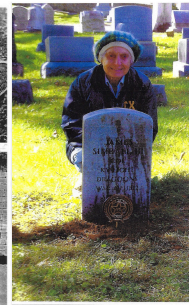
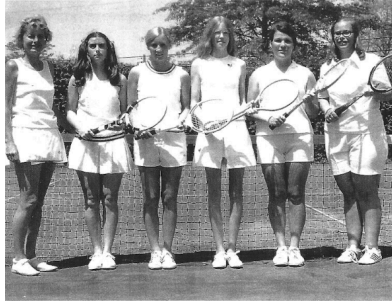
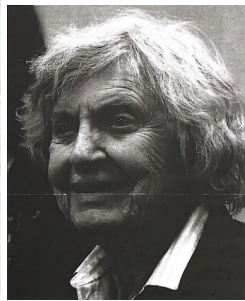


Betty Buntin Matthews

October 25th, 1922 - October 30, 2015

Interred: Section C, Row 7, Space 00

Betty Buntin Matthews, a dedicated historian and community leader, was a Shelby County treasure. Born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Matthews was the daughter of Anna Marjorie Nix and Alexander O. Buntin. She lived in Pennsylvania until 1934. From 1939-1943, she attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, earning a degree in chemistry and meeting her future husband and Shelbyville connection, Robert F. Matthews, Jr. Betty and Bob married on March 24th, 1945, moved to Shelbyville, and had their two sons, Charles and Alan Matthews.



Although Shelbyville was her adopted home, Betty devoted her life to it as if she were born here. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, spending many hours making and overseeing repairs and beautifying the lawn of the church, along with teaching Sunday school, serving as an elder, and researching the history of her church. Betty, as president of the Shelby County Historical Society, played a big role in the repair of the Stanley-Casey House in 1989. One of her main passions was getting homes in Shelbyville on the historical register. Moreover, Betty was always the go-to person in Shelby County for anyone interested in finding out their roots. Her interest in her own genealogy led her to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1999, she was named Shelbyville Citizen of the Year, primarily for fundraising for, and thereby making possible, the restoration of the Grove Hill Cemetery Chapel. Fittingly, her grave is behind this beautiful chapel.

Not only was Betty a phenomenal researcher bringing the past alive for Shelby Countians, but also she was an example for and champion of girls and women. She was one of the first two women elders of her church, and she served as the president of the women of her church. Also, she started the girls' tennis team at Shelbyville High School, giving girls the opportunity to play a sport as she coached them and transported them to matches in her car. Her contributions to women and historical research show she was a woman ahead of her time.

Grove Hill Chapel at night in 2024.



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