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Walk with the Spirits, October 8 and 9, 2011

“Walk with the Spirits” through historic Summerville 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 8 and Sunday, October 9, 2011. Guided tours will begin every twenty minutes from 3 pm to 6 pm each day.

During a 45 minute tour led by a spirit 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.

Featured spirits this year include:

- Elizabeth Weed Steiner (portrayed by Krista Lamar), daughter of the first rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd
- Bryan Cumming (portrayed by Heard Robertson), prominent lawyer who also served in the Georgia Legislature
- Isaac Henry (portrayed by James Mason), who fought in the War of 1812 and later had a successful career as a banker
- Elizabeth Moore Reid (portrayed by Kristi Connell), whose son donated the land upon which was built Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Cornelia Cohen White (portrayed by Nina Inman), who was married to prominent businessman William B. White and was known for her beautiful gardens; and her daughter, Cornelia White Barrett (portrayed by Nina McCallie)
- George C. Blanchard (portrayed by Whatley Bush) and Frank A. Calhoun (portrayed by George Bush), founders of Blanchard and Calhoun Realty Company
- Annie Schweigert Burdell (portrayed by Ann Beth Strelec), whose father was the proprietor of the Schweigert Jewelry Company
- Bernard Doris (portrayed by John Flythe), an Irishman who participated in the California gold rush before locating to Augusta
- Judge Ebenezer Starnes (portrayed by Danny Craig), who served in the superior court as well as being elected Attorney General and Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court
- Annie Cumming Hall (portrayed by Sydney Peden), whose marriage to Reverend Charles Hall in 1848 was filled with scandal and her early untimely death by fire was nothing less than tragic

- Alfred Mann Battey (portrayed by Jack Long), who was very involved in the Paint and Powder Club, the predecessor to the Augusta Players, and the Catholic Church.

Summerville Cemetery is located at 2301 Cumming Road in the Summerville 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.