

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

ID: 66

Name: Ash Memorial Cemetery

Alternate name:

Address: 18700 block Chandlee Mill Rd.

Town: Sandy Spring

ADC Map Page 21 Grid K-5



Type
 Religious
 Family Community
 Private Community
 Other

Association
 Free black
 Enslaved Possible
 Ethnic
 Prehistoric

Setting Rural Urban Suburban Forested Other

Condition Excellent Good Fair Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) Neglect some dumping in rear, houses occupied in rear - Possible vandalism

Approximate no. of burials 400+ Date range of burials 1850s - Present

SEE REVERSE Description (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping, fence, paths and roads, etc.)

- MOWED - NO FENCE (with fence only on road, chain link)
 - Snowdens, grimes, jacksons
 - Some gravestones were damaged
 - plastic flowers, souvenirs, debris
 - a few trees + shrubs, mostly open field.
- Housing on the side behind cemetery

Surveyor(s) Cordi Leonard Survey date 3/27/04
Photographer Cordi Date 3/27/04 Photo no. 3 photos

Current owner _____
Address/Phone No. _____

Historic Status Locational Atlas ID _____ National Register
 Master Plan ID _____ Other _____

UTM 1 area GPS through drive & undeveloped area (see CA)

Additional sources of information:

- Photo log
- ① 3 cross graves
- ② Cast concrete graves
- ③ Overview of site

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ASH MEMORIAL CEMETERY
18700 BLOCK CHANDLEE MILL RD.
SANDY SPRING

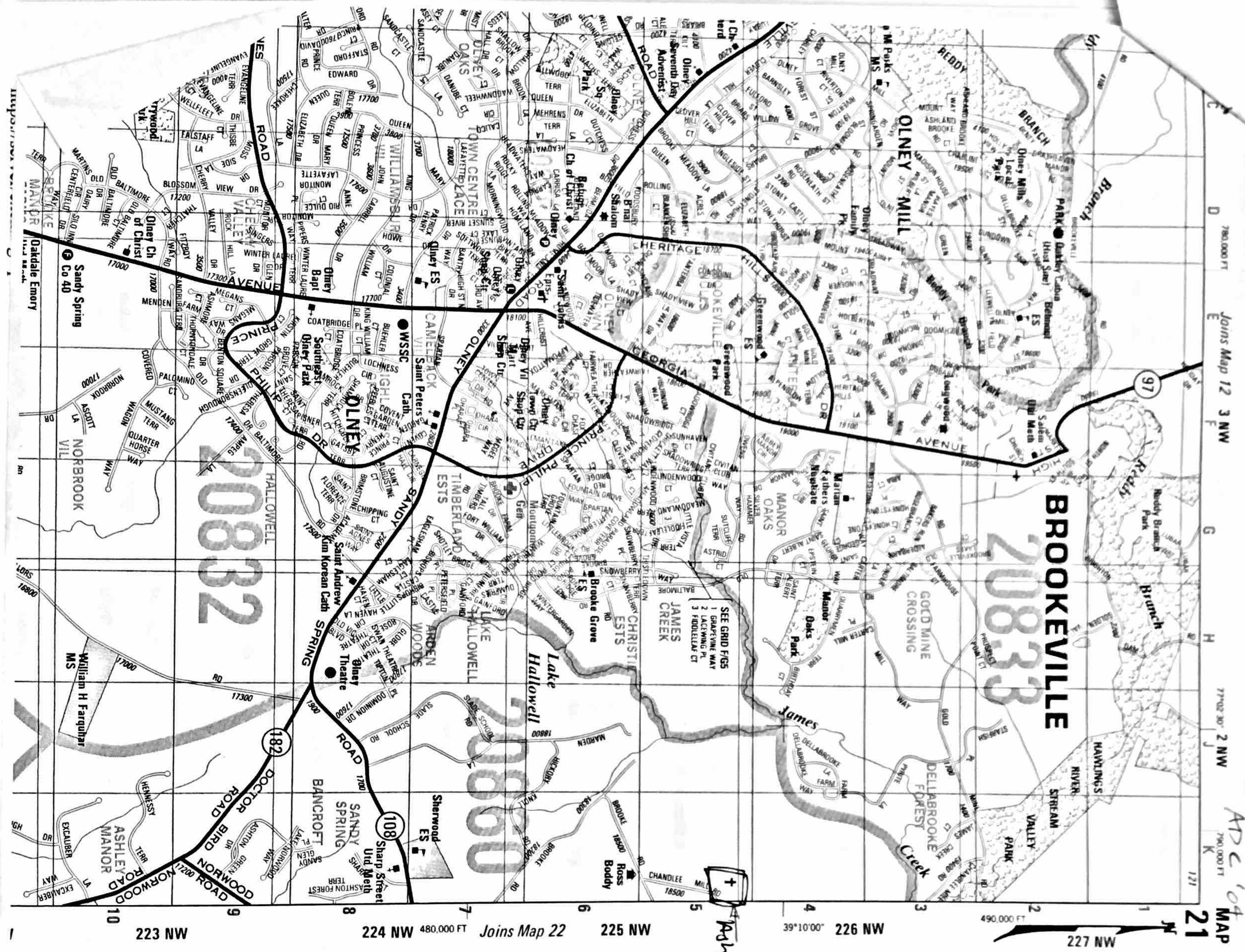


The cemetery had a main loop road, somewhat U-shaped as it came out onto Chandler Mill Road. The cemetery was not well kept, and vandalism was evident on ~~many~~^{many} of the tombstones.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes, possibly describing the cemetery's location or history.]

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 18700 BROOK CHANDLER MIL RD.
 SANDY SPRING

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 MAP 21

20832

BROOKVILLE
 20833

20860

780,000 FT
 Joins Map 12 3 NW

770,000 FT
 2 NW

790,000 FT
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223 NW

224 NW 480,000 FT Joins Map 22

225 NW

39°10'00" 226 NW

490,000 FT 227 NW

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MEMORIAL CEMETERY AT SANDY SPRING
Locations: Route 97 North, right on Route 108, left on Brook Road, left
on Chandler Mill Road, cemetery on left. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page
16, grid coordinates G-12.] Condition of cemetery: Well kept. Active
Veterans interred: WWI, WWII and other wars vets. Location of burial
records: Ash Memorial Cemetery office. Date transcribed: 1983. Location
of transcribed records: Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42
West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Comments: Over 400
marked graves, African-American cemetery.

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18700 BROOK CHANDLER HILL RD
SANDY SPRING

Pat Andersen

From: Jay Ormsby [jay.ormsby@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Tue 4/8/2008 1:31 PM
To: info@montgomeryhistory.org
Cc:
Subject: Ash Memorial Cemetery Sandy Spring, MD
Attachments:

Dear Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing in reference to the Ash Memorial Cemetery, its history, records, condition and maintenance. You see, a few months ago my wife & I purchased a residence bordering the cemetery in Sandy Spring. We absolutely fell in love with the area, location and community but also recognized Ash Memorial Cemetery's state of despair. My wife and I have an interest in cleaning up the property and restoration, offering to utilize some of our personal funds to do so.

Some information I have gathered thus far includes:

- The Beautification Club of Sandy Spring, Inc. appears as the property owner on the plat but there is no record of this organization with the State of Maryland
- Our Realtor informed us the cemetery is owned by the Maryland Aid Society for which little information is available & founding members are elderly.
- The Snowden Funeral Home located in Rockville is caring for the cemetery
- No Perpetual Care Trust for Ash Memorial Cemetery has been established
- I have contacted the Snowden Funeral Home on numerous occasions to discuss the care, maintenance and restoration of the Ash Memorial Cemetery with no response to date.
- I have offered to mow & clean-up the cemetery if the Snowden Funeral Home would designate a portion of the expenses into a Perpetual Care Trust for the Ash Memorial Cemetery.

I have produced a property report and photographic survey which has been forwarded to the Snowden Funeral Home. Much of what I'm interested in taking responsibility for is mentioned (below) as tasks for which the proposed Cemetery Board would be responsible for. What is the status of the Cemetery Board and may I be involved? I have an engineering degree, teach at Montgomery College and possess a strong construction & surveying background which will prove useful in mapping/surveying/record keeping/maintaining/restoring cemeteries.

Some of the important tasks that need to be addressed by a cemetery board are as follows:

- *Create a cemetery register, including criteria for listing in the register*
- *Identify owners using land and tax records*
- *Record location of cemeteries with the Maryland Department of Assessments*
- *Outreach to owners with information on the importance of maintaining cemeteries on their property, and instructing them on how to do it*
- *Make the Inventory information and map web accessible*
- *Disseminate information about the Inventory via the internet, press releases, and/or a publication*
- *Maintain and update the existing Cemetery Preservation Watch List*
- *Working with existing laws and planning processes, develop preservation strategies such as developing an Adopt-a-Cemetery program, where a community organization would be responsible for an individual cemetery's upkeep*
- *Meet with the HPC regarding possible designations of historically significant cemeteries*

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 SANDY SPRING

- *Sponsor public workshops on the proper techniques to clean stones, reset markers, or research the history of a cemetery, among other topics*
- *Provide technical advice to cemetery owners, put them on a schedule for regular maintenance, and provide funds for stone or fence restoration*
- *Establish a fund for assistance in maintenance and repair*

Is there anyone within Montgomery County and/or The Historic Preservation Commission whom I may meet or speak with regarding the Ash Memorial Cemetery as well as cemeteries across the county? Does Montgomery County and/or the Historic Preservation Commission have jurisdiction or authority in granting permission to access/care/clean-up/restore cemeteries?

I look forward to discussing this subject further in honor of those resting in Ash Memorial Cemetery and their families. A positive observation is the cemetery is very active with visitors and evident by the many flowers brightening the cemetery.

Please advise,
Jay Ormsby
18810 Chandlee Mill Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

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