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## Oak Grove Cemetery Method, Wake County, North Carolina

Ligon Road, Method, Raleigh NC

Lat: 35° 47' 18"N, Lon: 78° 41' 56"W



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Take Raleigh Beltline (440) Exit # 2, which is Western Blvd.(SR 1012) and go east on Western Blvd. abt. 1/2 mile to the traffic light at Method Rd. Turn left (north) on Method Rd. and go 1/2 mile to Ligon St. Turn left (west) on Ligon Rd. and go 1/4 mile to the tunnel under the Beltline. Continue through the one lane tunnel carefully and go about another 1/10 mile taking the left angle that brings you to the cemetery. Park and enter the cemetery.

This cemetery is listed as "Cemetery" in the Wake County land record, which incorrectly gives the address of the property as Beryl Rd. There is no single owner. People whose families purchased plots own these various plots.

The cemetery contains 1.25 acres. It is active and has room for more burials. It is located in Method, a Raleigh neighborhood, and dates from the post Civil War era when Method was settled by African Americans. This cemetery has historic significance, so it is dismaying to find it in such poor condition.

The surface is very uneven and rough, littered with rubbish and overgrown with vines and weeds. The general appearance is one of gross neglect. The graves are scattered every which way, many graves are unmarked, many headstones broken. Funeral home markers are in use instead of headstones on a large number of graves and many are rusted and unreadable. Among all this disorder there are some dignified headstones.

I walked the cemetery and recorded all that was readable from headstones and markers, on Aug 17, 2005.

- Shirley Olson

**Anders, Annette Hogan**, b. 18 Jul 1937, d. 5 Sep 2003, "Our Sister"

**Arrington, Julia**, b. ??, d. 7 May 1918, age 77

**Atwater, Minnie**, b. ??, d. 26 Mar 1952, headstone partially buried and leaning,

tree growing through grave

**Banks, Emmer**, b. ??, d. 31 Dec 1918  
**Clinton, Doris**, b. 1925, d. 2005, Chappell's FH  
**Cobb, John Curtis**, b. 16 May 1922, d. 15 Jan 1980  
**Cobb, Margaret**, b. 10 Aug 1925, d. 28 Feb 1983  
**Cobb, Margaret**, b. 1944, d. 2005, Chappell FH  
**Cole, Beatrice P.**, b. 1909, d. ??  
**Cole, James F.**, b. 1908, d. 1969, s. w. Beatrice Cole  
**Copeland, Esther Fort**, b. 10 Oct 1923, d. 29 Sep 1973  
**Cotton, Hubert**, b. ??, d. 26 Mar 1927, NC Pvt 810 Pioneer Inf  
**Dunn, Mattie H.**, b. 4 May 1890, d. 22 Mar 1962  
**Edgerton, Frank S.**, b. 23 Jul 1910, d. 10 Mar 1997  
**Edwards, Addie Shaw**, b. 1903, d. 1985  
**Edwards, Corinna H.**, b. 17 May 1899, d. 11 Apr 1985  
**Fort, Lucy**, b. 1867, d. 1963  
**Gambrell, Elizabeth E.**, b. 1921, d. 1950  
**Gray, Alice**, b. 30 Mar 1915, d. 8 Oct 1974, buried in the Williams plot  
**Griffin, Elizabeth P.**, b. 1 Jul 1909, d. 22 Nov 1981  
**Hackney, Margaret**, b. 11 Aug 1854, d. 12 Jun 1928, "Dear Mother"  
**Hardin, Bertha W.**, b. 2 Dec 1909, d. 18 Oct 1997  
**Harris, Amos Latwell, Sr.**, b. 18 Mar 1905, d. 10 Nov 1962  
**Harris, Carol L.**, b. 1914, d. 1967  
**Harris, Ethel B.**, b. 1892, d. 1949  
**Harris, Joe Louis**, b. 1935, d. 1994, Haywood FH  
**Harris, Mary Ida**, b. 30 May 1905, d. 30 Sep 1978  
**Harris, Mildred Marlene**, b. 14 Dec 1958, d. 13 Jul 1990  
**Harris, Theodore W.**, b. 1891, d. 1962  
**Harris, Willie Astor**, b. 2 Mar 1910, d. 14 Jun 1911  
**Hill, Kemp**, b. ??, d. 20 Apr 1924, age 57  
**Hill, Luke**, b. 5 Aug 1849, d. 19 Apr 1914  
**Hinton, Pearl R.**, b. 19 Mar 1897, d. 8 Feb 1989  
**Lee, Donald Russell**, b. 17 Nov 1960, d. 30 Apr 1986  
**Lee, Henrietta H.**, b. 9 Sep 1935, d. 6 Nov 2000  
**Lee, Nathaniel H., Jr.**, b. 24 May 1956, d. 11 Feb 1993  
**Lee, Roxie P.**, b. 4 Jan 1887, d. 1 Oct 1972  
**Lenton, James**, b. ? Mar 1883, d. 6 Jun 1925  
**Ligon, Ellen**, b. 25 Oct 1888, d. 4 Dec 1888, dau. o. J.(?) O. & M. S. Ligon  
**Ligon, Everhardt M.**, b. 7 Sep 1904, d. 14 Jun 1983, s. w. Mary A. Ligon  
**Ligon, Lafayette**, b. 14 Feb 1826, d. 29 Mar 1891  
**Ligon, Lafayette**, no dates (this is a different headstone)  
**Ligon, Mary A.**, b. 23 Aug 1901, d. 24 Oct 1983  
**Lipscomb, Earnest H.**, b. 1934, d. 1985, Seagroves FH  
**Marriott, James Edward, Sr. "Boss Man"**, b. 1919, d. 1989  
**Marriott, Marion**, b. 1921, d. 2004, Lea FH  
**Marrow, Mamie B.**, b. 26 Aug 1939, d. 30 Aug 1989  
**McCray, Callie**, b. 1 Jun 1892, d. 29 Aug 1961  
**McIver, Anna Wilcox**, b. 1 Sep 1895, d. 8 Feb 1939  
**McRae, John H.**, b. ??, d. 18 Jan 1926, age 65  
**Medlin, James E.**, b. 1945, d. 2005, Chappell FH  
**Mims, Wilson**, b. 1913, d. 1984, Lea FH  
**Morgan, Clyde**, b. 1926, d. 1996, Haywood FH  
**Morgan, Ellmore**, b. 3 May 1932, d. 17 Feb 1967  
**Morgan, Etta S.**, b. 1896, d. 1979  
**Morgan, Horace L.**, b. 14 Jul 1916, d. 23 Mar 1961, NC S/sgt 594 Port Co TC

WW 2

**Navon, Ligon**, b. 1961, d. 2004, Haywood FH  
**O'Kelly, Baby**, no dates  
**O'Kelly, Berry**, b. 14 May 1898, d. 3 Aug 1993  
**O'Kelly, Chanie**, b. 4 Jul 1863, d. 7 Jul 1902  
**O'Kelly, Claudia**, b. 29 Apr 1911, d. 2 Aug 1992  
**Parrish, Jose**, b. 1862, d. 18 Jul 1921, husb. o. Cornela Parrish  
**Patton, Michael D.**, b. 1967, d. 1985  
**Peacock, Thady G.**, b. 11 Apr 1889, d. 18 Apr 1983  
**Peebles, Mary H.**, b. 9 Aug 1894, d. 24 Jul 1969  
**Pope, Amanda B.**, b. 1893, d. 1970  
**Pope, Martha A.**, b. 31 Jan 1922, d. 23 May 1989  
**Pope, S. Jackson**, b. 1893, d. 1955, s. w. Amanda Pope  
**Pope, Wilbert J.**, b. 1919, d. 1991, Pfc US Army WW 2  
**Ray, Laurence A.**, b. 9 Jul 1969, d. 28 Sep 1994  
**Rodgers, Authur**, b. 1921, d. 3 Dec 1934, hand scribed, dates not positive  
**Rodgers, Souare**, 1 Dec 1920  
**Rogers, Leonard, Sr.**, b. 2 Aug 1911, d. 28 Feb 1979  
**Rogers, Lillie Stroud**, b. ??, d. 4 Jul 1968  
**Rogers, Ruth**, b. 1914, d. 1994, Lightner FH  
**Rogers, Wiley**, b. ??, d. 17 Feb 1940  
**Sills, John**, b. 8 Nov 1920, d. 2 Apr 1955, s. o. Mr. & Mrs. David Sills  
**Sills, Minnie**, b. 14 Dec 1914, d. 11 May 1960, dau. o. Mr. & Mrs. David Sills  
**Sills, Wilbertine H.**, b. 1920, d. 1961  
**Smith, Evelyn M.**, b. 29 Jul 1927, d. 4 May 1964  
**Smith, Gloria C.**, b. 1949, d. 2003, Lea FH  
**Smith, Willie M.**, b. 25 Nov 1904, d. 24 Feb 1985  
**Snipes, John Fletcher, Sr.**, b. 2 Feb 1899, d. 2 Oct 1973  
**Thomas, Ada**, b. ??, d. 19 Jun 1918, age 56  
**Thomas, Della (?)**, b. 20 Jan 1925, d. 25 Feb 1955, hand scribed  
**Thomas, Ida O.**, b. 8 Jun 1888, d. 19 Nov 1974  
**Thomas, Margaret Pope**, b. 4 Nov 1927, d. 10 Jan 1984  
**White, Marion Elizabeth**, b. 18 Nov 1890, d. 22 Jul 1924, "mother"  
**Wilcox, Baby**, b. 9 Jul 1898, d. 16 Aug 1898, dau. o. T. H. & Irene Wilcox, Method, NC  
**Wilcox, Berry O.**, b. 24 Nov 1899, d. 11 Nov 1964  
**Wilcox, Edwin F.**, b. 27 Dec 1907, d. 29 Sep 1968  
**Wilcox, Fernando**, b. 14 Nov 1893, d. 2 Mar 1905, s. o. T. H. & Irene Wilcox, b. Panola Co., Miss.  
**Wilcox, Irene A.**, b. 17 Nov 1892, d. 13 Jul 1904, dau. o. T. H. & Irene Wilcox b. Panola Co., Miss.  
**Wilder, James W. Sr.**, b. 1925, d. 2002, Haywood FH  
**Wilder, Octoria**, b. 25 Jul 1896, d. 2 May 1925  
**Wilder, Ruth**, b. 1926, d. 2003, Haywood FH  
**Williams, Andrew C.**, b. 1890, d. 1962  
**Williams, Andrew G.**, b. 3 Apr 1948, d. 25 Dec 1985  
**Williams, Androw Guffie, Jr.**, b. 25 Dec 1919, d. 28 Sep 1979, spelling from tombstone  
**Williams, Annie B.**, b. 1898, d. 1961  
**Williams, Margaret Mariah Hodges Howard**, b. 20 Dec 1914, d. 27 May 1999  
**Wilson, Bessie McCrae**, b. 11 Apr 1885, d. ??  
**Wilson, Jethro Robert**, b. 15 Apr 1885, d. 29 Apr 1956, s. w. Bessie Wilson  
**Wynder, Thelma Thomas**, b. 22 Jan 1909, d. 23 Jun 1992

## Misc:

?uckett, Ro?ret, d. 9 Aug 1970, FH, near Earnest Lipscomb

2 FH markers, unreadable, near Thady Peacox

Atwater tombstone no dates or names

broken stone, no name, next to John McRae

broken stone, unreadable, near John McRae

footstone "S. A.", next to Authur Rodgers, no headstone

headstone partially buried, no name visible, near Thady Peacox

large sunken headstone in front of Bertha Hardin, next to Margaret Cobb

next to Atwater stone are 3 small markers, "Lonnie", "Father", "Ida"

stone and grave, no names, next to Ada Thomas

tipped stone near John Curtis Cobb

tombstone with beaded cross, no names or dates, on the corner of the cemetery

unmarked grave next to Carol Harris, FH marker unreadable

unmarked grave next to John Sills

unmarked stone and grave next to Julia Arrington

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St. James AME Churchyard  
520 Method Rd.  
Raleigh, WAKE Co., NC

Lat: 35°47'33"N, Lon:78°41'38"W

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Dir: Beltline (I-440) exit 2A (Western Blvd.), go 4/10 mi. east to **Method Rd.** Turn left and go 8/10 mi. to the church on left.

There is only one grave in this churchyard, plus a memorial to him. A sign has been placed in front of the cemetery to show it has been chosen as an historical site.

I visited the churchyard and photographed and recorded the grave, monument and historical marker on 23 Nov 2002.

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**O'Kelly, Berry**, b.1864, d. 14 Mar 1931



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