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Dear Sir or Madame:

RE: Research done on Geer Cemetery
Located on Colonial Street between McGill Place and Camden Avenue
Tax map no.

The above Geer Cemetery is one that was the burial grounds of blacks from the late 1890's until about 1939. At this point we are trying to establish a burial grid in the area because we know of a number of outstanding people buried there. We have not been able to find very much information on the actual pattern. However, the property may be found on the records of Orange County as it appears that Durham was in Orange County at the time that the deed was recorded as a cemetery.

We understand that someone from Duke University has done some research there. We would appreciate the opportunity to review that research. We further understand that there is a tax map reference to Duke University and the city of Durham. I have not as yet located that particular tax map. Any information that you can give us with reference to this will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature reads "R. Kelly Bryant, Jr." and is written over a horizontal line.

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.
Researcher of Geer Cemetery

RKB JR./j