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**Walk with the Spirits to celebrate 11th Anniversary
on October 28 and 29, 2017 in historic Saint Paul's Cemetery**

“Walk with the Spirits” through Saint Paul’s historic colonial cemetery and learn about the history of some of Augusta’s most notable citizens. Join Historic Augusta, Inc. for this very special trip through Augusta’s past on Saturday, October 28 or Sunday, October 29, 2017. Guided tours will begin every twenty minutes from 1:20 pm to 4:00 pm each day.

During a 45-minute walking tour led by a spirit guide in period costume, participants will hear about the history of the cemetery and the residents that are buried there. Along the route, participants will be introduced to additional spirits who will enlighten the group with details of their lives and accomplishments.

Saint Paul’s Cemetery is located at 605 Reynolds Street in Downtown Augusta. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, ages 5-18. The cost for groups of ten or more is \$10 per person. The tour is not recommended for children under age 5. Reservations are recommended. Light refreshments will be provided.

To purchase tickets, or for more information about this program please contact Historic Augusta, Inc. by telephone at 706-724-0436 or visit www.historicaugusta.org. “Walk with the Spirits” will take place rain or shine.

Featured spirits this year include:

- Sarah Hudson Barnes (d. 1794): Wife of George Barnes, an Irish immigrant and wine merchant who served as a “Chairman of the Vestry” at Saint Paul’s Church. The church is built over their graves. *Portrayed by Catherine Robertson.*
- Reverend William Henry Clarke (1820-1877): Widely beloved and respected Rector of Saint Paul’s Church, who served through the Civil War until his untimely death at the bedside of a parishioner. Buried in the crypt beneath the altar. *Portrayed by William “Chip” Lamb.*
- Lewis Cooper (1785-1817): Mechanic, bridge builder, and Fire Master remembered for constructing the original Centre (Fifth) Street Bridge between Augusta and South Carolina. *Portrayed by Mark Albertin.*
- Joseph George Cormick (1780-1806): A local merchant, whose political opinions were influenced by his time in the Irish militia unit known as the Irish Volunteers, and his membership in the United Irishmen, for which he was imprisoned by the British. *Portrayed by Adam Kowalczyk.*
- Jean Baptiste Francis Coquillon (1781-1818): A merchant whose family fled the Haitian Revolution in 1793 and established a cloth dying business on Ellis Street. *Portrayed by James Mason.*
- Catherine “Kitty” McKnight Jack (1755-1792): Wife of Colonel Samuel Jack, who served as

Justice of the Peace for Richmond County in 1776 under the revolutionary state government and remained in that position after the war. *Portrayed by Renee Kelly*

- Seaborn Jones (1759-1815): A renowned politician and early Georgia lawyer, his impressive career includes serving as Clerk of the Executive Council of Georgia, Trustee of Richmond Academy, Speaker of the Georgia General Assembly, Trustee of University of Georgia, and Intendant (Mayor) of Augusta. *Portrayed by Keith Watson*
- General George Matthews (1739-1812): A renowned firebrand, POW, and Governor of Georgia, Matthews died in Augusta on his way to give President Madison a firm piece of his mind regarding the annexation of Florida. *Portrayed by Whatley Bush*
- Elizabeth Pope McKinne (1747-1807): Matriarch of one of Augusta's most notable families of the Nineteenth Century, McKinne kept a very selective boardinghouse after her husband's death, in which only the most eligible bachelors were permitted, hoping to find good husbands for her four daughters. *Portrayed by Sallie Metzel*
- Alexander McLaws (d. 1800): A native of Scotland, McLaws settled with his family in Augusta after they were left shipwrecked off the coast of Cumberland Island. He established a tavern in this city and became a prominent landowner, whose descendants include James Lafayette McLaws, a Major General in the Confederate States Army. *Portrayed by Curtis Adams*