

Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

January 2017



Lee Mission Cemetery 2104 D Street Salem, OR 97301

From the President:

As we move forward into the new year we will be facing both old and new challenges. Security at the cemetery has been an issue. We have Pro Star Security opening and closing the gate each date. They patrol the cemetery and handle issues as they arise. They have been a pleasure to work with. In addition, the Salem Police Department has expanded their watch on the cemetery and can often be seen in adjoining parking lots writing their reports and providing a presence in the area. It is much appreciated.

We have once again been blessed with volunteers who have helped with maintenance at the cemetery. The First Methodist Church and several of the local LDS Stakes have worked to trim trees, weed Diamond Square as well as general cleanup in the various areas of the cemetery. Tom Bowers has been the primary force in seeing to the maintenance of the cemetery. He co-ordinates volunteers, picks up garbage and does too many jobs to mention in this small space. Our appreciation for what he does cannot be summed up in a few words. Jerry Shay of J P Services continues to mow and provide maintenance as well. It takes many hands to maintain the cemetery and all help is appreciated. Anyone wishing to volunteer time can contact Tom at (503) 851-1803.

Sales of plots in the newer section have been on-going. Many thanks to Rick Hilts for taking on this task. He does an outstanding job of handling the issues involved in the sale of a plot.

Project Update:

Shed Roof: The leaking shed roof was replaced this fall with a new metal roof. Additional work needs to be done on the fascia boards. This summer a fresh coat of paint will be in order for the exterior of the shed. Thanks to Sean O'Harra for overseeing the roof project.

Blackberries: The blackberry situation is still a problem. At one point, we had hoped that the State Corrections would send a group to get them under control but that appears to not be happening. The blackberry bushes need to be cut down and hauled away so that they can be sprayed and kept under control. Several options have been explored but no solution to the problem has been found up to this point. The problem is complicated by the fact that they are on a rather steep hill at the back of the cemetery. If they can be eradicated it would be nice to plant native plants in that area to add to the historic nature of the cemetery.

Cherry Tree: This summer one of the oldest cherry trees in the cemetery had to be removed. A large limb broke off clear into the trunk. It was estimated to be around 100 years old. Visitors to the cemetery loaded up on cherries. One group stopped by to visit a grave on their way to lunch but spent so much time eating cherries that they declared that they probably didn't need lunch any more. The wood was donated to a local carving club.

Diamond Square Railing: The company that was contracted to do the railing surrounding Diamond Square became backed up with several large projects and kept putting the cemetery project off. In the end, they refunded our deposit. A local company, that came highly recommended, has agreed to assume the project. They can do some of the basic work during periods of fair weather this winter and spring but any sealing and painting will wait until the warmer weather this summer.

Dog Walkers: This summer a small garbage can was placed near the entrance of the cemetery as a deposit for dog waste. It is our hope that people walking their dogs will pick up after them. It would be so disheartening for someone visiting a loved one to find dog waste on the grave. We encourage dog walkers to bring their own bags and pick up after their dogs out of respect for those buried at the cemetery.

Headstones: We have several headstones that are either broken or that have been dislodged from their base. We are getting an estimate on the cost to restore them. It will probably be a project that will be attended to this spring or summer when the weather is better suited for the materials needed to complete the repairs.

Fence: In December the front fence was damaged by a car that jumped the curb and knocked down a couple of sections. The car left the scene before police arrived. It was an out of state vehicle and although we have a license plate number it may take some time to track down the driver. It is questionable as to whether the cemetery can get restitution for the expense of the repair.

Rev. Erastus Otis Haven, DD, LL, D
35th Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church



Bishop Erastus Otis Haven was born in Boston, Massachusetts, November 1, 1820. He graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, in 1842, and soon after entered the ministry. He was appointed teacher of natural science in the Amenia Seminary, N.Y., and in 1845 was elected principal of that Institution. In 1854 he was elected professor of Latin and Greek in the University of Michigan. In 1865 he was elected editor of the Zion's Herald and Wesleyan Journal, the oldest Methodist newspaper in the world. He immediately returned to Boston to take charge of that paper, which position he held for many years

During his residence in Boston, he was called to serve the people in the legislature of Massachusetts. Subsequently he was called to the presidency of the University of Michigan. He afterwards became president of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.

Some years later he was elected president of the university located at Syracuse, N.Y. At the 1881 session of the general conference of the M.E. church of the United States. He was elected bishop and sent to serve in the southern states. He was then assigned to the Pacific coast. He immediately took up his residence in San Francisco. His first opportunity to preside at any conference, was in Oregon, but death came on August 2, 1888 closing his career before the conference met.

Rev. Haven left behind many valuable works, which were published from time to time during his active life. He is buried in Lee Mission Cemetery in the old section of the cemetery in Plot OLD 188-01.

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