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THE WILKINSON COUNTY MUSEUM 1991

THE WOODVILLE CIVIC CLUB

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The founding of The Friends of Beth Israel Cemetery

The condition of the Beth Israel Cemetery and its future maintenance have been the concern it seems of quite a few people, and in typical Woodville fashion, several people have now joined forces, and a course of action is in the works.

So far, the following activities have been going on: Russell Fry has been tending to mowing the cemetery for the Town of Woodville. Jim Rosenblatt, of Ridgeland, Mississippi has pledged funds to remove three dead trees. Rich Marvin, of New Orleans, has donated funds for general use. Then a few weeks ago Paul Sullivan, an attorney in Natchez, stopped by the cemetery to check on it and met Bill Nusbaum, and other Schloss family members, from Norfolk Virginia, who were in town to check on what might be done to ensure continued maintenance of the cemetery, where they have several ancestors buried.

David Abner Smith heard about it and sent \$200 for the fund.



The members of the Nusbaum family visiting the cemetery on March 18th were left to right: Beth Curtis, and her husband Randy, of Mayfield Heights (suburban Cleveland), Ohio, Bill Nusbaum and his wife Sharon of Norfolk, Virginia; and far right their daughter, Leigh Nusbaum, a student at Columbia University in New York City.

Bill and Randy are great-grandchildren of Lee Charles Schloss who is buried at the cemetery along with other family members.

So what is happening?

This is what Main Street and the Civic Club are planning to get done:

We are forming a committee . . . and we welcome anyone interested to participate by contacting one of the folks mentioned above.

A Woodville Civic Club account is being opened at UMB styled as FRIENDS OF BETH ISRAEL CEMETERY to allow for tax-deductible 501 (c) (3) donations to be made. Ernesto Caldeira, Executive Director of the Civic Club, will receive and record deposits and oversee the FOBIC account.

Committee members will oversee activities, reach out for descendants, provide input for management, and help find sources of income.

We are lucky to have Volume One of The Journal of Wilkinson County History for full information on the burials in the cemetery.

Our 1st Journal of Wilkinson County History March 1990

Thirty-two years ago, the late Mrs. Honey Gross (Mrs. James V. Gross) of Woodville offered the Woodville Civic Club years of her work in compiling about two hundred years of burials in the cemeteries in Wilkinson County . . . a true labor of love.



Russell Fry, newly elected President of the Main Street Association, met recently with Trent Lewis of Jackson Mississippi who will be working with us in cleaning and restoring the monuments. Grass is being cut, trees removed, and the wrought iron fence repaired as well.

Her work in compiling who was buried in 255 Wilkinson County cemeteries became our first Journal with 347 pages, identifying the location of the cemeteries, and then by name, all burials, with dates of birth and dates of death. She was assisted by Miss Marion Miles, and by her daughter, Jeanie Gross.

Copies of this Journal are available for sale at the museum, the Main Street Market and by PayPal on our website. The Civic Club has also published four other Journals of Wilkinson County History.

EXHIBITS

This week the first panel of several future panels devoted to Architecture in Wilkinson County will be mounted in the county museum . . .

Telling about . . . Our Plantations.

Our goal from day one has been to provide interpretive exhibits designed to give our visitors a clear and vivid vision of our past.

We tell about our early settlers and the flags we flew; the Jewish community, the accomplishments of our citizens . . . but perhaps most importantly are our buildings.

Our plantations are the earliest and we have lots of them . . . some, like Grove, gone . . . in an accidental fire over a hundred years ago.

Grove was monumental with fluted Doric columns on granite bases and cast iron Corinthian capitals . . . four still standing.

Joseph Johnson, the first President of our Rail Road, was the builder.



Grove c. 1830

Welcome to Whitney Seal

In 2002 when the Civic Club brought Main Street to Woodville we helped that transition by offering them space in the museum for an office for the Director.

We built an office in the museum and they helped us by being there for visitors and we help them by providing a wonderful office space for only the expense of their own telephone.

We were blessed to have Polly Asher Rosenblatt lead Main Street for so many years and we extend our best wishes to Miss Whitney.

It's great community teamwork.

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Every Thursday Night
7 p.m.

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