

Visit of Barbara Poythress Neal to the East Lake Cemetery, on Friday morning, June 23, 1995. Cemetery is located in the East Lake area of Birmingham, Alabama, fronting along 78th Street, between 1st Avenue North and 1st Avenue South, though not fronting on either 1st AV N or 1st AV S. Division Avenue dead-ends into 78th Street, facing the cemetery. It is not a large cemetery, being only about the equivalent of one city block.

According to information in Betty Lawrence's book (p. 266, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph), the cemetery property was formerly owned by the Lavenders, and Aunt Becky (Rebecca Poythress Lavender) left it to Margaret Kelso (? Double-check name), who later deeded it over to be maintained by the city of Birmingham. No office of any sort is located at the cemetery, and no signs are there to illuminate a visitor regarding either the maintenance of the grounds or any records for the cemetery. The cemetery has a fence around it, though it is not a strong well-maintained fence. There is a walk-in gate (which does not appear to ever be locked), similar to a garden-gate, at the steps on 78th Street which rise several steps from the street-level. At the cemetery's southeast corner, along 78th Street, there is a wider gate which when opened would allow vehicles to enter the cemetery.

The large and beautiful East Lake United Methodist Church is located along 1st Avenue South, across from the block which contains the cemetery and the several houses bordering the cemetery on that side.

The LAVENDER lot is not far from the southeast corner of the cemetery. The MCKINLEY lot is not far from the northeast corner of the cemetery. There is an ORMOND lot along 78th Street, near the walk-in gate. Numerous additional family names were jotted down while walking around the cemetery, looking for those family names. Not all family names were written down for the entire cemetery, due to the extreme heat of the day. The ones jotted down are listed at the end of this report.

The following markers were observed in the LAVENDER, MCKINLEY, and ORMOND areas. The LAVENDER and MCKINLEY stones were also photographed.

ORMOND [in a pair of stones, as if the first 2 were spouses]:

MARY ANN ORMOND	JOHN JAMES ORMOND
1837-1919	1832-1896
ASLEEP IN JESUS ETERNAL REST	

THOMAS BANKS ORMOND	MARY SNOW ORMOND
DEC. 7, 1879	1859-1932
JULY 1, 1948	LOVE AND SACRIFICE
AT REST	

[perhaps Mary Snow Ormond was a maiden daughter of Mary Ann and John James, who took care of them in the old age? and perhaps Thomas Banks Ormond was her much younger brother?]

MCKINLEY

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	MOTHER
ROBERT N. MCKINLEY	MRS. ROBT. N.
NOV. 3, 1846	MCKINLEY
DEC.30, 1913	FEB. 19, 1848
HIS MEMORY IS BLESSED	AUG. 26, 1920
AT REST	

NOTE: Robert Neal McKinley's stone is also cut with:

(1) the emblem of the "Southern Cross of Honor," and  
(2) the Masonic emblem.

DANIEL EDWARD McKINLEY, JR.  
SON OF  
D.E. & CORA McKINLEY  
AUG. 11, 1907  
JUNE 20, 1912  
OUR DARLING

BESSIE H. WIFE OF D.E. McKINLEY BORN MAY 6, 1880 DIED MAY 2, 1905 None knew thee but to love thee	CORA H. McKINLEY MARCH 1956 McKINLEY (This is a small separate stone, as if at the edge of the family plot.)	D.E. McKINLEY APRIL 1942
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NOTES:

\*\*Per p. 220 of Betty Lawrence's book, this Daniel Edward McKinley was born 1872; he was a brother of Guy McKinley, and was a double-first-cousin of Nathan Hamet Poythress.

\*\*\*Agreeing with info from p. 221 of Betty Lawrence's book, this Daniel Edward McKinley married 2nd to Cora Howell in 1906.

\*\*\*\*Bessie was apparently the first wife of this D.E. McKinley; her death in 1905 would fit with D.E. marrying 2nd in 1906 to Cora Howell. Since Bessie's middle initial is also shown as "H" perhaps she was Cora's sister? (Note: re-check Betty Lawrence's book, p. 221, which I think said that D.E. McKinley's first wife's name was "D.E. Kearner." Seems unlikely to have had a wife who was referred to as "D.E." since he himself was also referred to as "D.E.")

OTHER FAMILY NAMES NOTED ON MARKERS AS SEARCHING FOR ABOVE NAMES:

Noted one BROWN family and recorded it, since knew Browns were related to Godfrey in Sumter County:

BROWN

James H. Sr.	Mildred Nutt
July 15, 1852	Aug. 6, 1865
April 25, 1905	Dec. 4, 1918

(I began looking at the southeast corner, went down the southeast side, and pretty much worked my way toward the northwest corner, often in rows. Where the same name occurs a second time in the list, I now have no way of knowing if I recorded it from the same stone(s) as I headed back up an adjacent row, or whether families having the same name have more than one plot.)

Nash

Wells

Seymour

Burke

Long  
Caffel  
Hogan  
Collins  
Moore & Smith & McRoberts  
Gillespie  
Downey  
Parsons  
Thompson  
Davis  
Peerson  
Kendall  
Montgomery  
King & Dean  
Ledbetter  
Morgan  
Mullin  
Bryant  
Kilcrease  
Vick  
Banks  
Baucum  
McCord  
Ennis  
Harding  
Guy  
Haisten  
Quinn  
Gourley  
Murphy  
Collins  
Norell  
Mitchell  
Nelson  
Mabrey & Glass  
Bragan  
Coe & Naish  
McIntyre  
Glosson  
Melton  
Johnson  
Howard  
McMillan  
Armstrong  
Falkner  
Goodrich  
Clark  
Eaves  
Hames  
Merriken  
Webb  
Grant  
McCutchen

McDonald  
Walker  
Kiernan  
Patterson  
Waldrop  
Damier  
Coupland  
Davis  
Huey  
Poe  
Bartley  
Davidson  
Balche & Moor  
Bates  
Pierce  
Russell  
McClellan  
Nash  
Ellison  
Mathews  
Smithson  
Fyke  
Gossett  
Wear  
Green  
Brooks  
Morton  
Hough  
Hackney  
Ellis  
Forstman  
Lacy  
Ashcraft  
Byrd  
Bowers  
Lyle  
Ewing  
Hill  
Holingsworth  
McCraker  
Whetston  
Fossett  
Thornton  
Downs  
Alexander  
Best  
Silliman  
Long  
Moffett  
Gates  
Hewitt  
Boggs  
Graham

Baird & Hunt  
Pearman  
Stubbs  
Finch  
Atkins  
Beasley  
Barnard  
Aderholt  
Pierce  
A.A. Jones  
Dedman  
Truss  
Kersey  
Black & Huckster  
Pesnell  
Collins  
Cross  
Harris  
West  
Barksdale  
Tucker  
Phillips  
Armstrong  
Jones