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Lynn--

I hope you have recovered from our cemetery excursion. Here is a brief summary of the cemetery we located on 18 May 2007 on the Legend Oaks property.

Trent Stewart guided Lynn Richardson, Jim and Bev Wiggins onto the Legend Oaks property. A cemetery had been roughly marked off by the soils surveyor. The GPS reading I got at the site was 35-50-30 N, 79-4-00 W. Approximate size is 120' x120', surrounded by an intermittent, low and deteriorating rock wall. Estimated number of graves: 60, most marked by fieldstones at head and foot. Four graves had inscribed headstones. Most recent marked burial: 1919. Earliest marked burial: 1896. All of the inscribed stones were for the Riggsbee family. We will try to find out more about this cemetery and will let you know what we turn up. It would be helpful if the developers could let us know what their deed search shows. It is unusual that a cemetery of this size has not been reported previously.

It is unlikely that this is the Durham-Edwards cemetery we thought we were looking for. That cemetery is described as having five graves, some with inscribed stones, and is shown on Floy Oldham's property on the county GIS system. I hope you will ask that the surveyors be sensitive to the likelihood that another cemetery exists on the Legend Oaks property as work on the project proceeds.

Thank you for your concern and help with protecting Chatham County's history.

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