

ROCK CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH ROLL - 1846

MALE MEMBERS

Joseph B. Bond
 William O. Lee
 Jacob Chupp
 Green Diamond
 Bartley Thomason
 James McGuffey
 James M. Griffin
 Samuel Hamilton
 Jno. C. Turner
 Edmond Lee
 Patrick Buchanan
 Charles McGuffey
 Joseph T. Bond
 Joshua Coggins
 Henry Mise(Mize)
 Ned Hudgins
 Jesse Warren
 Henry Warren
 Thomas Warren
 Wm. B. Thomason
 Whitmore McGuffey
 Henry Weaver
 Edward A. Turner
 Young J. Marbut
 John Boyd
 James Morse
 Jesse Wiggins
 George Morse
 Phillip Duncan
 James T. Bond
 James Thomason
 James M. Evans
 Zachary Alford
 George Turner
 Wm. P. Bond
 Eason J. Bond
 Francis M. Wellborn
 Zebulon Swann
 Robert Jason
 William Argo
 John Wiggins
 Elijah Swan
 Mansel Starnes
 Alford Hudgins
 Thomas Evans
 Phillip McGuffey
 James McGuffey
 James Bradbury
 Daniel Chupp
 Wylie Graham

FEMALE MEMBERS

Sarah Bond
 Lucy Ann Lee
 Elizabeth Chupp
 Mary A. Diamond
 Matilda Bond
 Mary Thomason
 Mary McGuffey
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Sarah Ann Lee
 Catherine Lee
 Rebecca Marbut
 Amanda Mise(Mize)
 Elizabeth Warren
 Rebecca Lee
 Mary Johnson
 Nancy Thomason
 Mary Graham
 Jane Wellborn
 Permella Coggins
 Rebecca Ann Lee
 Martha Lee
 Nancy Diamond
 Catherine Hammond
 Temperance Morse
 Martha McGuffey
 Elizabeth Davis
 Lucinda Boyd
 Centry Higgins
 Corsey Wiggins
 Emely Duncan
 Mary Ann Hammond
 Sarah Ann Bond
 Dicy Evans
 Berthany Starnes
 Mary F. Bradberry
 Catharine Wellborn
 Arminia Thomason
 Mary S. Veal
 Sarah Griffin
 Catharine Diamond
 Mary Swan
 Dicy Rutledge
 Nancy Hudgins
 Matilda Graham
 Martha Hudgins
 Catharine Owens
 Mary Ann Owens
 Emeline Diamond
 Susannah Watts
 Mary Watts

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Rock & Chapel
Slave

REGISTRATION CARD **2583**

REGISTRATION NUMBER **142**
 NAME **Oliver Weaver**

533 **Oliver Weaver**
 20 **Nov.** 14 1898

RACE				
White	Negro	Other	Chinese	Japanese
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U.S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Contract	Temporary
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT OCCUPATION **Porter** EMPLOYER'S NAME **Shurt Bldg. Co.**

Shurt Bldg. Co.
Bella Pierce

FORM THAT THIS PERSON HAS BEEN REGISTERED AND THIS FORM IS THE
 Form No. 1 (2-14)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT **10-1-3-C**

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT		BUILD		HAIR	EYES
Tot	Feet	Height	Weight	Color	Color
58	5	110	120	Black	Black

Is this person last name, first name, eye, or hair color, or is he of another race, or of another color?
 No

I certify that my sources are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him his entry in my office and that he has signed his name to the entry and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true except as follows:

W. Williams

Date of Registration **9-12-1918**

WAR DEPARTMENT
 EXEMPTION BOARD
 DIVISION 3
 179 GRAND ST. WASHINGTON, D.C.
 OFFICE REGISTERED

(The stamp of the local law enforcement officer to whom this registrant had his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

12163 (1918)

Rock Chapel Slave

1-29-03

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SHAFFBUND WILL
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Friday afternoon for
id cemetery.

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HUNTON, THE 8-
er of Mr. and Mrs.

Habeas Corpus Writ Denied.

Oliver Weaver, a negro, made applica-
tion for a habeas corpus writ before
Judge Reid, of the city court, yesterday,
in which he sought to set aside a fine of
\$50 imposed by Judge N. R. Broyles, of
the recorder's court. The writ was de-
nied and he was sent back to the stock-
ade.

The negro was arrested Christmas day,
by Officers Dodd and Kilpatrick and was
charged with drunken and disorderly
conduct, for which the fine was imposed,
and then he was bound over by Judge
Broyles on the charge of assault with in-
tent to murder Will Foster.

Judge Robert L. Rogers represented the
negro and City Attorney James L. May-
son represented the city.

Property Transfers.

West Point

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Slave cemetery holds unique slice of DeKalb County history

Date of Issue: 09/15/04
By Diane James
Special to CrossRoadsNews

The old tombstone says Hannah Weaver was born in 1840 and she died in 1904. It also has the name Ollie, but there is no last name for him, because that portion of the stone has broken off.

The 1860 Census, the first to record the existence of African Americans in the country, shows that Hannah had a husband named Ollie. DeKalb History Center researchers believe Ollie was her husband. The two are inhabitants of what is believed to be DeKalb's only known all-slave

Located in June, the nondescript plot is at the intersection of Rock Chapel Road and Stephenson Road in Lithonia, in the woods near Rock Chapel Elementary School and Rock Chapel United Methodist Church. The Weavers and the others buried in the are believed to have been members of Rock Chapel United Methodist Church, founded in 1825, 40 years before slavery ended in America in June 1865.

Mary West, a volunteer for the DeKalb History Center who is helping to document African-American cemeteries in the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, called the "rare county history." To date, volunteers have identified 10 African-American cemeteries in DeKalb County. West said this is unique because all of its inhabitants were slaves.

"We have never found in this county before, what we would consider a slave," she said.

West said the not only represents the last resting place of slaves, but could hold the key to a storehouse of vital information for people tracing their roots or seeking to learn more about African history.

It's not unusual that an all-slave would be next to a church. During slavery, slaves were often members of the same church as their white owners and their burial sites were often nearby. The Rev. Harry Hawkins, a former pastor of the 179-year-old Rock Chapel United Methodist Church, said that after slavery some of the slaves stayed with the church. Hannah Weaver and her husband were among them. Hawkins, who left the Church in June for another position, said Hannah's funeral was held in the predominantly white church in 1904, which was very unusual for the times.

The couple's tombstone is being kept at the church's old parsonage for safekeeping, away from vandals and the elements.

"If anybody ever started restoring the, we would be able to bring that monument back," Hawkins said.

West said the actual number of graves at the site, now called the Rock Chapel Slave, is not known. She said graves are generally marked by four or five field rocks grouped together, but that some have no markers at all.

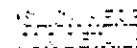
"Those of us who look at cemeteries all the time can look at a piece of land and know there's a grave right there," West said.

Since locating the site, West has developed a list of people who are

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Community:



Rock Chapel

Front R-L

A

Fred G Skinner

Nov 6 1906

Dec 29 1984

B

Wesley

Fs:

Robert Hammond Wesley

US Navy

W-W II

May 27 1909 Sept 21 1984

(brick: Marvin H Wesley descendant)

Maynard Morgan

Wesley

May 11 1915

Wigley

Oscar Sr

Sept 15 1911

May C

Nov 12 1913

Oscar F Wigley Jr

Apr 20 1951

May 15 1983

Our Beloved Son

Fs:

Oscar F Wigley

Sgt US Army Air Corps

W-W II

1911 - 1990

Southern
Ernest B Darlene D
Oct 8 1901 June 7 1904
 June 2 1984

Harbin

"Jerry"
Wilson Gerald
→ es 4 1944
Nov 19 1976

C

Mitchell
W Dee Bertie H
1906-1974 1907-1975

XX

Weyman A "Gibbo"
Harbin Sr
Jan 5 1940
Feb 6 1988
Fs: Weyman Allen Harbin
PFC US Army
1940 1988

X

John Thomas
Harbin
Sept 30 1937
June 22 1989

Harbin

Mary Louise W T (Tommy)
June 19 1918 June 1 1914
April 9 1991 July 29 1965

Jones (lg. stones)

Cina L Jones
Sept 20 1958
Sept 17 1960

Jessie Jones
Dec 1984

Thomas L Scott (blank)
Nov 2 1934
July 5 1981

Sheppard
↕ anchor
↙ ↘

Oscar Nixon
Dec 10 1915
July 25 1984

D

"Mikey"
James M Scott
June 12 1984
June 10 1998

James E Scott
May 28 1920
Apr 26 1985

Myra Sue Scott
Mar 13 1923
Oct 24 1974

Scott

James R
Dec 5 1896
Feb 11 1969

May
Dec 3 1898
July 13 1923

✶:

George R Scott
SP4 US Army
Jul 20 1939 Dec 6 1994

Sorrow

Mary B
1896-1980

Conley
1898-1969

Bond

Emma
1875-1949

WA
1868-1953

Gilbert

Hal M
June 29 1889
Oct 9 1986

Evie P
Sept 2 1901
Feb 25 1990

Marrried Feb 17 1962

Infant Son

King
Harold H Sr
Sept 2 1913

Dorothy B
Sept 11 1919

Marrried Sept 13 1941

E
1

Wood
~~Vina~~ V. Nian S
Dec 30 1910
Oct 24 1994
"Bobba"

J. Coy
Aug 2 1905
May 20 1964

Walter Wallace
Kimbruff
Dec 1 1906
Aug 15 1965

Kimbruff
Burdie L. Wallace
Sept 30 1887
July ~~1888~~ 15 1983

Caro Franklin
Kimbruff
Oct 7 1909
May 1 1996

Haynes
George ~~Geo~~ Justin
Jan 23 1919
Mar 23 1968
Fs: "JST"

Martha ~~McClain~~ McClain
June 14 1920
Oct 14 1995
"Tina"

Cody
Monteen A
Mar 12 1890
May 9 1952

John L
Mar 25 1888
July 17 1964

Willard Coady
Nov 23 1915
Nov 17 1967

Lois Treadwell
7 26 1921
7 23 1970

Hinton

Ira Lee
Apr 23 1919
Dec 3 1980

Dorothy Howard
May 28 1923

Mandolin

Scott

Hubert Noel
Nov 5 1930
Apr 11 1990

Paletta

Betty Jo Jones
July 5 1939

His heart was filled with
Music and his soul was
filled with the love of God

Jack Nathaniel
Son of
Go & Herb Scott
Nov 7 1957
Nov 8 1957

Phillips

Fs:

Judson E Phillips
Apr 10 1882
Nov 4 1958

Lottie Bond Phillips
Nov 15 1893
May 19 1974

Inf Son of
Mr & Mrs Harold S
Phillips
June 9 - 10 - 1942

Father

James Bond Phillips
Oct 27 1921 Sept 30 1882
 X
Precious Memories

lg stone GINN

Melton S Ginn
Sept 11 1858
May 11 1929

Dacia Ginn
Feb 9 1862
July 29 1940

Emmett Ginn
Oct 21 1880
Nov 2 1924

Floy Ginn
Feb 29 1880
Sept 7 1948

Lois Plunkett
Nov 23 - 1882
Jan 20 - 1960

Vera Lois Plunkett
Dec 15 1909
Jan 2 1984

Henry L Plunkett
Nov 28 1878
July 8 1954

lg stone
Plunkett

Rogers

Gertrude Charlie C
1900 - 1989 1898 - 1944

lg stone Dixon

As:

James Ray Wood
Gen

AN US Navy
March 3 1940 July 6 1960

James Floyd Dixon
Sept 5 1908
Mar 27 1964

Virgie K Dixon
Dec 26 1908
Apr 23 1985

see note



King

Genie King
Mar 30 1903
June 27 1941

Arthur D King
Aug 27 1899
Dec 10 1978

Jeffrey H King
Sept 28 1971
Dec 25 1989

born with melan

Ragsdale

Fs: Robert Inman
Ragsdale
July 18 1903
May 13 1961

Jacky
Montville } check

Like Robert
Mar 26 1920

F

Ruth Hicks
Wife of
Joe Wood
July 5 1916
Sept 3 1935

~~Nathan~~

AS

Father	Mother
Nathan R Wood	Mary E Wood
Jan 18 1845	July 10 1855
Feb 2 1930	Sept 5 1911

fs:

Nathan R Wood
Gen
Prof CoC GA Militia Cav.
Confederate States Army
Jan 18 1845 Feb 2 1930

New Row

Wood
Marvin K "Hoss" Army Brown
Mar 3 1916 Mar 6 1920
Jan 23 1984 May 10 1997

Wood
Ada K James E
May 7 1879 July 29 1874
Feb 18 1961 Nov 7 1953

Infant Dan
Mr + Mrs M V Edwards
1935 - 1935

Perry Family rest empty
July 10 1929
Sept 22 1930

Peace (lg. stone)

Es:
Leborn B Peace Clyde C Peace Sr
Aug 25 1916 Sept 29 1892
Dec 5 1932 Apr 29 1971

Elva M Pearce
Jan 25 1894

Mc Waters

I will cling
to the old
messed cross



Fs: Tom Samup
1875 - 1942

Fannie W
1887 - 1983

ds

~~Cook Tom~~

ds

Son	Mother
John Thos Cook	Fannie Cook
Nov 6 1856	Dec 19 1836
June 1 1883	Aug 30 1917

boy Tom
In memory

? Vuluba V

Daughter of
WA & SE Baggett

B~

Dec 25 1871

D~

Sept 5 1877

Joel C Starnes

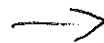
B -

Nov 20 1850

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Nov 16 1895

In memory of
Bethna
Starnes Born
Dec - 28th
1816
Died Sept -
4 1890



M R Starnes
Born April 18
1813
Died May 25
1891

Father

Lee C Starnes

Is: Francis
Russell Lee
Dec 4 1881
Feb 7 1960

Clara J Lee
Apr 17 1889
Oct 27 1937



NOTE:

King (ly stone)

P.S:

James L King Sr
Dec 20 1897
Aug 16 1968

Ola S King
Nov 4 1902
May 25 1991

Mary W King
Dec 12 1927
Apr 2 1998

Martin

Thomas Elijah
July 23 1903
Sept 29 1982

Mable McCrary
Sept 29 1907

end view

Rock Chapel Stave

1920

Mitchell, L	6	67	laborer
Mattie		67	
Weaver, Ollie	21	boarder	"

Davis St. Fulton Co
e.d. 43

1930 Fulton

Chestnut ave

Weaver, Ollie	32	hall boy (hotel)
Pearl	22	cook (priv. home)

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