


THOSE RECOVERED SO FAR: OAKLAWN CEMETERY FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGICAL ANALYSES AND UPDATE IN THE 1921 GRAVES INVESTIGATION

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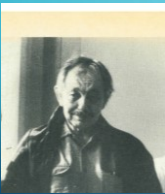
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GOALS

- After viewing this presentation, participants should be able to
 - describe the data informing the search for victims in Oaklawn Cemetery
 - describe the demographics of these victims
 - summarize the features of what can be learned about human identity from exhumed burials preserved similarly to our TRM exhumed
 - summarize the skeletal features of the individuals exhumed in the TRM investigation of June/July 2021.

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CONFIRMED DEATHS IN THE TULSA RACE RIOT OF 1921; A PRELIMINARY REPORT



Photograph by Eric Stover

- Based on death certificates for May 31-June 2 1921, and later 1921 if certification of death included "riot"
- N = 39

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COMPUTATIONS AS TO THE DEATHS FROM THE 1921 TULSA RACE RIOT

- Compiled by Richard "Dick" Warner
- Computation includes deaths certificate, legal filings, and newspaper reports of killed and injured
- N = 78, but many were injured not slain

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	Name	Race	Age	Birth Place	Marital Status	Occupation	Cause of Death	Place of Burial	Death Certificate Number
1	Adams, Ed	Black	32		No data		GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	450
2	Alexander, Greg	Black	35			Laborer	GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	455
3	Austin, Ernest E.	White	39	New York	Separated	Salesman	GSW	White, Buffalo NY	467
4	Baker, F.M.	White	28	KY	Married	Machinist	GSW	Hawland, KS	464
5	Barker, Harry	Black	37	CO		Cook	GSW	Armadillo, CO	no DC
6	Barrens, Howard	Black	19	TX			GSW	Corvallis, TX	488
7	Cline, Homer H.	White	16	AR		Student	GSW	Tulsa (Rose Hill)	448
8	Daggs, George W.	White	27	NY	Single	Office manager	GSW	Lafayette, NY	460
9	Everett, Reuben E.	Black					GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	469
10	Harkinson, Robert C.	White	22	IN	Single	Tool dresser	GSW	Minnehaha, IN	475
11	Howard, Ed	Black			Married	Tailor, realtor	GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	444
12	Jackson, Andrew C.	Black	40	(TN)	Married	Physician	GSW	Guthrie, OK	462
13	Janet, Art	White	36	WV	Divorced	Oil driller	GSW	Parkersburg, WV	465
14	Jeffrey, George	Black	36				GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	468
15	Johnson, H.	Black				Ice man	GSW	Mustang, OK	494
16	Knox, Commodore	Black	21	MS	Single	Laborer	GSW	Terrance MS	657
17	Lewis, F	Black					GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	443
18	Lockard, Ed	Black					GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	476

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19	Letzpeich, Charles D.	White	22		Single	Laborer	GSW	Benedict, KS	466
20	Miller, Joe	Black	35				GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	449
21	Osborne, Robert L.	White	25	CO	Single		GSW	Denver, CO	486
22	Paris, James R.	White	33	TX	Married	Boiler maker	GSW	Odessa, TX	441
23	Ree, Sam	Black	30				GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	457
24	Roberts, Harry	White	27	OK		Cook	GSW	Wistrong, OK	446
25	Shumate, Cleo	White	24	OK	Married	Tool dresser	GSW	Tulsa (Rose Hill)	448
26	Turner, William	Black			Married		GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	477
27	Unidentified (John White)	Black					GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	470
28	John Doe #2	Black					Unknown	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	471
29	Unidentified	Black					Burns	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	463
30	Unidentified	Black					Burns	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	453
31	Unidentified	Black					Burns	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	454
32	John Doe #1	Black					GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	458
33	Unidentified	Black	~35				Burns	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	456
34	Unidentified	Black	~28				GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	459
35	Unidentified	Black	Infant					Tulsa (Oklahoma)	445
36	Walker, Curley	Black	30			Laborer	GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	452
37	Walker, Henry	Black	40			Laborer	GSW	Tulsa (Oklahoma)	451
38	Wheatley, John	Black	63			Bank porter	GSW	Pt. Smith, AR	461
39	Withrow, Samuel L.	White	28	IN	Single	Hotel clerk	GSW	Tulsa (Rose Hill)	447

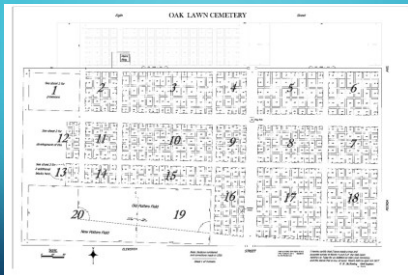
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FROM THE DEATH CERTIFICATES

Name	Sex	Age	Race	Cause of Death	Death Number
Adams, Ed	Black	32	GSW	Tube (Choklew)	450
Alexander, Greg	Black	35	GSW	Tube (Choklew)	455
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Walker, Henry	Black	40	GSW	Tube (Choklew)	451

No women, no other children

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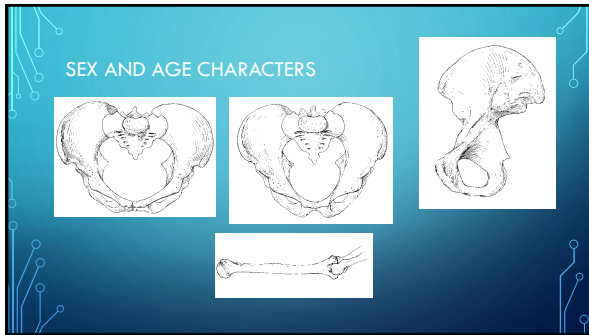


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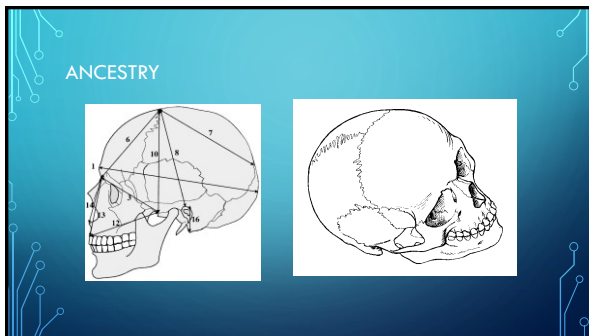
THE BIOLOGICAL PROFILE IS ABOUT IDENTITY

- What your skeleton has to say about you in terms of:
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Ancestry
 - Stature
- Individualizing features or medical histories
 - Dental work
 - Healed injuries/surgeries/chronic conditions
 - Peculiar anatomy

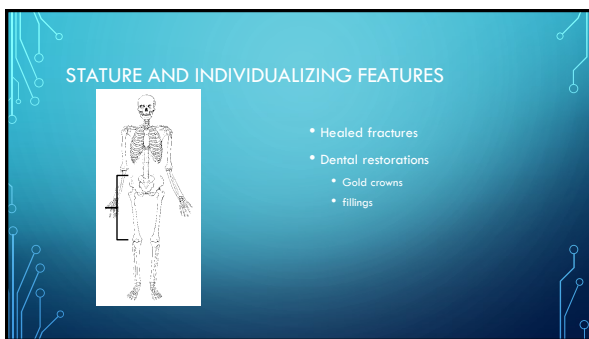
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WHAT LIES BENEATH THE POTTER'S FIELD



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Burial Number	Biological Sex	Age	Ancestry	Stature
1	Female	Older Adult	Indeterminate	Undetermined
2	Undetermined	4.5 to 5.5 years	Indeterminate	Undetermined
3	Probable Male	Early 20s	Indeterminate	68.0 +/- 2.4 inches
4	Female and fetus	Adult	Indeterminate	63.6 +/- 2.8 inches
9	Male	Older Adult	Indeterminate	Undetermined
13	Female	30s	African descent	63.4 +/- 3.6 inches
14	Female	Middle Aged	African descent	64.2 +/- 3.1 inches
15	Male	Adult	African descent	65.4 +/- 2.4 inches
16	Female	Middle Aged	African descent	67.4 +/- 3.0 inches

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17	Probable male	Older Middle Age	Indeterminate Speculative African Ancestry	69.1 +/- 2.9 inches
19	Male	Middle Age	Probable African descent	70.5 +/- 2.4 inches
21	Undetermined	Prenatal Infant	Undetermined	Undetermined
22	Undetermined	Infant	Undetermined	Undetermined
23	Undetermined	Probable infant	Undetermined	Undetermined
24	Undetermined	Prenatal infant	Undetermined	Undetermined
26	Undetermined	Prenatal infant	Undetermined	Undetermined
27	Probable male	20s	Speculative African descent	67.0 +/- 2.5 inches
28	Female	Older Middle Age	Speculative African descent	61.5 +/- 2.2 inches
29	Male	Middle Age	African descent	71.6 +/- 2.5 inches
30	Probable male	Older Adult	Undetermined	67.2 +/- 3.0 inches

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Table 2. Select Biological Profile Data for the Female Oaklawn Unknown

Burial Number	Individualizing Traits	Health Conditions	Trauma Associated w/ Cause of Death	Plain Coffin (Yes or No)
1	None observed	None observed	None observed	No
4	fetal remains in pelvis	Near term pregnancy	None observed	No
13	None	Linear enamel hypoplasia dental defects	None observed	No
14	None	None observed	None observed	No
16	None	None observed	None observed	No
28	dental bridge with gold features	None observed	None observed	No

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Table 3. Select Biological Profile Data for the Male Oaklawn Unknown Individuals

Burial Number	Individualizing Traits	Health Conditions	Trauma Associated w/ Cause of Death	Plain Coffin (Yes or No)
3	Gold teeth #9 and #10	Linear enamel hypoplasia dental defects	None observed	Yes
9	None	None observed	None observed	Yes
15	Femoral bowing	Linear enamel hypoplasia dental defects	None observed	Yes
17	None	Linear enamel hypoplasia dental defects	None observed	Yes
19	Probable antemortem GSW to left jaw	Probable antemortem GSW to left jaw	None observed	Yes
27	None	None observed	Multiple gunshot wounds	Yes
29	LEH	None	None observed	No
30	None	possible metastatic disease	None observed	Yes

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CLASS MEMBERS?

Class Characters	2021 Oaklawn Exhumed	Records
Male (sex)	8	19 (2 marked)
Age (adult And 1 infant)	8 + 5	19 + 1
Ancestry	Generally African descent	Black/Negro
Stature	Various estimates	Not recorded
Trauma related to cause of deaths in race massacre (GSW or Burning)	1	GSW 15 (2 in marked graves) Burning 4

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CLOSING THE LOOP

- Handicapped by lack of personal records
 - Photographs
 - Family histories
 - Differential record keeping for White vs Black Tulsans
- Targeting plain casketed individuals in our next excavation

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THANK YOU

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