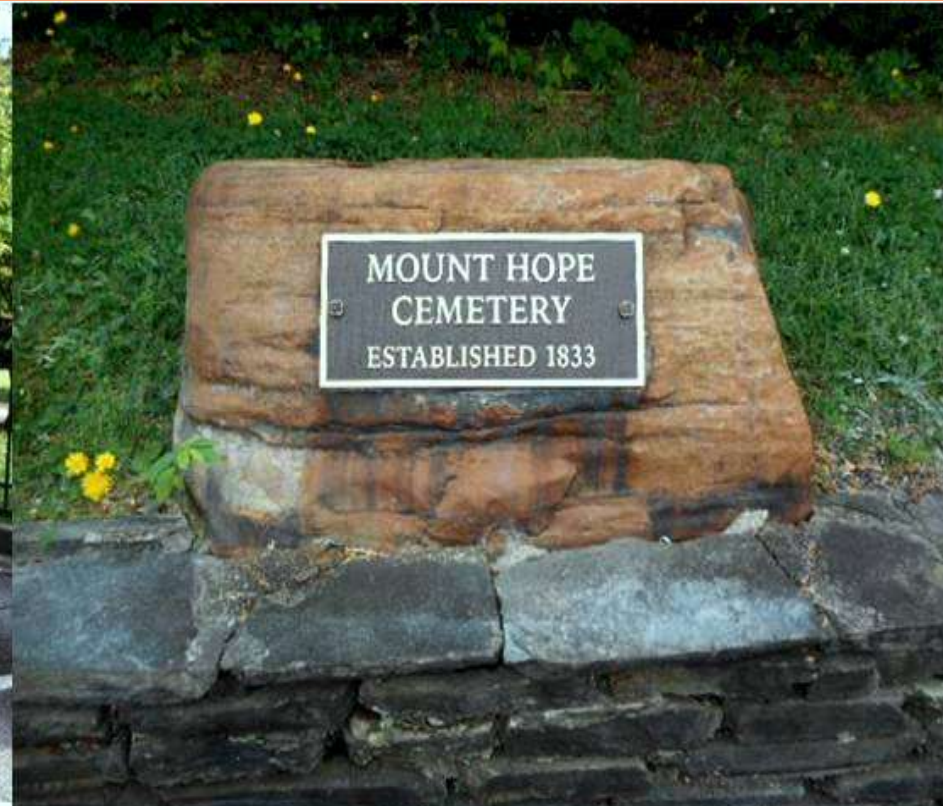
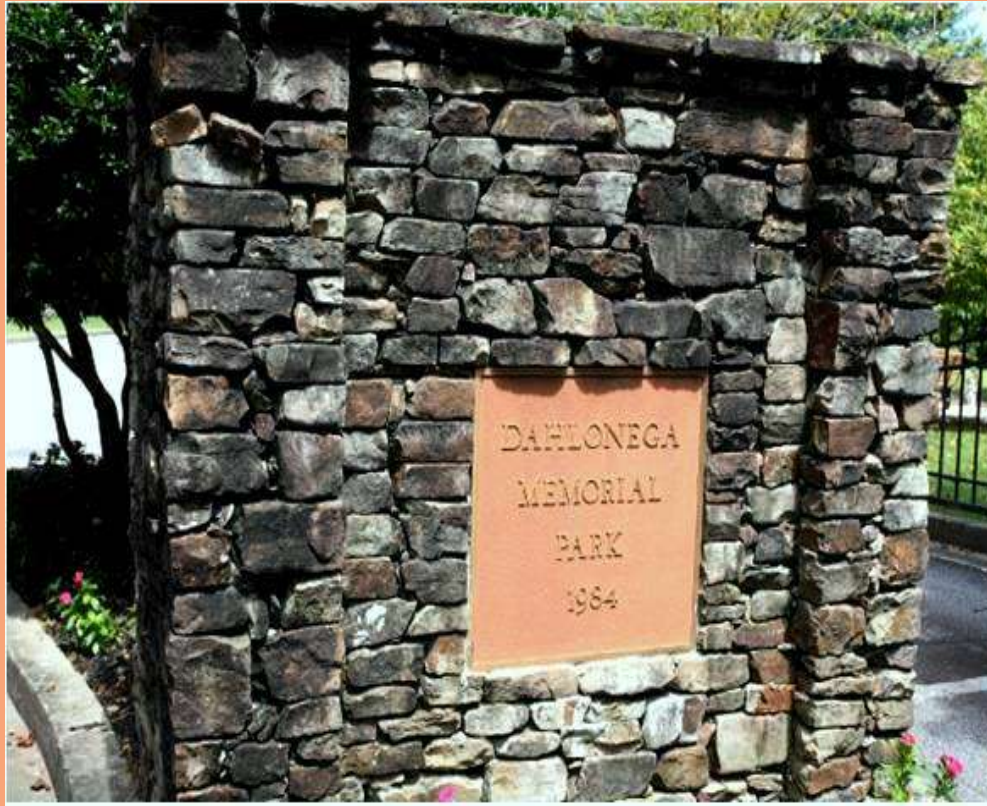


**CITY OF DAHLONEGA  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2023**



# Mission

**The mission of the Dahlongega Cemetery Committee is to act in an advisory capacity to the Dahlongega City Council on matters related to the historic preservation, maintenance, operation, and projected future use of all city maintained, municipal cemeteries.**



# Cemetery Committee

## Voting Members:

Chris Worick- Chair, Member since 2018

Quataunda Armstrong- Vice Chair, Member since 2022

Jane Mellor- Member since 2018

Terry Grizzle- Member since 2018

Patricia Turner- Member since 2020

## Non Voting- Members at Large:

Vacant

Vacant



# 2023 Accomplishments

## MT HOPE CEMETERY





Employed the services of Ammon's Grave Restoration Service (Cleveland, Ga.) to repair the historic box tomb of Charles Courtenay (1821-1848).





UNG student volunteers helped with gravestone cleaning and removal of dead vegetation around historic graves.







**Care and marking of veteran's graves.**  
**Placed flags on all known veteran's graves for Memorial and Veteran's Day.**  
**Ordered and received VA approved headstones for four previously unmarked veteran graves.**  
**Identified one Canadian WW I veteran in Mt. Hope and marked his grave with Canadian flag.**







# Mt. Hope Cemetery Cleanup Saturday November 4th





# City workers removed overgrown and invasive vegetation at the entrance of Mt. Hope (Before and After)







Claude Worley was killed by a train when he was fourteen years old.

Identified the missing grave of Claude Worley who died tragically in 1891. The story of the discovery of Worley's headstone was published in the Dahlonega Nugget.





**A new technique to locate unmarked late 20<sup>th</sup> century graves.**

**In Oct. 2023, UNG student volunteers assisted the Cemetery Committee in locating unmarked graves using a metal detector.**





Established a ten station QR coded self guided historical walking tour.



Tour created by 2023 UNG graduate Delaney Waters



# MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

**Columbarium niches sold: 18**

**New Section of Memorial Park staked off for future burial sales.**

**Placed flags on veteran's graves for Veteran's and Memorial Day observances**

**Recorded graves without permanent markers that are subject to damage or loss.**





# Cemetery Committee

## Goals for 2024

Begin initial phase of fence construction around Mt. Hope

Conduct A fundraiser to purchase supplies and materials for cemetery upkeep and preservation.

Create a memorial sign to recognize unmarked African American burials in Mt. Hope.

Organize a historical guided tour to help bring in funds to maintain Mt. Hope

Continue to partner with UNG to teach their students the importance of cemetery preservation.





THANK YOU!



To everyone who has supported  
the Cemetery Committee in 2023.