

MEMORIAL IN MAY CONFERENCE



PAAC selected the month of May to host its annual cemetery preservation conference due to the awareness of the holiday. *Memorial Day*, originally called *Decoration Day*, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

In addition to national observances, many individual communities hold memorial observance in a church or town memorial park. Many family members that have moved away, return home to their communities to visit their cemeteries to honor and pay tribute to their loved ones by cleaning and decorating their graves.

Our conference is designed to jumpstart this tradition by motivating people and communities to honor their loved ones not only in the month of May, but all year long.

PAAC's goal is to emphasize the importance of preserving African American cemeteries by empowering people with the knowledge, skills and resources to maintain and preserve cemeteries in their communities.

Please join us May 13 - 14, 2011, for our 5th Annual Memorial in May Cemetery Preservation Conference at Historic Washington State Park, Washington, AR. .

PAACARCEMETERIES@AOL.COM

Annual dues January 1 through December 31 Membership Form

Please make checks payable to PAAC, Inc. and return form with your payment to:

**PO Box 25923
Little Rock, AR 72221-5923**

Chapter Membership Breakdown

- Student - \$10 (Undergrad, Graduate)
- Individual - \$15.00
- Family (Includes Spouse) - \$25.00
- Church Membership - \$40
- Organization - \$50.00

Includes up to 3 individuals

Junior Preservation Society Membership

- Individual - \$3.00 (Elementary)
- Individual - \$5.00 (Middle School)
- Individual - \$8.00 (High School)
- Youth Group Organization - \$25.00

New Member Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Ph: _____

Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE JOIN US



**IF OUR CEMETERIES ARE TO HONOR OUR DEAD,
WHAT KIND OF STATEMENT
ARE WE MAKING IN THEIR HONOR?**

ORGANIZATION HISTORY

PAAC was organized in January 2003 to be a leading organization among cemetery associations, preservation groups, cemetery care-takers, or the one individual, that is concerned with documenting and preserving their ancestral burial ground. It is the goal of PAAC to instruct and teach the humanities the valuable information necessary for the education and preparation of cemetery restoration, documentation and preservation.

Why the Need?: Forming a state wide organization would bring an awareness to African-American communities of the need to preserve cemeteries that are rarely documented. To educate the masses on how infrequently our cemeteries appear on maps and how they are almost never shown on historic plats.

These lost and forgotten cemeteries interpret the lives of the people buried there as well as the establishment of settlements and communities. With so many being lost to abandonment, nature, development and vandals, their arose the need for the protection and documentation of these cemeteries and the citizens contained therein.

JUNIOR PRESERVATION SOCIETY

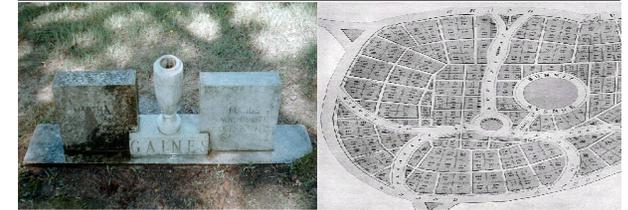
Chartered in January 2009 by students at Martin Luther King Elementary East Lab, Little Rock, AR., this club was designed along the lines of an internship for cemetery preservation. Our youth will be educated in becoming advocates working to increase public awareness and activism in preserving, protecting, documenting and restoring endangered and forgotten historic cemeteries. Writing the significant histories of those interred and publishing their findings.



Benefits of becoming a PAAC Junior member include:

- ⊙ Sharing methods and techniques of proper cemetery restoration and archaeological assistance
- ⊙ Assisting the PAAC organization with mapping and surveying of cemeteries
- ⊙ Assisting with the Quarterly newsletter and web site
- ⊙ Hosting educational programs for other youth groups
- ⊙ Re-enactments of historical figures
- ⊙ Publishing research findings
- ⊙ Filming Oral Histories and Documentaries

WHAT PAAC HAS TO OFFER



Research

Recording

Documentation

Education

Maintenance

Preservation

Workshops

Stone Cleaning

Restoration

Mapping

