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## READY TO GET INVOLVED?

For the book lover on your list, *Remembering the Fallen: A Biographical Study of the Civil War Interments at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia*, by Beth White makes an excellent gift (\$20). For those who still value hand written notes, our Lamenting Angel notecards are the perfect choice (\$10). Both are available for purchase at the cemetery office or online through our website at [presbyteriancemeteryva.com](http://presbyteriancemeteryva.com)

## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

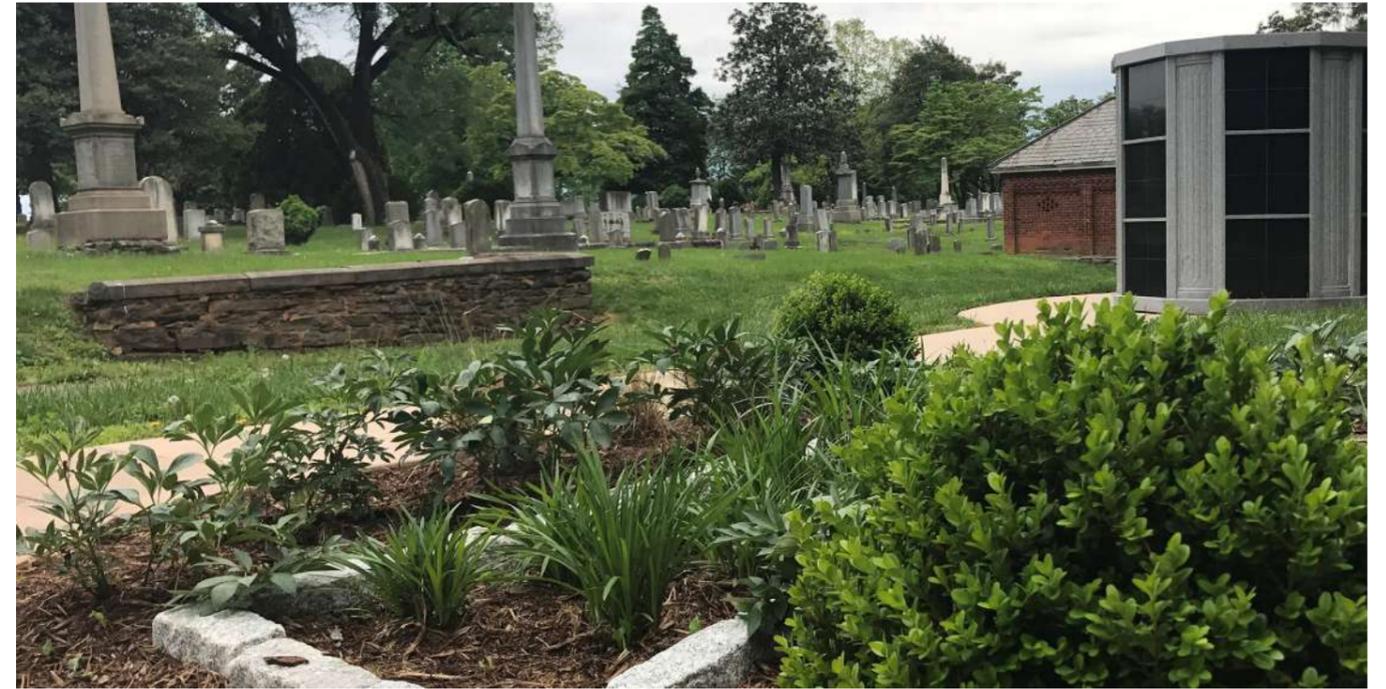


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# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

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## NEW BURIAL OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Presbyterian Cemetery is excited to announce the addition of a scatter garden. A scatter garden provides an economical and environmentally friendly alternative to the in ground burial of a loved one's ashes. Thanks to the generosity of the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, a grant was obtained by the Friends of the Presbyterian Cemetery for the creation of a scatter garden. The garden was designed by

landscape architect Laura Rosser and installed by Rosser Landscaping.

According to industry figures released by the Nation Funeral Directors Association of North America, the cremation rate in 2015 was 49% nationwide. Cremation has become the preferred option for many. The reasons are numerous: greater religious acceptance, cost, and the desire to be good stewards of the land.

The Presbyterian Cemetery is pleased to offer families multiple options for remembering their loved one. For those who

wish to be cremated, families can chose to bury the cremains in a traditional plot, purchase a niche in one of our columbaria, or scatter the ashes in our newly installed scatter garden. As always, traditional burials continue and plots are available for purchase.

By choosing to scatter or bury a loved ones ashes in a cemetery, a place of permeant remembrance is established. Future generations have a tangible place to go and honor a loved one. If you would like more information on burial options please contact the cemetery.



## CHANGES IN THE LANDSCAPE

In 1874 the trustees entered into an agreement with John H. Tyree to obtain land for the purpose of expanding the cemetery. Dotted with maple trees, this new section was often referred to as Maplewood. Over the years, efforts have been made to preserve these trees but unfortunately some are diseased and dying. In the past six months two maples have been removed. Your generous donations make this possible.

## SPRING IS EVERYWHERE

The James River Garden Club recently selected the cemetery for several planting projects. The cemetery is awash with spring color. This is just a sampling of their hard work!

## Thank you

To Abigale Sattler, Archives Department at Liberty University, for allowing the cemetery to use the scanners to digitize the burial records. Once all the records have been scanned, they will be linked to the database on the website. This will make it easier for family members and researchers to locate graves.

To the James River Garden Club for the beautiful plantings around the cemetery! They have adopted the cemetery as a community service project and have been busy planting.

To Porter Flynn, a junior at Central Virginia Governor's School, who has been interning with the cemetery since February. He has been busy assisting

with the digitizing of the burial records.

To Rachel Beiler and Samuel Senbeshade, students at Liberty University. They have also volunteered with the cemetery this spring.

To Hunt McCarthy and Holmes Laughon, seniors at Virginia Military Institute, who spent a day documenting and mapping the locations of VMI graduates who served at the Battle of New Market.

***A special thank you to Bob Leslie who has served as President/Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the past two years. Bob has been a strong supporter of the cemetery for many years and has worked tirelessly on numerous projects that have been instrumental to the cemetery's***

***continued success. He will be missed.***

## STORIES IN STONE

*Katherine Garland Diggs- Educator and Philanthropist.*

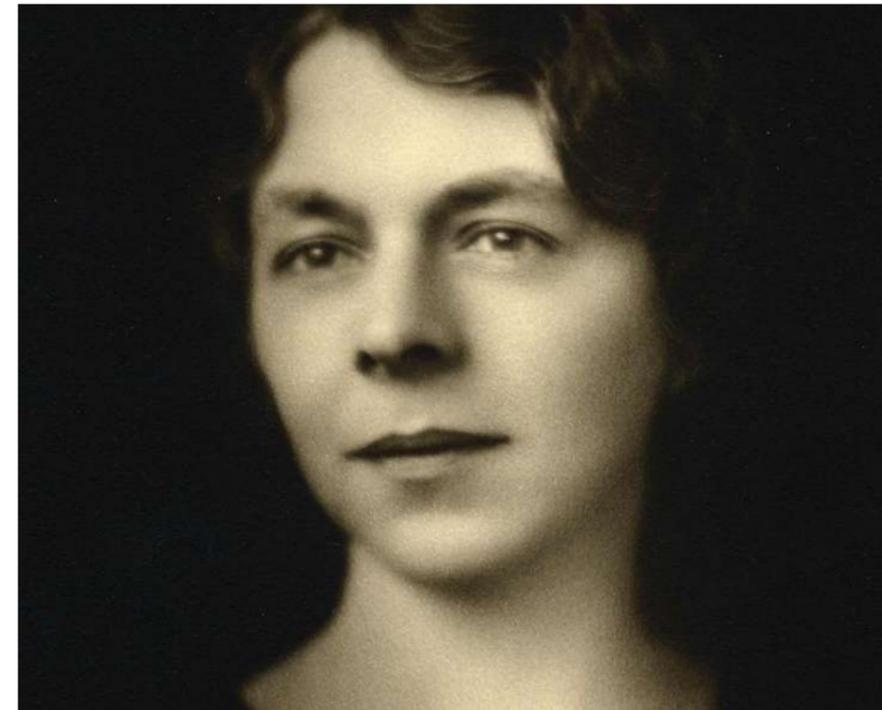
An extraordinary woman, Katherine Garland Diggs is an example to all. Her simple bequest has had a lasting impact on our community. Born on December 16, 1885, she was the daughter of Judge John Singleton Diggs and Lilly Slaughter Diggs. For 39 years she taught in Lynchburg public school system.

Educated and well-traveled, her passport indicated that she visited Europe aboard the famous Cunard ship, the

Aquitania. The Aquitania was a luxury liner used by royalty, movie stars, and politicians. Her travels enhanced her classroom interactions and she was regarded by all to be an excellent educator.

Coming from families with strong legacies, Miss Diggs also had a desire to make a lasting contribution to Lynchburg. According to her attorney, she conceived the idea for a museum when she was in her early 50's and began to plan her bequest. Upon her death in 1971, her entire estate, valued at over \$300,000, was designated for the establishment of a museum system in the city of Lynchburg. Point of Honor, the former home of Dr. George Cabell is a result of her bequest.

The following was read at her funeral. A fitting tribute to someone who cared so much about educating all.



*photo courtesy of the Lynchburg Museum*

### My Aim as a Teacher

To educate both mind and heart,  
Where work and play each have its part  
For thus from the past the future comes  
And you its daughters, you its sons-  
In your minds and heart hold fast

And strive to make its glory last  
Face always toward the rising sun  
Let generations say, "Well done."  
I scatter some seed over fertile ground  
As I happened to pass that way.  
God grant they were of the right kind  
For they will bear fruit someday.

## DO YOU HAVE FAMILY AT PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY?

Do you have family at Presbyterian Cemetery? Do you know of someone whose ancestors are included on this list? Is Lynchburg history important to you? If so, we would love to hear from you. In just a few years, the cemetery will be celebrating its 200 birthday! Helps us find the descendants of these and the many others buried in the cemetery. You may email your contact information to the cemetery at [pc1823@msn.com](mailto:pc1823@msn.com) or call the office at 434.845.0551.

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First Presbyterian Church	\$1000
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Lynchburg Historical Foundation	\$150
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## LYNCHBURG'S HISTORY IS HERE!

The appeal of visiting any historic cemetery is the opportunity to see a snapshot of life and the social customs associated with that community during a specific era. Each stone represents a life. Marriages, divorces, losses, and financial struggles are recorded for posterity. It is our challenge and privilege to preserve and share these and the many other stories.

In the decade prior to the Civil War, Lynchburg was the second wealthiest city, per capita, in the United States. With its pastoral setting and proximity to the Diamond Hill neighborhood, the cemetery was "the place to be buried" for many of Lynchburg's more prominent citizens. A visit to the cemetery offers visitors a glimpse into Lynchburg during this time of great prosperity.

Most are unaware of how much of Lynchburg's earliest history is here. Many know of the Civil War soldiers buried within, but are surprised to learn of the cemetery's connection to the assassination of President Lincoln or to ChapStick, a world renowned lip balm.

It has been said that each of us has two deaths. The first is when we pass away. For a time we are remembered, but the memory fades with subsequent generations and that is our second death. By taking the time to visit the cemetery, you are paying your respects. It's

a way to honor all who came before you.

Whether you are a tombstone tourist, a historian, a genealogist, or just out for a walk, I encourage you to stroll the grounds of the beautiful outdoor museum we call the Presbyterian Cemetery.

## JOIN US FOR A SUNDAY STROLL



The first Sunday of each month through August, the Presbyterian Cemetery offers visitors a guided stroll through the historic grounds.

Tours begin at 2:00 PM and the cost is \$5.00 per person.

*June 4, 2017 Victorian Times and their Influence on the Cemetery.*

*July 2, 2017 Unique Architecture inside the cemetery*

*August 6, 2017 Angels and Untold Stories.*

## MAILING LIST UPDATE

If you have had a change of address or are receiving duplicates of this newsletter we would like to know. Also, in an attempt to be good stewards of our resources (financial and physical), we would like to send future newsletters electronically to those who are interested. If you would prefer an electronic version of the newsletter please email us at [pc1823@msn.com](mailto:pc1823@msn.com).

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