

○ Excerpt from Memo of RPA 29 MAY 2012 Visit to the
Map Dept of the Wake Co, NC Tax Assessor's Office

Office Person TOMM BENNEKIN suggested that
SILVANO PETERSON - historian in the
Wake Co, NC Planning Dept might be
of help on my SCTWP History Project
Her Number (919) 856-6325

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WAKE CO, NC - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Recap of Wake Co, NC Appraisals Regarding Graves,
Cemeteries, Removal, etc - Encountered on RPA
trip to NC 30 APR - 12 MAY 2009

FILE 5 GRAVE
REMOVAL

Item #1. Visited extensively with KEITH A. LANGFORD

in the Wake Co, NC Planning Dept - see the
organization file for the main body of
notes provided about Grave Removal. These
notes also contain reference to a JOHN
CLAUSER, a retired archaeologist, who now
runs a company called GRAVE CONCERNS
which provides the research/documentation
which developers need. Keith also provided
considerable detail re the "CROSS" CEM
on DURANT RD which see cem for details.

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1) Notes of RPH Visit on 1 MAY 2009

In attempting to find a Wake Co, NC Road Map I went to the GIS Section for Wake Co on the 5th floor of the old Durham Life Bld (where I had been many times before) and met an employee who was then in NC 8 yrs from OH. He tried to locate maps for me without success but re details on the Cross Gate Subdivision he referred me to KEITH LANGFORD of Wake Co, NC Planning Dept on the M Floor (MAIL). Keith is a good friend of JOHN CLAUSER

Keith has a very cluttered office but was willing to spend lots of time with me. He says JOHN CLAUSER has office (or home?) at 1523 Hanover St - Phone No (919) 839-0501. He is

Keith

retired from State Service as an Archeologist & started a business called "GRAVE CONCERNS". He serves Developers who want to have graves removed (most go to Oakwood) & turn papers over to Keith who presents same to the County Commissioner. The City has a similar process. John does 80% of the Wake County Grave work. In the end the records of data collected is filed in the Registry of Deeds office (check to see if this is in a separate file)

Keith spent considerable time helping me locate details about Cross Gate Subdivision where I observed the Cemetery the day before. See CROSS CEMETERY for details provided. Keith also enlisted the help of LYNN PALNE(?) to find details.

- Went to Downtown Raleigh
- x Old WC Deed Record Office & Parking Bld being torn down to make room for a WC Court Bld for Criminal Justice
 - Parked in more square parking
 - Went to WNC GIS Dept on 5th floor to look for Wake Co Rd Map. Talked to nice man who referred me 1st to south west end of 5th floor (where I used to get tax account maps - still in operation as before). Got two printouts re Cross Code Subdivisions - Marked "A"
 - He referred me 2nd to KEITH LANGFORD on 11th floor (M = MAIL) See his profile for detailed notes. He is expect an removal of cemeteries. Got from him documents labeled "B"
- Keith is in The Planning Dept, Wake Co, NC



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REMOVAL OF GRAVES CERTIFICATE

WAKE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING

All questions regarding removal of graves start with the Wake County Planning and Zoning Department. Refer clients to Brenda Coats. Environmental Services, Kent Daeke, R.S., is involved with the graves after the applicant has met with a Zoning Representative. Environmental Services is required to witness the removal and site the new grave in accordance with setbacks to well and septic area.

Brenda Coats
919-856-6215
bcoats@co.wake.nc.us
Waverly Aikens Office Building
Room 116G

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I get the Removal of Graves Certificate forms? (Wake County Register of Deeds)

I recently went to our family cemetery to visit my Aunt and Uncle. There is a subdivision of new homes there. The cemetery has been moved. Can you tell me where they were moved? (Removal of Graves Certificate filed at Wake County Register of Deeds)

Received a call from a police officer regarding burying fetal remains at home. (Wake County Planning and Zoning)

Can I bury my husband in our back yard?
(Wake County Planning and Zoning)

BURIAL REGULATIONS

The Wake County Board of Commissioners amended the county code to strengthen burial regulations in unincorporated areas. The regulations require the locations of new family burial grounds be recorded with the County Zoning Administrator. Burial grounds cannot be within 100 feet of water supplies, must be located at least 50 feet from adjacent property not used for burials and that graves must be at least 20 feet from road right-of-ways