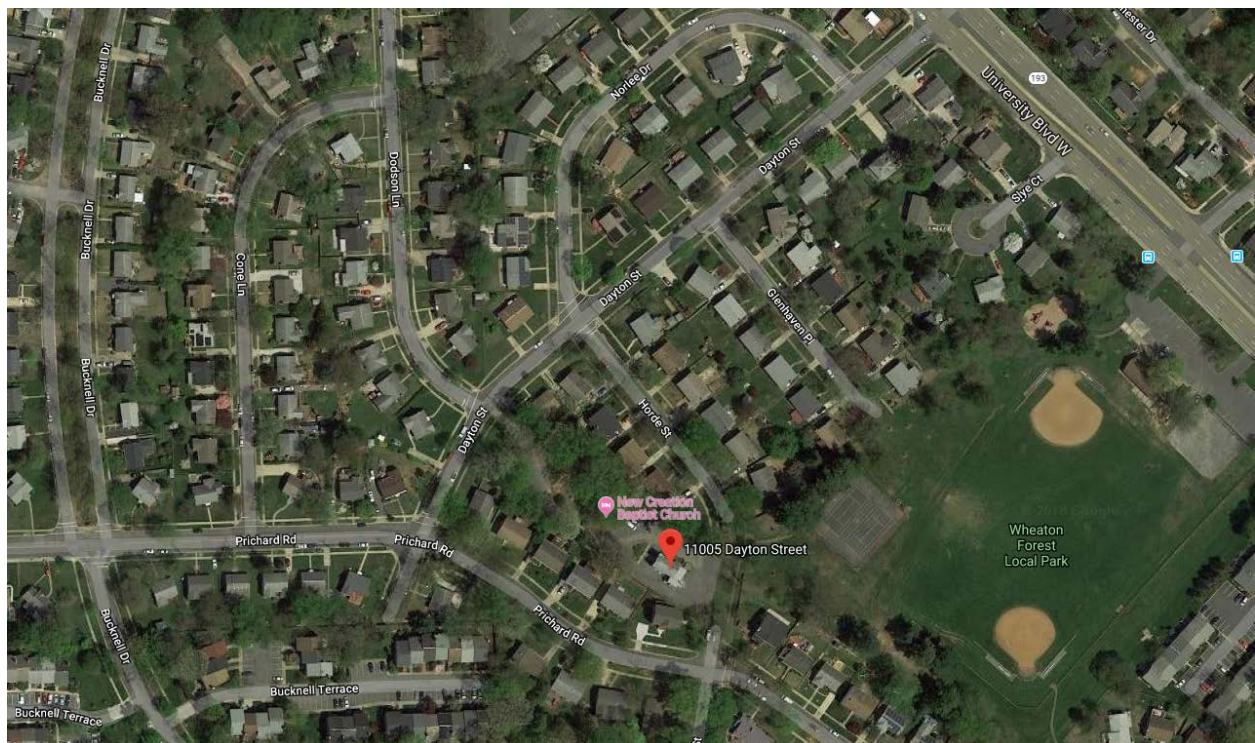
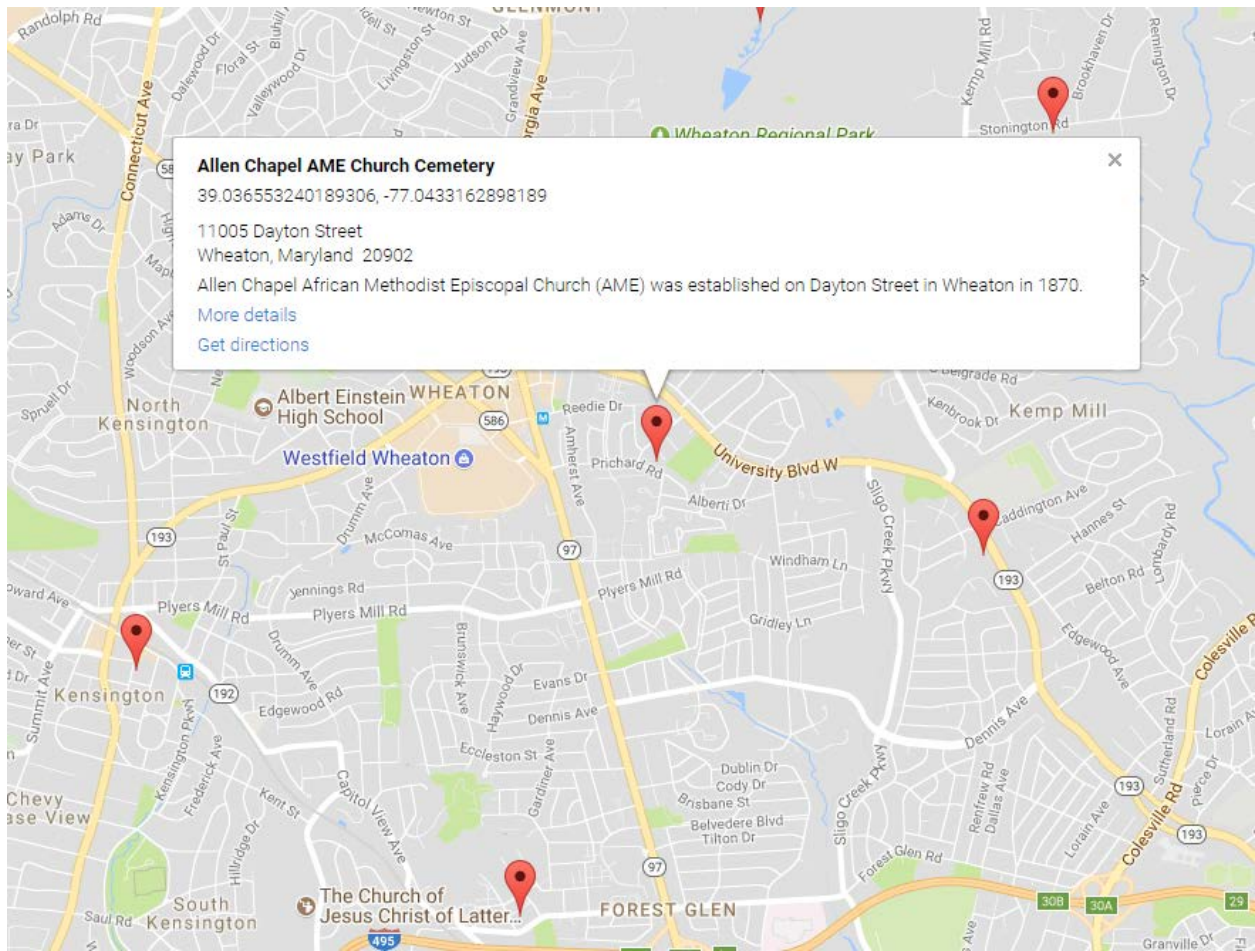




MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED		
BURIAL SITE INFORMATION		
Name: Allen Chapel AME Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 064	
Alternate name: New Creation Baptist Church		
Address: 11005 Dayton Street, Wheaton		
Website: http://www.newcreationmd.org/		
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.036841	Longitude: -77.043735	
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2646473		
BURIAL SITE TYPE		
Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input 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: 40	Date ranges: 1894–2000
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small, well-maintained cemetery located in front of the church building with commercial and handmade markers.• Fencing on north and south sides belong to residences bordering the cemetery.• Driveway from Dayton Street is the only access to the cemetery and church.• GPR done in 2012 to determine if other burial sites exist, prior to demolishing existing church to build new church.		
BURIAL SITE CONTACT		
Name: New Creation Church		
Relationship to burial site: Owner	Advocacy contact: Rev. Ella Redfield, pastor	
Address: 11005 Dayton Street		Phone: 301-649-6000
City: Silver Spring	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20902
BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR		
Name: Myra Coffield	Survey Date: 8/4/2018	Time spent: 15 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Myra Coffield, Tina Simmons, Gerri Kochan		
COMMENTS		
Suggestions for follow-up:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggest placing an interpretive sign for this cemetery		
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some grave markers are leaning due to sloped ground.• Fallen trees, weeds, and other types of debris are consciously tended to.		
Anything of significance about this cemetery?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unable to attend segregated churches, former slave Richard Allen sought to create his own church.• One of the prominent names in the cemetery is Gaither		
SOURCES		
Cite sources used and resources available:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral history provided by Charlotte Coffield.• Extensive research provided by Tina Simmons.		





Rev. Redfield said that, although the cemetery is not theirs, they do take care of it. She had no records as to whom was buried in the cemetery. In the near future New Creation Church plans to tear down the existing building and build a larger church. The church was concerned that there may be more graves than markers, so ground-penetrating radar (GPR) was done approximately six years ago. There is concern that the original cemetery may also be under the roadway and paved area around the church since the church formerly faced the opposite direction.

HISTORY

In 1870, a few dedicated people sought to establish a church for their community. Henry Walker, Jerry Gaither, and George Gaither organized themselves as trustees and set out to purchase land under the auspices of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America for the development of a church. William and Lucretia Batchelor agreed to sell them one acre of land for one hundred dollars in an area originally known as "Providence" located in Wheaton, Montgomery County, Maryland.

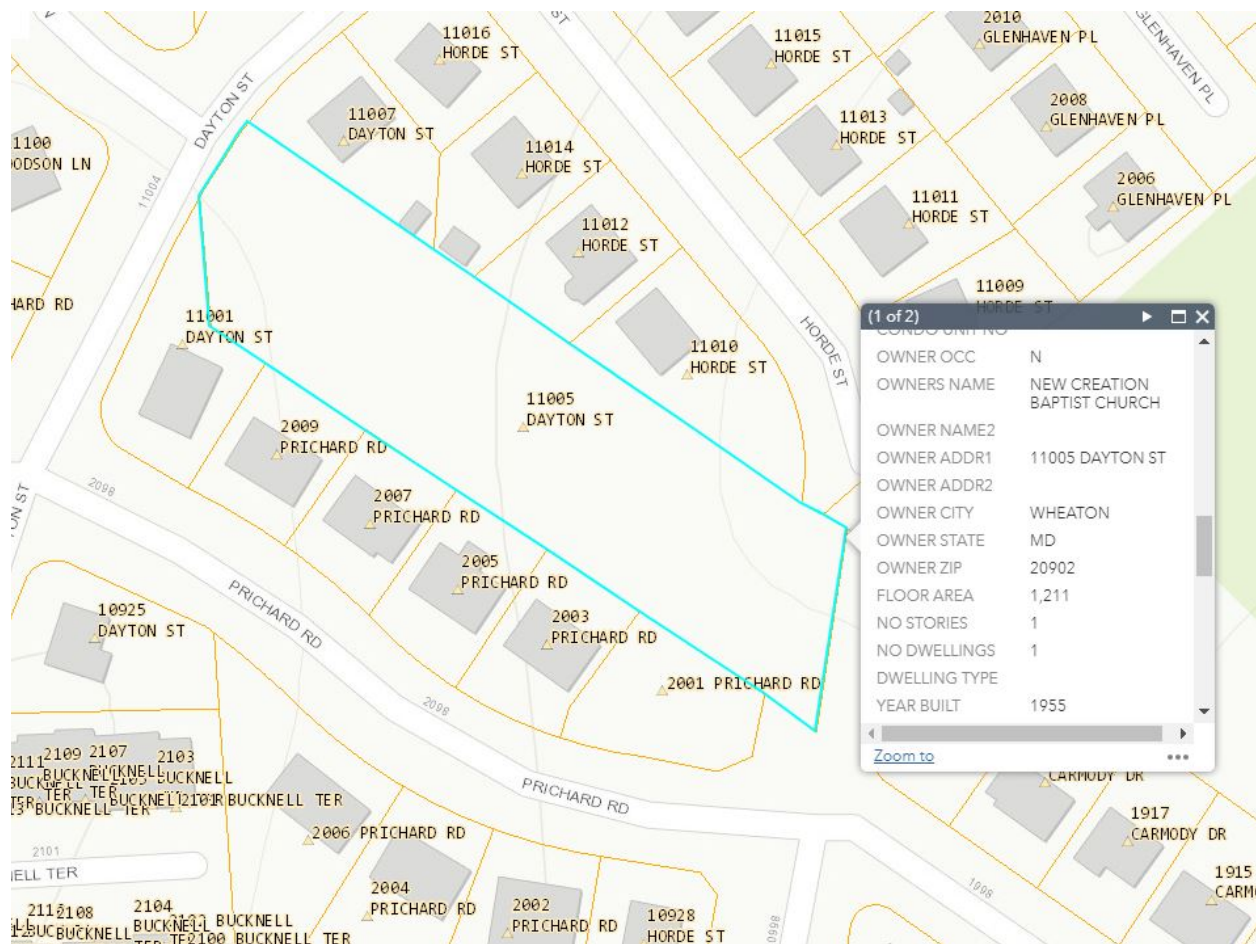
With a few members of the community, such as Augustus Dorsey and others, the foundation of the building was started in 1873. After toiling during the day making a living for their families, the members worked nights with the aid of lantern light. Then finally in 1875, the cornerstone was laid and the building was finished. The original structure was a single story frame building. The church was named ALLEN CHAPEL in honor of Richard Allen, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.).

In the 1890s, Allen Chapel AME was the mother church to many who traveled a distance to attend worship service there. Over time a number of them felt they were traveling too far, and needed a closer place to worship. That group went on to establish Lee Memorial A.M.E. Church in Kensington, MD, the offspring of its mother church, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in Wheaton, Maryland.

In 1957 a fire destroyed the roof, and the south most portion of Allen Chapel. The church was rebuilt and that basic structure still exists today.

In 2000, New creation Baptist Church presented an offer to buy Allen Chapel and its grounds. Reverend Dr. Ella Redfield and her sisters often attended Allen Chapel where their grandparents and great-grandparents worshiped and found a resting place in the church cemetery. Reverend Young and the Allen Chapel Trustees recommended to sell Allen to New Creation.

Source: <http://www.allenchapelame.org/about.html>



Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Allen Chapel AME Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 064
Photographer: Myra Coffield, Tina Simmons, Gerri Kochan		Date: 8/4/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
12:30 pm	1	Approach to cemetery from Dayton Street, facing east
	2	Center of cemetery, facing north
	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
	5	Church sign at Dayton Street
	6	Old, handmade grave marker
12:45 pm	7	Oldest known grave marker for Harriet Gaither, died 1894



1. Approach to cemetery from Dayton Street, facing east



2. Center of cemetery, facing north



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



5. Church sign at Dayton Street



6. Old, handmade grave marker



7. Oldest known grave marker for Harriet Gaither, died 1894