

Richland County Cemetery Survey



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The Problem

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- **Google “Richland County SC cemeteries” and you’ll get over 1,000,000 hits**
 - Lots of websites, but information typically incomplete, often wrong
 - No authority, no way of checking
- **Developments proceed with no means of checking for cemeteries**
 - Common refrain, “Oh, I didn’t know there was a cemetery here!”
 - Few Richland County developments receive any sort of archaeological study (and archaeologists aren’t necessarily good at finding cemeteries).

Website Examples

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Richland County, South Carolina Cemeteries

The South Carolina Cemeteries page provides explanations of the following online resources:

Bibliography	Online Gravestone Transcriptions	Cemetery
FHL.C	S.C. Cemetery Project	InfoDum
WorldCat	Find A Grave national search county list	
	USGenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project	

To be thorough, search online and printed versions of a cemetery's gravestone opportunity, visiting the cemetery in person can yield important clues.

Cemetery	Location	Other
Addy	Hilton	
Alpine Baptist Church		
Amick Family #02		
Amick Family #03	Hopkins	
Antioch Baptist Church		
Apostolic Doctrine Evangelistic Church	Columbia	Find A Grave
Bardell Graveyard	Eastover	Find A Grave
Barhamville	Columbia	Find A Grave
Bates	Columbia	Find A Grave
Bauknicht	Columbia	Find A Grave
Bell Hill	Blythewood	
Beth Shalom Arcadia Lakes		
Beth Shalom		
Bethel Baptist Church		

RICHLAND COUNTY SC Cemetery GPS Project

hosted by rootsweb

Search billions of records on Ancestry.com

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LIST OF CEMETERIES IN COLUMBIA AND RICHLAND COUNTY, S.C. BY VERNON E. KIRKPATRICK

- ADAM HAYNES
- ADDY CEMETERY
- ALMS HOUSE BURIAL GROUND
- ALPINE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
- AMICK #1 CEMETERY
- AMICK #2 CEMETERY
- AMICK #3 CEMETERY
- ANDREW PATTERSON CEMETERY
- ANTIOCH A.M.E. ZION CHURCH CEMETERY
- APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH CEMETERY
- ASBURY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY
- B. F. BOWEN CEMETERY
- BARBARA LUPO GRAVE
- BARHAMVILLE CEMETERY
- BATES FAMILY CEMETERY
- BAUKNIGHT #1 CEMETERY
- BAUKNIGHT #2 CEMETERY
- BAUKNIGHT #3 CEMETERY
- BELL GRAVES
- BELLARE PLANTATION GRAVEYARD
- BETH SHALOM ARCADIA LAKES CEMETERY
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
- BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY

RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP #

Map #	Number of Graves	Location Information	Latitude	Longitude
R27500-01-12	2	LOCATED AT CABIN CREEK RD & ADAM HAYNES RD		
R02800-01-77		END OF AARON KELLY RD. ABOUT 2 MILES NE OF WHITE ROCK, S.C.		
R14012-01-03	147	NEAR INTERSECTION OF COVENANT RD. & BETHEL CHURCH RD., EAST COLUMBIA, S.C.	34-11-08	81-14-4
R19718-02-19		4930 ALPINE RD. 3/4 MILE BEHIND BICKLEY CEMETERY, 1 MILE N OF WHITE ROCK, S.C.	34-01-58	80-58-4
R03700-02-01		NEAR INTERSECTION OF JOHN CHAPMAN RD & FRESHLY SHOALS RD. 3 MILES NE OF WHITE ROCK, SC	34-11-08	81-14-4
R01900-02-05	11+	FT. JACKSON, N OF SUMMERVILLE Scnd of Burdell Acker Rd.		
R35100-01-10	214	1130 ANTIOCH A.M.E. Z CHURCH RD. EASTOVER, S.C. 29044	34-12-78	81-17-4
R30200-01-51	45	1005 ASBURY DRIVE, COLUMBIA, S.S. 29209	33-55-52	80-04-4
R11510-04-15	2	FT. JACKSON, S OF CENTURY DIVISION RD. NEAR SCREAMING EAGLE RD		
R03203-01-03	1	LOCATED ABOUT 1 MILE DOWN BOCKMAN LOOP ROAD UNDERNEATH THE POWER LINES, CEDAR CREEK, S.C.		
R02500-05-02	87	S OF SOUTHERN RR BETWEEN GRIFFIN'S CREEK AND SINGLETON CREEK 0.5 MILES DOWN DIRT ROAD OFF SW SIDE OF JOE COLLINS RD. 0.2 MILES SE OF GRIFFIN'S CREEK RD	34-01-24	81-00-4
R04300-01-05	2	INTERSECTION OF BICKLET RD & BROAD RIVER RD. LOCATED ON MONTGOMERY RD. & OLD BRICKYARD RD. 2 MILES FROM EASTOVER OFF COUNTY RD. 67 & 1/2 MILES W OF S.C. HY 704	33-48-19	80-39-4
R15200-03-07	50	ON BONEY RD. NEAR MCCLEAN RD. BLYTHEWOOD, S.C. 3/10 MILE APART IN THE WESTERN ANGLE FORMED BY BLUFF RD. & OLD BLUFF RD.	34-06-37	81-13-4
R11115-040-06		2081 DUTCH FORK RD., COLUMBIA, S.C.		
R01807-77-77				

Why Are Cemeteries Important?

Sacred Sites – Containing Human Remains

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Artistic Sites – Outdoor Museums

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Archival Sites – Storehouses of Genealogical Information

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Scenic Landscapes and Open Spaces

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Time Period & Funding

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- Project began July 2012
- Project completed March 2013
- County has provided \$38,927
- Chicora obligated to provide at least \$7,785. To date we have provided \$10,230.

We hope this is the first phase of a two phase project.

What were the Goals of the Project?

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- Identify cemeteries and associate them with tax parcel
- Help descendants and other researchers locate cemeteries
 - There is currently no means to locate cemeteries
- Help developers know if there is a cemetery on a proposed development tract
 - This helps ensure cemeteries will be preserved

Project Seeks to Avoid This:

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And This:

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What this Project was NOT

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- **We did not visit individual cemeteries**
- **We did not collect transcriptions**
- **We did not photograph cemeteries**
- **We did not conduct detailed historic research on cemeteries**

What this Project DID Accomplish

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- **We collected various cemetery sources, such as**
 - **On-line cemetery lists**
 - SCGenWeb
 - SCGS SC Cemetery GPS Project
 - FamilySearch
 - Find A Grave
 - Genealogy Trails
 - USGW Tombstone Transcription Project
 - AHGP SC Cemetery Transcription and Photography Project
 - and others

What this Project DID Accomplish, cont.

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- Various unpublished lists
 - Vernon Kirkpatrick
 - Richland County
- Various publications
 - Columbia Chapter SCGS, *Cemetery Records of Richland County*
 - Rakes, *Cemeteries of Northern Richland County*
 - Vaughn, *African American Cemeteries of Richland County*
- Plats at the Richland County Register of Deeds through 1959
- SC Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology site files
- War Department, USGS, and Soil Conservation Survey maps

What this Project DID Accomplish, cont.

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- A few historic sources, such as
 - Green, *A History of Richland County*
 - WPA Church Records
 - SCDAH Combined Alphabetic Index
- Aerial photographs to 1939 (earliest available)
- Appeal to various organizations, including
 - SCGS, Columbia Chapter
 - SCGS, Dutch Fork Chapter
 - Blythewood Historical Society
 - Historic Columbia Foundation
 - Richland County licensed funeral directors and embalmers

What this Project DID Accomplish, cont.

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- Widespread appeal through the media, including
 - *The State*
 - *The Free Times*
 - *The Columbia Star*
 - WIS TV
 - WOLO TV
 - WLTX TV
 - WRLK TV
 - *SC Wildlife*



What this Project DID Accomplish, cont.

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- **We were searching not only for extant cemeteries, but also those destroyed or those moved**
 - Destroyed and moved cemeteries important to descendants and future researchers
 - Moved cemeteries are NOT tracked by any South Carolina agency
 - Destroyed cemeteries provide a clue regarding effectiveness of SC laws and their enforcement
- **We included scattering gardens and columbariums since they contain human remains**

- This produced over 2,000 named cemeteries in Richland County (LOTS of duplication)
- Next step was to weed through the information
 - Matching obviously identical cemeteries
 - Eliminating obviously incorrect information
 - Preparing a list of probable duplications
- This got the list down to about 650 cemeteries

What this Project DID Accomplish, cont.

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- We began locating cemeteries using the best available information/directions, relying on:
 - Google Street View
 - Google Earth
 - USGS topographic maps
 - Richland County GIS
- For each cemetery we required good coordinates and we had to be able to identify the tax map parcel

Results (for Phase 1)

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- 400 cemeteries with good locations
- 63 cemeteries with approximate locations
- 92 cemeteries with no locations

- The 463 cemeteries identified are about 1 cemetery every 1.6 mi²

- The 555 cemeteries identified are about 1 cemetery every 1.4 mi²

How Does this Compare?

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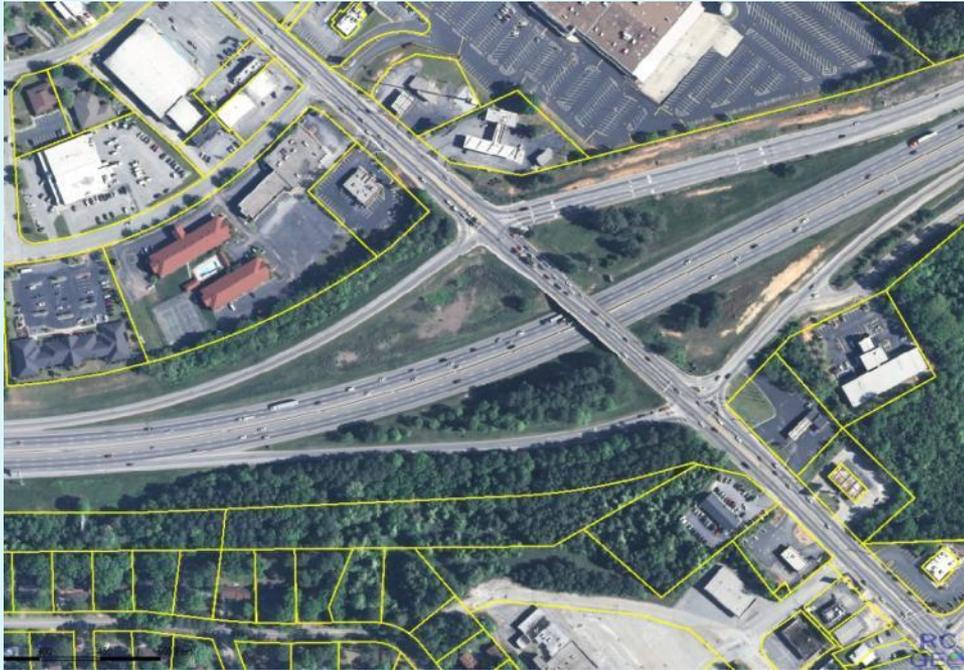
- Richland County SCDAH architectural survey produced 73 cemeteries – or 1 every 10.4 mi²
- Horry County – 201 cemeteries over 4 years (1 cemetery every 5.6 mi²)

Richland County has obtained a very large inventory very cost effectively.

Problem: Poor Directions

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- **Huffman Family Cemetery: at intersection of I-20 & 76, 1 mile N of Dutch Square Shopping Center**

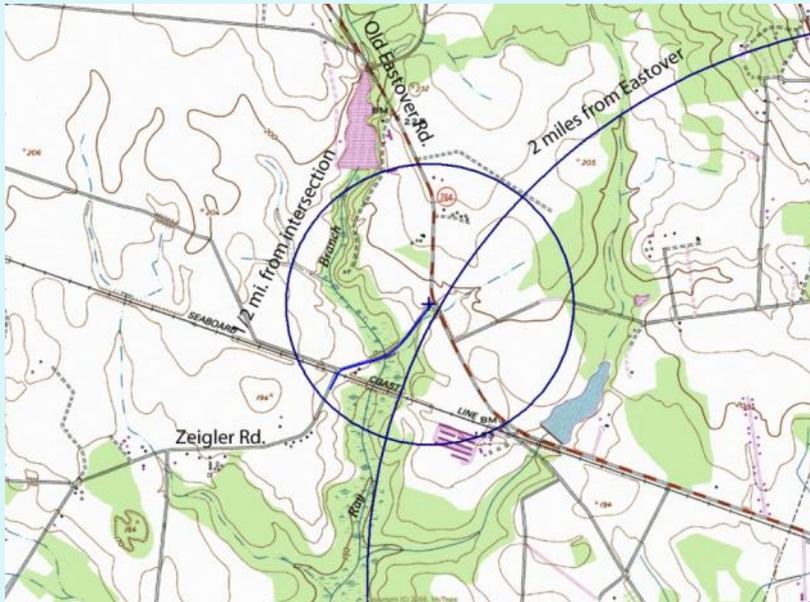


Remember, each cemetery must be precisely located to parcel!

Problem: Poor Directions, cont.

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- **Bellaire Plantation:** off Zeigler Rd, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi west of Old Eastover Rd, 2 mi from Eastover



Problem: Poorly Defined Coordinates

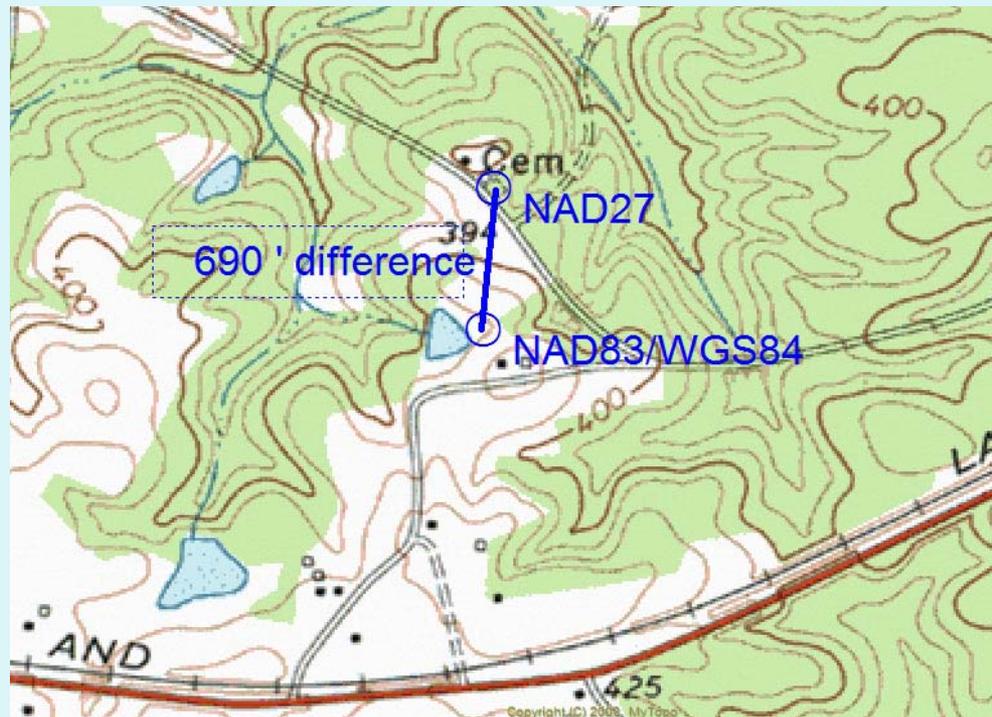
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- Lat/Long needs to be specified as
 - D°M'S''
 - D°M.M'
 - D.D°
 - 80 45 15 *could* be either of first two!
- Any coordinate system needs to have datum identified as
 - NAD27
 - NAD83/WGS84

What a Difference it Makes!

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- Comparison of same coordinates using NAD27 and NAD83/WGS84



Problem: Insufficient Research

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- Many lists have the same cemetery entered multiple times under different names, for example:
 - Dowdy Family Cemetery – Dowdy Cemetery, McLeod Cemetery, unnamed cemetery
 - Kelly Family Cemetery – Kelly Cemetery #2, Kelly-Hartwell Cemetery, Kelly-Harwell Cemetery, Devereux Cemetery, Marsh Cemetery, unnamed cemetery
 - Lynch-Thomas-Taylor Graves – Thomas Cemetery, Thomas-Lynch Cemetery, unnamed cemetery
- Incestuous research with researcher repeating directions and inscriptions, without actually visiting cemetery

Final Product – for Current Phase

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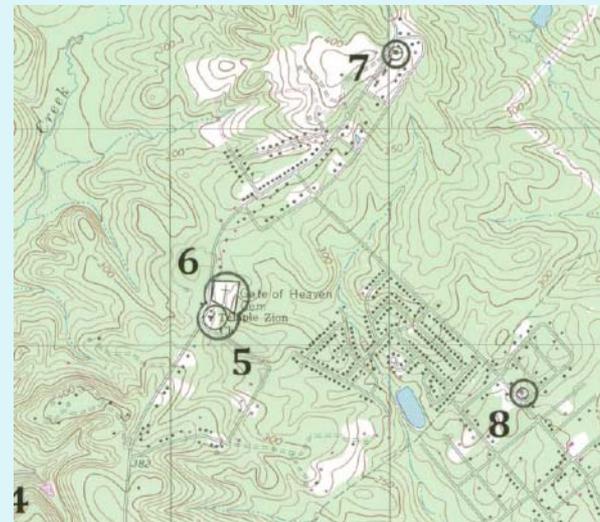
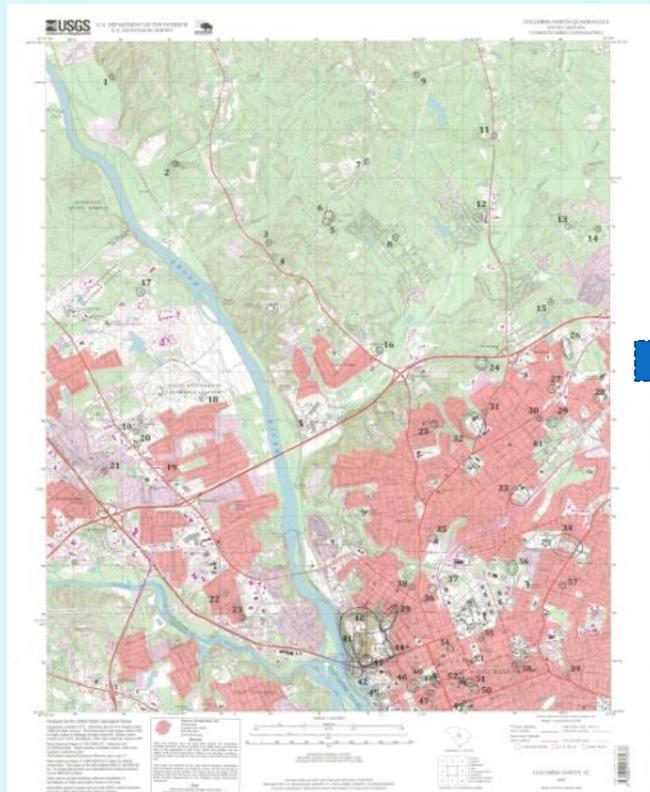
- **Final product for Phase 1**
 - Report with methods, sources used, and recommendations
 - Report includes Excell spreadsheet with cemeteries, similar to this:

TOPO	ID#	Name	Street Address	Other Reference	Other Name	Tax Map #	UTM
CG	10	Zion Benevolent Baptist Church Cemetery	201 Meeting House Rd, Hopkins [end of Meeting House Ct, W of Cedar Creek]	V-81VEK-275 & 450; SCGS notes 129; Plat N-86; Topo H-1948, CG-1953, 1972; RCGIS, RC, B, J	New Zion Benevolent Baptist Church & cemetery; Zion Church & cemetery; Benevolent Church & cemetery	R27500-02-08	516450E / 3749869N

Final Product for Current Phase, cont.

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- Set of scanned USGS topographic maps showing cemetery locations, such as this:



Phase 2 (We Hope)

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- **Each located cemetery will be visited**
 - To confirm locations and coordinates
 - To confirm condition, size
 - To collect additional information
- **Each unlocatable cemetery will be further investigated in an effort to locate the cemetery**
- **Additional cemetery locations will continue to be solicited.**

Form for Individual Cemetery Recordation

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CHICORA FOUNDATION CEMETERY FORM

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Cemetery #: _____
Tax Map #: _____

County: _____ Archaeological Site #: _____ New Site Revisit
Cemetery Name: _____ Alternative Names/Designations: _____
USGS Quad & Date: _____ UTM: Zone: E: N: Datum: _____
Other Map Reference: _____ Investigator: _____ Date of Visit: _____
Cemetery Address: _____
Verbal Directions: _____

Significance: Bioanthropology Family History County History Good Example of Type:
Other: _____

Current Vegetation: Pine/coniferous Hardwood Mixed pine/hardwood Old field/second growth
Grass/pasture Agriculture/cultivated Other: _____
Description of Groundcover: Absent Light Moderate Heavy Other: _____
Condition: Well maintained Some areas maintained Poorly maintained Not maintained, but identifiable
Other: _____
Threats: Erosion Cultivation Logging Construction/Development Vandalism/Theft
Other: _____

Estimated Site Dimensions: _____ feet by _____ feet
Type of Cemetery: Family Churchyard Potter's field Rural cemetery Lawn park Memorial park
Municipal Military/National Prison/Hospital Other: _____
Ethnic Groups Thought to be Interred: White non-Hispanic Hispanic Asian African American Native American
Other: _____
Current Status: Still used for burials No longer used for burials, but maintained Abandoned
Estimated Number of Marked Graves: _____
Marker Materials: Marble Granite Fieldstone Concrete/Cement Slate Wood Other: _____
Estimated Number of Unmarked Graves: _____ Describe Evidence of Unmarked Graves: _____
Other Cemetery Features: Boundary fence Plot fences Coping Grave goods Grave decorations
Other: _____

References or Cemetery Surveys: _____
Additional Management Information/Comments: _____

- Critical locational information
- Critical planning information
- Critical maintenance information
- Initial information regarding significance
- 1-2 photographs to document cemetery at time of visit

Recommendations to Richland County

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- Provide maintenance of truly abandoned cemeteries
- Prevent additional burials in abandoned cemeteries
- Implement a review of the cemetery GIS layer as a standard part of the planning process
- Require developers to:
 - Establish boundaries using appropriate archaeological techniques
 - Verify boundaries established by land surveyors
 - Develop a detailed inventory of all cemetery features
 - Establish a 25-foot buffer
 - Draw lot lines in a manner to foster preservation
 - Set aside funds for long-term care
- Establish additional legal protection for cemeteries
- Limit creation of new family cemeteries

Recommendations to South Carolina

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- **Require DHEC to track – and make public – cemetery and burial relocations**
- **Require DHEC to incorporate permitting for cemetery relocations under Section 27-43-10 et seq.**
- **Require disinterments of burials over 50 years old and not in sealed vaults to be conducted by professional archaeologists, with assistance of funeral director**

Recommendations to Other Communities, I

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- **Cemeteries are a growing problem – act now or anticipate more vandalism, more “finds” during construction, and more destruction**
- **What level of effort will be sufficient?**
- **Select the right person or group for the work**
- **Anticipate problems we encountered – and budget for them**
 - **Poor previous directions/locations**
 - **Many cemeteries with same name**
 - **Locational information with no explanation**
- **Phasing seems appropriate**

Recommendations to Other Communities, II

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- Have a plan
- Have a means of disseminating information to the public – GIS isn't sufficient

Be proactive – like Richland County.

Don't be reactive – like the City of Columbia.