James Russell Trader
1931 to 2012
SALISBURY—Mr. James Russell Trader, 81, died on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, in the Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born at home on April 3, 1931, he was the son of the late Milton R. and Nellie Porter Trader.

He is survived by a daughter, Alison Trader Rodriguez and her husband Zachary of Ocean City; a son, John R. Trader and wife, Hilary of Ocean City; a brother Winston M, and wife, Wilma Sisk Trader of Wellington, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Leslie, Ashley, and Christina Rodriguez, Blair and Remey Trader.

Although he was born in Berlin, his maternal family, the Porters, have deep roots in the Salisbury community of Allen. His great-great grandfather was George Jackson Porter, and a cousin was Richard Twilly Porter, of baseball fame, who is buried in the Allen Cemetery. James has spent twenty years researching his family genealogy and has contributed much documentation to the Allen Historical Society and the Nabb Center at Salisbury University.

James graduated from Buckingham High School in Berlin in 1947, and was president of his class. As a youngster he achieved the rank of Eagle in the Berlin’s Troop 161 of the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from Washington College in Chestertown, MD., in 1952, with a major in History and Political Science.

In 1954, he became Director of the Environmental Health Program in Worcester County and in 1970, he testified in Worcester County in the first court case in the United States under the newly created Clean Air Act. From 1980 until 1994 he was employed by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a regional sanitarian for the Eastern Shore. In 1993, James joined the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. He served as president three times as well as being Legislative Chairman and in the latter role working to record, preserve,
and protect cemeteries all across Maryland. He has recorded and documented 550 cemeteries in Wicomico County and 220 in Worcester County preserving many burial sites which otherwise might have been lost.

James was a member of the Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin for the most of his life, and served a term as chairman of the Trustees. He also researched and documented the history of the church. In 1989, Jim moved to Salisbury. Since 2001, he served on the Mayor's Recycle Committee. He was a charter member and past president of the Salisbury Chapter of Parents Without Partners. He served as a board member and past president of the Salisbury Cotillion Club, Inc. He was a member of the National Environmental Health Association. The Maryland Association of Sanitarians and the Tidewater Environmental Health Association. He was also a member of the Allen Historical Society.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin. Visitation one hour before Service. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in his memory to your choice of: Allen Historical Society, P.O. Box 31, Allen, Md 21810-0031; Salisbury University Foundation, Inc., (Nabb Center), 1101 Camden Ave. Salisbury, MD 21801; Coalition To Protect MD Burial Sites, Inc., P.O. Box 1533, Ellicott City, MD 21041-1533; or Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 Main Street, Berlin, MD, 21811

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Additional Coalition activities:
Eileen McGuckian:
As a board member and as president of CPMBS, Jim Trader was particularly concerned with strong legislation to protect Maryland cemeteries. He successfully pursued prosecution and conviction of vandals in cemeteries on the Eastern Shore, I believe the first to do so.

Responses from our Members:
“Oh wow!!! I've known Jim to only have a deep passion for cemeteries. A passion that was so deep, that a single, one-page letter from him to any bureaucratic entity would cut enough ‘red tape' to allow you to pass through and achieve your goal of cemetery conservation and preservation. I, for one, will miss him.”
Robert Mosko, Chief Conservator
Mosko Cemetery Monument Services

“As often with a friend's passing, you learn details of their lives that you wished you'd known before. I concur with Robert's comments and can only add ‘feisty' to his description of Jim.”
Eileen McGuckian

Memorials to Jim’s Memory
Paul and Valerie Miller donated $50.00 to the Coalition as a memorial in the name of James Trader.

Editors’ Corner
We were saddened to learn of the death of Jim Trader. Jim served many years on the Board of the Coalition and was a strong advocate for cemeteries in Maryland. We will be happy to print any additional comments or anecdotes about Jim in future issues. Just send your thoughts to de_nesmeyer@yahoo.com, subject line “James Trader”.

In 2009 the Coalition held their Annual Meeting at the St. George’s Spesutia Church in Perryman. The Episcopal Bishop of Maryland has announced that the church will suspend services at the end of the year. It was noted in the article that the church and the adjoining historic cemetery will not be closing. A food bank will continue to operate and the church and cemetery will remain available to current members for burials. More information can be found at
http://www.baltimoresun.com/explore/harford/publications/the-aegis/ph-ag-st-georges-closing-1109-20121108,0,854607.story
Maryland got lucky at the end of October when Superstorm Sandy landed north of our region and spared this area. The rain and storm surges did cause some damage. See page 10 for a report on coffins that were disinterred in Crisfield.

We usually have a picture of graves decorated for the holidays on the front cover of each Winter issue. When we saw the Boy Scouts at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Baltimore County placing flags at veterans’ graves we thought it was appropriate to include pictures of the Scouts on the front cover of this issue. Unfortunately we lost James Trader and felt it appropriate to dedicate this issue to Jim. The pictures and story of the Scouts can not be found on page 8.

We would like to thank Eileen McGuckian, Melvin Mason, Ann Godwin, Kelly Ann Rane, Tina Simmons, Stephanie Town, Robert Mosko, and Gerhardt Kraske for their contributions to this issue.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

**Next Quarterly Board Meeting**

Saturday, January 19, 2013, 1:15-3:15 p.m.
Avalon Room of the Miller Library Branch of the Howard County Library System
9421 Frederick Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Check the library website http://www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=20 for directions from your location.

**Minutes of the Board of Directors, Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.**

Quarterly Meeting of October 13, 2012 -- Miller Library, Ellicott City, Maryland

In attendance:

**Officers:** Vice President Edward W. Taylor, Jr., Secretary Eileen McGuckian

**Directors:** John Higgins, Barbara Kraske, Gerhardt Kraske, Kristin Kraske, James Lanier, Melvin Mason, Thomas Mason, Paul Miller, Candy Warden, Patrick Warner

**Directors Excused:** Robert Mosko, Sandra Wright

**Members and Guests:** Barbara Sieg, Christina Taylor, two young Taylors

Eileen McGuckian called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum. All present introduced themselves and welcomed new Board members Warner and Higgins, guests, and CPMBS founder Sieg. **Minutes** of the quarterly Board meeting of July 7, 2012, were unanimously approved as presented, with Patrick Warner abstaining.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Gerhardt Kraske reported that he has obtained all CPMBS checkbooks, papers and items from Jac Knust, as requested by the Board of Directors in July. Mr. Kraske distributed an interim report of deposits and bank balances, which was gratefully accepted by the Board. He has filed the MD sales tax report, with late fee. Discussion followed about reports to be filed and the Coalition’s status with the State of Maryland. Kristin Kraske moved, Melvin Mason seconded, that Jac Knust be stripped of his Treasurer’s position and Gerhardt Kraske be appointed as Treasurer of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites. The unanimous vote for this motion included a resolution authorizing Mr. Kraske as a signatory on CPMBS’ Bank of America account.

Next, Mr. Kraske moved, Ms. Warden seconded, another unanimous vote passed to change the Coalition’s Resident Agent to Gerhardt P. Kraske, with 9425 Dartmouth Road, Columbia, MD 21045 as the principal office address of CPMBS.

**Proposals for Amendments to CPMBS By-Laws:**

Noting that these amendments have been presented and discussed at previous Board meetings, the group reviewed each proposal. Melvin Mason introduced the addition to **Article V of a Vice President for Legislative Affairs.** Following agreement for needing to bring the importance of legislation to the forefront and to return CPMBS to its roots, plus discussion of the job description, the Board voted unanimously to amend **Article V, Sections A, C, L, and H** to define this position and to add to Treasurer’s duties responsibility to file all government reports.
Next, **Article II Membership** amendments were discussed and unanimously voted to add **5. Honorary membership and 6. Benefactor membership** (with details as specified by the Board of Directors) categories. Finally, under **Article III Meetings**, the Board unanimously voted to accept clarifying language in Section B and to delete one asterisk and add a line to Section E. All votes were unanimous and, under Article X, CPMBS By-Laws shall be duly amended as of this date.

**Outreach Committee:** Diane Nesmeyer sent a written report covering her thoughts on the website and updates on the *Courier* and Outreach activities. Board members discussed the CPMB*S website* at length. By acclamation, the group applauded Diane’s work over many years to create and maintain a fine site that well represents Coalition goals and activities. Noting that the current site is “borrowed” and thus somewhat limited in its abilities, consensus was to help Diane to make improvements to the current site as needed. James Lanier offered a newer web-hosting site to the Coalition that could expand to address inadequacies Diane identified. Pat Warner agreed to draft a Mission Statement for CPMB*S. It was noted that Coalition members have made suggestions over the years. Group consensus was that the current website design is quite adequate, that Diane Nesmeyer is doing her jobs well, that engaging a professional designer would be too expensive and unnecessary, and that volunteer help is needed to develop content for this important outreach activity.

Melvin Mason noted that the reprinted *Coalition Guide to Burial Site Stewardship* is still being distributed upon request and is also for sale.

**2013 Annual Meeting and contact with Coalition Membership:**

It is time to begin planning the Spring 2013 Annual CPMB*S Meeting. Melvin Mason agreed to put out an email blast requesting volunteers and ideas; Eileen McGuckian will compile 2012 evaluation sheet information. This email will also include upcoming dates and other information needed prior to the next *Courier* issue (winter 2012-13).

**Membership:** Kristin Kraske reported 92 members at this time; they hail from 17 Maryland counties and out of state.

**New Business:**

**Relationship with MD Office of Cemetery Oversight:** The new executive director, Marilyn Harris-Davis, called several Coalition members in the interest of building partnerships. She inquired about the cemetery on the grounds of the former Bethlehem Steel Co. in Baltimore. The Outreach Committee asked for more information on this cemetery (to which others have been denied entry) and agreed to contact Ms. Harris-Davis, also to send her complimentary copies of the *Guide* and *Coalition Courier*.

**Vandalism in Riggs Cemetery:** Board members agreed to request help for Robert Mosko when he makes repairs, to prepare a Letter to the Editor in response, and to offer Eagle Scout Justin Stine a clean-up session on April 27, 2013.

**Other New Business:**

Ed Taylor raised concerns about banning of *George Washington pictures* at public schools. The Board agreed to purchase a $75 ad in support of the Cumberland Cemetery Coalition’s 30th anniversary.

**Election:** Pat Warner moved, John Higgins seconded, that *Eileen McGuckian be elected President of CPMB*S; the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:** All agreed to hold the winter Board meeting on January 19, 2013. There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen McGuckian, Secretary, CPMB*S

“**Abandoned Cemeteries**”

Recently I’ve come across several cemeteries in which clear ownership cannot be determined by the county. This is an ongoing issue and I’m wondering how other counties handle this problem. In some instances, surrounding landowners have taken it upon themselves to care for the cemetery. In others, the cemetery has overgrown and neglected. In some cases family or nearby landowners are interested in obtaining a deed to the prop-
In the past, I’ve had developers ask me if I "wanted the cemetery". I don’t know the ramifications/costs of a genealogy society holding title to cemeteries in its county. Is there any clear-cut method to handling these questions or resolving solutions so that 1) there becomes clear ownership of these properties; 2) that they become clearly marked that there is a cemetery on the property; and 3) that the property becomes tax exempt. Would this entail perpetual maintenance of the property. These are just some of my questions. I’d love to get feedback.

Tina Simmons
tinasimmons622@yahoo.com
Anne Arundel Genealogical Society
Cemetery Inscription Chair

Outreach Committee Report

Conservation Day

On October 21, 2012, Amanda Becker, Robert Mosko, Jeff Nesmeyer and I arrived at the Riggs Cemetery at approximately 7:30 a.m. and began setting up equipment at the site in preparation for the day’s activities. Please see pages 9 and 10 for the story on the vandalism and the Summer issue of the Courier for more information about the Riggs Cemetery and Justin Stine one of the winners of the 2012 Periwinkle Award.

Promptly at 8 a.m. the scouts and adults began arriving. There were at least 17 or 18 people working at the height of the activities. More kept coming by all day long as others left for other commitments. Neighbors even stopped by to see what was going on. That was a feat considering it was a bit of a hike through a cornfield and up the hill to our site.

Coalition members present were Amanda Becker, Robert Mosko, Justin Stine, Leonard Becraft, Jeff and myself. There were at least two descendants that stopped by: Frances Becker (Amanda’s sister) and India Riggs.

The group reset one pedestal tomb that had been knocked off two bases. The group reset a die on base marker that had sunk into the ground at least 2 feet or more! Robert, with assistance from Jeff, repaired seven markers that had been broken. Two markers were in two pieces, one marker was in three pieces, and four markers were in four or more pieces.

The boy scouts also reset the gate that had been damaged by the vandals.

Food, water, and snacks were provided by Justin’s parents.

Visit to the Trotten Cemetery

In response to a query made to the Coalition via the Office of Cemetery Oversight on behalf of Steven Strohmier and a query previously made by Mr. Strohmier in 2004, several members of the Coalition Outreach Committee attempted to visit the site which is located on the grounds of the former Bethlehem Steel plant at Sparrows Point.

After driving around the area for several minutes we found a relatively open field with a chained off area. What peaked our interest in the area was not that the chained area gave the appearance of a
burial site, rather, it was a small wooden cross to the north of the chained area.

Upon closer examination, we discovered that the enclosed area was in fact the same site reported by Mr. Strohmier. We found 3 markers, two of which were inscribed. They both had the tell tale S T, possibly that of Sarah Trotten. The enclosed area is about 50 feet by 50 feet. It appears to be under the care of someone who cut the grass within the last 3 weeks. Automobile/truck tire tracks were in the area nearby the enclosed area. There was what looked like the remnants of a brick structure (a wall or foundation) along the east border of the burial site. There did not appear to be other graves as indicated by mounding or depressions. All of the stones were found to be on the east side of the site.

It is not known if these are the original placements or if they were moved to their current placement. The trees are of a recent growth. I do not believe that the area is meant to be accessible to the public. The site seems cared for, if only minimally.

To preserve the site, RG Steel Company would have to be convinced to allow a group to take charge of the site with adequate access granted. This may be in place for the group now caring for the site. RG Steel may be able to shed light on the group.

Although the site is significant to the Battle of North Point and the War of 1812, a funding source to maintain the site may be difficult to find.

As we investigate the site, we were not approached by anyone, however, we were shadowed by several vehicles that drove by and stayed close.

[Report prepared by Melvin Mason]

Friends of St. Vincent’s Cemetery

Diane and Jeff spent a few hours manning the St. Vincent’s Cemetery group table at the Maryland Irish Festival. The group graciously allowed us to place Coalition fliers on the table.

Maryland Chapter of the Association for Gravestone Studies Workshop

On November 3, 2012, the Maryland Chapter of the Association for Gravestone Studies held a Gravestone Cleaning with D/2 workshop at the All Hallow’s Chapel and Cemetery, Davidsonville, Maryland. There were 15 people present. Several other members sent their regrets and one person unfortunately drove to the wrong location. The attendees were from Maryland and Northern Virginia.

The Coalition sold three copies of the Coalition’s Guide to Cemetery Stewardship and handed out fliers to everyone present that was not already a member.

Diane Nesmeyer

News from the Counties

Allegany County

News from the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization

On All Souls’ Day Nov 2 the CHCO unveiled an information monument. The monument was placed on the grave of Revolutionary War soldier Rev. John Butler who served in our nation’s first war of independence and the monument gives several details of his life. Rev. Butler was credited for bringing Christ’s message and salvation to his fellow Revolutionary War soldiers. After the war he served as pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran church in Cumberland, MD. Rev. Butler’s original monument
is a simple marble military stone. The new monument was placed flat in front of the existing stone. Rev. Butler is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Cumberland. Following the unveiling a prayer service was held for all deceased.

2013 will be the 30th anniversary of the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization. The organization founded in 1983 by the late Katherine M. Wolford and current president Edward W. Taylor, Jr. was formed to restore and maintain cemeteries, build monuments and promote true American history and our nation’s Christian-Jewish heritage. The CHCO is producing a 30th year publication. 40,000 copies will be printed and it is a 32-page booklet. They will be passed out throughout Maryland and neighboring states. Pictured is the cover of the book. To view the book online, visit our website http://www.chco-online.org.

Edward W. Taylor, Jr.

By Ben Weathers, Staff Writer, capitalgazette.com
October 9, 2012

Over 75 vases that were fixed to the ground were taken from two sections of the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Brooklyn Park. It is believed that the theft occurred sometime over the weekend of October 6th and 7th. This is the second time that the cemetery has been targeted by thieves. Another 30 vases were reported stolen to the police on September 14th.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Northern District police at (410) 222-6135.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Baltimore City

Friends of St. Vincent Cemetery

With your help and kindness a lot has been accomplished during 2012 at St. Vincent Cemetery.

Thank you to the generous members and volunteers who donated funds and their time to help the Friends of St. Vincent Cemetery during 2012 as we worked to raise awareness, clean up the cemetery, and return some dignity to the final resting place of our ancestors.

Thank you to John Ciekot and Earl Millet at Civic Works who provided FoSVC with meeting space at Clifton Mansion, where we plotted and strategized the clean up of St. Vincent Cemetery.

Clean up started in March 2012 when a crew of inmates from Maryland Department of Inmate Public Works cut down weeds and removed tons of debris and trash. Fr. Richard Lawrence of St. Vincent de Paul parish and donations to FoSVC paid for the purchase of equipment used by the inmates to do the job.

A Spring 2012 clean-up event with 45 community volunteers weedwacking, pulling and raking weeds. A community greening grant of $450 from Parks and People Fdn paid for expenses incurred by the clean-up event.

Generous crews from Baltimore Rec 'n' Parks (Ron Rudisill) and Baltimore Municipal Golf Corp (Russell Bateman & Joe Szkolak) at Clifton Park
Golf Course began to mow weeds in the cemetery on a regular basis.

A Fall 2012 clean-up event on Rickey Meyers Day of Service brought over 75 volunteers to help weedwack, pull weeds, and cut down trees. Volunteers included 25 from Civic Works and Blue Water Baltimore. Another 25 volunteers came from Catholic High School for Girls. Other volunteers included new members of FoSVC who learned about our mission from reading Jacques Kelly's article in the Baltimore Sun.

Volunteers with chainsaws cut down 10 percent of the invasive Ailanthus trees. A huge brush pile of tree debris was left over after filling a dumpster to the top. Blessedly a crew from Clifton Park Golf Course will take care of cleaning up the brush pile.

Generous volunteers helped to raise awareness of St. Vincent Cemetery at the FoSVC table at the Irish Festival in November. We obtained a list of 45 people interested in helping at a Spring 2013 clean-up event at St. Vincent Cemetery.

Your end-of-year charitable donation to Friends of St. Vincent Cemetery will be used to pay for costs to develop the cemetery into a memorial park. The needs are many, but we are chipping away.

Stephanie Town

Baltimore County

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

Jeff and I stopped at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens on November 10th to visit my parents’ grave. As we were leaving I noticed a group of Boy Scouts placing flags in the Field of Honor. We stopped and the boys were agreeable (at their leaders’ urgings) to pose for the photograph below. The boys were from Cub Scout Pack 183 and BSA Pack 444 in Jacksonville, MD and the Young Marines.

Photographs and Article by Diane Nesmeyer

Frederick County

Men charged with stealing 76 vases from cemetery

FrederickNewsPost.com

September 28, 2012

Two men have been charged with stealing 76 vases from Resthaven Memorial Gardens near Frederick in a series of thefts in August and September. Employees of the cemetery that were moving the graves discovered the vases missing.

Employees at Reliable Recycling in Frederick reported to an investigator that one man that has been charged with the thefts brought in broken pieces of bronze vases several times to sell. An investigator noted that the amount of material the men brought in to sell equaled the amount of vases stolen in each incident. A record of the transaction, including copies of the men’s drivers’ licenses, the license plate number for their vehicle and a video showing one of the men selling the pieces of bronze were turned over to investigators.

Christopher Michal Wachter, 22 of Thurmont and Robert Michael Shriner, Jr, 34 of Hagerstown have been charged with theft of more than $10,000, operating a theft scheme, malicious destruction of property, and destroying funerary objects.

Richard Cody, President of Resthaven believes Maryland’s strict laws dealing with scrap sales and
Reliable’s adherence to those laws made these arrests possible. The cemetery is now working with the manufacturer for replacement vases.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Backup from Monocacy River floods part of Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick

The Republic
October 20, 2012

Associated Press

About 50 or 60 graves are located in the lower end of Resthaven Memorial Gardens and were under water. The lower end is always under threat of flooding after any major storm. Richard Cody, President of Resthaven indicated the flooding problem arose when the state re-engineered a bridge over the Monocacy River.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Montgomery County

Vandals destroy historic Brookeville cemetery

By Terri Hogan

The Gazette, October 10, 2012

Justin Stein, 18, with the assistance of friends, family, and scouts in his troop worked in Riggs family cemetery to bring dignity back to the burial ground that had fallen into disrepair. [Editors’ Note: Justin was presented with one Periwinkle Award at the Coalition’s 2012 Annual meeting. See the Summer issue for more information about this project.]

The work the group accomplished was marred sometime before September 30th when unknown suspects toppled one large monument and smashed a number of other stones at the site.

Robert Mosko, owner of Mosko Cemetery Monument Services estimated the damage at about $12,000.

A police report has been filed. Anyone with information is requested to contact the Fourth District Station at (240) 773-5500.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

The following article was written by President Eileen McGuckian and appeared in The Gazette on November 9, 2012

http://www.gazette.net/article/20121109/OPINION/711099618/1033/outraged-at-cemetery-vandalism&template=gazette

LETTER TO THE EDITOR -- October 19, 2012

Vandalism at historic Brookeville Cemetery

Dear Editor,

The Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites is appalled at the wanton destruction recently visited upon historic Riggs Cemetery in Brookeville. This is particularly galling since Justin Stine just finished working on this cemetery for his Eagle Scout project.

Recently, the Coalition awarded Justin its highest honor, the Periwinkle Award, for his dedicated work to bring Riggs Cemetery out of the shadows. We were touched by his neighbors and friends who also worked hard to help give the cemetery dignity. It is outrageous that their work has gone for naught. The perpetrators of this malicious crime must be found and brought to justice. Possibly they should do hours of community service on the very sacred ground they destroyed and put it back together.

The Coalition invites help to support Justin and Riggs Cemetery by volunteering to clean up and assist with repairs. To help, or with any information about this vandalism, contact Amanda Becker at acedgehill@hotmail.com

Eileen McGuckian, president
Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.

The Coalition was founded in 1991 to work for the protection and preservation of gravesites in Maryland.

Somerset County

Digital Journal

Hurricane Sandy pushes coffins out of graves in Maryland cemetery

October 31, 2012
Two caskets emerged from the ground in a cemetery on North Somerset Avenue in Crisfield. The cause included the winds of Sandy and the rain swollen ground that forced the two caskets to emerge.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer
Talbot County
The Daily Times of Salisbury

Man Finds Peace Cleaning Tombstones on Delmarva

By Brice Stump
November 11, 2012

Eric Drummer inherited a paper bag of genealogy research from his father in 2005. He reviewed the information his father had collected and decided that he wanted to learn more about the family. The quest for knowledge led Mr. Drummer to search for his family in the cemeteries where they were buried.

Mr. Drummer found that many stones were covered with dead grass and were very dirty. He put together a kit to carry with him so that he could clean up the stones before attempting to take any photographs.

Several months ago he stocked a pickup truck and opened “Drummer’s Gravesite Care”. He is a professional tombstone cleaner who also offers gravesite maintenance services.

Mr. Drummer is familiar with “do no harm” and has seen damage caused by good intentioned people. He uses all the correct tools and a biocide cleaner that attacks the growth but not the stone.

According to Samual “S.J.” Disharoon, a tombstone dealer in Salisbury, “The sun is the safest ‘bleach,’ a real powerhouse. If you get the growth and the pollutants off the stone, the sunlight can get to the stone, it will absolutely brighten it up over time.”

The Salisbury dealer also discussed the best way to protect a tombstone, “Bury it.”

[The remainder of the article dealt with how Mr. Drummer cleans the stones. It appears from the article that he is employing safe cleaning methods. This article was posted to our Facebook page by Ann Goodwin on November 11th.]

http://www.facebook.com/groups/308410799452/

Upcoming Cemetery Events

Green Mount Cemetery Walking Tours

Saturday, May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

Opened in 1839 as the city's first urban-rural cemetery, Green Mount is the final resting place of Johns Hopkins, Enoch Pratt, William and Henry Walters, Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Theodore McKeldin, John Wilkes Booth, Betsy Patterson, Walter Lord, and other famous Marylanders. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. from the main gate located at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street, and are led by Baltimore historian and educator Wayne R. Schaumburg. Reservations are required. For information, call 410-256-2180, or email: wayne.schaumburg@gmail.com.

Your Cemetery Event

Are you aware that your cemetery event can appear in this column? We are amazed by the number of cemetery events in Maryland that are not reported to the Courier. Our submission deadlines can be found on page 11. As soon as your group schedules an event, even if you don’t have details, please contact us so we can add a “save the date” to this column.

Your articles can be e-mailed to de_nesmeyer@yahoo.com, subject line “Courier Article”.

Thanks from your information-starved editors.
Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer
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The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition Objectives

The Coalition, through its members in each county, hopes to reach out to all areas of the state to:

Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.

Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.

Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.

Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites—Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.

Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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