



# The Epitaph

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## AN 1865 OBITUARY

Died in this city on the 5th inst. of Pneumonia, Matilda, Consort of Dr. B. M. Jewitt aged 55 years. She died as she lived a sincere and devout Christian, a fond Wife and a devoted Mother. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her irreparable loss. The funeral will take place from their residence in Talley and Ransoms Addition on Saturday the 7th inst. at 1 o'clock P M The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend without further notice. (St. Louis Republican please copy.)

KC Daily Journal of Commerce .... p2, col 1  
City of Kansas, MO ... Sat Eve, Jan 7, 1865

Note: There is a marker in Sec 3, Lot 16, with the following inscription: "Matilda Jewett / 1809--1865 / Wife of B. M. Jewett"

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Union Cemetery Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday, February 29, 1992 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sexton's Cottage at the cemetery at 28th and Warwick.

Mr. John Yacos, from Crown Center Development, will present plans for area development surrounding the cemetery. He will have drawings, a model, and will answer questions. Society members will be available to answer questions about the cemetery. Guests welcome. Annual membership dues for the society are \$10. For questions, call the cottage office and leave a message, 472-4990 ... Judy Wempe Chairperson Programs and Publicity Committees.

## DUES ARE DUE

All membership renewals are due by February 29th. Memberships not renewed at that time will be placed on the "delinquent dues" list. If the "IM", "FM" or "SM" code on the first line of your mailing label does NOT end with M92, please mail your dues check today! Thank you.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was such a pleasure when Mr. Carl DiCapo from the Board of Parks and Recreation commissioners paid a surprise visit to our January board meeting. We were moved by his encouragement and enthusiasm. Such interest in our society and the cemetery will surely inspire us to strive even harder to accomplish our goals and purposes. Thank you for coming Mr. DiCapo.

In 1992, we will continue our efforts to accomplish our aims and purposes. The projects to which we have committed or started will have priority. Also, we will endeavor to maintain good relations with the general public and create more awareness of Historic Union Cemetery. ... Arlene Payne, President.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

One "set" of stones has been photographed in the gravestone photographic inventory process. This was the initial "trial" group done as a sample in order to see (1) what type of photographic work was required; (2) how long it would take; and, (3) what process was required.

Over twenty stones were photographed and it takes about an hour in two half-hour sessions. The first one should be done in the morning and the second one in the afternoon. This allows two sun angles permitting the photographer to use the sun to highlight details of any lettering or decoration incised into the stone.

After the first session it is best to await development of the photos so the photographer knows what still needs to be done in order to complete the photographic record of any particular stone. Stones that are flush to the ground require only one photo. Others with decoration on all faces may require a white sheet of illustration board to reflect the sun into the north face of the stone.

Anyone wishing to join in this work should call Josie at 472-4990 and indicate their interest.