

2014 Tour and Lecture Schedule of Cave Hill Cemetery

- **Historical Walking Tours:** May 4, June 8, Sept. 14, Oct. 26
All tours begin at 1:00 p.m./\$15 per person
- **Twilight Tours:** Apr. 26, May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 11*
All tours begin at 6:30 p.m./\$35 per person
**Begins at 5:30 p.m.*
- **Civil War Walking Tours:** June 7, Oct. 11
All tours begin at 9:00 a.m./\$15 per person/\$35 tour and book.
- **Evening Civil War Walking Tour:** May 10
Begins at 5:15 p.m./\$15 per person
- **Arboretum Tour:** June 7
Begins at 10:00 a.m./\$15 per person
- **Art & Artists Tours:** May 11, October 5
Tours begin at 1:00 p.m./\$15 per person
- **“Interactive” Bourbon Tours:** May 18, Sept. 14
Tours begin at 1:00 p.m./\$35 per person (wagon tour)
- **Lecture- “Resting in Peace: Civil War Leaders in Cave Hill Cemetery”-** June 28 (Crescent Hill Library at 10:30 a.m.), July 8 (St. Matthews Library at 2:30 p.m.) - led by Bryan Bush
- **Lecture- “The Past, Present, and Future of Cave Hill Cemetery: Louisville’s Landmark”-** May 6 (St. Matthews Library at 2:30 p.m.), and October 16 (Crescent Hill Library at 2:30 p.m.)- led by J. Michael Higgs



Tour group in the cemetery.



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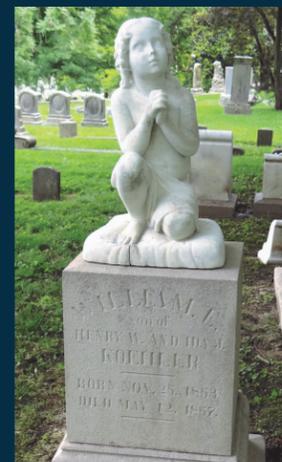
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Restoration In Progress



Before Restoration-
Section N Lot 57
William E. Koehler



After Restoration-
Section N Lot 57
William E. Koehler



Letter from the President



Dear Friend of Cave Hill Cemetery,

Cave Hill is a sacred place, rich in history and unsurpassed in beauty. I am especially thankful this spring that Louisville is blessed with one of the finest cemeteries in the country. My mother recently died, and is now laid to rest beside my father. It gives my family and me great comfort to know that generations of our family rest peacefully in a beautiful place that is financially strong and incredibly well-managed.

A regular feature of our newsletter is “Stories in Stone” and this issue includes an article on Julia Churchill Blackburn, who was wife of Gov. Luke Blackburn and a member of the family for whom Churchill Downs was named.

In this issue, you can read about and see photographs of recent foundation projects, including the restoration of the Rustic Shelter House. This fascinating structure has been turned into a mini-museum. This issue’s Plant Profile features the Devil’s Walkingstick. An article written by Cave Hill Cemetery’s Direc-

tor of Finance, Chris Rowan, about his participation in last fall’s run through Cave Hill is also included in this issue.

A listing of the 2013 photo contest winners and advertisement for the 2014 contest is also featured. I hope you enjoy seeing the beautiful photographs from last year’s contest, and if so inclined, will submit photos for the current contest.

One of the best ways to enjoy Cave Hill is by participating in one of the tours offered throughout the year. Please see the enclosed list of 2014 offerings.

There are many ways that you can help preserve the history, beauty, and sacred nature of Cave Hill. Please see the membership application form in this newsletter as well as recent financial information, and a list of foundation donors. A special thank you to LG&E for a recent grant that will help plant trees in the cemetery.

Strong community support is essential to Cave Hill’s mission and your support of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation is critical to our goals of restoration of monuments and historic buildings, preservation of the arboretum setting, and public education. Thank you for your support of Cave Hill!

Sincerely,

Paul J. Bickel, III



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Stories in Stone: Long and Beautiful Life Ends Death Comes to Mrs. Blackburn

Article was reprinted verbatim from the Louisville Post— Original publication date was December 27, 1922.

Mr. Blackburn was Governor of Kentucky. She was an almost daily visitor to the prison and spent many hours there comforting the charges of the State. During the Civil war she was among the most active workers among sick and wounded soldiers.

Born September 30, 1833, in the old Churchill home, which is now known as Spring Grove, located south of Park boulevard and west of Preston-street road, she was the daughter of Col. Samuel Churchill and Abigail Oldham Churchill. The old Churchill burial ground south of the Southern railway crossing and west of Poplar Level road, is now within Churchill Park, which was purchased by her three grand nephews, R.C. Thruston Ballard, Lieutenant Governor; Charles T. Ballard and Rogers C. Thruston.

One of sixteen children born of this union, Mrs. Blackburn, then Miss Julia Churchill, married Dr. Luke Blackburn in 1857. They had no children. In her early married life she took an active interest in Louisville, being a devout member of Christ Church Cathedral and a member of the Woman's Club and Colonial Dames.

Mrs. Churchill's paternal grandfather was Lieut. Col. William Oldham, who lost his life while commanding Kentucky troops at the battle of St. Clair's defense on November 4, 1791.

Churchill Downs, the historic race course here was named for two of her brothers, John Churchill and Henry Churchill, who were among the founders of the Jockey Club and pioneers in the local field of thoroughbred racing in Kentucky.

The death of Mrs. Blackburn recalls her celebrated husband, known the length and breadth of the South as a yellow fever expert and a man who risked his life many times to give battle to the dread disease. Dr. Blackburn was known as the "Hero of Hickman" after he had gone to that city to fight an epidemic there. He remained at Hickman until frost came, until the last case had been disposed of.

So widespread was Dr. Blackburn's fame as a result of his valiant work at Hickman as well as at other places in the South, his many friends prevailed upon him to make the race for governor. This rest is history. He won by an overwhelming majority. While in the governor's chair, he, though unused to political tactics, gave the State an efficient administration. His appointments were of men he believed capable. None were made by party bosses.

Widow of Former Gov. Luke Blackburn Was Noted for Her Good Deeds

Mrs. Julia Churchill Blackburn, 89 years old, widow of Governor Luke P. Blackburn, died Tuesday at the residence of her grandnephew, R.C. Thruston, 1338 South Third street. She was the youngest of sixteen children of an old and distinguished family and the last direct descendant of Col. Samuel Churchill.

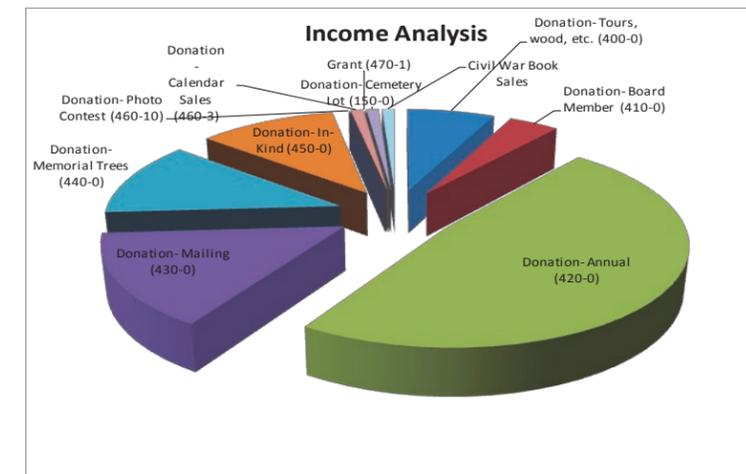
Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral. Burial will be private.

While Mrs. Blackburn had been in failing health for some time as she had a remarkable vitality that prolonged her life. She was not a woman to complain of her ailments and remained cheerful to the end. In recent years, as late as three years ago, she was able to go on a long trip throughout the Northwest.

Mrs. Blackburn is best known for her charitable work in the State Reformatory in Frankfort, while

Cave Hill Heritage Foundation 2013 Year-End Review

Analysis of Income & Highlights



- **Total Income: \$101,878.00**
- **24% of donors live outside the Louisville area**
- **119 monuments and markers were restored in 2013**
- **The Rustic Shelter House was restored and is in the process of being converted to a museum with Cave Hill Cemetery memorabilia**
- **"Cocktails by the Lake" was a major success**

2014 VIEWS OF CAVE HILL CEMETERY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Are you a photographer? Do you have good photographs of Cave Hill Cemetery?

Enter your photos of the natural setting of historic Cave Hill Cemetery in The Views of Cave Hill Cemetery photo contest.

Winning photos will be included in our calendar. Prizes will be awarded from local area businesses.

Rules and Regulations are posted on our website: www.cavehillcemetery.com

For more information, call J. Michael Higgs, Foundation Coordinator, 502.813.7761.



Contest Ends September 26, 2014

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2013 Views of Cave Hill Cemetery Photography Contest



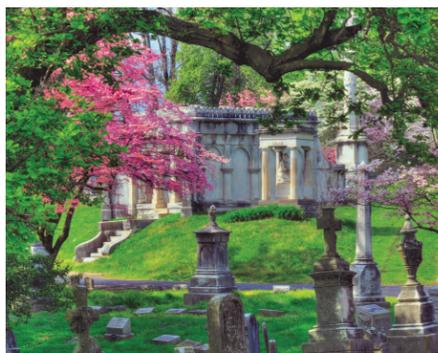
January– By Dara Cross



February– By Gertrude Hudson



March– By Justin Bidwell



April– By Howard Keesy



May– By Gertrude Hudson



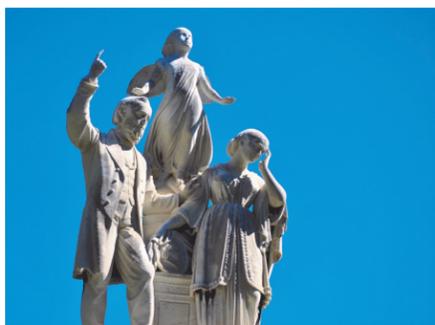
June– By Millie Farmer



July– By Tammy Ransdell



August– By Justin Brinley



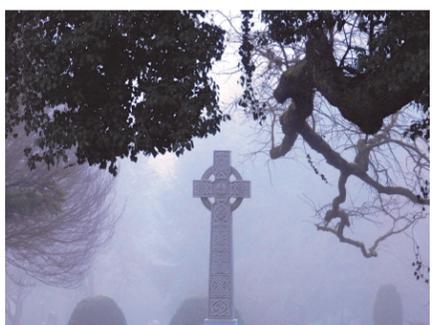
September– By Jessica Knecht



October– By Anita Finley



November– By George Jones



December– By Anita Finley

Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Receives LG&E “Plant for the Planet” Grant

By J. Michael Higgs

One hundred forty new trees will be added to the landscape of Cave Hill Cemetery due in part to a grant from Louisville Gas and Electric’s “Plant for the Planet” program.

The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation received \$1,438.00 from LG&E to purchase the trees, which must be planted by the end of the year. Terms of the grant specify that Cave Hill is required to match the financial award monetarily or through in-kind contributions. Our match contribution is \$8,504.00, bringing the total grant application to over \$9,900.00. Cemetery horticultural technicians will oversee tree planting and maintenance, and the cemetery will provide mulch or any other required materials for the effort (in-kind contribution).

Using this funding, we can continue to add to the variety of plant and

tree specimen in the cemetery, bringing our collection to well over 600 varieties. Many of our plants and trees are labeled with small green tags for easy identification.

Trees purchased with this year’s grant include an adequate mix of native and non-native species. For example, the following trees will be planted this year: Bihou Japanese Maple, Shin Dehojo Japanese Maple, Hearts of Gold Redbud, Little Woody Redbud, Constellation Dogwood, Blue Shadow Kousa Dogwood, Aka Tsuki Kousa Dogwood, American Beech, Weeping Wonder Ginkgo, Columnar Tulip Poplar, Colossus Magnolia, and Bur Oak.

One may wonder how we can purchase so many trees for such a low price. We buy our trees bare root and in smaller sizes from a west coast nursery. By doing this, we can purchase a wide variety of unusual trees in groups of 5 or 10. When they arrive in early Spring, we pot them in nursery containers, grow them all Summer,

and plant them on the grounds in the Fall.

The grant also specifies that trees must be planted and maintained under the auspices of the *Right Tree Right Place Program*, which takes into consideration the canopy, height, form/shape, growth rate, soil/sun/moisture requirements, and hardiness of each tree type. Each of these conditions is taken into account when any tree is planted in the cemetery.

Each year, nearly 50 trees are lost to old age and disease. Several years ago, Cave Hill Cemetery experienced the most catastrophic horticultural loss due to Hurricane Ike and the ice storm that crippled the city of Louisville. The cemetery has fully recovered from each of these incidents, but new trees are added each year to complement the existing variety of plant life that makes Cave Hill Cemetery Louisville’s most easily recognized arboretum.

New “Interactive” Bourbon Distillers Tour Offered

By J. Michael Higgs

Michael Veach, Kentucky’s Official Bourbon Historian, will lead a new tour of Cave Hill Cemetery this year called, “A Journey through Bourbon History at Cave Hill Cemetery”. Tours will be given on Sunday, May 18, 2014 and Sunday, September 14, 2014, beginning at 1:00 p.m. both days.

Veach will highlight biographical information for each distiller, important facts regarding their distillery and the brands produced, and much more. Participants will ride through the cemetery on our rustic tractor and wagon.

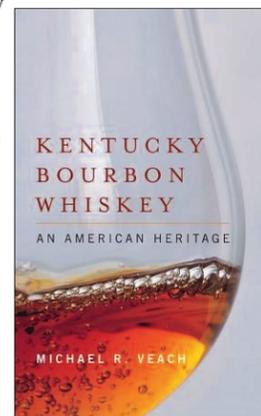
This will be the first interactive tour ever offered at Cave Hill Cemetery. Participants can utilize our app, called “Cemetery Tours” in the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store for smartphone users. The app is

free and is also available through the cemetery website, www.cavehillcemetery.com. Using the app, participants can follow along a GPS marked map of Cave Hill Cemetery and find photographs of the individuals highlighted and assorted videos of the distiller or their associated distillery as they are standing at the gravesite.

Veach’s book, *Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey: An American Heritage*, will be available for purchase and autographing during both tours.

Veach began working in the distillery industry in 1991 as an archivist for United Distillers, located in Louisville, Kentucky. The task of archiving documents from the Stitzel-Weller collection, which started as a graduate studies pro-

ject, soon launched into a full-time position. During his time in the industry, he was able to learn about distilled spirits from highly influential people, such as Ed Foote, Mike Wright, and Chris Morris. Morris is currently the Master Distiller for Brown Forman. In 1997, Veach began working for the Filson Historical Society as a Special Collections Assistant. From that point forward, he continued his studies of bourbon and was eventually inducted into the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame as the Official Historian of the industry.



View of Veach’s book.

You must RSVP for all tours by calling, 502-451-5630. Participation is limited to 19-20 participants per tour. Admission is \$35 per person, with all proceeds benefiting the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation.

Rustic Shelter House Has a New Purpose

By Lee Squires

Nestled alongside the cemetery's second largest Ginkgo tree, in Section H, is the Rustic Shelter House. It was designed by the firm of Drach & Thomas and constructed by Bittner & Just in



Historic photo of the Rustic Shelter House, circa 1895.

1882. The Cave Hill watchmen used it as shelter as they made rounds on patrol in the late 1800's. It is a replica of Queen Marie Antoinette's gardener cottages

from Le Petit Trianon Garden, located behind the Palace of Versailles in Paris, France. King Henry XVI built the garden cottage for Marie in 1783 as an escape from the palace life.

Cave Hill's first Superintendents, David and Robert Ross, were transplants from Scotland and had seen these eleven cottages at the garden during their travels.

The oak bark on the cottage's exterior is original and laid out in the St. Andrews Cross design. The Apostle, St. Andrew, was crucified "spread eagle" on an X-shaped cross, called a saltire, in the early part of the first century A.D. The Apostle Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and was canonized as the Patron Saint of Scotland.

Cave Hill gardeners began using

the structure as shelter and tool storage in the early 1900's for over 100 years. The foundation is made of native limestone and the floor joists are Poplar, which make the structure virtually termite proof.

An interesting note is that the extravagant and arrogant Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded for treason in 1793, nine months after King Henry XVI was beheaded during the French Revolution. Her reported last words, as she knelt under the guillotine and stepped on the toe of her executioner were, "Monsieur, I beg your pardon." At least, she was able to enjoy her cottages at Le Petit Trianon for 10 years before her execution.

In 2013, the Rustic Shelter House was refurbished by the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation and converted into a mini-museum of sorts. The Foundation paid for the clean-up, interior painting, and gutter repairs. It will house various artifacts from the early days of gardening and history of Cave Hill.

Plant Profile: Devil's Walkingstick or Hercules Club: *Aralia spinosa*

By Lee Squires

A good question to start my article with is, What shrub or small tree in the temperate (non-tropical) continental United States has the largest leaf?

The average person could guess all day long and not come up with the correct answer. You probably have guessed it by now; it is the Devil's Walkingstick. This is a great trick question for your friends.

Native to the Atlantic coast, southeastern U.S. and into Texas, it was introduced into the U.S. in 1688. This small tree is unique for several reasons. The leaves are clustered at the ends of the branches and are tripinnately compound with stems three to four feet long

and 2 ½ feet wide. These multi-stemmed leaves have 2-3 inch leaflets running all along the leaf stems. The average non-horticulturist would call the leaflet the leaf. The stems are lined with prickles (small thorns) and it has an exotic tropical appearance. The coarse trunks can grow to 15-20 feet in height in the Louisville area and they too, are lined with sharp, stout thorns. The devil must have been a pretty tough guy, but he would need a pair of leather gloves to use a branch as a walkingstick!

It grows from underground suckers and will quickly fill a shrub bed making an impenetrable tangle of unfriendly trunks. The flowers are unusual too. Creamy white with a lemony fragrance and growing in lacy clusters, they grow three to four feet

above the terminal leaves showing in late summer and increase its exotic appearance. Reportedly, the native Indians would eat the black, berry-like fruit produced after flowering in the Fall.

Our original grove was planted in Cave Hill around 1930 in Section 10, and always draws attention from visitors. A 1980's storm broke down a beautiful beech tree on a hillside along the south end of our main lake creating an erosion problem. That Spring, we dug up several underground suckers from our mother grove and planted them along this slope. They quickly covered the area, stopped the erosion and the thorny trunks gave our swans a

Plant Profile: Devil's Walkingstick or Hercules Club: *Aralia spinosa*

safe refuge to build a nest and discourage predators. Come visit and check them out.



Stem of Devil's Walkingstick.

Using it in the small home landscape has some drawbacks. It is coarse, hard to contain and has thorns. However, in a larger land-

scape situation it works well by being tough and insect free. Used on the perimeter of a property, to be seen from a distance, it will become a formidable



Blooms appear in summer.

force against a nosy neighbor or cut off a route for neighborhood deer that frequent your garden.



Layered leaf arrangement.

Half Marathon Runs Through Cemetery

By Chris Rowan

The Louisville Sports Commission holds a mini-marathon race each fall. In early 2013, the Commission approached the cemetery about the race and a course change they wanted to make. Normally, the race is held on a Sunday morning, which causes the closing of our cemetery and creates major problems for churches along the route. The Commission asked the cemetery to allow the race to run through Cave Hill, and since there were mutual benefits to all parties, cemetery managers allowed the course change and run through the cemetery. As a runner and employee of Cave Hill Cemetery, I was excited about the opportunity to run a leg of the half-marathon through Cave Hill.

Race day came, and excitement was in the air. The star spangled banner played as roughly 2,000 runners gathered on Main Street. The temperature at start time was 29 degrees. I pushed forward in the starting line as far as I could, mostly because there is warmth in the masses, but also because I like to start out near the head of the pack. Several wheelchair racers headed up the start. Included in the field was a blind gentleman who was led through the race by a guide runner. As the clock ran down to zero, the starting

gun fired and we were off and racing.

The course took runners down Main Street to Baxter Avenue, then left onto Lexington Road, alongside Cave Hill's massive brick wall, built in the early 1900's. We ran past Grinstead and turned right into Cherokee Park. The steep hills of Cherokee Park provided a daunting task to many runners, including me. Exiting the park, we turned right onto Cherokee Parkway, then left onto Grinstead Drive for another uphill run to the cemetery entrance. Upon entering the cemetery, we passed the Columbarium, which was built in 1916 as a way station for cemetery visitors. In 2000, it was transformed into a Columbarium for the memorialization of cremated remains.

We turned left on to the main cemetery road and ran past the administration building and into the older sections of the cemetery. It is primarily in these older sections where the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation has refurbished many of the historic art works and monuments. Up another short hill, and we were on the beautiful tree-lined drive to the Broadway gate. Exiting the gate, we had completed 8

miles. Only 5.1 miles to go! The course took the runners down Baxter to Jefferson Street, then back over to Main Street for the final leg of the race.

Crossing the finish line, participants were given a Fleur de Lis half-marathon medal and all the water they could drink. As I walked along the throngs of exhausted runners, many were commenting on how awesome it was to



Photo of medallion.

run through Cave Hill Cemetery. It certainly made the run special to me, but to other runners as well. Shortly after the race, I went online to check my time. Two hours two minutes and some change, a personal best! Thank you Cave Hill Cemetery!