

NASHVILLE City Cemetery

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HEAR THE STORIES “ANDREW JACKSON’S FRIENDS AND A FEW FOES” *Nashville City Cemetery Association Hosts Annual Living History Tour* *Saturday, October 18 2:00-5:00 p.m.*

Nashville, TN – September 9, 2014 — On **Saturday, Oct. 18**, local actors will recreate some of Nashville’s most interesting historical figures on the **Living History Tour** at the **Nashville City Cemetery**. Nashville City Cemetery Association is partnering with The Hermitage to highlight “Andrew Jackson’s Nashville.” The theme for this year’s tour will be “**Andrew Jackson’s Friends and a Few Foes at City Cemetery.**” As an added bonus, this year’s tour will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. Interpreters will highlight the lives of many veterans buried at City Cemetery who fought alongside Jackson in this historic battle.

The tours will commence at 2 p. m. Each tour lasts approximately one hour. A new tour will start every 15 minutes, with the last tour beginning at 5 p. m. Tickets are \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families and can be purchased at the entrance gate.



Nashville City Cemetery is located at Fourth Avenue South and Oak Street in downtown Nashville.

The Living History Tour enables visitors to see the past come alive as costumed characters tell their stories. Specific historical figures who will be featured on this year’s tour include **President Andrew Jackson** and wife **Rachel**; **General William Carroll**, who served as Commander of the Tennessee Militia at the Battle of New Orleans and was elected Governor of Tennessee, serving 12 years, longer than any other governor; **Charles Dickinson**, a young attorney killed in a duel with President Jackson; **Septima Sexta Rutledge**, daughter of a signer of the Declaration of Independence; **Josiah Nichol**, the richest banker in town; **Dr. Samuel Hogg**, **Dr. John Shelby** and **Dr. William P. Lawrence**, three prominent physicians that served in the War of 1812 with General Jackson; **Joseph Norvell**, owner of a local newspaper; **Major Jeffrey Lockalier**, an African American who served under General Jackson; **Ephraim H. Foster**, a prominent attorney; **Reverend William Hume**, a Presbyterian preacher; and **John McNairy**, the first Judge in the Mero District.

“We are excited to partner with the Nashville City Cemetery Association on the ‘Andrew Jackson's Friends and a Few Foes at City Cemetery’ tour,” says Howard J. Kittell, President and CEO of The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson. “Our principal focus at The Hermitage is Andrew Jackson, his life, his family and the enslaved community at The Hermitage. However, Jackson existed in a much larger social and political network that enabled him to rise to prominence. This tour will help to put Jackson in the context of friends and enemies and give us a more fleshed out image of him and the Nashville of his time.”

Started in 1998, the Living History Tour has become a dynamic Nashville tradition designed to delight and inform the whole family.

Free parking is available at Greer Stadium, located at 534 Chestnut St. Buses will provide round-trip transportation. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Proceeds go to the Nashville City Cemetery Association for the continuing restoration and documentation of the cemetery. For more information, call the Metropolitan Historical Commission at 862-7970.

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