

Cemeteries Owned/Under the Care of NCYM (Inc.)
(Formerly Addressed by the NCYM Cemetery Committee)

Purpose of the Former NCYM Cemetery Committee

Provide care for Friends cemeteries which are no longer connected to an active Friends meeting in North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM) --- (now NCFF or FCNC).

Cemeteries Owned/Under the Care of NCYM

Northeastern North Carolina (Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties)

- Little River (Laid down ~1856)
- Symond's Creek (Laid down ~1854)
- Narrows (Laid down ~1844)

Davie County, North Carolina

- Dutchman's Creek (Laid down early 1900's)

Newberry County, South Carolina

- Bush River (Laid down 1822)

Wayne County, North Carolina

- Hollowell-Massey (Family cemetery; ownership to NCYM 2003)
- Woodland (Ownership to NCYM as part of laying down ~1994)
- Bethany (Laid down ~1953; reverted to donor; ownership to NCYM 2005)
- Pearson-Edgerton (Family cemetery; care assumed by NCYM 2004)

Cemetery Care Funds

NCYM TF for Cemetery Care 6/30/21 -----	\$212,915
Held by Pasquotank CoC for Symond's Creek --	\$ 15,094
4% NCYM TF Payout for 2021 Cemetery Care -	\$ 6,817
2021 Cemetery Expenses w/Liability Ins.*-----	\$ 5,860
Cemetery Care Fund Balance 12/31/21 -----	\$ 6,998
4% NCYM TF Payout for 2022 Cemetery Care -	\$ 7,396

***This includes actual care for five cemeteries. Care for the other four is currently provided by volunteers or families.**

Cemetery Care Challenges

There will likely come a time when these funds are inadequate:

- Family and volunteer care will likely diminish (Narrows, Dutchman's Creek, Bush River, Bethany).
- Our cemetery caretakers currently provide great value, but are ageing (Little River, Symond's Creek, Hollowell-Massey, Woodland, Pearson-Edgerton).
- Cemetery name signage is needed at some sites (Symonds Creek, Narrows, Dutchman's Creek, Woodland, Pearson-Edgerton).
- Greater care may be required at some sites (Dutchman's Creek, Pearson-Edgerton).
- Locating available resources from a distance will become difficult.
- Our future costs will increase significantly as we address these challenges.

How do we address the long-term future (perpetual) care of these cemeteries?

- Are any meetings within NCFE, FCNC or formerly associated with NCYM willing to assume the ownership/care of any of these cemeteries, with an appropriate portion of trust fund income?
- Are NCFE and FCNC willing to assume the ownership/care of any of these cemeteries, with an appropriate portion of trust fund income?
- Would it be acceptable to deed any of these cemeteries to a group that would take possession and agree to care for it?
- Would it be acceptable to deed any of these cemeteries to a funeral home that would utilize the site for those who cannot otherwise afford "memorial park" style burial and provide perpetual care?
- Is it acceptable to "let nature take its course" with any of these cemeteries, maintaining liability insurance?

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Provide your feedback by June 30, 2023, understanding that, in the absence of feedback, the NCYM, Inc. Board will take action as they deem appropriate with regard to the cemeteries previously owned by and/or under the care of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.