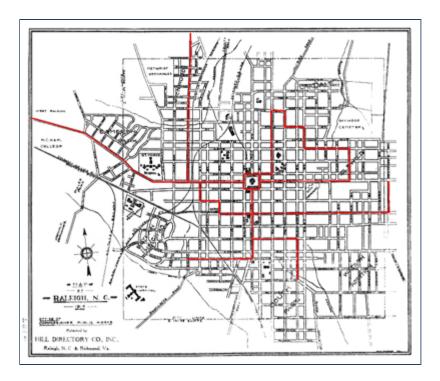
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Raleigh Street Car Map, 1914

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The Raleigh Connoisseur recently blogged about <u>trolley tracks uncovered on Edenton Street</u>. They linked to a digital map from 1914, which shows street car routes. Been wanting to see one of these for some time!

Here's the map overlaid with <u>Google</u>, as well as the <u>original</u>. The routes included north (Glenwood Avenue), west (Hillsboro Street), northeast (Oakwood), due east, west to Union Station, and two spurs south. Below is a medium-resolution, annotated version of same. Click to enlarge.



I live along the Pettigrew section of the old street car line and have found several obvious, and some suspected track related items buried in my yard. So far, 2 rail spikes (slightly smaller than regular railroad spikes), 2 pins (same size as the spikes, but round with round heads), about 6 feet of el bracket (I've seen this stuff used under rails spanning bridges before) and a gearing piece about a foot long. The gear piece has teeth, and some sort of flange that probably let it ride on a wheel or something....I suspect it was part of a switch. Also I have found chunks of brick that make a circle that would be about a foot in diameter....too small to be a sewer manhole and was thinking it was some sort of rigged up collar around some mechanical part or something. It could also have been part of the baseball field that existed here too (I know this from the 1914 Sanborn map). I have a picture of some of it if anyone would like to see. Anyway I just wanted to share as I think it's pretty cool, and in case anyone knew anything else (like when the track was taken up in this area as it seems to have been), or had pictures of this area from that era.

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