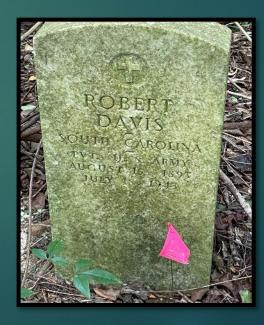
# The Cemetery McLeod Plantation Historic Site







#### McLeod Plantation Historic Site

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# Location

- Northeast corner of Folly Road and Country Club Drive.
- To the north, is the Wappoo Creek
- To the left is Folly Road
- To the south is Country Club Drive



Aerial view



# Brief historical overview 1770-1965

- First giving honor to the ancestral lands of the Kuso-Natchez, who likely settled in the area as early as 15,000 years
- > 1695 map shows a house on the current grounds
- Late 18<sup>th</sup> century property belongs to the Perroneau family

- Beads date to 1700, which corresponds to the Lightwood era
- No evidence of military burials on this site but records do suggest graves further down Country Club drive
- Several families from Reconstruction era, World War 1 and II and up to the 1960s

#### What has been found

- Bottles, plastic flowers, memorial holders; these items are not removed
- Most people do not have headstones; some have metal plaques
- Local groups use the space each year for Kwanza celebrations
- Descendants are kept apprised of all activities concerning the ceremony and can visit

# The Beads

Discovered onsite at the cemetery in 1996



- In 1864 William Wallace McLeod galloped off the property at McLeod, leaving in charge a young, unfree man named Stephen.
- Stephen stayed at McLeod until nearly the turn of the century. He had a son, also named Stephen, who married a woman with the same name as his mother, Harriett.
- The second Stephen and Harriet are resting in McLeod—but we can't document that his mother and father are. There are no written records of their deaths.

And the story continues...

Many years later, a descendant of the original Stephen and Harriett, Coleman, would become the last grave digger at McLeod.

When he passed away in 1965, the cemetery began a long, slow descent into tangled briers, twisted paths, and overgrown brush. It has been largely untouched since that time, except for excessive winds, storms.

# Burial practices then

- Bodies in the ground quicklyTypically always at night
- Uniqueness in the ownership
  - ➤ The procession, songs, layout of the worship were largely decided by the family

- Not embalmed
- ➤ The settin' up
- Support of the family,sometime extended
- Themes: Escape, River Jordan, crossing over

Important: Practices strongly influenced by West African traditions which survived

# Burial practices now

- > Trimmed down
- Depending on location, still formal
- ► Impact of COVID
  - ➤ No family gatherings
  - ➤ No large funeral component

- Funeral homes as a family legacy
  - ▶ Fieldings Home for Funerals
  - Suburban
  - Dorothy's Home for Funerals

Digitization of funeral home records would be very beneficial

# Three locations; Three stories Ellen Foxcraft 1795-1847

- ► Location
- Back 3 acres
- ► Closest to
- ► Country Club



- Expensive design and style
- Number of letters engraved suggests wealth
- Working supposition: possibly the governess of a previous owner

# Rev. James Rivers 1830-1924

Rev.
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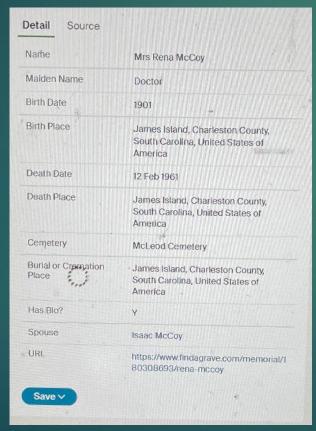


- Longest visible life spans
- Married; wife is likely next to him
- Served in the Navy
- We believe he has living descendants in the area

# Rena McCoy

➤ One of the few women with a clear

marker



- Passed in 1961
- Silver plaque from the funeral home
- Likely resting next to her spouse
- Her location is facingFolly Road

# What we are learning

With an estimated 572 remains, which includes probable and possible grave sites, the space at McLeod now becomes one of the largest and possibly longest used burial spaces in the area.

# Info from local obituaries

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# Insights from James Island Elders

- The cemetery is much larger
- People used to be buried across the street along the water line
- There were threeplantations, McLeod, Dill,and Heyward and all ofthem used that space

- People don't like to talk about the past
- What are you doing with the information you are asking about
- Don't bother that space...they have been through enough
- Please clean it up. I want to go sit with my Mother or talk with my Father

# Insights from visiting international Elders

In May, elders from Sierra Leone visited MPHS. They blessed the cemetery and offered a number of prayers in the Twi language.



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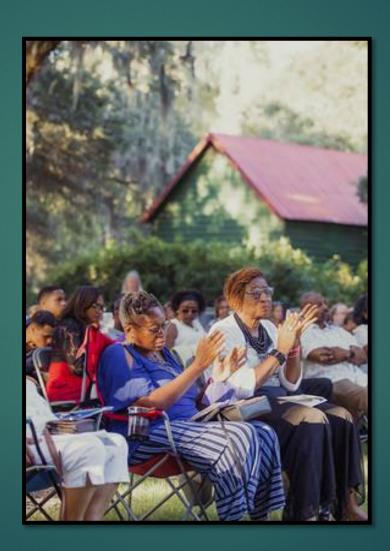
# How to Reframe and Reclaim





# Why this work is critical

- 1. Acknowledgment
- 2. Connects families with their past
- 3. Creates a bridge from the past to the future for generations not born yet
- 4. Secures a space to grieve
- 5. Allows visitors to touch their grief concerning the institution of slavery





# Finally...

This presentation is dedicated to the 74-100 plus Enslaved who lived, loved and died at McLeod from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to the last burial at 1965.

We remember those with one name;

We remember those with two names;

We remember those who names we will never know.



The Door of No Return, Isle de Goree, Dakar, Senegal

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
Frank Banks	1889 - 1895?	5/20/1962
Ben Black	1902	7/31/1941
William Brisbon (Brisbane)	1892	
Abraham Brown		3/19/1939
	1883	11/29/1955
Edward Frank Brown	2/7/1927	3/1/1951
Elijah Brown	1892	2/5/1961
Georganna Brown	1898	5/2/1954
Rev. John Henry Brown	1895?	3/25/1941
Rosa Burnham	1888	6/16/1938
Henry Burnham	?	1948
Stanley Coutrier Campbell	2/6/1934	6/5/1955
David Joseph Conyers	1929	6/14/1954
Harry Davis	?	1/4/1944
Robert Davis	8/15/1893	7/18/1943
William Dawson Ir	4/22/1898	11/13/1942
Michael Eurie	7/23/1957	12/7/1957
Jerome Fickling	3/25/1957	4/23/1959
Paul Fickling	3/10/1925	12/29/1953
Harriet Forest	1878	5/5/1938
Stephen Forest	1868	12/7/1932
Coleman Forrest	1893	4/2/1964
Ellen Foxcraft	1785	4/18/1847
John Garrett	1919	2/7/1961
Elizabeth Glover	1895	8/23/1954
Willie Grant	6/8/1909	3/9/1954
Rosa (or Rosalee) Hamilton	1891?	7/3/1931
Sam Harrison	10/25/1890?	1/8/1944
Rosa Wall Haynes	1913	8/16/1960
Mary Kinlock	7	1955
Sylvia Simmons Macanic	1899	7/25/1958
Georgianna Manigault	1895	9/29/1945
Sadie Mazyck Rev. Isaac McCoy	1906 1870	4/13/1938
Rev. Isaac Miccoy Rena McCoy	1901	3/21/1953 2/12/1961
Joseph Mitchell	1922	10/31/1942
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Pompey "Hardtimes" Dawson (1821-?)	Sharper Robinson (1853-?)		
Judy Dawson (1835-?)	Cuffy Robinson (1854 - ?)		
William Dawson (1840-?)	Cinderella Robinson (1856-?)		
Charity Dawson (1841-?)	Rachel Robinson (1857-?)		
Titus Dawson (1848-?)	Thomas Robinson (1859-?)		
Mima Dawson (1851-?)	Robert Robinson (1859-?)		
Stephney Dawson (1862-?)	Rose Robinson (1860-?)		
Emma Dawson (1863-?)			
Solomon "Saul" Sr. Delaney (1843-?)	Amelia Smith (1800-?) Syphax (1807-?)		
Sallie Delaney (1845-?)	Beck (1807)		
Stephen Forrest Sr. (1844-?)	Tony (1822)		
Harriet Forrest (1853.P)	Ben (1827)		
• Gable Gathers (1831-?)	Rose (1838-?)		
· Hannah Gathers (1836-1932)	child of Rose (1861-?)		
RB Green (1846-?)	William (1834-?)		
Jim Heyward (1818-?)	York (1828-?)		
Afy Heyward (1827-?)	Molly (1837-?)		
Joe Heyward (1844-?)	Abram (1837)		
Prince Heyward (1846-?)			
Caroline Heyward (1860-?)	Charles (1813-1863)		
Julia Heyward (1846-?)	Delia and her unrecorded childr		
Daniel McLeod (1848)	Peggy and her children (unname		
Isabelle Pinckney (1828)	Sophy		
	Mariah		
James Rivers (1830-?)	Rachel		
Robert Robinson (1810-?)	Cephas		
Sylvia Robinson (1820-?)	Patience		
Eaton Robinson (1822-?)	Harriet		
Jacob Robinson (1844-?)	Liddy		
- Joseph Robinson (1844-?)	Indy		

LAID TO REST		
ARDEN		
NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
Benjamin Monroe	11/2/1884	12/25/1946
Charity Monroe	1880	10/18/1935
Mary Monroe	7/10/1890	8/2/1948
Dianna Moore	1886	3/8/1951
James Moore	1/21/1913	3/16/1954
Emily "Emma" Dawson Nelson	1895	8/10/1955
David Pinckney	1892-1893?	
Grace Pinckney	1891	12/12/1954
Arthur Rivers	1892	12/16/1950
Dorothy Rivers	1921	3/17/1932
Rev. James Rivers		11/4/1956
William Rivers	1830 1949	1/19/1924
Eliza Robinson	1902	4/2/1010
Elizabeth Robinson	1917	4/2/1949
Evelyn Robinson	7	2/1/1951
Isiah Robinson	1908	1962
Jacob Robinson	1844	9/19/1958
Julius Robinson	1914	6/20/1920 4/11/1951
Julius Robinson	1895	11/13/1965
Louis Robinson	2/10/1905	5/1/1945
McKeever Robinson	1901	2/10/1937
Nathaniel Rivers Robinson	1939	5/24/1955
Marion Scott Jr.	6/10/1941	1/31/1953
Ida Simmons	1902	1/8/1959
John Simmons (Simons)	1891	5/28/1935
Parris Simmons Bernice Louise Timmons	1882	6/7/1938
Frank Timmons	3/17/1942	1/29/1960
Henry Timmons	?	6/20/1950
Henry Timmons	1901 1942	5/21/1951
Abram Walton	1920	10/6/1952
Jerry Watson	4/12/1935	4/9/1960
Amelia Whaley	10/2/1885	8/3/1962
John Wilson	?	7