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OAKWOOD CEMETERY RESEARCH SOURCES
at the Austin History Center



Oakwood Cemetery is the oldest of the five cemeteries maintained by the City of Austin. Provisions for its creation were made in 1839 when the city was founded. In 1917, Oakwood Annex was opened just east of the original grounds. The following materials about Oakwood are in the collections of the Austin History Center.

ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVES

CHP-1

FF-03/CHP

Page, C. H.

Mausoleum: Memorial project for Dr. and Mrs. Goodall Wooten, n.d.

1 watercolor rendering: plan, perspective-architectural.

Watercolor sketch of stone mausoleum with stylized classical detailing.

JRW-026

R-002

6060

White, J. Roy.

Oakwood Cemetery Stone Building: Austin, Texas—Public project for City of Austin, 1944.

1 blueprint (complete): plans, sections, details-architectural.

Project entails program of alterations to existing structure.

ARCHIVES

LEDGERS

Oversize collection—located on 2nd floor balcony.

AR.2001.003 Oakwood Cemetery Burial Ledgers

Book 1--Oakwood Cemetery. July 1866-December 1880.

Book 2--Oakwood Cemetery. March 1874-December 1900.

Book 3--Oakwood Cemetery. January 1901-December 1924.

Book 4--All City Cemeteries. January 1925-September 1948.

Book 5--All City Cemeteries. October 1948-October 1973.

***NOTE: Staff and volunteers are transcribing these records into a searchable database available online at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/oakwood.htm> Records online cover 1866-1910.

Oakwood Cemetery Annex

1914-1936. Oakwood Annex. [Entries only go to 1933]

1940-1973.

Record of Property Sold: Oakwood/Oakwood Annex. 1915-1948.

Records contain section, lot, location, deeded to, date paid, amount, deed issued date and transfers. Completeness of data varies.

AUSTIN FILES

Clippings files include newspaper articles, research papers, maps, and ephemera about Oakwood Cemetery.

AF Cemeteries C2150
Oakwood

AF-Biography
Eanes, Robert (1805-1880)

AF-Biography
Nitschke, Carl Ludwig (1813-1888)

AF-Cemeteries
Oakwood (2) Austin, Public Works Dept. Cemeteries Division Record, 1859-1867

AUSTIN FILE CHRONOLOGICAL

Austin File Chronological is a collection of annual volumes that contain excerpts of articles from local 19th and 20th century newspapers. The numbers below represent the year, chapter and page for articles about Oakwood.

1855	1:06	Improvements proposed
1874	3:21	Trouble over Negro burial arrangements
1883	1:30	Street car extension sought
1907	1:02	Improvements
1909	1:13	Unveiling Tom Green monument
	1:20	Unveiling Tom Green monument
	1:66	Funds to beautify asked for
1912	2:03	Bond issue makes available \$50,000
1913	1:31	Re-burial of paupers
	1:31a	Senator offers city land to bury paupers
	1:31a	Citizens demand decent burials for pauper dead
	1:32	Oakwood Annex for paupers

MAPS

The maps listed below include the original four quadrants of Oakwood Cemetery, and the Annex.

Map Case

M-34 Oakwood Cemetery Annex, Austin, TX.
Surveyed and mapped by Orin E. Metcalfe, 1929. 90x48 cm.

Map Case

M-38 Plat of old section of city cemetery made by order of the city council by [John] completed July 31, 1911.
39x85 cm.

Rolled

Map Case

M-41 Metcalfe, Orin E.
Infant Lot Re-subdivision section "A", Oakwood Cemetery Annex. Subdivision prepared, Orin E. Metcalfe, October 1, 1926.
Blueline on canvas. 91x13 cm.

Rolled

Map Case

M-42 [Oakwood Cemetery, original Northeast quarter.]
Black and white print. 112x176 cm.

Rolled
Map Case
M-43 [Oakwood Cemetery, original southeast quarter.]
Black and white print. 106x 141 cm.

Rolled
Map Case
M-44 [Oakwood Cemetery, Southwest quadrant]

Rolled
Map Case
M-45 [Oakwood Cemetery, Northwest quadrant]

Map
Case
M-47 Pauper addition to section D of Oakwood Cemetery Annex drawn by William N. Osburn July 12, 1933.
Blueline on linen 89x58 cm.

MICROFILM/MICROFICHE

FILM—In alpha order by name

16 MM film documenting burials at Oakwood, as well as Evergreen, Austin Memorial Park, Mt. Calvary, Bethany, Travis Co. International (pauper grounds, located at Tannehill and Kernhill in East Austin), State, and Plummers Cemeteries.

Film headings include: Date Buried, Cemetery, Sect., Lot and Space. Burials include late 19th century and 20th century through the 1960s.

MICROFICHE—Located in microfilm room on top of newspaper file cabinets in smaller grey cabinets.

NOTE: Information for burials after January 26, 1998 may be accessed by calling Trey Walden at Austin Memorial Park, 512.453.2320.

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AV Austin (Tex.). Public Works Dept. Cemetery Division.

Microfiche City of Austin Cemetery System interment report.

AuPW Update: 7/30/79

Day Books (1926-1978)

Entries of daily work conducted on the grounds, such as the grave opening and closing, and deliveries, to Oakwood and other City of Austin cemeteries

Index Book (1940-1973)

Index to location of burials at all city cemeteries, headings include: Date Buried/mo-day-yr/Name/State Record/Book-Page/Cemetery/Sec/Lot/Space/Property Book Page

Lot Description Book (No dates)

Descriptions are for burials at Oakwood, Oakwood Annex and Evergreen Cemeteries. Describes where the deceased is buried providing a diagram with the names of each person buried in the particular lot. Headings include Name, Record of Death, and Page No.

Index Book (1939 pages, 1940-1973)

For all city cemeteries, headings include: Date Buried, Name, State Record-Book-Page, Cemetery, Sec., Lot, Space, Property Book Page, Date of Death-Mo/Day/Yr

Lots Sold (1915-1969)

Record of lots sold. Headings include: Sec., Lot, Space, Cemetery Name, Deeded To, Paid—Mo/Day/Yr, Amount, Deed Issued, Request No.—Mo/Day/Yr, Transfers Name—Mo/Day/Yr.

PHOTOGRAPHS

In addition to the other city cemeteries—Austin Memorial, Bethany, Evergreen, Mt. Calvary, State, Plummers, and Travis Co. International—the photograph collection includes images of Oakwood Cemetery.

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Oakwood

OAKWOOD CEMETERY HOURS AND CONTACT

Please note that calls made to Oakwood Cemetery after office hours are forwarded to Austin Memorial Park.

Oakwood Cemetery—Hours 8-11 a.m., Mon-Fri; Greg Krueger, Superintendent of Operations, 512.478.7152

Austin Memorial Park— Hours 8-4:30, Mon-Sat; Trey Walden, Superintendent of Operations, 512.453.2320

OTHER USEFUL LOCAL SOURCES

AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 5206 Balcones Dr.

<http://www.austintxgensoc.org>

Monthly meetings: Highland Park Baptist Church at 7:30PM

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES, 1201 Brazos

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/agency/index.html>

Archives: Mon—Fri 8am to 5pm, 463-5480

Genealogy Collection: Tues—Sat 8am to 5pm 512.463.5463

- Ad Valorem Tax Records
- Photographs
- Index of death certificates
- Census records
- City directories

TRAVIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 Guadalupe; 512.854.9020 (information)

Country Clerk's Office, Room 222, 854-9188, http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/default.asp

- Deed records can be searched here and copies purchased
- Marriage, birth, death, divorce records (not always open to the public)
- Probate records (wills)
- County Court records (property disputes, sanity hearings)

TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 8314 Cross Park Drive; 512.834.9317

<http://www.traviscad.org/>

Plat maps (maps for tax purposes, indicate divisions and subdivisions of tracts of land)

UT CENTER FOR AMERICAN HISTORY, Sid Richardson Hall 2.101; 512.495.4515

<http://www.cah.utexas.edu/>

Hours Mon—Sat 9am to 5pm

- Texas Collection, with books, periodicals, clipping files, and more
- Map Collection, especially Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps cover 426 Texas cities, 1877-1951
- Nineteenth century census records
- Archives and Manuscripts, with papers, photographs, and records of persons and groups significant to Texas
- Texas Newspapers Unit, with 2,000 newspapers published in Texas since 1829

MILLER BLUE PRINT, 501 W. 6th; 512.478.8793

<http://www.millerblueprint.com/>

- Sells topographical maps (United States Geodetic Survey) of counties, which include RM and FM roads, cemeteries, and private roads – especially useful in rural areas
- Sells aviation maps, which give elevations

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http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/ahc_reform.htm