

Mather



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Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy National Alumni Association

July 2005



• BHMA Camden Alumni Chapter REUNION

August 20, 2005

- ☐ Best Western Hotel in Lugoff, SC (call toll-free at 1-800-344-1545)

Registration:

- ☐ \$50 (make check payable to: "BHMA Camden Alumni Chapter")
- ☐ Send to: BHMA Camden Alumni Chapter, c/o Mike McClendon; 478 Knights Hill Road; Camden, SC 29020 (Phone: 803-243-7814)
- ☐ **Fee must be received by August 10, 2005**
- ☐ Class of '55 Reunion Aug. 19, same hotel. Additional charges. Details: Henry Brevard, (H) 843-761-4265; (C) 843-729-4199; email: SCSU60@homexpressway.net

Next National Grand Reunion:

- August 3-6, 2006
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- Details to come

Memorial Site on Property at Last?

Camden Chapter, local group pursuing new possibility

The BHMA Camden (SC) Alumni Chapter and the Kershaw County Clean Community Commission (KCCCC) are reviving the idea of a memorial on a portion of the former Mather property.

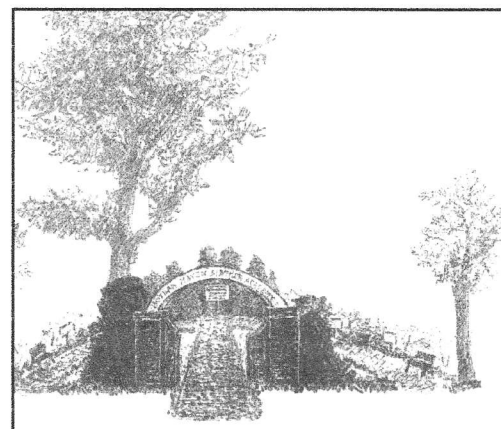
The initiative hinges on whether the current landowner will donate a portion on Campbell Street at the second set of brick pillars that once led to the schoolhouse. A local businessman, Clifton W. Anderson, KCCCC chairman, is making the contact.

The memorial would have a sign, photo display structure, benches, pavers, shrubbery and maybe lights.

In 1997, the National Alumni Association explored the same idea and formed a proposal committee that drew a sketch. The action was based on a written offer from the former landowners, the Methodist Church's Women's Division, to donate two acres. The church group later denied the offer was official and stated their policy is to not donate land. Details are on the alumni web site, www.mathernaa.org.

The current effort is part of the KCCCC's "Historic Campbell Street Project," which seeks to restore and beautify the portion from Meeting Street to DeKalb Street. The work is the second phase of the 2004 Community Pride Project, called The Trace.

The lower end of Campbell is one of Camden's original pre-Revolutionary War streets, and was once where many African-American professional, civic and business leaders lived.



Preliminary Rendering of Proposed Site

The proposed memorial is one of three focal points the KCCCC wants to highlight on the street. The other two sites are Cedars Cemetery (an African American cemetery in the block next to the former Mather property) and Beth El, a Jewish cemetery (located near Meeting Street).

The BHMA Camden Alumni Chapter, stalwart sentinel and advocate of the Mather legacy, is a sub-committee of the KCCCC and acts as a "guiding force" for the implementation of the memorial.

Subcommittee members will gather artifacts to include in the memorial, and written and verbal historical accounts of the school to be included on streetscape signage and a proposed Historic Campbell Street brochure.

For more info, contact chapter president Mike McClendon at the address and phone in the far left column on this page. ■

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National Alumni Officers Elected

At 2004 Reunion in Baltimore

Officers of the Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy National Alumni Association pose after being sworn-in at the 2004 Grand Reunion in Baltimore, Maryland. They are serving the 2005-2007 term.

From left are: 1st Vice President **Audrey Robinson**, 2nd Vice President **Maxine Jenkins**, President **Rupert Bellamy**, Recording Secretary **Lynne Thomas**, Corresponding Secretary **Celeste Bradley** (seated), Executive Secretary **Antoinette White Toney**, Treasurer **Knorphe Byrd**, and Parliamentarian **Delmarcia Jenkins-Mitchell**.

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