



Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church - Established 1826

HAYNES CREEK BULLETIN

November 2017

By Larry Rutledge

A Newsletter from the Haynes Creek Cemetery
Committee – Founded 1947

Precious in the sight of the
Lord is the death of His saints.
Psalms 116:15

God continues to bless the work on the cemetery of which I am very thankful. You also are keeping your family plots neat and you continue to contribute to the cemetery fund that provides for the ongoing maintenance. You have been so good and we on the committee appreciate you so much. I want also to thank our committee for their work in maintaining our historic cemetery.

We are in need of some more people to work on the committee. We now have a good number but some have not been able to be active. If you would like to help as a volunteer; please let me know. We would like to ask you that are interested to commit if possible to be at the 4 meetings and 2 workdays each year. Also, throughout the year we may do some extra work but historically it hasn't been very much. Please let me know if you are interested.

We are in the process of determining grave sites that are possibly available for sale. We are asking you if you own grave sites that don't have some sort of coping around it, to do the coping ASAP and notify us so we don't

include it in our list of grave sites for sale. Thank you so much for your help.

PROJECTS

Because of the LORD's help, the committee's work, and your support, several good projects have been completed.

Some that need to be completed are: 1. Installation of a large monument with the names of those buried in unmarked graves that we have on hand. 2. Attaching a number on the plat for the newly installed unknown markers. 3. Determine grave sites available for possible sale.

UNUSED GRAVE SITES

If you have some sites that you feel will never be used, you can donate them back to the cemetery committee for a tax donation. This will help in using the empty sites and contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery work.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Founded in 1947-All Voluntary
Evelyn Elliott
Harold Landress, Landscaping Management 770-979-1636
Chris Rutledge- Management of Grave Placement and Sales (when available) 770-861-2528
Tracy Moon
Susan Pierson-770-931-1561

Chloe Rutledge, Vice Chairman
770-922-1589
Stephen Rutledge
Larry Rutledge-Chairman
770-972-2008
Janice Rutledge-Secretary
770-972-2008
Nan Wilson
Tony Wood
Dwight McCart
Jim Coker-770-366-5945
Dey Smith
Greg Smith
Rickey Brooks New Treasurer –
770-466-4443
Bobby Basford

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Dwight McCart and his family in the passing of his wife of 45 years, Jeannine. She passed away August 6, 2017 and her body was laid to rest at the Snellville Historical Cemetery.

Our oldest committee member, Mrs. Nell Foster passed away October 21, 2016. She was 110 years old and I believe she served on the committee since its' beginning. Mrs. Foster was a very sweet lady and was very devoted to Haynes Creek Cemetery work. I remember one work day she was working like a 50 year old and she was then in her 90's. She loved the church even though her membership was elsewhere and contributed much to the cemetery work. We miss

Mrs. Foster's sweet spirit and that wonderful positive personality. Our condolences go out to Mrs. Foster's family and friends.

We noted above that Rickey Brooks is our new Treasurer. Thank you so much Rickey for doing this work. Greg Smith needed to give it up to spend more time in his volunteer work with his daughters' school band. Thank you so much Greg for your work as Treasurer. Thank you for staying on the committee and helping in the overall work.

WEB SITE

Please remember to use www.haynescreekcemetery.com to get on the website. You can't simply google and get the correct one. I want to thank Scott Thomas again for making this website possible by writing, updating and paying to keep it on line. Thank you so much Scott.

COPING

As I referred to earlier and have several times in the past, please put coping around your site. This is, because of limited records, our only way of knowing if it belongs to someone. This is now most important as we work to determine gravesites available for possible sale.

MAILING LIST

Please ask your family to have their names and addresses placed on our mailing list. This is the life blood of our cemetery fund. We absolutely don't share this with anyone else. It is simply used to keep family members informed.

BEFORE YOU DIG

You must notify Chris Rutledge, 770-861-2528 before you have a grave dug. This way we can better manage the cemetery and know who is buried where. Also, when you have a grave dug, notify the funeral home not to dump excess dirt on church/cemetery property. We have no place to put it. If it does happen a \$1000.00 charge will be charged to the funeral home. They must take it with them.

WORK DAYS

We have 2 each year the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Saturday in April and we invite you to come and help. I would like to thank publicly those that worked the last 2 workdays; Tony Stevens, Rickey Brooks, Susan Pierson, Chloe Rutledge, Kristy McCullers, Jim Coker, Janice & Larry Rutledge. Even though we have a company that maintains the cemetery, we mainly tidy up and do away with old bad looking flowers. We start work at 10 am and usually finish by 1 pm.

CLEANING POLICY

We as a committee normally do not work inside a family plot but we will do away with old looking flowers, etc. We ask you to please keep your flowers changed out before we have to do it.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The last service was our 12th annual one held April 24, 2016. We had a very good attendance. Chloe Rutledge gave a presentation of Mr. Austin Webb who is the man that donated land for the first church building here. We had several members from

his family present. If you are interested in having the information of Austin Webb you can email Chloe Rutledge with the subject being Austin Webb at chloerutledge@comcast.net.

Some folks from the audience told of memories of loved ones buried here. We also talked about the people buried here since our service last year.

Bobby Basford shared about the life of Mrs. Nell Foster who was a longtime member of the Cemetery Committee. Rev. Ron & Deb Cole brought beautiful music. Pastor Bryan Boyles shared a great devotion. It was a meaningful service. Praise the Lord.

Our next service is planned for April 29, 2018. The theme for it is to remember and honor our vets. We would like to ask you to notify us of the people buried here that served in the Armed Services. We would like to keep a record of their service; so please let us know where, when, and, if you know, their rank at the time of discharge. Please notify the following with info on veterans: Chloe Rutledge, Susan Pierson, Jim Coker or Rickey Brooks. This year (2017) was the 100 year anniversary of WWI. We plan to remember those that have given so much to protect our country and others around the world and most of all to honor our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be held at 3:00 pm.

BURIALS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

Raymond Bradberry, Sec. 3-1213, Died 10-15-2016.

Edith E. Sigman, Sec. 3-833,
Died 02-03, 2017.

Elyse Cox, Sec. 4-137, Died 02-
05-2017.

Doris R. Wilkerson, Sec. 3-686,
Died 02-15-2017.

Marjorie B. Baker, Sec. 4-337,
Died 05-22-2017.

We offer condolences and
prayers for the families of these
loved one.

KEEPING THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE

Please send us info on your
loved ones buried here. Stories
of these are so interesting as we
remember their lives. You can
honor them so much by giving
us the info that we can keep on
file and maybe use in the future
in newsletters, memorial
services and who knows we
might someday have tours of
the cemetery and tell stories of
individuals buried here. Send to
Larry_rutledge@bellsouth.net
or mail to 3404 Skyland Drive,
Loganville, GA 30052.

PEOPLE OF THE PAST

Wendell and Mary Hewatt

Over the years, the Hewatt family
has served the Gwinnett County
community as preachers, produce
peddlers, and store proprietors.
Primitive Baptists would travel to
hear preacher Joseph Crancel
Hewatt (b. May 17, 1867, d.
February 18, 1948) deliver a
rousing sermon, and his son
Henry Thomas Hewatt (b. June
22, 1897, d. August 28, 1968)
rode through local towns selling
produce from the back of his
truck. But, it was Henry and his
wife Nellie Mae's son, Wendell

Thomas Hewatt, born on May 3,
1915, and Wendell's wife Mary
Elizabeth Kilgore, born March 4,
1919, that brought the Hewatt
family to Lenora Church Road.
Having married during the Great
Depression on April 17, 1937,
Wendell and Mary had moved
their family sixteen times before
saving enough money to
purchase the four room Lenora
schoolhouse for a home in 1948.
They moved in with their three
sons, Glenn, Franklin and Alfred,
and only daughter, Joann, and
began operating the small
convenience store that was also
on the property. Along with gas,
the store sold small items like
candy and tobacco, and local men
could often be found playing
checkers around the heater,
which was a pot belly stove. In
1951, Wendell and Mary had
another son, Marvin, completing
a blessed family of five children.

In addition to managing the store
on Lenora Church Road, Wendell
and Mary had several
occupations. At the age of 13,
Wendell went to work at Mac
Brannan's Store in Stone
Mountain to help support his
brothers and sisters. It was a job
that would become part of the
Hewatt legacy as the Hewatt
children continue to own and
operate convenience stores today.

After marrying, Wendell was a
spinner at Milstead Mills,
produce truck driver, and a
Gwinnett County bus driver. He
also operated another store on
Hwy. 78 in Stone Mountain.

Wendell was a young deacon at

Haynes Creek and often made
appearances with his oxen-pulled
covered wagon at the Gwinnett
County Fair. Many children who
grew up on Lenora Church Road
have photos of themselves with
big grins sitting on the wagon
seat behind the oxen.

Mary helped run the store and
manage the family's money while
working at Walton
Manufacturing, which made
men's suits, in Loganville. She
was an excellent cook, known for
her fried chicken, hot biscuits and
sweet potato pie, and a skilled
seamstress and quilter. She made
quilts for every family member,
even preparing several for future
great grandchildren she would
never meet. Mary was a faithful
member of Lenora Baptist
Church.

Wendell had a massive heart
attack and passed away in 1968.
The service was at Haynes Creek
with three preachers, and he was
buried at Haynes Creek. Mary
passed August 24, 1995 and was
also buried at Haynes Creek.

Both Henry and Nellie Mae are
buried at Haynes Creek.

THANK YOU

We do thank you so much for
your tax free donations to the
Cemetery Fund. Rest assured the
money is used for the
beautification and maintenance
of the cemetery only. Without
you very little could be
accomplished. Send your
donations to Haynes Creek
Cemetery Committee, PO Box
1582, Loganville, GA 30052.

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU. PRAY FOR GOD'S LEADERSHIP AND HELP AS WE
CONTINUE TO HONOR AND UPHOLD THE MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**