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**Lamar Street Fence Nears Completion**

As this issue goes to press, the installation of the new, historically correct iron fence along the western border of the cemetery is almost complete. The Campaign for the Fence launched in November 2015 with a stated goal of raising \$50,000 to replace the dilapidated chain link and barbed wire fence along Lamar Street. By January 2017, generous donors had contributed \$45,000 and the Board voted to proceed with the construction, with the cemetery general fund providing temporary funds if needed. Independent Metal Craft LLC submitted the lowest bid and construction began immediately. The City of Jackson provided labor and equipment to remove the old fence which was a considerable savings for the Association. The new fence is being installed outside of the old fence line and close to an earlier fence as indicated by a stone retaining wall. The new placement allows more space for vehicular traffic on the western perimeter of the cemetery. The old fence curved in dramatically at the intersection of Davis Street, leaving a gap between the new fence line and the existing fence on Davis Street. The decision was made to install a double gate at the intersection to allow access by a truck and trailer to bring equipment and supplies into the west side of the cemetery. The only other access is through the front gate, under the arches, and along the original, narrow carriageway. It is hoped that the new access will serve to protect historic Central Avenue. The removal of the old fence and installation of the new has highlighted the need for repairs to the old iron fence and all additional donations will be used for that purpose. **Campaign for the Fence will remain open through March.** If you have not contributed, or have donated at less than the \$250 level, please consider an additional gift at this time.



A contribution to Greenwood Cemetery Association is the perfect way to honor or memorialize a friend or family member. Use the donation form to let us know your intention. An acknowledgment will be sent to the person you indicate. Dues and donations to the General Fund are used to purchase supplies for cleaning and maintenance, and to pay for professional services and for the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Donations of \$50 or more are acknowledged by mail, but contributions in any amount are very much appreciated!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation to General Fund or Fence Fund  
 Is your gift in honor or memory of a person or event? If yes:  
 Name of honoree \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notification to be sent to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_





The Board is extremely grateful to these generous donors whose contributions have made the project possible. There is still time to join this list and have your name included on a permanent plaque at the cemetery. A minimum donation of \$250 will qualify you as a Fence Friend!

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# Thank You!

Fence Friends for financial support  
 Independent Metal Craft LLC for the low bid and the best work  
 City of Jackson Cemetery Crew for removal of the old fence

We don't know when the first fence was installed around the cemetery but *The Story of Jackson* by William McCain reports that in 1851:  
 "... the attention of the aldermen was called to the fact that certain Jacksonians were in the habit of breaking down the gates and fences of the graveyard and public squares in order to use their areas for grazing cattle. An ordinance was immediately adopted providing for a fine of \$20.00 for such offenses..."

We have not found a record of the fine being abolished!

This is the second in a series of articles about the seven Mississippi governors who are buried in Greenwood Cemetery. We are grateful to *Mississippi History Now* for granting permission to reprint.

## Abram M. Scott, Seventh Governor of Mississippi: 1832-1833

By David G. Sansing



Abram Scott was involved in two of the three closest elections for governor in Mississippi's history. In 1831 he defeated Hiram G. Runnels by 247 votes, and two years later he lost to Runnels by 558 votes.

Scott was born in South Carolina in 1785 and migrated to Wilkinson County, Mississippi, as a young man. He became active in politics at an early age and was tax collector of Wilkinson County when the War of 1812 began. Scott was elected a lieutenant in the First Mississippi Regiment of Volunteers during the War of 1812. Later he was chosen as a representative to the state senate from Wilkinson County.

During Governor Scott's first year in office, the nation was embroiled in the great sectional controversy over the tariff. In 1832 the state of South Carolina, under the leadership of John C. Calhoun, had nullified a tariff passed by the United States Congress in 1828 and had threatened to secede. South Carolina's action precipitated the first major secession crisis. Governor Scott and the Mississippi Legislature did not support South Carolina in its attempt to nullify the tariff, and both publicly denounced the theory that a state could nullify a federal law. Since no other southern state supported South Carolina, it abandoned its threat to secede, and the crisis was resolved a year later.

Governor Scott held the office of governor during the transition from the old aristocratic Constitution of 1817 to the more democratic Constitution of 1832, which created several new state agencies and public offices. Under the new constitution, the governor would continue to serve a two-year term, but could not serve more than four years in any six-year period. The new constitution abolished the office of lieutenant governor.

The first legislature under the 1832 Constitution convened in January 1833 and authorized a special general election in May to elect the public officials created by that constitution. The legislature authorized the officials chosen in that election to take office immediately, even though the constitution provided that the terms of all public officials would begin in November following their election. During that same session the legislature also appropriated \$95,000 for a new state capitol and \$10,000 for a "suitable house for the governor."



Spring Clean-up Work Day  
 Saturday, April 1  
 8 am til 1 pm  
 Tasks to include:

- Pick-up litter and fallen limbs and branches
- Prune shrubs at the Summer House
- Clear sidewalks and walkways
- Monument repair and cleaning



Gov. Scott's monument is the oldest we have identified in Greenwood Cemetery. Made of a soft stone, it was repaired and stabilized with the help of a grant from MDAH in 2010.