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FRANKFORD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER '06

AS ALWAYS DECORATION DAY AT FRANKFORD CEMETERY WILL BE ON THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY WHICH THIS YEAR IS THE 21ST. DAY OF MAY. A BARBECUE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 1:00 PM.

FRANKFORD IS ALL ABOUT OUR HERITAGE. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 100TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THE FOLLOWING:

SADIE E. HUNTLEY LOT 33 B. 7-15-1877 D. 12-26-06

MINNIE MASON LOT 52 B. 4-1-1868 D. 5-5-06

CLARENCE GALLOP LOT 76 B. 11-19-1900 D. 9-24-06

CYNTHIA CHOATE LOT 81 B. 3-6-1861 D. 5-1-06

IF ANYONE HAS ANY BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THESE INDIVIDUALS PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS SO THAT INFORMATION CAN BE PUT IN OUR PERMANENT RECORDS.

IN THE YEAR 2000 THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CAME TO THE BOARD AND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH AND SUGGESTED THAT A MASTER PLAN BE DEVELOPED TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF THE BOTH PROPERTIES. AN OUTSTANDING LANDPLANNING FIRM WAS HIRED TO HELP WITH THE FORMULATION OF A PROGRAM AND SUBMITTED SEVERAL OPTIONS TO THE CHURCH AND THE BOARD. OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS NUMEROUS MEETINGS WERE HELD AND INPUT WAS SOLICITED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. FINALLY IN 2002 A MASTER PLAN WAS ADOPTED AND PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY. AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH AND JOINT USE AGREEMENTS PREPARED AND EXECUTED.

THE NEW CHURCH WAS DEDICATED A FEW WEEKS AGO AND SERVICES ARE NO LONGER HELD IN THE OLD PIONEER CHURCH. THE BOARD IS TAKING STEPS TO GRADUALLY IMPLEMENT THE MASTER PLAN. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE COME FORWARD AND ASKED TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS. ON 23 APRIL A WELL PUBLICIZED MEETING WAS HELD TO HEAR THOSE OPINIONS AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE WAS THE FUTURE OF THE OLD ADDISON DEPOT. THE CITY OF ADDISON HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MOVING IT BACK TO ADDISON AND THIS APPEARS TO BE THE BEST ALTERNATIVE. THE BOARD WELCOMES AND SOLICITS YOUR OPINIONS BUT IN THE END IT MUST ACT IN WHAT IT CONSIDERS THE BEST INTERESTS OF PROTECTING AND PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE.

SUNDAY'S SERVICE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING AND REMEMBERING ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

KEITH BYRON SKELTON

KEITH JOINED THE BOARD AND SPENT THE LAST YEAR UPDATING THE CEMETARY'S RECORDS AND GETTING THEM ON COMPUTER. KEITH WAS PART OF THE NEW GENERATION THAT WILL NEED TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF OURS AND EARLIER GENERATIONS. HE WILL BE MISSED.

KEITH DIED OF UNKNOWN CAUSES BUT SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST IS SUSPECTED. HE WAS A DALLAS NATIVE, GRADUATED FROM HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL AND TEXAS A&M KEITH WAS 30 YEARS OLD AND LEAVES BEHIND A DEVASTATED WIFE KRISTIN, A SEVEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER JESSICA, A TWIN SISTER SUZANNAH, A BROTHER JOHN F. SKELTON IV, A GRIEVING FATHER AND MOTHER, A GRANDMOTHER, DORIS McKAMY SKELTON AND OTHER CLOSE RELATIVES TO NUMEROUS TO NAME.

PLEASE COME AND HELP CELEBRATE HIS LIFE

MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE

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