



**DAWSON CEMETERY
5804 W. 50th STREET**



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To: Every one interested in the Dawson Cemetery which is located at 5804 W. 50th Street, Little Rock, AR 72209, in the Geyer Springs Community of Little Rock.

Recently we had a new headstone placed at the grave of John D. Jones, my Grandfather, that was paid for by his descendants, who are living all across the country. We have a rock wall about a foot high around the Jones plot and when I met the men to install the monument, I was horrified to find the entire Cemetery in two foot high weeds, limbs, etc. It took us 10 minutes to find the Jones plot, and the truck hardly knew where to drive. I hope we didn't destroy any grave markers.

This has worried me, and I knew that a plan to have a community clean up would only be a stop gap measure and that we needed a more permanent solution to keeping the Cemetery in descent condition. Without going back and placing blame on whoever has been responsible for the upkeep since Jessie Rowan passed away I would like to propose the following plan.

We form a committee that will not supercede the Trustees appointed by the County Judge. We will name it "Committee for Preservation of Dawson Cemetery." We sell memberships to this committee for annual dues of \$25.00 per year or take any contribution people might like to give. The money will be placed in a bank and each member will be given an annual financial statement. At some point the dues could be lowered and a Trust set up to handle the account.

We will make a list of as many descendants as possible and mail this proposal to them. I am enclosing a membership application form you can fill out and mail with your dues. For your membership we will mail you a certificate recognizing your payment.

Sincerely,

Lloyd E. Wilson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Whose grandfather John D. Jones and other relatives are buried in Dawson Cemetery.
Phone, 501-455-8322 ~ email, lehmwilson@sbcglobal.net

Frank Myers, Chairman.

Also a grandson of John Jones, and several members of his Myers family are buried there.
His address is: 410 White Blossom Circle, Bryant, AR 72022
Home phone: 501-847-7344 ~ email: myers4797@sbcglobal.net

Drucille Gilbert, Vice-Chairman

Whose Mother Edna Blackwell is buried in Dawson Cemetery.
Her address is: 5721 W. 56th St., Little Rock, AR 72209
Home Phone: 501-565-2131 ~ email: dgil871667@aol.com

Brian Carrio, Caretaker, Edna Blackwell's grandson.

Encl: Map, Membership forms.

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*I will send
Copy of Deed &
OTHER INFORMATION LATER.*

Lloyd

Dawson Cemetery

William D. and Mary Dawson donated the land where the Dawson Cemetery is located to the community on January 23rd, 1877 for the community to use for a cemetery. The original Trustee was a Mr. M.H. Eastman, County and Probate Judge of Pulaski County and to his successors in office.

The next record I have is that on September 6, 1966, County Judge Arch Campbell appointed a committee to take charge of and make arrangements for the care and upkeep of the Dawson Cemetery. That committee was: Albert H. Blakeley, Sam E. Jones, Jesse Rowan, and James H. Harrison, all community residents that have since passed away. These men kept the cemetery in good shape by raising money and working hard themselves. Jesse Rowan worked especially hard and many times sent his helper in the plumbing business to mow the grass.

The last few years I don't think we had a committee in charge of the cemetery, However, our local JP, Willandra Dean, representing this area, and lives next to the cemetery on Woodbine Court has persuaded the Sheriff to send a work crew of inmates to clean up the cemetery several times. Also Boy Scouts, and other organizations have worked on the up-keep.

Several years ago, when Willandra Dean was president of The Geyer Springs Community Association the current County Judge appointed the Association Officers as Trustees for the Cemetery.

Committee for Preservation of Dawson Cemetery

Membership Information

Name: Mr. ___ Ms. ___ Mr. & Mrs. _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Cell Phone No. _____

My email address is _____

You may send further information by email as a cost saving measure.

I have the following ancestors buried at Dawson Cemetery:

Give name and relationship of each person. _____

I have no relatives, but several friends buried there and am interested in the historical significant of Dawson Cemetery. Yes _____

I am enclosing \$25.00 for the initial annual membership dues.

I do not want to join now, however I am sending a donation of \$ _____, to help pay for the upkeep of Dawson Cemetery.

As a member you will be sent a financial statement at least once a year.

Mail your check payable to "Committee for Preservation of Dawson Cemetery" to Lloyd Wilson, 3 Bear Trail Cove, Little Rock, AR 72210.

If you know of someone who has relatives buried in Dawson Cemetery please send me their name, and address, or call me at 501-455-8322, or email me at lehmwilson@sbcglobal.net



Old and new gravestones

