

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL MEETING AT MCCONNELL HOME SEPTEMBER 26, 5:30 P.M.

REHABILITATION WORK OF SECTION E CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

HISTORIC OLD FENCE WORK ON HOLD UNTIL NEXT YEAR

FOUR THORNTON LOTS DEEDED TO US BY GRETCHEN HEITZLER AND PAUL BUTT
THREE OTHER LOTS GIVEN: TWO FROM DOROTHY COMPTON, ONE FROM DANNIVIK
DESCENDANTS, TWO HICKOX LOTS SPOKEN FOR

NEW BOARD MEMBER MARIAN KARLSON APPOINTED

GOOD SPRING CLEAN UP - NEED BETTER MEMORIAL DAY CONDITIONS NEXT YEAR
ANONYMOUS DONOR GIVES \$1000 - TOTAL \$2460.00 IN DONATIONS - THANK YOU

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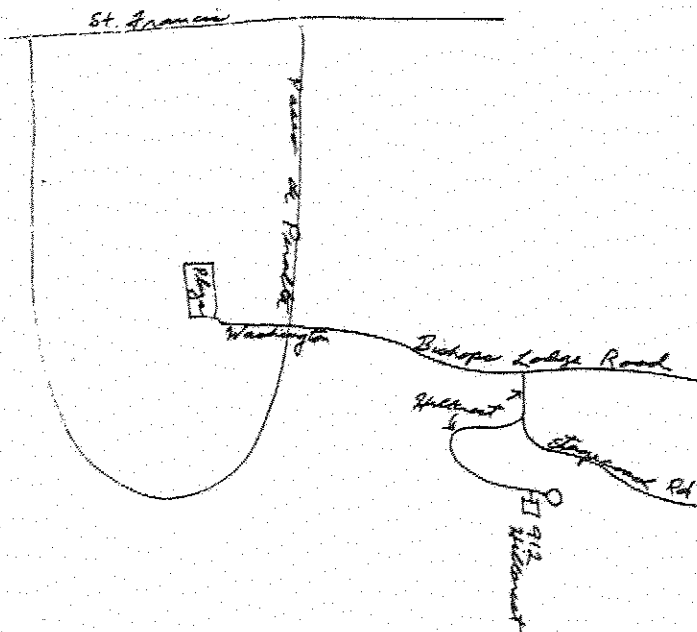
INTERMENTS: AURORA GUITERREZ, TEOFILA GRANITO, FLORENCE CRANE

13TH ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 26 AT
MCCONNELL HOME - 912 HILLCREST

June and Taylor McConnell will host the annual meeting, 5:30 p.m. at their home, 912 Hillcrest. Taylor drew up this map so you won't have any trouble finding the house. Please come join us and participate in the election of officers and board members. We welcome your suggestions, complaints, plaudits or new ideas.

SECTION E UNDERGOING REHABILITATION

We have never known much about Section E, located west of Section F which is next to the New Mexico School for the Deaf. There is a County indigent section in between E and F and another between E and the back fence. Before 1978 when the Woman's Club gave the cemetery to Santa Fe County there was quite a bit of empty space in E and plots were still being sold there. However, in the new set of records ordered for the County by the Woman's Club at that time, the only information gathered on Section E was individual burials. There were no purchase records, section records or deed numbers, as we have on the other sections. Consequently we have always had a difficult time locating graves there. By the time our organization had become acquainted with the layout of the cemetery, Section E had deteriorated to the point that we thought it was part of the indigent area. Some years after our group started, Marian found a Section E notebook in the old Woman's Club Fairview records at the Archives which listed everyone buried there in numerical order. From this she made a crude map and noted which graves had headstones. A few years ago when Lennie Kellahin asked Marian for help in locating her grandmother's grave, they discovered it in Section E. Lennie said the area had originally had grass, trees and lilac bushes. We have attempted to improve it but have not had much success. This summer President Amado Summers got a call from the



Leys, an old Terrero family, about the bad condition of their parents' graves in Section E. After seeing how awful it was, Amado initiated an immediate effort of improvement. Not all of the section, but a portion about 2500 feet square is being rototilled, raked and seeded. Our Association is paying for the rototiller rental, topsoil and seed. The caretaker is doing the labor. We will give you a progress report in the December newsletter. If this is successful, we hope to do some additional footage in the area next year.

HISTORIC FENCE RESTORATION POSTPONED UNTIL 1995 - MARIAN APOLOGIZES FOR DELAY

Several factors entered into the decision to postpone work on the historic fence. First, we do not yet have enough money in the fence fund to proceed. We may need to do some soliciting on it and we're sure that it will slowly build. Second, finding the time to start the exploratory work was impossible this summer. We seldom deal with personal issues in this newsletter, but Marian says she needs to justify her neglect of Fairview these past months. It may have been the busiest summer of her life, with her 50th high school reunion, her son's wedding in Durango and a later reception here, plus a trip she and Lee took to Pittsburgh for his Barbershop Quartet Society convention and a side trip to Tennessee where Marian found the grave of her four times great-grandfather. He was a Revolutionary War soldier who chose to be buried on a hilltop which was very difficult to reach. She still hasn't rested up or caught up to the point where she can undertake the fence project. Soon, though.

We are still trying to track down more of the large glazed capstones for the fence. At the Spring Clean-up an exciting discovery was made by Catherine Thayer and Bob Lawrence. There are two family plots which once had curbs of the capstones surrounding the plots. The stones are now completely buried by dirt and sod, serving no purpose. We hope to get permission to dig these up and use them for the fence, if all the years in the ground have not made them deteriorate. Also, we have the promise of possibly 20 or more capstones from Barbara McCandlish, who now owns the former home of Brad Thomas, a one-time board member of our Association. He remembered the stones being in the backyard and contacted her. She graciously agreed to give them to us, if we can just find the time to go get them. Please keep your eye out for capstones in town. They are dark red-brown, about 12 x 13 inches square, 4 inches thick and have a rounded edge on one side. Now, everywhere we go in old parts of Santa Fe, we see them--in sidewalks and fences, on parapets of roofs. If you see any which might be dispensable to the owner, let us know.

SPRING CLEANUP GOOD - NEED MEMORIAL DAY IMPROVEMENT & POSSIBLE POTLUCK LUNCHEON LOCATION CHANGE

Eating our potluck luncheon in the grassy area in the front of the cemetery was not intended, but when we discovered a mixup in our dates at the Odd Fellows Hall, we quickly

made a contingency plan. Several brought card tables and chairs. It worked so well some people suggested we continue it. It was suggested that if we do, we have only cold picnic food. Getting power to the crock pots, etc., was a pain, so if you think ham, chicken, potato or pasta salads etc. will do next year let Ruth Summers know.

The cleanup itself was fine. We got a lot of work done including trimming low growth on trees, trash cleanup, and raking and trimming of family plots. Nevertheless, following Memorial Day, we had a barrage of complaints. The cemetery was in the worst shape it had been in years, for the most important day of the year. The grass was so high it almost needed baling and no weedeating had been done. Part of that was because the mower was out of commission and it took two weeks to get a part. Part was because the caretaker took a week's vacation before Memorial Day. Perhaps the County will decide that should be changed next year.

DEEDS FOR SEVEN LOTS GIVEN TO US SINCE MAY

The four long-hoped-for lots of Governor and Mrs. William Thornton have been deeded to us by the only descendants of Mrs. Thornton: her great-niece Gretchen Heitzler and great-nephew Paul Butt. Our Association thanks them very much.

Two lots were given to us by Dorothy Compton, descendant of the Wagner and Luchini Families. These are head-to-toe and can be sold separately or together. We prefer to sell side-by-side ones together if possible, but don't mind breaking up head-to-toe ones. One of them may be spoken for. Thank you, Mrs. Compton.

All four deeds from the grandchildren of Mary Alice Hickox have now been received. We mentioned in the last newsletter that we planned to place a small headstone on Mrs. Hickox's grave in exchange for the two plots. That has been done. Jack Reich, Rosalind Wrage, Dulce Carr and Lu Ree Wright were the four donors. Thanks to all of you. Both lots are spoken for by a family which owns an adjacent plot. There is no purchase record on the Hickox plot, only a list of lot owners saying George Hickox owned them. So before we sell them, we will have them trenched to be absolutely certain they are vacant.

A single lot has been deeded to us by descendants of the Dannevik Family which was from Moriarty. We have placed a small stone on the grave of their grandmother, Onie McRee Wallace, in exchange for the lot. The donors are Doris Dannevik Mitchell and William P. Dannivik. Thanks to both of you.

If you know of anyone who wants one or more lots in Fairview, let Marian Meyer know. The cost of a single lot is \$700. The money from the sale of all of these lots will go into the Fence Fund.

SIX HEADSTONES INSTALLED ON OLD GRAVES

Above we mentioned two of the headstones which were placed on old graves. The other four are: **Baby Boy Bennett**, 1923. He was a brother to a Santa Fe oldtimer, Shel Bennett, whom many of you know; **Eulogio Jimenez**, 1950-1975. His sister is Irene Montoya; **Jennie Stephens Parry**, 1880-1972. Her grandson is David M. Parry of Los Angeles; **Arthur Conklin Weeks**, 1882-1936. He was the father of photographer John Candelario, who died last year. John had taken the name of his famed grandfather, Jesus Candelario, but John's widow and a Weeks aunt decided it was time John's father was recognized so they placed the Weeks stone.

MARIAN KARLSON REPLACES JOE ROBERTS AS BOARD MEMBER.

When Joe Roberts resigned because he was moving away, the board appointed Marian Valdes Karlson to fill the remainder of his term. You will recall that Marian's family was highlighted in the last newsletter. Her grandmother, Nancy Thornton was a pioneer who homesteaded near Puye Cliffs. Welcome, Marian.

\$2469 IN CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE MAY

Our sincere thanks to the 26 donors who gave a total of \$2460 to our maintenance and fence fund. This is the lifeblood of the cemetery. We appreciate each of your contributions, large and small. They were in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$1000. We are especially grateful to the anonymous donor who gave us \$1000.

Anonymous	Mason, Erik
Barker, Inez	Meyer, L. E.
Burgess, Rev. and Mrs. John	Meyer, Marian
Evans, Mrs. Ernestine*	Meyers, George E.
Foster, Mrs. Marybelle*	Miller, Mrs. Vera
Garcia, Orlando	Naranjo, Maria & Juana
Grimm, Mrs. Edna*	Nusbaum, Mrs. John B.
Grosvenor, Dorothy**	Petranto, Joseph*
Hillyer, M/M John	Santheson, Mrs. Maree
Johnson, Mrs. Maurice	Steele, William*
Kahn, Burton	Stephens, Betty Jean*
Lewis, Kay	Walter, John K. S.
Lynch, La Rue Barker	Zinn, M/M Frank

*MEMORIALS

To Gilberto and Maria De Garcia Duran from Ernestine Evans; Schafranka and Duncan Families from Marybelle Foster; to B. C. Volk from Mrs. Edna Grimm; K.K. Miller from Marian Meyer; Marjorie Mitchell from Joseph Petranto; David Steele and the Mugler and Wientge Families from William Steele; Jennie Cantelou from Betty Jean Stephens.

**FENCE FUND

Dorothy Grosvenor

INTERMENTS SINCE LAST MAY:

Aurora Gutierrez, 83, known as "Auntie" to her family, was buried in the Jaffa plot.

Teofila Granito, 90, an elementary school teacher in Cerrillos and at Alvord School in Santa Fe for 37 years. We remember her and her sister, Isabel DeBenedictus, two dear little old ladies, who would always come to the cemetery in the early years of our Spring Clean-up. They would apologize that they could not physically help us, but would give us a check each time.

The ashes of **Florence Crane**, 79, were buried in the James W. Johnson plot in Section E. Her father was a long time guard for the N. M. Penitentiary when it was located just up from Fairview. They lived in one of the guard's houses which stood where Coronado Shopping Center is now.

CENTENNIAL BIOGRAPHIES By Catherine Thayer

Part of the 1984 Fairview Centennial included an R.I.P. tour (Revisiting Important People).

JOSEPH AND ROSALIA HERSCH - EARLY SANTA FE ENTREPRENEURS

Joseph Hersch, known as "El Polaco" because he was Polish, was one of the earliest Jewish merchants in Santa Fe, arriving in 1846. He started the first steam flouring and water mill west of the Mississippi, and erected a distillery in Santa Fe. According to his obituary, he "made and lost fortunes at the turning of a hand, and at one time was considered the wealthiest resident of the Territory." In 1860 he had a train of 10 wagons and 80 mules on their way to distribute rations to the forts in southern New Mexico. The train was overtaken by Indians, the mules stolen and supplies destroyed. A claim of \$10,000 was still pending in 1904 in the U. S. Court of Claims, Department of Indian Depredations.

Rosalia Herschberg and Joseph Hersch were married in 1868 by the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Joab Houghton, in Santa Fe. He was 20 or 30 years older than Rosalia, depending on which census is read. They raised six children, some of whom are buried in Fairview. There are still Hersch descendants in Colorado and Kansas. After Joseph died in 1901, Rosalia took over her husband's business, managing it until a month before she died in 1925. In her obituary *The New Mexican* said, "Mrs. Hersch was one of the remarkable old women of Santa Fe and was noted for her sound business judgment. She often made caustic comments on the careless methods of modern American business life which she considered responsible for many of the financial failures in America."

FORMER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT K. K. MILLER SUCCUMBS TO TEN YEAR ILLNESS

K. K. Miller did not ever intend to serve as our president. When Gil Fincke was elected president in 1986, we were having trouble finding someone to take the vice-presidency. K. K. finally accepted, but warned us the had no plans to go on to the presidency. Gil died suddenly in 1987 and the top job was thrust upon K. K. He did a fine job in filling Gil's term and then took it again for a full term. We all enjoyed working with K. K. and were saddened at his death. He was diagnosed with cancer long before he died, but much of that time he was in remission and was able to carry on all his activities. He told us once he got a good ten years more than he expected and that it was a good life. Our condolences to Laura.

Former state police chief Miller dies

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The New Mexican

Former New Mexico State Police Chief Kenneth K. Miller of Santa Fe died Saturday. He was 80.

Miller, the son of Union County horsehandlers, served with the state police from 1937 until his retirement in 1968. He was appointed chief in 1961 and stepped down in 1965 for personal reasons.

Miller has been credited with making several contributions to the state police during his tenure as chief.

In 1963, the department was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Safety Council for Traffic Supervision.

The department's special intelligence unit and narcotics divi-

sion also were started during Miller's administration.

Under Miller, the department also experienced growth, with 24 hour stations established in Gallup, Las Cruces and Roswell.

Born Dec. 2, 1913, in Des Moines, N.M., Miller and his family moved to Albuquerque in 1924.

He was a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Police Academy in Washington, D.C., then joined the state police. During his years with the state police, Miller went from patrolman to finance and budget officer, district field commander, assistant chief, and director of communications before being appointed chief.

After retiring from the force, Miller accepted a position with Motorola Communications and Electronics. He later served as executive director of the New

Mexico Sheriff's and Police Association.

Miller is survived by his wife, Laura Ellen of Santa Fe, brother Darwin D. Miller of Albuquerque, adopted son Judge James R. Wheeler of Kudosco and adopted daughter Jacqueline Winton of Santa Fe.

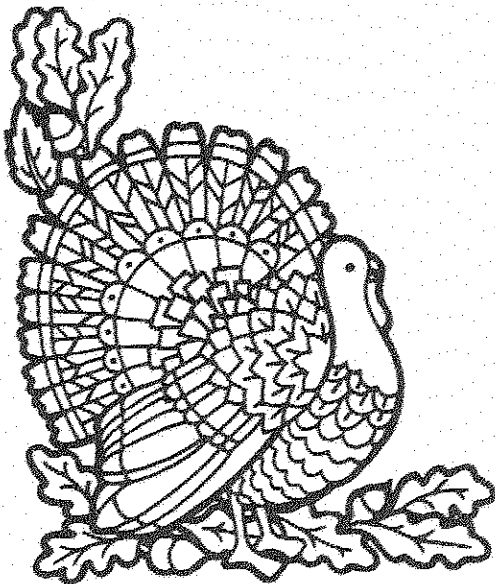
Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Albuquerque. Arrangements are under the direction of Berardinelli Mortuary.

The family asks that memorial contributions be directed to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children (P.O. Box 8410 Albuquerque, N.M., 87198) or to the New Mexico Scottish Rite Foundation (P.O. Box 2024, Santa Fe, N.M., 87054).



KENNETH K. MILLER
Was appointed chief in 1961

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