

**FRIENDS of Shockoe Hill CEMETERY**

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**Be A Friend of the FRIENDS**

**Dear Friend,**

2016 is proving to be an important year in the history of Shockoe Hill Cemetery.

Now in its third year, the Adopt a Soldier of Shockoe Hill Cemetery program has exceeded its stated goal of placing 16 markers this year. At our June ceremony 12 new markers were dedicated, and we plan to dedicate 15 more at our ceremony on October 1st, bringing the total to 27! We're very grateful to everyone who has supported the program. To learn more about it, follow the link on the left of this page.

A dozen years have passed since the last burial at Shockoe Hill Cemetery. To our knowledge, only one person who currently owns a plot is to be buried upon their passing. Thanks to an initiative by Cemetery Operations Manager Jim Laidler, Shockoe Hill may once again become an active cemetery. The Richmond Department of Recreation, Parks and Community Facilities is moving forward with a plan to reclaim unused space in the cemetery. The resultant revenue will be used for roads and grounds maintenance, preservation and restoration of monuments, and preventive tree care. A newspaper article about the process is included later in this newsletter.

2016 is also a milestone of service for long-time board member Jeffry Burden. Our Immediate Past President and current Parliamentarian, Jeffry has faithfully served the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery for 10 years! His service was recognized with a certificate of appreciation at a recent meeting of the Friends. Here's to another 10 years, Jeffry!

Please follow our website [ShockoeHillCemetery.org](http://ShockoeHillCemetery.org) and our [Facebook](#) page for news and events. We appreciate your continued support as we work to preserve and interpret the history of Richmond's oldest public cemetery. To make a tax-deductible gift to help us in our mission, follow this link [Enrichmond.org](http://Enrichmond.org).

We hope to see you in the cemetery!

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## Fall Marker Dedication

Please join us on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. as we dedicate 15 newly installed military grave markers. They include 2 soldiers of the War of 1812, and 13 Confederate soldiers. To learn more about our Adopt a Soldier of Shockoe Hill Cemetery program, click on the link to the left.



## New Life For An Old Cemetery

On Sunday, August 28, 2016 a very nice article by Bill Lohmann appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. In it Lohmann details plans by the Richmond Department of Recreation, Parks and Community Facilities to reclaim unused space at Shockoe Hill Cemetery.

Follow this link for the article:

[http://www.richmond.com/life/bill-lohmann/article\\_2007a1e4-2a94-5238-bf51-12f19dd6ffdb.html](http://www.richmond.com/life/bill-lohmann/article_2007a1e4-2a94-5238-bf51-12f19dd6ffdb.html)

The accompanying photo of Jeffry Burden appears in the article. Also included here is a rendering of a columbarium proposed for the cemetery.



**Connecting With Families**

On the morning of Saturday, July 9th, Jeffry Burden and Clayton Shepherd met Lanette Brightwell and her family for a private ceremony. The Brightwell family had traveled from Madison, Florida, to dedicate a new government marker for Lanette's ancestor, David S. Brown. We were unable to have the marker installed in time for their trip, but that did not dampen their spirits. After the private ceremony, they traveled to the cemetery shop to view the marker. Brown's burial location was revealed during Mrs. Brightwell's research for a history of his military unit, and the government marker was subsequently obtained. The accompanying photograph appeared in a recent Worth County (Ga.) newspaper article.



## Cemetery Tour Series

Themed tours of the cemetery will run two Sunday's per month (1st & 3rd) in September and October. More information will be on our website calender and our Facebook page.

To schedule a private group tour of the cemetery, please contact Jeffry Burden (richburd6165@yahoo.com). Donations are requested for private group tours.

Please visit our website at [www.ShockoeHillCemetery.org](http://www.ShockoeHillCemetery.org).  
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