

Notes on Westview at Norwood Estates

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Parcel 1693, 116.77 acres

Deed trail

1327/981

28 Mar 2007

Feltons to Felton Trust

1st tract

References old road, SE corner of Strowd's Grove Church lot, JH Norwood's line, JH Norwood's Gin Lot
25.5 acres

Being lot 5 in the subdivision of the estate of AW Norwood [Adonis W. Norwood]

Subdivided and platted by Thomas C. Anderson 28 Sep 1922

Being part of what was known as the Smith Place

Identical land described in *1118/40*

Also references

G0/33 21 Oct 1932

WF Norwood, et al to JH Norwood

And

308/289

Same descriptions

Edwin A. Norwood to Edwin A. and wife Evelyn O. Norwood

29 Jul 1965

Plat 2002-7

2nd Tract

98.5 acres

References Wilkersons Creek at mouth of branch and up branch

AW Norwood's line, Charley Snipe's corner, down creek

Identical land described in *1118/40* and *308/289* see above

Also references

HH/89

23 Jan 1932

WS Roberson Trustee and IW Pritchard parties of 1st part to Ava Norwood

Same description as above 2nd tract

Also says adjoining AW Norwood, CH Snipes, and *Emeline Cotten*

Ref mortgage *FS/502*

Ref Same land conveyed to JH Norwood by AW Norwood and wife and AD Burnett and wife 8 Aug 1901

[FW/551]

AW Norwood appears to have acquired tract 2 as follows:

BP/79 15 July 1876

Commissioners to AD Burnett and AW Norwood

Land of Johnson Pearson, who died in debt

Same Wilkerson Creek description; Adjoining Henry Mann, Atlas Burnett, Martin Smith

98.5 acres

Property notes:

It would be interesting to know more about Stowd's Grove Church, which is reference in the Tract 1 deed descriptions. The only other reference I can find is in the [Chapel Hill Township Survey](#). That indicates that Strowd Grove Church, located on Jones Ferry Rd in Orange County [OR402] was early 20th century construction and, in 1992 when that report was produced, was being used by the Neville's Chapel United Church of Christ. The Norwood deeds suggest that the Strowd Grove Church previously was located adjacent to the Norwood property.

It would also be interesting to know more about how the Norwoods used the property during their long tenure. The deeds mention a gin lot. I wonder how much of the land was in cotton, and how long ago. Sharecropping was very common during the 1920s in Chatham and since the Norwoods owned the property during that time, I would speculate that one of the families of those buried in the cemetery on Tract 1 might have been sharecropping or renting from Norwood.

Tract 2 is described as adjoining Emeline Cotten. The Emeline Cotten parcel is probably the one described in BG/494 from Henry and Rachel Mann to Jackson Cotten, registered 17 May 1884, executed 3 Feb 1873. It is described as being on the waters of Wilkerson Creek and adjoining Robert Cotten's line. 18 acres for which Jackson Cotten paid \$75.

Census records for Jackson and Emeline Cotten's family show their long residence in Baldwin Township. I believe their grandson, Lester, is the husband of Martha J. Cotten, who is buried in the cemetery on Tract 2.

1870 Baldwin, Chatham Co.

Jackson, 54, carpenter
Emeline 29
Washington 18
Stephen 15
Thomas 6

1880 Baldwin, Chatham Co.

Jackson, 63
Emeline 35
Thomas 15
Eliza 51, mother-in-law*
Sophonia Lee 6, granddaughter
Della Lee 3, granddaughter
Jasper Hamlet 30
John Cotten 35, brother-in-law
*[Eliza Atwater according to Emeline's death certificate]

1900 Baldwin, Chatham Co.

Thomas 35
Callie 26
Lester 5
Kepsie 2
Callie 1
Emeline 58
Eliza Atwater 79

1910 Baldwin, Chatham Co.

James T. Cotten 49
Callie 38
Lester F. 13
Alice K. 12
Effie 8
Nodie 6
Augusta 3
Mary E. 1
Emeline 69

Notes on Hattie Mae Ferrington and Martha Cotten

Buried in cemetery located on parcel 1693, which *plat 2002-7* shows as part of Tract 1 from above deeds. Cemetery is coded as D29.1 in Chatham County Historical Association records and on CemeteryCensus.com.

Hattie Mae Ferrington



Grave marker reads “Hattie Mae, dau of R. L. and Carrie Ferrington. Born 8 July 1920, Died 7 Dec 1926. At rest.”

The death certificate indicates that Hattie Mae died in Lincoln Hospital in Durham of extensive burns. Her parents are listed as Ross and Carrie Ferrington—both born in Chatham County. Burial location “Chatham County.”

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
<p align="center">NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 72</p>			
1 PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Durham</u> Registration District No. <u>32-222</u> State <u>N.C.</u> Registrar No. <u>726</u>		2 Date of Death (month, day, and year) <u>12/7/26</u>	
3 FULL NAME <u>Hattie Mae Ferrington</u>		3 Date of Birth (month, day, and year) <u>7/9/1920</u>	
4 Color or Race <u>Female Colored</u>		5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <u>Single</u>	
6 Date of Death (month, day, and year) <u>12/7/26</u>		7 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>December 7, 1926</u> to <u>December 7, 1926</u>	
8 Age <u>6</u> years <u>5</u> months <u>5</u> days		8 Cause of Death: <u>Extensive burns of entire body</u>	
9 Occupation of deceased		9 Place of Death: <u>Chapel Hill, N.C.</u>	
10 Name of Father <u>Ross Ferrington</u>		10 Informant <u>Dr. J. R. [illegible]</u>	
11 Name of Mother <u>Carrie Ferrington</u>		11 Place of Burial, Cemetery, or removal <u>Chatham Co</u>	
12 Name of Employer		12 Date of Burial <u>12/9/26</u>	
13 Name of Physician		13 Signature of Registrar <u>L. R. [illegible]</u>	

According to his death certificate, Ross [Rossie] Lee Ferrington (sometimes spelled Farrington) was born 9 Mar 1899. His parents were Sted [Nathan S.] Ferrington and Anna Gattis. He died at age 36, 9 Jan 1936, in Chapel Hill of TB and pneumonia. He is listed as a trainer at UNC on his death certificate.

Carrie Ferrington was born about 1903 to Luther Ferrington and Lula Mae Strowd.

Ross and Carrie were married 19 Mar 1918 in Center Township, Chatham County. Their son Rossie born 5 Jun 1923 died about a month later. His death certificate indicates he was buried in Chatham, but that is written over something that looks like “[illegible] Grove.”

Carrie Ferrington may have remarried 1 Oct 1942 to Luther Burnett in Durham. She is listed as Mrs. Carrie Ferrington on the death certificate of her son, Eric Rulack Ferrington, who died 25 Sept 1973. She died 24 Sep 1981 and is buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.

Martha J. Cotten



The gravemarker for Martha J. Cotten, wife of Lesler [Lester] Cotten indicates that she was born 15 August 1900 and died 18 May 1923. A death certificate has not been located. [Not unusual for this time period in NC—especially if she did not die under a doctor’s care.]

I believe that Lester Cotten, Martha’s husband, was the grandson of Jackson and Emeline Cotten (Emeline’s property being described as adjacent to Tract 2 in the deed to the parcel being developed as Westview at Norwood Estates.)

I think Martha is Martha J. Fearington, sister to Carrie Fearington, Hattie Mae’s mother. Census records indicate that both are the daughters of Luther Fearington and Lula Strowd.

The Luther Fearington and Emeline Cotten families are shown in the 1919 Census for Baldwin Township as living just a few households apart.

1910 Census, Baldwin Township

Nathan S. Fearington 56
Anna 45
Cara 22
Nellie 18
Nina 16
Rossie 11
Lillia 8
Leone 6

1910 Census, Baldwin Township

Luther Fearington 37
Lula 32
Arthur 11
Martha J 9
Carrie 7
Mary 2
Edna 1

1920 Census, Baldwin Township

Luther 47, farmer rents
Mary 12
Leonor 8
Calvin 6
M?? 4
Estell 2

1930 Census, Chapel Hill

Ross Fearington 35
Carrie 26
Nathaniel 11
Victor 5
Ruby 3

1940 Census, Chapel Hill

Carrie 36, *cafeteria worker*
Ruby 13
Eric 10
Victor 16
Lewis 5