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Welcome to the **October 2018** edition issue of The Preservationist, an e-publication of [Historic Augusta, Inc.](#) This newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc. and the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson.

**4 Days Left to Make a Reservation for  
"Walk with the Spirits"  
October 6-7, 2018**



Historic Augusta's annual cemetery tour, **Walk with the Spirits**, returns **this weekend** for a special bicentennial celebration! Tour the historic **Magnolia and Cedar Grove** cemeteries on **Saturday, October 6** and **Sunday, October 7**, as we observe the cemeteries' 200th anniversary! During 45-minute guided tours in each cemetery with "spirits" dressed in period costume, patrons will join Historic Augusta on a special trip through Augusta's past and learn about the city's most notable



[Click here to make a reservation for Walk with the Spirits.](#)

**Historic Augusta Presents  
Dr. Philip M. Herrington:  
"Antebellum Architecture  
in the CSRA"**



**Thursday, October 18,  
2018  
7:00 PM  
at the Church of the Good**

citizens.

[Click here to make a reservation!](#)

Tours begin every 20 minutes from 1:30 pm each day, with the last tour commencing at 4:10 pm. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are good for both cemeteries but can be used on either day.

[Click here to become a sponsor!](#)

Please consider offsetting our expenses by sponsoring a character or even our mailing and printing costs. "Walk with the Spirits" has continued to grow each year, with participants now exceeding 500! One of the many benefits of sponsorship is an opportunity to **"Sip with the Spirits"** at a private reception for cocktails and mingling with the cast.

**For more information, contact Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436.**

## Featured Spirits Include



Amanda Toomer

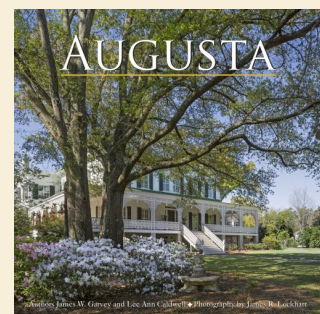
## Shepherd

This presentation will explore the architectural landscape prior to 1865, including how topography influenced the construction of townhouses, summer retreats, and plantations around Augusta, Bath, and Summerville.

**Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.**

This is the first in a series of lectures sponsored by a grant from the **National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, in the State of Georgia, Augusta Town Committee.**

**Save the Date:  
Holiday Book Signing**



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## Cedar Grove

**Wheeler C. Ervin (1900 – 1964)** was the first African American elected to the Richmond County Board of Education. Mr. Wheeler served for more than 35 years as the business manager at Paine College, and he was also a member of the Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal church on 8th Street, which was recently saved imminent demolition after a long preservation campaign by Historic Augusta and the Augusta Canal Authority. *Portrayed by Benjamin Porter.*

**Rev. Henry A. Johnson (1875-1951):** pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, home of Morehouse College, Rev. Johnson was the son of Rev. Gad S. Johnson founder of Shiloh Orphanage; and, father of C.W. Johnson, first principal of Lucy Craft Laney Comprehensive High School. *Portrayed by Nathan Rothwell.*

**Judson Lyons (1860-1924)** was an Augusta Baptist Institute graduate who became Georgia's first African-American attorney; he later became the highest ranking African-American in the federal government when he served as Registrar of the U.S. Treasury from 1898-1906. Although the location of his grave is unknown, Lyons Drive in Cedar Grove Cemetery is named in his honor. *Portrayed by Titus Nichols.*

**Joanne (John Ann) Thompson (1862-1947)** was the matriarch of Thompson Farms, which is now a fourth-generation enterprise and the largest commodity farm in Richmond, County. Her husband, John Thompson, was a charter member of the NAACP, and their son, Edwin Thompson, was one of the first African-Americans to serve in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as part of the famous 325th (Colored) Field Signal Battalion of the 92nd Division. *Portrayed by Olaundra Grace.*

**Amanda Dickson Toomer (1849-1893)** was the mixed-race child of an enslaved woman and a white

Join Historic Augusta for a holiday book signing of [Augusta](#) with the authors, James Garvey and Lee Ann Caldwell, in celebration of the book's release. Books will be available for purchase for \$50 (plus \$4 sales tax).

*Augusta* is a 50th anniversary project of Historic Augusta, Inc. Richly illustrated with archival images and current views professionally photographed, this beautiful book provides an overview of Augusta's history through its architecture from the eighteenth to the late twentieth centuries. All proceeds support Historic Augusta's mission to preserve architecturally significant sites and structures in Augusta and Richmond County, Georgia.

### **It will make a lovely gift!**

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slaveholder, who became the wealthiest black woman in the nation after she inherited her father's \$500,000 estate despite fierce objections from her white relatives. Her home at 448 Telfair Street is now occupied by The Hawk Firm. *Portrayed by Stacy Camille.*

**John P. Waring (1878-1942):** a popular restaurateur, Mr. Waring was a charter member of the Augusta Branch of the NAACP and founding consortium owner of the Lenox Theater. His son J. Philip Waring Jr., was a noted social worker, journalist, and preservationist. *Portrayed by Leon Maben.*

### **Magnolia Cemetery**

**Catherine Matilda Edwards Cashin (1783-1838)** immigrated from Ireland to Augusta with her husband, John Cashin, who became a successful merchant, owning steamboat stock and selling a variety of goods at his store on the south-side of Broad Street. *Portrayed by Catherine Robertson.*

**Lucy Vassa Buford Chew (1807-1897)** lived in Richmond County most her of life; her husband, Benjamin F. Chew, was a landowner and merchant who had a store at 168 Broad Street. *Portrayed by her descendant, Charmain Brackett.*

**Samuel Hale (1784-1841)** was a respected magistrate who served as mayor of Augusta from 1828-1836. His home, which is now the Old Government House, was the seat of local government until 1821, when he purchased it from the city and converted it into an elegant residence. *Portrayed by Mark Albertin.*

**Marie Marguerite Roullit Lagarde de l'Aigle (1766-1849)** was the wife of Nicolas de l'Aigle, a prominent brick manufacturer whose estate bounded the land that later became Magnolia Cemetery. Family lore holds that the two met on board a ship out of Saint Dominique. When

the ship was accosted by pirates, Nicolas purportedly saved Marie Marguerite and her two daughters by giving the pirates a Masonic medal that signified distress. *Portrayed by Sallie Metzel.*

**John Marshall (1773-1833)**, a veteran of the War of 1812, was the first sexton of Magnolia Cemetery when it opened for burials in 1818; 200 years later, his original burial records are still preserved in the Magnolia Cemetery office. *Portrayed by Dustin Turner.*

**John Martin (1738-1843)** survived a tomahawk wound to the head in the Cherokee War of 1755 to later serve with honor in the American Revolution; he passed away at the remarkable age of 105 years and is buried beneath a Revolutionary War cannon, which marks the foot of his grave. *Portrayed by Chris Rucker.*

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