



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Merson Family Cemetery	Inventory ID: 028
Alternate name:	
Address: Southwest intersection of Old Columbia Pike and Spencerville Rd, Burtonsville	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.107850	Longitude: -76.937190
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2647466	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> By foot <input 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: 12	Date ranges: 1908

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

- **Small family plot between intersections surrounded by businesses. One headstone is knocked over.**
- **Few plants at two headstones. Headstones between one lodged free.**
- **Only readable headstone had 1908 date.**
- **Multiple depressions without markers.**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name:		
Relationship to burial site:		Advocacy contact:
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

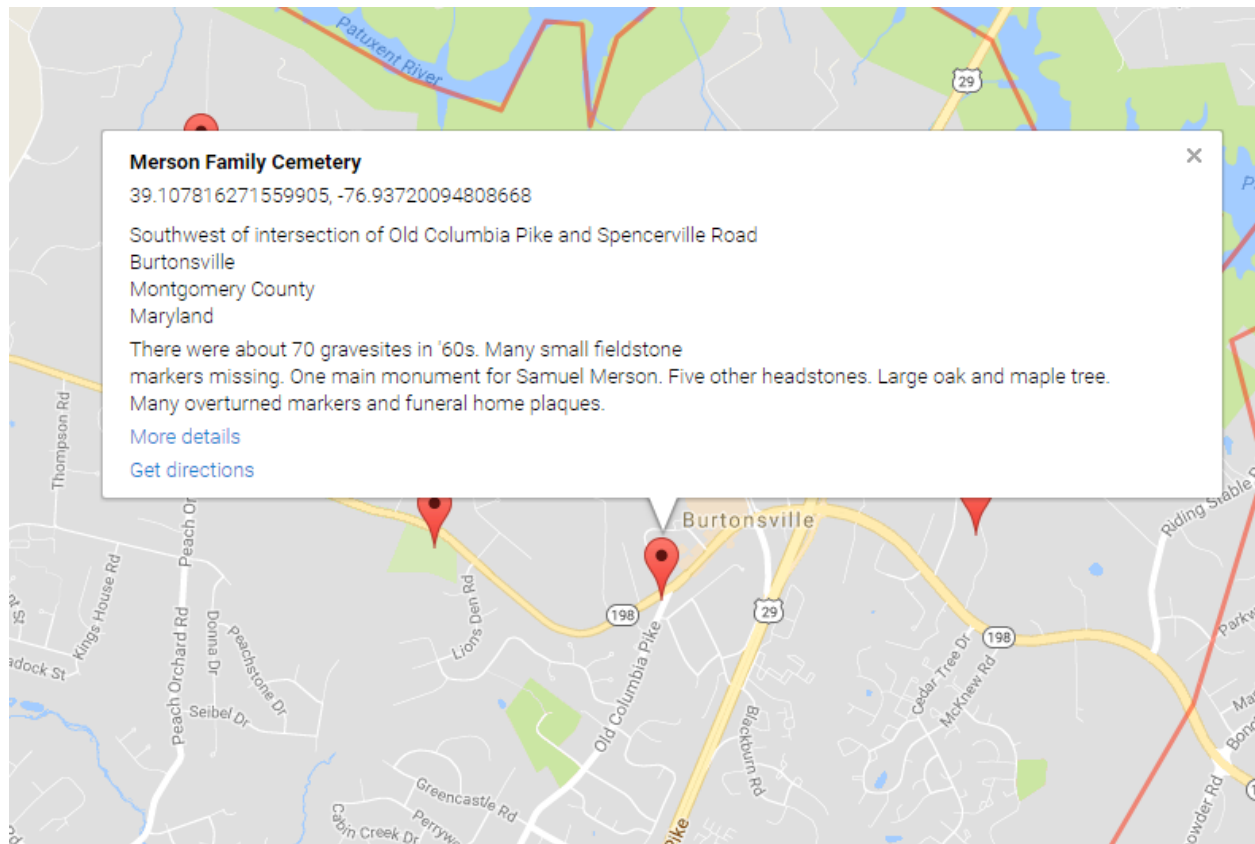
Name: Lori Banks	Survey Date: 1/20/2018	Time spent: 20 min.
Photographer: Lori Banks		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Fixing of broken headstone on ground.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• N/A
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• N/A

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:





Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory **Photograph Log**

- Before you begin, create a folder in your photo app on your mobile device. Name the folder to match the ID number of that cemetery, i.e., 059 or 254. Each cemetery you are assigned should have its own folder. All photos should be stored in this folder.
- Please take a variety of photos that capture the proximity from the main road, size, and vicinity of the burial site. Move in a clockwise direction through the cemetery to capture your movement chronologically.
- If your mobile device has a panoramic function, take two panoramic photos from the **center** of the cemetery. Establish where true North is and take one panoramic from West-North-East and the second from East-South-West.
- List the time and date of each photograph and include the direction you are facing.
- Photo files (***and a photo of this completed form***) may be emailed to mococems@gmail.com or uploaded to <https://tinyurl.com/mococems>

Cemetery Name: Merson Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 028
Photographer: Lori Banks		Date: 01/20/2018
Time & Date	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
3:13 pm	1	Roadside approach to cemetery facing west
3:16 pm	2	Toward center photo, showing depressions
3:14 pm	3	West-North-East panorama
3:14 pm	4	East-South-West panorama
3:17 pm	5	Photo from center of cemetery to road facing north
3:14 pm	6	Photo from center facing north-west

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED IMAGES

- ☐ Photo 1 taken from the roadside approach to the cemetery—the view the public would see while driving by. If the cemetery is not visible from the road, please take a series of photos as you approach the cemetery—from the road to the parking area, through a field, woods, etc.
- ☐ Photo 2 taken toward the center of the cemetery from the cemetery main entrance, gate, or first boundary you come to.
- ☐ Photo 3 panoramic taken from the center of the cemetery, starting from West to North to East.
- ☐ Photo 4 panoramic taken from the center of the cemetery, starting from East to South to East.

If you have any extra time and would like to photograph some or all of the gravestones, please do so. Remember not to physically touch, move, or clean the stones.



1. Roadside approach to cemetery facing west



2. Toward center photo, showing depressions



3. West-North-East panorama



4. East-South-West panorama



5. Photo from center of cemetery to road facing north



6. Photo from center facing north-west