



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

### BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: <b>Hawlings River Chapel of Ease Cemetery</b>	Inventory ID: <b>092</b>
Alternate name:	
Address: <b>Vicinity of 5600 Sundown Road, Laytonsville</b>	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: <b>39.21839</b>	Longitude: <b>-77.10458</b>
FindaGrave: <a href="https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2671214">https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2671214</a>	

### BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Religious</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <b>Episcopal</b>
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### BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Rural</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wooded</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Poor</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>By foot</b> <input type="checkbox"/> By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: <b>4</b>	Date ranges: <b>1862–1898</b>

Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)

- Use pull-off on north side opposite 5600 Sundown Road. Park and walk west up hill between woods and corn field
- Cemetery is in a wooded area and extremely overgrown.
- Bell and Cashell family plot is enclosed by wrought iron fence, with carved grave markers.
- Burial sites to the east of the enclosed area are evident: fieldstones, depressions, periwinkle, groundhog holes.
- Church members planted spirea around the fenced area.

### BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: <b>St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church</b>		
Relationship to burial site:	Advocacy contact:	
Address: <b>21611 Laytonsville Road</b>	Phone: <b>301-355-7189</b>	
City: <b>Laytonsville</b>	State: <b>MD</b>	ZIP Code: <b>20882</b>

### BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: <b>Glenn Wallace &amp; Eileen McGuckian</b>	Survey Date: <b>8/7/2018</b>	Time spent: <b>25 min</b>
Address:		Phone:
Email: <a href="mailto:mococems@gmail.com">mococems@gmail.com</a>		
Photographer: <b>Glenn Wallace</b>		

### COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- Work with St. Bartholomew's to research history, acquire burial lists, etc.
- Revisit in the winter to clean up and conduct GPR for better visibility of graves

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:

- Considerable vegetation, depressions, field stones to trip over, groundhog holes – safety and conservation concerns.

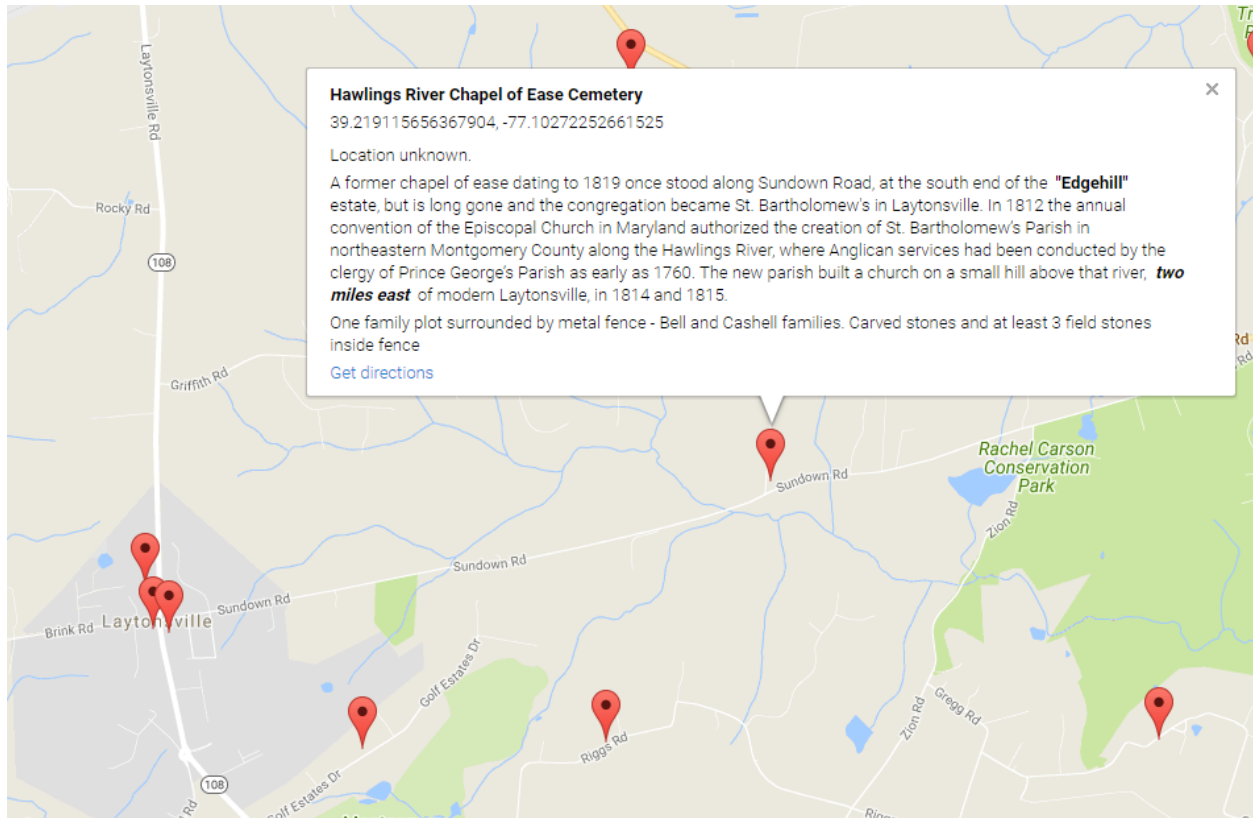
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

- On this site are the remains of the unused chapel foundations, roughly 30' x 30' that was dynamited c. 1900.

### SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

- <https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2023-17.pdf>
- "Places from the Past," Cavicchi, p. 99





## History

In 1758, a petition of many progenitors of families from this area, addressed to Governor Sharp, was submitted under the heading of Prince George and Frederick parish, Hawlings River Chapel. It reads, "This petition, therefore, most humbly prayeth that his Excellency and the honorable the Upper and Lower House of Assembly would be graciously pleased to pass an act to empower the commissioners of Frederick and Prince George parish to levy such sum of money as to their honors it may appear sufficient for erecting a new chapel—called Chapel of Ease—to be located upon or near the branch of the Patuxent, commonly called Hawlings River, and to his Excellency and their honors the petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray." It was signed by William Waters, Thomas Riggs, Elisha Riggs, Robert Owen, Thomas Davis, Benjamin Gaither, Stephen Gatherill, Aaron Gatherill, Richard Clarke, Henry Luke, Jr., ancestors of the large Brown family, Josiah Holland, John Holland and many others whose descendants cannot now be traced. Consent was given, and a chapel erected very near the site of the present St. Luke's church, Crowtown. All traces of the building are gone, and with the exception of Mr. William Brown, who was baptized in the church, there is probably no one in the neighborhood who remembers the edifice.

In 1744(?) the Maryland assembly declared this building an official chapel of ease to enable the parish's vestry, or governing board, to properly support it, having been informed that it "is more convenient to the Majority of the Parishioners than the Parish Church."

Around 1760, Anglicans, in what later became St. Bartholomew's Parish, began holding worship services in a chapel room at Prospect Hill, the home near the Hawlings River of John Holland, who had recently arrived from England. Although a petition submitted to the Assembly in 1760 to have this house supported as a chapel of ease and a 1761 petition to have the parish build a new chapel of ease along the Hawlings River both failed to convince Maryland legislators to act, the parish's ministers made a practice of conducting services for the Hawlings River congregation.

Sources:

History of Western Maryland: <https://books.google.com/books?id=ntVpHBlz0hAC&pg=PA745>  
<http://saintbartholomews.org/about-us/st-bartholomews-history/>



## Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: <b>Hawlings River Chapel of Ease Cemetery</b>		Inventory ID: <b>092</b>
Photographer: <b>Glenn Wallace</b>		Date: <b>8/6/2018</b>
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
10:05 am	1	Access up hill to cemetery in woods on left, facing west
	2	Approach to enclosed cemetery in woods, facing south
	3	Panoramic of enclosed cemetery from south to west to north
	4	Private family plot enclosed by wrought iron fence, facing west
	5	Numerous field stones, periwinkle, gopher holes, facing north
	6	Enclosed cemetery surrounded by field stones, from chapel location
10:30 am	7	Former footprint of the Chapel of Ease



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**3. Panoramic of enclosed cemetery from south to west to north**





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