

OAKWOOD CEM. - RALEIGH, NC

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Subject: WCGS Meeting - March 22, Tuesday, 7 pm
From: Kathy Ruse <president@wakecogen.org>
Date: Sat, Mar 19, 2016 11:45 pm
To: Robert Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

△ ROBIN SIMONTON
△ OAKWOOD CEM, RALEIGH, NC

Dear Robert,

Just a reminder about the upcoming meeting of the Wake County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 pm. The topic will be "**Monument Art & Symbolism: The Stories Behind the Stones**," by Robin Simonton, Executive Director of Historic Oakwood Cemetery.

Ever wander through a cemetery and see symbols that make you scratch your head? Do you think about the messages that these monuments may have conveyed to people of their era? Here's your chance to learn more! Join Robin Simonton, Executive Director of Oakwood Cemetery, and learn about the evolution of gravestone symbols over time. We'll also talk about the important partnership between cemeteries and genealogists as we work together to help families and our community understand their past.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the talk. Bring a friend!

Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

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**ALSO PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR:**

**WCGS Transcribing Workshop – Saturday, 26 March 2016, 9 - 11 am**  
Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

By popular request, Diane L. Richard, editor of our journal WCGS Treasures, has agreed to conduct a training session for all who are interested in learning about transcribing historical documents. This is a skill useful for both producing publishable material for the Journal as well as for own our family history research.

The program will consist of a presentation with tips and examples followed by a "live" hands-on transcription (with a buddy) session. Coming to this workshop does not obligate you to participate in future sessions, but we are looking forward to meeting on a regular basis to work together on transcriptions for the Journal. Everyone is welcome but please let us know if you plan to attend (we would like a head count!).

Please bring a laptop to the session if you have one (not required). If you have questions, please contact Diane Richard at [dianelrichard@mosaicrpm.com](mailto:dianelrichard@mosaicrpm.com).

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**Subject:** [wcgs] You're Invited!: Oakwood Lantern Walk -- Sat. Oct. 30th \* 6pm to 10pm  
**From:** "Diane L Richard" <dianelrichard@mosaicrpm.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 26, 2010 10:59 am  
**To:** <wcgs@yahoo.com>

## *Oakwood Lantern Walk*

***Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Oakwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC***

***Saturday - October 30th - 6pm to 10pm***

***The annual Oakwood Lantern Walk is a family-oriented program of interesting historical vignettes of life (and death) during the War Between the States. The tour is held annually on the last Saturday in October in the Confederate section of Raleigh's Oakwood Cemetery. You will follow a lantern-carrying guide (in period attire) down the luminary-lined path among the headstones of the 1400 Confederate veterans buried in Oakwood, to each of the skits portraying an event from the Confederate past.***

***The Lantern Walk is hosted by the Col. L. L. Polk camp of Garner, with help from local re-enactors and volunteers. All proceeds go towards the upkeep and continued restoration of Oakwood's Confederate section. The tour takes about an hour to complete; with tour groups leaving approximately every 15 minutes. Refreshments are served at the end of the tour in the House of Memory.***

***The cost is \$6.00 per person over 11 years of age; \$3.00 for ages 6-11; and free for children under 6 years of age.***

***For more information, email: [oakwood\\_lantern\\_walk@hotmail.com](mailto:oakwood_lantern_walk@hotmail.com) or call 919-779-5888***

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HISTORIC OAKWOOD

WAKE CO., NC - RALEIGH

The attached 5 photos sent to RPH as an  
attachment to an Email 23 MARCH 2010 from  
Blanchford to RPH - Taken by her husband.

1 + 2 are of the Oakwood Inn B + B across  
the street from the Wyckinch - Stronach  
House which appears in 3, 4, 5



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## A Walk Through Oakwood

Compliments of the Society for the

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From the 12 MAY 1999  
James Roy Taylor  
to RPM - from  
the Internet

### *Preservation of Historic Oakwood*

#### **Strong-Stronach House, c. 1871**

411 N. Bloodworth St.

Built by Thomas H. Briggs for George V. Strong, a district attorney for the Confederacy and a state legislator, this house was later bought by A.B. Stronach. The Italian Revival influence is evident in the house's bracketed eaves. The house now operates as a bed and breakfast known as the Oakwood Inn.

#### **Upchurch-Stronach House, c. 1875**

414 N. Bloodworth St.

This house was also built by Thomas H. Briggs, but for John Upchurch. After 1886 the house was enlarged with Queen Anne characteristics for Frank Stronach, who operated a livery stable. The house has been nicknamed the "Horsenose Villa," and is now owned by Jim Stronach.

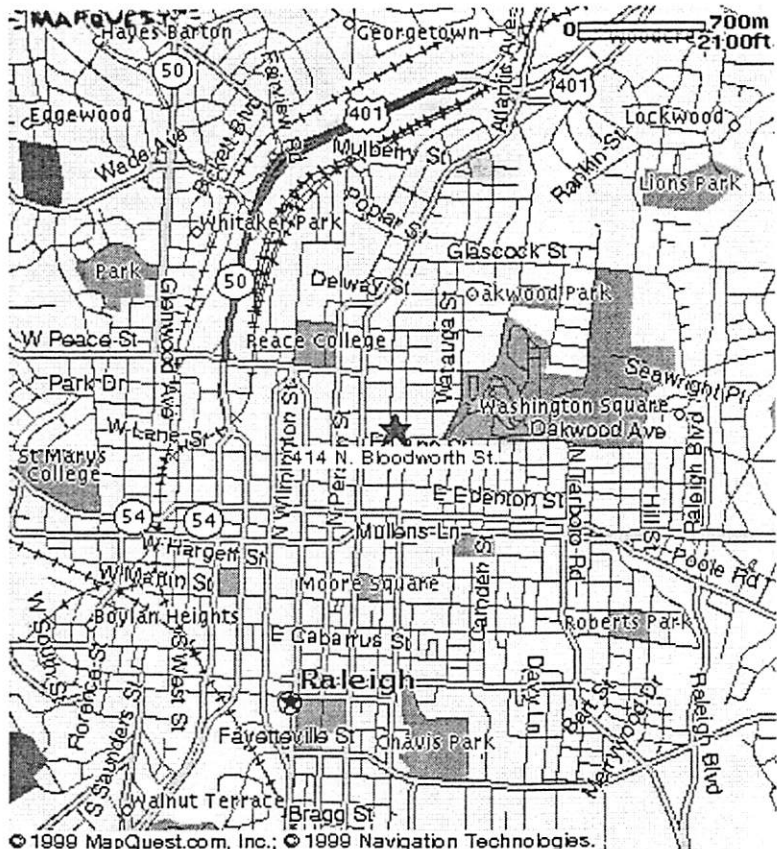
#### **The Oakwood Inn, c. 1871**

411 N. Bloodworth St.

832-9712 or 800-267-9712

The Oakwood Inn houses six guest rooms ranging in price from \$85 to \$130 a night, each with a private bath and central air. Guests enjoy a full breakfast and afternoon tea daily during their stay. For more information, visit the inn's web site.

A brochure outlining the entire walking tour is available at the North Carolina Visitors Center located at 301 N. Blount St. You can reach the center by phone at 733-3456.





# HISTORIC OAKWOOD, RALEIGH, NC

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30 MAY  
2009

**Subject:** John Upchurch House  
**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com  
**Date:** Sat, May 30, 2009 3:33 pm  
**To:** "Doris and Gary Jurkiewicz" <innkeepers@oakwoodinnbb.com>  
**Cc:** "Debbie Douglass" <dmdoug2000@yahoo.com>

Hi Doris and Gary---

I am the historian for the Upchurch Family, and live in Missouri but have a good friend Debbie Douglass who lives in Apex. She has told me about a recent Tea she attended at the historic John Upchurch house which I understand is across the street from your B and B. John Upchurch was a 2nd Cousin of my father and I am quite familiar with this family. I am anxious to contact someone who would be interested in sharing details about the house and the John Upchurch family. I could probably help them and I hope they can help me. Debbie thought you might be able to point me in the right direction.

I will be in Raleigh later this summer and could confer in person if that is a good option. Details on my work may be seen at [www.upchurchstory.com](http://www.upchurchstory.com).

I will be grateful for any suggestions.

Phil Upchurch

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1 JUN  
2009

**Subject:** Re: John Upchurch House  
**From:** Oakwood Inn B&B <innkeepers@oakwoodinnbb.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 01, 2009 7:50 am  
**To:** phil@upchurchstory.com

Dear Phil:

I will put a call for info on our neighborhood listserve and see what we come up with. The State Archives which contain all historic material and information is located about a seven minute walk from the Inn. I have already talked to Jimmie Stronach who currently lives in the Upchurch/Stronach house. I believe your relative sold it to Frank Stronach, Jimmie's Grandfather. If you'd like to come inside the house, Jimmie said you are welcome and can talk photos. He has the original gas pipes in the walls that were used as "lights". I think you'd enjoy the visit, and our neighborhood is full of historic houses and buildings all nicely preserved.

If any one answers the call for info on the Upchurch family... I'll let you know.

Gary L. Jurkiewicz

Owner/Innkeeper

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2 JUN  
2009

**Subject:** RE: John Upchurch House  
**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 02, 2009 1:34 pm  
**To:** "Oakwood Inn B&B" <innkeepers@oakwoodinnbb.com>

Hi Gary---

Thank you for your help. Hope someone comes forward. When we are next in Raleigh I will attempt to contact Mr Stronach and learn if we can see the house. It was nice of him to offer.

Phil Upchurch

# HISTORIC OAKWOOD - RALEIGH, NC

## ① Historic Oakwood - Raleigh, NC

In May 2009 Deborah M. Douglass told me about a Tea she attended in the historic John Upchurch House in Oakwood. She indicated that the house is the home of an "elderly gentleman who was not a part of the Tea Party". Debbie thought the owner of the B&B across the street were somehow involved in making arrangements for the use of the garden of the house for the Tea. I asked Debbie for a contact. See her response in ② below

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Subject: Re: apex

From: Deborah Douglass <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>

Date: Sat, May 23, 2009 5:14 pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

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Δ DEBORAH M. DOUGLASS BIOFILE

Δ HISTORIC OAKWOOD  
RALEIGH, NC

re John Upchurch - I have the email/phone number of the lady who lives in the Oakwood B&B, just across the street.... she should be able to give you someone to speak with -

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Doris & Gary Jurkiewicz,  
Innkeepers / Owners

Or - the only info I can find for the Historic Oakwood group is a mailing address -

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood  
P.O. Box 27283  
Raleigh, NC 27611-7283

Debbie Douglass



HISTORIC OAKWOOD  
RALEIGH, WAKE CO, NC

① Input from Deborah Douglass to R.P.U. by phone 5 MAY 2009

Debbie tells me of meeting for tea recently in the John U house at 414 N. Bloodworth St in Oakwood Community of Raleigh. The tea was put on by the Oakwood Garden Club & is sponsored by the Oakwood Inn B+B across the street. The John U house built 1875 also goes by another name. It is the residence of an elderly man.

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② From Brief of John William U, Sr. - Entry 25 FEB 1980

"Eldora owned the beautiful Frank Stronach Home on North Bloodworth St in Raleigh, NC" [John & Eldora are there in the 1880 census - R.P.U.] "John & Eldora farmed for a while in Thomasville, NC but after Eldora's father died they moved to Raleigh to the Stronach Home and then on to Smith Creek TWP.

③ A flyer on Historic Oakwood was mounted to R.P.U. on 31 DEC 1994 by Tracy Newman U. Among the listings on North Bloodworth St are funds:

**414 Upchurch-Stronach House, c. 1875**

Built for John Upchurch and enlarged with Queen Anne characteristics for Frank Stronach after 1886. Stronach operated a livery stable, hence the name "Horsenose Villa." The colored rosette windows are particularly beautiful.

# The Oakwood Inn

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Within walking distance of Downtown Raleigh and to the NC Museum of History, NC Museum of Natural Science, NC State Archives and Library, the Executive Mansion, Visitor' Center, NC State Capital, Mordecai Historic Park, Peace College, Exploris, Moore Square and City Market, many fine restaurants, antiques, art studios, shopping, and, of course, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

A short drive to the NC State University, UNC Chapel Hill, Duke University, Meredith College, St. Augustine's College, Shaw University, North Carolina Museum of Art, the North Carolina State Fair, Research Triangle Park, Raleigh-Durham Airport.

If you've never been to a bed and breakfast or if you won't settle for anything less please visit *The Oakwood Inn Bed and Breakfast*.

Visit [Gary's Blog](#). Let us know what you think.

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Listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Raynor-Stronach House, built in 1871. It is one of the four surviving homes of the 11 original homes that started the Oakwood Neighborhood, now the Historic Oakwood District, the 19th century Raleigh neighborhood which gives the Inn its name.

A. B. Stronach was one of the sons of W. Stronach, a stone cutter from Scotland who came to Raleigh to help build the capitol building. A. B. and his brother W. C. were grocers. The home remained in the Stronach family until the early 1940's when the home was sold to John W. Woodard. Mr. Woodard owned the home until 1984.

A. B. Stronach



The Raynor-Stronach home was converted into Wake County and Raleigh's First Bed & Breakfast, opening on June 1, 1984.

Mary Augustine Stronach



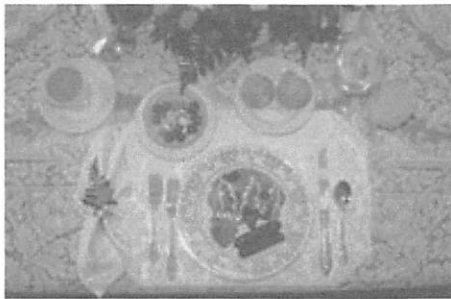
The Inn has been decorated with period antiques which allows guests to enjoy the romance of the Victorian era without giving up the comforts of modern conveniences.

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Each morning, a full "chef's choice" breakfast is served in the sunny dining room. Enjoy a savory or sweet entree while mingling with guests from around the world. We will ask about any allergies, restrictions and dislikes upon arrival. If you have a major food concern, please let us know when making your reservation.

Bring back memories by playing a tune on the upright piano. Enjoy evening sweets while talking over the days events with the innkeepers and other guests. Complimentary snacks and beverages are available 24 hours a day.





WPCNURCH - STROWACH HOUSE  
414 N. BLOODWORTH STREET  
RALEIGH, NC

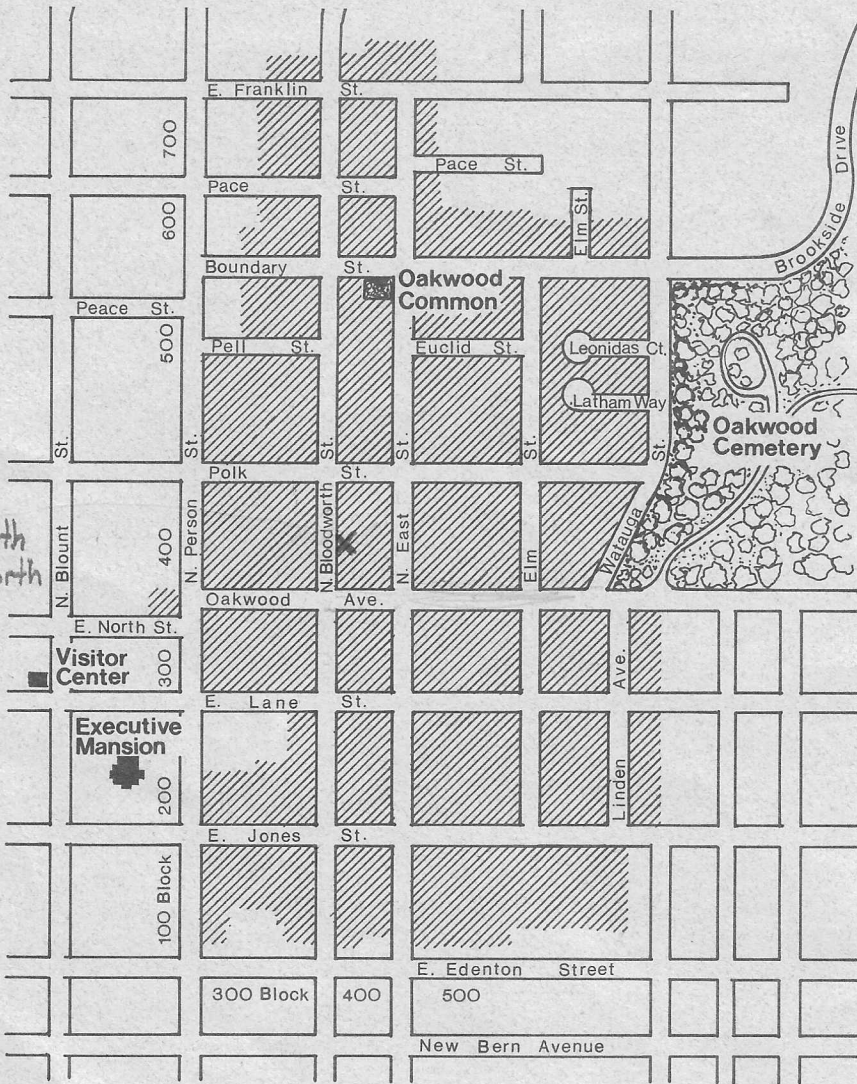
① Excerpt from Notes of RPH Visit to the Home 2 AUG 2009  
See Profile of James Norfleet Stronach, Jr for all details.  
Robert Tombs "Bob" commented:

- The 1872 map shows the area of the house now open land and he wonders if the first owner John William W. Sr was a farmer.
- Bob's father went to work in 1940 and he moved into 414 at the time. Bob says various members of the Stronach Family lived at 414.

- Bob indicates that as a relative of James, the current owner of 414, he will inherit 414 and looks forward to caring for it.

Bob's wife Norma made numerous comments James reported that he was born in a smaller house 2 - soon down and moved to 414 when his GM died in 1939. He says when John W built the house it had only 4 rooms - 2 up and 2 down. The furniture in the house is all original. James says his GM (nee Mary Christine Norfleet) went to the 1895 World's Fair in Paris, France and brought back some of the furniture.

FROM LTR 31 DEC 1994 TRUOX NEWMAN U TO RPO



414 North Bloodworth

**HISTORIC OAKWOOD**

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Raleigh, N. Car.

