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'Colored People Cemetery' A.C. Dunlap Memorial Cemetery

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Veterans continued

42. Lawyer Walter (1894-1968) US Army
43. Percy White (January 6, 1939)
46. Millard Williams (1890-1964) US Army
47. Willie Williams, Sr. (1896-1965) US Army

FORMERLY ENSLAVED
1. Solomon Brown (1851-1903)
2. Henry George (1860-1948)
3. Spencer Miller (1861-1938)
4. Mariah Pate (1857-1947)
5. Lewis Thomas (1853-1929)

CENTENARIANS
1. Edna Baldwin (1906-2009)
2. Alberta Jackson (1885-1987)

TEACHERS
1. Rufus R. Butler (1914-1965)
4. Ollie Butler Moore (1919-1973)

MINISTERS
5. Rev. S.J. Jackson (1891-1971)
7. Pastor Dorothy Mae Littles (1940-2017)
HISTORY

According to deed records, the cemetery was started in 1903 and was called the “The Colored Folks Cemetery”. It also was occasionally called the Thomas Grove Cemetery. Later it was called the “Colored People Cemetery”, the name that most people still refer to it by. Now it has been officially renamed the A. C. Dunlap Memorial Cemetery.

The beginning date for the cemetery is being questioned since there are at least three graves in the cemetery which predate 1903, the earliest being 1899. There are nearly 700 graves in the cemetery, making it the largest African American Cemetery in Bulloch County. Many of the graves are unmarked.

It is located on Olliff Street, behind the previously "all white" Eastside Cemetery. Eastside Cemetery was segregated for most of the 20th Century. The Colored People Cemetery is used by the many African American Churches of Statesboro which do not have their own cemetery. Minnie McTier, mother of Blind Willie McTell, is buried in an unmarked grave in the Colored People Cemetery. She died in 1920 and was buried by the white funeral home, Statesboro Buggy and Wagon.

Three burials of formerly enslaved people - Mariah Pate (1857-1947), Solloman Brown (1861-1903), and Henry George (1860-1948) have been located on the grounds.

VETERANS

1. Barney Baldwin (1928-1979) US Army
5. Burney Brown (1898-1928) US Army
6. Arnett Brown (? -1936) US Army
7. Rufus P. Butler (1914-1965) US Army
10. John Collins, Jr. (d. 1939) US Army
11. Sam Cooper (1916-1979) US Army
17. Lindsey C. Fulton (1913-1972) US Army
18. Douglass Gray (1952-2016) Vietnam
22. Roosevelt Johnson (1927-1965) US Army
23. Flozel Johnson (1920-1999) US Army
24. Welmon Floric Johnson (1918-1963) US Army
26. Willie Martin (1898-1959) US Army
27. Leroy Roger McClain (1925-1946) US Army
29. Walter Mincey (1892-1967) US Army
30. LaVaughn Natson (1950-2010) US Army
31. Steve Odoms (1929-1986) US Army
34. Frederick D. Pughsley (1907-1991) US Army
35. Sylvester Severson (1957-2016) US Marine Corps
36. Brantley Simmons (1928-1986) US Army
37. Japan Simmons (1922-1974) US Army
38. Sam Smith, Jr. (1919-1977) US Army
40. John Spencer (1887-1970) US Army