

How You Can Help

Monetary Donations

Please forward all donations to Fairview Cemetery to:

Greenwood County Historical Society
P. O. Box 49653
Greenwood, SC 29649

Be sure to specify that your donation is for Fairview Cemetery.

Volunteer Cleanups

1. A cleanup will be scheduled twice a year (March and October).
2. Monthly maintenance.

Adopt-A-Cemetery invite families, community, and church groups to choose one month where they will check on Fairview Cemetery, pick up debris, and report back to us on the condition of the cemetery. Contact Tom Martin, Cemetery Needs Assessor: (864) 344-7055

Research Assistance

Volunteer to research death certificates and funeral home records for people buried at Fairview. Contact Belinda Turner, Historical & Genealogical Research: (864) 229-7025

“Rest In Peace”

Next Fairview Cemetery Cleanup

Starting time is 8 am.

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Fairview Cemetery Project

“One can tell the morals of a culture by the way they treat their dead.”

---- Unknown



Join Us

- Regular Maintenance
- March and October Cleanups
- Monetary Donations
- Ongoing Research

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Fairview Cemetery

Brief History

Fairview Cemetery is located on 300 Holman Street just outside of the city limits of Greenwood, South Carolina.

The first known documented owner of Fairview Cemetery, J. S. Wah, purchased a parcel of land in 1919 on which Fairview Cemetery is situated. Many buried in Fairview Cemetery are related to those interred in Save All, Old Tabernacle, and St. Paul AME cemeteries.

Until Adopt-A-Cemetery volunteers uncovered headstones and death certificates documenting burials prior to 1919, it was believed that Fairview Cemetery did not exist until J. S. Wah's purchase in 1919.

Some parts of Fairview Cemetery were divided into cemetery lots by Wah and sold. These deeds are on file and indexed at the Greenwood County Clerk of Court.

One such family plot (Percival) is clearly visible on the front right side of the cemetery. Undertaker, James T. Percival (1882-1937) and son, Dr. Theo. Percival are interred at Fairview.

Learn More

If you are interested in learning more about Fairview Cemetery or burials, please visit the Lawrence Genealogy and Local History Room at the Greenwood County Public Library.

Also, ask about other Greenwood County Cemeteries that have been documented.



Earliest Burials

The earliest burials documented in Fairview Cemetery are:

[Georgianna Walker](#) (January 18, 1827-
January 3, 1909)

[Lewis Romans](#) (d. December 3, 1909)

[Delia Bibbs](#) (d. 1911)

[Sarah Romans](#) (June 5, 1911)

[Charity Sullivan](#) (1854-1911)

If these headstones had not existed, we would have had no other record to identify them as being interred in Fairview. Death certificates do not exist for anyone who died prior to the time they were recorded in 1915, and we have yet to find funeral home records prior to 1922.

Documenting Burials

All documented burials for Fairview Cemetery are being added to [Find A Grave](#). We are currently researching death certificates between 1915 and 1962 and Blyth funeral home records.

The parents, grandparents, and siblings of South Carolina Senator, Frank Gilbert (1934-1999) are buried in Fairview.

“Gone But Not Forgotten”

Cemetery Research

Significance of Fairview

It is much easier to discuss and learn about one's heritage when there is some evidence of the existence of an ancestor such as a photo, a story, historical documentation, or a grave marker. In the case of some buried in Fairview Cemetery, it is possible to gather the fragmented history from among historical documentation and collective oral history.

Starting with only a headstone

Cemetery research can extend the timeline of history and genealogy back before the births of living descendants and community residents today. Much can be gleaned about one's own heritage from the lives of those who lived during the same time period and in the same place as one's own ancestors.

We started with only the headstone of Rev. David Timothy MacDaniel (1886-1916). It led to the discovery of his death certificate and probate record where we learned his wife's name, Katie.

Adopt-A-Cemetery
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