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**Griffin Family Grave Removal Petition
2726 Derby Glen Way (Wake Forest Area)
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Purpose of Grave Removal

To accommodate the residential development of the adjacent lots and to provide better protection of the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.

Petitioner:	Deborah Joy, Legacy Research Associates
Owner:	Joe Cebina of Silvermist Investments LLC
Location:	2726 Derby Glen Way (PIN 1832108757)
Zoning:	Residential-40 Watershed
Number of Graves in Petition:	Approximately 12—Actual number cannot be determined with certainty until the site is fully excavated.

Cemetery Location





Cemetery Summary

- There is one grave marked by an inscribed tombstone (Richard Nowell Griffin, 1834-1929).
- The petitioner conducted extensive genealogical research of the Griffin family in an effort to identify who may be buried in this cemetery.
- The petitioner confirmed the names of 5 descendants buried, somewhere, in this cemetery based upon death certificates.
- 6 other possible graves identified.

Cemetery History

- No records of historical significance were found.
- Resources Consulted:
 - Wake County Cemetery Census
 - Wake County GIS/Revenue Database
 - Capital Area Preservation
 - Irene Kittinger, Wake County Cemetery Survey Group
 - Town of Wake Forest Planning Staff

Reinterment Sites



At the family's request Richard Nowell Griffin will be reinterred at Wake Union Baptist Church Cemetery located at 13345 Wake Union Church Road.



The other remains will be reinterred at the Town of Wake Forest Cemetery located at 400 North White Street.

Staff Findings

1. The petitioner has fulfilled all of the requirements as outlined by the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Removal is necessary to accommodate the residential development of the adjacent lots and to provide better protection of the burials by relocating them to perpetual care cemeteries.
3. In accordance with the family's wishes, the remains will be reinterred at Wake Union Baptist Church Cemetery and at the Town of Wake Forest Cemetery, where they will receive perpetual care.

Staff Findings

4. All required public notifications were complied with by the petitioner and Wake County planning staff (i.e. legal ads in the newspaper and public hearing sign posted at the site).
5. No opposition to the removal and relocation of the cemetery.
6. No evidence of any historical significance and its removal and relocation would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the County.



Public Hearing

Planning Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Commissioners APPROVE the disinterment, relocation, and reinterment of the cemetery as requested.