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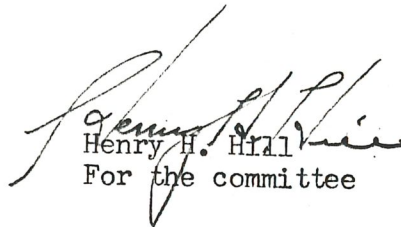
December 5, 1957

Memo to: Mr. Melford A. Wilson

Subject: Woodland Cemetery

Attached herewith is a committee's report on the Woodland Cemetery. It will be noted that recommendations for the continued operation of this cemetery are contained therein.

Kindly advise if we can provide additional information.

  
Henry H. Hill  
For the committee

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Enclosure

## A REPORT ON WOODLAND CEMETERY

### Historical

The origin of Woodland Cemetery probably dates back to the year 1837. In this year it seems that Andrew Pickens Calhoun and his family resided at the mansion with his father, John C. Calhoun. Records indicate that the first child of Andrew Pickens Calhoun, John Caldwell Calhoun, died December 7, 1837, and it is believed that this child was the first white person buried in the area.

As other members of the Andrew Calhoun family died, they were buried near the child's grave. Only members of this branch of the Calhoun family are buried here. Sometime after the turn of the twentieth century descendants of Andrew had the Calhoun graves enclosed by a large iron fence measuring approximately 70 feet in width and 68 feet in length.

Approximately 100 yards to the west of the Calhoun plot is a burial ground reportedly established for slaves. This probably was done by J. C. Calhoun prior to 1837. A number of rough stone markers can today be located in this area, but it is impossible to determine the number of graves. In addition to the slaves reportedly buried here, a number of convicts who died while working on the construction of the first college buildings are buried in this area.

The college Board of Trustees at a meeting on July 4 and 5, 1922, received a request from President W. M. Riggs to establish a faculty cemetery. This request was approved and Dr. Riggs was asked to submit plans for establishing the cemetery. Shortly after this meeting Dr. Riggs died and the Acting President, Dean S. B. Earle, submitted to the Trustees on July 10, 1924, the following report which was prepared by the Cemetery Committee:

"1. We recommend that this cemetery be named 'The Woodland Cemetery.'

"2. We recommend that the privileges of this cemetery be extended to the faculty and officers of the college as a last resting place for themselves and their immediate families. We recommend, further, that these privileges be extended to the families of former members of the faculty and college officers who have died in the service of the college, provided the families concerned desire to remove the remains of such faculty members or officers to this cemetery.

"3. We recommend that the Board of Trustees appoint a committee from the faculty whose duty it shall be to assign lots in this cemetery as they are applied for.

"4. We recommend that the height of the monuments in this cemetery shall be limited to six feet.

"Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That the recommendation be approved."

"Motion adopted."

Dr. Earle states that the name "Woodland" was selected as it was the desire of the Committee that the cemetery be located and maintained in a wooded area and that it was not to be like any of those that are placed under perpetual care. Major S. M. Martin, who was appointed by Dr. Riggs as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, states that he prepared a map of the area and outlined a number of plots and that this Committee made the assignment of all plots until about 1938. Probably due to the need for additional space, the area was enlarged and Professor H. E. Glenn in 1938 surveyed the cemetery and prepared a map containing 202 plots. This map, with the record of all assignments, was then placed in the Business Manager's

office and since that time, the assignments and records have been maintained by this office. In 1954 a Woodland Cemetery Lot Assignment Certificate was prepared, the original copy being kept on file in the Business Manager's office and the assignee given the duplicate. (See exhibit #1.)

A committee was appointed in November 1957, to make a study of the Woodland Cemetery policies and to make recommendations to the Comptroller for its future operation.

### Discussion

As of this date 104 plots have been assigned, leaving 98 not assigned. A number of these plots cannot be used because of the contour of the land.

Numerous requests are being received by the college to raise the maintenance standards of the area and to add additional water lines so that water will be accessible to all plots. Throughout the years the college has performed maintenance to the extent labor was available. However, the maintenance increases proportionately to the number of plots assigned, resulting in heavier workload for the grounds department. This brings about the question of whether plots should continue to be assigned and to what extent the area should be maintained by the college.

Clarification of some of the wording contained in the July 1924, resolution has been needed. For example, the resolution states that the privileges of the cemetery are extended to, "faculty and officers," of the college. Does the word "officers" exclude members who are not on the Administrative Staff? Further, the term "immediate family" has been difficult to define. Was this intended to include the mother, the father, a grandchild or a cousin of the assignee?

Several requests for assignment of plots have been received from former faculty and employees. It appears that it was not the intention of

the Board to extend the privileges of the cemetery to people in this category. However, it would seem that these persons are just as eligible as one who was assigned a plot during the time he worked for the college, but later terminated his service.

Policies and procedures have also been found necessary regarding the disposition of plots that have been assigned to individuals who terminate their service with the college either before or after a grave opening has been made in their plot.

#### Recommendations

The Committee appointed in November 1957 consisted of Dean S. B. Earle, Professor B. E. Goodale, Dr. O. B. Garrison, Messrs. George Bonnette, D. J. Watson and Henry H. Hill. This Committee met in the Comptroller's Office on November 19, 1957, and after a discussion of the operation of the Woodland Cemetery, respectfully submits the following recommendations.

1. That the college continue to provide plots for its white employees and that the lands adjacent to the area, commonly known as "Cemetery Hill," be further developed as required for a cemetery.
2. That the privileges of the cemetery be extended to any member of the Caucasian race who is a regular employee or who dies while in the employment of the college, provided he has been in the service of the college for a period of time exceeding three years. (A regular employee is defined for this purpose as an individual who has been employed longer than thirty-six months and who normally is or was scheduled to work more than one-half of a full time.) And further, that the privileges be extended to members of the Board of Trustees

and retired employees provided the retired employee worked three years or longer with the college.

3. That the cemetery be considered an important part of the campus and that it be maintained in accordance with the standards of other campus localities.

4. That the Comptroller's Office be responsible for the assignment of plots and the maintenance of the cemetery.

5. That the college attorney prepare an amended certificate or deed to be issued those assigned plots in the Woodland Cemetery.

6. That the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated to accomplish the following work immediately:

a. Erect an appropriate marker with name "Woodland Cemetery" at entrance.

b. Re-survey and reduce to standard size where practical all un-assigned lots.

c. Remove all dead and dangerous trees.

d. Make necessary repairs to walks and roads within the cemetery proper.

e. Extend the existing water line with master cutoff valve and install frost-proof faucets to be located within 100 feet of all graves.

f. To plant or replace trees indigenous to this cemetery in appropriate areas.

g. Provide permanent numbered markers of concrete at the corner of each lot.

h. Designate on cemetery maps area of colored graveyard.

7. That the privileges of the cemetery be extended to former employees, provided a member of his family has been buried in the plot assigned.

8. That the plots assigned to employees who later terminate their service with the college revert to the college provided said plot has not been used for a grave opening.
9. That the monuments in the cemetery be limited to six feet in height.
10. That if coping is desired by the assignee, then he will be required to outline the entire plot.
11. That fences or other enclosures (coping excepted) be prohibited in this cemetery.
12. That only one plot be assigned to an employee.
13. The Committee suggests that consideration be given to an endowment for placing the cemetery under perpetual care.

December 5, 1957

THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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WOODLAND CEMETERY LOT ASSIGNMENT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ as designated on plat  
of the Woodland Cemetery dated August 1, 1938, has been assigned to

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The rights and privileges of this cemetery are extended to you and  
members of your immediate family as a last resting place in accordance  
with the resolution of the College Board of Trustees dated July 10, 1924.

The resolution is as follows:

- (a) That the privileges of this cemetery are extended to the faculty  
and officers of the college as a last resting place for themselves  
and their immediate family;
- (b) That these privileges are also extended to the families of former  
members of the faculty and college officers who have died in  
the service of the college provided the families concerned desire  
to remove the remains of such faculty members or officers to  
this cemetery;
- (c) That the height of the monuments in this cemetery is limited  
to six (6) feet.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ in the presence  
of two (2) witnesses and entered on the records in the College Business  
Manager's Office.

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Witness

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(Two copies of this document must be made and the original filed in the  
Office of the Business Manager)

(Exhibit #1)