



# ~ The Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery ~

Fall Newsletter    October 2017



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends of Holy Trinity,

This has been a rough year for those who take care of the cemetery. I was looking at a photo of cemetery cleanup from 1993. In it was Jim Purman, Ellen Bitzel, Jack Ruby and 13 others. The only one left of those in the picture is Ann Horvath. The old guard has been passing away. We lost David Myers, Elaine Breeding and George Horvath this year. Each one was an important part of the work in maintaining Holy Trinity Cemetery. Other faithful supporters like my husband, who has Parkinson's, have become ill and unable to help out. Here is my question: Where is the next generation to take up the standard and carry on with the work begun by Jim Purman?

The board currently has 4 faithful members that attend meetings: Myself, Ann Horvath, Jane Cohen and Butch Willard. Time and again we have asked for new blood to join the board and help carry on the work of the cemetery. No one has stepped up to join the board and help carry on the work of the cemetery and its "Rescue from Oblivion".

HTC stalwart George Horvath faithfully helped his wife Ann prepare for visitation day year after year. With his passing Ann will need help getting set up this year. Who will help, you?

The cemetery needs someone with time and know-how to keep the website updated with current information. A task that will not be difficult or time consuming.

Do you love history and the HTC? Write an article for the spring newsletter! Are you a descendant of someone buried in Old Trinity? Do you have interest in the restoration and history of the HTC. Share your knowledge with us.

You can see where I am going with this. If you have ancestors buried at Holy Trinity or care about preserving this historical site in Eldersburg, we need your help. WHAT WILL YOU DO?

See you on Visitation Day, Oct. 29 at 3 pm.  
Jane Ward, President.

## CARETAKER'S REPORT

It has been difficult to spend much time at the cemetery this spring and summer. I have managed to pick up some of the sticks and cut back the seed pods from the Hosta. I hope to work more regularly there over the next couple of weeks.

I have been keeping an eye on our old oak tree, the one with the bench around the base. Some more limbs have died and bark is coming off of the trunk. Our efforts to save it may not have worked. Removing this large tree will not only be sad, but expensive. Please take a look at it if you get a chance. I value all opinions. Our neighbor, Hubert Ringley expressed concern about the health of the tree.

Bill Conaway and Nancy Strauss have replaced the bench that was dedicated to Jim Purman. On cleanup day, we discussed the purchase of a new one, but Nancy and Bill found a used one that is in great condition. The replacement has been freshly painted and the plaque put in place. Thanks so much Nancy and Bill! Now we have a strong and safer bench that looks almost exactly like the original one.

As I work at the cemetery, I often find mysteries. A small Confederate flag appeared at the gravestone of Albert A. Dorsey, who we discovered did serve in the Confederate military during the Civil War. Blair Radney, our loyal grass mower and board member, added a piece of a tombstone which he found. Hopefully, he will share that story on Visitation Day. There is some cemented gravel near the front of the cemetery that I found under the grass. I have wondered if it was put there as part of a roadway or just dumped because it was extra.

Ann Parry Horvath

## A SPECIAL VISITOR

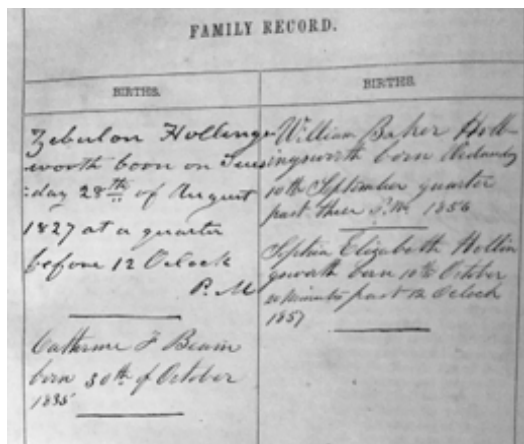
I received the first email in February of this year. SueAnn McGarvey, a Hollingsworth descendant had found our web site and was looking for more information about her ancestors and the cemetery. Specifically, she wanted to know more about Kate Beam Hollingsworth and her husband Zebulon. Both had died early and according to our records left one son that had been adopted by an uncle and taken to New York. This uncle was a brother to Zebulon's mother, Sophia Baker Hollingsworth, also buried at Holy Trinity. I was so excited. The Hollingsworths and Irelands are my connection to our cemetery, and I had lots to share.

SueAnn, who lives in Minnesota, had a trip to Baltimore planned in early May and wanted to visit the cemetery. I began sharing information from our archives and my own collection and she shared information with me about her connection to this family. Remember the child adopted by his uncle and taken to New York – that is her ancestor! I had always wondered what happened to this child.

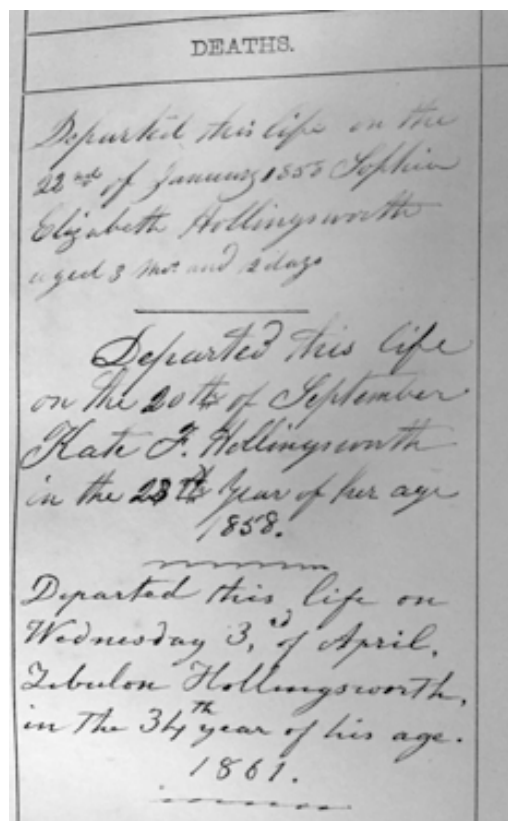


William Hollingsworth Baker with his granddaughter, SueAnn's grandmother

In addition to this picture there is a family bible that records the births and deaths in this family. It mentions another child. There was a little girl, named Sophia Elizabeth Hollingsworth born October 10, 1857, and who died January 22, 1858 at the age of 3 months and 12 days. This infant must be buried at Holy Trinity beside her mother.



This young couple were married at Holy Trinity by Rev. Thomas J. Wyatt on September 17, 1855. William was born September 10, 1856, Sophia was born October 10, 1857. Then tragedy struck. Sophia died on January 22, 1858, Kate died September 20, of that same year. This left Zebulon with his young son, but unfortunately Zebulon died April 3, 1861 when his son was not yet 6 years old



SueAnn and I spent the day together visiting many other local sites associated with members of this family. We went to Loudon Park in Baltimore (where many of the Bakers are buried), we visited Branton (where the Hollingsworths lived), the Moses Brown house on Ridge Road (Ann Hollingsworth Colhoun lived there), Old Oakland Cemetery (some of the Beams are buried there), Lake View cemetery (site of the Ireland home) and North Branch (site of the Beam mill).

Being available to share this day and the story of this family with SueAnn was so special for me. As you can see in the photo, even the cemetery glowed a bit that day.

Ann Parry Horvath

*It was an emotional day at the cemetery as SueAnn saw the burial sites of these ancestors.*



## OBITUARIES

### George J. Horvath, Jr.

We are sad to note the death of George Horvath on August 3, 2017. He and Ann were married for 40 years. Not only will he be sadly missed by Ann, but his passing leaves a big hole in the area of historical research in Carroll County. George was a member of the Maryland, Carroll County and Baltimore County Historical and Genealogical societies. George was that quiet helper on Visitation and Spring Cleanup days. He would rake leaves, fix the HTC sign, or enthusiastically research a historic map that we needed for the book or newsletter. Not the one you might notice, but the one to give a helping hand wherever he was needed. Rest in peace, George.



### Elaine Edwards Breeding

Elaine Breeding went to be with the Lord on May 10, 2017. She is survived by her husband Robert Breeding, son Paul Purman, daughter Rachel Parrish as well as her grandchildren and a great granddaughter. We were so sorry to see Elaine and Bob move away to an assisted living facility a couple of years ago since they were such faithful members of the friends of Holy Trinity. Those of you who have attended Visitation over the years surely remember Elaine dressed up as "Dicey" the barmaid from Welsh's Tavern, carrying around her mug to take the offering for the cemetery. She and Bob were always such a delightful and fun couple. Elaine served for a number of years as our treasurer. She, too, will be missed.

### Violet K. Ringley

Although she was not a member of our group, we wish to acknowledge the passing of Mrs. Ringley on September 4. The Ringleys own the house which was built on the site of Holy Trinity Chapel. They have kindly indulged us over the years as we have walked and driven over the corner of their property accessing the cemetery. Our deep sympathy is extended to her husband Hubert and family.

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**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Visitation Day – Sunday Oct. 29th at 3 pm**

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