

NEWSLETTER

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AMADO SUMMERS TAKES PRESIDENCY AGAIN - TAYLOR MCCONNELL NEW VP
NEW DIRECTORS: ANDREW GONZALES, KATHY GONZALES, BOB LAWRENCE, JOHN KNICK

NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM FINISHED - \$16,000.00 COST

BOARD VOTES TO RESTORE HISTORIC OLD FENCE-LAUNCHES FENCE FUND

\$1,000.00 RECEIVED FROM FAMILY OF RUSSELL IRL HICKS & WAVA MILLER

WATER OFF - CEMETERY IN BEST SHAPE SINCE WE ORGANIZED - THANKS TO VINCE

OOPS, IT IS SAM, NOT TOM KETCHUM BURIED IN OLD ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY

FAMED PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN CANDELARIO OUR ONLY INTERMENT

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\$1905.00 IN DONATIONS - THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

HEARTWARMING EXCERPTS FROM YOUR LETTERS DURING 1993

AMADO SUMMERS ACCEPTS UNPRECEDENTED THIRD TERM - TAYLOR MCCONNELL NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

Amado courageously will serve a third (and he says final) term as president. Taylor McConnell will be the new vice-president; Marian Meyer and Catherine Thayer will again serve as treasurer and secretary. We have four new directors on the board: Andrew Gonzales, Kathy Roberts Gonzales, (no relation) Bob Lawrence and John Knick. More on them later. Continuing on the board for another year are Directors John Adams, Joseph Roberts and Janice Matthews.

We thank Bob Clifford, Tina Lawrence, Millard Holliday and Warren Jones for their past service on the board. Warren assures us he will still be available for help on the sprinkler systems, but now that he has the last major system in place, he wants to take a break. Thanks, Warren, for your many years of service.

NEW DIRECTORS ARE DIVERSE GROUP: WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU

ANDREW GONZALES has a grandfather, John Demonestas Legits, buried at Fairview. Legits came to America from Greece when he was 16. In the restaurant business in Santa Fe for 19 years, he opened the Capital

Cafe around 1920. Andy's wife Becky also has family at Fairview: her parents, Willie and Mae Seligman, and her grandfather, Adolph Seligman. Adolph was one of the Seligman merchant brothers who came to Santa Fe early on.

KATHY ROBERTS GONZALES is a 4th generation Santa Fean. Her great-grandfather, Clarence J. Roberts was the Chief Justice of New Mexico after statehood. Most of her family is buried at Fairview. She is the daughter of Joe Roberts who is a past president of our Association.

BOB LAWRENCE is already well known to our board. His wife Tina has just finished a term as a director. Her family, the Slaughters, are Bob's link to Fairview. They have been featured in our historical profile section of the newsletter as one of New Mexico's most prominent Black families near the turn of the century. Bob and Tina decided to "return to her roots" and retired here from California where he was a top official in the state school system.

JOHN KNICK has no link to Fairview except an interest in Santa Fe history. He has a tour guide business here and is well versed in the history of our city.



NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN AND WORKING

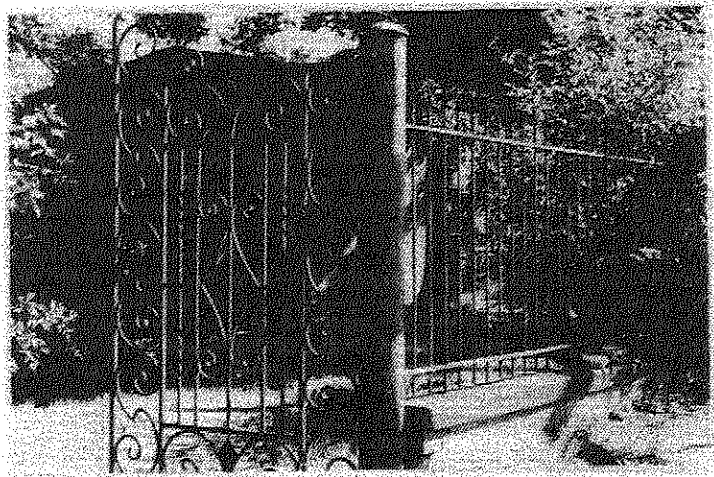
About two weeks before the water was turned off for the winter, Sprinkler Chairman Warren Jones announced that our newest and biggest sprinkler system section yet was complete and functioning properly. It also cost the most--\$16,000.00. (Bless all our "angels" who have given us large bequests or small donations earmarked for sprinklers.) For the first time in the history of the cemetery the old historical section in the back has water. Warren also arranged for concrete bumpers to be placed on all the roads which have sprinkler heads or valves along their edges. They will prevent cars from damaging our expensive new equipment.

\$1,000.00 GIFT FROM FAMILY OF WAVA MILLER AND IRL RUSSELL HICKS

We are always amazed and delighted when an unheralded contribution such as this arrives. The check came from the family of Wava Miller and Irl Russell Hicks. Mrs. Miller, 93, who died in August, was buried next to her first husband, Hicks, who died in 1952. Their daughter, Joyce Broilley, is the family representative who sent the check. We thank them very much.

WATER TURNED OFF OCTOBER 15 - CEMETERY LOOKING BEST SINCE WE BEGAN IN 1981

Several of us at the cemetery in October agreed that we have never seen Fairview looking as good as it did this fall. Of course it is due to caretaker Vince Franco's efforts. Your editor is reminded that in 1927 when Ellen Palen died, *The New Mexican* gave her credit for making Fairview the "most beautiful God's Acre" in New Mexico. We have a way to go for that, but we have indeed made a great deal of progress. Thanks again, Vince.



Half of the old Masonic pedestrian gate and the best portion of our old iron fence (in fairly good shape because it is near the house and not vandalized). Note the large capstones. Photo by Catherine Thayer, 1984.

BOARD VOTES OLD IRON FENCE RESTORATION - "FENCE FUND" LAUNCHED

For some of us long-time board members, it will be a wish come true. We visualize our beat-up old iron fence with a new brick base, new or refurbished wrought iron, and if funds allow, a new main gate similar to the century-old pedestrian gate which came from the old Masonic Cemetery downtown.

Now that our present sprinkler system needs are met, we are embarking on a new project, to be called our "Fence Fund." We mentioned that we might consider this in our last newsletter but the fund is already started! Dorothy Grosvenor sent us a nice check saying it was for the "iron fence." It is going to take time and a good deal of money (we really don't know how much yet), but we will keep you informed. Of course our need for funds for maintenance never ends, but if you plan to send a year-end donation, as many of you do, you may wish to earmark it for the fence. The money will be put into our savings account until we are ready to proceed on the fence. In the past, when we sold lots which had been given to us, the money went into the sprinkler fund. It will now go into the Fence Fund.

Marian Meyer and Catherine and Doug Thayer have done some preliminary work by making an inventory of the missing or damaged iron rods and finials; also they counted the number of glazed capstones which are missing. They were simply astounded that upwards of 300 are gone. We can only conclude that someone carted them off at night for their own building project. There is no way that so many could have disappeared otherwise. We had originally thought that we might be able to replace the missing ones by finding people in Santa Fe with capstones in old walks or fences who might be willing to give them to us. When we discovered how many were gone, we realized we would have to find an alternate source. It was discouraging--an official at Kinney Brick in Albuquerque says the large, glazed, thick size is no longer made by any brick company they deal with in the United States. However, he did come up with a possible solution. There is a glazed brick made for the edges of swimming pools. It is only standard brick width so it will take three plus bricks to equal an old one. But the length is the same as our old capstones. The color is almost identical and it has a beveled edge like our old ones. He says a good brickmason will be able to accommodate the thinner size, and that the overall finished appearance should be close to that of the old fence. These glazed bricks are not inexpensive, but we are fortunate there is a possible substitute.

We are being very careful in our planning because we intend to maintain the historical integrity of the fence. Soon we will talk to a brickmason and to someone about the wrought iron work to get an idea of what we're looking at in terms of cost. If you have any opinions on the subject, call Marian, 982-5635; Amado, 983-3933 or Catherine, 672-9743. And THINK - FENCE FUNDI



TWO HARMS LOTS SOLD TO MR. AND MRS HAROLD MILLIGAN

Last year Aileen Harms of New Jersey gave us two lots in Section A. Her father, Dr. J. W. Waffensmith, bought a plot of three in 1938, buried another young daughter there and then later moved away. Harold Milligan's parents and sister are buried in their family plot of three lots, in the same section. When Mr. and Mrs. Milligan learned there were two lots available near his family plot, they decided to buy them, even though they had made arrangements elsewhere for themselves. This happy conclusion was reached last month.

It is interesting to note that the Milligan family goes way back in New Mexico. When editor Marian first met Mr. Milligan about ten years ago at Fairview, she learned that his father was a doctor in the Estancia Valley, and his family knew her family, the Irvins, who settled near Moriarty in 1908. But Dr. Milligan came to New Mexico long before that. His 1925 obituary noted in part: *"Dr. Madison M. Milligan was a native of southern Illinois and a graduate of St. Louis Medical College, class of 1872. He came to Las Vegas, NM in 1879 and practiced his profession in this territory and state for 46 years...Before his illness, Dr. Milligan was the oldest practicing physician in the state and the last living charter member of the medical society which was organized in Las Vegas in 1881, known as the Las Vegas Medical Society, afterwards the New Mexico Medical Society. Dr. Milligan was a man of progressive ideas and a pioneer in many of the industries of the state; a man of perfect humor and deeply beloved by his numerous friends...."* Milligan's wife, Kathleen, died in 1949. A nurse, she met and married Milligan in Las Vegas.

CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Any checks received after November 20 will be acknowledged in the spring newsletter. The newsletter had to be at the printers before Thanksgiving. Our sincere thanks to the 18 donors who gave \$1905.00 since the September newsletter. There were amounts ranging from \$10 to \$1,000.

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| Grosvenor, Dorothy** | |

Henry and Lola Abrahams to Richard Abrahams; Joyce Brolley to Russell Irl Hicks and Wava Miller; Barbara Johnson to Gordon and Donald Stevenson; Dorothy Grosvenor to Fence Fund.

JOHN CANDELARIO ONLY INTERMENT

Famed photograper John Candelario was buried in the Jesus Candelario plot in October. His obituary noted: *"He was a seventh generation New Mexican who took part in some of the most significant art history in the 20th century in Santa Fe and Taos with (writer--art patroness) Mabel Dodge. He knew and worked with major photograph figures such as Edward Weston and Laura Gilpin...He was also a good friend of Georgia O'Keefe...also a great writer for television and movies."* At one time Candelario also managed his family's famous Old Curio Store on San Francisco Street

SISTER OF GIL FINCKE DIES

Juanita Fincke Dorris died before our September newsletter came out, but her obituary got mislaid. Juanita was the sister of Gil Fincke, our past president and grounds keeper of many years. She was also a staunch supporter of our association. Prominent in her own right, she was a UNM college athlete and longtime Albuquerque volunteer. She was buried in Albuquerque's Fairview Cemetery.

VISITORS AND CALLS

This summer Jennifer Peale of Berkeley visited and we located the grave of her grandfather, Robert Agnew Longwell. Recently we were able to direct LeRoy R. Biddle of Santa Barbara to the grave of his father, Martin, (Jack) Biddle. We are always glad when these searches have happy endings.

MARIAN BROUGHT TO TASK FOR TOM KETCHUM GOOF

When Marian wrote in the September newsletter that Blackjack Ketchum's brother Tom was buried at the old Odd Fellows Cemetery, a note quickly arrived from Photo Archivist Dick Rudisill at the Museum of New Mexico, saying Tom was the one who was hanged. Marian *KNEW* that but didn't check the obituary in her files on Sam. Blackjack *WAS* Tom Ketchum. It was his brother Sam whose arm was amputated and who died at the New Mexico State Penitentiary. Historian Marc Simmons also caught it. Sorry about that--Gotta check those sources when I have all these scholarly experts reading the newsletter!



LETTERS FROM YOU IN 1993 - KEEP THEM COMING

As we did last year in the December newsletter, we will devote our usual historical sketch space to letters from you in 1993. It is indeed heartwarming to hear from you and to know you are happy with the way things are going at the cemetery.

Pat Stewart of the Lowe-Lowitski Family, writes from San Diego: *"Am so grateful for all the hard work done by all of you..."*

Howard A. Bennett, MD, Bartlesville, OK: *"It is a beautiful cemetery. You folks are certainly doing a fine job of caring for it..."*

Dorothy Brylinski, Albuquerque: *"Thank you again for all your efforts..."*

Marian Karlson: *"Use the donation where it is needed. We are fortunate to have someone who cares..."*

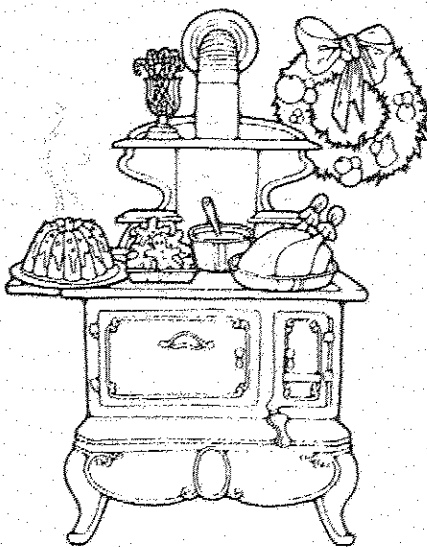
Dorothy Grosvenor: *"Hope this helps with the iron fence project. And thanks to all of you for the devotion and hard work you put into maintaining the cemetery..."*

Carlos and Conchita Lopez: *"...We don't have anyone buried there, but have a feeling for Santa Fe. Keep up the good work."*

Naomi Groff, Ozone, AZ: *"Living so far away I cannot be there for your clean-up...Keep up the good work."*

Rev. John A. Burgess, Camp Springs, MD: *"...We are grateful to you for what you are doing...those of you that are giving of your time and energy for the care of Fairview Cemetery..."*

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