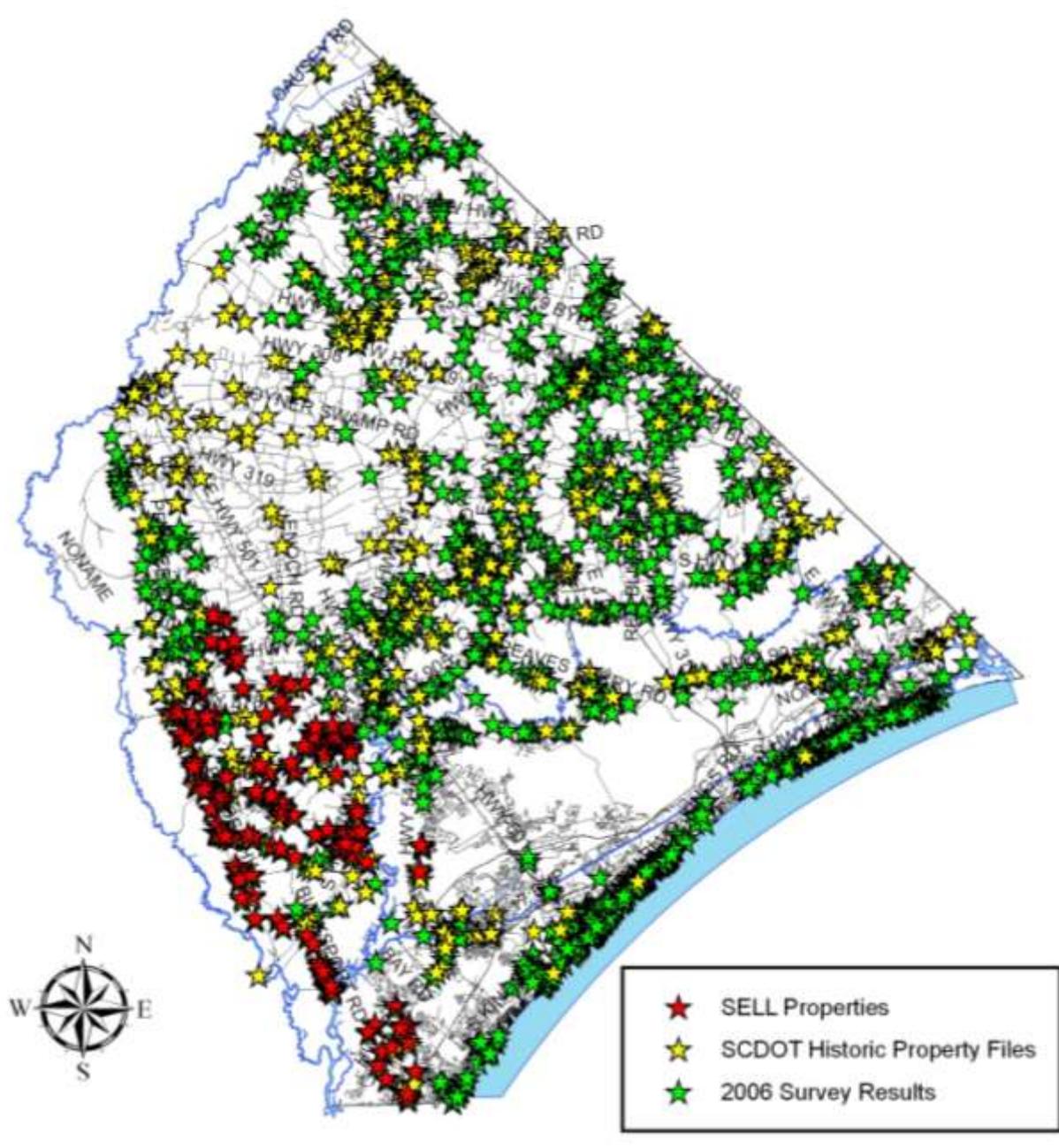


A black and white photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, a large, dark, out-of-focus gravestone is partially visible, framing the scene. In the background, several other tombstones are visible, including a tall, ornate monument and a large, rectangular stone. The cemetery is surrounded by trees and foliage, and a brick archway is visible on the left side.

Horry County Cemetery Project





July 9, 2007

Roy Davis Taylor, AICP, Principal Planner
Horry County Planning Department
1301 Second Avenue
Conway, SC 29526

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Dear Roy:

Thank you for allowing Elizabeth Johnson, Brad Sauls and me to attend the Horry County Board of Architectural Review Meeting on Wednesday June 27, 2007. We enjoyed meeting all of your commissioners and I would like to commend them on a job well done. I am amazed at the amount of historical information that your group possesses on Horry County and am impressed by the work that has been done to promote the county's history since their inception in 1987! As I mentioned at the meeting, every 4-6 years South Carolina's Certified Local Government (CLG) communities must undergo an evaluation. This is meant to keep us informed of your activities and it allows us to ensure that the Horry County BAR is acting under the law and performing its duties as outlined in guidelines for the South Carolina CLG program. Enclosed you will find a copy of the evaluation.

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As we discussed in the meeting, we are pleased at the progress that the commission has made in the promotion of Horry County and its historic resources. I understand that the members are frustrated with the lack of progress and hope that with our help, we can make some improvements that will benefit the county and its historic property owners. As I mentioned, I would be more than happy to come down and do a training session with the board on the topic of their choice.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to further discuss this decision, please feel free to contact me at any time by e-mail (revels@scdah.state.sc.us) or by phone (803-896-6171). I hope that you will keep our office informed of your progress and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer S. Revels".

Jennifer S. Revels
Outreach & Local Government Coordinator

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The Anderson Cemetery



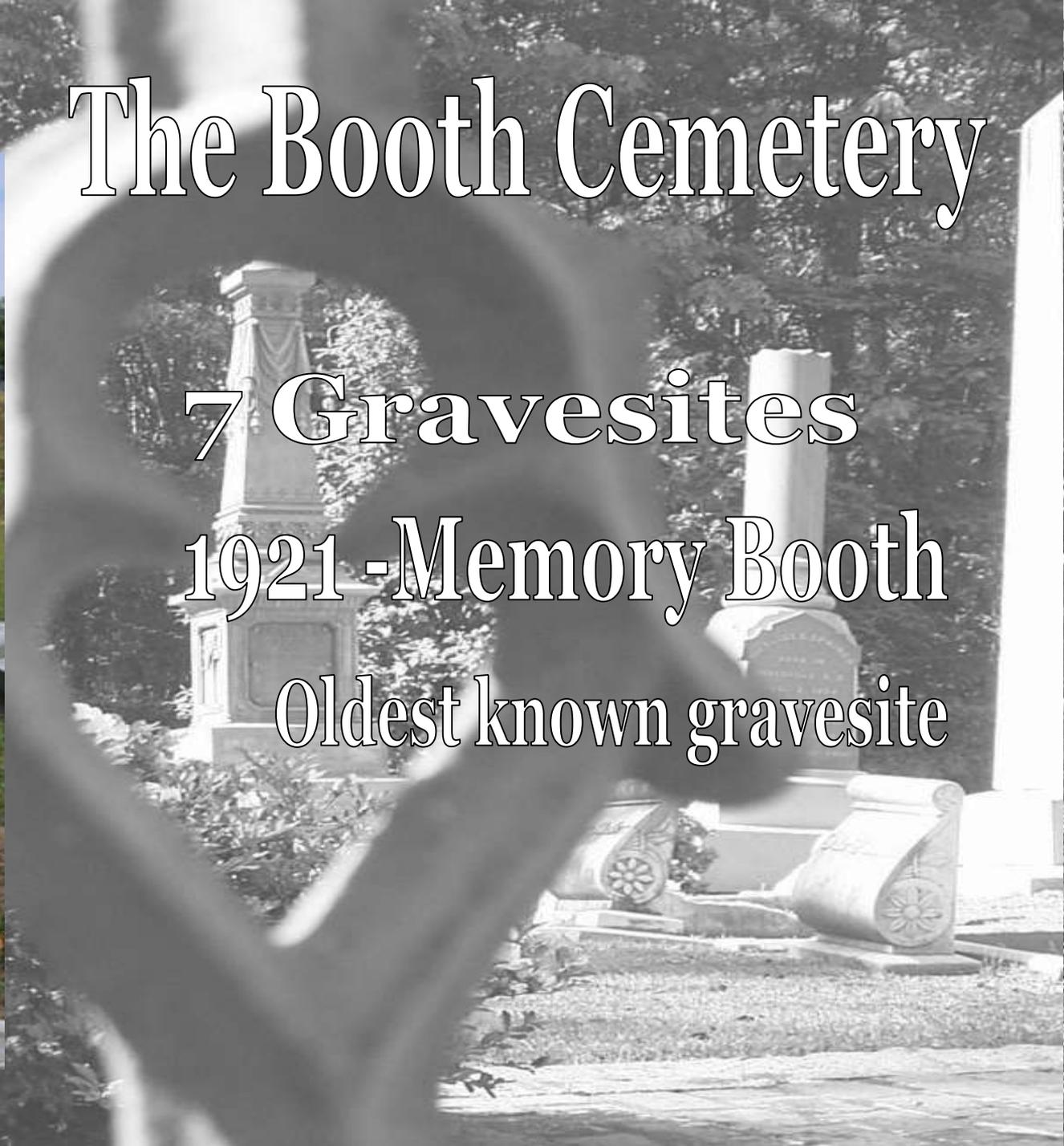
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1906 - Daniel Anderson
Oldest Known Gravesite

The Booth Cemetery

7 Gravesites

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Oldest known gravesite



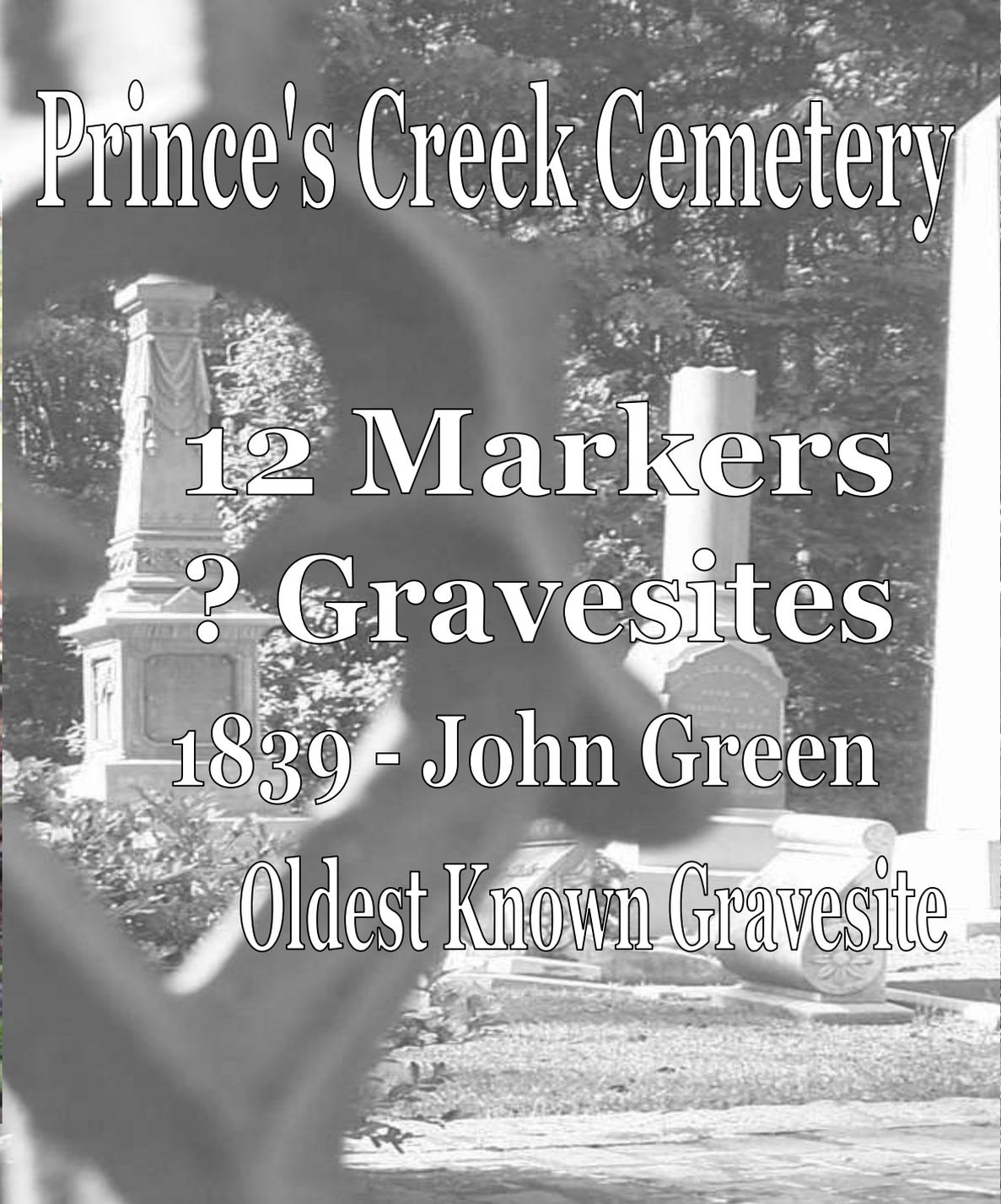
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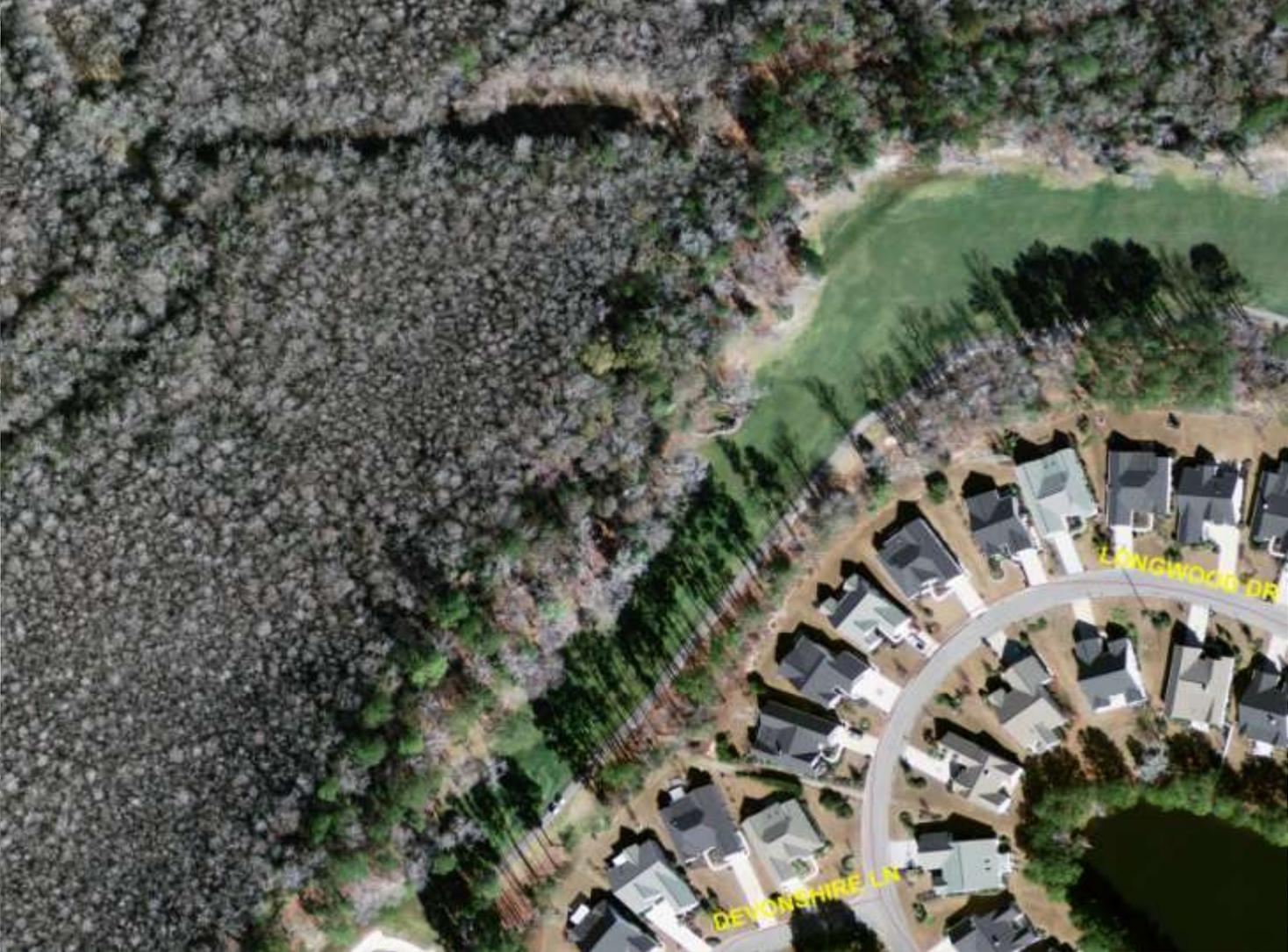
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? Gravesites

1839 - John Green

Oldest Known Gravesite







Date: _____

Horry County Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Gravesite Inventory Sheet

Cemetery Name _____

Gravesite Number _____ Picture Number _____

Angle of Orientation _____ X _____ Y _____

Name on Stone _____

Lineage Described _____

Born _____ Died _____

Epitaph _____

Markings _____

Condition _____

Notes _____

Name of person or group conducting the inventory: _____

- Follow Up Required:
- GPS Coordinates
 - Digital Photographs
 - Additional Gravesites to be inventoried
 - Unmarked gravesites
 - Clean up recommended

Photo:





Adam Enrick of the Horry County Planning Department tries to read an inscription on a wooden grave marker in the Staley family cemetery in Socastee on Tuesday.

Preserving cemeteries

Planners record information from Horry's long forgotten grave sites

By Lisa Puzosini
The Sun-Voice

Some people in Horry County buy plastic headstones and create cemeteries in their back yards for themselves.

Meanwhile, in the backyards of others, real headstones are being discovered.

Two integral members of the county planning staff are setting out to find, map and document every burial ground in Horry County, many unmarked and run over by years of vegetation.

"With all the rapid growth, it's hard to know where things are before they get bulldozed,"

said Adam Enrick, a senior planner with Horry County, who was out Tuesday hunting for forgotten cemeteries.

With little to go on — a decimated, aerial photograph and only foggy memories to go by, finding the cemeteries has

been a difficult task.

"Most of the descriptions of where cemeteries are are seven miles south of (S.C.) 1707 on a dirt road," Enrick said. "And that doesn't really help."

Enrick has worked with Christopher Klement, also an Horry County senior planner, the Horry County Historical Society and the Sons of Confederate Veterans to identify 250 possible cemetery sites.

He hopes this will help identify more sites for placement on the county — and perhaps eventually the national — register of historic places.

Ken Trasher, commander of the Littlefield III's Site of Confederate Veterans camp, said his group has been locating veterans' graves and outfitting them with a

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Christopher Klement of the Horry County Planning Department fills out a grave site inventory sheet with the location, names and engraving on a marker in the Staley family cemetery.

Online

Go to MyrtleBeachOnline.com for links to more information about Horry County cemeteries.

Fast fact

With little documentation to go by, finding hidden cemeteries is a difficult task.

At a glance

If you know of an old family cemetery lost or in the woods, call Adam Enrick at the Horry County Planning Department at 305-295-

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Socastee, Ore., which was about 800 each.

"When we find these graves, we're marking them so future generations can find them, although the intention will show that one of their ancestors is long, long time ago fought in the Continental Army," Trasher said.

The group had located the graves of 265 veterans using databases and state archives. Enrick will photograph each headstone with a camera that automatically averages the location of the grave using a global positioning system survey.

The goal is to set up a directory online where people can search for their relatives.

The survey will include any segregated information left on the headstone — date of birth and death, and any epitaph, as well as the photo.

During the day on All Hallows' Eve, Enrick and Klement set off in the woods of Socastee behind a new development called Silver Creek, off of S.C. 1707.

They hoped to find a cemetery containing the graves of the Staley family, one of the area's oldest families.

Following the pair into the woods were six months of hounding and the site of a cemetery at the Silver Creek tract site.

In the distance, a dog barked. "Confederate," Trasher called, as if

part of a deserted path.

Soon, in another series, Enrick stepped through the dense woods onto the ground.

The pair tramped the 30 minutes through the woods to the site on Friday before locating a cemetery in the road and marked Street that was

"It was so overgrown, it was like a jungle," Klement said. "You start seeing a couple of headstones, and then, all of the sudden, it opens up to you, and there are all headstones."

All in a row with the Staley cemetery.

The first known was a large headstone for Martha and the Rev. George Staley, a communion with two pillars and an arch having two small flowers with their names.

Most of the graves traced date back throughout the 1800s, though some are much newer. One Staley lived in the cemetery died in 1964 and Enrick said he found a grave in another old cemetery that was dug as recently as 2002. The oldest marked grave found in the village is John Green, who died in 1784.

The Staley cemetery has been kept up relatively well, with better stone rest and some clearing here. Other are not so good.

In Horry's York Cemetery on Blackhorse Golf Course, people were buried in a metal vault that has since rusted through the surface, Enrick said. The vault has been empty at the moment enough to reveal the surface mounds, which are now at ground level.



Christopher Klement (left) and Adam Enrick of the Horry County Planning Department try to figure out the site of the Staley family cemetery in Socastee on Tuesday.

This effort could lead to a new report to the state's local government.

"People usually like to go out and show these things,"

Enrick said.

• Contact LISA PUZOSINI at 305-231-7111 or lpuzosini@sunvoice.com.



LISA PUZOSINI FOR THE SUN-VOICE

Markers have historic value.

'Cemetery hunters' preserve history

BY KATIE POWELL
STAFF WRITER

Adam Enrick and Christopher Klement's phones have been ringing off the hook.

Enrick and Klement, both senior planners for Horry County, work closely with the Board of Architectural Review and Historical Planning and have taken on the task of helping find and preserve old, overgrown and unmarked grave sites in Horry County.

Ben Burroughs, who serves on the Board of Architectural Review and Historical Planning and is a research specialist at Coastal Carolina University, is proud of the work that Enrick and Klement have done.

"I'm amazed they've taken on such a large project that takes so much time," Burroughs said. "They are doing a great job. It is such a help to the people of the county to preserve the cemeteries."

In addition, they help to get properties and areas designated to the Historical Register.

"We're hoping to help people pinpoint where their relatives are," Enrick said.

Since the public has gotten word of what they're doing, they have received numerous calls and emails including aerial photos, historic names and vague directions.

"We get things like, 'second house from the road, and back into the woods 100

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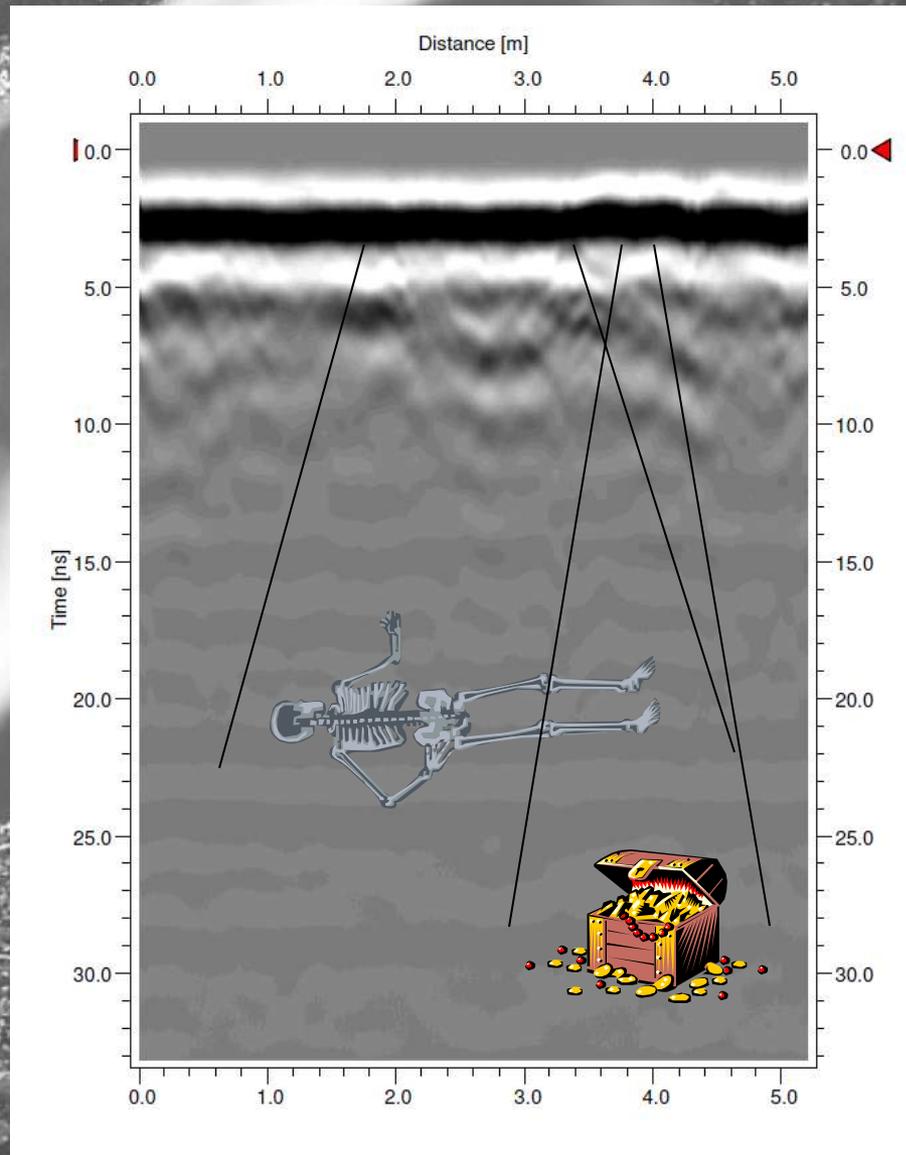




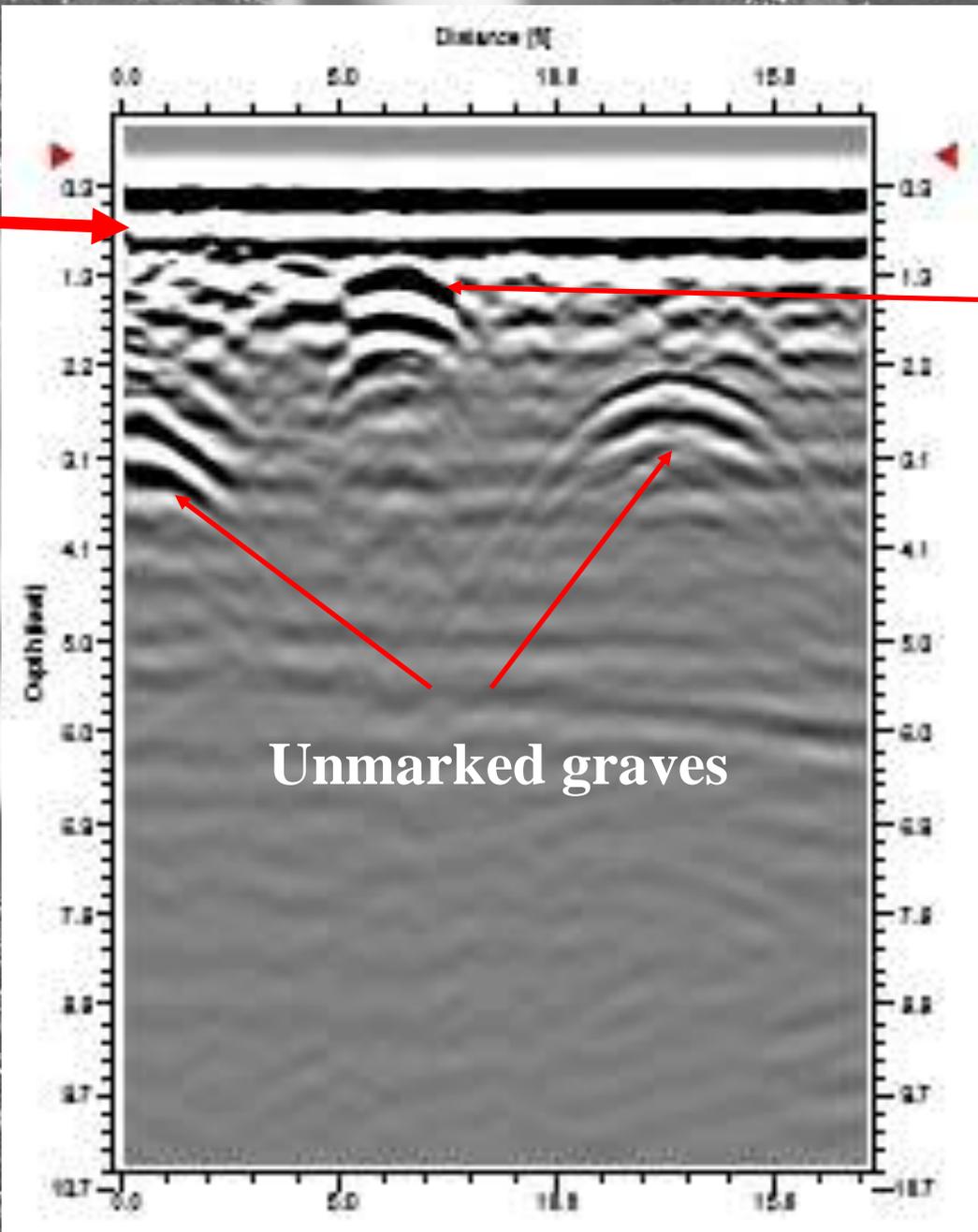




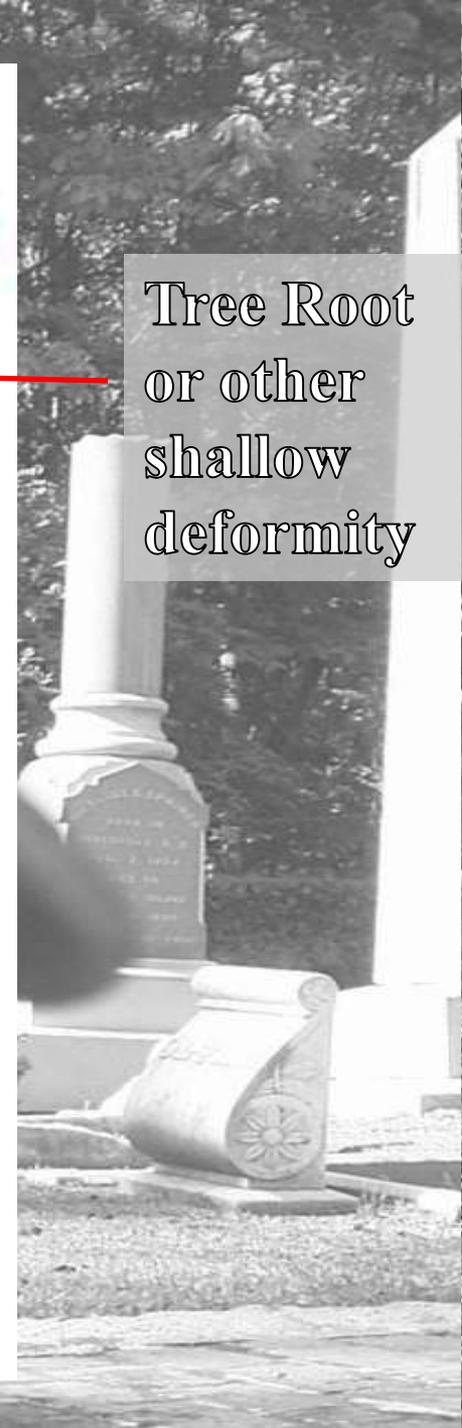
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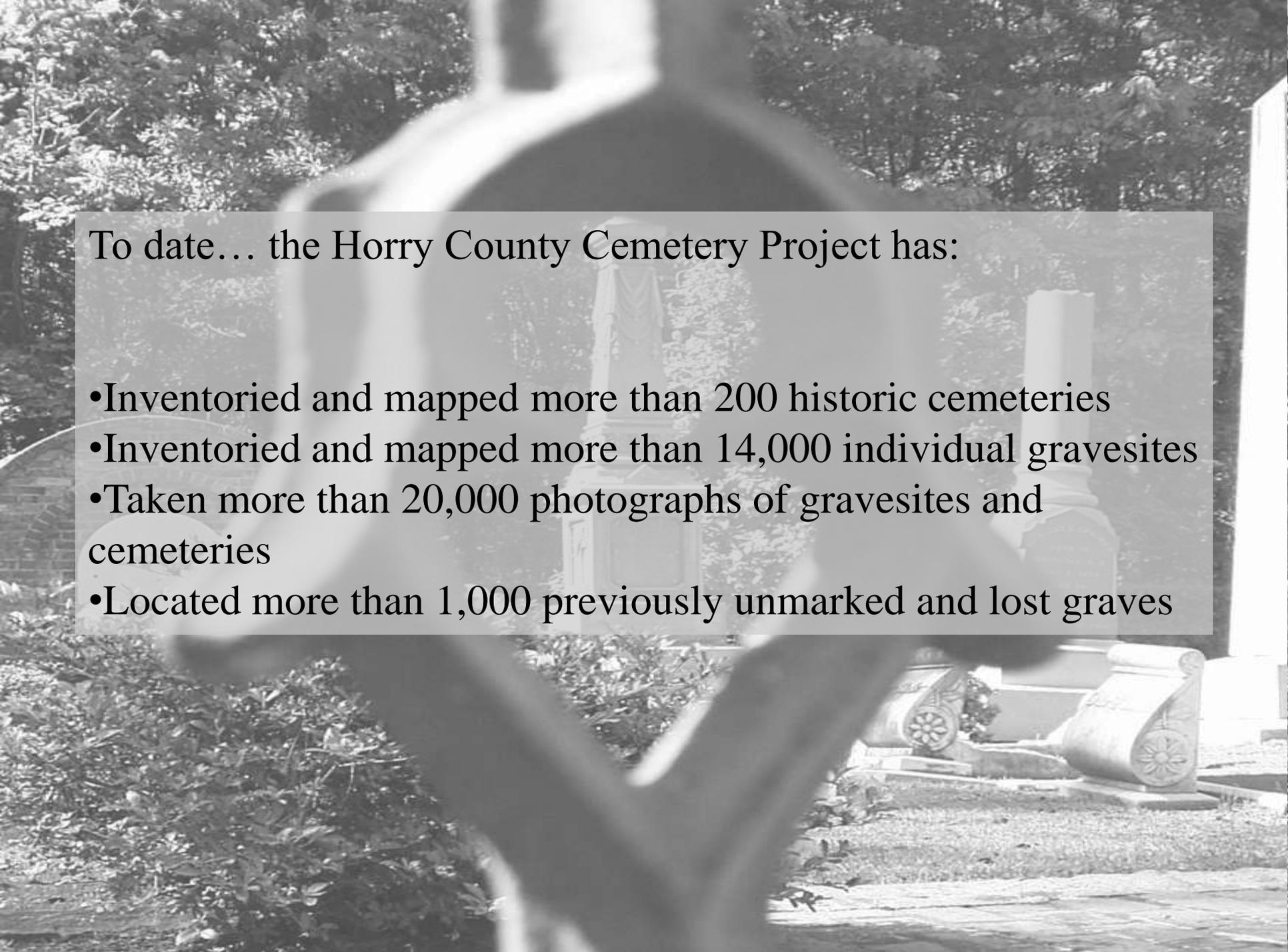
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Tree Root
or other
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A black and white photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, a person's hand is visible, holding a camera or a similar device, partially obscuring the view. The background shows several gravestones of different shapes and sizes, some with intricate carvings. The scene is set outdoors with trees and foliage visible in the distance.

To date... the Horry County Cemetery Project has:

- Inventoried and mapped more than 200 historic cemeteries
- Inventoried and mapped more than 14,000 individual gravesites
- Taken more than 20,000 photographs of gravesites and cemeteries
- Located more than 1,000 previously unmarked and lost graves

www.horrycounty.org/cemetery.asp

The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Explorer Online web application. The browser address bar shows the URL: explorer.arcgis.com/?open=1&Search=4af545d7a8507296d36218f. The application title is "Horry County Cemetery".

The interface includes a "Queries" panel on the left with two search options: "Search Cemetery by Name" and "Search Grave by Name". The main map area shows a topographic map of Horry County, South Carolina, with several colored markers (purple, blue, and pink) indicating specific locations. The map is titled "Horry County Cemetery" and includes a "Find Places" search bar.

The "Query Results" panel on the right displays the following search results for "Search Grave by Name":

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Name
- baxter baldwin
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- francis edge baldwin
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- bessie m baldwin
Name
- earnest baldwin
Name
- baby baldwin
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- virginia d baldwin
Name
- pearl baldwin
Name

The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various open applications, including "start", "ArcGIS Explorer...", "DRAFT Burgess P...", "CCU Cemetery P...", and "CHBC - 5-27-11...". The system clock indicates the time is 4:20 PM.