

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

The first public cemetery of the Town of Wilson was located on South Goldsboro Street. Maplewood Cemetery, located at 400 College Street, was the second public cemetery in Wilson

On June 12, 1876, the Town of Wilson, A. J. Hines, William Murray, Peter J. Royal, R. T. Stevens, and J. A. Tynes, commissioners, bought 14 acres on the northern boundary of the town "for a cemetery site" from Warren and Jerusha Woodard for \$2,000

In 1887, the Town of Wilson, George W. Blount, James T. Wiggins, M. B. Atkinson, S. M. Warren, and Turner B. Suggs, commissioners, bought 14 more acres for \$770.00 from Warren and Jerusha Woodard

The first ordinance provided that all those who had relatives buried in the old cemetery would be given a lot in Maplewood and all bodies were to be exhumed and moved to the new location. All bodies from marked and unmarked graves were moved. The ordinance also forbade the burial of anyone in town except in the new cemetery

Many of the graves contained the remains of the soldiers of the Confederacy who died in the Confederate Hospital (formerly the Wilson Collegiate Institute). (See pages following for information about soldiers buried in the mound at Maplewood Cemetery)

The statue on the mound was unveiled May 10, 1902, by Henry Groves Connor. John J. Hadley and Frank W. Barnes led the movement and solicited funds for it.

Lots were purchased as early as 1877, the first interment was Mrs. Penelope Woodard, buried January 29, 1877. The second person buried in Maplewood Cemetery was Frank Barnes, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Frank W. Barnes. He was not yet two years old, buried in February 1877

The above information is from Record of Maplewood Cemetery - Wilson, North Carolina 1886-1931 by Hugh B. Johnston.

INFORMATION ABOUT SOLDIERS BURIED IN THE MOUND AT MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY
An ongoing research project by Cathy Farabow Horne

According to Wilson City Council Minutes located at the Wilson County Public Library:

On May 11, 1876 (and possibly on one earlier date), it was proposed that soldiers buried in the old hospital cemetery, then located on S. H. Vick land (condemned on April 23, 1877) be moved to Maplewood Cemetery.

On August 15, 1887, the Council decided "to advertise for bids to remove the bodies of the soldiers to Maplewood Cemetery."

On June 4, 1888, a means of payment for moving the soldiers was determined.

On January 29, 1894, Dr. Anderson and E. N. Mercer were appointed "to attend to the moving of the remains of the soldiers who are buried on S. H. Vick land."

On February 23, 1894, the moving of 78 soldiers at a cost of 50 cents each was reported completed.

On June 4, 1894, it was reported that \$39.00 had been paid for the move.

On March 1, 1895, "It was moved and carried that the matter of the amount due the Town by the County, for moving the soldiers (sic) graves, be referred to the Town's Attorney and that he confer with Mr. Geo. D. Green in the matter."

*See also Satchwell deed dated January 14, 1865, which refers to the S. H. Vick land.

To determine a complete roster of soldiers who died at the hospital and who are today buried in the mound at Maplewood, the following procedure was used:

1. References to the soldiers and their burials in the mound in Wilson City Council Minutes were noted. (see above)
2. Names of the 48 soldiers on the hospital death roster as having died and left personal effects were listed. They are indicated by (D).

According to records of the General Military Hospital No. 2, Wilson, North Carolina, microfilmed, with copies on file at the National Archives and at the Wilson County Public Library, and an incomplete (cf. microfilm) transcription in print located at the Wilson County Public Library, forty-eight names appear on a list of soldiers who died at the Wilson Hospital. That list does not include all soldiers who died at the hospital, but only those with personal effects. The personal effects were turned over to Capt. John F. Divine A.Q.M. at Goldsboro, North Carolina, on June 25, 1863, by S. S. Satchwell, Surgeon in Charge.

3. Names of all soldiers admitted to the hospital were listed and are indicated by (A). Twenty-two soldiers from four states other than North Carolina were admitted to the hospital, five of whom died there. The other seventeen are yet to be researched.
4. Service records of the 48 names on death roster (those in #2 above) were reviewed. In cases where service records show "death at Wilson", it is indicated by (S).
5. Service records of all others admitted to the hospital were checked for verification of "death at Wilson". Those also are indicated by (S).
6. Names were looked up in Manarin's Roster of North Carolina State Troops and in Moore's. In cases where the soldier's name was not found, it is indicated by (N).
7. A veteran and his wife, originally buried in the Goldsboro Street Cemetery were moved to the mound, according to an article in the Wilson Daily Times on May 3, 1969, titled, "Reports Conflict As To Number of Veterans Interred In Common Grave". These two are indicated by a (G).

(A)=Admitted to Hospital
 (D)=On Death Roster Listing Personal Effects
 (G)=Moved From Goldsboro St. Cemetery
 (N)=Not Yet Found in Manarin or Moore
 (S)=Service Record Verifies "Death in Wilson"
 (O)=Out of State

Casey Barnett (A)(D)(O)	Pvt. Co. B, 18th SC Inf	
William Blackburn (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. A, 1st NC Cav	Ashe Co.
John Boyce (A)	Pvt. Co. D, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
William Bradford [Brafford](A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 44th NC Inf	Chatham Co.
A.[Alvin] Branson (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 44th NC Inf	Randolph Co.
David L. Brown (A)(S)	Sgt. Co. B, 44th NC Inf	Martin Co
William Cheshire (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Tate's Co. 3rd NC Art.	
	2nd Co K, 40th NC	Bladen Co.
J.[Jesse] M.[Marshall] Chitwood (A)(D)(S)	Sgt. Co. F, 56th NC Inf	Rutherford Co.
Henry Davis (A)	Pvt. Co. B, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
M.[Madison] L. Davis (A)(D)(S)	Corp. Co. G, 63rd NC (5th Cav)	Chatham Co.
John Deal (A)(D)(O)	Pvt. Co. A, 28th VA Inf	
John Edwards (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. F, 53rd NC Inf	Chatham Co.
John T Edwards (A)(D)	Pvt. Co. D, 59th NC Cav	Greene Co.
Joseph Essick [Essic] (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. A, 42nd NC Inf	Rowan Co.
Hartwell Evans (A)	Pvt. Co. B, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
Elias Farrell (A)	Pvt. Co. C, 43rd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
William B Fulghum (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. B, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
W Gattis (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co. K, 50th NC Inf	Rutherford Co.
J.[Jasper] H. Gilmore (A)(D)(S)	Sgt. Co. F, 50th NC Inf	Chatham Co.
Martin Goens (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co. G, 56th NC Inf	
C R. Goolsby (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co. D, 7th Confed. Cav	
Whitten Green (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. I, 56th NC Inf	Rutherford Co
Allison Gray Hall (A)	Pvt. Co. E, 52nd NC Inf	Richmond Co.
Drury Harrill (A)	Pvt. Co. I, 56th NC	Rutherford Co.
William Hartt [Hart] (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. B, 44th NC Inf	Ashe Co.
M. M. Hawkins (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. B, 10th NC Art.	Craven Co.
John Hitson (A)(D)(O)(S)	Pvt. Co. A, 45th GA Inf	
David Hogans (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 52nd NC Inf	Montgomery Co.
Elias Hole (A)(D)	Pvt. Co. A, 2nd NC Bat.	Stokes Co.
R. B. Horton (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. G, 44th NC Inf	Yadkin Co.
Daniel Jackson (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 44th NC Inf	Chatham Co.
Daniel Jones (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 44th NC Inf	Randolph Co.
Wilson D. Jones (A)	Pvt. Co. D 63rd NC (5th Cav.)	Rockingham Co.
Hugh Keith (A)	Pvt. Co. H 26th NC Inf	Moore Co.
Gabriel Koonce (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co. K, 59th NC Cav	Wilson Co.
Simon D Lamb (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. B, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
Robert R. Lancaster (A)(S)	4th Sgt. Co. F, 4th NC Inf	Wilson Co.
J. W Martin (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. C, 26th NC Inf.	Mecklenburg Co.
John [S.] McCommons (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. H, 7th NC Inf	Cabarrus Co.
John McDowell (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. G, 56th NC Inf	Henderson Co.

Simpson McFarland (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. I, 47th NC Inf	Orange Co.
Zachariah McLendon (A)	Pvt. Co. E, 52nd NC Inf	Richmond Co.
John C. Mercer (A)	Sgt. Co. C, 43rd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
S.[Shubal] Nelson (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. 2nd B Co., 2nd NC Art.36th	Chatham Co.
H L. Newnam (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. H, 63rd NC (5th Cav.)	Davie Co.
W F Newnam (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. H, 63rd NC (5th Cav.)	Davie Co.
Charles O'Neal [O'Neill] (G)	Sgt. Co. G, 5th NC Inf	Wilson Co.
Millicent Rowe O'Neal [O'Neill](G)	Married Charles O'Neal [O'Neill] in 1874	
Alfred Burton Philbeck (A)	Pvt. Co. I, 56th NC	Rutherford Co.
James Pitman (A)	Pvt. Co. D, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
Lewis J. Pope (A)	Pvt. Co. I, 56th NC	Rutherford Co.
S. R. Poulton (A)(D)(O)	Pvt. Co. H, 8th VA Inf	
Joseph Powell (A)	Pvt. Co. B, 33rd NC	Edgecombe Co.
R. W Powell (A)(D)	Pvt. Co. M, 7th Confed. Cav	
John T Rentfrow (A)	Pvt. Co. B, 2nd NC Inf	Wilson Co.
John Rooks (A)(D)	Pvt. Co. C, 2nd GA Inf	
J.[John] R. Russell (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. K, 53rd NC Inf	Wilkes Co.
J. Satelur (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co. C, 7th Confed Cav	
Noah Saunders (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. I, 26th NC Inf	Caldwell Co.
Jesse Sawyer (A)	Pvt. Co. I, 3rd NC Inf	Beaufort Co.
Abraham M. Sharpe (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. F , 4th NC Inf	Wilson Co.
Joseph Simpkins (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Latham's Co, NC Art.	
	Co. H, 1st/3rd Art.	Craven Co.
Bedford Smith (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 44th NC Inf	Chatham Co.
Calvin V Smith (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. E, 44th NC Inf	Chatham Co.
W H. Smith (A)	Pvt. Co. I, 44th NC Inf	Pitt Co.
O.[Osborne] Speagle (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. K, 35th NC Inf	Burke Co.
James M. Strickland (A)	Pvt. Co. A, 47th NC Inf	Nash Co.
Stephen Taylor (A)	Pvt. Co. G, 56th NC Inf	Wilkes Co.
William [M.] Teague (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. H, 26th NC Inf	Moore Co.
Russell Teir (A)	Pvt. Co. G, 44th NC Inf	Alamance Co.
Henry Temple (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. C, 56th NC Inf	Pasquotank Co.
K.[Kendrick] Thiar [Thayer] (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. B, 52nd NC Inf	
James Thomas (A)	Pvt. Co. E, 52nd NC Inf	Richmond Co.
T [Thomas] J Troutman (A)(D)	Pvt. Co I, 52nd NC Inf	Stanley Co.
William M Turner (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. A, 47th NC Inf	Nash Co.
James Tuttenton (A)(S)	Pvt. Co. G, 44th NC Inf	Orange Co.
J A. Tyler (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co E, 7th Confed. Cav	
James Vann (A)(D)(N)	Pvt. Co. E, 1st NC Cav	
David Vick (A)(D)(S)	Pvt. Co. F, 4th NC Inf	Wilson Co.
W T Wood (A)(D)	Pvt. Co. G, 61st NC Inf	New Hanover Co.

EXPLANATIONS

THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS INDICATED AT THE END OF EACH PERSON'S ENTRY. THREE SOURCES WERE USED:

TOMBSTONES: A "**Location Code**" (See map pages and explanation of code) indicates that most data was taken from an inscribed marker or stone. All markers were recorded. On some (especially double stones) no death date appears, which is most often an indication that the person is still living, even though the name and a birth date appear in this volume.

OFFICE RECORDS: An "*" indicates that office records were the primary source of information, providing names of more than 1,500 additional burials for which there is currently no evidence of an inscribed marker. Also, where those office entries contained additional information (maiden names, middle names, nicknames, age, names of parents, titles, and place of death other than local), that information was incorporated along with the tombstone data. Some tombstones indicated only year of death, in which cases the more specific interment date was used, with an "i" preceding the date. (The "i" date was date of interment until sometime in the 1970's, when the "i" date may actually be the date of death.) Some additional data, not included here, can be obtained from the office records, such as names of lot owners, and information about the deeds, as well as names of funeral directors, etc.

W.P.A. CEMETERY SURVEY When "**wpa**" appears at the end of the entry, neither marker nor written office records were found. In those cases, data was taken from the survey of early tombstones conducted by the W.P.A. around 1936. This information is available at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh for other counties, as well. Copies of those W.P.A. survey sheets for Wilson County cemeteries, provided by the late J. Marshall Daniel, will be placed in the vertical file in the Genealogy Room at Wilson County Public Library when they are no longer needed for this project.

There are numerous tombstones in Maplewood Cemetery. In those cases, the notation following the death date will indicate the name of the other person on the stone, in this way: D-(name of other person)

.. Some obelisks contained too many names to be included in the epitaph as was done with double tombstones. In such cases, an obelisk number appears in the entry, and the names will be found on the last two pages of this book,

..In cases where there were only "temporary" funeral home markers, such was noted, along with information contained on them. When a funeral home marker and a stone were present, additional information shown on the marker was noted in the entry

...Since many epitaphs are printed entirely in capital letters, capitalization in the printed entries is of our own choosing, as is the omission of periods at the ends of epitaphs.

Although this survey began in 1996, data is current through June 30, 1998. Burials and placement of markers after that date are not included in this volume.

The other two city cemeteries, Rest Haven Cemetery and Rountree/Vick Cemetery, will be surveyed and published at a later date.