

NEWSLETTER

May 1994

Editors: Marian Meyer
Catherine Thayer

13TH SPRING CLEAN-UP AND 5TH POTLUCK LUNCHEON MAY 14, 9:30 A.M.

\$3510.00 GIVEN TO "FENCE FUND" TO RESTORE HISTORIC OLD FENCE
\$2,000 FROM MARIAN KARLSON--MEMORY OF NANCY THORNTON & MAY VALDES
\$1,000 FROM VERDA BENTLEY - \$510 FROM OTHERS

TWO LOTS GIVEN TO US BY FOUR HICKOX DESCENDANTS:
JACK REICH, ROSES WRAGE, DULCE CARR AND LU REE WRIGHT

GOV. & MRS. THORNTON DESCENDANTS FINALLY LOCATED
FOUR THORNTON LOTS MAY BE GIVEN TO US

MORE ADOPT-A-TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SIX NEW TREES

\$2100.00 IN MAINTENANCE DONATIONS - THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

HEADSTONE OFFER AGAIN BEING MADE FOR OLD GRAVES

INTERMENTS: HELEN ENKE, HENRY LAWRENCE, WALTER JOHNSON, DOLORES GARCIA,
ALSO WILLIAM MASON ASHES MOVED TO FAIRVIEW FROM ALBUQUERQUE

13TH ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP AND POTLUCK
LUNCHEON ON MAY 14, 9:30 A.M.--PLEASE COME - IF
YOU CAN'T WORK, COME EAT WITH US

If you can do some cleaning, bring your tools at 9:30. After raking or trimming your own family plot, if there is time, we will have a list of things which need doing, such as raking, clipping low growth on old trees, picking up trash, etc. Trash bags will be provided. Lunch will be at noon at the Odd Fellows Hall, adjacent to Fairview. Please bring an entree, salad or dessert to serve eight. Ruth Summers, potluck chairperson, also asks that you call her, 983-3933, to let her know what you are bringing, so we won't have a dozen desserts! Paper plates, utensils and drinks will be provided. Someone at the hall will be there to accept the food.

\$2000 "FENCE FUND" GIFT FROM MARIAN & ERNEST
KARLSON TO HONOR NANCY MATILDA THORNTON
AND MAY THORNTON VALDES

Marian Karlson is the daughter and granddaughter of the two Thornton women her gift honors. The gift came about because, after years of negotiation with the Santa Clara Pueblo Indians, Nancy Thornton's homestead near Puye Cliffs was finally purchased by the Pueblo. We are grateful that Marian chose to use part of the proceeds of her share

of the legacy with our Association for the renovation of our historic fence. The Thornton women are featured in our Centennial Biography section of this newsletter. The Board of Directors thanks you, Marian and Ernest.



Nancy Matilda Thornton working at her homestead near Puye Cliffs, ca 1915.

VERDA BENTLEY GIVES \$1000 TO 'FENCE FUND'

Before his death and burial at Fairview in 1990, Verda Bentley's husband was a stalwart supporter of our association. Mrs. Bentley has continued in that tradition and when the Christmas newsletter was issued with the 'Fence Fund' call, she responded with a generous check for \$1,000. Thank you, Mrs. Bentley.

TWO HICKOX LOTS GIVEN TO US BY DESCENDANTS

A single telephone call led to our acquisition of two lots in the George Hickox plot in Section B. Local author Mary Jean Cook received a request from Jack Reich, a Hickox grandson, for information about his grandfather, who developed the Hickox St. area. Mary Jean called Marian Meyer, who told her Hickox's wife was buried at Fairview. Marian offered to write Mr. Reich, giving him his grandmother's obituary and other information she had gathered while researching Mary Alice Hickox for the *Santa Fe's Fifteen Club* book, written by Marian in 1991. A voluminous correspondence followed. Record checking and visits to the cemetery determined that two empty lots remained in the Hickox plot. Our Association offered to place a small headstone on Mrs. Hickox's grave if the descendants were interested in giving the empty lots to us. None of the grandchildren: Mr. Reich, Mrs. Roses Wrage, Mrs. Dulce Carr and Mrs. Lu Ree Wright, even knew the plots existed or had any desire to be buried in Santa Fe so they agreed to the gift. We have received three of the quitclaim deeds and expect the fourth one soon. Incidentally, the three women's maiden names were Turley, a well-known name here. Most anyone who owns property in Santa Fe had it surveyed by engineer Guy Turley, who is buried near the Hickox plot. If we have it straight, Guy was a brother to Alice Hickox's son-in-law. We thank our four benefactors and invite them to stop by and see us if they come to Santa Fe. Muchas Gracias - Hickox Grandchildren.

GOV. & MRS. THORNTON'S DESCENDANTS FINALLY TRACKED DOWN.

Last November Marian Meyer was hot on the trail of Mrs. Frank Butt, the only relative of Mrs. William Thornton when she died in 1927. Then Marian broke four ribs and was out of commission for a while. When she finally got back to the research this spring, she located a great niece and nephew of Gertrude Maltby Butt. It appears they are amenable to our Association obtaining the four Thornton plots. It was very exciting when we realized we had finally found the right people. It is premature right now, but we will give you their names and a full report in the September newsletter.

PRICE OF A HEADSTONE FOR AN OLD GRAVE VIRTUALLY AT COST - SUMMER OFFER

As we always do each spring, we will order a headstone for an unmarked grave, at a price which is close to cost. They are plain gray granite and come in two sizes: Small, 8"x16" is \$180; Standard, 12"x24" is \$320. This includes the setting

fee, mileage from Albuquerque and three lines of text, generally name, birth date and death date. Call Marian, 982-5635 or write the Association.

REMINDER: WATER YOUR ADOPTED TREES!--SIX NEW TREES TO BE PLANTED - WILL NEED ADOPTION.

We are slowly replacing all the trees which have died from age. However, the problem is they need Tender Loving Care for the crucial first 2 or 3 years--deep watering once a month and fertilizing 2 or 3 times a year. Once the roots reach out far enough, the water from the sprinkling system is adequate. If you can spare the time and effort, call our president, Amado Summers, or his wife Ruth. Adopt-A-Tree, 983-3933.

\$2100 IN MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE DECEMBER

Our sincere thanks to the 28 donors who gave a total of \$2100 to our regular maintenance fund. This is what keeps the cemetery alive. As local Santa Feans know, we had an extremely dry winter and it was necessary to water our smaller trees by hand. April was unusually wet, which helped a great deal, but we still may have lost one or two small trees. The water was turned on throughout the cemetery the third week in April. The spring oil spraying of the trees was done in March. President Amado Summers has already ordered approximately sixty bags of fertilizer (which includes dandelion killer). Our caretaker Vince Franco will apply it to the lawn before this newsletter reaches you.

We appreciate each of of your contributions, large and small. They were in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$250:

- Ballard, M/M John G.*
- Barker, M/M Laughlin
- Batts, Mrs. Neil
- Bloom, M/M John P. Bloom
- Bullick, Mrs. Alice Marsh
- Catron, M/M T. B. III
- Davis, Happie*
- Gilbert, William
- Grimm, Mrs. Edna*
- Kegel, Walter
- Kellahin, Mrs. Jason*
- Kennell, Mrs. Helen K.
- Koch, M/M Jamie
- Livingston, Mrs. Leona
- MacGillivray, M/M Allan

- Masonic Lodge
- Matthews, M/M David
- McConnell, M/M Taylor
- Milligan, M/M Harold F.
- Mossman, Mrs. Ann
- Naranjo, Maria and Juana
- North, Nadine B.*
- Seymour, Paul
- Pflueger, Mrs. Barbara*
- Pilot Club of Santa Fe*
- Ramsey, Mrs. Margaret
- Rutherford, Mr. T. R.*
- Silver, M/M Abe
- Stephenson, Edward*

***MEMORIALS**

To Walter Gould Johnson from: M/M John Ballard, Nadine B. North, Barbara Pflueger, Pilot Club of Santa Fe, Edward Stephenson; to the Mugler, Wientge, & Manker Families from Happie Davis; to the Volk Family from Edna Grimm; to

Matty Edmonson from Mrs. Jason Kellahin; to Lillian Clancy Rutherford from T. R. Rutherford.

\$3510 GIVEN TO "FENCE FUND"

Our fund to restore our historic old fence is well under way. The two large contributions totalling \$3000 have already been noted, but we also wish to acknowledge the others, which total \$510, with gratitude:

Bentley, Verda
Du Val, Elise
Raines, Fleeta
Grosvenor, Dorothy
Michaelson, Rachel
Karlson, Marian & Ernest
Thayer, Catherine & Douglas

INTERMENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER:

Helen B. Enke, age 85, was buried next to her husband, Gordon Enke, who died in 1972.

Henry H. Lawrence, 94, interred next to his wife, Helen O. Lawrence who died in 1972. A highlight in Mr. Lawrence's life was in 1927 when he and his automobile business partner, George Emblem, were asked to inspect the *Spirit of St. Louis* when Charles Lindberg stopped in Santa Fe following his famous trans-Atlantic flight.

Walter Gould (Johnny) Johnson was buried in the Stevensen plot. He is survived by his wife, Bambi Stevenson Johnson.

Dolores Garcia, of Tierra Amarillo, is the third generation of her family to be buried at Fairview. Her grandparents, the Rev. J. W. and Marguerita Whitlock, and her parents, Felipe and Laura Whitlock Martinez, all are interred at Fairview. Dolores is survived by her husband, Orlando, and their children.

The ashes of William Mason, who died in 1986 were moved by his family from Albuquerque to Fairview Cemetery.

CENTENNIAL BIOGRAPHIES By Catherine Thayer

Part of the 1984 Fairview Centennial celebration included an R.I.P. tour (Revisiting Important People). These two women were a part of that important event.

THE STORY OF MARIAN KARLSON'S MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER

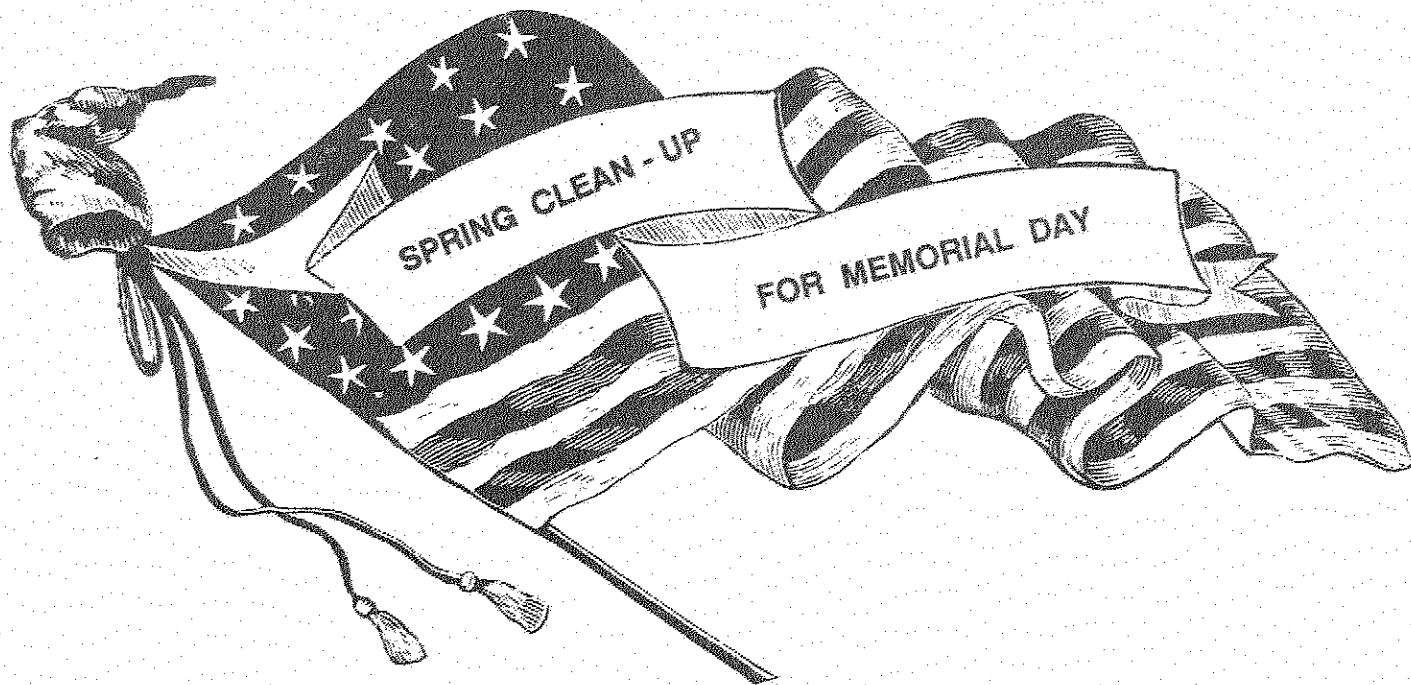
Nancy Matilda Thornton, a widow with two deaf daughters, May and Bessie, arrived in Santa Fe from Kansas in 1907. May had just graduated from Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C. In 1910, *The New Mexican* reported: "Mrs. N. M. Thornton, recently in charge of the kitchen and dining room at the Diaz Sanatorium (where the Franciscan Hotel at Water and Don Gaspar now stands) has opened a

private boarding house in the historic old Fonda...the ancient place, once the scene of exciting times, has been converted into a very cozy home."

An old letter left by Bessie recalls details of the hotel: "Mother had the old Exchange Hotel for two years...served noon and evening meals, no breakfast...the front room at the entrance was a big living room. We fixed it so nice, comfy and inviting...the walls were 15 to 18 inches thick. The floor was covered with Indian rugs...there was no gas, we used wood--burro loads."

Marian Valdes Karlson, a lifetime Santa Fean, is May's daughter. She says: "My grandmother was a remarkable woman with a true pioneering spirit." Stories about Nancy leave no doubt. She also operated another boarding house in the green-gabled house which still stands across from La Posada, and she nursed tuberculosis patients at Sunmount Sanatorium for Dr. Frank Mera. She also homesteaded 140 acres near Puye Cliffs, where Santa Clara Indians helped her build a house of tufa. "Proving up" a homestead required living on it part of the time. For Nancy, it was a real hardship. She had to ride the narrow gauge railway (the D&RG) to Black Mesa and then walk nine miles to her land. But her tenacity finally got her a U. S. Patent on the property. Nancy died in 1920 at age 63. Her daughter May worked for a time at the New Mexico School for the Deaf, and later married Fred Valdes. They raised four children. Marian, her sister and two brothers served as their mother's interpreter as they grew up in Santa Fe. Marian is still fluent in sign language. May Thornton Valdes died in 1962 and is buried next to her mother in Fairview.





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