

John Duckins Needs a New Headstone

Tales of Earlier Days

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As a writer I do not usually tease my readers with an incomplete “cliffhanger” story. Today is different. Next week I’ll finish the story, but if you want the unusual detail sooner, go to the cemetery this Sunday.

This Sunday June 26 features “A Walk in the Cemetery”, a unique event sponsored by the Sauk County Historical Society. It begins at 2 P.M. Participants stroll through Walnut Hill Cemetery grounds on a selected trail.

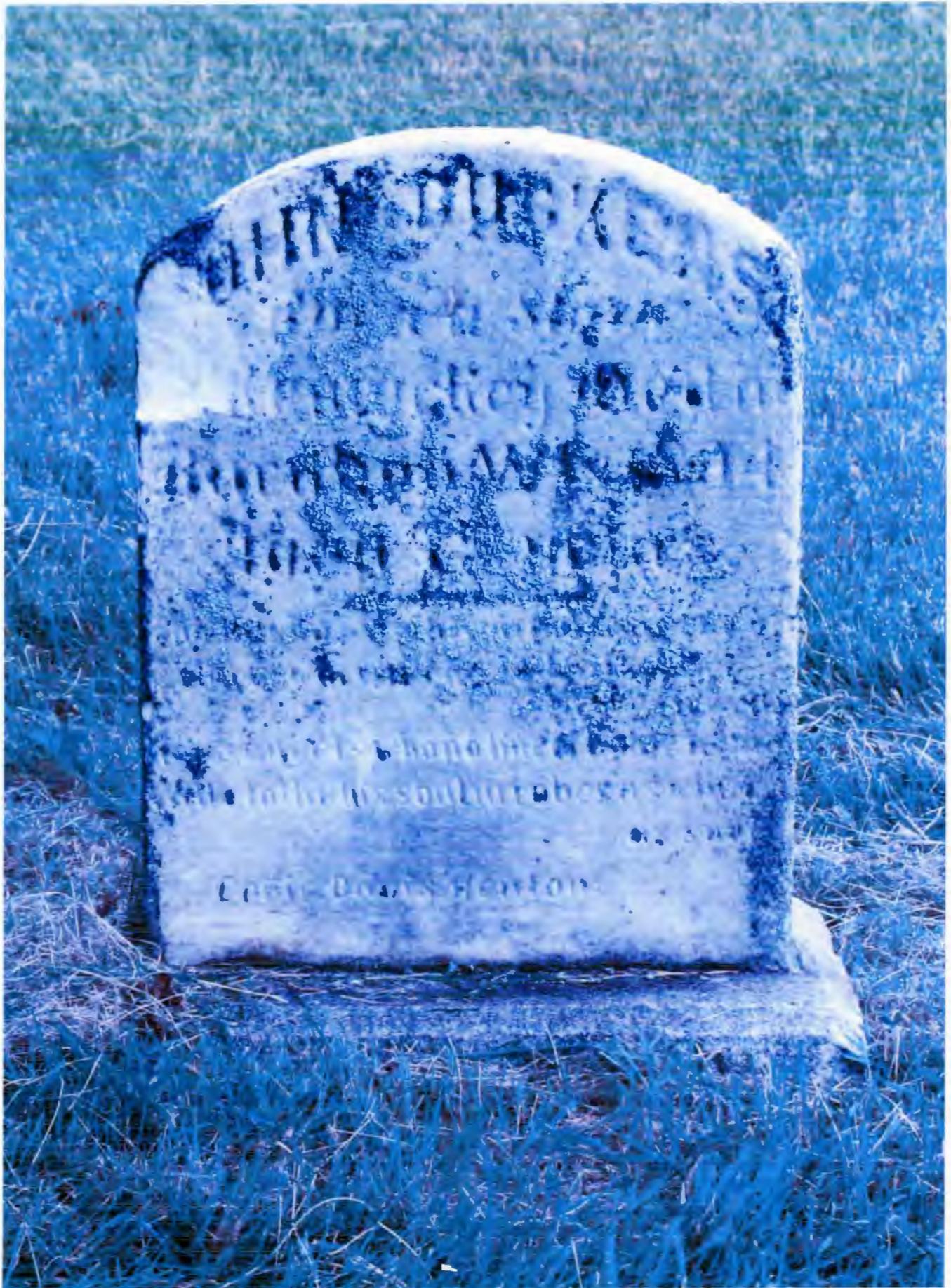
At some designated burial plots the person buried there seemingly come to life, stands by their headstone, and speaks briefly about their life story and its significance to the county.

Speakers are well trained for accuracy, and are in costume. We suggest that the modest \$8 fee is well worth the event, which features nearly a dozen appearances from the past.

One of the most striking appearances in a previous event was at the visit to the grave of John Duckins, once one of the best known a well-liked person in the community. He will appear at the site again this Sunday. He is the only one of previous appearances to be repeated in this event because of his unusual story.

Unmarked for decades, a modest stone was finally donated for the site of his grave. Time and weather have made it nearly unreadable. After you read his story next week, consider if you would like to donate something towards a new stone, as some are doing. You will not be solicited to contribute.

This then, is simply a heads up about the walk in the cemetery and the proposal to again memorialize his grave with a more lasting stone.



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