

## REACHING OUT



Midland Cemetery needs your help to continue with the restoration and preservation of its hallowed grounds. Midland grounds are used to educate the community about the vast amount of history that lies within by reaching beyond its boundaries. As dedicated board members we have strived to work with little to make a large change that was much needed. Please share this information with family, friends, coworkers, historian and schools.

Visitation to the cemetery is encouraged during the open season which during that time we would love for you to stop by, email or call to set up a tour.

[support@midlandcemetery.com](mailto:support@midlandcemetery.com)

O 717-939-0242 or Cell: 717-579-0003

## SOME OF MIDLAND NOTABLES

REV. O.P. GOODWIN (DIED 1939)

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. JAMES F. GOODWIN (DIED 1946) GOODWIN MEMORIAL

DAUGHTERS OF ZION AND MEMBERS OF MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

MEMBERS OF MOMUMENTAL A.M.E. CHURCH \* MEMBERS OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH \* MEMBERS OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH \* TURNER MEMORIAL CHURCH \* PRIMITIVE BAPTIST\* EMANUEL COG

HERBERT (RAP) DIXON (NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL)

PETER SULLIVAN BLACKWELL (1ST BLACK COUNCILMAN OF STEELTON, NEWSPAPER EDITOR AND BUSINESSMAN)

FIELDS FAMILY \* HYGENIC SCHOOL CHILDREN \* PAXTON LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS \* SAMUEL COLES \* JAMES FAMILY (TEACHERS)

Along with ex-slaves

**Our Veterans**

**United States Colored Troops**

**Buffalo Soldiers**

**Veterans of WWI and II**

**Korean War Veterans**

**American Legion Post 479 members**

**Buried at**



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PO Box 7442

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or visit us during our open season at:

206 Kelker Street

Swatara Township/Steelton, PA 17113

directly behind Steelton Highspire High School

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“Our life in comparison to the world is only a snapshot of times, happy mixed with sad, but our afterlife is forever in the books of history.”

Barbara Barksdale

# MIDLAND CEMETERY HISTORY



*USCT placing the flag at the annual Memorial event*

Established circa 1795 as the resting place of slaves, those born into slavery and died free. It holds the remains of veterans of early wars such as the United States Colored Troops, Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen, soldiers of World War I and II along with Korean

War veterans.

Nestled on the old Kelker farm in Swatara Township on Kelker Street and Cole Alley (behind the Steelton-Highspire High School), this now plush green site with its white stones protruding from the earth has a story to tell. This site has become noted for its historical value, a place of peace, tranquility and beauty where every headstone is a book of history.

The Friends of Midland, is a 501 (c) 3 organization. Formed in June 1993 for the sole purpose of restoration, preservation with education of the Midland Cemetery. The Group has worked hard to expose the history of the cemetery by inviting historians, colleges and community to the site.

## MEMBERSHIP

You can become part of this history by becoming a member and giving your support financially to keep this history alive.

Your membership of \$15.00 helps with the general maintenance of the cemetery to ensure preservation. Your contributions help to tackle the larger projects.

Help us save our American history.

## OUR FUTURE

When we started we did not have a plan of action for the years to come. We took each day with the reality that we could mow, pull weeds and set up headstones. We saw the changes from year to year seeing the improvements and the great transformation of this now historic site. Our mission is to continue with the restoration and preservation of Midland. As the years has peeled away the woods and debris we have lent ourselves to the education of the community.



*Unveiling of Rap Dixon headstone. Rap was a Negro League Baseball player*

We invite schools, colleges and organizations to visit or invite us to come to you to share this history. This pathway to history is only a call

## Membership Form

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**First** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership of \$15.00 per person .

This covers the cost of gas, oil, tools and other supplies needed to maintain the cemetery.

Please send this completed form to the P.O. Box address below with your membership fee and any donations that you would like to make.

**Membership \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **renewing**

**& or contribution \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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