

# Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

ID: 18

Name: Query Family Cemetery

Alternate name:

Address: 13501 Esworthy Road near Darnestown ~~East of 13222 Query Mill Rd.~~

Town: Darnestown

ADC Map Page 27 Grid B-8

**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) being used for yard waste

Approximate no. of burials 2+ Date range of burials 1788-1826

Description (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping, fence, paths and roads, etc.) One upright marker, other existing stone covered with a pile of branches in front yard of new house with a clump of trees. One see attached. Other stones present - not sure if they are marking graves, but there were supposedly others buried here (see attached). No fence.

Surveyor(s) Janet/Anne Survey date 7-25-04  
Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner Lynne Gommus  
Address/Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ 301-683-3670

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

**UTM**

Additional sources of information: Ms Gommus said Mr. Query wanted to be buried in center of property. Query Family has easement to enter. They live out of state, but visited 3 years ago.

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## QUERY FAMILY BURYING GROUND AT DARNESTOWN

Directions: Route 90 West, River Road, right on Esworthy Road, right on Query Mill Road, on private land. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 29, grid coordinates J-2.] Condition of cemetery: Poor, land was being

developed during the 1980s. Inactive cemetery. Earliest known death: 1788. Most recent death: 1826. Location of transcribed records: Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Comments: Farm was developed in 1980s, at least 2 inscribed stones and others not inscribed.

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However, when a farm was sold, the cemetery became a problem. The new owners found the site a hindrance to mechanized farming and often made no effort to keep the plot from becoming overgrown or trampled on by livestock or even plowed under. Bulldozers make short shrift of family cemeteries. Some families have moved the stones of their ancestors from the farm plot to a public cemetery.

Historians and genealogists regret the destruction of these cemeteries because the data recorded on the stones is often invaluable. In some cases grave stones in family cemeteries are the only place where certain vital statistics can be found.

To salvage what information may still be gleaned from these cemeteries, the Montgomery County Historical Society has tried to locate as many of them as possible and record whatever information is obtained from the stones. Most of this work has been done by Mrs. Linda Layman who has struggled through briars, poison oak, and masses of undergrowth to record what can be found on remaining stones. The result of her research has been recorded in the library of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

We are publishing this material so that our members may know about this project. We give here a few samples.

The notes have been supplied by Mrs. Mary Gordon Malloy, our Historian, Mrs. Jane Sween and Mrs. Layman.

Other organizations have been collecting data from family plots. The National Society of the Daughters of The American Revolution has for many years been collecting such data, which has been published in their yearly records. At the present, the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Maryland is collecting similar data and assembling it. Published information on family burying grounds may be found in Scharf's History of Western Maryland and in Roger Farquhar's Montgomery County, Maryland: Old Homes and History.

### FAMILY BURYING GROUNDS

by  
Linda Layman

As a result of my visits to many family burying grounds, I have obtained the following information:

#### QUERY FAMILY

The family burying plot of the Query family is on the Lawrence Stevens property on Esworthy Road. Only two graves remain at this site, although at one time there were others.

Inscriptions on the grave stones:

*upright* — John Nicholas Query, born Dec. 17, 1714; died Nov. 24, 1788  
Mrs. C.Q.C., born Oct. 6, 1801; died Apr. 27, 1826 (was she John's granddaughter or great-granddaughter?)

*Grab one under brush*

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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.

#### 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.

#### 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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Re: Query Cemetery as of  
7-15-11

Patricia A. Anderson, Librarian  
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111 W. Montgomery Ave.,  
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Ms. Anderson

Thank you again for the directions + info. on  
the Query cemetery (13501 Esworthy Rd., Barnes-  
town, Md.).

I arranged a visit <sup>on 7-15-11</sup> + the property owner Ms.  
Lynne Gummo was very accomodating + spent  
time with me + my family at the cemetery.  
The cemetery was very well kept; it had  
mulch on the plot; the plot was a big circled  
area among the trees + Ms. Gummo said she  
was going to plant some lilac trees  
around the cemetery area. The cemetery +  
the front yard blended in well.

I was very pleased to be able to see my  
ancestor(s) grave plot (cemetery). Ms. Gummo is  
to be commended - I wrote her a note.

Frances O'e. Periconi  
8<sup>th</sup> generation of Query's

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