

Cemetery Survey Title Sheet

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Location: 4 miles N of DECATUR, GA. Directions: From intersection of LAVISTA RD. & LAVISTA WAY, GO SOUTHWEST ON LAVISTA RD. 200 FEET TO CEMETERY ON LEFT (SOUTHEAST) SIDE OF ROAD. THIS CEMETERY IS FENCED AND WELL MAINTAINED.

First Surveyor TED BROOKE Date 11/11/2005
(use black ink)

Address 2055 FOSTER DR., CUMMING, GA 30040 Phone # 770-781-9221

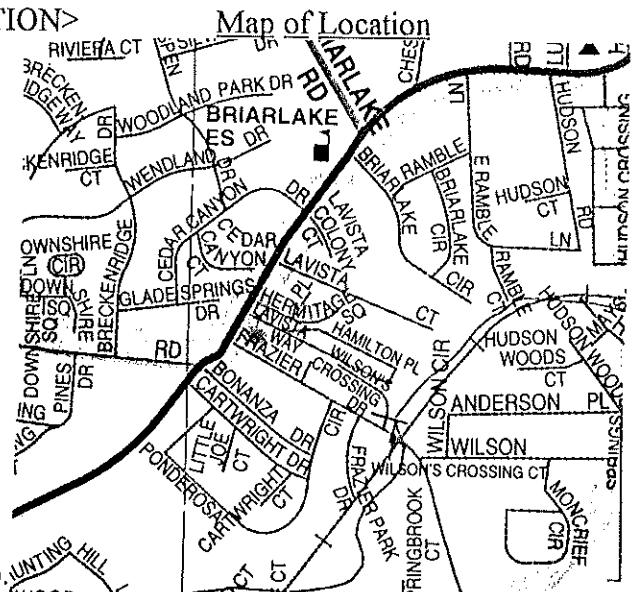
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Note Codes

<PRINT ALL INFORMATION>

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All cemeteries are surveyed by rows; specify the corner where the survey began (NE, NW, SE, SW).

If a grave is unmarked but identified by another source, enter "U" or "UG" in the Note column & show the information in (parenthesis). List the name of the person or source of the information

NOTES: Survey begun in NW corner. Photos? (Y) N. G.P.S. N33.50.076, W084-16.279

Previous surveys/publication: None FRANKLIN GARRETT, "CEMETERY RECORDS, ATLANTA AND VICINITY", VOL. 3 PAGE 208; RECORDED 30 AUG 1931. ALL MARKERS IN 1931 SURVEY ARE PRESENT IN 2005 SURVEY.

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<u>1</u>	F	WAGES, WILMA B.	B-22 SEP 1925 D-27 DEC 1994	
↓	F	" , HENRY C.	B- 2 FEB 1891 D- 7 MAY 1955	
	F	" , CLO HUDSON	B- 3 NOV 1900 D- 1 AUG 1932	
	F	HUDSON, INF,	B- 1899 D- 1900	
	F	" , NED	B- 1902 D- 1903	
	F	" , GEO,	B- 1910 D- 1911	
	F	" , PLINEY ELI	B- 19 JUL 1867 D- 11 SEP 1942	
	F	" , DOVIE LIVSEY	B- 1 JUN 1875 D- 28 AUG 1947	
	F	" , CLARA A.	B- 16 APR 1898 D- 10 FEB 1989	
	D	WILLIAMS, SARAH H.	B- 31 AUG 1907 D- 27 DEC 1997	
	D	" , G, CECIL	B- 4 DEC 1903 D- 8 JUL 1988	
		HERREN BARBARA LOUISE WILLIAMS	B- 6 JAN 1932 D- 26 APR 1993	F = D.A.U.
<u>2</u>		BANKSTON, LYSIE E, ' MITCHELL	B- 16 DEC 1877 D- 22 MAY 1928	WIFE OF J. S. BANKSTON
↓		" J. S.	B- 9 JUL 1867 D- 19 APR 1931	
		" ELIZA	B- 18 DEC 1872 D- 9 MAY 1915	WIFE OF J. S. BANKSTON
		" MILDRED	B- 24 JUN 1903 D- 3 MAY 1913	F = E. B. D.A.U. OF
			B- D-	J. S. W. E. B. BANKSTON F = M. B.

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<u>2</u>		BANKSTON, SAMUEL	B-15 JUN 1906 D-11 MAY 1907	SON OF J.S. & E.B. BANKSTON
↓			B- D-	F = C. B.
		" CAROLINE	B-13 APR 1902 D-22 JUN 1902	
		" ROBERT	B-16 JAN 1901 D-21 FEB 1901	F = R. B.
	D	LIVSEY, CAROLINE J.	B-15 JAN 1833 D-23 MAY 1914	"THEY GAVE THE MOTHER LAND FOR THIS CEMETERY"
	D	" ROBERT T.	B-29 SEP 1833 D-23 AUG 1899	FATHER
	D	VAUGHN, DONIA LIVSEY	B-10 FEB 1901 D-14 MAR 1940	F = MOTHER
	D	" GEORGE EDGAR	B-25 AUG 1900 D-2 OCT 1985	F = FATHER
<u>3</u>	M	FREEMAN, VERNON W.	B-28 JAN 1924 D-9 FEB 1994	PFC, US ARMY, WWII
↓	D	LIVSEY, ROBERT L.	B-7 MAY 1869 D-25 DEC 1943	
	D	" SAVANNAH L.	B-6 APR 1867 D-2 AUG 1892	
		" CARL	B-16 NOV 1892 D-23 SEP 1893	S/O R. L. & S. L. LIVSEY
		SUMMERLIN, INFANT SON	B- - JUN 1894 D- - " 1894	INF SON OF W. A. & C. E. SUMMERLIN
		" " "	B- - JUN 1895 D- - " "	" "
		" " "	B- - AUG 1899 D- - " "	" "
		HADSON, MARTHA ANN	B-22 APR 1940 D- " " "	
	D	" GILBERT B.	B-1 AUG 1904 D-1 JAN 1964	

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3	D	HUDSON, VENERIA B.	B- 15 APR 1919 D- 6 JUN 2001	
4	F	HUGHES, BABY	B- - D- 23 OCT 1920	BABY
↓	F	" , FANNIE A.	B- 28 MAR 1897 D- 25 SEP 1991	MOTHER
		" , DOCK	B- 19 SEP 1897 D- 8 OCT 1962	FATHER
		LIVSEY, ROBERT L.	B- 3 JAN 1893 D- 29 JUN 1969	F = R.L.L.
	D	" C.M. MRS.	B- 17 FEB 1861 D- 4 FEB 1953	
	D	" J.M. ELDER	B- 10 DEC 1860 D- 9 DEC 1940	
		" LOUISA A.	B- 19 FEB 1858 D- 7 NOV 1886	WIFE OF JAS. M. LIVSEY & D/O
		" , INFANT	B- 11 DEC 1882 D- " " "	T.E. & SOPHRONIA CHWNING
			B- D-	INF. SON OF JAS. M. & LOUISA A. LIVSEY
		" ALONZA LINTON	B- 22 OCT 1886 D- 26 JUN 1887	SON OF " "
		SUMMERLIN, DONIA A.	B- 3 OCT 1875 D- 25 MAY 1885	DAUGHTER OF J.C. & F.J. SUMMERLIN
		" EDGAR L.	B- 7 JUL 1881 D- 22 JUN 1885	SON OF "
	u		B- D-	
		GOZA, DAVID R.	B- 8 FEB 1943 D- 29 DEC 1982	F = SON
		" EUGEN R.	B- 28 FEB 1919 D- 24 MAY 1983	F = MOTHER
		" LEWEL D.	B- 30 MAY 1919 D- 20 APR 1988	F = DAD

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5	D	MITCHELL, ELLIE S.	B- 5 DEC 1901 D- 25 OCT 1974	
↓	D	" , CLYDE B.	B- 28 OCT 1901 D- 15 FEB 1953	
		(NEXT IS LARGE BORDERED PLOT COVERING		
		42 ROWS WITH TOTAL OF 23 UNINS H&F MKS)		
		MKR AT EAST END OF THIS PLOT READS		
		" UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.		
		HERE SLEEP, KNOWN BUT TO GOD, APPROXIMATELY		
		TWENTY TWO CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS;		
		ROBERT TOOMBS LIVSEY GAVE ONE ACRE OF		
		LAND FOR THIS CEMETERY, PROVIDING A BURIAL		
		GROUND FOR THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS IN 1864."		
		KNIGHT, B.F.	B- 15 JUN 1848 D- 26 DEC 1924	F = B.F.K.
		" , MARTHA E.	B- 13 JUN 1850 D- 10 JUN 1934	F = M.E.K.
		" , EULA E.	B- 5 MAR 1883 D- 25 FEB 1965	F = E.E.K.
6	D	MITCHELL, NORMA A.	B- 3 OCT 1937 D- —	F = MOTHER
↓	D	" , CLYDE B. JR.	B- 8 OCT 1933 D- 27 AUG 1975	F = DAD
7	U	(THREE SUCCESSIVE)	B- D-	

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8	U		B- D-	
9	D	GOZA, MARY E.	B- 9 APR 1923 D- —	
↓	D	" , BEN E.	B- 29 MAY 1936 D- 24 APR 1992	
	A	" , HORACE W. SR.	B- 22 MAY 1921 D- 19 OCT 1958	GA, 5 SGT, CO. F, 1ST INF, WWII BSM
	D	" , MARY E.	B- 15 JUN 1898 D- 12 JUL 1985	
	D	" , WILLIAM D.	B- 30 MAR 1896 D- 16 APR 1971	
	D	PERRY, VON H.	B- 11 SEP 1927 D- —	
	D	" , MARY G.	B- 9 AUG 1933 D- —	
	D	ADAMS, MARION T.	B- 10 MAY 1927 D- —	
	D	" , BETTY G.	B- 21 AUG 1931 D- —	
10	D	CURL, FRANK T.	B- 25 OCT 1917 D- —	FATHER
↓	D	" , MARY CAMP	B- 9 NOV 1921 D- —	MOTHER
	D	GOZA, JAMES HARVIE	B- 22 MAY 1921 D- 2 MAY 1973	F = DADDY
	D	" , HELEN LANGFORD	B- 17 MAY 1923 D- 2 MAY 1973	F - MAMA
		" , HARVIE GERALD	B- 15 JUN 1942 D- 7 DEC 2004	F - SON
	D	LANGFORD, HANSEL B.	B- 17 MAY 1923 D- 7 JAN 2004	
	D	" , PATTY P.	B- 27 FEB 1926 D- —	

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10	F	LANGFORD, HANSEL B.	B-17 MAY 1923 D-7 JAN 2004	PFC, US ARMY, WW II
↓		" , ROBERT B.	B-15 JUN 1947 D-12 NOV 1997	
		" , WYNETTE	B-23 MAY 1961 D-8 APR 1969	
11	D	SMITH, LESTER G.	B-6 OCT 1884 D-22 JUN 1959	FATHER
↓	D	" , BERTHA C.	B-20 SEP 1895 D-22 JAN 1982	MOTHER
		MITCHELL, MARY F.	B-1 SEP 1953 D-29 JUN 1954	INFANT
		" , GEO. H.	B-29 JAN 1910 D-11 APR 1962	
	D	FORD, HARVEY CLARENCE	B-22 JUL 1912 D-14 JUN 1974	
	D	" , EDNA AKINS	B-19 OCT 1920 D- —	
12-15		(VACANT)	B- D-	
16		WAGES, LISA	B- — D-19 DEC 1965	INFANT
↓	U		B- D-	
17	M	SMITH, JACK RANDALL	B-15 DEC 1947 D-10 NOV 1972	CPL, US MARINE CORPS, VIETNAM
		~[FINIS]~	B- D-~	
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LIVSEY FAMILY CEMETERY

Location: South side of Lavista Road between Pangborn and Montreal Road. Land Lot #162, 18th District, DeKalb County. Clarkston District.

Recorded Aug. 30, 1931.

Bankston.	Caroline.	April 13, 1902 - June 22, 1902.
Bankston.	Eliza.	Dec. 18, 1872 - May 9, 1915.
		Wife of J. S. Bankston.
Bankston.	Mildred.	June 14, 1903 - May 3, 1913.
		Dau. of J. S. & E. B. Bankston.
Bankston.	Robert.	Jan. 16, 1901 - Feb. 21, 1901.
Bankston.	Samuel.	June 15, 1906 - May 11, 1907.
		Son of J. S. & E. B. Bankston.
Knight,	B.F.	June 15, 1848 - Dec. 26, 1924.
Livsey,	Alonza Linton.	Oct. 22, 1886 - June 26, 1887.
		Son of J. M. & Louisa A. Livsey.
Livsey,	Cardine J.	Jan. 16, 1833 - May 23, 1914.
		Wife of Robt. T. Livsey.
Livsey,	Carl.	Nov. 16, 1892 - Sept. 23, 1893.
		Son of R. L. & S. L. Livsey.
Livsey,	Infant Son of	James M. & Louisa A. Livsey.
		Born and died Dec. 11, 1882.
Livsey,	Louisa A.	Feb. 19, 1858 - Nov. 7, 1886.
		Wife of James M. Livsey.
		Dau. of T. E. & Sophronia Chewning.
Livsey,	Robert T.	Sept. 29, 1833 - Aug. 23, 1899.
Livsey,	Savannah L.	April 6, 1867 - Aug. 21, 1892.
		Wife of R. L. Livsey.
Summerlin,	Donia A.	Oct. 3, 1876 - May 25, 1885.
		Dau. of J. C. & F. J. Summerlin.
Summerlin,	Edgar L.	July 7, 1881 - June 22, 1885. Son of
Summerlin,	Infant of	W. A. & C. E. Summerlin.
		Born and died, June, 1894.

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"HISTORIC GRAVEYARDS DOT THE COUNTY"

Historic Graveyards Dot The County



by Dick Funderburk

Historic graveyards provide a highly visible and valuable link to our local histories. They dot the county and tend to survive even after many other man-made structures have long vanished. The large Decatur Cemetery is justly recognized as an important historic site and resource, but there are other smaller cemeteries nearby like Livsey Memorial and Rehoboth, which can also instruct as well as direct us to further historical researches.

Livsey Memorial Cemetery on LaVista Road near Northlake Mall was founded in the last full year of the Civil War as fighting raged around Atlanta. As at most major battlefields, there were numerous "unknown" dead and local veteran Robert Toombs Livsey donated land for the burial of 22 such men in late 1864, thus establishing the nucleus for Livsey Memorial Cemetery. Robert Livsey probably felt a close connection with these men since he had early joined the Confederate army and was wounded at the 1862 Battle of Second Manassas.

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His very name, Robert Toombs, recalls one of Georgia's leading antebellum political leaders, who was also a fiery secessionist. Robert Toombs had served in the United States House of Representatives and Senate during the 1840s and 1850s. He came close to being elected president of the Confederacy and served as congressman and general during the Civil War. Defeat apparently did little to change his mind about southern independence and he exiled himself from the United States for two years after the war and refused to take the oath of allegiance to his nation during the last twenty years of his life. It isn't known if Robert Toombs Livsey followed his namesake's example, but he did name his son Robert Lee Livsey.

Livsey Memorial Cemetery is still in use and so is the nearby Rehoboth Cemetery on Lawrenceville Highway just outside the Perimeter. Rehoboth is much larger than its neighbor and contains some of the oldest graves in DeKalb County. Ezekiel and Mary Reeves, for example, were born in 1804 and 1805 respectively. Founded by the Johns family, early plots were sold for 75 cents each and many of the earliest settlers found resting places there. Individuals like W.B. Jones (born 1836) and Margaret Jones (born 1845) could very well have been some of the first children born in the rugged frontier county of DeKalb. Further research in this area would be an interesting project for local historians or genealogists.

Cemeteries can also tell us other things about how people lived or looked at life and death during earlier times. One of the most tragic lessons to be learned from historic cemeteries is the high incidence of infant mortality. It is easy to look up statistics which impersonally show that infant mortality in the United States during the nineteenth century was often as high as 150 per 1,000 live births. As late as 1935, Georgia experienced 79 deaths per 1,000 live births - the 1993 rate for DeKalb County was 12.7 per 1,000 before age one. Cemeteries, however, tell a more personal tale. At Rehoboth Cemetery, for instance, Roxie Talton (1885 to 1915) gave birth to three children in March 1903, October 1904, and March 1905. All of them died instantly and her final child, who was born in January 1915 suffered the same fate. Only thirty years old, Roxie herself died six months later. The stones for these children are often adorned with angels or lambs and contain heartfelt epitaphs, as that in the case of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cook (at Rehoboth), which read, "Budded on Earth, To Bloom in Heaven."

Other graves exhibit a more philosophical and humorous view of life and death. Nancy (1853-1944) and Henry (1854-1939) Talton chose to commemorate their resting place with this quotation: "Remember friends as you pass by, as you are now so once was I. As I am now so you shall be....prepare for death and follow me."

(If you have other historical graveyards you would like highlighted, please contact me through this publication.



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