

# Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

ID: 11

Name: Shoemaker Family Cemetery

Alternate name:

Address: Backyard of 4907 Jamestown Ct  
Behind 4706 Bayard Blvd. ~~Blvd.~~ (over)

Town: Bethesda

ADC Map Page 40 Grid K-4

### Type

Religious  
 Family  
 Private  
 Other

### Association

Free black  
 Enslaved  
 Ethnic  
 Prehistoric

Setting  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Forested  Other

Condition  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) APPEARS TO BE OVERGROWN

BY KIMBERLY BROWN - STONES REMOVED FROM GRAVES

Approximate no. of burials 10 Date range of burials 1857-1906

Description (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping, fence, paths and roads, etc.)

(over)

Surveyor(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Survey date \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner DOUGLAS & MAM ALEXANDER H.L. BREWSTER & J.C. DOWNEY

Address/Phone No. 4907 JAMESTOWN CT, BETHESDA MD 20816 1730 K ST NW WASHINGTON, DC

Historic Status  Locational Atlas ID \_\_\_\_\_  National Register  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

UTM \_\_\_\_\_

Additional sources of information:

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(No access thru 4907 Jamestown Ct)

Access is thru a small alley off Allan Road (between 4961 and 4965). The alley runs approximately 100 yards and the cemetery is at the end on the left (north side) behind 4706 Bayard Road.

Setting: Rural

Outside: Earth

Approximate no. of burials: 20

Description of markers: none

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The cemetery is approximately 20 feet wide and 20 feet deep and is inclosed by a 3 foot wrought iron fence with a small gate on the south side. Behind this fence are 6 foot wood fences separating the cemetery from the neighboring houses. The headstones have been removed from the graves and are leaning against the wrought iron fence on the west and east side and the site of the graves cannot be determined. The cemetery appears to be used as a flower garden by some of all of the residents on Bayard Blvd.

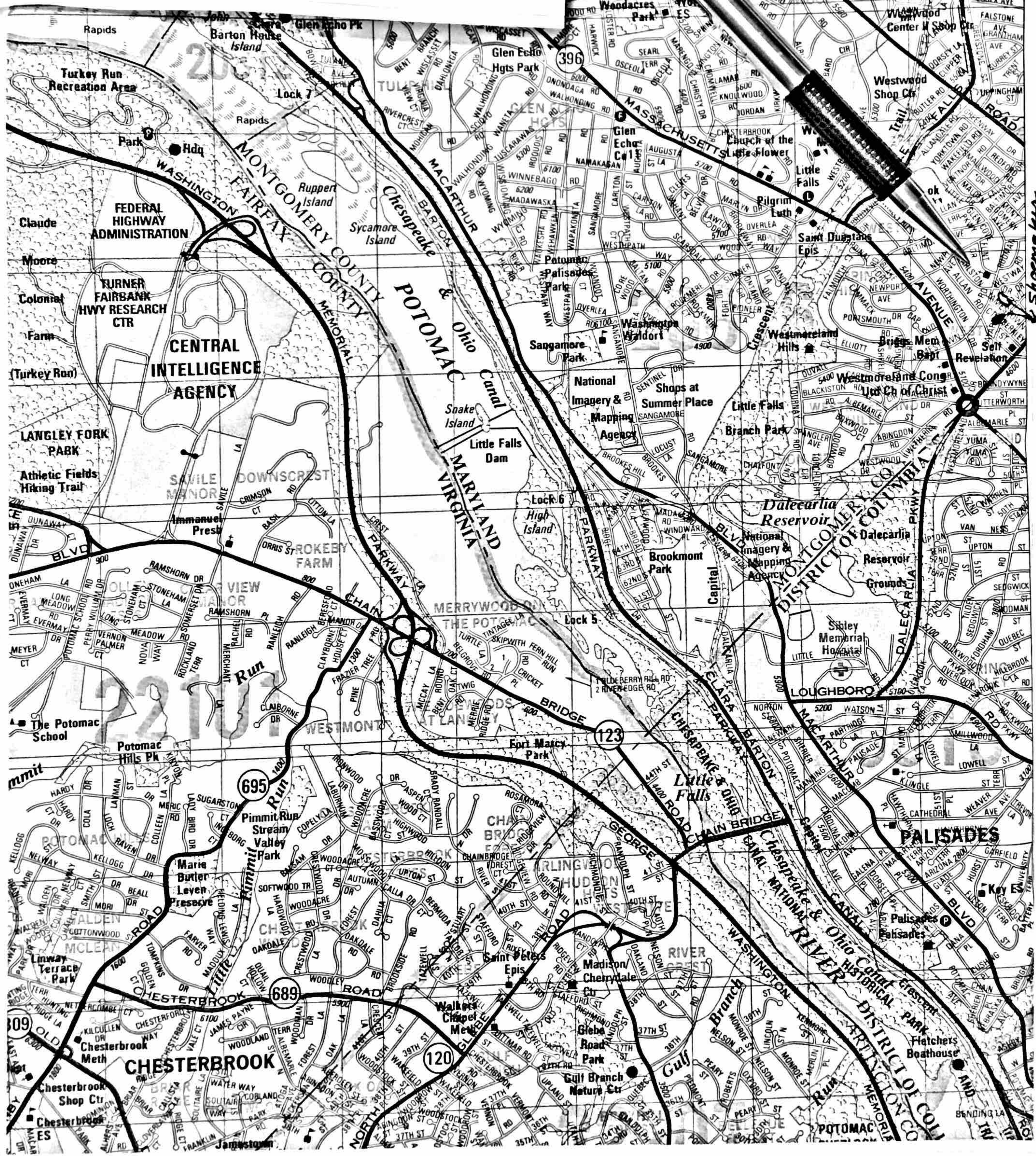
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**MILY BURYING GROUND NEAR WESTMORELAND**

backyard of 4907 Jamestown Court in Westmoreland Hills  
 Map: Montgomery, page 38, grid coordinates G-11.1  
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John Query arrived at Philadelphia on the ship HALIFAX from Germany before 1752. In that year he took the Oath of Allegiance to England. Query came from Berk's County, Pennsylvania, to Montgomery County, Maryland. A deed from Samuel Boone of Frederick County to Nicholas Query is dated May 8, 1779, and refers to property called "Maiden's Bower", "Montrose" and "Resurvey of Rich Meadow". This was the site of a grist mill operated by Nicholas Query. His will was probated at Rockville in 1788 and mentions his wife, Margaret, two sons, Daniel and Henry, and five sisters. By 1865, judging from the Martenet and Bond map, the Query family had disappeared from Montgomery County.

# 23/72

HOLLAND FAMILY

The burying ground of this family is on the family estate, Prospect Hill, on the road from Brookeville to Brighton.

Inscriptions on the grave stones:

- J. R. Holland, born Sept. 3, 1877; died Apr. 1, 1878
- M. L. Holland, born Sept. 1, 1880; died Apr. 29, 1882
- J. T. Holland, born Jan. 12, 1833; died July 28, 1911
- Alice Holland, wife of J. T. Holland; born Sept. 23, 1841; died Dec. 1, 1891
- Charles Holland, born 1796; died Apr. 29, 1850
- Nancy Holland, born 1805; died Feb. 28, 1876

John and James Holland came from England to Maryland in the mid 1700's. John built Prospect Hill on the road from Brookeville to Brighton about 1750. This home was a chapel of worship in its early days. The Hawlings River is supposed to have been called originally the Hollands River, named for that family.

The next owner of Prospect Hill was Charles Holland, son of John, and his wife, Nancy Griffith, from the adjoining property, Fair View. Charles and Nancy had a son, James Thomas Holland, who married Alice Linthicum. James Thomas inherited Fair View and Prospect Hill. They made Prospect Hill their home. Their daughter, Annie, married Samuel Owings in 1896 and she inherited Prospect Hill. The property was next left to Alice Owings, the daughter of Samuel and Annie Holland Owings. Alice became the wife of Guy Holland Wood.

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SHOEMAKER FAMILY

This cemetery is between Jamestown Court and Allen Road, just off Western Avenue (area of Yorktown Village and Westmoreland Hills).

Tombstone inscriptions:

- Jesse Shoemaker, born Dec. 6, 1815; died Dec. 14, 1887
- Jesse, Jr., son of Jesse and Elizabeth A. Shoemaker; born Sept. 18, 1844; died Dec. 12, 1891
- John, husband of Margaret A. and son of Jesse and Elizabeth Shoemaker; born Sept. 8, 1842; died Apr. 11, 1887
- Elizabeth E., wife of George Shoemaker; born Dec. 25, 1859; died June 15, 1906

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(There were several other graves and footstones in the cemetery but they do not bear the family name of Shoemaker.)

There are seven Shoemaker families listed on the 1865 map of Montgomery County. All are descendants of Samuel Shoemaker, who came to Montgomery County, Maryland, from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1819. His ancestors, who were Quakers, had lived in Pennsylvania since 1683. Samuel purchased 102 acres of land which includes the present developments of Yorktown Village and Westmoreland Hills in the Bethesda area near the District Line. Samuel's sons bought additional land, most of which was along Western Avenue. His will names eight sons and one daughter. In his will Samuel dedicates the family graveyard which is located just north of where the old home stood.

In 1878, Jesse Shoemaker, a son of Samuel, lived in the home place.

CRABB FAMILY

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The Crabb family plot is located a few hundred yards east of the Rockville to Gaithersburg road junction with Derwood Road.

Tombstone inscriptions:

- General Jeremiah Crabb died Feb. 19, 1800; age 40
- Elizabeth Ridgely Crabb, wife of General Jeremiah Crabb; born Aug. 10, 1764; died 1828; age 64
- Susan R. England, 1832 - 1899
- Thomas H. England, 1834 - 1919
- Harriet V. England, 1838 - 1925
- Henry C. England, 1840 - 1891
- Mary England, 1843 - 1923
- Thomas Worthington Howard died July 29, 1818
- Elizabeth Ridgely (Howard) [wife of Thomas Worthington Howard; daughter of Gen. Jeremiah Crabb], died Nov. 8, 1821
- Emily England, wife of John G. England, died Jan. 18, 1851; age 38
- Philemon Griffith died Oct. 8, 1873; age 80
- Sarah G. Griffith died Apr. 27, 1862; age 68

Captain Henry Wright Crabb was a prominent man in the early settlement of this county. When the people of the Scotch settlement on the Potomac River at Rock Creek decided to lay out a town about 1751, they petitioned the Assembly and a commission consisting of Henry Wright Crabb, John Needham, John Clagett, James Perrie, Samuel Magruder, III, Josias Beall and David Lynn were authorized to do so. This town was called Georgetown.

On April 10, 1753, a patent was granted to Crabb for 2,085 acres. This he named "Resurvey on Valentine's Garden". It lay between what was to become Rockville and Gaithersburg at Derwood. The family cemetery is located on this tract.

Jeremiah Crabb, the son of Henry Wright Crabb, was born in 1760. During the Revolution he entered the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Maryland Regiment. On December 15, 1777, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. In 1778, he resigned from the service because of ill health. He had suffered the privations of the winter at Valley Forge. At the close of the war, he received a commission as General from

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
Real Property Data Search

Account Identifier: District - 07 Account Number - 00664111

**Owner Information**

Owner Name: BREUNINGER, H L & J C DOWNEY Use: EXEMPT  
Mailing Address: 1730 K ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006-3868  
Principal Residence: NO  
Deed Reference: 1) 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

Premises Address: ALLAN RD Legal Description: UNNO LOT YORKTOWN VILLAGE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	1070
HM22				104		E		81	Plat Ref:	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	38
Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area
0000		2,009.00 SF
County Use		691

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	2,000	2,000		
Improvements:	0	0		
Total:	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
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**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: COUNTY AND STATE Exempt Class: PRIVATE CEMETERIES Special Tax Recapture: \* NONE \*

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## Cemetery Keeps a Commu

### *Quaker Burial Ground Holds a Special Place in Crestview*

By CAROLYN FEOLA  
Special to The Washington Post

**B**eth and Robert Dewey have something eerie behind their house in Crestview.

Walk by their Bayard Boulevard home on a late autumn afternoon, after all the leaves have gone. In the back yard some black stakes might just be visible, glinting in the setting sun. Down the block, a pathway leads back toward the spot.

For bustling Bethesda, the path is oddly hushed. Its soft earth muffles all footsteps. Twilight can only filter through tangled branches overhead, silent now that all the sparrows and thrushes have de-

parted for the winter. No children are playing back here and no dog barks in defense of its territory. This is one spot in coveted Montgomery County that everyone seems to leave alone.

The reason becomes clear upon arriving at a square of black spikes: This is a burial ground.

Nearly a dozen tombstones line the edges of this small, weedy cemetery just beyond the Deweys' property line. The gravestones are more than a hundred years old. Though they have been subjected to weather, vandalism and commercial development, they have survived to become a curiosity of modern-day Crestview.

According to the name etched

on the iron gate, the cemetery belongs to the Shoemakers, Quaker landowners who moved to the county in 1819. But, according to the county, it belongs to no one.

All direct descendants of the family are dead and the site has never been associated with a church or any historically important structure. So with a final shrug of its shoulder, Montgomery County removed the Shoemaker Cemetery from consideration as preservation site in 1989. No one in Crestview protested the action, but then no one in Crestview seems to think that having dead Quakers in their midst i

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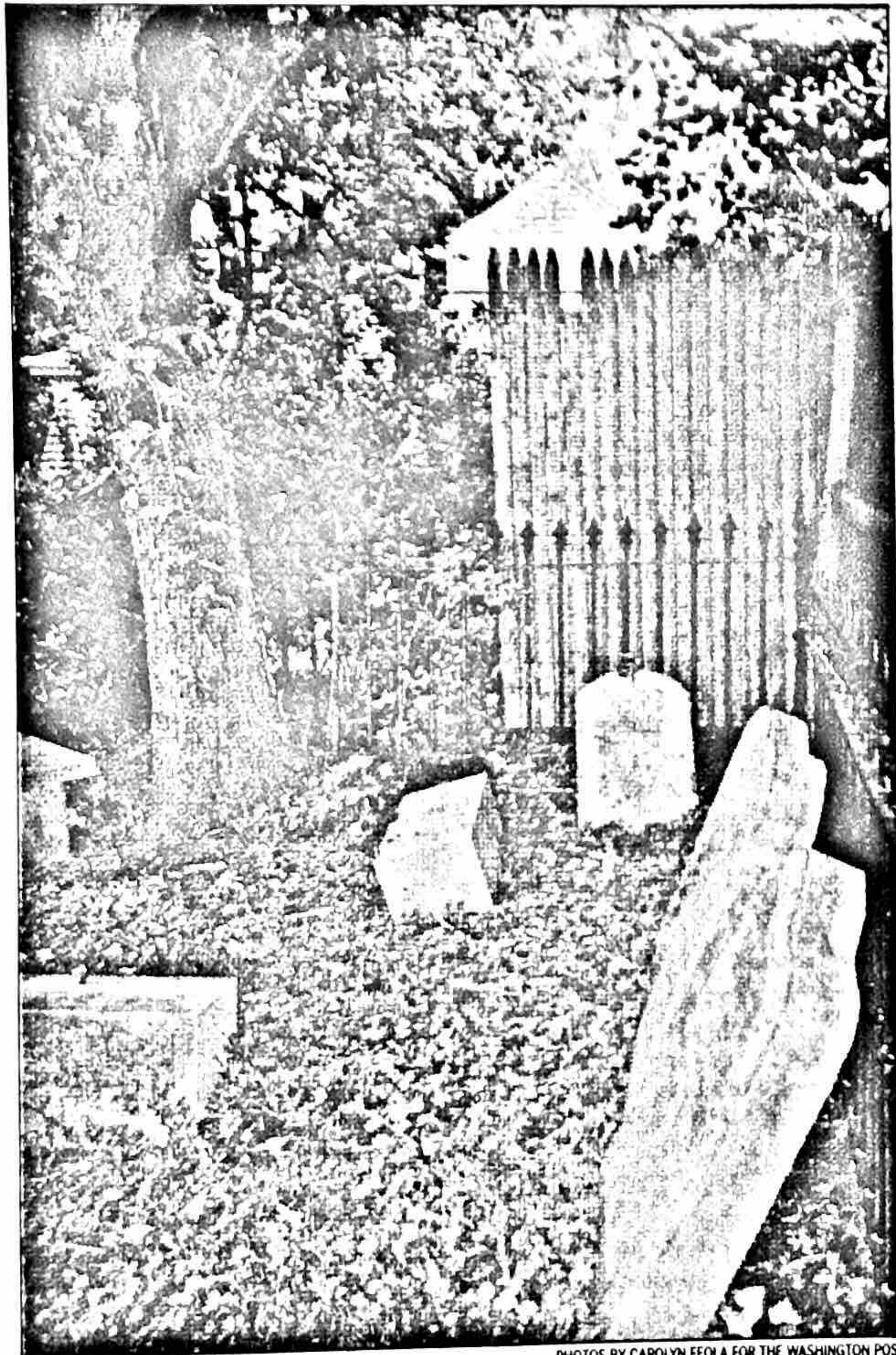
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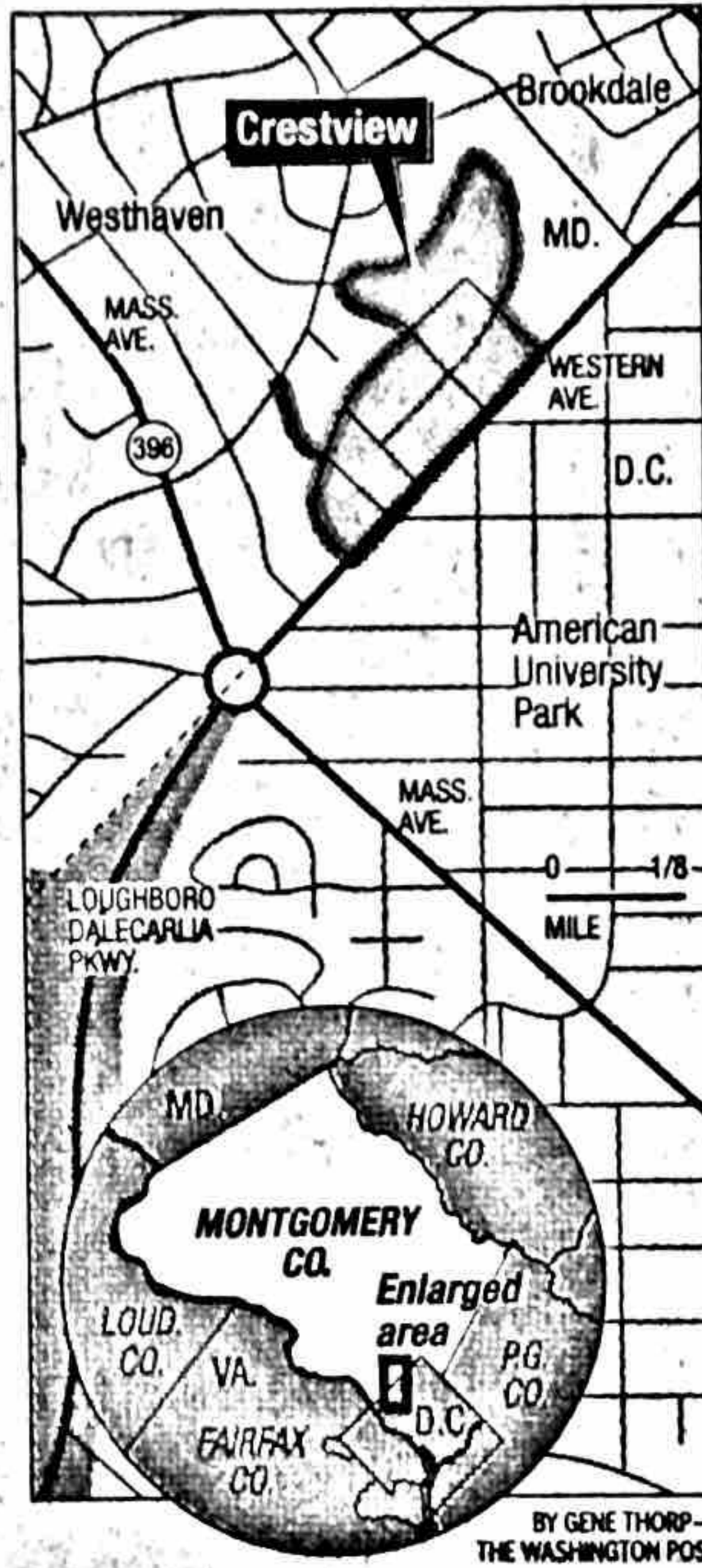


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The cemetery, above, has the name Shoemaker etched on an iron gate. The Shoemakers were Quaker landowners who moved to Montgomery County in 1819, though the county says that today the cemetery belongs to no one. Maintenance of the cemetery has been taken up by the Crestview neighborhood. The cemetery's presence may have something to do with the neighborhood's zeal for celebrating Halloween. At left, a scarecrow adorns a flower bed at the home of Rochelle Jones.

### WHERE WE LIVE

Crestview



**BOUNDARIES:** Bayard Boulevard, plus the blocks of Allan Road, Berkeley Street, Crescent Street and Earlston Drive between Bayard Boulevard and Western Avenue.

**HOME SALES:** 12 house have sold since Oct. 1, 1999, for an average \$287,000, said Linda Beerof of Long & Foster Realtors Inc. One house is now on the market.

**SCHOOLS:** Westbrook Elementary, Westland Intermediate and Walt Whitman High schools.

**WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE:** Friendship Heights Metro station, Mazza Gallerie, Spring Valley Shopping Center, parks.

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Bryan Robinson spent his childhood in a house on Westway Drive in the neighborhood.

# Crestview's Old Quaker Cemetery is Well Cared for by Neighbors

RESTVIEW, From H1

Nothing to get excited about. Everyone knows they're there, but most folks seem to consider the Shoemakers just another Crestview family—one that needs help sometimes, like anyone else.

Without county or family attention to the cemetery, "its maintenance is up to the good graces of the neighborhood," Robert Dewey said. And, as good neighbors, the Deweys help by clearing overgrowth from the fenced area and prettying it up with new garden plots.

The dearly departed Shoemakers may not come over to visit much, but they may have something to do with the Halloween zeal around the neighborhood. Skeletons hang from the Deweys' tree out back, the front steps are piled with plump pumpkins and 7-year-old Jennifer parades around wearing wax vampire lips. Beth Dewey says with a wink: "Don't come after dark. We can't guarantee you'll get out."

At the other end of Bayard Boulevard, a scarecrow grins above Rochelle Jones's carefully tended flower beds. Another scarecrow waves from a banner hanging from her porch. Jones is the welcoming committee for this relaxed, friendly neighborhood and is happy to give a walking tour.

"I think it's the best-kept secret in Washington," Jones said as she strolled along Bayard, waving to joggers and dog walkers. The original homes are small, but most have been expanded because residents love the neighborhood and would rather spend the money on another wing or a second story than move, she said.

On any given block in Crestview several homes are undergoing construction, all according to individual tastes. The neighborhood is a mélange of modern and traditional houses—from siding cedar shingles to turn-of-the-century white brick.

One of the most peculiar places in Crestview, even more anomalous than the graveyard, is the "Mushroom House." It squats between two perfectly respectable colonials—a huge, sculpted, Tolkien-esque structure with oval windows sunk into thick beige

walls. An appropriately twisted little tree stands in front of it and a pebbly pathway encircles it. It's either an inspiration or an eyesore, depending on who is commenting.

"There are lots of stories about this place," Jones said, keeping her distance, "but I have no idea what the real story is."

The owner, Eddie Garfinkle, sheds some light. When he and his wife, Frances, bought the house in 1967, they owned a contemporary art gallery and were involved in the avant-garde scene. Garfinkle says he was "probably subliminally influenced by it" when they began remodeling the home, starting with the interior.

"It's a magical space," he said. "The main living area goes up to a peak of 30 feet. We've got an interior pond and a garden, a bridge. It's a fantasy world. The house is very earthy and free and natural."

The Garfinkles had a vision of something just as singular for the exterior. When it came time to design it, they turned to an architect well known for his work with polyurethane foam—supposedly the material of the future, according to Garfinkle. With it they could accomplish two goals: build their dream house and keep costs low.

"It was supposed to be an inexpensive way to go but it didn't turn out that way," he said. The oil crisis of the 1970s hit during construction, and the polyurethane, a petroleum derivative, tripled in price in just two months.

"We got half of what we were after," Garfinkle said with a rueful smile.

The neighborhood seems to be split on the Mushroom House. Garfinkle said that in the years following its completion, he got comments from neighbors who said they hated it during its construction but ended up liking it. "Maybe it grows on you," he said.

The residents who accepted the house are more concerned with neighborliness than with aesthetics. Some said they believe community members have a responsibility to consider those around them, and to respect the status quo.

Garfinkle understands their viewpoint. "I don't think, at this time in my life, that I could dis-

agree," he said. "My wife and I were young then, we were excited about the design, we sort of plunged into it. If we did it today, we'd think more about those around us," he said.

"But I still wouldn't put up a brick colonial," he added. "I would still do something that's a little offbeat."

Bryan Robinson, who lives around the corner from the Garfinkles, said that if he weren't a homeowner, he might appreciate the Mushroom House more, but as it stands, he prefers more homogeneity.

"When you buy a house, you start caring about those kinds of things," he said.

Robinson's ties to the neighborhood go way back. He spent his childhood in a house on Westway Drive in Crestview, moved away with his family, then moved back with his wife, Denise.

"We had been living on Capitol Hill, and we loved it there. But we knew we wanted to have kids," he said. When they decided to move to a family house, he knew just where he wanted to end up. "Even though I left when I was in the fourth grade, I have more memories of that house [on Westway] than any other," he said.

The Robinsons now spend suburban evenings on Bayard Boulevard, chasing after their spirited 2-year-old twins, Sam and Natalie. "When these two get older," Bryan said, "they can traipse around the neighborhood just like I did."

Crestview remains as safe today as it was while Bryan was growing up in the early 1970s. Denise is perfectly at ease walking to the grocery store or heading to the park with the kids.

Despite straddling the District line and being mere blocks from downtown Friendship Heights, Crestview has a natural sense of stillness. There is no cut-through traffic or wailing siren noise or even any serious crime. Residents can't remember more than a few incidents over the past several decades.

To some, that might seem like dumb luck, but to the superstitious, it might be the work of a certain Quaker family. After all, Jones said, "They're still keeping watch over the community."



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