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Newsletter

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The Vickers Cemetery Descendants Newsletter

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Directions to the Vickers Cemetery

Take U.S. Hwy. 27 south from Georgia or north from Tallahassee. Go to Havana and turn east onto State Road 12 (5th Avenue). This becomes Fairbanks Ferry Road when it leaves the city limits. The cemetery is 2.5 miles from the city limits on the left side of the road. If you want to use Expedia or Map Quest for driving directions, put in this address: 3042 Fairbanks Ferry Road, Havana, FL 32333. It's a neighbor's address, but it will get you close enough to see the cemetery. If you get lost, call Donna's cell phone: 850-545-6049.

Cemetery News

We have had five burials in the cemetery since the last newsletter.

Bannie Hough Barber died January 5, 2009. She was the widow of Rufus Barber and the daughter of Charlie and Lilla Ruth Hough. She was survived by daughters Pat Barber and Judy Smith, siblings Hazel Creel, Mary Darsey, Charlie Clyde Hough, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty Anderson Hardzog died on September 15, 2009. She was the wife of Robert Hardzog and the daughter of Leslie Anderson and Emma Alverna Johnson. She was a descendant of Webster and Annie Lee Walsh Johnson.

Emma Jean Harrington died September 27, 2009, just days after her sister Betty Hardzog. She was the wife of Charles Eugene Harrington, Sr. and the daughter of Leslie Anderson and Emma Alverna Johnson. She was a descendant of Webster and Annie Lee Walsh Johnson.

Marion Leroy Durden, died on October 14, 2009. He was the son of Marion and Tillie Vickers Dur-

den and was predeceased by his siblings, Lamar, Johnny and Clifton Durden, and Glennie Mae Perritt. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Frank Walsh, son of "Big" Miles Walsh and Eva Chester, died on August 22, 2010. He was predeceased by his wife, Joyce Dalton Walsh, and is survived by sons Dennis and John and a daughter, Alice Walsh.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees was saddened by the loss of its long-time member, Annette Barber, who died November 30, 2009. Miss Annette was the step-daughter of Hardy Vickers in this cemetery.

At the July Annual Meeting of the Trustees, Casey Smith was approved as a new Trustee. Casey is the son of Angela Cassidy and the grandson of Barbara Boynton. He lives in Bristol, is married to Kari, and they have three little girls. Casey was one of four young people who attended the Trustees in Training program that was begun last year by the Trustees to teach our young family members about the history and operations of the cemetery so they can be prepared to take positions as Trustees in the future.

Donations Requested



It's that time of year when we solicit donations for the maintenance of the Vickers Cemetery.

The maintenance costs of the cemetery are paid solely from donations by relatives of people buried here. We do not charge for plots, so we must ask for donations for maintenance.

Last year, you all donated over \$6,000 for cemetery maintenance, a record amount, and it put our treasury over the \$50,000 mark. We have totally recovered from the purchase of the additional acreage for parking (some of that was paid from private donations and not out of the Treasury).

We appreciate those families who list the Vickers Cemetery in obituaries for memorials to be sent. Just one obituary often brings in enough money to mow the cemetery three times.

Mail donations to **Vickers Cemetery, Inc.**, c/o Donna Warlick, Treasurer, 252 Bob Miller Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Indicate whether or not you would like a receipt.

Eighth Annual Descendants Reunion

The Eighth Annual Vickers Cemetery Descendants Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at the cemetery. Sign-in begins at 10:30 a.m. (Everyone, please sign in and get your name tag.)

The program will begin at 11:15. This year's program will be a dedication of a historical marker for the cemetery, which has been in existence for 165 years.

Please bring any family information or photos you have for our archives regarding any of your Gadsden County ancestors.

Following the program, there will be a covered dish lunch on the grounds. All local people are asked to bring covered dishes that feed 10-12 people. For out-of-town people who might find it impossible to bring food, for \$6 per person, we will provide your food. Please read the registration information on the back carefully and include the correct amount. There's a registration fee AND a food fee for people who need to buy their lunch.

After lunch, we always take photographs of family groups. Plan to stay long enough to get in the photos. If you have to leave early, let us know and we'll snap a photo of you. We are usually through with photos by 2:00 p.m.

Registration is requested ahead of time so that we are able to make custom name

tags, and plan how many drinks and paper goods to provide. We prefer pre-registration, but of course, walk in kin are always welcome, too.

Let us know if you would like this newsletter to be sent to others in your family, and we'll do it. You can e-mail those addresses to one of us.

Angela Boynton Cassidy and
Donna Warlick, Co-Chairs,
Vickers Descendants Reunion
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Next year's reunion will be on October 8. It is always the 2nd Saturday in October.



We need help with these reunion tasks:

- Unloading tables and chairs, and putting on tablecloths at 9:00 a.m. the morning of
- Staffing the registration table
- Helping cut cakes and removing covers from food
- Cleaning up afterwards, wiping down tables, folding them and loading them onto the trailer for return
- Indicate your willingness to help on your Registration Form

Thanks

There are some special people we want to thank for their help at last year's reunion.

Scott Whitehead of Faith Funeral Home in Havana always loans and sets up our tents. Adrian Durden brings the tables to the cemetery. Nora Boynton Bobek and Tom Thornton always get the food ready, and Gordon Walsh takes charge of drinks. Barbara Boynton provides the historical information for our programs. Jessica Miller was our photographer last year and will be again this year. And we couldn't do without Venice Walsh, our official greeter and parking director. Our Trustees always stay to the end and do the cleaning up.

Many, many thanks!

Cemetery Rules

May we remind you that the Cemetery requires permanent grave markers be installed within one year of burial. We have several that do not have markers yet. Also kindly keep the number of pots of flowers to a minimum—too many get in the way of mowing.

Registration Information

On the back side of this page is a form to clip and mail for registration.

1. Registration = \$5.00 per person in your party.
There is NO CHARGE for children 6 and under.
Please name each person in your party
(for name tags) Form is on the back page.
2. If you are from out-of-town and would like food to be provided for you, please write a separate check for \$6.00 per person in your party. There is NO CHARGE FOR BABIES OR TODDLERS. Name the people who are to receive food.
3. Write both Registration checks and Food checks payable to Donna Warlick. Mail to 252 Bob Miller Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Identify each check as **Food** or **Registration**. Attach Forms on back page.

Program This Year

This year we are proud to unveil a historic marker for the Vickers Cemetery. It started as a small family grave yard in 1845.

We have a copy of the Vickers Family letter of October 8, 1845, from Ezekiel Vickers to his brother Harris in Texas giving the family news of that year. He said "Ondly Simeon's wife, he had the misfortune to loose his wife. She departed this life the last day of February last." Since those Vickers lived close to the location of the cemetery and since we know that Ezekiel and his wife, mother, and children are buried here, we presume that Simeon and Nancy are, too.

We decided not to pursue a historical marker through the Florida Department of State, because of the many rules they have and the time involved. We designed our own and will have it installed by October 1.

Donation Information

On the back side of this page is a donation form to be completed if you are making a donation toward the cemetery's maintenance. If this is not a good time for you, donations are accepted at any time of the year.

Make donation checks payable to **Vickers Cemetery, Inc. and make them separate from Registration/Food checks.** But mail them all to Donna Warlick, Treasurer, Vickers Cemetery, 252 Bob Miller Road, Crawfordville, FL 32327. Your donation is tax deductible.

Angela Cassidy, Secretary
Vickers Cemetery, Inc.
252 Bob Miller Road
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Registration \$5.00 Each

\$_____ Amount included for Registration

Name of person sending Registration Fee:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Names of others in your party & relationships:

Food \$6.00 Each

\$_____ Amount for Food for _____ # of persons

[Local people are asked to bring covered dishes.]

Names of people who need to buy lunch:

Things to Bring to the Reunion

- **Chair to sit in during program and at lunch**
- **Photograph album with your ancestors' pictures, labeled with your name on front**
- **Sunscreen if you burn easily; there is little shade**
- **A sweater in case it turns chilly earlier than usual—it's usually warm**

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Cemetery Donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Receipt? Yes No

Amount of donation: _____

Names of grown children or siblings to be added to the mailing list:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____