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Senator Jason Crowell Announces Grant Award for Cape Girardeau

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that Cape Girardeau has been awarded a grant for \$5,500 from the federal Historic Preservation Fund allocated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks. The money will go toward restoration projects planned for the Old Lorimier Cemetery, which was established in 1808 and hosts more than 6,500 burials.

“The Old Lorimier Cemetery is a historical anchor of the Cape Girardeau community,” Crowell said. “The grant will enhance restoration and preservation efforts so that the cemetery grounds will continue to hold their historical beauty and significance for many future generations.”

With the funding, a workshop/seminar on the conservation of cemetery headstones will be held, and geophysical-survey techniques will be used to locate nearly 800 unmarked graves. The cemetery will also be assessed so that future restoration projects can be planned.

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