

A Brief History of Lakeside Cemetery – 401 Lakewood Avenue, Conway, S.C.

Lakeside Cemetery, in Conway, South Carolina, is located on Lakewood Avenue on a bluff overlooking Kingston Lake Swamp. It was originally the Burroughs family burial ground, located on property owned by Franklin Gorham Burroughs (1834-1897). George Burroughs and John Benjamin Mayo, infant cousins, are believed to have been the first interred there in 1869. Theirs are the oldest existing tombstones which are legible. Several graves are now unmarked and there were at one time at least two wooden markers which were weathered past any inscriptions which they might have once had.

In 1903 Hal L. Buck was Intendant (Mayor) of Conway. According to the minutes for November 9 of that year, "Intendant reported he had seen Mrs. Addie Burroughs as to the Cemetery and she is willing to donate to the town 6 acres and make conveyance to town for same as soon as same can be surveyed, provided town pay for rearranging fences and opening street to cemetery. Intendant instructed to take deed on terms named and that Mr. F. A. Burroughs (Addie Burroughs' son) be requested to have fencing done and render bill to town".

The arrangements were completed and on June 13, 1904, an ordinance was passed making it the only place within the corporate limits in which bodies could be interred. Records show that separate negotiations were going on for a burial ground for the black population of the town (Rose Hill Cemetery). The adoption of this ordinance effectively closed the churchyards of Conway to future burials, though some few exceptions have occurred within family plots.

While the southern end of Lakeside Cemetery was the original Burroughs family cemetery, in 1904, burial lots were created throughout the donated adjacent 6 acres and sold off by the City of Conway. In 19??, Annabelle Holbert Burroughs donated additional property (approximately ? acres) to the cemetery located immediately to the right as you enter the main gate (south-west corner) and in 20??, Wallace Anderson donated approximately ? plots to the city which were located directly behind his residence.

Lakeside Cemetery is unique in that the plots within are privately owned and only the public areas such as roads and walkways are owned by the City of Conway. As a result, the cemetery is not a perpetual care cemetery and it is the responsibility of the owners of the plots, or their heirs, to maintain their individual plots. However, the City of Conway does provide basic maintenance such as mowing grass and removing debris.

Timeline:

Franklin Gorham Burroughs, Sr. Family Burial Ground established 1869.

An adjoining six-acre tract was donated to the City of Conway by F.G. Burroughs' widow, Adeline Cooper Burroughs, in 1903/1904.

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Annabelle Holbert Burroughs donated adjoining land to the City of Conway for an addition to Lakeside Cemetery.

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Wallace Anderson donated several plots, located directly behind his residence on Lakewood Avenue, to the City of Conway.

Of interest:

There are three unmarked graves within the Harold Cushman family plot. They are the graves of Mrs. Thomas Gillespie (first grave in the expanded City Annex Area), Col. Thomas Gillespie (the second grave within that new area, and the grave of their son.

Six graves previously listed have been moved to Hillcrest Cemetery on the Socastee Highway (Hwy. 544):

1. Bourne, John Edgar 1903-1968
2. Cartrette, Gertrude Norris 1896-1965 (Wife of John Osby Cartrette)
3. Dunn, Ovid Rochelle 1918-1940 (Son of S. G. & Sadie Oliver Dunn)
4. Dunn, Sumpter G. 1883-1935 (Son of J. W. & Josephine Patrick Dunn)
5. Moore, Lawrence Edward 1908-1943

Benjamin Franklin Singleton, 1877-1953, has been moved to the Singleton family cemetery on Highway 544, adjacent to Gravely Gully.