



## ~ *The Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery* ~

Fall Newsletter

October 2018



Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to some cooler and, hopefully, drier weather for a bit. This has really been an unusual summer, the wettest on record up here in Pennsylvania, where I live.

Let's pray for a beautiful day for our Visitation this year on October 28, 2018. Last year we didn't get to enjoy the cemetery due to the heavy rain that day. We have a visitor scheduled who we have not heard of before. I am looking forward to it and learning something new about the cemetery and the church that once stood there.

Since the last newsletter we have been blessed to have some people step forward to take positions on the board. Wayne Pugh has taken the place of Butch Willard as our liaison with St. Barnabas. Also, we are happy to welcome Bill Conaway and Nancy Strauss Conaway. They have been faithful in attendance at Visitation for a few years and Bill has already been helping clean up the cemetery.

Don Vetter, in addition to being our Newsletter editor, has stepped forward and redone the Cemetery website. Please check it out at <https://oldtrinitycemetery.org/>. We had a number of problems with the server for the previous website, where even our webmaster couldn't access our website. This led to the change.

I also want to express thanks to the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland for their help giving aid in research for this year's Visitation. Canon Karen Stewart was also helpful in accessing our dividends.

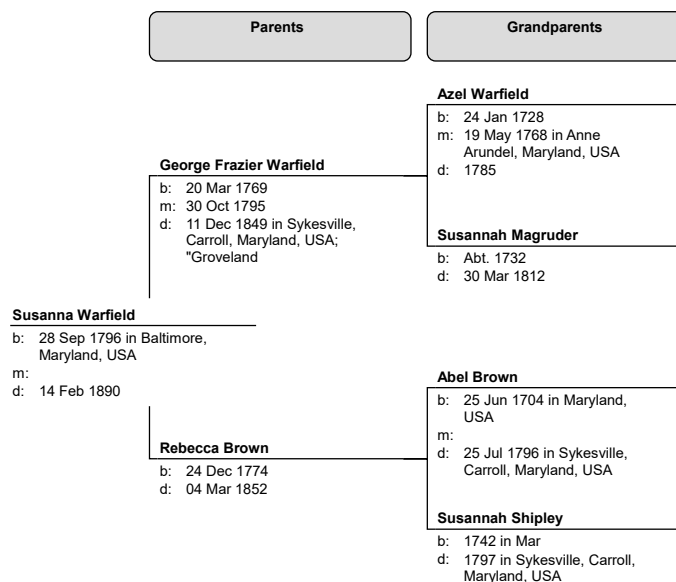
I hope we get to meet Karen at this year's Visitation and many of you as well

Jane Ward, President.

From the Archives:

As I work with records in our collection, I have found it difficult to keep the family of Susanna Warfield straight. Warfield is a common name in this area and I know that members of this family were connected to other local early families. So, I decided to try to put this family history together.

First let us look at Susanna's ancestors. I have created the following chart to share my findings:



Next let's look at her parents, siblings and some other members of her family:

George Frazier Warfield and Rebecca Brown received a marriage license in Baltimore County on October 30, 1795. Rebecca was a daughter of Abel Brown and Susannah Shipley. Abel and Susannah's father were both early settlers in the Sykesville area. The Warfield's were not far away in Anne Arundel County.

Susanna was the oldest of George and Rebecca's children. She was born on September 28, 1796. She lived a long life, never married and died on Valentine's Day in 1890.

Lewis was born October 23, 1798 and died young about 1818.

George Washington Warfield (Dr.) was born May 24, 1800 and married a Sarah Brooke Bentley. He moved south. His death is recorded in Louisiana as September 30, 1849.

William Henry was born August 2, 1807, never married; he lived most of his life at "Groveland" with his parents and siblings. He died March 26, 1857.

Rebecca married Richard Holmes of VA. They had 2 children. George Holmes lived with Susanna after the death of her parents. Ella married a John R. D. Thomas and Ann Elizabeth married John Wade. They had no children.

What started my interest? I knew that Susanna Warfield had lived at "Groveland" with a nephew after the death of her parents. I found that he had predeceased her by about a year and then found the following article in The Baltimore Sun Feb. 2, 1889:

"Distribution of a Large Estate.

SYKESVILLE, CARROLL CO., MD.,  
Feb. 1 –

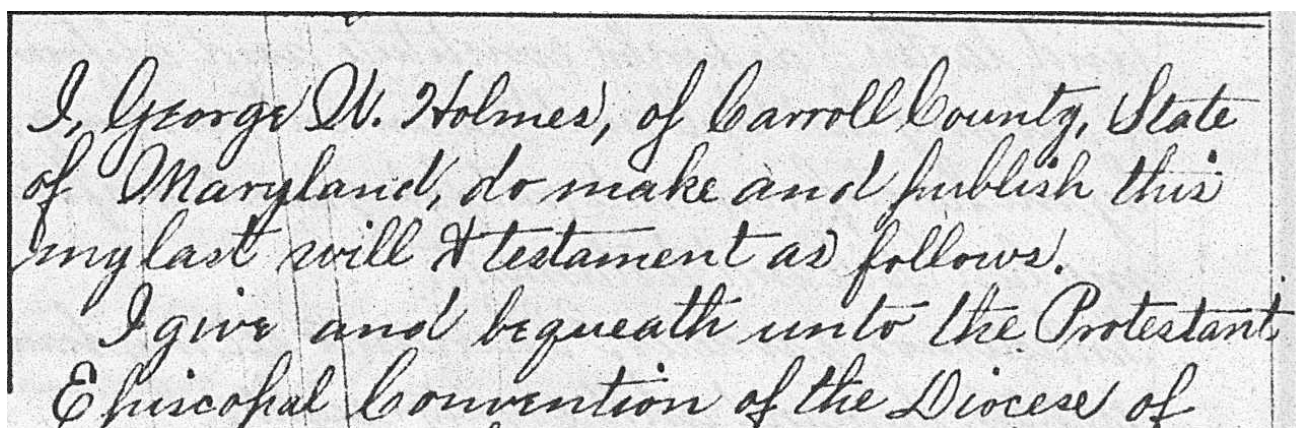
The will of the late George W. Holmes of this place, was entered for probate yesterday in the Orphans' Court of Carroll County. The estate is valued at over \$200,000. Thirty-seven thousand dollars is left in individual and charitable bequests, as follow: \$5,00 to P. E. convention of Western Maryland, in trust for the benefit of Holy Trinity parish, of this county; \$3,000 to the P. E. Convention, in trust for the William Henry Warfield College of Sykesville; to his aunt, Miss Susannah Warfield, of "Groveland," \$10,000; to his aunt, Mrs. A. E. Wade, of Baltimore \$5,000 ; to the housekeeper and servants at "Groveland", as follows: Miss

Nettie Collins, \$1,200; Abram Taylor, \$200; Frederick Lehman, \$100; to the colored servants, former slaves of the family, Hanson Shipley and Otho Hall, \$500 each; Wesley Hall, \$1,000; Alfred Holin, \$100; to Mrs. John Grimes, of Sykesville, \$1,000 and to Mrs. R. T. King, \$100. To the charitable institutions of Baltimore, he leaves \$7,000 to be divided as follows: Home of the Friendless, \$1,000, Aged Men's Home, \$1,000; Aged Women's Home, \$1,000; Boys' Home, \$1,000; Little Sisters of the Poor, \$1,000 and P. E. Church Home \$2,000. The residue of his estate he divides in three parts: one-half as one part to his sister, Mrs. J. R. D. Thomas of Baltimore, at her death to be divided equally between her children, Mr. Holmes Thomas, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Rebecca Pancost, of New York city; one fourth of one part to the seven children of the late William Holmes, of Baltimore; his house, corner of Charles and Second streets, Baltimore to his sister, Mrs. J. R. D. Thomas; at her death to her son , Mr. Holmes Thomas. The remaining one-fourth he leaves to Lewis M. Warfield and wife of Savannah, Georgia. In the final clause he pays a high tribute to the character and integrity of his nephew, Mr. Holmes Thomas, of Baltimore, and makes him sole executor of his will, and requests the he be permitted to serve in that capacity without giving bond."

Ann Horvath, Archivist

*Sources:*

1. *Records of St. Paul's Parrish, Volume I*, Reamy, Bill and Martha, Family Line Publications, 1988 (DOB for Susanna and Lewis)
2. *Baltimore Maryland City & County Marriage Licenses 1777 – 1779*, Obert, Rowene T., The Genealogy Shoppe, Inc., 1975 (marriage of George F. Warfield and Rebecca Brown)



*I, George W. Holmes, of Carroll County, State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last will & testament as follows.  
I give and bequeath unto the Protestant Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of*

*On the death of George W. Holmes his will was entered into the ledger at the Orphan's Court by the clerk. This is how it begins. To see the transcribed will in its entirety go to <https://oldtrinitycemetery.org>*

## Spring Clean Up Day

### CARETAKER'S REPORT:

Our spring cleanup was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a cool day with a threatening forecast, but there were only a couple of snow flurries. Bill and Nancy Strauss Conaway, Adrean Clawson, Jane Cohen with her sister-in-law, Laura Becker,

Wayne Pugh, Jim Dorsey and his grandson, Stephen, Don Vetter and myself were manning the rakes. We made good progress and soon had the leaves and sticks removed. Don took the photos and we all enjoyed sharing stories. However, it was hard to say goodbye to the old oak tree in the corner of the cemetery.

The big old black oak tree was cut down on May 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a major production, requiring a crane, log truck, chipper and multiple workers. A large piece of the trunk remains because it is surrounded by the bench. We are grateful to **Will Rash and Oak Hill WOOD Services, Inc.** for the careful work and the most reasonable price.

James Radney has been our grass mower this year and has done a great job in spite of all of the rain and hot weather. I have worked on the weeds and bushes as my time and the weather have allowed. As a result, I had accumulated a large pile of brush and was concerned about removing it, but Bill Conaway recently took care of that for us. I am grateful to all of our helpers.

Ann Horvath, Caretaker



*Wayne Pugh and Jane Cohen*



*Jim & Stephen Dorsey*

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### FALL VISITATION DAY

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:00pm**

Join us for the HTC Visitation Day  
Learn of the years accomplishments  
Walk the cemetery  
Experience living history  
Enjoy refreshments  
Meet decedents of those buried here

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Here is your Fall newsletter!

**Mark your calendar**  
**Fall Visitation Day Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm**

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