



The Restoration of Founders Cemetery

Tylertown, Mississippi

The Historical Preservation committee of Judith Robinson Chapter DAR embarked on the restoration of Founders Cemetery in Tylertown, Mississippi, in May 2018. The ravages of time and vandalism had taken their toll on the 184-year-old cemetery located at 310 Ball Avenue. Markers were broken and missing, and all the headstones were darkened as a result of age and mildew. Markers have been cleaned and repaired, and headstones have been provided for those graves not marked, including markers for a number of children's graves. The cemetery is particularly historical as the resting place of nine veterans from three wars: The Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. It contains graves from the early settlers of Tylertown, particularly the Thornhill, Rushing, Conerly, Magee, Ball, Lampton, Collins, Holmes and Simmons families. Burials in the cemetery ceased in 1919.

The committee applied for and was granted a State Historical Marker by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The \$2,040 cost was met by donations from individual members of the Judith Robinson Chapter, DAR; Chapter XV, Colonial Dames of America; and the Southwest Mississippi Genealogical Society. In addition, groups and individuals have donated four sets of two benches installed along the periphery of the cemetery.

The goal of the Historical Preservation Committee is to make Founders Cemetery an aesthetically pleasing and historically accurate monument to the founders of Tylertown. Funds are needed to complete this project: the cemetery needs a permanently mounted gravesite locator map and a bronze DAR marker for the Revolutionary War veteran. We are asking for your help with this worthy project. Checks should be made to Judith Robinson Chapter DAR and designated for Founders Cemetery Restoration Project and sent to the address on the form below. All donations to this project are tax-deductible. We sincerely appreciate your donation to this project.

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