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Walk with the Spirits, October 13 and 14, 2012

“Walk with the Spirits” through historic Magnolia Cemetery and learn about some of Augusta’s most prominent citizens. Join Historic Augusta, Inc. for this very special trip through Augusta’s past on Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14, 2012. Guided tours will begin every twenty minutes from 3 pm to 6 pm each day.

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

Magnolia Cemetery is located at 702 3rd Street in the Olde Town (Pinched Gut) Historic District of Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of “Walk with the Spirits” is to increase awareness of Augusta’s past by connecting current residents and visitors with the people and places that still influence us by their contributions and cultural legacy.

The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. 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. 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:

- **Ann Clanton Vason**, 1830-1905 (portrayed by Sallie Metzel), wife of Colonel William J. Vason, attorney, participant in the California gold rush, and Confederate veteran.
- **William Shivers Morris**, 1869-1921 (portrayed by Mark Albertin), treasurer for the Georgia Railroad and a popular state senator.
- **Charles A. Platt**, 1814-1887 (portrayed by Danny Craig), proprietor of C.A. Platt & Co., a furniture and undertaking establishment.
- **Dr. Paul Fitzsimons Eve**, 1806-1877 (portrayed by James Mason), president of the American Medical Association and editor of the Southern Medical and Surgical Journal.
- **Gertrude Clanton Thomas**, 1834-1907 (portrayed by Laurie Montgomery), a Southern Belle

whose Civil War diaries feature the devastation that followed her family throughout the war and Reconstruction.

- **Jacob Henry Lowrey**, 1824-1909 (portrayed by Cobbs Nixon), founder of a wagon factory on the corner of 9th and Ellis Streets which was confiscated by the Confederate Army for use as a shoe factory.
- **Dr. William West Bussey**, 1838-1928 (portrayed by Whatley Bush), a wholesale grocer, banker, physician and Confederate veteran whose home now serves as Augusta's Ronald McDonald House.
- **Thomas N. Hopkins**, 1839-1893 (portrayed by Jack R.B. Long), Confederate veteran and teacher at Houghton Institute.
- **Sarah Eugenia Twiggs**, 1836-1893 (portrayed by Missy Hargrove), daughter of an Aiken, South Carolina plantation family who raised her nine children alone after the untimely death of her husband, Lieutenant Colonel John David Twiggs, who was killed by his overseer.
- **John Jay Cohen**, 1806-1884 (portrayed by Bob Rollins), stock broker, and first president of the Congregation B'nai Israel (Children of Israel).
- **Amelia Winter Hack**, 1824-1881 (portrayed by April King), wife of Daniel de Bruce Hack, owner of Georgia's first cotton and wool mill, the Richmond Factory, on Spirit Creek.