

PLG-GR-002491-2020

**Nipper and Honeycutt Family Grave Removal Petition
12801 and 12841 Durant Road (Falls Lake Area)
May 17, 2021**



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Purpose of Grave Removal

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

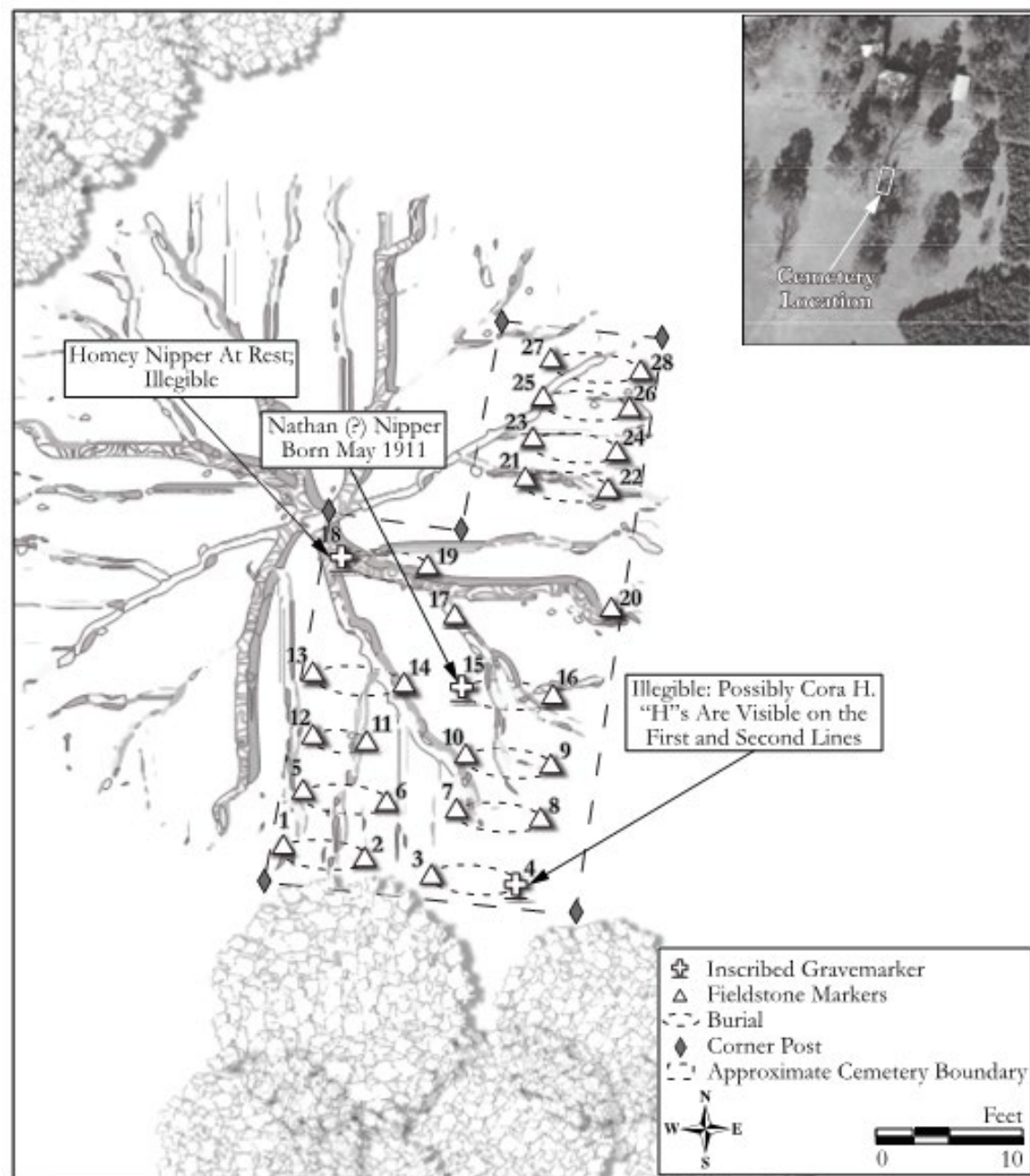
Petitioner:	Ellen Turco, Richard Grubb & Associates
On Behalf of:	Tripp Loyd, Manager of SCE Development
Location:	12801 an 12841 Durant Road (PINs 1718077469 and 171806883)
Zoning:	Residential-40 Watershed and Residenntial-80 Watershed (Falls Lake Area)
Number of Graves in Petition:	Approximately 15 in the Nipper cemetery and approximately 31 in the Honeycutt cemetery. Actual number cannot be determined with certainty until the site is fully excavated.

Cemetery Location

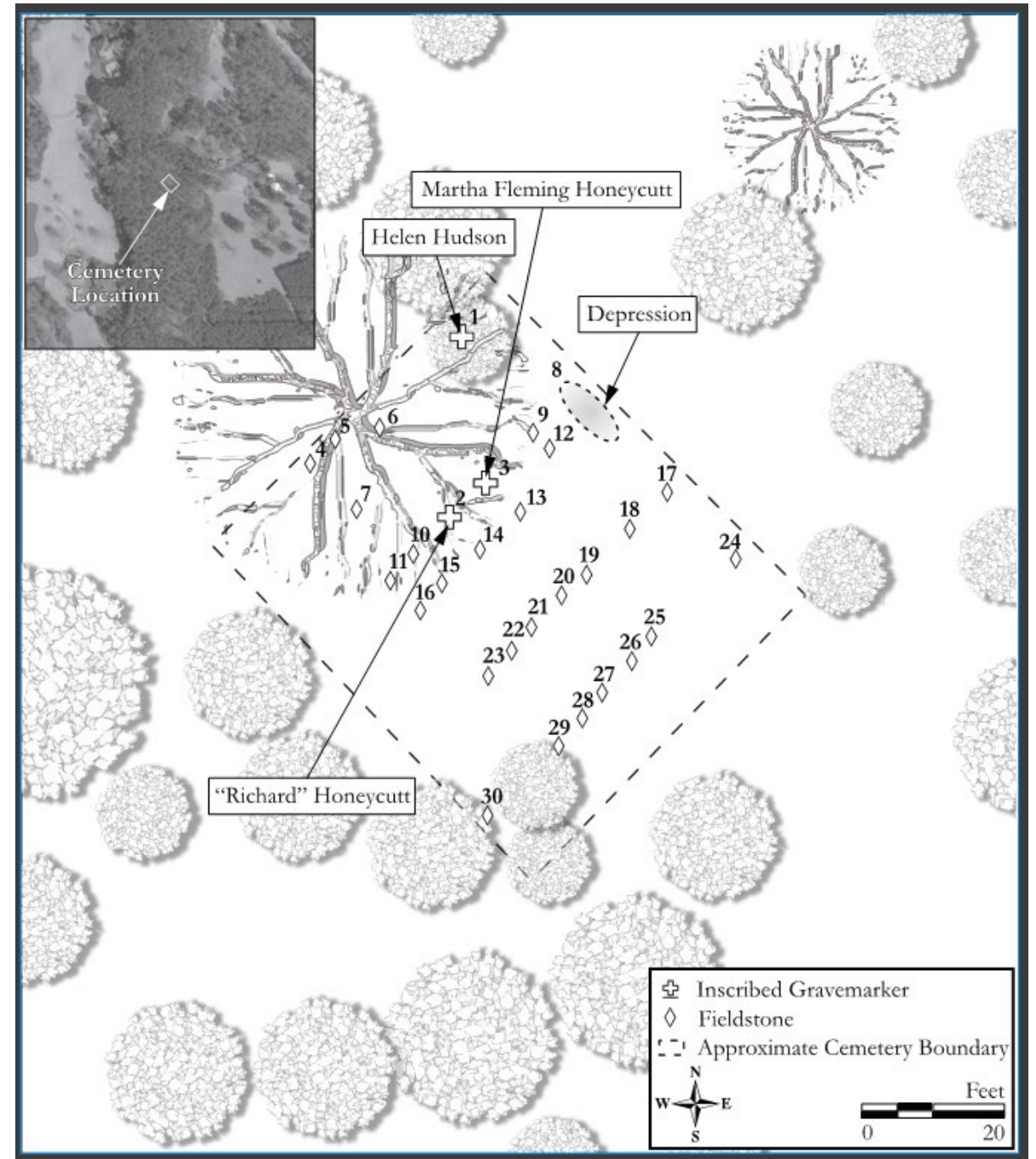


Figure 1.3: Nipper Cemetery (31WA2320) 12801 Durant Road (PIN# 1718077469) and Honeycutt Cemetery (31WA2321) 12841 Durant Road (PIN# 1718066883)
(https://services.nconemap.gov/secure/services/Imagery/Orthoimagery_Latest/ImageServer/WMServer?).

Nipper Cemetery



Honeycutt Cemetery



Nipper Cemetery Summary

- Approximately 15 graves
- There are 3 inscribed grave markers, but they are rustic, hand-carved, with portions illegible.
- The only readable date is “Born May 1911”.
- The petitioner was unable to identify any living descendants of the known Nipper burials.

Honeycutt Cemetery Summary

- Approximately 31 graves
- There are 3 inscribed professionally manufactured grave markers with names and birth/death dates.
- These markers likely were placed there many years after the burials.
- The burial dates were 1909, 1910 and 1921.
- The petitioner identified 4 living descendants of the known Honeycutt burials through extensive genealogical research.
- They requested a site visit but had no opposition to the request.

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

Reinterment Site - Oakwood Cemetery



Plate 4.1: Proposed reinterment site, Section J, Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Oakwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC.

Photo view: North

Photographer: Ellen Turco

Date: February 7, 2021



Figure 4.2: Map of Oakwood Cemetery showing Section J, proposed reinterment site for Nipper and Honeycutt Cemeteries.

Staff Findings

1. The petitioner has fulfilled all of the requirements as outlined by the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Removal of the two cemeteries is necessary to accommodate a pending residential development and to provide better protection of the remains by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.
3. The remains will be reinterred at Oakwood 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 these two cemeteries.
6. No evidence of any historical significance and their removal and relocation would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the County.

Planning Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Commissioners APPROVE the disinterment, relocation, and reinterment of these two cemeteries as requested.

Public Hearing



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Suggested BOC Motion

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and approves the disinterment, relocation, and reinterment of the cemeteries as requested.
2. Directs County staff to continue receiving public comments on this item until May 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM and to place this item on the agenda of the June 7, 2021 Board meeting.