Margaret Hughes
Recording Secretary

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1978

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Labor	\$3,500.00	
Utilities	50.00	
Repairs	300.00	
Taxes	425.00	
Gas & Oil	175.00	
Postage & Printing	100.00	
Machine Hire	150.00	
New Equipment	<u>350.00</u>	<u>\$5,050.00</u>

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Town of Abingdon	2,000.00	
Contributions	1,775.00	
Opening Graves	500.00	
Interest (Tr. Accts.)	<u>775.00</u>	<u>5,050.00</u>

ASSETS:

Trust Account (V.N.B)	7,456.92	
Savings Account	<u>4,000.00</u>	
	11,456.92	

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This list was prepared by E. Longnet Hughes
from miscellaneous cards and slips of paper
turned in by various members of the Association.

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June 25, 1979

The 1979 meeting of the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association was held at the home of Mrs. Lucille McConnell, with 10 members present. They were:

Mr. Frank White, President
Mr. C. Willoughby Smith, Treasurer
Miss M. Margaret Hughes, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Lucille McConnell
Mrs. Jack Bundy
Mrs. F. I. Davis
Mrs. Leota Clifton
Mrs. David Henninger
Miss Dorothy Bell
Miss Floy Hayter

Mr. White called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 1978 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. Willoughby Smith gave the financial report and discussed the proposed budget for 1979. He reported that the letter which was research and composed by Miss M. Margaret Hughes for the signature of the president had been mailed out to all members on the list and that the responses were very good. A copy of that letter is attached.

Mr. Smith reported that many of the letters were returned because of change of address and some had the notation "Deceased" written on them, and that he had corrected the mailing list accordingly.

As Mr. Reynolds, the caretaker, had been ill most of the year and not able to keep the cemetery in acceptable condition, the Association voted to relieve him of such duties when his contract expired at the end of August 1979 and find someone else who would be willing to give the cemetery a thorough cleaning. Mr. Smith said he would find someone to do the job, and Mr. White agreed to notify Mr. Reynolds.

M. Margaret Hughes
Recording Secretary

Dear Friends of Sinking Spring Cemetery:

^{PROPOSED BUDGET - 1979}
Sinking Spring Cemetery is one of the most historic places in Abingdon, Virginia.

On April 14, 1774 - over 200 years ago and even before we secured our independence from England - the Reverend Charles Cummings, who was the first minister to the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, purchased from Dr. Thomas Walker fifty-five acres of land. The Cemetery is a small part of that purchase.

200.00

The first person to be buried in the Cemetery was Henry Creswell who was killed by the Indians. On a rough native stone over his tomb is engraved: "Henry Creswell entered this place July 1776." This Cemetery is the final resting place of many people who had an important part in the development of our town, our county, and our country. They include ^{750.00} governors of Virginia, United States cabinet members, pioneers representing all trades and professions, and soldiers of many wars - French and Indian, Revolutionary, Civil, Spanish American, World I, and World II. Also buried here are many women who ventured into the wilderness with their menfolk and heroically bore their part in defending their homes against Indian attacks, wars, and pestilence.

^{Contributions}
Sinking Spring Cemetery is especially dear to us because these people are our ancestors. I am sure that you and I care too much to see their final resting place - here in the center of town - grow up in weeds and be destroyed. (Dr. Accts.)

725.00

\$5,750.00

In 1921 a small group of interested citizens of Abingdon organized the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association for the purpose of raising money for the upkeep of the Cemetery. The members of this Association living in the Abingdon area give freely of their time and efforts for this purpose. The Cemetery has no perpetual upkeep, no funds at all to carry over from year to year for maintenance, and no grave sites for sale.

In the early days of the Association, the annual fee for the care of a square was \$3.00. Later that fee was raised to \$5.00. With today's increased costs for mowing equipment, repairs, oil, gasoline, and labor, \$5.00 will not cover the cost of maintaining a square. For this reason, it is suggested that you make your contribution as generous as you possibly can.

It is also suggested that you get the younger members of your family interested in the support of this Cemetery, so in future years its proper maintenance will be assured.

If you want to help keep Sinking Spring Cemetery a beautifully maintained final resting place for your loved ones, please send your generous contribution promptly to C. W. Smith, Treasurer, Sinking Spring Cemetery Association, 488 Walden Road, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210.

(This letter was researched and composed by M. Margaret Hughes for the signature of the president, and was mailed to all members on the corrected list.)

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1979

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Maintenance	\$4,500.00	
Postage & Printing	200.00	
Machine Hire	300.00	
Capital Improvements	<u>750.00</u>	<u>\$5,750.00</u>

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Town of Abingdon	\$2,000.00	
Contributions	2,225.00	
Opening Graves	800.00	
Interest (Tr. Accts.)	<u>725.00</u>	<u>\$5,750.00</u>

ASSETS:

Trust Funds	\$11,500.00
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Washington County News, December 3, 1981

The vandals hit

Washington County News, Thursday, Dec. 3, 1981 5

the cemetery again

Vandals struck again at Abingdon's historic Sinking Spring Cemetery one night last week. They overturned or destroyed another 13 priceless old grave markers.

It was this sort of thing that prompted the Abingdon Town Council to begin the process of taking over

control of the cemetery which is older than the town itself. It was started at the original site of Parson Charles Cummings' Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in the 1770s, and the earliest grave is that of Henry Creswell who was killed by Indians in 1776.

Three former governors of Virginia are buried in the cemetery.

All the tedious legal work necessary for the town to take over the cemetery and fence it has not yet been completed, but town crews have been doing the maintenance work.

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Complicated but maybe necessary

Council considers cemetery control

The Abingdon Town Council has agreed to consider at its next meeting the complicated question of taking over control of Abingdon's historic Sinking Spring Cemetery if that is the only way to prevent further vandalism.

The cemetery, which contains the graves of two former governors of Virginia and those of many people who figured in the early days of this area's history, was despoiled during the Halloween week by vandals who de-

stroyed tombstones, sprayed some with paint and scrawled obscenities on the wall of the caretaker's house.

The reward money for information leading to their arrest and conviction now has risen to \$1,015.

Mayor Harry Coomes said he will put the question of town control of the cemetery on the agenda for the Town Council's Dec. 3 meeting. Any consideration should include the adjacent colored cemetery across Russell Road

from the Sinking Spring Cemetery, the mayor said.

"I realize that there may be some legal complications," Coomes said, "but I don't know any other way to go at this time."

"It's going to be very complex," Town Manager Brent Rensburg said.

The cemetery's earliest grave is that of Henry Creswell who was killed in an Indian raid on Black's Fort in 1776. The Sinking Spring Presbyterian

Church, around which the cemetery was built under the pastorate of the Rev. Charles Cummings who was called here in 1773, no longer is there and nobody knows where the log structure stood.

In the 1830s, the church built what is now Barter Theatre, and in 1851 built the present Sinking Spring Church at the corner of Main and Pecan streets.

The church still controls the cemetery through a committee called the Sinking Spring Cemetery Association headed by

Frank White. But as the cemetery has filled up, leaving few survivors to support it, it has fallen on hard times. The association has trouble raising enough money to keep the grass cut. Vandalism has been a constant problem.

Councilman French Moore suggested there might be some federal money available to restore and protect the historic spot if it comes under municipal control.

Parson Cummings' log house, which was moved to the cemetery location several years ago, soon will be moved to a new site near the Presbyterian manse on East Valley Street. Site preparation now is under way.

The caretaker's house, no longer usable, was decided to the cemetery years ago by the Campbell family for that specific use, and that may be another legal problem.