

Leal Park Information

The Public Service Archaeology & Architecture Program from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign assisted the Urbana Park District in complying with State of Illinois laws regarding the protection of cemeteries. Construction within the boundaries of Leal Park exposed a series of fragmentary grave markers which required this investigation. Working under permits for the Archaeological and Paleontological Resources Protection Act and the Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act, investigations focused on where the markers had come from and on their reburial in the approximate locations from which they were excavated. No human remains were detected during the investigation and all the grave markers have been reburied within Leal Park. During the investigation it was possible to piece together some of the markers and record inscriptions including a number of individual names. The following names and some dates of passing were recognized based on the fragments located:

Hannah

Rachel Hogwood d. Mar. 10, 1856

Suscelia A. Hogwood d. May 2, 1856

Isabella E. Hyde d. July 1, 1855

Jonathan Sherman d. Apr 21, 1866

Delbert Sutton d. Sep. 5, 1855

Marshall Sutton d. Sep. 10, 1857

George A. Whisman d. Aug. 9, 1863

Abner Wyatt d. Nov. 16, 186

Florance Wyatt d. Nov. 28, 1861

Given the scope of this investigation focused on preservation in place additional research on these family names was not undertaken as part of this project.