

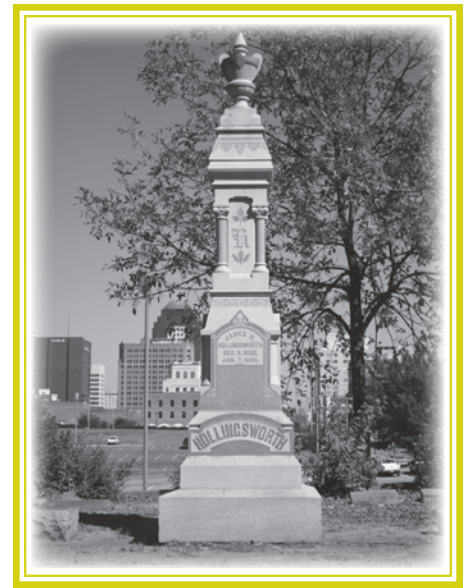


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## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



As noted inside, the Oakland Cemetery Preservation Society is busy putting plans in place to preserve and restore Oakland. You can assist in two ways:

∞ **FAMILY MEMBERS** • In order for us to begin the process of restoring and preserving grave sites, we need the permission of the owner(s) of the plot. If you have not already done so, please let us know if you have a family member buried in Oakland. We will form a family group to help you put your plot in the best condition possible.

∞ **VOLUNTEERS** • We need volunteers to help us implement the master plans that are being prepared. If you would like to help, please let us know. We need volunteers to assist in marketing, administration, grave restoration, and many other areas. All ages welcome. Does your student need service hours? This would be a great way to earn them!

# FRIENDS OF OAKLAND CEMETERY

## SPRING 2009 UPDATE

**MANY EXCITING THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING ON WITH OAKLAND CEMETERY SINCE OUR LAST COMMUNICATION!**

We want to ensure that the preservation and restoration of the cemetery is done in the most efficient and accurate manner; therefore, the Oakland Cemetery Preservation Society, Inc. (OCPS):

- ☞ Retained Ms. Francis Gale, Architectural Conservator of The University of Texas, to produce a Site Assessment Report of Oakland. Ms. Gale has been an architectural conservator for over 25 years with experience in the historic preservation of buildings, monuments, and cemeteries. Ms. Gale's report documents the existing conditions of the cemetery and then makes and prioritizes recommendations to restore and preserve the cemetery. This study is necessary for us to enlist the aid of other organizations and the government.
- ☞ Retained Jon Emerson and Associates to prepare an overall cemetery facilities master plan. As a renowned landscape architect, he has done projects like Magnolia Mound in Baton Rouge, Shadows-on-the-Teche in New Iberia, and Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport. Jon has, in turn, enlisted the support of Suzanne Turner and Associates to provide an historical context for Oakland. This work will ensure that the preservation and restoration efforts are consistent with Oakland's historical time period.
- ☞ Is in the process of retaining a nationally known Restoration Conservator to assist the board in identifying and classifying the grave stones and monuments in the cemetery. This information will allow us to ensure that these treasures are restored to their original beauty and content.

### OTHER MAJOR EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE ARE:

- ☞ The City of Shreveport repaired the front gates of the Cemetery. They were repaired by the same company that built them in 1905.
- ☞ Board member and LSU-S professor Dr. Gary Joiner and his students are in the process of completing a Geographic Information System (GIS) of the cemetery. This will eventually allow us to pinpoint each gravesite and provide a database of its occupant and any additional information about the site itself.
- ☞ The OCPS now has a new web site. It is located at [www.oaklandcemeteryla.org](http://www.oaklandcemeteryla.org). The web site will be updated as information is available and will be attached to the city's web site.
- ☞ The Daughters of the Revolution held events at the cemetery to honor the founding of the local chapter in Shreveport. The DAR donated a flagpole to Oakland and laid a wreath on the founder's grave (Mrs. Laura Land Alexander).
- ☞ OCPS hosted an All Saints Day tour of the cemetery complete with actors who portrayed some of its historic occupants. The event was such a success that additional tour maps had to be printed.
- ☞ OCPS is working with the city as they create an historic district which would include Oakland. This would be an exciting opportunity for Oakland to become a more visible and integral part of downtown Shreveport.

### IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS EXCITING PROGRESS GOING, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY!

☞ It is time to renew your membership or join us as a new member.  
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