

Subject: Re: Musser burial ground
From: Susan Cooke Soderberg <soderberg@md.net>
Date: 4/29/2014 11:02 AM
To: Webmaster <webmaster@musserfamily.com>

Thank you for the clean-up. My information for the sign came from a Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) form probably dating from the 1970s. I have attached the form and also a newspaper article I wrote in 1986. As you can see, the Isaac Cox tombstone was there at that time.

We would be happy to do oral histories. We do audio only, with still photos, and transcribe as we get volunteers to do it. Just contact me to set up a place and time.

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On 4/27/2014 5:52 PM, Webmaster wrote:

Hi Susan,

Yes we had a "family graveyard" cleanup day and put up the new sign. We hauled away a tremendous amount of trash, and one the family member's business took down a dead tree. The old sign was vandalized and the developer had it and was trying to decide how to fix it. We told them not to worry about the old sign because it contained errors.

I am glad I heard from you because we had tried to find out who put up the original sign and where you got the information.

Yes, the developer does want to preserve the ground, and has plans for more fences and a bench and landscaping. My contact at Beazer was Timothy Hartman <timothy.hartman@beazer.com>. He might be able to tell you what the plans are for the 6' retaining wall.

You probably already have this, but here is the plans for the development;
http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2012/documents/20120716_GermanTownPark.pdf

Do you have anyone that takes oral histories? I think that would be a good idea as there are only 3 children of Henry Marchellus Musser left.

Barb

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Cooke Soderberg [mailto:soderberg@md.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2014 10:05 AM
To: Musser Family
Cc: Elaine Huey; Kathie Hulley; Karen Mason; Claudette Gerety
Subject: Musser burial ground

Hello,

I am the president of the Germantown Historical Society (GHS), and also the

person responsible for the original sign in the Musser family burial ground at the corner of Clopper Rd. & Mateny Rd. (as president of the Germantown Citizens Association). The Germantown Historical Society is partly responsible for the current preservation of the burial ground with the present development, by being in contact with the developer and making sure that the burial ground would be preserved and the upkeep placed under the homeowners association.

I visited the burial ground this morning to check on it, as we do periodically, and saw that your group has put up a new sign. This pleased me immensely as the old sign needed to be replaced. It looks as if the development is preserving the burial ground, but the earth definitely needs to be shored up on two sides where there is a 6' sheer embankment. Do you know if the developer is going to put a stone wall there, or a gentle grassy slope?

The GHS (www.germantownmdhistory.org) would like to be a part of your group and participate in whatever way our organization could be of value to your organization. We keep an archives of family records of Germantown families, photographs, and memorabilia. Please let us know how we can be of mutual assistance.

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Attachments:

Musser Cemetery2.PDF	129 KB
Musser Cemetery article 1986.PDF	228 KB