



*Germantown Bank*

*The Germantown Historical Society*

*P.O. Box 475*

*Germantown, M.D. 20875*



*Germantown Train Station*

Oct. 10, 1994

Elm Street Development  
6820 Elm St., suite 300  
McLean, VA 22101

Re: file #17-150-21D  
Site plan #8-95008  
Prelim. plan #1-91058

Dear Sirs:

The Germantown Historical Society is concerned about the preservation of the **Arnold/Mager Cemetery** that is within your development bounded by The Great Seneca Highway, Clopper Rd. (Rt. 117) and Germantown Rd. (Rt. 118) in Germantown.

This cemetery is an important part of Germantown's history. Henry Arnold had the first General Store in Germantown in the mid 1800s and Arnold family members were major figures in the past of our town.

Since descendents of those people buried in the cemetery are now scattered around the country we request that as a part of your development plan you restore the cemetery, put a fence around it, and incorporate the upkeep of the cemetery in the maintenance program supported by the homeowners association of the development. We also request that, when clearing the property for development, you alert the workers to look for tombstones outside of the cemetery, especially near the stream as local residents have related that a previous owner removed some of the tombstones in order to plow the field. We would like any found tombstones replaced in the cemetery **even if there is no discernable writing on them.**

This is what Maryland National Bank, developer of the Milestone tract on the other side of Germantown, has done for the Waters Cemetery, and the Germantown Historical Society approves of this as an excellent way to preserve a family burial plot.

We look forward to hearing from you about this matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Susan Soderberg, President

- cc: M-NCPPC
- Montgomery County HPC
- Montgomery County Council
- Germantown Citizens Association
- ✓ Germantown Alliance
- Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites
- Mrs. Wenzel (Arnold family)

November 11  
Oct. 10, 1994

Elm Street Development  
6820 Elm St., suite 300  
McLean, VA 22101

Re: file #17-150-21D  
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Dear Sirs:

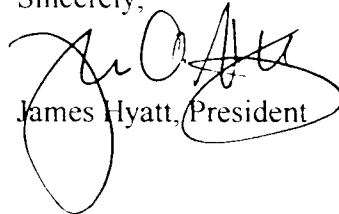
The Germantown Alliance supports the Germantown Historical Society in its effort to preserve the **Arnold/Mager Cemetery** that is within your development bounded by The Great Seneca Highway, Clopper Rd. (Rt. 117) and Germantown Rd. (Rt. 118) in Germantown.

This cemetery is an important part of Germantown's history. Henry Arnold had the first General Store in Germantown in the mid 1800s and Arnold family members were major figures in the past of our town. The preservation of local family burial plots is important for the history and the community identity of our town, as well as for the protection of sacred ground.

We agree with the Germantown Historical Society that you should restore the cemetery, fence it and provide for the upkeep of it in the home-owners association covenant, as has been done with the Waters cemetery in the Milestone tract in Germantown as well as with many other family cemeteries in the county.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
James Hyatt, President

cc: M-NCPPC  
Montgomery County HPC  
Montgomery County Council  
Germantown Citizens Association  
Germantown Historical Society  
Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites  
Mrs. Wenzel (Arnold family)

December 9, 1994

Elm Street Developers  
6820 Elm Street, Suite 300  
McLean, VA 22101

Re: File #17-150-21D  
Site Plan #8-95008  
Preliminary Plan #1-91058

Dear Sirs:

We are writing this letter today in support of the October 10th letter to you from the Germantown Historical Society requesting the restoration and preservation of "the Arnold Family Cemetery" -- also known as the Arnold-Magers Cemetery or the Mobley Family Cemetery in the historical records.

We feel that this gesture of friendship would promote an appreciation for the historical importance of this cemetery as well as a sense of community in your new development. It would be most welcome, also, if you would designate family names for your streets in the new section that you are building.

There is a great need in our society to preserve and protect our heritage and history. Your cooperation would help us teach future generations about the role of our local fore-fathers and their families in the development of our County, State and Nation.

We would be very happy to work with you in this endeavor.

Thank you for honoring our request.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Emily Wenzel*  
Mrs. Emily L. Wenzel  
(Arnold Family)  
24117 Ridge Road  
Germantown, MD 20876

*Copy to: Elm St Developers*



November 2, 1994

Ms. Susan Soderberg  
President  
The Germantown Historical Society  
P.O. Box 475  
Germantown, MD 20875

RE: file #17-150-21D  
Site Plan #8-95008  
Prelim. plan #1-91058

Dear Ms. Soderberg:

I am in receipt of your letter, attached. We intend to comply with your requests.

Please call me if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Thomas E. Marshall  
Vice President

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