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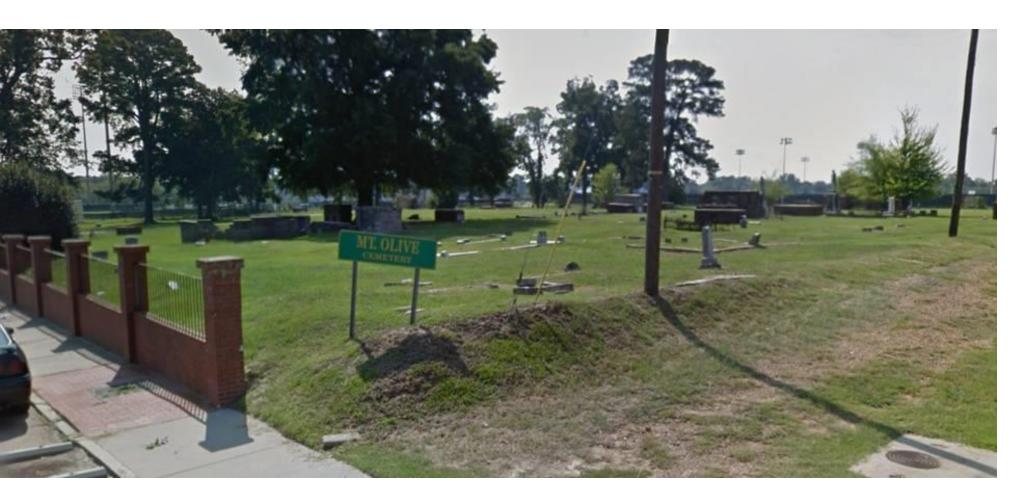




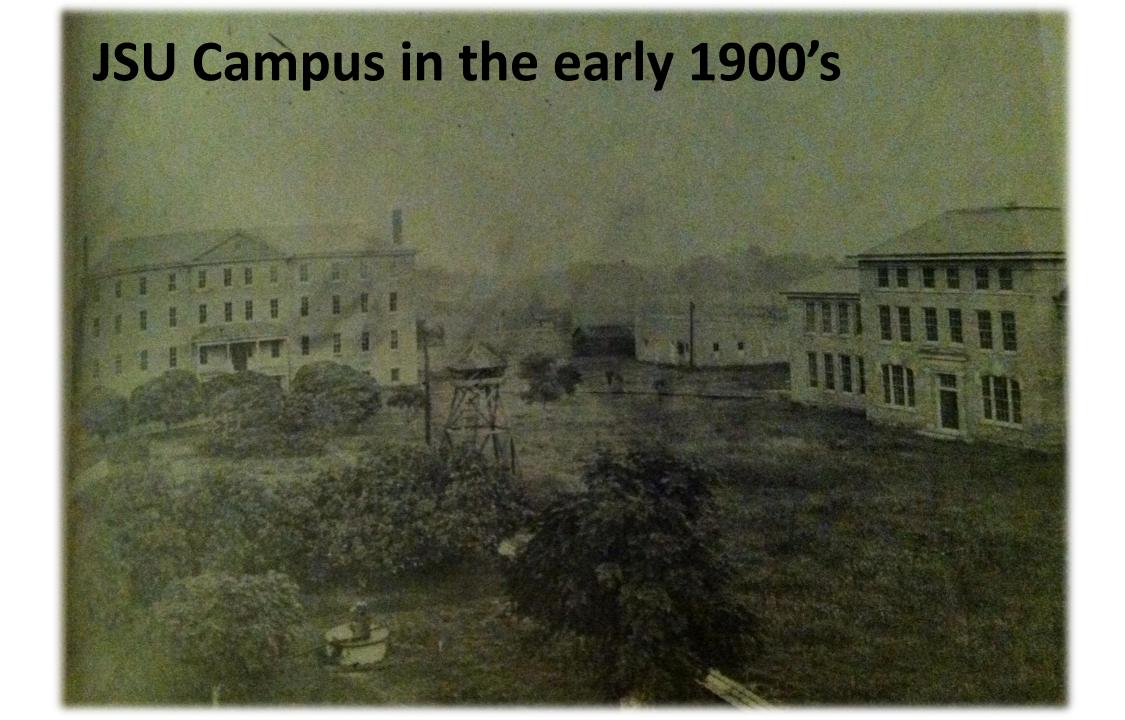
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Mt. Olive Cemetery



- MDAH Grant, Certified Local Government Grant, 2016
 - Write up nomination to get it listed on National Register of Historic Places
- Research cemetery and who is buried there
- Preserve James
 (Jim) Hill and Ida
 Revels Redmond
 Statues



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Mt. Olive ¹⁷³ Cemetery may get new lease on life

By LEE RAGLAND JACKSON DAILY NEWS Staff Writer

Barbara Barber figures the Mt. Olive Cemetery is on its death bed.

"A lot of people are buried there, and their relatives don't know where," said Barber, a Jackson resident who can't even find her grandmother's grave amid the fallen tombstones and scattered trash.

The four-acre cemetery in the 1000 ..ock of Lynch Street is the final resting place of many of Jackson's most prominent blacks. Beautiful vaults, statues and markers once noted the graves.

That's hardly the case these days for the cemetery three blocks from the bustling Jackson State University campus.

Overturned and broken tombstones litter the grounds. Many graves are no longer marked at all. Wrought iron fences are coated with rust and several mausoleum walls have been ripped down. Weeds sprout around markers.

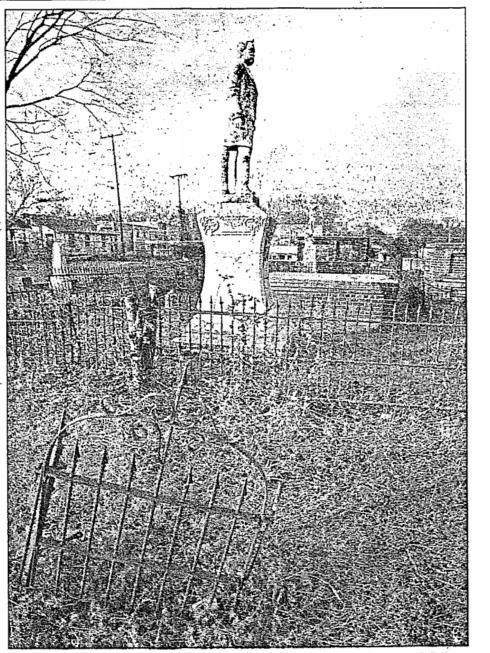
Near the statue of former Mississippi Secretary of State James Hill are discarded wine and beer bottles.

"Just like so many other things in that community, it had a tendency to go down," said Jackson architect Charles Barlow. "It hasn't had enough attention."

Barlow is wrapping up a year's work crafting plans to drastically change Lynch Street into Jackson's gleaming high-tech corridor and revitalize run-down neighborhoods around Jackson State. Included in the multimillion-dollar project is returning the historic cemetery to its former life.

Fallen tombstones will be righted. Litter will be removed. Landscaping will bring new touches of green.

"This is something we want to make as a focal point in the community," said Barw, head of Barlow & Plunkett architecural and engineering firm on North State

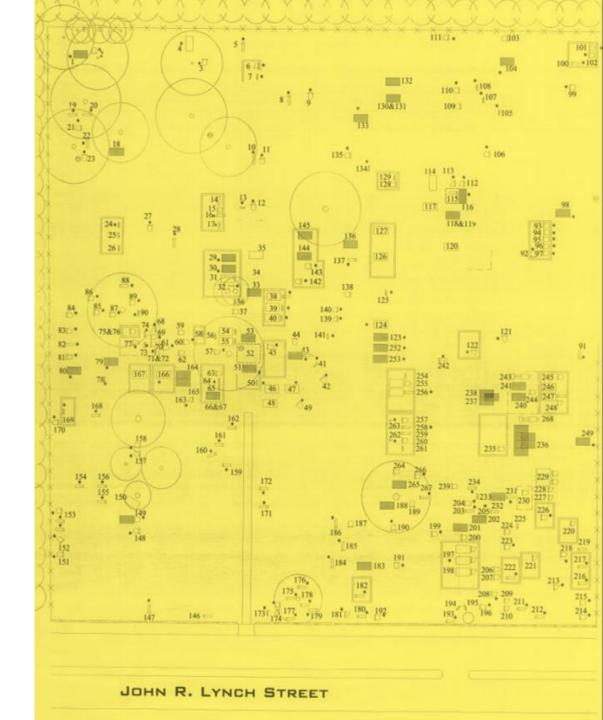


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Pamela Junior's relatives standing in front of Mt. Olive.



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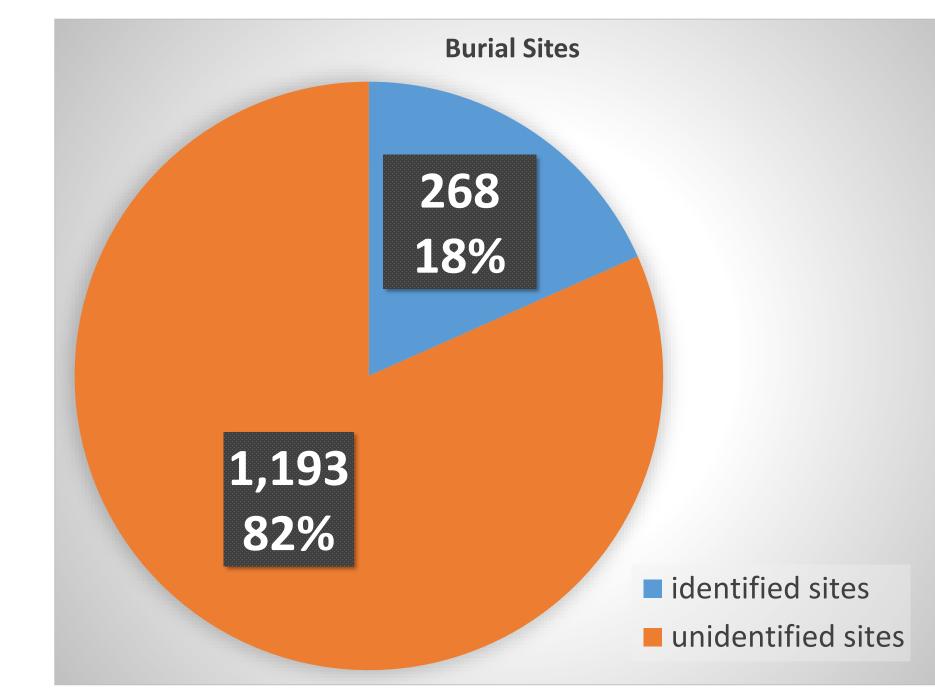


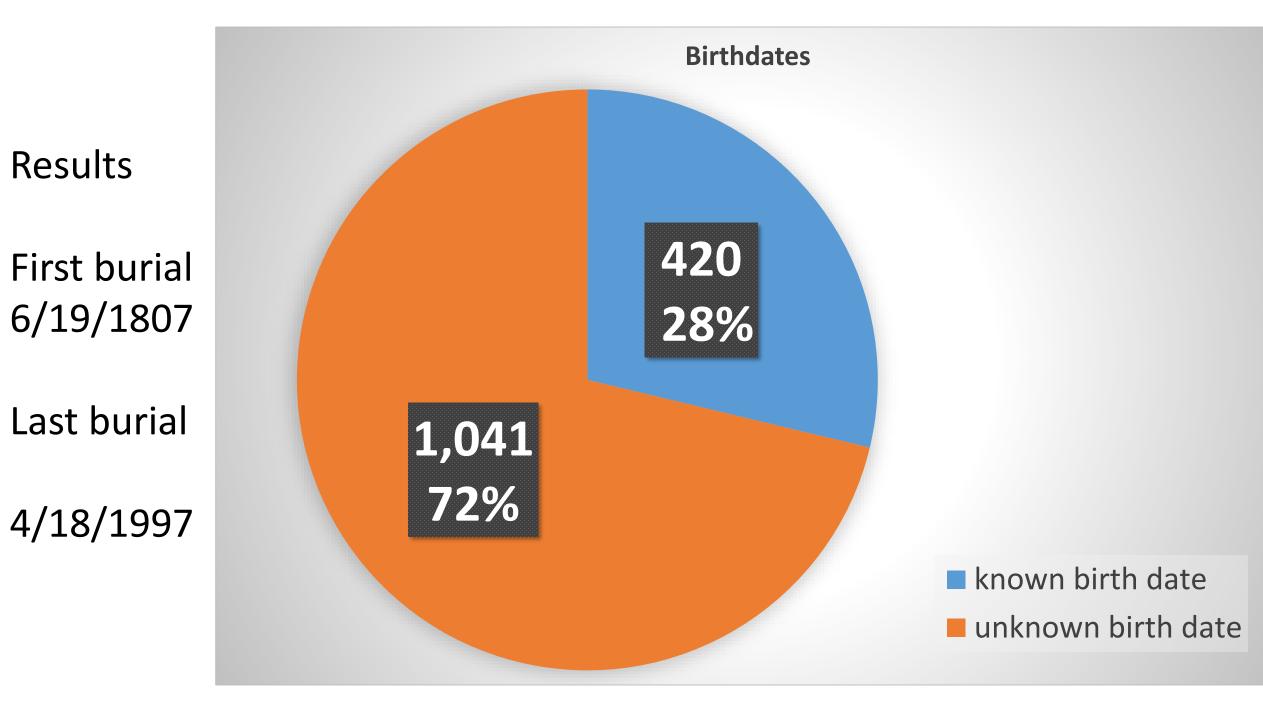
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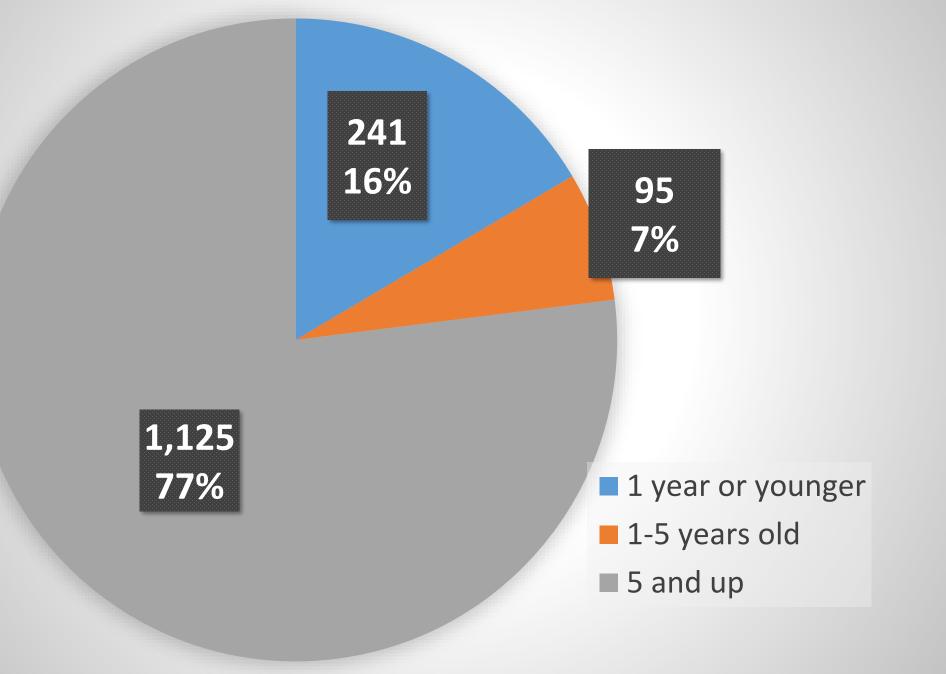
• Mt. Olive has 1,461 known burial sites, and there may be more.





Infants & Children

There are various causes of death for infants and children including cholera, measles, teething, and spotted fever. Many were stillbirths and/or no doctor was present when delivered.



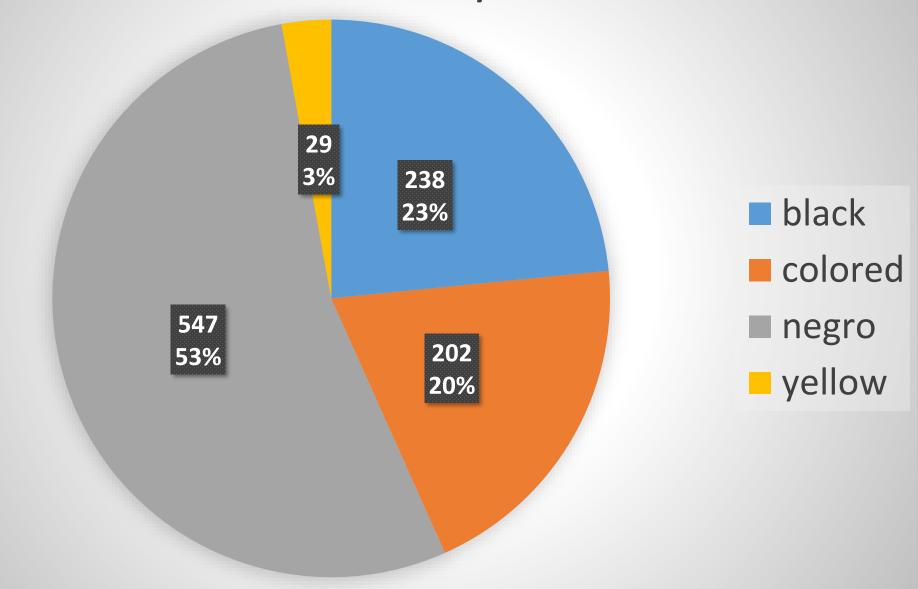
69.8% of the burials have a color classification

The classification of yellow was only used in the years 1911-1912. Yellow refers to an individual who is a descendant of mixed heritage.

Black, Negro, and colored are interchangeably used depending on who is filling out the death certificate.

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Color Classification/ Race

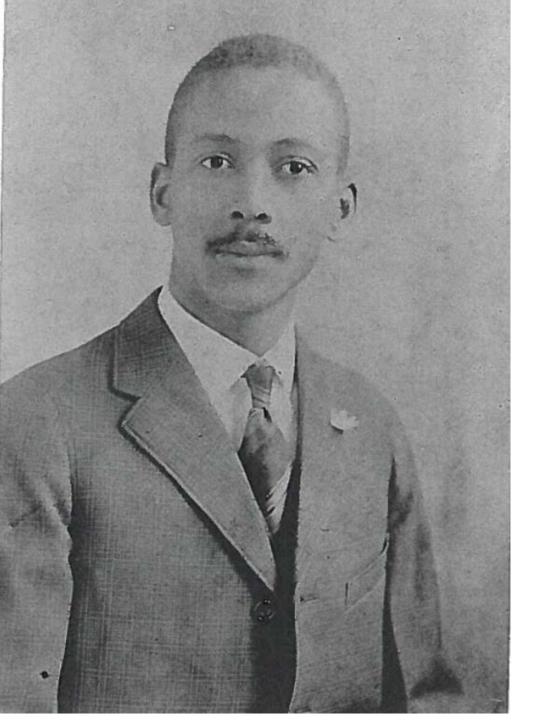




Occupations

554/1,461 had a listed occupation (38%).

Approximately 77% of all African American women were listed as domestic laborers. Other occupations included, fieldhands, laundress, cook, seamstress, school teacher, midwife, and beauty consultant.

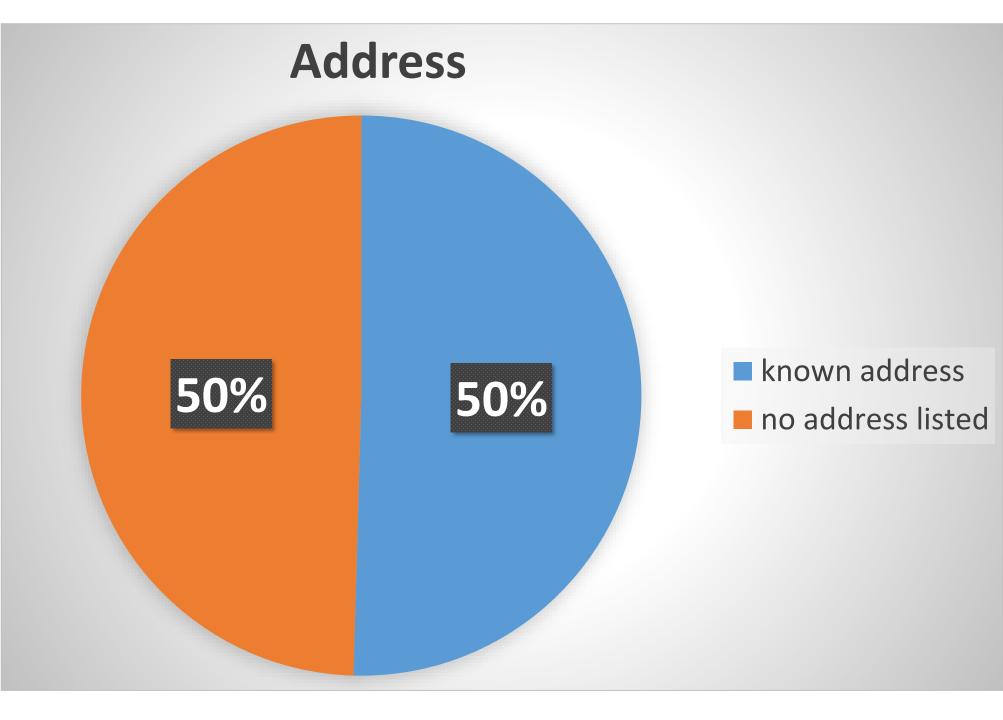


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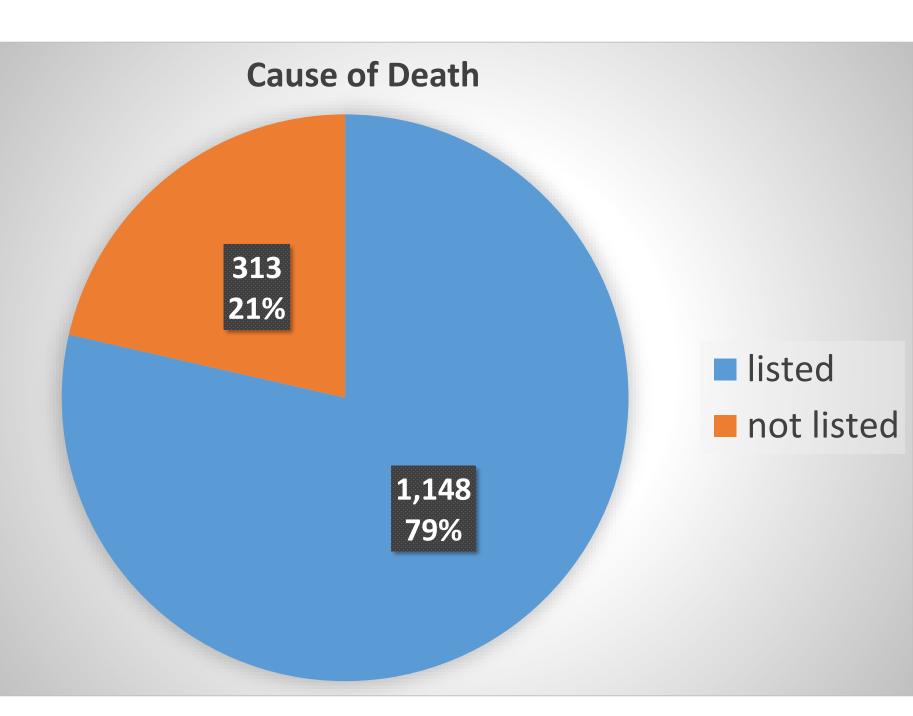
The majority of African American men were common laborers, 13%. Other occupations included blacksmith, brick mason, chauffeur, cotton spotter, drayman (driver of a wagon pulled by horses), farmer, machinist, minister, physician, plaster, plumber, porter (carries objects for others), railroad laborer, waiter, and umbrella repairer.

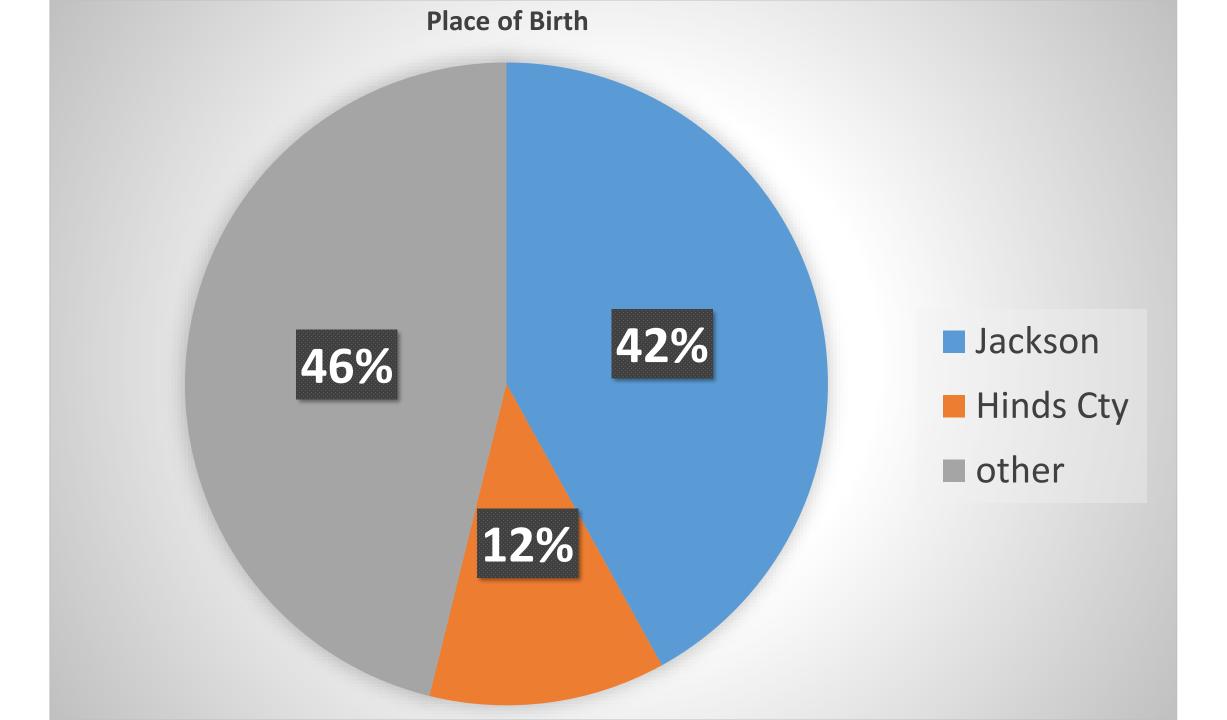
Milton Chambliss, Business man and owner of the Chambliss Shoe Hospital

The Washington Addition neighborhood directly south of the cemetery, is referenced in 1915 in one of the death certificates.



Common reasons include cerebral hemorrhage, chronic nephritis, consumption, dropsy, heart trouble, influenza, pneumonia, malaria, measles, no doctor, pellagra, pulmonary tuberculosis, stillborn, teething, typhoid fever, and whooping cough. The first time the term "diabetes" was described as a cause of death was in 1914.



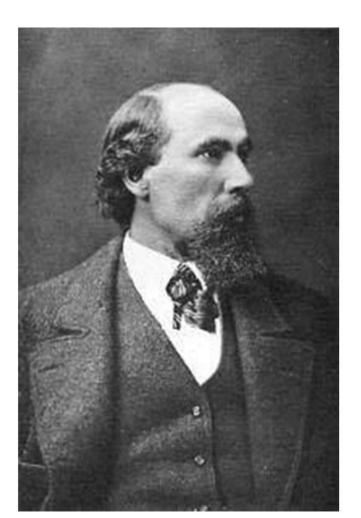


City of Jackson Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
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<u>1860</u>	3,191	69.6%
<u>1870</u>	4,234	32.7%
<u>1880</u>	5,204	22.9%
<u>1890</u>	5,920	13.8%
<u>1900</u>	7,816	32.0%
<u>1910</u>	21,262	172.0%
<u>1920</u>	22,817	7.3%
<u>1930</u>	48,282	111.6%
<u>1940</u>	62,107	28.6%

Preservation Work

James (Jim) Hill Born a Slave Mother gave birth to him at 14 Elected Secretary of State, 1874-1878







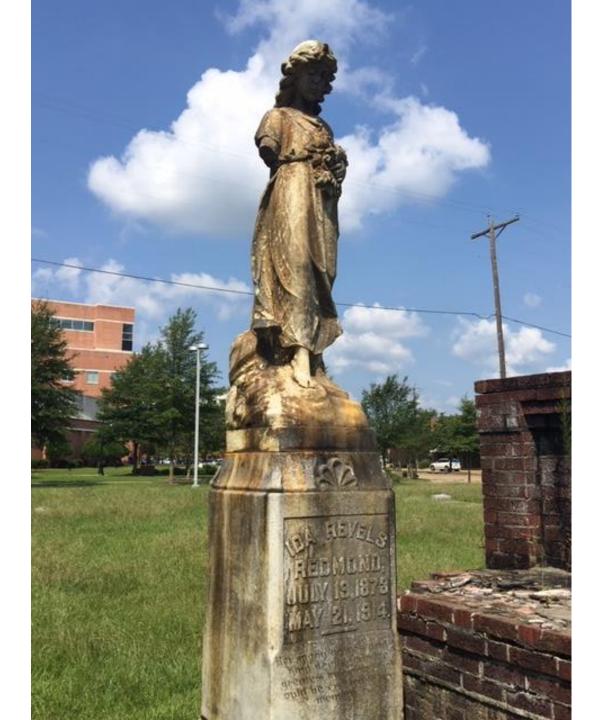
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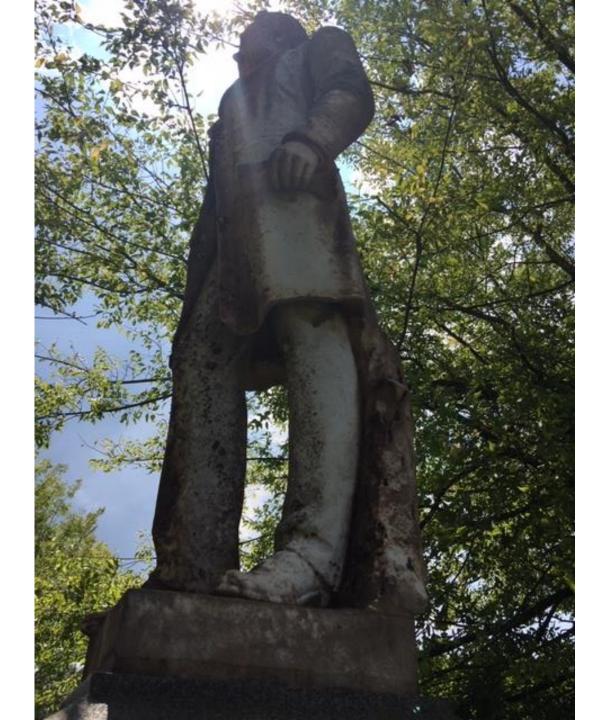
Daughter of Hiram Revels, 1st AA United **States Senator** Organized women's self-improvement groups such as youth education and voter registration Wife of Dr. Sydney Dillion Redmond, lawyer and physician Mother of Sydney Revels Redmond, NAACP Lawyer, son graduated from Harvard Law school.



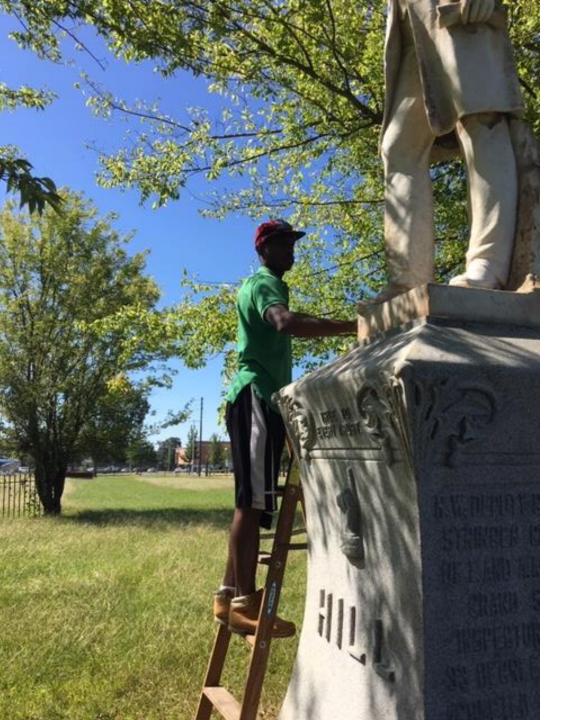


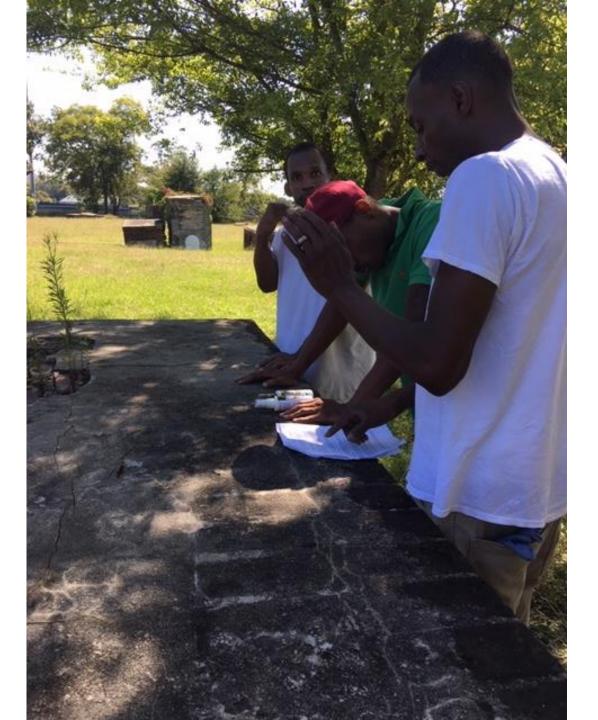
















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The vast majority of these **Confederate monuments** were built during the era of Jim Crow laws (1877– 1954) and the Civil Rights Movement (1954–1968). Detractors claim that they were not built as memorials but as a means of intimidating African Americans and reaffirming white supremacy. Academic commentary · Laws hindering removals · Removed monuments ...

What We Talk About When We Talk About Confederate Monuments

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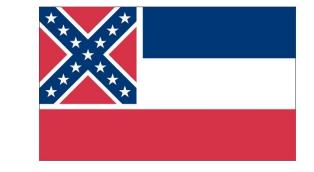
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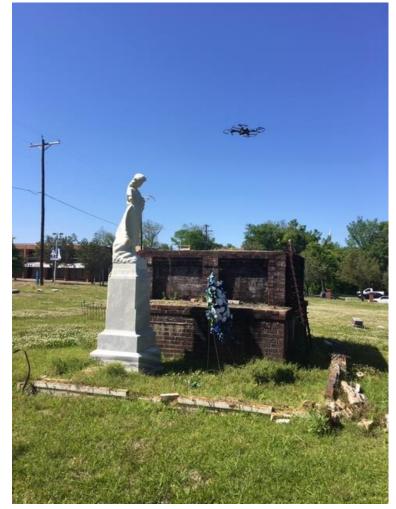


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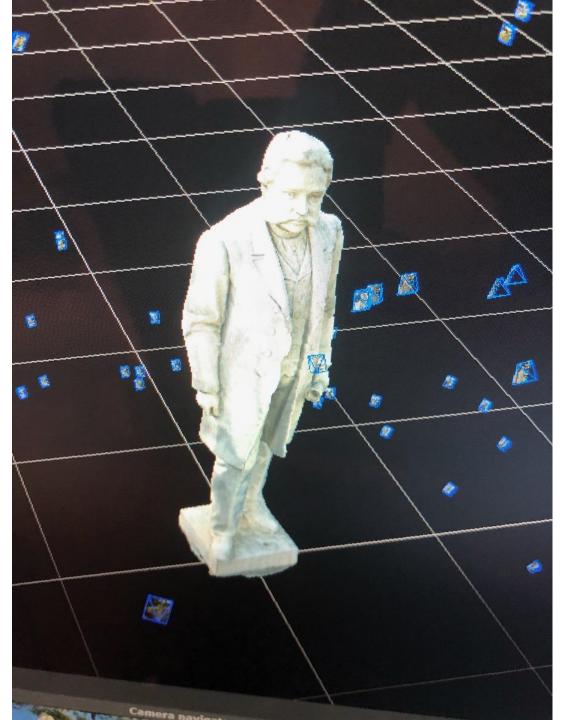
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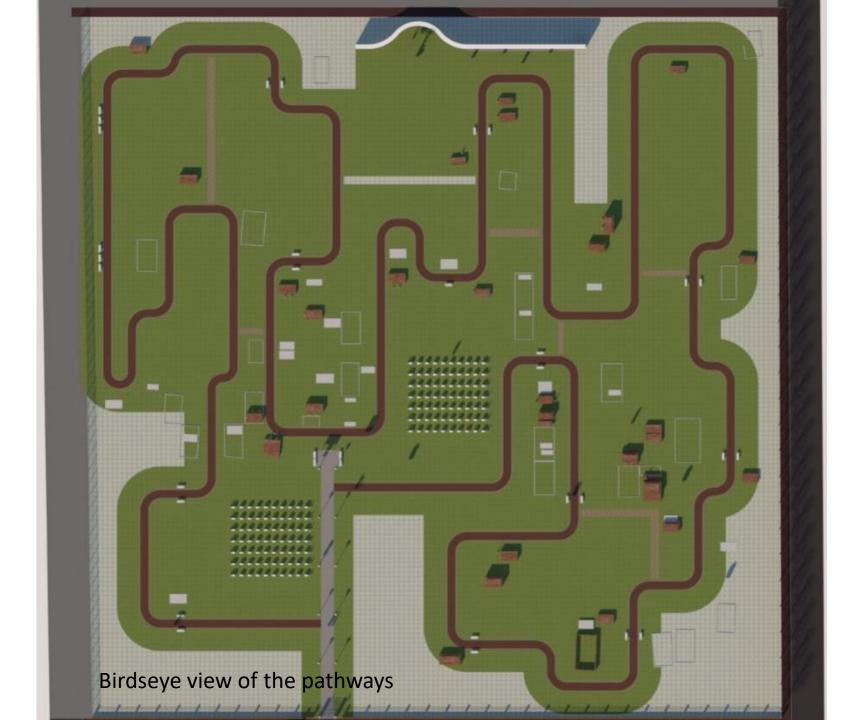
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Pathways through out the cemetery Add a pathway to the statues





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Historic Cemetery Mt. Olive Where Freed Men and Women Rest 1807-1997 Conclusions

June 2017, Mt. Olive was added to the National Register of Historic Places

Published the research book

Preserved the two statues

Launched a Campaign for more preservation

Filming a Documentary





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