



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Hunt Ridge Lane Cemetery – Civil War Burial Ground	Inventory ID: 031
Address: 12513 Hunt Ridge Lane, Potomac, MD	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.061209	Longitude: -77.258688
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2674926	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: ☐ Religious ☐ Community ☐ Family ☐ African American ☒ Other: **Civil War – Union vets**

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 type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 3	Date ranges: 1861–1862
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• Located on top of a small knoll near a small grove of old trees.		
• There are at least three grave-sized depressions, two with flat field stone.		
• There is one large concrete-stone pillar (toppled) and one small concrete piece nearby.		
• One yucca plant, some periwinkle found, and numerous new trees planted in the area.		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Glenstone Foundation info@glenstone.org , tony.cerveny@glenstone.org		
Relationship to burial site: Owner	Advocacy contact: Paul Tukey, Sustainability Manager 207-252-0869	
Address:		Phone: 1
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Vivian Eicke	Survey Date: 3/27/2018	Time spent: 20 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Vivian Eicke		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- Ground penetrating radar (GPR) to confirm burials and possibly others.**
- Light archaeological study from items to confirm remains were from Civil War era.**
- Clear off invasive vegetation to see terrain**
- Further research on site history/use since 1861-62**

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:

- Numerous ground hog burrows across top of knoll.**

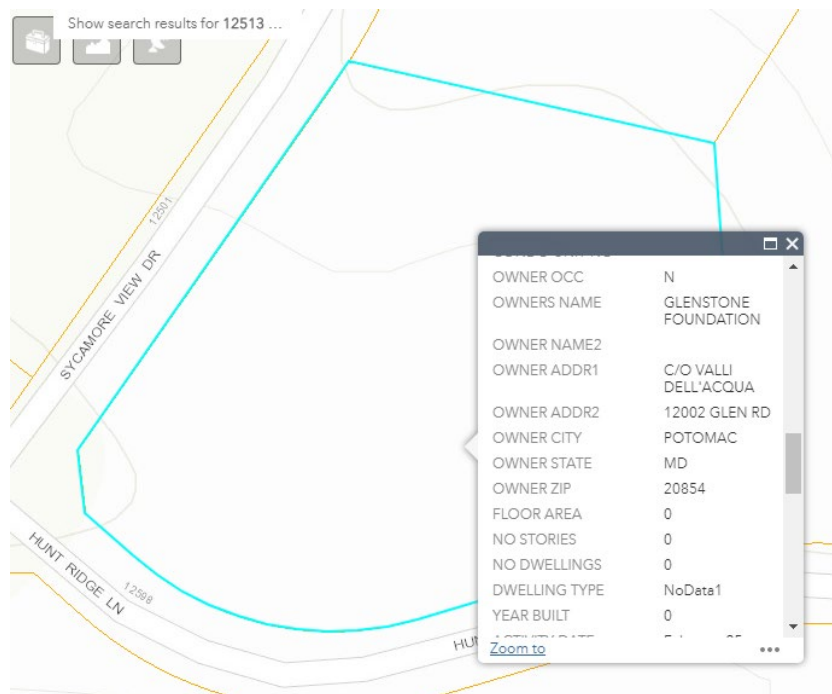
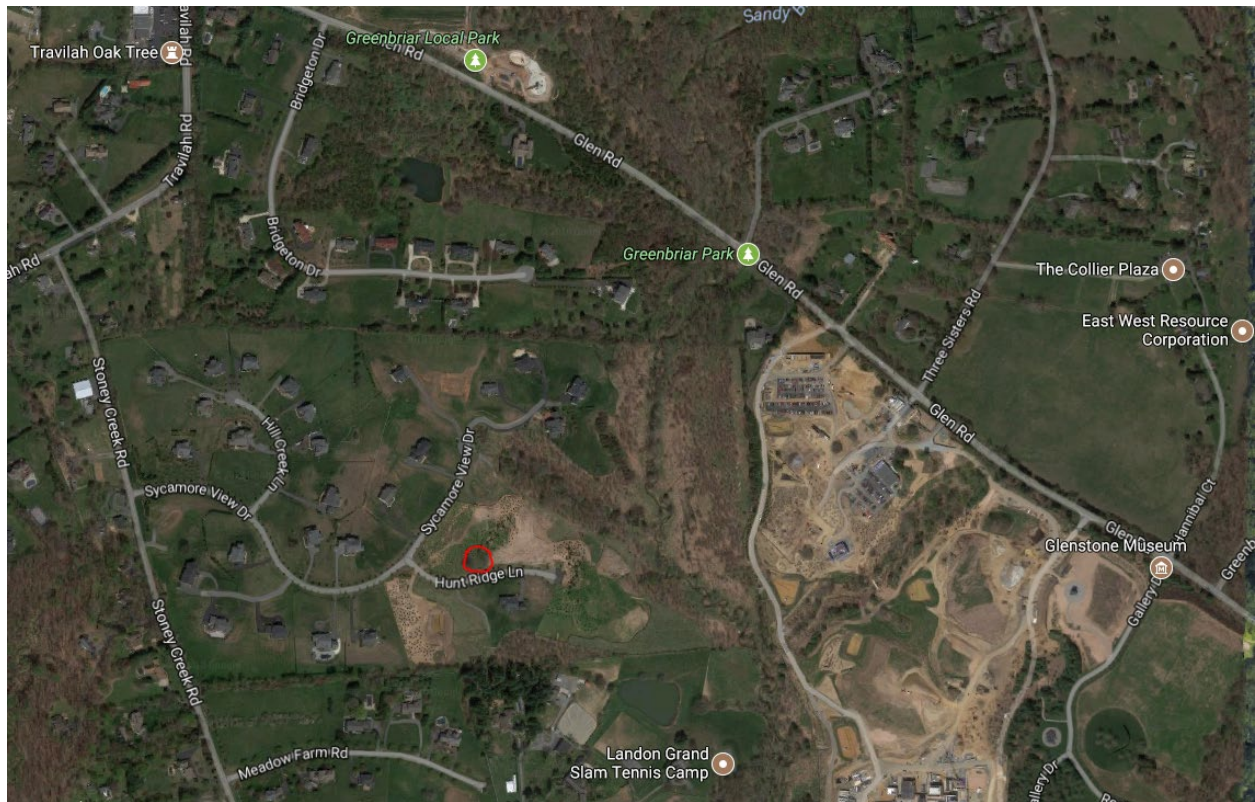
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

- Civil War camp of the 19th Reg Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Burial ground for three soldiers who died there in December 1861-1862. Two were returned to Massachusetts.**

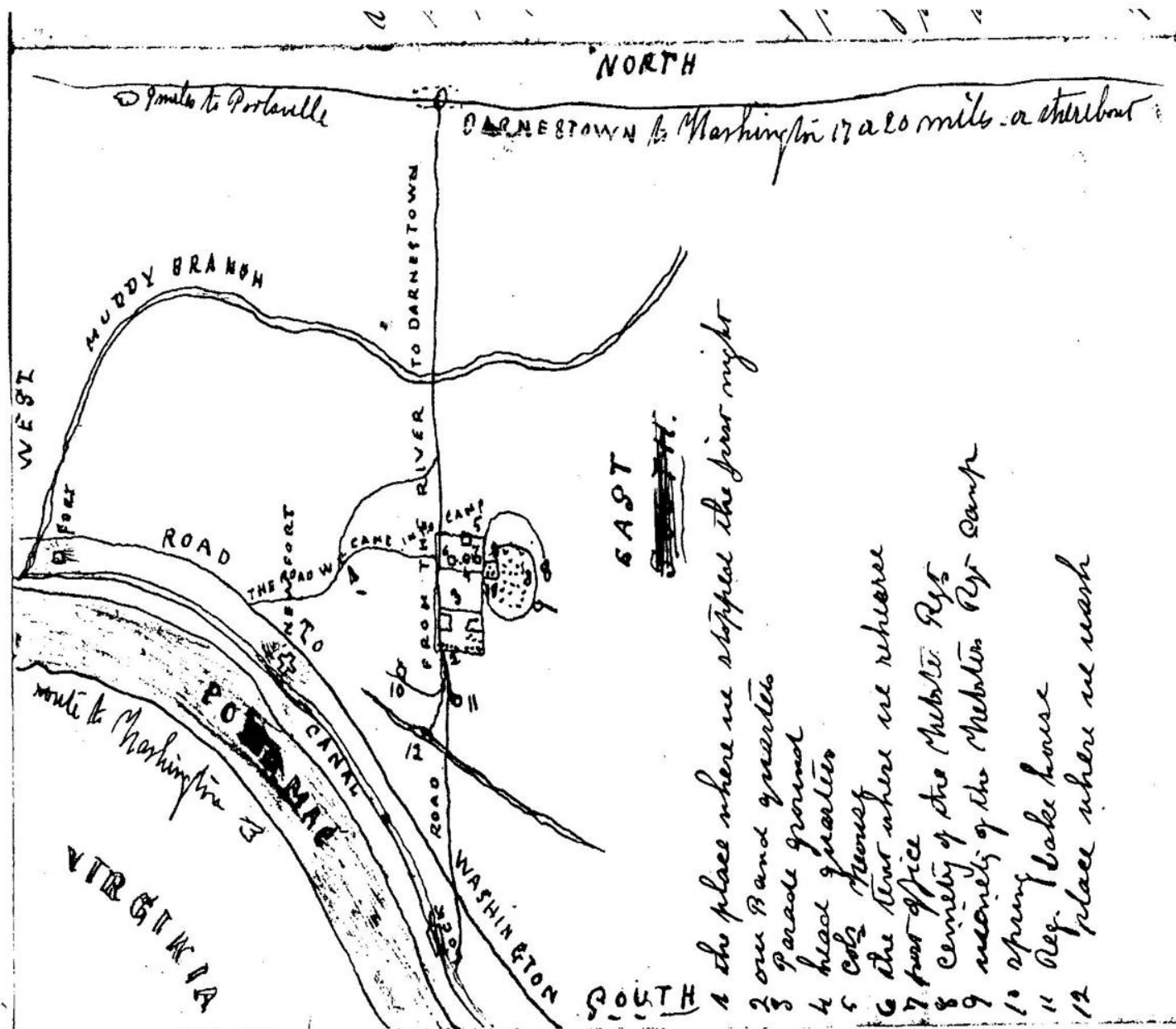
SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/19th_Regiment_Massachusetts_Volunteer_Infantry**
- https://archive.org/stream/massachusettsol21931mass/massachusettsol21931mass_divu.txt**
- <http://www.acwancestor.org/infantry.htm>**
- Hand-drawn map from 1861**



Muddy Branch Camp Detail (Travilah at Stoney Creek?) (January 15th, 1862)



1. The place where we stopped the first night
2. our Band quarters
3. Parade ground
4. head quarters
5. Col's house
6. the tent where we rehearse

7. fort (post) office
8. cemetery of Webster's Rgt
9. vicinity of the Webster Rgt camp
10. spring
11. Reg. bake house
12. place where we wash

A list of the dead from 19th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry at the Muddy Branch camp:

- Kelly, James — Priv. — Res. Boston; boiler maker; 19; enl. Sept. 16, 1861; must. Sept. 16, 1861; died of disease, Dec. 24, 1861, at **Camp near Muddy Branch, Md.**
 - Possibly James Kelly of Boston Ward 4, Suffolk Co., MA; born c1841 in Ireland; Occupation – coppersmith's apprentice [1860 US Census]
- Kelly, John — Priv. — Res. Boston; laborer; 35; enl. July 25, 1861; must. Aug. 28, 1861; died of disease, Dec. 13, 1861, **Muddy Branch, Md.**
- Potter, Benjamin F. — Priv. — Res. Boston; carpenter; 31; enl. July 25, 1861; must. Aug. 28, 1861; died of disease, Jany. 1, 1862, at camp, **near Muddy Branch, Md.**
 - Husband of Lumana Potter, widow [US Civil War Pension Index]

U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 for Benjamin F Potter
Post, Joseph-Powell, Thomas

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Potter, Benjamin F.</i> (8-16-8)				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow, Potter, Lumana</i>				
SERVICE: <i>19 Mass Inf</i>				
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS:	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1862 Feb 17</i>	<i>Invalid, Widow, Minor,</i>	<i>586</i>	<i>144</i>	
ATTORNEY: <i>J. W. [illegible]</i>				

Source: https://archive.org/stream/massachusettsol21931mass/massachusettsol21931mass_djvu.txt

"Reminiscences of the Nineteenth Massachusetts Regiment" by Capt. John G. B. Adams – An officer's account of life at the Muddy Branch camp, page 12.

<https://archive.org/details/cu31924030906394>

"History of the Nineteenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry 1861-1865, by Ernest Linden Waitt – Removal to Muddy Branch, pages 43–54.

<https://archive.org/details/04390879.3094.emory.edu>

was to do, was made much of. The weather was very bad and many were sick. Mud and rain, snow, fever, flux and death seemed to be everywhere in abundance. Heavy artillery and

"A Memorial Sketch of Lieut. Edgar M. Newcomb of the Nineteenth Mass. Vols." By Dr. A. B. Weymouth – Time at Muddy Branch, page 39.

<https://archive.org/details/memorialskechof00weym>

Just in front of our lines, on the crest of the undulating swells that diversify the face of this section, at the foot of a cluster of spruce trees, that shade it from the glow of the hot noon-time, is an enclosure, and within its rustic fence lately lay the remains of Oliver Younger, Jr., 12th Mass. Vols. The ground is still occupied by another member of the same regiment. Their bodies rested side by side. Yesterday was most delightful, almost a summer's day, and as I stood at the color-line, looking in that direction, the little burial ground in the midst of the camp suggested the following:

YONDER IS HEAVEN.

Under the shadow of a clump of spruces,
A rustic paling doth the spot enclose,
Where, worn and weary with life's various uses,
Two tired soldiers in their rest repose.

The moss-grown branches, to the skies upreaching
Their weird bare arms all desolate and gray,
Seem ever to the soul this lesson teaching:
"Yonder is heaven; yonder, too, the way."

Yonder is found no panoply of battle,
No brilliant trappings and no gleaming steel,
No war of cannon and no muskets' rattle,
No tramp of horsemen and no rumbling wheel.

Yonder is heard no watcher's sad entreating,
There is no sob, or tear, or mourner's cry;
On yonder plains no gallant heart is beating,
Longing to live, yet praying still to die.

Yonder is Peace! The setting sunlight glancing
Athwart the slabs with gold and crimson ray,
Inscribed thereon, in words of light entrancing:
"Yonder is Heaven—This is but the way."

The new camp was situated near Muddy Branch, in the vicinity of Seneca, Md., and not far from the Potomac. In the following letters interesting particulars are given. It will be noticed that our gallant soldier refuses to accept "defensive armor."

CAMP NEAR MUDDY BRANCH,
DEC. 15, 1861.

DEAR BROTHER:

Since last Sunday I have received letters from yourself, Father, Mother, Stanley and Gilbert Webber. While I thank you for your

Reference to 12th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry

https://books.google.com/books?id=kitCAAAIAAJ&pg=PAi&dq=A+HISTORY+OF+THE+FIRST+REGIMENT+OF+MASSACHUSETTS+CAVALRY+VOLUNTEERS&hl=en&ei=sx08TZSpA8eBgAeZxejMCA&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=10&ved=0CFEQ6AEwCTgU#v=onepage&q&f=false

Rufus A. Peck (First burial at this cemetery)

- Born in Salem, MA on October 11, 1833
- Blacksmith by trade
- Enlisted on June 26, 1861 – Union Army, aged 27
- Company I, 12th MA Vol. Inf. – Private
- Husband of Elizabeth Peck
- Died on September 23, 1861 by accident. A wooden beam fell on his head while preparing beef for the troops. He was buried on September 24th at 3 pm. His body remains to this day.

Oliver Younger (Removed from this cemetery)

- Born in Gloucester, MA on July 23, 1839
- Stonecutter by trade
- Enlisted on June 26, 1861 – Union Army, aged 22
- 12th MA Vol. Inf. Company K, - Private
- Oliver Younger died on October 8, 1861 in Gloucester, MA. At age 22
(Parents – Morris Baker Younger and Mary Elizabeth (Burnham) Younger)
- Died at a "regimental hospital", Darnestown, MD, of typhoid fever on Oct. 8, 1861
[US Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865]
- His body was disinterred and returned home on November 24, 1861 along with the remains of Private Edward McMahon, whose father collected both bodies.



Source: Ancestry.com > Anderson Family Tree



Edward McMahon (Removed from this cemetery)

- Born February 25, 1834 in Randolph, Norfolk County, MA
- Son of Patrick B. McMahon and Mary (Dunn) McMahon
- Enlisted April 29, 1861; mustered June 26, 1861
- 12th MA Vol. Inf. Company E, - Private
- Died of disease on October 25, 1861 at Budd's Ferry, Charles County, MD
- Buried in the 12th MA Vol. Inf. cemetery
- His father arrived at Camp Muddy Branch to retrieve his son in November 1861 and brought his body back to Randolph, MA

In a letter dated November 26, 1861, William Hazen Noyes writes home about the arrival of a father on Thanksgiving Day to take his son's body home. In part: "Camp near Darnestownwe went to our old camp ground at Muddy Branch...we also visited...the burying ground of the 12th Regt. Mass. Vols. **The only ones that have died since we have left home.** One was killed & 2 died in the hospital. A piece of board had neatly inscribed the following '12th Mass. Vols., Webster Regiment here lies the bodies of Private [Isaac] Peck[accidentally killed 9/23/61] of Co. I of Stoughton, Mass. Private [Oliver] Younger, Co. K, Gloucester, Mass. Private Edward McMahon, Co. E, Randolph, Mass.' **The bodies of Younger & McMahon are taken up & sent home.** McMahon's father arrived here Thanksgiving day to take his son's body home which he done.

Source: <https://historical.ha.com/itm/miscellaneous/ephemera/civil-war-union-soldier-s-group-of-four-letters-written-by-private-william-hazen-noyes-co-e-12th-mass-vols/a/6144-47446.s?ic3=viewitem-inventory-buynowfromowner-thisauction-120115+&cd=23&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us#>

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Hunt Ridge Lane Cemetery		Inventory ID: 031
Photographer: Vivian Eicke		Date: 3/27/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
10:41 am	1	Roadside approach at base of knoll, facing north
10:42 am	2	Center of cemetery, facing north
10:44 am	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
10:44 am	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
10:45 am	5	Base of concrete/stone pillar and yucca plant, facing north
10:49 am	6	Base of concrete pillar and field stone marker, facing north-west
10:50 am	7	Smaller concrete projection, facing north
10:51 am	8	Fieldstone marker and yucca plant, facing north
10:53 am	9	Small grove of old trees, facing north



1. Roadside approach at base of knoll, facing north



2. Center of cemetery, facing north



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



5. Base of concrete/stone pillar and yucca plant, facing north



**6. Base of concrete pillar and field stone marker,
facing north-west**



7. Smaller concrete projection, facing north



8. Fieldstone marker and yucca plant, facing north



9. Small grove of old trees, facing north