

Oakwood Cemetery Archeological Project Update  
Q and A Report

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Topic Oakwood Cemetery Archeological Project Community Update

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11 # Question

Question Details

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer	Question Time	Answered Time	Answer Na	Answer Email
1	How do I get my DNA taken to see if I have ancestors buried in Oakwood ?	Seretha Carter	We're in the process of submitting all of the required paperwork for this at the University of Connecticut. We'll likely be sending out specific instructions in the beginning of 2024. There will be a link at the very end of the presentation for you to sign up for specific updates!	9/19/2023 18:17	9/19/2023 18:19		Samantha Archer
2	How long does the DNA sequencer take to analyze the DNA?	Sarah Marshall	The actual sequencing machine only takes a few hours to sequence the molecules into a readable format on the computer. But analyzing them after the fact takes a significantly longer amount of time!	9/19/2023 18:42	9/19/2023 18:44		Samantha Archer
3	Do we know the origins of the individuals , I saw the chart but not the locations?	Tan Radford	We have tentative locations from most of the individuals but are waiting for better and more refined data to get locations that are more reliable.	9/19/2023 18:43	9/19/2023 18:45		Samantha Archer
4	Are there any plans to collaborate with the aDNA lab at UT Austin?	Amber Kearns	Our lab (Deborah Bolnick's lab) was previously located at UT-Austin until we moved to the University of Connecticut in the fall of 2018. There is an ancient DNA lab currently at UT (Dr. Melissa Kemp) but they do not specialize in ancient human DNA research.	9/19/2023 18:47	9/19/2023 18:50		Samantha Archer

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This study will be limited to assessing relatedness between the Oakwood cemetery population and living individuals who provide their saliva sample for comparisons.

5	Will we only see DNA connections between us and the people buried at Oakwood or between us and other living people?	Hank Morgan		9/19/2023 18:54	9/19/2023 18:56	Samantha Archer
6	How is the selection made of those who wish to offer their DNA?	Judy Houston	live answered	9/19/2023 18:56	9/19/2023 18:59	PARD Justin Schneider
7	Can you go over the foods discovered in their diet?	Tan Radford	live answered	9/19/2023 18:56	9/19/2023 18:58	PARD Justin Schneider
8	What happens when you found a family link	Elaine James	live answered	9/19/2023 18:59	9/19/2023 19:02	PARD Justin Schneider
9	When the bodies were exhumed were , samples taken in for research ?	Tan Radford	live answered	9/19/2023 19:03	9/19/2023 19:06	PARD Justin Schneider
10	also where were they taken , in my notes i have texas state university	Tan Radford	live answered	9/19/2023 19:04	9/19/2023 19:07	PARD Justin Schneider
11	Did all individuals have teeth for sampling or was bone sampled due to lack of teeth?	Judy Houston	live answered	9/19/2023 19:06	9/19/2023 19:08	PARD Justin Schneider