



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Mobley-Magers-Arnold Cemetery	Inventory ID: 027
Alternate name:	
Address: Next to 18633 Village Fountain Drive, Germantown	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.161982	Longitude: -77.277942
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2341181	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: ☐ Religious ☐ Community ☒ **Family** ☐ African American ☐ Other:

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input type="checkbox"/> By foot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 5	Date ranges: 1893-1904
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• The burial ground (c50'x50') is located in the midst of townhouses and is surrounded by an iron fence with an unlocked gate in the far corner from the road.		
• One upright obelisk, two rectangular stones lying flat in concrete, one footstone, and one modern stone engraved "Unknown grave."		
• In 1994 there were 20 or more field stones in rows lying east of the obelisk.		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Fountain Hills Community Association, c/o IKO Community Management		
Relationship to burial site: Owner/Management	Advocacy contact: boardofdirectors@fountainhillscommunity.com	
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

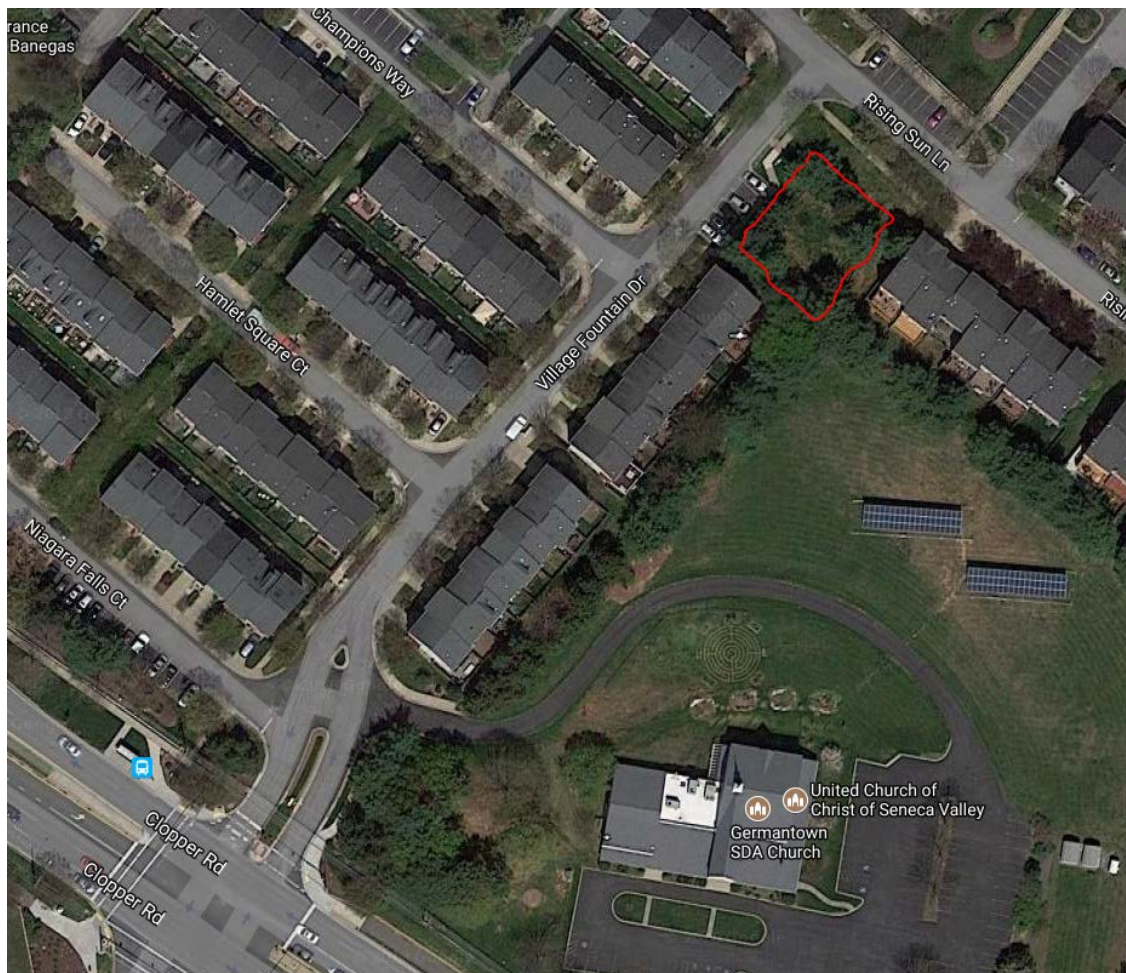
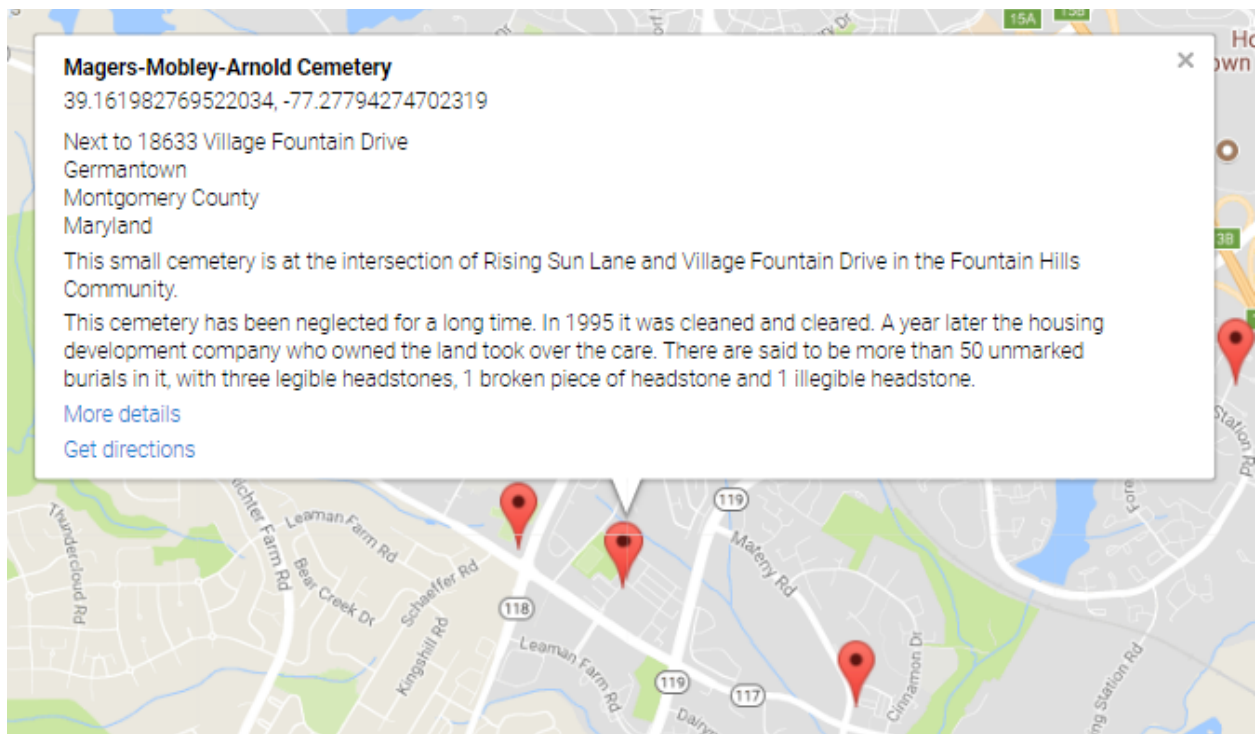
Name: Susan Soderberg	Survey Date: 3/11/2018	Time spent: 30 min
Address:		Phone:
Photographer: Cay Savel		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Contains many more graves than indicated.
• Paranormal activity reported by residents.

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• The Germantown Historical Society has photos of the field stones in 1994.



Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Mobley-Magers-Arnold Cemetery		Inventory ID: 027
Photographer: Cay Savel		Date: 3/11/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
4:09 pm	1	Approach from Fountain Village Dr., facing south
4:17 pm	2	Panoramic from north to east
4:18 pm	3	Panoramic from east to south
4:18 pm	4	Panoramic from west to north
4:20 pm	5	Center of cemetery toward Fountain Village Dr., facing north
4:33 pm	6	Headstone and footstone cemented into ground
4:33 pm	7	Obelisk monument
4:36 pm	8	Headstone and footstone
4:37 pm	9	Metal gate



1. Approach from Fountain Village Dr., facing south



2. Panoramic from north to east



3. Panoramic from east to south



4. Panoramic from west to north



5. Center of cemetery toward Fountain Village Dr., facing north



6. Headstone and footstone cemented into ground



7. Obelisk monument



8. Metal gate

MAGERS CEMETERY

This small cemetery is run down because animals have been allowed to roam through it. It is on property which was owned by Herman Rabbitt near the intersection of Routh 118 and Cloppers Road. It is located on the other side of the fence, beneath a dead tree, behind the last house on the right side of Cloppers Road before it intersects with 118. The resident of the house said she had been to the plot many times and remembered it having more stones than now are visible, including one for an infant.

One small "Washington Monument" type stone - "In Memoriam, farewell darling, although thou art gone we deeply feel thy loss, but God knows best, there is an isle of rest in heaven for thee. Farewell (the last word looked like Mamm).
Mamie E. L. - daughter of U. G. and Lucinda Magers, born June 23, 1888, died February 10, 1898.

Another stone - "In memory of Julia A. Mobley, died December 10, 1904, aged (this part of the stone was broken off.

Another stone - Samuel, died March 12, 1893, aged 64 years

Another with just the initials M. E. L. M. which looks as if it could go with the first one listed, as the initials are the same.

There were also two foot stones with the initials S. T. M. and J. A. M. These probably were for Julia and Samuel.

There were also four large stones which appeared to be markers.

Upton Magers of Gaithersburg told me about this cemetery and said they were members of his family. His cousin Orville Majers lives in Damascus in 1975.

Linda Layman
January 7, 1976

*I was in the cemetery in 1975
and saw the stones.
Mamie E. L.*

*1-11-76
Linda Layman
Gaithersburg, Md.*

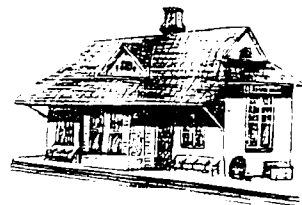


Germantown Bank

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

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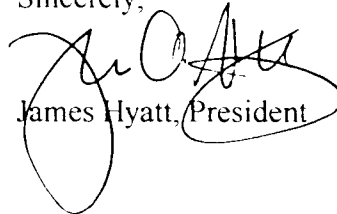
The Germantown Alliance supports the Germantown Historical Society in its effort to preserve the **Arnold/Mager Cemetery** that is within your development bounded by The Great Seneca Highway, Clopper Rd. (Rt. 117) and Germantown Rd. (Rt. 118) in Germantown.

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 L. 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

Thomas E. Marshall
Vice President

TEM/cl