



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Andrew Harding Family Cemetery	Inventory ID: 041
Alternate name: Cloverly Cemetery	
Address: 0 Gallaudet Ave., Cloverly	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.108230	Longitude: -76.994883
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2647290	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: ☐ Rural ☐ Urban ☒ Suburban ☐ Wooded ☐ Other:	
General condition (See conditions sheet): ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor ☐ None	
Is there a formal entrance? ☒ Yes ☐ No	Accessibility: ☐ Inaccessible ☒ By foot ☐ By car
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Is there a cemetery sign: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Is cemetery being maintained? ☐ Yes ☐ Minimal ☒ No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)	
Are there visible markers? ☒ Yes ☐ No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 2
Date ranges: 1882-1907	
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)	
• Private family cemetery located next to Cloverly Elementary School.	
• Surrounded by a gated iron fence.	
• One large monument, one smaller grave marker.	

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

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

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

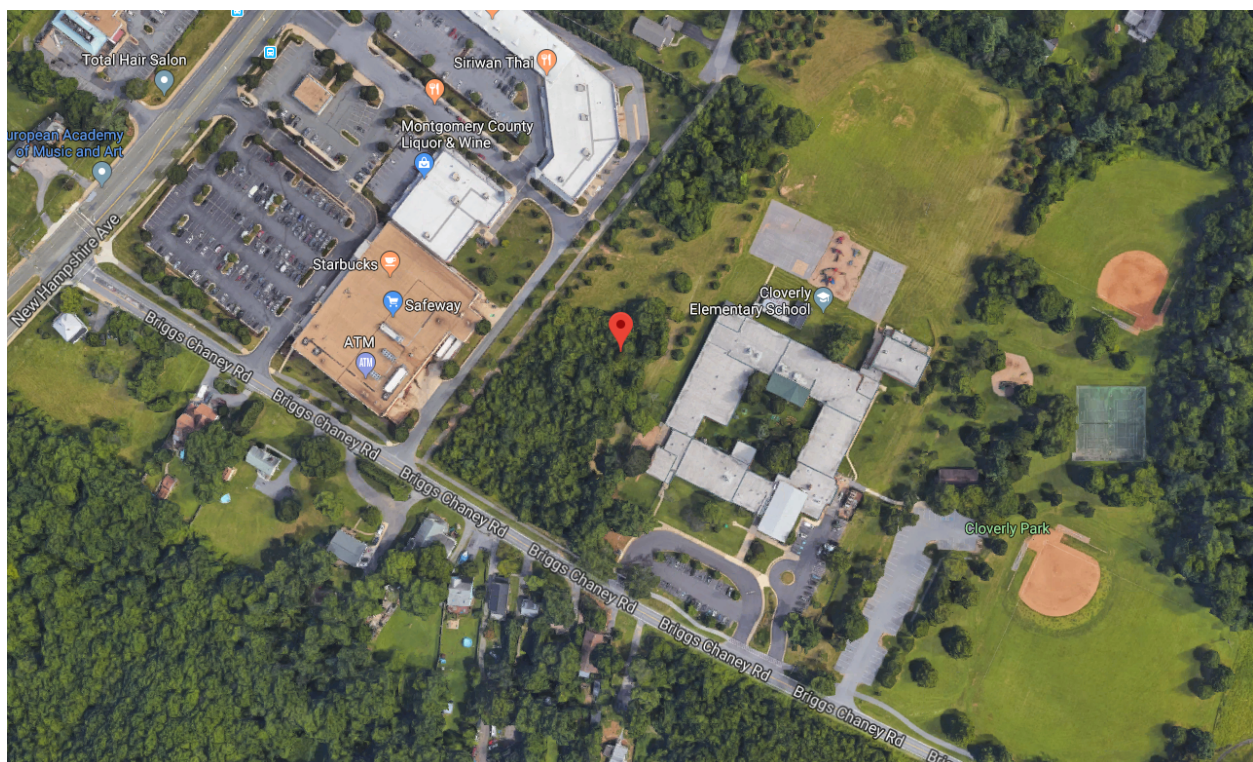
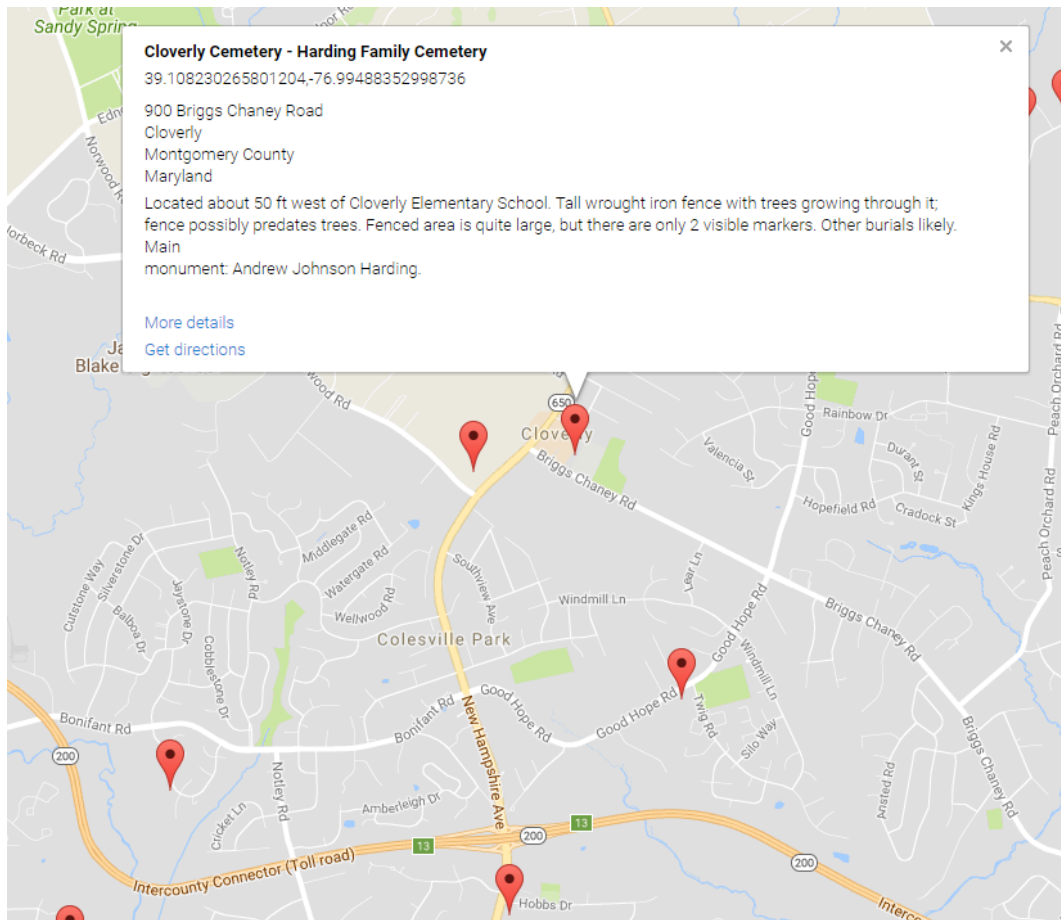
Name: Allison Weiss	Survey Date: 5/13/2018	Time spent: 10 min
Address:	Phone:	
Email:		
Photographer: Fred Sisk		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Perfect clean-up project for an Eagle Scout.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Completely overgrown. Needs to be maintained on a regular basis.
• Parts of fence are falling.
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission property, Upper Paint Branch SVP
• Possible African-American slave cemetery in the vicinity?

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:





Lions begin restoration of Cloverly cemetery

The Gazette — June 23, 1999

Seven volunteers from the Colesville Lions Club have begun efforts to restore a mid-19th century cemetery near Cloverly Elementary School.

According to William Patton Jr. of Silver Spring, neglect and vandals have taken their toll on the cemetery located on Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission property.

"Few people may know about the cemetery because it has been neglected for the past 25 years and was not visible through the overgrown vegetation around the cemetery's black iron gate," Patton wrote in a June 9 letter to The Gazette.

Patton said only two headstones remain in the graveyard. They are for Andrew Jackson Harding (1830-1907) and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Harding (1844-1882).

According to Montgomery County records held by Cloverly historian Arlene Turner, a Harding family descendant, many of the missing tombstones belong to African-American slaves who were inherited by the Harding family.

The Lions Club removed brush and poison ivy from the site earlier this month. "But there is still work to be done," Patton said.

Patton believes the most difficult aspect of the project will be finding the missing tombstones.

"Our Lions Club thinks this project is a good way to pay respect to the founding residents of our community ...," Patton said.

Anyone with information about the headstones or those wishing to help the restoration project in any way, should call Patton at 301-384-1116.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory **Photograph Log**

Cemetery Name: Andrew Harding Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 041
Photographer: Fred Sisk		Date: 5/13/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
11:37 am	1	Approach to cemetery from school parking lot, facing west
	2	Approach to cemetery from side of school, facing north
	3	Front of cemetery, facing west
	4	Entrance gate
	5	Panoramic from west to north to east
	6	Panoramic from east to south to west
	7	Monument for the Hardings
11:44 am	8	Broken footstone?



1. Approach to cemetery from school parking lot, facing west



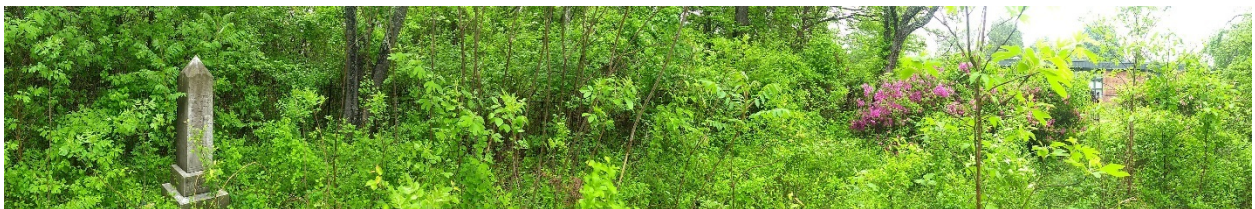
2. Approach to cemetery from side of school, facing north



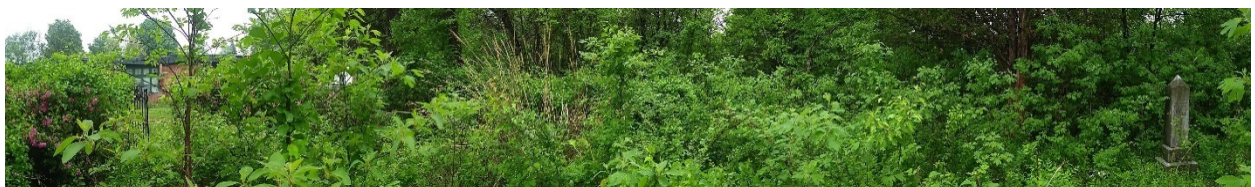
3. Front of cemetery, facing west



4. Entrance gate



5. Panoramic from west to north to east



6. Panoramic from east to south to west

A photograph of a white rabbit in a dense thicket of green foliage and brown branches. The rabbit is positioned in the center-left of the frame, partially obscured by the leaves and branches. It has a white body with a dark patch around its eye. The surrounding vegetation is lush and green, with many small, oval-shaped leaves. Several thin, brown branches crisscross the scene, creating a complex network of lines. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, and the overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

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