Bucktoe Cemetery

A historic restoration project between The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC) and the New Garden Memorial UAME Church, under the direction of Heritage Guild Works
History

• 1813: Founded
• 1904: moved to east linden street in Kennett Square where they still reside today for worship and community service
• 2010: TLC, New Garden UAME, and Heritage Guild Works collaboration

Pre-clean up July 2010
Collaboration


- Out of town historical societies, townships, history/geology/archaeological students at local universities/colleges.

Tower Hill School in Nov. 2011
Accomplishments 2010 - 2012

- Clean up Days
- Hallowed Grounds Conference
- Community Presentation
  - Hockessin Historical Society
- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Commemoration Ceremonies
  - Wreath Laying
  - Chronicles Day
- “Steward for a Stone”
  - Anonymous donor kicked off with 12 stones
- Press coverage;
  - Daily local, Kennett Paper, Philadelphia Inquire, Landenberg Today
- Living History Hikes
  - Ongoing throughout the year
Early 2013

- 2 clean up days;
  - MLK for Service (screenings) and
  - April 20th clean up with volunteers
- Black History Day UAME Churches in Delaware City
  - Spoke (outreach) on behalf of Bucktoe Cemetery
- Living History Hikes
- Archaeological Digs
  - Technical College High School in May 2013
- Oxford Township Historical Society in May 2103
- Hockessin Historical Society Follow Up Presentation
Upcoming - 2013

- Girl Scout Historic Badge – November 3rd

- Chronicles Day 2013 “Dig It!” – November 9th

- “Steward for a Stone”
  - Kennett Underground Railroad and Kennett Square Historical Society each donated a single headstone
  - Chardy’s Memorial in Kennett Square donating time and materials.
  - Angel of the cemetery has donated 12 stones and continuing.
Goals for 2014

- Funding of specific projects;
  - **Education**- New and returning schools and scout groups for archeological digs.
  - Further investigation of original plot plan of all who are buried at Bucktoe.

- Continuing beautification and restoration of cemetery
  - “Steward for a Stone”
  - Clean up dates with local school groups (maintenance and development)

- New outlets and connections
Resources and Needs

- **Strengths;**
  - Group of interested schools, scout groups, volunteers, community organizations
  - Knowledgeable restorationist group involved; Heritage Guild Works

- **Needs;**
  - Establish Legacy Fund for restoration and educational sustainability
Q&A /Open

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