28th Annual

Cemetery Walk

At Bluff City Cemetery

945 Bluff City Blvd. • Elgin, Illinois

Sunday, September 27, 2015

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Welcome to the 28th Annual Historic Cemetery Walk
A BRIEF HISTORY

When the old Elgin Cemetery on Channing Street began to reach capacity, the city of Elgin bought land at its southeast corner for a municipal cemetery. The Gifford family and the Whitcomb family at one time owned the land. Bluff City was opened in 1889 and graves from the Channing Street location were gradually moved to the new site. While their final resting place may be Bluff City Cemetery, those who died before 1889 had a temporary resting place elsewhere. If you see a grave marker with the date of death prior to 1889 you can be assured that it was moved here from the Channing Cemetery. Even though Bluff City was opened in 1889, internments continued at Channing until the final burial took place there in 1906.

Bluff City Cemetery consists of 107.8 acres of land. Albert Marckhoff, one of the five Marckhoff brothers, was the only one not to follow in the family tradition of brick- or stonemason. Albert was the first sextant, or supervisor, of the cemetery, and laid out the first 12 sections.
Two Old Broads

What will they talk about? Who knows?
They're Two Old Broads!

Mondays 3-4PM on WRMN 1410 AM Radio
CAST

Annetta Jens — Linda Rock
Vignette — Sue Moylan, Rick Grimm
James T. Gifford — Mike Delehoy
Vignette — Jim & Sara Ellen Anderson, Jim Turner
David & Emily Scofield — August & Bonnie Conte
Emeline Church Borden — Beth Hudson
Vignette — Jeff Morello
Vignette — Kathleen Grimm
Bernhard Hagelow — Andrew Cuming
Vignette — Marge Edwards, Carrie Edwards, Lisa Eby

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2015 CEMETERY WALK

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Jerry Turnquist — 1988-1993
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ANNETTA JENS
1910-1990
PORTRAYED BY LINDA ROCK

Annette Jens was born in Elgin, Illinois, the daughter of Bert and Annette Fish Pease. She married Albert Jens in 1936. She was associated with Jens Potato Chip Company and later became owner of Jens Popcorn with her husband Albert Jens. Along with tons of popcorn, the Company made and sold “Jens-etts” and “Korn-nuggets” (flavored corn cakes). Many people got their first taste of Jens popcorn at the flea markets in Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

JAMES T. GIFFORD
1800-1850
PORTRAYED BY MICHAEL DELEHOY

James T. Gifford was born in New York and married Laura Raymond in 1823. Along with his brother Hezekiah, the two men traveled west arriving in the Fox River valley in 1835.

Quoting E.C. Mike Alft, "James Talcott Gifford, the founder of Elgin was a devoutly religious man of many talents. Farmer, teacher, surveyor and mechanic, he brought to his new town in the west a vision of its future and the determination to make that dream possible."
DAVID SCOFIELD
1803-1891
PORTRAYED BY AUGUST CONTE

Born in New York in 1803, he was a direct descendant of Daniel and Mary Scofield, who came to America from England in 1639. David Scofield came West in 1847 for the purpose of purchasing land to start a tree nursery business. At one time his nursery contained 10,000 trees and he was involved in several horticultural societies. He married Sally King, his first wife in 1827 and they had seven children. She died in 1842. He then married Emily Larkin in 1854 and they had one child. David and Emily lived in a beautiful mansion on Spring St. in Elgin. This mansion became the first Gail Borden Library in 1894.

EMILY SCOFIELD
1826-1884
PORTRAYED BY BONNIE CONTE

Emily Scofield was born in Vermont, the daughter of Cyrus and Sarah Larkin and came to Elgin with her family in 1837. After her marriage to David Scofield she was active in church and missionary work. She was also very active in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She was considered a lady of considerable influence.
Emeline E. Church Borden
1808-1890
Portrayed by Beth Hudson

Emeline Eno was born in Colbrook, Connecticut. Her first husband, Hiram Church, was a fur trader. This occupation brought them to the Fox Valley. When Hiram died in 1857, Emeline and her sons returned to Connecticut. It was here that she met Gail Borden, the inventor of the condensed milk process. They were married in 1860. She was known for her quiet and kind ways of reaching out to those in need.

Bernhard Hagelow
1830-1907
Portrayed by Andrew Cuming

Bernhard Hagelow was born in Germany and came to America at the age of 19. He learned the art of paper making in Germany and used his skill to make tar paper roofing in South Elgin. Unfortunately his plant was destroyed by fire and he lost his entire fortune. With the fortitude and enterprise which was characteristic of him, he started a successful business as a beer distributor.
VIGNETTE ONE
SEXTON RESIDENCE
SUE MOYLAN, RICK GRIMM

VIGNETTE TWO
HOLDING VAULT
JIM & SARA ELLEN ANDERSON, JIM TURNER

VIGNETTE THREE
2 OLD HEAD STONES
KATHLEEN GRIMM

VIGNETTE FOUR
CIVIL WAR MUSIC
JEFF MORELLO

VIGNETTE FIVE
SINGING LADIES
MARGE EDWARDS, CARRIE EDWARDS, LISA EBY
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Locations

Vignette 5: Singing Ladies
Vignette 4: Old Headstones
Vignette 3: Civil War Music
Vignette 2: Holding Vault
Vignette 1: Sexton’s Home

1. Amelia Jenks
2. James T. Gifford
3. David & Emily Scofield
4. Emeline Borden
5. Bernard Higby
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Daniel Burnham, architect of the 1909 Chicago Plan, leads you through the history of the city he loved so well, from the Fort Dearborn Massacre to the Columbian Exposition of 1893, from the Union Stockyards to the city’s fabulous architecture. Burnham will introduce you to the people and events that shaped the “Windy City,” and helped transform it from the “Wild Onion” to the “City of the Big Shoulders.” Burnham also had a hand in shaping Elgin with the first City of Elgin Plan in 1917.

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2015 ELGIN HISTORY MUSEUM ANNUAL BENEFIT
Bluff Spring Fen is an Illinois Nature Preserve. It is nearly 100 acres in size, with Poplar Creek forming its west boundary. Its rolling terrain includes six distinct plant communities; savanna, medic prairie, dry hill prairie, sedge meadow, marsh and the wetland fens for which it gets its name. Each community has its own set of plants and its own beauty.

There are 15 endangered species there, and many other rare and threatened species. Almost 100 different bird species visit the site each year, with over 35 of them staying to nest on the site. More than 55 different butterflies and over 20 dragonflies and damselflies have been counted. Frogs, turtles, snakes and salamanders live in the fen as well. Deer, raccoons, woodchucks, mice, voles, squirrels, and other mammals live there too, although the increase in the coyote population in the area has thinned out the woodchucks quite a bit.

A walking trail runs through the main part of the preserve and is open to the public every day of the year.

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