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James Harrod Trust Cemetery Tour Is Sept. 16-17

Local History Will Come To Life In 8th Annual 'History Underfoot' Event

By Rosalind Turner

Just before the sun sets on **Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17**, history will come to life at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Harrodsburg.

James Harrod Trust is hosting the **eighth annual "History Underfoot" Cemetery Tour** on those two evenings at Spring Hill Cemetery. The focus of the event will be on education and entertainment – edutainment – while “visiting” with some of Harrodsburg and Mercer County’s ancestors. The early residents of Harrodsburg and Mercer County – some of whom may be infamous – will share stories and relive a little Mercer County and Kentucky history.

James Harrod Trust will not be raising the dead. The historic characters will actually be James Harrod Trust members and friends, who will be dressed in period costume. Positioned at the gravesite, the interpreters will bring to life the color and history of some of the community’s forefathers.

“You can learn a lot on the Cemetery Tour and it is very entertaining. Our guests get to experience a little history and have some fun all at the same time,” said Carolyn Crump, Cemetery Tour Committee. “Past guests have really enjoyed the tour.”

The James Harrod Trust Cemetery Tour, **co-sponsored by The Harrodsburg Herald**, offers visitors a unique and fun opportunity to learn about the history of the state's oldest settlement and the people who lived, loved, fought and died in the community.

The event, which has drawn hundreds to the cemetery year after year, has acquired a following of people from the area who attend annually. Though it is educational, the visitors always enjoy being entertained with the stories and trivial as well as learning some often little-known history on the community and the state.

The Cemetery Tour is also designed to allow participants to learn Mercer County, KY history while they are being entertained. It also allows for some interaction as the guests often ask questions or share some historical knowledge of their own.

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