

OAKDALE CEMETERY

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Have Old Photos?

Do you have any old photos of the cemetery? We are trying to expand our archives of pictures of Oakdale. We are looking for any photos that are



before 1960. They could be photos of families at the grave site or just general pictures of the cemetery.

Contributions

With your continued support in monetary help, Oakdale is able to do so much more in the care of these grounds. As you have read, the rising costs are beginning to affect us to maintain this glorious place. All contributions are tax deductible and a great way to honor a loved one or friend. We gratefully appreciate your support in maintaining the cemetery where our beloved rest



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WATER CONSERVATION

NEW RULES IN EFFECT
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Please be advised of the new rules for water usage. Mandatory reductions have been set by the City of Wilmington and the State of North Carolina. Oakdale Cemetery receives its water from the City of Wilmington and is required to **reduce water usage by 20%**. In order to comply and be good stewards of water conservation, please adhere to these rules.

- **DO NOT** leave water running unattended
- Limit your watering to **no more than 20 minutes** and keep it from overlapping onto the roads. **No watering of any kind on Wednesdays or Fridays.**
- Newly planted grass (sod) is allowed **20 minutes** per day for 30 days. Please inform the office before installation of sod.
- **Sprinkler Systems** may only operate **Mondays & Thursdays** between the hours of **12:00AM – 6:00AM**
- Please use a **nozzle sprayer** on the end of your garden hose
- Use of Pressure Washers is **forbidden** without authorization from the office

Our Superintendent and employees will be closely monitoring the use of water. These rules may be subject to change dependent of the City of Wilmington and the State regulations. If you wish to review the full report on the restrictions from the City of Wilmington you can read it on the internet at:

<http://www.ci.wilmington.nc.us/Departments/PublicUtilities/WaterTreatment/WaterRestrictions.aspx>



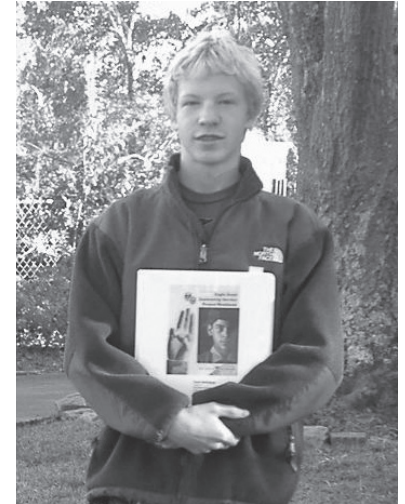
SOARING WITH EAGLES



There is
no end to
the Eagle Scout trail.

Oakdale Cemetery has been soaring with Eagle Scouts. We have been very fortunate over the past few years to have these gentleman work with our Superintendent Mr. Kozen, enhancing many aspects of the cemetery. These projects are implemented from a Strategic Plan that our Superintendent and Board of Directors have been creating since 2003. In November and December of 2007, two scouts recently performed a major transformation that has been the talk of the cemetery.

The first Eagle Scout project, **Mr. Tavis McFadyen** who also has family and relatives buried here, performed a make-over of the main entrance on 15th street. Mr. McFadyen along with Troop #13 renovated the planting beds on either side of the road at the main gates. Just inside the gates, the removal of two trees and replacement of two new oaks for conformity will grow for many generations to come. Tavis and a few Friends of Oakdale Board members renovated the front lawn of the office and planted new sod donated by Super Sod of Wilmington, along with some new plantings and flowers. Then a massive clean up of wild vegetative growth was removed from the plantings along the 15th Street corridor. And finally over 100 daffodil bulbs were planted around the flagpole to grace visitors as they entered the cemetery this Spring.



Our second Eagle Scout, **Mr. Joey Keiner** and Troop #234 commanded the installation of 87 new section signs in the historic and Live Oak sections of the cemetery. He worked with our Superintendent mapping the locations and procuring the necessary materials to finish the job. Each sign is made of a cast aluminum metal and mounted on a galvanized fence post cemented in the ground. Over the span of two consecutive weekends Mr. Keiner, Troop #234 and our Superintendent installed these signs in visible locations to help determine section locations according to the cemetery maps. A great thanks is due to **The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery**, who funded this worthwhile project at nearly \$9,000.

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

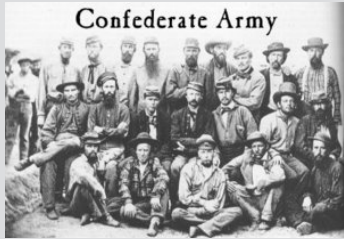
In the Fall of 2007, our Superintendent Mr. Eric Kozen, mentored a rising senior from Hoggard High School for their Graduation Program. Ms. **Abbey Wheeler** contacted Mr. Kozen asking him to mentor her subject of **Burial Practices Then and Now**. The graduation program involves numerous sessions between the student and mentor, gathering research for a report and preparing a 15 minute power point presentation that will be graded by a community judging panel. Aside from the research, community service is another vital part



of the program, and demands a minimum of 15 hours to be performed for completion. Ms. Wheeler assisted **The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery** at the *Gossip Grapes and Graves* tour in October, providing a refreshment station near the halfway point for our patrons. Ms. Wheeler also volunteered to plant an additional 3,000 daffodil bulbs in the Yellow Fever section expanding our growing collection. We wish to thank the **Friends of Oakdale Cemetery** for funding the continuing efforts of daffodils in the section of the cemetery.

OAKDALE CONFEDERATES

Oakdale Cemetery: A Roster of Confederate Soldiers at Rest compiled by **J. Kenneth Davis, Jr.** has arrived. Mr. Davis has been working on this project over the past several months and has finally completed this masterpiece. He has compiled



information of 500 + Confederate soldiers who lay at rest here in Oakdale Cemetery. Researching obituaries, rosters and other accounts of these soldiers now

has come together in a bound volume for future reference and genealogy. Also you will find a great explanation of the Confederate Mound and its history written by **Mrs. Ann Hewlett Hutteman**. We hope to have this information posted on our website in 2009 as a continued effort to expand and preserve our collections. We cannot thank Mr. Davis enough for the long hours and dedication to bring this book to life. This inspiration has also led him to continue these efforts and he has done the same for Bellevue Cemetery around the corner. He is selling both of these volumes, please call the office at (910) 762-5682 for purchasing information.

Message from the President

Dear Lot Owners and Friends of Oakdale

It is an honor to serve you as President of Oakdale Cemetery.

The list of activities available at Oakdale is amazing. On the calendar of events are Horse Drawn Wagon Tours, History and Funerary Art Tour and the Graves, Grapes and Gossip Tour. The history of Oakdale comes alive as the tours unfold and we are transported in time to another era. Let me encourage you to take advantage of these tours and other upcoming events.

The Eagle Scouts Projects have contributed to Oakdale. One project spruced up the entrance by sodding the office and another project added 87 new sections signs to the older section and the new section known as Live Oak.

Water management is an ongoing endeavor at Oakdale. You will be able to learn how to conserve water at home by following the example here at Oakdale.

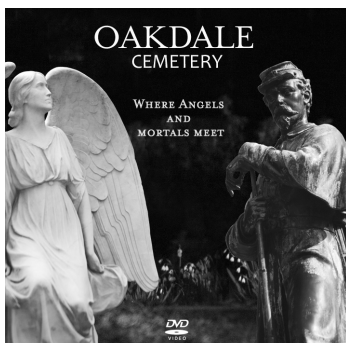
I would like to thank the Friends for all the energy they bring to Oakdale. Their endeavors add to the history and color of Oakdale.

Also, a big thank you to Eric Kozen, Superintendent, for all the hard work he puts into Oakdale and the excellent job of maintaining the cemetery. Oakdale looks the best I remember it ever looking.

Eelco H. Tinga, Jr.

President

“OAKDALE CEMETERY: WHERE ANGELS AND MORTALS MEET”



The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery has released a new documentary about Oakdale Cemetery on DVD. This is the first of its kind and the newest release of any sort since 1991 when “A Tribute to

Oakdale” was created and expanded from the works of **Louis Toomer Moore**. This documentary captures Oakdale at its best in the Spring, while narrating the development of the cemetery along with a few interesting stories. We wish to thank and congratulate all the people who contributed,

supported and worked hard on this magnificent piece and especially the following:

Mr. Donald Koonce, Owner of Ferncreek Creative, Greenville, SC
Mrs. Janet Seapker, President of The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery
Mrs. Melva Calder, Photographer
Mr. Eric Kozen, Superintendent

This unique gift or added piece to your collection of history can be obtained at the Cemetery office for **\$15** or a few retail gift shops around Wilmington. You can also download and print an order form at www.oakdalecemetery.org and mail it in with your check made payable to **The Friends of Oakdale**.