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## *A few things*

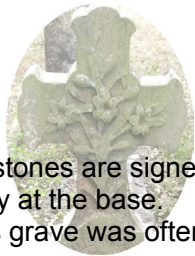
### *to remember .....*

- \* Wear appropriate footwear. The walkway is an uneven shell path that loops through the cemetery. Beware of ants, sand spurs & thorns.
- \* No dogs, they can damage historic monuments.
- \* There are no restroom facilities.
- \* Do not walk or stand on the graves, it is disrespectful & you might fall through!
- \* Parking is not allowed inside the cemetery.
- \* The cemetery hours are from Dawn to Dusk.
- \* A cemetery is not a playground please don't play on graves, monuments or statues.
- \* No rubbings allowed.

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### *to look for .....*

- \* Signatures: Many headstones are signed by the stone carver, usually at the base.
- \* Lamb carvings: A child's grave was often marked with a sleeping lamb.
- \* Secret Societies: Several Masonic Bodies and Friendly Societies are represented in Oak Grove.
- \* In the summer after it rains the cemetery is filled with "rain lilies."



## *A few things for fun .....*

### **Headstone Markings**

K of P - Knights of Pythias  
d/o, s/o - Daughter or Son of  
WOW - Woodmen of the World  
CSA - Confederate States of America  
UCV - United Confederate Veterans



Coastal Brass Choir Concert in Oak Grove Cemetery

## *Oak Grove Cemetery*

Oak Grove is a Victorian Era cemetery established by the city of Brunswick in 1838. Originally ten acres, the boundaries were reduced to three acres in 1871. There are more than 1200 graves, 418 unmarked and over 60 unknown. Around 200 Civil War soldiers both Confederate and Union are buried at Oak Grove

## *Oak Grove Cemetery Society*

Due to years of neglect and vandalism concerned citizens incorporated the Oak Grove Cemetery Society (OGCS) in 2014. The dedicated purpose of this all volunteer, non-profit is to support the city of Brunswick, with the protection, preservation and promotion of historic Oak Grove Cemetery.

## *Membership*

Anyone who has the desire to protect and preserve this place of Brunswick's history and heritage may become a member of OGCS. For a membership form or more information email: [cemeteryoakgrove@gmail.com](mailto:cemeteryoakgrove@gmail.com)

## *Contribution Info*

Your donations make our efforts possible and can be mailed to: Oak Grove Cemetery Society, P.O. Box 3029, Brunswick, GA 31521.

## *Historic Walking Tours*

Guided walking tours are available to groups of five or more for a donation of \$5.00 per person. A "symbolism" tour is our most popular. To learn more about the tours offered or to book a tour email: [cemeteryoakgrove@gmail.com](mailto:cemeteryoakgrove@gmail.com)  
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# *Oak Grove Cemetery*

*A Victorian Cemetery ca. 1838*

Corner of MLK & 1500 Mansfield St. Brunswick, GA



## *A Public*

## *Place to*

## *Encounter*

## *History,*

## *Heritage*

## *and*

## *Tranquility*



*A  
self-guided  
tour*





# Oak Grove Cemetery, Brunswick, GA ca. 1838

## A Self Guided Tour

### 1. \*The Lamp of Eternal Flame The Gate Posts



The posts of the gates around the cemetery have a lamp with a flame on top. Victorian symbolism abounds here. The flame represents the eternal presence of God in a sin-darkened world.

### 2. \*Col. Charles Lyon Schlatter (27/B) 1808-1886

Lumber and the Railroads created the "boom" times of Brunswick in the late 1800s. Col. Schlatter was the founder of the BWK & Albany R.R. The town Schlatterville between Brunswick & Waycross was named for him.



### 3. \*Douglas Gilbert Risley (25B) 1838-1882

In 1867 he founded the Risley School for Freedmen. He wrote, "Had I a thousand lives & the laying of them down would release a thousand slaves, I would give them."

### 4. Charles Day (93/B) 1801-1885

Father-in-law of Sidney Lanier, the famous GA poet who wrote *The Marshes of Glynn* on one of his many visits to Brunswick. See the Historic Marker on 1000 Albany St.



### 5. \*Eula Brown Dunwoody (82/B) 1867-1890

This enchanting sculpture (See Cover) is a perfect example of the romantic funerary art popular during the Victorian Era. Eula Dunwoody died four months after marrying a prominent Brunswick, lawyer. He honored her with this marble statue. Years later he would be murdered in his downtown office.

### 6. \*James Alexander Clubb Jr. (96/B) 1827-1889

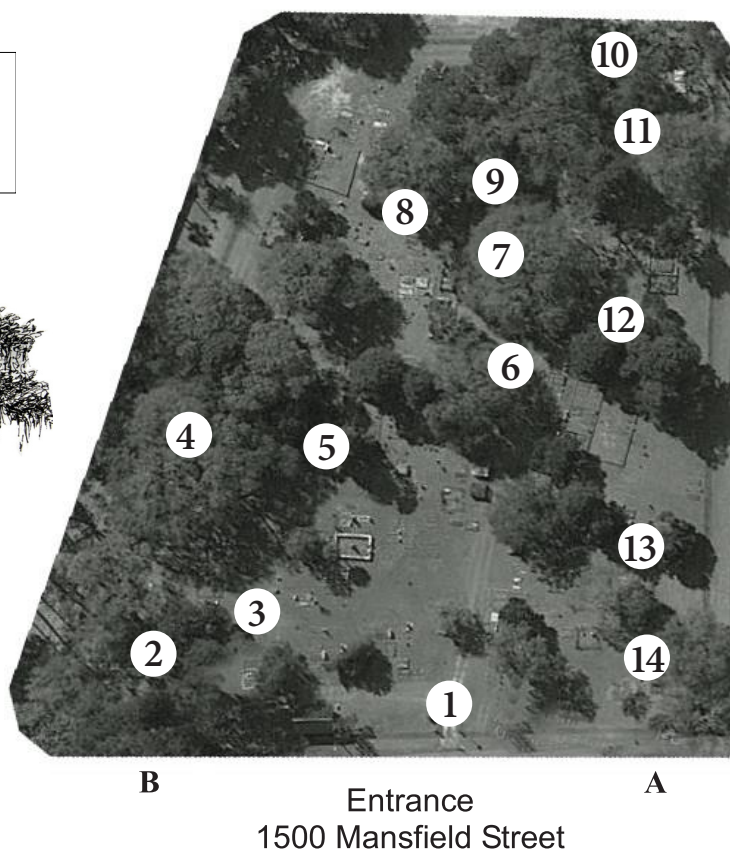


The Lighthouse Keeper on Little Cumberland who piloted the ship *The Wanderer*. It was the slave ship that brought slaves into the U.S. (Jekyll) after slavery became illegal. Clubb turned states's evidence on the owners in a sensational trial. See Memorial on Jekyll.

### 7. \*Urbanus Dart (113/B) 1800-1883

Born in the Indian Station, Colerain, he became a founding father of Brunswick. He served in the GA. State legislature. His father was a close friend of George Washington.

NOTE: The cemetery is divided by a shell path. As you stand at the entrance, on your left is the B side, and on your right is the A side.



### 8. George C Dent (162/B) 1821-1884

George & his wife Ophelia owned the lands and built the home at Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation. It is one of the last remaining antebellum rice plantations in Georgia. Hofwyl is a National Historic Site and is open for tours. Hofwyl was named for a school in Switzerland that George attended.

### 9. \*May Templeton (158/B) died 1871

The Grand Opera House in BWK was host to many traveling theater troupes. The John Templeton Opera company was a favorite. While in BWK, one of his 2 little girls (May) died and was buried here. Her sister went on to become the well-known actress Fay Templeton! Mysteriously little Mays' headstone was stolen and only the foot stone remains.



### 10. \*Bryan Wechsler (97/A) 1885-1886

He was called to heaven at the tender age of 14 mos. Known as the little boy with The "sleeping angel" on his tombstone.



### 11. \*Treestones - A. Johannesen (79/A)

The Woodmen of the World in the 1800s had a motto for their members - "No man shall rest in an unmarked grave." There were conditions - one of them, you could not hold a "dangerous" job such as bar-tending! Many Treestones here.

### 12. Phineas M. Nightingale (56/B) 1820-1894

On a trip from New England in the 1790's Phineas' Grandmother, Catherine Greene convinced Eli Whitney to come to her plantation (Mulberry Grove) in Savannah. This trip brought about the development of the Cotton Gin.



### 13. Sir Rosendo Torras (30/A) 1851-1929

Knighted by the Swedish King Gustaf for his service to the crown, Rosendo came to Brunswick in the late 1890's as a commander of a sailing ship. His son, Fernando was the engineer who built the F.A. Torras Causeway to St. Simons Island in 1924. It had always been said that here was no way a road could be built from the island to the mainland.

### 14. \*Maria Campbell Blain (11/A) 1845-1936

Brunswick's "Miss Maria" was one of the seamstresses who made the first local Confederate flag, *The Stars and Bars*, used by the Brunswick Riflemen.

Martin Luther King Boulevard

\*\* Learn more about these people by booking one of our tours. See Back for details.

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