

The Hinton and Haywood families at Lot#2 in the Village of Oberlin

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The Henderson House and Gardens are on what was previously Lot Number 2 in the Village of Oberlin, a freedman's village then located two miles west of Raleigh. Sheriff Timothy Lee, whose home stood at Hillsborough Street and Oberlin Road, sold the property in 1869 to Lemuel Hinton, one of Oberlin's earliest settlers. Shortly before the tenth and final payment was due in 1879, Hinton borrowed \$75 for six months with a note secured by two oxen ("color ginger brown and red"), a milk cow ("color dark brown brindle, named Barnhill"), a wagon and farming implements.

In 1897, Lemuel Hinton and his wife Lurina sold the property (where they were living) to their daughter Lemmetta and son-in-law Allen Haywood (see gravestone below). The Haywoods lived here until 1931 when Allen Haywood died, and the property went into foreclosure. Lemmetta was the sister of Eleanor Hinton Graves, who, with her husband Willis, built the Graves-Fields House in the late 1880s. The Graves-Fields House and the adjacent Plummer T. Hall House were rescued and renovated by Preservation North Carolina in 2019 and now house the organization's statewide headquarters. Both the Graves and the Haywoods have many notable descendants across the country. Learn more about Preservation NC's Oberlin Village research and preservation work here:
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This portion of the building dates from the original 1869 construction.



Lemmetta Hinton gravestone - Oberlin Cemetery



Dr. & Mrs. L. Julian Haywood with Russ Stephenson & Ellen Longino. These two families that have owned the property since the Civil War, except between 1931-1937.