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OCTOBER 1997

MEETING NEWS

MEETING DATE

Oct. 28, 1997

MEETING TIME

3:00 p. m.

MEETING PLACE

Jefferson
Davis Comm-
unity college;
Thomas E.
McMillan
Museum

PROGRAM Committees

will be ap-
pointed for
selecting new
officers.
Plans for the
Christmas
party will be
made.

St. Michael's cemetery

Normally I do not copy any current articles for this publication, but today I read this article in the Pensacola News Journal (10-11-1997) and decided that it needed to be preserved in our archives. The article was written by J. Earle Bowden.

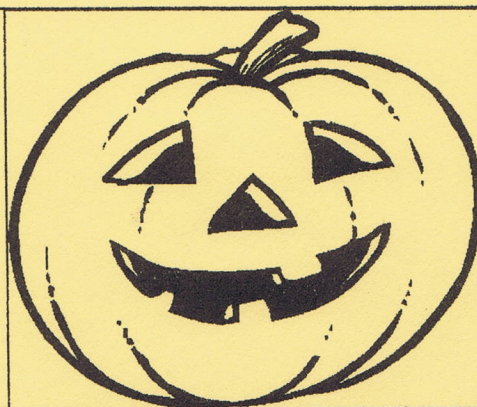
St. Michael's Cemetery is Pensacola's first burial ground, dating to George Washington's day.

The Cemetery has careful oversight by Tom Muir and the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, but it has long been neglected. The Catholic Church deeded the cemetery to the city in 1964.

"Now comes claims of burials east of Floridablanca, on ground targeted as the New Aragon. But dig in many Pensacola's historic areas and there could be bodies, including British General Henry Bouquet (1719-65), dead a month after arriving in British Pensacola and buried in what is now the middle of Tarragona Street near Government.

The eastern area to Clavos Street may have been abandoned after the Civil War; a drainage system was buried after World War I to divert a creek running from Gage's Hill (Lee Street) through

MEMORIAL FOR
GEORGIA HART
BY ELVIRA McMILLAN



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the cemetery into a swamp near the bay. By the 1930s, and the building of Aragon Court public housing, St. Michael's was bordered on the West by Floridablanca.

Consecrated as a Catholic cemetery by 1810, St. Michael's is a gallery of antiquity-Pensacola leaders in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries; casualties of the 1781 Battle of Pensacola between British defenders and Spaniards under Bernardo de Galvez.

Walk among the stones: Spanish noblemen Manuel Gonzalez, Francisco Moreno, Confederate Navy secretary Stephen Russell Mallory, merchant John Innerarity, Dorothy Walton, editor/jurist Benjamin D. Wright, lumber barons Daniel and Martin Sullivan, lumberman/educator Philip K. Yonge."

This Cemetery is an open book of history, the next time you are in Pensacola, check it out!

THERE WILL NOT BE A NOV. MEETING