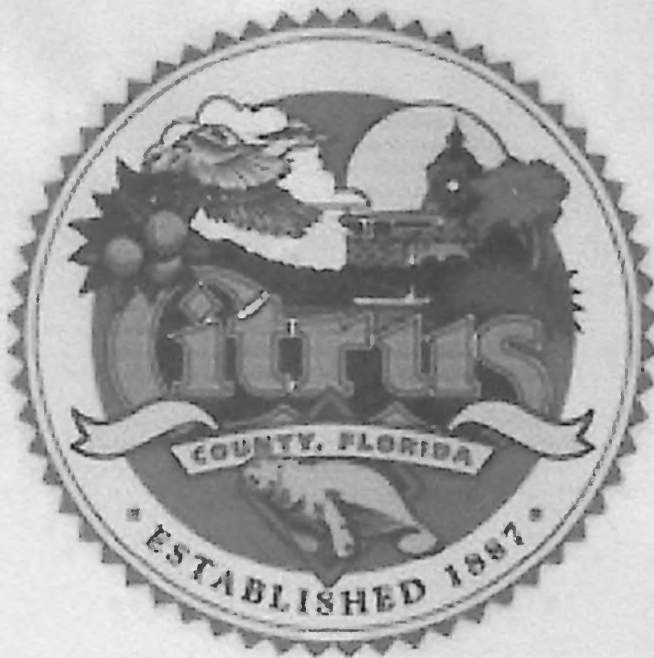


CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA



CEMETERIES

BOOK 1

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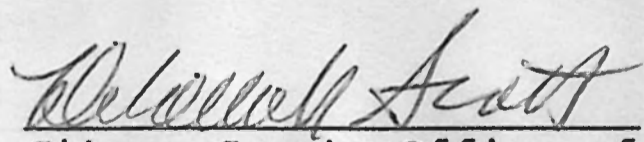
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CITRUS COUNTY EPITAPHS

The Compiler offers this volume and intended volumes designed to preserve the family records of the people who settled and died in Citrus County, Florida. These epitaphs have been copied from tombstones in 29 known cemeteries in Citrus County by a group of diligent researchers who believes in the preservation of historical records. **OAK RIDGE CEMETERY** (in Inverness at the end of Osceola, Citrus and Hill Streets) is located in a separate volume. The great amount of time and research with the attendant expense, that has been bestowed in getting together these records, has been a labor of love.

There are two cemeteries in Sumter County, Florida (adjacent to Citrus County) just over the county line where past residents of Citrus County have been laid to rest. For this reason **CARLSON'S LANDING** (not inventoried) and **ALTO CEMETERIES** (inventoried) in Rutland, Sumter County, Florida have been additions. There is also one cemetery in Hernando County that at one time was located in Citrus County until the county lines were changed. **LAKE LINDSEY CEMETERY** is only a few miles from the Citrus County line. This data book may be found in the Lakes Region Library.

It would be a tedious task to indicate the actual number of other possible cemeteries in Citrus County and could be an unending assignment due to the fact that in the South there were often family cemeteries located at the homestead. At this time there are rumors of two more cemeteries, but the locations are unknown. There are no inventories on the following cemeteries:

BEVERLY HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY (NORTH OF BEVERLY HILLS ON HIGHWAY 41)

CARLSON'S LANDING CEMETERY (1890...ON WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER BETWEEN CITRUS AND SUMTER COUNTIES)

CHAMBER'S ISLAND CEMETERY (MOUTH OF THE WITHLACOOCHEE)

FORT COOPER CEMETERY (NAME UNKNOWN...ON FORT COOPER ROAD BETWEEN HIGHWAY 41 AND THE OLD FLORAL CITY ROAD NEAR THE RAILROAD)

FOUNTAINS MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY (ON U.S. HIGHWAY 19 AT HOMOSASSA SPRINGS)

IN THE HERNANDO AREA CEMETERY (EAST OF HIGHWAY 41 AND ALMOST TO HOLDER)

OLD PETERSON FIELD CEMETERY (1884...ON THE HOLLINSWOOD RANCH AT RED LEVEL)

In the Hernando area there is another cemetery referred to as **CITRUS COUNTY CEMETERY** (between Highway 41 and Highway 200. Only one tombstone remains which reads: James Widemon, born 18 January 1924, died 9 February 1924. In the **Citrus County Comprehensive Plan (1985-2000)** is stated that the cemetery was "moved from manager's home of phosphate mine company". The Compiler asks what

phosphate mine, how were the remains moved, where were they taken and when did this move take place?

There are four cemeteries that have dual names. **OAK GROVE CEMETERY** (Mannfield Cemetery) and **RUSSELL HILLS CEMETERY** (Shiloh Cemetery). The inventory has been done under the names of Mannfield and Shiloh Cemeteries. **J. C. CLEMENTS CEMETERY** (C-39 Cemetery) on State Road 48 From Floral City, Citrus County has been inventoried under the name of J. C. Clements Cemetery. **MAGNOLIA CEMETERY** (Lecanto Cemetery) are also the same cemetery.

Even with the best of researchers and references, the goal of perfection is difficult to attain. In this case it is even more difficult because the reference material has been gathered over a period of years by various people and myriad sources. An effort has been made to properly assemble, supplement and interpret the material. Despite the research some errors of fact and interpretation may still remain. **This material has never been verified.**

Three cemeteries need to be mentioned, but there is no primary documentation for the information given: **CARLSON'S LANDING** is an abandoned cemetery with one tombstone stating Comfort Dilt Westfield . . February 14, 1826 – February 7, 1890; **OLD PETERSON FIELD** with remains of Elsie M. Johns, John P. Johns and a Baby; and **FERO CEMETERY** in Beverly Hills.

A referral must be made to Back Home by Hampton Dunn as he mentions several cemeteries in his book. Even though this is a secondary source and not documented two must be stated as possible to research. They are **HODGES CEMETERY** and **SHELL ISLAND CEMETERY**.

One item should be mentioned concerning the **index**. If any stones or markings are indefinite they will not be found in the index, but could possibly be found in the cemeteries inventoried.

Special appreciation goes to Linda Varone, Historical Resource Clerk, for the many hours spent in organizing and searching records; Sharon Moon, Moon's Software Services; and Virginia Schmidt, a volunteer who has been with this project from the beginning in 1995 to its completion...without her the efforts taken in the past would never have been completed.

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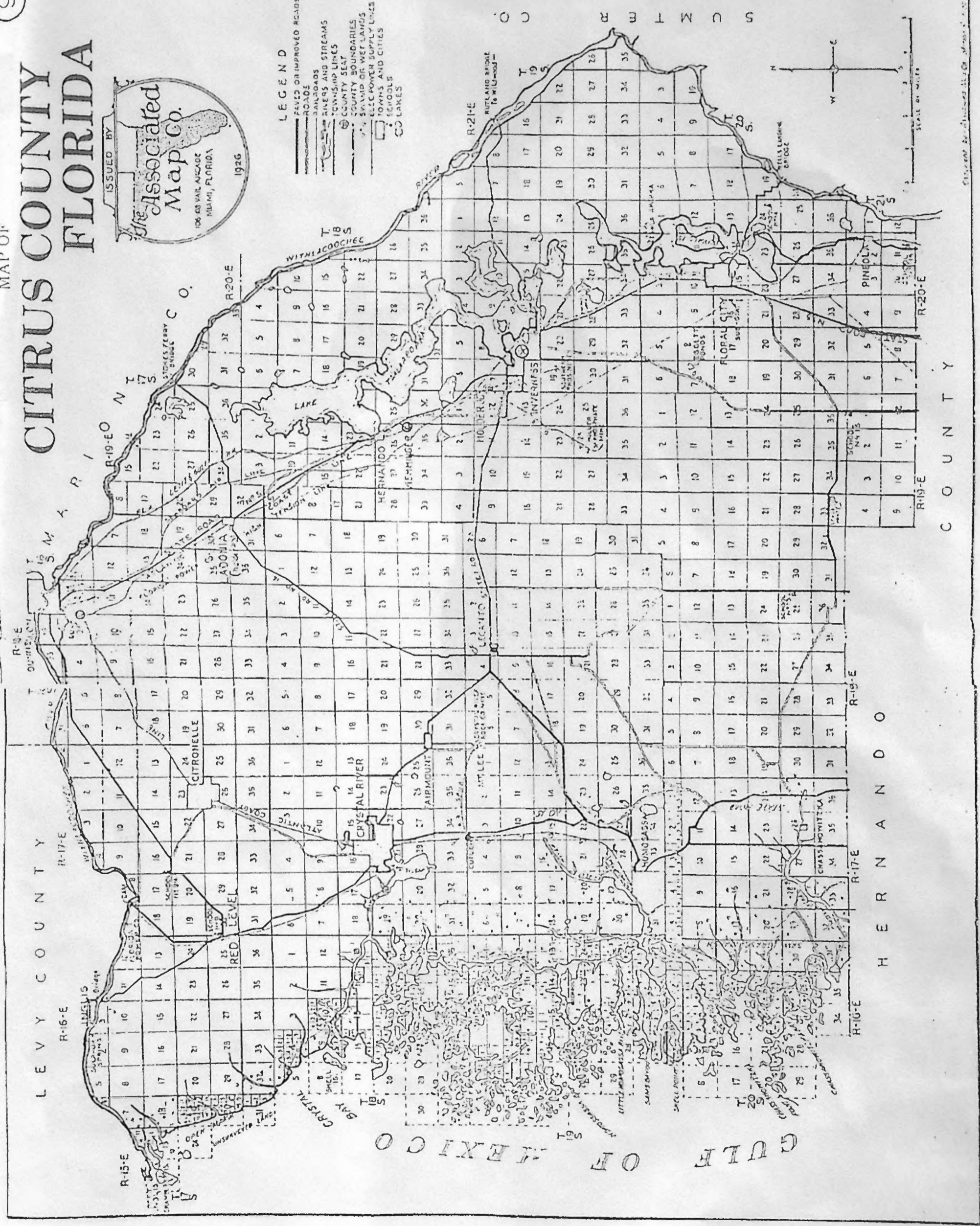
NOTE: Mannfield has sometimes been misspelled as Mannsfield.

MAP OF

CITRUS COUNTY FLORIDA



- LEGEND**
- PAVED OR IMPROVED ROADS
 - ROADS
 - RAILROADS
 - RIVERS AND STREAMS
 - TOWNSHIP LINES
 - COUNTY SEAT
 - COUNTY BOUNDARIES
 - SWAMP OR WET LANDS
 - ELEC POWER SUPPLY LINES
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 - SCHOOLS
 - CO LAKES



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**CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CEMETERY LOCATIONS**

	Township	Range	Section
ALTO CEMETERY			
BEVERLY HILLS MEMORIAL CEMETERY	18S	18E	1
BURKE CEMETERY	17S	19E	29
CARLSON'S LANDING CEMETERY			
CEMETERY ISLAND (Island off Homosassa)	20S	20E	14
CHAMBER'S ISLAND CEMETERY	21S	20E	12
CITRONELLE CEMETERY	17S	17E	23
CRYSTAL RIVER CITY CEMETERY	18E	17E	21
CRYSTAL RIVER MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY	18S	17E	21
CRYSTAL RIVER MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY	18S	17E	34
DAMPIER CEMETERY	19S	20E	21
FERO CEMETERY	18S	18E	11
FORT COOPER CEMETERY	19S	20E	28
FOUNTAINS MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY	19S	17E	22
FRAZIER CEMETERY (Black)	20S	20E	15
HERNANDO AREA CEMETERY	18S	19E	26
HERNANDO CEMETERY	18S	19E	26
HERNANDO CEMETERY (Black)	18S	19E	26
HILLS OF REST CEMETERY	20S	20E	9
HOLDER CEMETERY	18S	19E	32
HOLDER CEMETERY (Black)	17S	19E	31
J. C. CLEMENTS CEMETERY	20S	20E	14
KING PROPERTY CEMETERY	19	20	20
LAKE LINDSEY CEMETERY			
MAGNOLIA CEMETERY	18	18	4
MANNFIELD CEMETERY	19S	20E	18
NEW HOPE CEMETERY	21S	20E	10 11
OAK RIDGE CEMETERY	20S	20E	15
OLD PETERSON FIELD CEMETERY	17S	16E	24
ORLEANS CEMETERY	19S	19E	36
PINE HILL CEMETERY (Black)	20S	20E	15
RED LEVEL CEMETERY	18S	20E	3
ROOKS-BELLAMY CEMETERY	20S	20E	3
RUTLAND CEMETERY			
SHILOH CEMETERY (Black)	21S	19E	9
STAGE POND CEMETERY	20S	19	33
STAGE STAND CEMETERY (Homosassa)	17E	19S	27
VAN NESS CEMETERY	19S	19E	1
WILLIAMS CEMETERY (Black)	20S	20E	15

Every Cemetery Has A Story

Mannfield

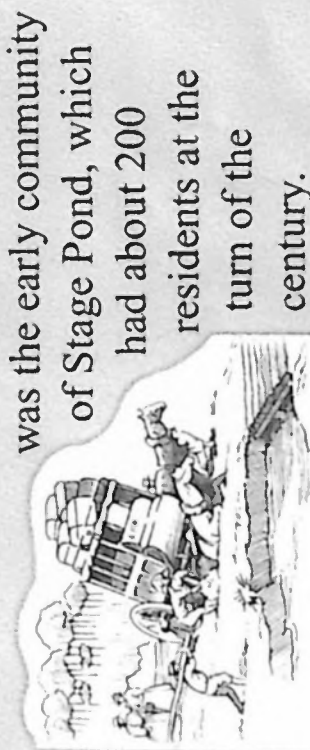


Mannfield Cemetery

There are gray, weathered sandstone and limestone markers in this cemetery, whose legends have been erased by wind and rain. Sometimes families and descendants return in later years and mark sites with a proper headstone.

Stage Pond

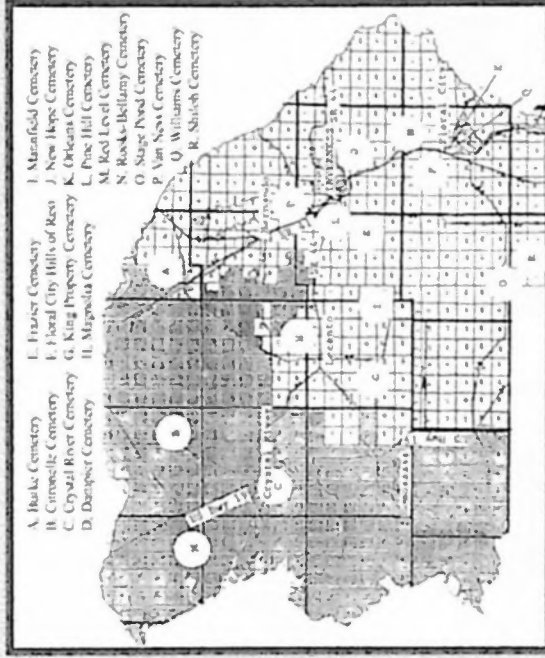
Stage Pond Cemetery, located in the southern portion of Citrus County on Stage Coach Road (CR 480) is one of the county's cultural resources. Stage coaches traveled this route westbound out of Ocala, across the Withlacoochee on Stokes Ferry, through what would become Inverness, and across the rolling hills on the Stage Coach Road. It stopped at the Stage Pond watering hole for a short rest. Nestled near this watering hole



was the early community of Stage Pond, which had about 200 residents at the turn of the century.

Clues to a way of life

A cemetery is more than a collection of interesting historical data. The nature and quality of the materials, the skill of the monument makers, and richness of the symbolism give us clues as to the pioneers' way of life. We can also speculate on why a particular location was chosen for a cemetery. Each cemetery has its own history of creation, development and growth. Each grave tells a personal story. The cemeteries of our county represent an important part of our area's cultural heritage.



Location map of historic cemeteries

Hills of Rest

The Hills of Rest Cemetery is located on the west side of South Florida Avenue in Floral City. It has served the residents of Floral City since 1884. Early poll tax records showed Floral City was a thriving village.

Pine Hill



Pine Hill Cemetery, Inverness

Pine Hill Cemetery is located off South Citrus Avenue, in the southeast portion of the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Inverness. It was used during the phosphate mining era, Spanish-American War and World War I (1892-1920).

This African-American burial site is adjacent to the Oak Ridge Cemetery, a primarily white cemetery. A total of 220 burials were surveyed at Pine Hill. Until 1988 most of the black burial plots were covered over. In 1995 the African-American community began using this cemetery again.



Hills of Rest Cemetery, Floral City
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