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- In addition to roaming Historic Oakwood Cemetery using our general brochure, take one of several new self-guided tours utilizing tour brochures and strategically placed ground markers to navigate the cemetery.
- Learn about many of the Civil War Veterans buried in Oakwood, both Confederate and Union Veterans.
- Visit the gravesites of State and Local Leaders from Tyler's early years.
- Learn the Interesting Stories of selected individuals buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

CEMETERY TOURS
SELF-GUIDED
Coming Soon!

OAKWOOD CEMETERY WEBSITE *Coming Soon!*



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Tour is held annually in conjunction with Tyler's Spring Azalea Trail. Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Final Tour starts at 4:30 p.m. (Check website for actual date) Spirts of Oakwood is a fund raising event Restoration Committee. Proceeds are used to repair broken markers in the cemetery. Donations are welcome and may be sent to the Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee: Maxine Herbert, Chairperson 2509 Bateman Avenue Tyler, Texas 75701-5534



A guided walking tour of historic Oakwood Cemetery, where you meet historical figures from Tyler's past.

CEMETERY TOUR of Oakwood Graves

History

OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Established in 1849
400 North Palace Avenue
West Oakwood at North Pal-

*Oakwood Cemetery is listed No. 15 with
The Tyler Historic Landmark Commission*

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark
Oakwood Cemetery was designated a
Historic Texas Cemetery in 1999.

Isaac Lollar sold to John Lollar of Smith County, Texas, 640 acres of land on October 2, 1846. The public square for the City of Tyler was later laid out on part of this land. On September 22, 1849, John Lollar conveyed to John Madison Patterson in the Isaac Lollar Survey "345 acres, five acres of land in the southwest corner... not intended to be conveyed by these presents."

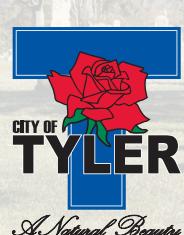
The five acres was deeded to the City for a cemetery. It was known as "Lollar's Cemetery" for a number of years, then "City Cemetery", and finally in 1904 it became "Oakwood Cemetery".

Over the years, additional land was donated, or purchased and added to the cemetery. Oakwood Cemetery proper of 19.5 acres has



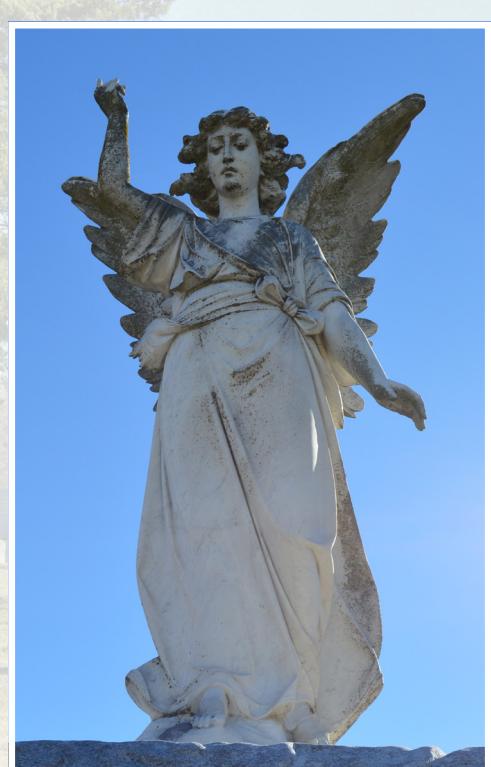
**Oakwood Cemetery is a City Cemetery,
and is maintained by the Tyler Parks
Department.**

In 1997, members of the ~~Mollie Moore Davis Chapter 217~~, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and other interested citizens formed the Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee, and have worked with the Tyler Parks Department since that time, working to make Oakwood a beautiful historical cemetery.



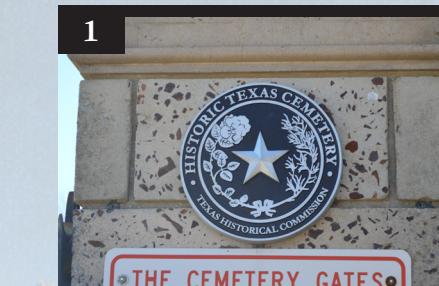
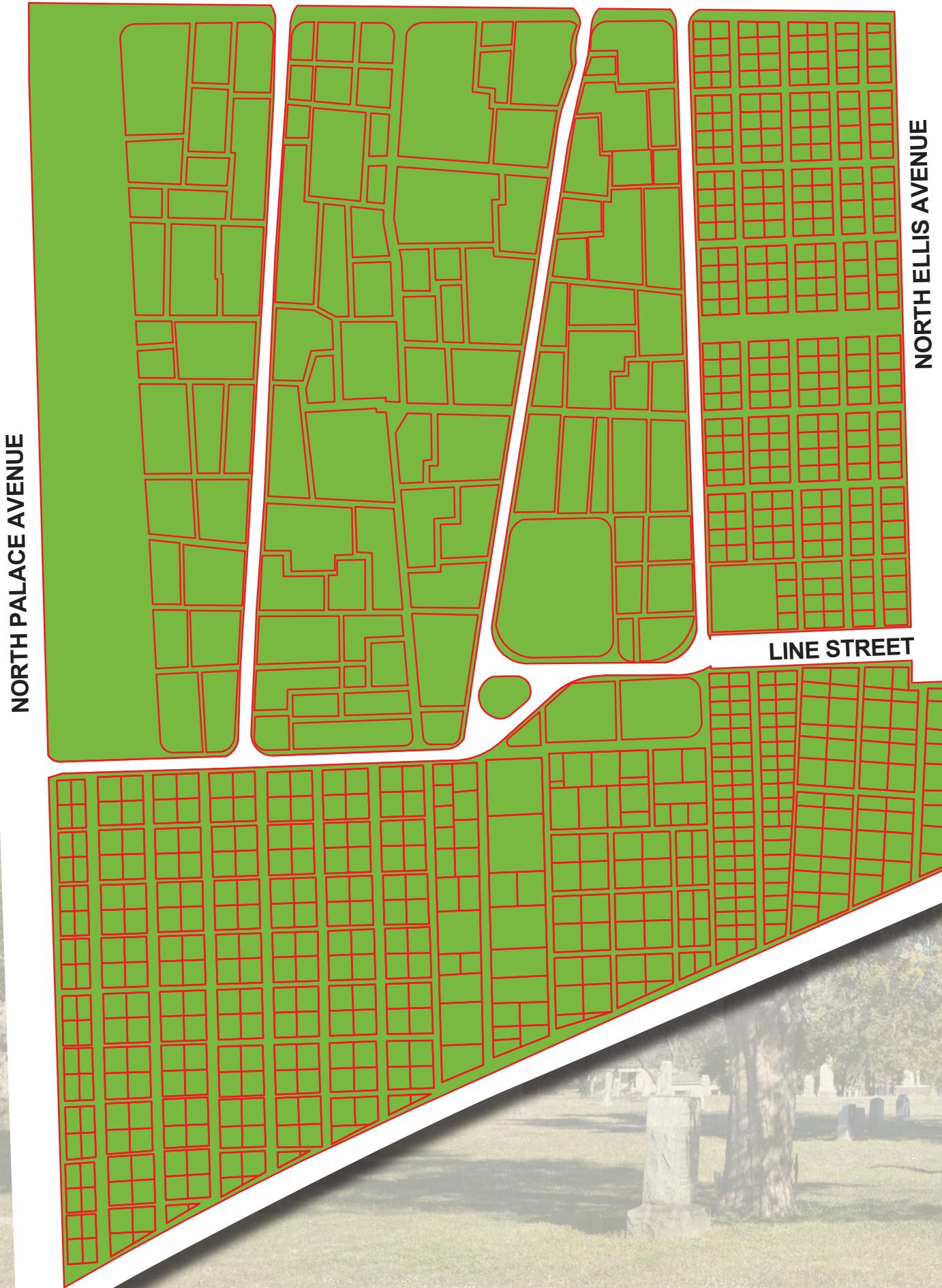
Historic
City of Tyler
**OAKWOOD
CEMETERY**

Located at the corner of
Palace and
Oakwood Streets
Tyler, Texas



OAKWOOD CEMETERY

OAKWOOD STREET



HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY

The Texas Historical Commission recognized Oakwood Cemetery in November 1999. A plaque was placed at each of the five entrances in June 2001. The designation is reserved for cemeteries at least 50 years old and deemed worthy of recognition and preservation for their historic associations.



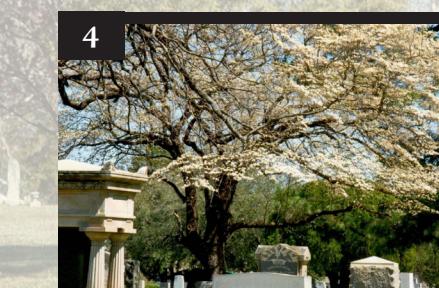
MAUSOLEUM

The only mausoleum in Oakwood is the final resting place of Nancy Othaolous "Otha" Reynolds Parish and her husband Daniel Webster Parish. (Note the beautiful ironwork on the door and the stain glass in the west window.) This structure is located in plot 7. Mr. Parish died in 1902 and his wife lived another 54 years. No children were born to this union. Mrs. Parish who came to Tyler in 1897, left a large bequest to the West Erwin Christian Church. These funds were used to build three other Christian churches.



OLDEST MARKER

The oldest marker in Oakwood is that of P.M. Scott, a little four year old boy, born in 1848 and died in 1852. This marker is located in Plot 3.



DOGWOOD TREE

Located in plot 6, this dogwood estimated to be over 100 years old, is a spectacular sight in the springtime when it is in full bloom. Don't miss this display of white blooms come spring. (Late March-Early April).



UNKNOWN SOLDIER

This distinct above ground burial is easy to spot with its brick exterior. There is no marker, name or date with this grave, only a CSA foot marker. It is located in plot 3.



GOVERNOR HUBBARD

Richard Bennett Hubbard came to Texas in 1853. His life was spent in the practice of law, political service and he was instrumental in bringing rail lines to the area. He became the Governor of Texas in 1863 and in later years became the Ambassador to Japan. Tyler was his home and Oakwood is the final resting place for him and his immediate family in plot 3.



SUNDIAL

In 1922 this sundial was placed in plot 4 by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Its regent in 1922 was Jennie Mae Perry, a longtime teacher in Tyler. She is buried in plot 1 with her family.



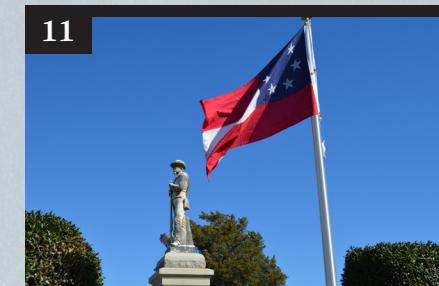
THE BLACK SECTION

This monument was dedicated in 1997 and is located in the center of the section adjacent to Palace Avenue. Placed by Sterling Funeral Home of Tyler, it is dedicated to the unnamed black Americans buried in this plot.



JEWISH CEMETERY

Named for the Beth-El congregation, this cemetery's entrance is on Palace Avenue. A low retaining wall and iron fence separate it from Oakwood as Jewish custom requires separation of Jewish and non-Jewish graves. The oldest grave in Beth-El is that of a 19-year-old young lady who died 1884.



SOLDIER'S PLOT

The remains of over 200 Confederate soldiers are buried in unmarked graves in the raised plot, east of Central Drive. The Confederate Soldier Statue of Tyler, and the First National Flag adorned above it is a fitting memorial to the soldiers who died in or near Tyler during the War Between the States.



THE GOODMAN ANGEL

Located in plot 4, this is one of the largest markers in Oakwood. The large Italian sculptured marble angel is the centerpiece of the Goodman family plot. It was erected by Dr. William J. Goodman after the death of his wife Priscilla in 1915. The cost was \$2,000 and workmen used 300 pound cakes of ice to ensure that it would be placed exactly right.



ZINC MARKERS

At least three markers in plot 3 are made of zinc. Only one company made this durable type marker in various cities. The name "Monumental Bronze Co." and the city of origin can be seen at the base of the markers. Zinc markers were only made for 40 years between 1874-1914. Production stopped at the start of WWI as zinc was needed for the war effort. Look for the bluish grey color and a gentle tap on the marker will give you a metallic, hollow sound.



SEXTON HOUSE

All that remains of the former Sexton House is the concrete slab in the south east corner of the cemetery. (A Sexton was the caretaker of the cemetery). The small building was destroyed by fire years ago, along with records and documentations. Future plans are to develop a welcome center kiosk at this location, to aide guests when they visit Oakwood.