

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel Inventory Number: M:11-6-3

Address: Main Street and Woodfield Road City: Damascus Zip Code: 20872

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Damascus

Owner: Damascus Methodist Church Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: 42 Tax Map Number: FY Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Woodfield Road (CR 124) Extension Agency: Mo. Co. Dept. of Pub. Wrks. And Transp.

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Resources Determination of Eligibility Report-Woodfield Rd.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery and Boyer Chapel are located on the west side of Woodfield Road. The headstones are laid in rows and number approximately 180. The stones consist of granite, marble and sandstone. The headstones date from 1869 to the present. Common names are Moxley, Duvalls, Watkins, Poole, Clodfelter, Mullineaux, Beall, and Offutt. The Boyer Chapel (built in 1952) is a one-story, three-bay-wide and three-bay-long stone-faced building with a gable end façade. The Damascus Methodist Church congregation was established circa 1822. The original structure was irreparably damaged in 1899. The second structure was constructed behind the location of the first church in 1900. This building was replaced by the current church building located on the opposite side of Woodfield Road. In 1960 the church Education Center was constructed on the site of the original church building. The Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel are not associated with an event or pattern of events significant on the national, state, or local level and are not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A. They are not associated with a significant person and are not eligible under Criterion B. The cemetery and chapel do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a significant style or method of construction and are not eligible under Criterion C.

Prepared by: Geoffrey B. Henry ✓

Date Prepared: February 2003

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Tom Tarlenton ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

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Date

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Damascus Methodist Cemetery
Woodfield Road

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Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel
Woodfield Road, west side, south of Main Street

Damascus

1870s-Present

Private

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M:11-6-3

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery and Boyer Chapel

other

2. Location

street and number Main Street and Woodfield Road N/A not for publication

city, town Damascus ___ vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Damascus Methodist Church

street and number telephone

city, town Damascus state MD zip code 20872

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 214 folio 119

city, town Rockville tax map FY tax parcel 42 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

The Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery and Boyer Chapel are located on the west side of Woodfield Road. The headstones are laid in rows and number approximately 217. The stones consist of granite, marble and sandstone. The headstones date from 1869 to the present. Common names are Moxley, Duvalls, Watkins, Poole, Clodfelter, Mullineaux, Beall, and Offutt. The Boyer Chapel, located at the northwest corner of the cemetery, is a one-story, three-bay-wide and three-bay-long stone-faced building with a gable end façade. The cemetery and chapel are in good condition.

Architectural Description

The Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery is located on the west side of Woodfield Road (Route 124), just south of its intersection with Main Street (Route 108) in downtown Damascus. The cemetery consists of 2.87 acres and is partially fenced. The property is planted with small clumps of cedar trees at scattered locations. The headstones are laid in rows and number approximately 217. The stones consist of granite, marble and sandstone. The headstones date from 1869 to the present, with most dating from after 1920. Common names are Moxley, Duvalls, Watkins, Poole, Clodfelter, Mullineaux, Beall, and Offutt. Most headstones feature no decorative carving, although older headstones from the 1870s and 1880s feature carved willow, angel, or praying hand designs. There are no mausoleums or large multiple markers present. The cemetery is in good condition and is well maintained.

The Boyer Chapel is located at the northwest corner of the cemetery property. Built in 1952, it is a one-story, three-bay-wide and three-bay-long building with a gable end façade. There is a rounded bay with metal roof and clustered 8/8 sash windows on the south gable end. The building is faced with stone laid in irregular courses. The central entrance has a batten door with iron strap hinges. Above this is a round window. The other windows have 1/1 double-hung sash. There is a stone cross atop the chapel on the north. The date plaque is inscribed: "This chapel is built to memorialize the life of George Milton Boyer for his diligent and faithful service to God and his fellow man. Presented in 1954 to Damascus Methodist Church by his son Milton McKendree Boyer, M.D."

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1952 (Chapel)

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

History

The Damascus Methodist Church congregation was established circa 1822. It met outside Damascus until 1870, when the first church building in town was constructed on a lot adjoining the present cemetery. The original structure was irreparably damaged in a hail storm in 1899. The second structure was constructed behind the location of the first church in 1900. Additions followed in 1932 and 1948. This building was replaced by the current church building located on the opposite side of Woodfield Road. In 1960 the church Education Center was constructed on the site of the original church building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. M:11-6-3

Montgomery County Deed Records: Liber 214, folio 259 and Liber 242, folio 229

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.87
Acreage of historical setting 2.87
Quadrangle name Damascus

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

The cemetery boundaries are shown on Montgomery County tax map FY, parcel 42. The boundaries enclose the area historically associated with burials by the Methodist church congregation.

11. Form Prepared by

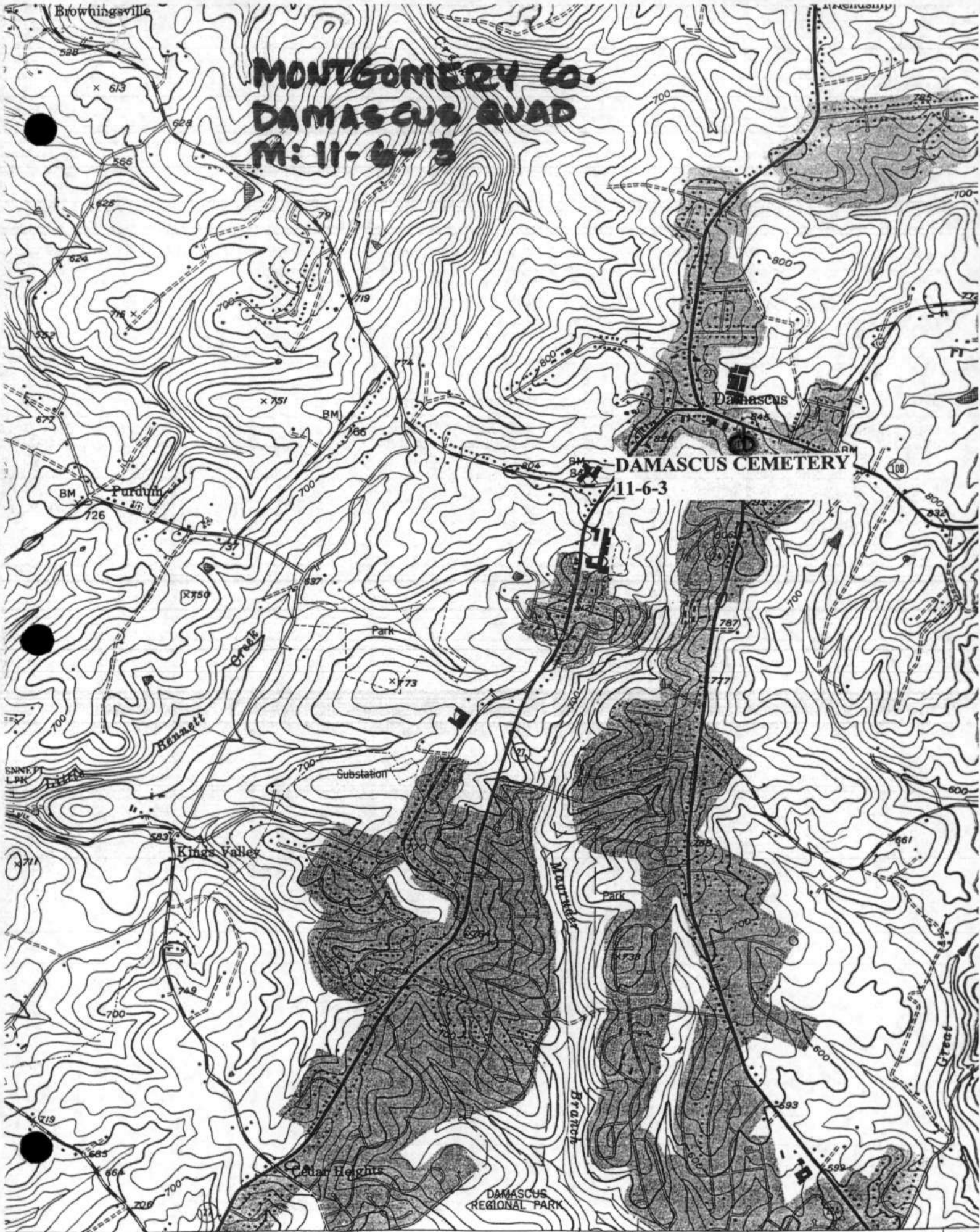
name/title	Geoffrey B. Henry, Lead Architectural Historian		
organization	GAI Consultants, Inc.	date	November 2002
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city or town	Monroeville	state	PA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MONTGOMERY CO. DAMASCUS QUAD M: 11-6-3



1000 FEET
307 CEDAR GROVE 0.4 MI. 1308 12°30' WOODFIELD 0.5 MI. GAITHERSBURG 10 MI. (GAITHE 5562 SCALE



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DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY
MONTGOMERY

G. HENRY 11/02

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LOOKING NW, BOYER CHAPTER IN
BACKGROUND

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BOYER CHAPEL, DAMASCUS METHODIST
CEMETERY

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LOOKING SOUTH

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