



# MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS

400 Main Street, Suite 615, Knoxville, TN 37902

WHAT: Celebrate the long-awaited reunion of the historic Buffat Mill sister stones

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29

WHERE: Spring Place Park 5201 Parker Drive, Knoxville, TN 37924

## **Mayor Jacobs, Parks and Rec to Celebrate Reunion of Buffat Mill ‘Sister Stones’**

**BACKGROUND:** Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department will host an unveiling ceremony at Spring Place Park to celebrate the reunion of two antique millstones from the historic Buffat Mill.

The Buffat Mill, located near the park on Loves Creek, served as both a mill and house for members of the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War at various times.

Sisters Jessie Arlene “Polly” Powers Hood and the late Nancy Jane Powers Henry each possessed an antique millstone – used in the milling process – from the building. The stones were dubbed “the sister stones.”

One of these millstones is currently on display at Spring Place Park. In 1976, the descendants of Alfred Buffat, who owned the mill and property, donated the land for the park, and in 2014 donated the one of the millstones to the park.

The other stone was relocated from the mill to property currently owned by Polly and her family, as well as Nancy’s children. It is Polly and the family’s desire to reunite the stones at Spring Place Park, bringing these pieces of history together once again. The families do not want a piece of Knox County history to be lost to buyers who are not interested stakeholders in this piece of Knoxville history.

The unveiling ceremony date also is Polly’s 91st Birthday.

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