The History
Of
Wheelock Afro-American Cemetery
Wheelock, Robertson County, Texas

Cemetery Established July 8, 1872
Deed Recorded August 23, 1875

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History of the Wheelock Afro-American Cemetery
Statement

The Wheelock Afro-American Organization is a unique group of Christ-like people. The cemetery is recognized as a sacred ground for the deceased.

This history is written for generations to come. In writing this history, I made contact with older members to have the material as accurate as possible. The contact persons were: Elmira Chambers Ray, Carrie Jane Brown Walker, J. D. Ray, and Hattie Mae Latson.

I was born and raised in the town of Wheelock, Texas. I have always loved and supported the community. How grateful I am for my parents, Elijah and Amanda Dunn Mitchell, for giving the strong feeling of roots, their conviction that well taught me that you could make the most of life, no matter what it brings. I enjoy writing history and giving back to the community I love, Wheelock, Texas.

It is our responsibility to see that the graves of our loved ones are always beautified. In my capacity as current President of the cemetery organization, I maintain a mailing list of more than 130 relatives of those buried in Wheelock Cemetery. An annual mailing is sent to each about upcoming cemetery support activities including funding and maintaining the burial grounds.

How grateful I am to my daughter Deri Y. Adams Hooper and my grandchildren, Miya Yvonne Hooper and Sherard Ormond Hooper, for their assistance and support, creativity and doing the work to put together what will be this first written history of the Wheelock Afro-American Cemetery.

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The history of black Americans may not be abundant in the libraries across America, but it is readily available in every Afro-American cemetery. Buried in the cemeteries are hundreds of years of hidden information, waiting to be rediscovered and preserved. These cemeteries are places that reveal much of what is great, courageous, tragic, pompous, and absurd about people who lived in the community.

When black churches were established, burial grounds were often established next to the churches. It is believed that the earliest black cemetery near Wheelock was the old Triumph cemetery (currently referred to as “Trump Cemetery”) near the Triumph Baptist Church in the woods on land which is now known as Jack Rabbit Lane between Old San Antonio Road and Farm Road #391. The Triumph Cemetery was lost until 2001 when historian Robert Golf located the cemetery on the property of Mr. Drew Moss. The Texas death certificate of Mr. Golf’s relative, Mary Kay Love, shows her burial in the Triumph Cemetery on July 12, 1931, possibly the last documented burial there. A historical marker was applied for by Mr. Golf, approved by the State of Texas in 2004, and installed at the front entrance of the cemetery which, although now surrounded by woods, can be entered from Jack Rabbit Lane.

Historically in the days of 1800s, cemeteries were not organized as they are today. Mrs. Mary Wheelock and other white people who helped to establish the Wheelock Cemetery did not know that someday in America there would be integration. One might have thought that segregation would always be. She and her family had wealth and unusual character and were sympathetic, economical, ambitious, generous and kind-hearted. It is believed that Mrs. Wheelock might have had in her mind a more enlightened community with a community cemetery for all the people—white, black and Hispanic—who lived in Wheelock, opening the door for integration long before it came into formal existence. Many good things of life have and will occur as a result of her giving for the good of all. Many a weary traveler along the rough country road enjoyed a relief from burdens by the news of a good outstanding community person, Mary P. Wheelock.

The most important thing in Mrs. Wheelock's mind was to be sure to establish in deeds a burial ground for the entire Wheelock community for both the wealthy and poor families. She knew the welfare of the unfortunate and that the poor did not have money to buy burial ground so her burial ground had no need for an application. Just come as a family and select your plot.

Representing her love for the entire Wheelock community, the land for the Wheelock Cemetery, originally owned by the Wheelock family, was divided into three sections, representing the population of the white, black and Hispanic communities. Current section boundaries are
documented in this history. The Wheelock Cemetery land for blacks was donated July 8, 1872, and recorded August 23, 1875 in Franklin, Texas. Besides Mary Prickett Wheelock, other persons whose names were cited in the Wheelock Cemetery deed transfer document include George Ripley Wheelock, Samuel Blackburn Killough, David Prickett Wheelock (son of Mary P. Wheelock), and Abraham McDordie. Although it is not known when blacks first moved into the Wheelock community, an era of local black history begins with this cemetery.

The blacks were given land. We do not know at this writing who the very early black settlers were but we know some of their names from the tombstones and big brown rocks. We believe many graves are lost because of no headstones or markers before the cemetery was cared for and organized and designated as sacred ground.

Although, in its early existence, the guidelines for those who wanted burial ground allowed families to come and pick their plot for their families to be buried for free, today (2015) burials are generally limited to those families who have established grave plots from generation to generation.

When the Wheelock Cemetery was established, the cemetery was divided between whites, who were buried in the front of the cemetery and blacks and Hispanics who were buried in the back. The gravel road that still exists on the side of the cemetery is the old Hearne Road. Years passed and the road was straightened out because the curves were so dangerous and there were many accidents. The old Hearne Rd was named Fm. Rd. #391. This road movement changed the exit of the cemetery. That is why in 2015 the black and Hispanic burials are now in the front part of the cemetery.

A survey was made by Estelle Mitchell Adams in 2001 of existing headstones in an effort to determine the age of the cemetery. (There may be other older graves with no stones, only brown rocks.) The following are the earliest names and death years found on existing headstones in 2001: They are:

- Millie Elmore 1880
- Carolyn Nash 1896
- Mariah Nash 1896
- Priscilla Ray 1899
- Ira Nash 1900
- Essex Payne 1900
- Sam Mitchell 1912 (my grandfather)
- Mollie Glenn 1915
- Tom Cavitt 1917
- Grace Wooley 1917
- Cleveland Chambers 1918
- Martha Chambers 1919
- Beverly Ellis 1919

It is said that during the depression the cemetery was organized by a group of people into an
association. Lucy Stubbs Mitchell (my grandmother) organized the association with other families. They were the families of Henry Dunn, J. D. Dunn, George Cavitt, Joe Nash, Oscar Elmore, Johnnie Payne, Henry Chambers, Peter Walker, Fred Ellis, Hector Montgomery, Ben Williams, Sam Mitchell (my grandfather), Willis Perkins, Jim Petty, James Gary, William Sims, Floyd Brown, James Dunn and George Childress.

The black community always had pride for their cemetery and participated in regular cemetery cleanings. After the crops were laid, a date was designated as cemetery clean-up once a year. Every family would come either in wagons or walking or riding horses. They brought their tools for the hard work. Rakes, hoes, shovels, picks, saws, and jugs of water were brought to work on the project. Everyone stayed all day cleaning and burning trash. A meeting was held to discuss plans for another year and how to keep organized and informed. Under the big oak trees everyone ate their lunch at noon.

When there was a death in the family, friends and family dug the grave for the deceased. As years passed, the late Arthur (Dock) Mitchell volunteered to be responsible for the digging of graves. He always had help from Elijah Mitchell (my father), Norman Mitchell, Jim Petty, James Gray, Hector Montgomery, J. D. Dunn, Floyd Brown, Peter Walker, and Willis Perkins. James Bassett is doing this in 2015.

All labor was done free with love for the families. After the death of my grandmother Lucy Mitchell on June 4, 1934, Bertha Mitchell Sheppard and Nancy Walker organized the cemetery club again. Nancy Walker was President and Bertha Sheppard was the treasurer. They collected one dollar for dues. Later, dues were five dollars. The money was collected to purchase tools for cleaning and the upkeep of the cemetery.

After the two ladies passed away, Hattie M. Galloway Latson became the treasurer and Daisy Davis the President. Both served until they were ill and could no longer assume the responsibility of the organization. Betty Davis served as acting president and treasurer until Hattie Latson reorganized the club. In June, 1990, Mildred Ray Davis was elected president, Estelle Mitchell Adams, secretary, and Mary Evans, treasurer.

The organization purchased a riding lawn mower. The dues became fifteen dollars. Later, the membership voted to raise the dues to twenty dollars. Still later, due to inflation and the rising cost of keeping the cemetery up, the membership again voted to raise dues to forty dollars, where they remain today (September 2015). The cemetery is cut every month. When in 1990 Hattie Latson resigned as treasurer, the organization had three thousand dollars in the treasury. In September 2015 the balance is about ten thousand dollars.

In June, 1997, Mildred Davis moved away and the membership voted for Estelle Mitchell Adams for the President and Charlene Davis for treasurer. Later, Mary Smith was elected treasurer. The officers today (September 2015) are Estelle Mitchell Adams – President; John Latson – Treasurer; Deri Adams Hooper – Secretary; and Carolyn Basset – Membership Chairman.

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For more than fifty years Elmira Chambers Ray was the Membership Chairman. She always was dutiful and gave support to see that money was collected for the beautification of the cemetery. Her brother-in-law, the late J. D. Ray, was the Chaplain and Parliamentarian for over sixty years. He served well and dutifully. Today, September 2015, Elmira Ray is in her late 90s and living in Bryan, Texas.

In 1997, under the leadership of Estelle Mitchell Adams, a cemetery burial inventory was created containing a list of names and death years, if on the tombstone. The committee members who assisted with the project were: Charlene David, Mary Smith, Gladys Smith, Patricia Hamilton, and Janice Cavitt. A list was also made of all military veterans honored in the cemetery. After the map was developed, a membership roster was established that included names, addresses, and telephone numbers. Deri Y. Adams Hooper and her daughter Miya Y. Hooper assist with all the typing, copying, and collating materials. In 2014 the mailing was sent to about one hundred thirty five member addresses.

In 1997 the Constitution and By-Laws were developed by Estelle Mitchell Adams and approved by the membership of the organization. The organization meets the last Saturday in April and November each year. The treasurer gives a report at each meeting and all money is accounted for. This Wheelock Cemetery organization has character and historical significance to the community. Things that matter to the members of this organization are love, respect, cooperation, dedication, support, maintaining the organization, and helping one another.

Both the black and the white cemeteries are well organized and established. The road in the cemetery was improved with gravel. Much care is given monthly to keep the cemetery beautified. The whites and blacks cut their section around the same time in order for it to always look the same. And of course each month poison is spread for ants and bugs.

For Mothers’ Day, Fathers’ Day and Christmas both cemeteries are beautiful with lovely flowers placed on the graves by family members in memory of their loved ones.

Each year members and friends of the white cemetery organization return in May to the Cemetery’s Social Center for their community affair. Members who have moved away return for the fellowship observance. The centerpiece of this all-day celebration is a lavish outdoors covered-dish feast prepared by the women and men of the organization. It is a generous affair. Long running tables are draped and filled to the edge with all the favorites—platters and platters of baked hams, bar b que pork ribs, fried chicken, briskets, deer meat, all kinds of salads, beans, all kinds of desserts and sweet ice tea. A special program is given by the organization and all give their contributions for the upkeep of their part of the cemetery.

Although Mary P. Wheelock established burial ground for Hispanics, their population in Wheelock was very small. A few families had come, mostly from Mexico, to live and work picking cotton, first on a plantation in Bryan, then moving to the old Dunn plantation in Wheelock. Times were hard and most were unable to make a profit from their wages less their living expenses. When Bryan Air Force Base opened up in Bryan and provided better employment opportunities during World War II and the Korean War, many families moved to Bryan. Others moved to Dallas and to Houston.

The Wheelock community had a hand of sympathy for the Mexicans in sorrow and losses. The families were devoted people, regardless of their obstacles. Some Hispanic families began attending
the Baptist church because there were no available Catholic churches in the Wheelock area. Hispanics known to be buried in the Wheelock Cemetery are Juanita Hidrogo, Patra and Hercolano Ybarra, Jose D’Briones, Ralph Gonzales, Delfina Sustaita Ybarra, Christopher Ray Juarez, Vicente P. Hernandez, Rev. Pablo E. Hernandez, and the Andy Sustaita family. Although very few descendants live near Wheelock now and there are not likely to be any more Hispanic burials in Wheelock cemetery, Mr. Andy Martinez reports that at least two families—his and the Juarez family—try to return each year to help beautify their grave plots as part of the white cemetery association’s “homecoming” event.

Members and friends of the black cemetery organization have a planned program and annually money is collected for the yearly beautification upkeep. This is an affirmation of fellowship for all members and friends far and near. Chairs and tables are set for the gathering under many cedar trees, big oak trees, and beautiful blooming crape myrtle trees. Many are seated on blankets on the ground or perched on truck tailgates. All families bring their boxes and baskets of all kinds of food. Families share their food with each other. Good country cooking, simple and pure. The menu consists of fried chicken, corn pudding, butter beans, sweet glazed sweet potatoes, all kinds of salads, baked hams, briskets, corn pones, fried okra, all kind of cakes and pies, much lemonade and ice tea. As the people share their food, “those in the know” cannily seek out the dishes made by the finest cooks. Games are played by anyone that wants to participate and anyone can decorate the graves of their loved ones.
Deed transfer for Wheelock Cemetery

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Mary P. Wheelock  
To    Deed  
S. B. Killough  et al

Know all men by these presents that for the love I bear to the community and society of Wheelock Robertson County, Texas, and for the further consideration of one dollar United States money to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do this day give donate and bequeath unto G. R. Wheelock S. B. Killough D. P. Wheelock and A. McMordie a certain tract or parcel of land including the Wheelock Grave Yard described as follows: viz. Beginning at a point on G. R. Wheelocks line between the buryel grounds of the whites and that of the blacks running Eastward or at right angles from said line 70 yards thence Northward paralel with said Wheelock line 105 yards thence Westward to said line and to the place of beginning including the buryel ground of the whites also a tract beginning at said beginning point running Southward with Wheelocks line 35 yards thence Eastward 70 yards thence Northward 35 yards thence to the beginning point including the buryel ground of the blacks. To have and to hold in trust for the white community for the exclusive purpose of a burying ground and to their preceptors as trustees to be selected by those interested as time and circumstances may require.

Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of July A. D. 1872
Attest Mary P. Wheelock ( Seal )
W. H. Henderson
John T. Martin

The State of Texas  
County of Robertson. Before the undersigned authority came and personally appear Mary P. Wheelock (feme sole) to me known who acknowledged that she executed the Deed or instrument of writing to which this is attached for all the purposes and considerations therein contained and expressed.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name with

( Seal )  T. A. Menefee [?]  
( Seal )  J. P. and N.P.R.C. [?]

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H. Haldeman  
Clerk D. C. R. C.

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Wheelock Cemetery, Robertson County, Texas
Lat: 30° 53' 22'' N
Long: 96° 24' 15'' W

To reach cemetery from Wheelock, take Farm to Market Road west, turn left (south) onto Road 391. Just as the road starts to bend right, take a right turn onto Wheelock Cemetery Road.
Wheelock Cemetery Plots

LOT 1 (all black)

Plot 1
Gooden, Henry
Gooden, Ella
Gooden, Dennis - no marker
Gooden, Audry - died 1986
Sellers, Pat Louis - died 1981
Wright, James - died 1981
Gooden, Floyd
Gooden, Orena Daniel

Plot 2
Gooden, Ruthie Mae - died 1996
Gooden, R. L. - died 1985
one grave unmarked
Gooden, Robert L. Jr. - died 1999
Gooden, Geneva A.
Gooden, Ralph Jr.

Plot 3
Wright, Minnie Lee - died 1966
Smith, John H. - died 1990
Smith, Ruben - died 1953
Smith, Gladys - died 1994
Wright, James Carl - died 1981
Toliver Robert - died 2003

Plot 4
Susenberry, Ella Gooden - died 1985
Susenberry, Samuel B.

Plot 5
Gooden, Tyree - died 1974
Littelton, Baby - died 1959
1 unmarked grave

Plot 6
Brown, James - died 1972
Brown, Juanita
Anderson, Artis
Plot. 7
Petty, Arthur
Petty, Richard
Petty, Minerva
Petty, Trotter - died 1950
Nelson, Peggy

Plot. 8
Johnson, Seavilla - died 1946
Johnson, Price - died 1939
Johnson, Arthur – died 1990
Johnson, Adolph Sr.

Plot. 9
Goree, Tynika Michalle - died 1991
2 stones - unmarked graves

Plot. 10
Ray, Syvesta - died 1973
Ray, Mitchell - died 1970
Ray, Rosie Chambers - died 1983

Plot. 11
Walker, George - died 1964
Walker, Betty - died 1967
Glazier, Wilma Walker - died 2010

Plot. 12
Walker, Lee - died 1966
Walker, Minerva - died 1994

Plot. 13
Ray, Arlelia - died 1991
Ray, Fred Lee - (baby) Feb. 26 1945 - April. 1945
Ray, J. D.
Terrell, Elberta Ray
Ray, Willis – died 2014

Plot. 14 "A"
Davis, Sam - died 1982
Davis, Daisy - died 1986
Davis, Cynthia - died 1993

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Khrone, Marsha - died 1997
Rice, Frank - died 1973

Plot 14 "B"

Sheppard, M. D. - died 1989
Sheppard, Willie F. - died 1996

Plot 15
The second wife of M. C. Gooden

Plot 16
Smith, Perry - died 1985
Smith, Luverta - died 1985
Smith, Willie - died 1965
Smith, Johnnie M. - died
Rev. Swaine (no marker)
Smith, Mary – died 2014

Plot 17
Dunn, Jack - died 1985
Dunn, Arsula - died 1951
Dunn, Flossie - died
Dunn, Robert - died 1986
Dunn, Adelle - died 1992
Dunn, Claudie - died 1974
Thomas, Victor - died 1991
Jackson, Ray - not related
Conway, Ulon

Plot 18
Johnson, Tommie - died 1997
Johnson, Betsie - died 2001
Jones, Laura - died 2003

Plot 19
Allen, Clarence - died 1971
Carrington, Emma - died 1979
Baker, Lillie - died 1990
Norwood, Alice G. – died

Plot 20 "A"

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Mitchell, Arthur - died 1980
Mitchell, Pearlie - died 1988
Mitchell, Herman - died 1972
Holt, Pete - died 1984
Rodgers, Katie Mitchell - died 1989
Holt, Bessie Mitchell - died 1992

Plot. 20 "B"
Penson, Thomas - died 2008

Plot. 21
Mitchell, Sam Sr. - died 1912
Mitchell, Lucy - died 1934
Mitchell, Sam Jr. - died 1936
Sheppard, Bertha - died 1960
Walker, Archie - died 1966
Latson, John Sr. - died 1979
Latson, Hattie M. - died

Plot. 22 [Closed]
Mitchell, Will - died 1953
Mitchell, Liza - died 1965
Bell, Norma Ray - died 1948
Bell, Willie - died 1940
Campbell, Willie C. - died 1946
Matthews, Bessie Mitchell - died

Plot. 23
Mitchell, Elvira - died
Mitchell, Clifford (Buster) - died 1980
Mitchell, Travis - died

Plot. 24 "A"
Mitchell, Elijah Sr. - died 1977
Mitchell, Amanda Dunn - died 1972
Phillips, Vera Mitchell - died 1981
Adams, Chester Jr. - died 1983
Baldwin, Esterline Mitchell - died 1989
Mitchell, Beatrice Smith - died 1985
Mitchell, Elijah Jr. - died 1997
Mitchell, Sam - died 2000
Adams, Chester Sr. - died 2007

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Plot 25
Robertson, Rose - died
Banks Ethel - died 1981
Johnson, Ella - died 1990
Robertson, Nettie - died 1987
Robinson, Mary - died 1996
2 graves - no markers
Robinson, Eddie
Banks, Frank
Robertson, Debra
Robertson, (Shed) James
Thomas, Sadie
Robertson, Tommy
Monroe, Johnnie M. Robertson

Plot 26
Gary, (Jim) James Sr. - died 1991
Gary, Eula B. - died 1950
Gary, James Jr. - died 1997
Robinson, Iva - died 1993
Gary, Francis - died 1999

Plot 27 [Closed]
Montgomery, Edward - died 1962
2 graves unmarked

Plot 28
Walker, Robert Jr. - no marker
Walker, Alberta - no marker
Walker, (Gator) Jessie
Walker, (Buddie) Robert
Walker, Marie (twins)
Walker, Henry (twins)
Walker, Rose Lee (wife)
Walker, Cecelia (Grandmother)
Walker, Perry
Walker, Richard - died 2000

Plot 29 [Closed]
Witherspoon, Harvey - died 1971
Witherspoon, Celestine - died 1982

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Plot. 30
Payne, George - died 1951
Sates, Jessie - died 1983
Walker, Travis Walker
Zelma Payne

Plot. 31 [Closed]
Murphy, Charlie - died 1925
no other markers

Plot. 32
Walker, Peter - died 1939
Walker, Nancy
Walker, Josephine
Peterson. Marjorie Walker - died 2010

Plot. 33 [Closed]
Guy, Eli
1 unmarked grave

Plot. 34
Ray, Joe Sr. - died 1941
Ray, Harriet
1 unmarked grave (believed to be the grandson of Dorrance Ray)

Plot. 35
Dunn, Fred Sr. - died 1974
Dunn, Lee Ann - died 1946
Archer, Elizabeth - died 1990

Plot. 36
vacant lot

Plot. 37
Dunn, Ollie - died 1972
1 stone unmarked grave

Plot. 38
Dunn, Henry Sr. - no markers
Dunn, Celia - wife
Dunn, Minerva - daughter
Dunn, Amanda
Dunn, Myrtle - aunt

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Dunn, Sam Jr.

Plot. 39 [Closed]
Cullous, Sadie - died 1948
Cullous, Rev.
2 stones unmarked grave

Plot. 40
Unmarked Grave
2 stones located by Crepe Myrtle Pink Tree as an indication of a plot

Plot. 41 [Closed]
Williams, Ben - no marker
Williams, Mary Mitchell
Williams, Ralph
Williams, Sam
Chambers, Bennie Williams

Plot. 42
Taylor, Bessie - died 1947
Taylor, Robert
Taylor, Mary Lee
Taylor, Mattie Williams
Taylor, John Henry (baby)
2 unmarked stones

Plot. 43 [Closed]
Walker, Ernest
Walker, Carrie
Walker, Infant baby

Plot. 44 [Closed]
Dunn, Bill
Richardson, Maggie
Bell, Emma Jones
Shaw, Ruth Cavitt
Simmons, Rebecca Dunn
Ray, Joe
Agison, Julia Tate
Agison, John
Bell, Sam

Plot. 45 [Closed]
Robinson, Henderson
Robinson, Annie Bishop
Robinson, Tolan
Robinson, Sallie
Robinson, Jewel

Plot 46 [Closed]
Dunn, Jackie Sr. – died 1924
Dunn, Cornelius – no marker
Gary, Leslie

Plot 47 [Closed]
Glenn, Mollie – died 1896
2 stones unmarked grave

Plot 48 [Closed]
Dunn, Carolyn – died
Dunn, Mary Ardella/Idella – died 1980
Dunn, Henry Jr.
Dunn, Timpie Gillum
2 unmarked stones

Plot 49 [Closed]
Perkins, Willis – died 1951
Perkins, Amanda Dunn – died 1928

Plot 50 [Closed]
Carter, Henry – died 1951
Carter, Evalene – died 1959
Carter, Eli
1 grave unmarked

Plot 51 [Closed]
Draughan, Mary J. – died 1931
Foster, Louise – died 1988
Foster, John
Fair, Curt
Person, Archie

Plot 52 [Closed]
Ray, Fred – died 1978
Elmira Ray – died 2015
Chambers, George H. – died 2004

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Plot 53 [Closed]
Ray, Frances - died 1916
Ray, E. B. - died 1926
2 unmarked stones on the end
Vincent, Maybelle Ray - died 1956
Hickmon, Ida Ray - died 1983

Plot 54 [Closed]
Lyons, Edd
Lyons, Susie
Lyons, Christine
1 stone unmarked
Lyons, Roberta
Bishop, Andrew C. - died 1990
Bishop, Mary Bertha - born: 1909 - died: 2002
Drake, Diana - born: 1831 - died: 1916

Plot 55 [Closed]
Petty, Jim - died 1937
Petty, Johnnie - died 1945
Petty, Harvey - died 1968
1 unmarked grave
Petty, Walter - died
Petty, Georgia - died 1982
Petty, Leatha - died 1981

Plot 56
Petty, Felix Sr. - died 1974
Petty, Felix Jr. - died 1984
Petty, Melissa - died 1999
1 unmarked grave

Plot 57
Smith, Robert Dave - died 1997
Smith, Sallie L. Petty - died 2004

Plot 58
Chambers, Henry Sr. - died 1932
Chambers, Pearl – died

Plot 59
Payne, Essex - died 1911

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Payne, George - died 1961
1 unmarked stone
Collard, Tennie - died 1937
3 stones unmarked
1 rock unmarked

Plot. 60
Hickmon, H.R. - died 1967
Hickmon, Willie E. Jr.
Hickmon, James - died 1922
Hickmon, Curby
Hickmon, Carilyn
Hickmon, Henry J.
Hickmon, Savannah - died 1981
Hickmon, Virginia

Plot. 61 [Closed]
Nash, Ira - died 1990
Nash, Mariah - died 1896
Nash, Etta
Nash, Lela R.
Nash, Howard
1 stone unmarked
Nash, Katie

Plot. 62 [Closed]
Hearne, Mary
Hearne, Henry

Plot. 63
Ellis, Beverly - died 1919
Ellis, Sallie
1 infant son - died
2 infant daughter - died
Ellis, William
Ellis, Mary

Plot. 64
(empty plot)

Plot. 65
Hickman, Nathaniel - died 1994
Hickman, Theophilus S. - died 1972

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Hickman, Willie, Sr.
Hickman, Almedia - Aug 4, 1919 - Jan 1, 2008

**Plot 66**
Petty, Odessa - died 1968
Lewis, Brenda - died 1977
Lewis, Joe L. - died 1996
Lewis, J.W. - died 1975
Petty, Espanalia Lewis
Lewis, James

**Plot 67 [Closed]**
Sims, (Bill) William - died 1938
Sims, Cornelius (Cavitt)
Sims, Lula Earl
Sims, Julius - no marker

**Plot 68 [Closed]**
Cavitt, George Jr. - died 1920
Cavitt, Minerva - died 1928
Cavitt, George Sr. - died
Cavitt, Mamie - died 1949
Cavitt, Norman - died 1958
Cavitt, Maybelle Glenn - died 1960
Walker, Lizzie - died
Cavitt, Ray - died 1972
Cavitt, R. L. - died 1974

**Plot 69**
Drayton, Willie C. - died 1970
Johnson, Archie - died 1969
Ford, Ethel - died 1989
Edditon, Katie - died 1983
Edditon, George - died 1983

**Plot 70 [Closed]**
Chambers, Henry Sr. - died 1932
Chambers, Pearl - died 1981
Chambers, Cleveland - died 1918
Chambers, Martha Luster - died 1919
Chambers, Henry Jr. - died 1998
Chambers, Ethel Marie - died 2003
Plot 71
Chambers, Powell - died 1942
Chamber, (baby) Grady Jr. - died 1950
Chambers, Rosie Lee Dunn - died
Chambers, Grady Sr. – died

Plot 72 [Closed]
Walker, Travis
Walker, Zelma Payne

Plot 73
Ross, Mattie - died 1930
1 stone unmarked grave
Gibbs, Earline - died 1996
Gibbs, Carl
Gibbs, Jerry - died 2010

Plot 74
Harris, Charles - died 1944
Harris, Mary - died 1961

Plot 75
Ellis, W. M.
1 stone marked - died 1894
1 unmarked stone
Ross, Robert - died 1894

Plot 76
Hinton, Mike - died 1921
Jones, Horace Jr. - died 1977
Jones, Curtis - died 1982
Jones, Horace Sr. - died 1985

Plot 77 [Closed]
Ray, Hue
Childress, George - died
Childress, Alice Ray
Hearne, Velma Ray
Ray, Freddie Lee - died 1966

Plot 78 [Closed]
Ray, Priscilla - died 1899
Ray, Anthony - died

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Gillum, Tempie

Plot 79 [Closed]
Bishop, Lillie
Dunn, Leroy
Fryson, Beulah Dunn
Fryson, William - died 1964
Hollis, Sallie Dunn

Plot 80
Dunn, George
Dunn, Emma
Bassett, Josephine - died 1979
Norwood Christine - died 1982
Hall, Louise - died 1997
Norwood, Susie B. Dunn - died 2002
Bassett, James Sr. - died 1999
Bassett, James Jr. - died 2005

Plot 81 "A" – Owner: Susie Bassett Davis

Plot 81 "B" – Owner: Mary Bassett Satchel

Plot 82
Green, Tommie - died 1968
Green, Aaron L. Jr. - died 1979
Green, Charles - died
Green, Roma - Feb. 17, 1905 – March 23, 1989
Green, Rosie

Plot 83
Green, Aaron Sr. - Feb. 22, 1928 - Aug. 8, 2007

Plot 84
Stovall, Frank Sr. - Sept.16, 1931 - June 21, 2004

Plot 85
McClain, Peggy - died 2010

Plot 86 – Owner: Eddie Lewis

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LOT II *(all black)*

Plot. 1 [Closed]
Sheppard, Rance
Sheppard, Pearlie
Sheppard, Marshall
Sheppard, Ella
Sheppard, Ellen

Plot. 2 [Closed]
Tipton, Leroy
Tipton, Mamie
Tipton, Irene

Plot. 3
Sikes, Prunella Petty

Plot. 4
Petty, Imogene

Plot. 5
Vacant Lot

Plot. 6
Robertson, Johnnie
Robertson, Sallie B.

Plot. 7 [Closed]
Cavitt, Tom - June 1, 1872 - April 28, 1917
There are three to four graves (rocks but no names) in this plot.

Plot. 8
Wooley, Grace - died 1917
Wooley, Dave - died 1968
Wooley, Anna - died
Wooley, Howard - died
Wooley, Nathaniel - died 1969
Wooley, Rich - died
Wooley, Edward - died
Knox, L. G. - died 1996
Knox, Blanch - died

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Plot 9
Wooley, Cecil - died
Wooley, Joyce - died

Plot 10
Galloway, Matvia - died (first wife of M. C. Gooden)
Gooden, M. C. - died

Plot 11
Ross, Lawrence - died
Ross, Laura - died

LOT III (black)

Plot 1 [Closed]
Hill, George - died Mar. 3, 1921
Hill, Margaret - died Sept. 24, 1924
Calhoun, Clarence - died Oct. 2, 1942
Hill, Infant twins
Wilson, Mary - born: 1878 - died: 1958

Plot 2
Thomas, Martha - Nov. 24, 1878 - June 18, 1971

Plot 3
Ross, Alfred - March 11, 1892 - Nov. 30, 1947
Ross, Williams Tenola - Feb. 22, 1927 - May 15, 1990
Ross, Anthony
Ross, Wanda Faye

Plot 4
Gator, Dicey - born: 1902 - died 1993

Plot 5
Chatman, no first name - born: 1972 - died: 1993

Plot 6
Williams, Otha L.
Williams, Henry Sr. - died 1957
Williams, Freddie - died 1968

Plot 7

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Monroe, William H. - June 11, 1926 - June 28, 1985
Monroe, George
Monroe, Mattie - born: 1898 - died: 1966

Plot. 8 [Closed]
Cavitt, Samuel - born: 1883 - died: 1977
Cavitt, Rachel - born: 1890 - died: 1951
Infant baby - buried at the foot of Rachel Cavitt
Cavitt, Servillia - born: 1910 - died: 1993
Washington, Norma Ray - died 1949
Hutchinson, Jamie - born: 1933 - died: 1991
Cavitt, A. D. - Jan. 6, 1970 - April 19, 1992
McGee, Minerva - Jan 6, 1914 – Feb, 1962
Caldwell, M. C. - June 25, 1936 - June 10, 1968
Grace, Debra Dean - June 19, 1954 - 1954
Grace, Valeria Cavitt - March, 1926 - Feb. 9, 1972

Plot. 9
Jefferson, no first name
1 grave - no marker

Plot. 10
Curry, Willard D. - Sept. 27, 1935 - Feb. 21, 1960
Curry, Dewitt - Sept. 23 1909 - June 30, 1947
Curry, Viola - March 9, 1903 - March 24, 1989

Plot. 11
Nash, Joe - June 17, 1887 - July 2, 1970
Nash, Leona - Aug. 9, 1883 - March 13, 1974
Bryant, Alline Nash - born: 1919 - died: 1954
Bryant, Debra K. - died Oct. 26, 1950
Nash, Joe Jr. - died Oct. 26, 1974
Nash, Rosie Lee - June 25, 1927 - May 13, 1986

Plot. 12
Phillips, Jim - born: 1885 - died: 1985

Plot. 13
Walker, Eddie Sr. - June 26, 1916 - Nov. 9, 1985
Walker, Jessie
Walker, Eddie Jr.

Plot. 14
Elmore, Millie - 1880
Elmore, Oscar Curtis - March 2, 1909 - March 31, 1968
Blocker, Corine Elmore - Jan. 21, 1897 - Aug. 7, 1967
Elmore, Beulah - April 22, 1912 - April 11, 1992

Plot. 15
Brown Rock - No Name
one grave - no marker

Plot. 16
Brown Rock - No Name
one grave - no marker

Plot. 17
Foley, Leatha - born: 1910 - died: 1992
Byrd, Jessie - May 10, 1904 - May 10, 1971

Plot. 18
Bishop, Bennie - born: 1933 - died: 1955
Jones, Irene Bishop - died 2010

Plot. 19
Johnson, Gwendolyn - June 12, 1996 - Jan. 15, 1990
Robinson, Martha Ann - May 21, 1897 - Feb 9, 1988
Williams, Freddie - born: 1944 - died: 1988
Teague, Ora - born: 1907 - died: 1980
Williams, Henry
Taylor, James - died 1999

Plot. 20
Childress, George - Aug. 15, 1876 - March 4, 1960
Childress, Mattie - born: 1980 - died: 1963
Green, Minnie - born: 1903 - died: 1977
Childress, Edith L. - June 25, 1921 - July 13, 1984
Childress, Vernon - Oct. 12, 1912 - Aug. 31, 1982
Childress, Sylvan - March 23, 1898 - Jan. 25, 1985

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Childress, Laverne - Aug. 25, 1949 - March 19, 1996
Nixon, Ernest A. -1943 -1988
Childress, Pauline - died
Edwards, Dave - died

Plot. 21
Monroe, Johnnie Mae - Jan. 29, 1935 - Sept. 24, 1984

**LOT IV (integrated plots)**

*Plot.1* (Hickman, Betty - assigned)

*Plot.2* (Green, Mazelle - assigned)

*Plot.3* (Monroe, Mary - assigned)

*Plot.4*
Hamilton, Patricia - died 2004

*Plot.5* (Cavitt, Kenneth & Janet - assigned)

*Plot.6* (Harris, Rachel - assigned)

*Plot.7* (Ransom, Elinor Groce - assigned)

*Plot.8* (Groce, Williams & Jennifer - assigned)

*Plot.9*
Smith, Jeremiah - born: 1921 - died: 2010
Smith, Savannah – died 2011

*Plot.10* (William, George - assigned)

*Plot.11* (Young, Rachel - assigned)

*Plot.12* (Childress & Green Family - assigned)

*Plot.13* (Rhodes, Debra Cavitt - assigned)

*Plot. 14*
Newton, Oscar - died 2007

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Plot. 15 (Coleman, Sandra - assigned)

Plot. 16 (Hutchinson, Donna - assigned)
Brown, Christopher Hutchinson - died 2010

Plot. 17 (Chambers, Billy - assigned)

Plot. 18 [Vacant]

Plot. 19 (Nix, Virginia – assigned)

Plot. 20 (Cavitt, Valyree - assigned)

Plot. 21 (Williams, Henry – assigned)

Plot. 22 (Blue, Tommie Robinson - assigned)

Plot. 23 (William John H. Jr. - assigned)

Plot. 24 [Vacant]

Plot. 25 (Edwards, Amy Williams - assigned)

Plot. 26 (Williams, Leon – assigned)

Plot. 27 [Vacant]

Plot. 28 [Vacant]

Plot. 29 [Vacant]

Plot. 30 [Vacant]

Plot. 31 [Vacant]

Plot. 32 [Vacant]

Plot. 33 [Vacant]

Plot. 34 [Vacant]

Plot. 35 [Vacant]

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Plot.36 [Vacant]

Plot.37 (Johnson, Coretha Williams - assigned)

Plot.38 (Williams, Willie - assigned)

Plot.39 (Williams, Joe - assigned)

Plot.50 (Williams, John Sr. - assigned)

Plot.51 (Gulley, Leslie Williams - assigned)

Plot.52 (Williams, Joe – assigned)

LOT V (Hispanic plots)

VETERANS HONORED AND BURIED IN WHEELOCK CEMETERY
(Each veteran has an official military service tombstone)

World War I – named in Plot 14
Elijah Mitchell Sr.
Rev. J. D. Dunn
George Dunn
Joe Ray
Harvey Petty
Fred Ray
Henry Carter
Bess Ray
Norman Carter
Henry Dunn Jr.
William Frierson
Nathaniel Hickmon
Oscar Elmore
Clarence Calhoun

World War II – named in Plot 15
J. W. Petty
Sylvester Ray
Pete Holt
John Latson Sr.
James Brown

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Felix Petty Jr.
James Bassett
Johnnie Roberson
Willie Drayton
Joe Nash Jr.
Freddie Ray
Alfred Ross
Jessie Byrd
Archie Pierson
John Foster
Chester W. Adams

**Korean War – named in Plot 7**
Robert Dunn
Claudia Dunn
William Ross
Joseph Solomon
Andrew Bishop
M.C. Caldwell
Willie Wilson
Aaron Green

**Vietnam War – named in Plot 3**
Ernest Nixon
Prince Adelle Dunn
Horace Jones

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