Serene, sacred - historic. Oakwood Cemetery, locally known as the Decatur City Cemetery, has been the final repository of Decatur’s culture and history since 1855. The approximately 50 acre burial ground, founded by the Calvin Brown family, a family which has laid to rest five generations of Decatur residents, is the final home of many of Decatur’s most prominent--and interesting--citizens.

Two of the most distinct monuments are the tomb of John F. Scott’s family who was born in West Virginia and built numerous buildings on Bank Street and the monument of George Nichols, railroad conductor, who saved hundreds in a train wreck below Birmingham. There are more than two dozen notable burials in the cemetery, including:

- Colonel Horace King – our most decorated Confederate soldier who fought with General James Longstreet at the Battle of Gettysburg
- Herschel Vivian Cashin – one of the first African American lawyers and legislators in Alabama, and
- Samuel Sinclair Broadus - father was Dr. John A. Broadus, Samuel was a banker, historian, originator of Horseshoe Bend National Park.

The park-like setting of Oakwood Cemetery evokes beauty and grandeur, but most importantly, beckons visitors to reflect on the lives of those entombed here and to remember the culture and the history of Decatur and its amazing past.

A full description of the history of Decatur City Cemetery and a site map of the notable burial plots may be downloaded at www.DecaturCVB.org.