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Renovation of 2nd Christian

March 28 & 29 Fundraiser

Family Reunions



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Together we can make a difference

Spring is here! I know we are all happy to have made it through another winter. The cemetery committee is busy planning another year of activity to help with the ongoing needs of the grounds and preservation of the history of its people.

Zach Buehler will be hard at work with his Eagle Scout project, and will be making a big difference for us, doing things we would find it very difficult to do without his help, and the help of

the other scouts in his troop. We are very blessed to have them.

Let's see how much help we can all give. If you are able to come to a work day at the cemetery, make a donation, identify graves, make lunch for the workers, or if you can become a member or renew your membership, we all greatly appreciate it.

Please read through our newsletter to see some of the activities we have planned for this year and

see how you can participate. Everyone can do something, no matter how large or small your part, it takes everyone.

Together, we can make a difference.

Memorial Day 2008

This year, Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 26th.

The Cemetery Committee welcomes you to the cemetery, as always, to memorialize your loved ones.

The gates will be open all day on Sunday and Monday

with members onsite. If you would like to visit on another day or a special time, please contact a cemetery member to arrange to have the gate opened for you.

We would appreciate it if no one climbs the gate to enter the cemetery, as someone is always available to provide

you with a key for your visit.

Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and/or just join us under the tent during your visit.

We will be gathering oral and written family histories and information from those willing to share them!

2008 Members

3 Year Member

Jacqueline Annette Sue

2008 Members

Betty Mae Black

Bud & Michelle Butler

Nancy Kenney

Robert & Joyce

Ransom

Dorothy Royce

Carol Turner

2007 Members

John & Jesse Adams

Ann Black

Betty Mae Black

James Black Jr.

M/M Raymond Booker

George Brown

Frances Buckner

Bud & Michelle Butler

M/M David Cleveland

Barbara Conner

Juarnell Crumbie

Thomas Downey Jr.

Mary Amy Dowrey

James & Augustine Fields

Anna Greene

Leon Hayden

Aline Howard

Helen Inman

George & Lucy Jackson

Robert "Bud" Jackson Jr.

John C. & **Nancy Kenney**

Tom Kenney

Robert Mack

Newell Maxwell

Alphonso Ransom

Robert & Joyce Ransom

Sam Ransom

Brenda Ricks

Dennis & Sheri Robinson

Dorothy Royce

Jeff & Mona Royce

Gayle Conner Saunders

John & Doris Servette

Marge Strawder

Sue Turley

Carol "Mickey" Turner

Lora Hutsell Washington

Albert Wess, Sr.

Sudie Mae Williams

(member donation min \$38)

*Please take a moment to
renew your membership
for 2008*

*if you haven't already
done so) ~*

*Thank you for your
support!*

Books for Sale – Great Gifts!

Proceeds donated to the Prescott Cemetery

Ransom Family History 1817 - 2007

Prepared to order by Lora Hutsell Washington. This spiral bound edition, is filled with the family history and photos of one of North Middletown's largest families. The book is available for a \$45 donation to the cemetery. The price includes shipping to any U.S. address.

Cornbread and Dim Sum: Memoir of a Heart Glow Romance *by Jacqueline Annette Sue*

The author is a native North Middletownian, and writes autobiographically about her life with her Chinese husband, Frank Sue. Hardcover book with dust jacket. \$25 postage paid. We have 2 copies available. Donated by Jacqueline A. Sue.

Spring Rummage Sale ~ March 28 & 29

The Volunteer Cemetery Committee is planning a rummage sale, to be held at the 2nd Christian Church March 28th & 29th.

We will hold a Pancake breakfast & Bake Sale in conjunction with the

sale.

Information and details on the Bake Sale & Pancake Breakfast inside the newsletter.

Please read on to find out all about it!

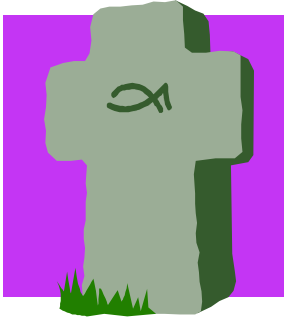
If you would like to donate anything, please contact any member of the Volunteer Cemetery Committee for more information.

Plan for the future: Purchase a Plot

Purchasing a burial plot or family plot is very simple. Contact any member of the Volunteer Cemetery Committee for a purchase contract. Current pricing on a single plot is \$400, which includes a flat granite headstone, engraved with the name, birth and death dates of the deceased.

If you choose to purchase a stone elsewhere, \$200 of your initial \$400 will be reimbursed after your stone has been set. If you wish to have an upgraded monument, your \$200 will be applied to the cost of an upgraded stone. Stones are to be set no more than six months from the date of burial.

If you would like to purchase a family plot from 4-12 graves, please contact us for pricing and to discuss available locations. Members save 5% to 10% on advance purchases of multiple gravesites. At the time of burial, you will be responsible for the cost of opening the grave, which currently costs \$300.



Unmarked Graves

Listed below are the names of (some of) the deceased buried in the Prescott Cemetery with no stone or lasting marker for their grave. If you are interested in purchasing, or contributing to, a stone for any of those listed, please let us know. We would love to see that eventually, all graves are properly identified and memorialized. Stones can be purchased through the cemetery at a very reasonable cost.
Dave Biddle

Katie Ransom Booker
Wesley Bowles
Anderson Butler Sr.
Anderson Butler Jr.
Sherman Butler
Violet Butler
William Dennis Butler
William Darcy
Laverne Davis
Thomas "T" Davis
William Earl Downey
Andrew Evans Jr.
Asa James Evans
Beatrice Brown Evans
James Fields
Martha Fields
George French
Cooper Fry
Cooper "Brother" Fry Jr.
Emma Catherine Fry
Sally "Boots" Fry
Angeline Gay
Eugene Gay Sr.
Eugene Gay Jr.
Julia Brown Gay
Hattie George Green

Mary Fitch Jefferson
Willa Kenney
George Lindsey
Cecil Mason
Carrie Brown Ransom
Marguette Helen Ransom
Clarence Reed, Jr.
Newt Strawder
Sid Strawder
Henry Stivers
Lucille Stivers
Pauline Stivers
William "Pigtail Stivers
Sr. William "Pigtail"
Stivers Jr. Al & Mary
Summers Earl Gay
Thompson Ed
Washington Robert
Washington Florence
Hardin Wess Ouida
Ransom Wess & infant
Polly Wess

Butler Family Reunion

The Butler Family is planning their first reunion in many years for 2009.

The reunion committee is just being formed, therefore a date has not been announced as of yet, but anyone who is interested in knowing more about the reunion may contact Linda Howard of Frankfort, KY or Veronica Givens of Winchester, KY.

Linda's email is: LSH333@aol.com

Veronica Givens: vgivens@roadrunner.com



Family Historian seeking information on the following people:

Decora Asher Williams and Nathan Asher. They are the children of Benjamin Asher and Alice Childs.

If you can share any information at all on this family, please contact Lora Hutsell Washington at washingst@aol.com or by mail at:

Lora Washington
2515 Jo Ann Ave
Bellevue, NE 68123

Frye Family Reunion



The Frye Family Reunion is planned for July 12, 2008 at Winburn Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

For additional information contact Charlotte Dancy: charlott.dancy@sbcglibal.net

30th Annual Ransom-Brown-Conner Reunion

The Ransom-Brown-Conner Reunion will be held August 1-3, 2008 in Paris and North Middletown, Kentucky. The Paris chapter will host the reunion in the 30th Anniversary Year. Plans are underway and include:

- Hospitality Night
- Picnic in North Middletown
- Tour of Prescott Cemetery
- Museum Tour
- Banquet Dinner & Dance

The host hotel is the Best Western of Paris, Kentucky.

If you would like to be included on the mailing list for the reunion information, please contact us via email at: mbutler108@gmail.com

or by calling Mary Frances Brown at 859-707-8066

We hope to see you there! If you have never attended the RBC reunion before this would be a great time to start!

After-life for the 2nd Christian Church

It is with incredible pleasure that we announce the revitalization of a very important historic building in North Middletown.

The 2nd Christian Church, sadly, had to close its doors several years ago due to a lack of members, to support it. The building however, stood as a monument and testament to the lives it had touched and transformed.

The remaining members of the church, Nancy and Tracey Kenney and Dorothy Royce couldn't bear to see their beloved church empty, and without a purpose for the future.

After many discussions and meetings with past members and people within the community, they agreed to rejuvenate the church and give a gift to the community.

Bud and Michelle Butler have been working for years on the history of black horsemen and also on genealogy projects centered on North Middletown's black families.

Together with the church members they came up with a plan to update the church and create a new community center that will house a museum and family heritage center.

History and Heritage – a legacy of love

Several years ago, Margaret Young, widow of Stoddard Young, bequeathed to the 2nd Christian Church a monetary donation in memory of the **Reverend William Beauford Hall**, a life-long resident of North Middletown. This earmarked fund could only be used for the building preservation and care.

The fund has since been appropriated to upgrade the electric service, plumbing, replace the windows and doors, install gutters on the dining

hall, put in a new electric heating system, insulate and replace the ceiling of the dining hall, finish the kitchen, fix and/or replace lighting, fix the broken water line, paint the interior of the dining hall, kitchen and bathrooms and give the place an overall facelift and much needed improvement. The dining hall will be available to those who would like to rent it for family reunions or other events. The sizeable hall will accommodate large groups, has 2 bathrooms and a full kitchen, equipped with fridge, stove, microwave

and double ovens.

There will be family records onsite, along with a wealth of genealogical help for those wishing to study their family trees. The museum will display a black horsemen exhibit along with the history of the 2nd Christian and of Dixville/North Middletown. The records for the cemetery will be kept there, and the business of the cemetery conducted therein.

Rev. William Beauford Hall

1902 – 1991

An icon in North Middletown, Hall was the only black vice-mayor and mayor pro-tem of North Middletown. He was a talented horseman, dedicated man of God and a pillar of the community.

Raised by George and Lillie Carter Butler, Beauford, actually Lillie's cousin, was the son they never had.

In 1936 he married the love of his life, Estella Cunningham, beloved "Aunt Stell" to generations of the communities' children, though they had none off their own.

They were both members of the 2nd Christian Church and of the North Middletown Colored Cemetery Co.

Though he never held the pulpit of the 2nd Christian, Rev. Hall was a minister of the Christian Church in Nicholasville.

Now, seventeen years after his death, Rev. Hall is still contributing to his community.

Spring Pancake Breakfast!

March 29, 2008

8 - 11:30 am

Seniors \$4 ~ Adults \$5

Children 12 & Under \$3

To benefit the Prescott Cemetery

Hosted by Volunteer Cemetery Co.

**All you can eat
Pancake
Breakfast!**

*Come enjoy a hearty
breakfast of Pancakes,
Bacon, Sausage, Eggs &
Fried Apples*

*After breakfast enjoy a
morning of shopping at the
rummage sale - everything
under one roof!*

Saturday, March 29th

2nd Christian Church

North Middletown, KY

*Coffee, milk and juice will
be served and movies will
be shown for the kids*

Calling all Bakers!

**Donations are needed for the
Bake Sale and Rummage Sale, if
you would like to volunteer your
time or donate food or money, we
would very much appreciate the
assistance.**



Bake Sale to be held
at the 2nd Christian
Church on March 28
to benefit the
Prescott Cemetery
Fund

Originally Known as the North Middletown Colored Cemetery Company

Prescott Cemetery Society Membership Form

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Phone:

Zip:

Email:

All donation amounts are welcome, but to be listed as a member the minimum donation is \$38 annually

Send form and contribution to:

Nancy Kenney

PO Box 143

North Middletown, KY 40357

(859) 362-4353

Dues and donations ~ choose below

Individual Dues

\$38 Annually_____ \$20 Semi-Annual_____

Family Dues ~ Family consists of 2 adults and minor children

\$70 annually_____ \$36 semi-annually_____

Donations may be made in any amount, instead of membership, please indicate amount below:
\$10 \$25 \$50
\$_____

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Spring Clean-up Day ~ MAY 17th

We will have our annual spring clean up day on May 17th at the Prescott Cemetery.

People of all skill levels,

ages and abilities are welcome. Lunch and beverages will be provided to all volunteers onsite.

If you have rakes, weed whackers, pruners or any other landscape equipment you can bring with you, please do! Hope to see you there.

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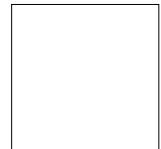
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