

## Using the Burial List

This list was prepared by the Old Darlington District Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society (ODDC SCGS). It is based on cemetery surveys, obituaries, funeral programs, and other materials. This short guide is an explanation to each column of information.

**Name Column:** All burials are listed in alphabetical order by last name. For a woman, please look for her name at death (married name) rather than at birth (maiden name). Many primary records are handwritten and often there are legibility problems and misspelled names. Occasionally [?] is used to indicate a legibility problem in the original source.

**Birth Column:** Obtained from tombstone. If an individual has no tombstone, this column usually reads "Unmarked."

**Residence Column:** Obtained from Death Certificate or obituary information.

**Death Column:** Obtained from tombstone. If an individual has no tombstone, this column usually reads "Unmarked."

**Age Column:** Calculated using tombstone birth and death information.

**Spouse Name Column:** Obtained from Death Certificate or obituary information. If unmarried, single is noted.

**Buried Column:** "HCC Marked" indicates that there is a marker for an individual.

"HCC Un-marked" indicates that no marker has been found for this individual, but we believe that the individual is buried in this cemetery based on other sources.

**Occupation Column:** Obtained from Death Certificate or obituary information. In many cases "Infant" or "Child" is noted.

**DC Column (Death Certificate Reference):** Unless otherwise noted, Death Certificates are from the State of South Carolina. Numbers repeat from year-to-year. South Carolina Death Certificates began in 1915 and are restricted to documents older than fifty years old. Thus there are no Death Certificate information on individuals who died 1904 – 1914.

**Obit Column:** Information on many individuals was gathered from obituaries published in the *Hartsville Messenger*. From the 1930's through the 1970's a weekly column with news from the African – American community was published. In addition to religious, educational, and community news, this column also contained obituaries. Professor H.H. Butler, Rev. H.C. Brewer, and Charles Mumford were the columnists during the period the cemetery was most active.

**Notes Column:** Additional information from Death Certificates, obituaries, military service, Veteran Head Stone Applications, and discrepancies between different sources are given here.

Please be aware that this cemetery had many informal names over time. These names include, but are not limited to, Hartsville Colored Cemetery, Old Hartsville Cemetery, Town Cemetery, City Cemetery, and more recently, Marion Avenue Cemetery.

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The ODDC SCGS will continue to update these files. Genealogical questions are welcome, as is information about the history of families associated with this historic site.

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