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Subject: Grave Markers

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Bea,
I went by the Davis Cottage this morning and copied the inscription on the two grave markers. They read:

Nathaniel Hart Davis
Born 11-23-1853
Died 4-26-1854

The second reads:

Baby Girl Davis
Born Oct. 1851
Died Oct. 1851

Jack Shepherd made these for us about six years ago. We did not own the property where the graves are actually located, so we put them near the south end of the front porch. I heard both Mrs. Bessie Owen and Ms, Anna Weisinger say that the children were actually buried under the big oak tree just south of the Davis Cottage. This is oral history at its best.

I'm not sure if I will make it to the council meeting tonight or not.

Thanks,
Billy Ray



October, 2021, the cadaver dog which had signaled on some graves at the Old Cemetery was taken to the lot south of the Davis Museum and he went to this area just outside the fence, near the museum's back door and laid down, signaling, according to his trainer/owner, that there was at least one grave there. (The background shows John A. Butler St., and McGown with the Olde School House behind—now ReMax.)

The cadaver dogs are said to be at least 85% correct. The way to determine for sure where the two Davis babies were laid to rest is to have ground penetrating sonar on the lot. The Montgomery Historical Society wants to make sure these babies grave locations are finally determined and not disturbed.