



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

### BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: <b>Hermon Presbyterian Church Cemetery</b>	Inventory ID: <b>093</b>
Alternate name: Dowling Memorial Cemetery	County ID: <b>M: 29-37</b>
Address: <b>7801 Persimmon Tree Lane, Bethesda</b>	
Website: <a href="http://www.thehermonchurch.org/">http://www.thehermonchurch.org/</a>	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: <b>38.988216</b>	Longitude: <b>-77.174445</b>
FindaGrave: <a href="https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2366303">https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2366303</a>	

### BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: ☒ **Religious** ☐ Community ☐ Family ☐ African American ☐ Other:

### BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Suburban</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Excellent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>By foot</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>By car</b>	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input type="checkbox"/> No (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>54</b>	Date ranges: <b>1880–2013</b>
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• <b>Well-maintained grounds</b>		
• <b>Backs up to Congressional Golf Course, separated by a line of trees</b>		

### BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: <b>Hermon Presbyterian Church</b>		
Relationship to burial site: <b>Owner</b>	Advocacy contact: <b>Rev. Ruth Everhart</b>	
Address: <b>7801 Persimmon Tree Lane</b>		Phone: <b>301-365-4454</b>
City: <b>Bethesda</b>	State: <b>MD</b>	ZIP Code: <b>20817</b>

### BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

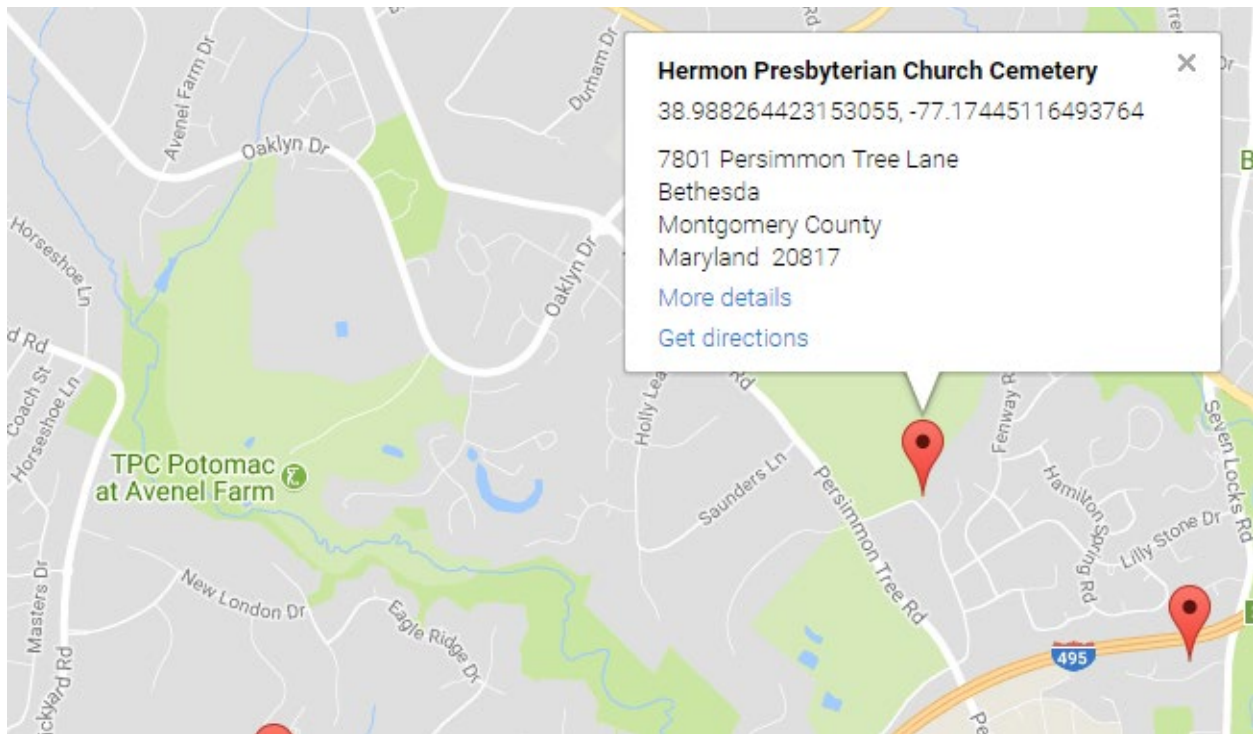
Name: <b>Jeff Miller</b>	Survey Date: <b>1/26/2018</b>	Time spent:
Email:	Photographer: <b>Jeff Miller</b>	

### COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• <b>Church website mentions possibly adding a columbarium because the cemetery is almost full</b>
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• <b>N/A</b>
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• <b>N/A</b>

### SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• <a href="https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2029-37.pdf">https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2029-37.pdf</a>



The original deed by which [Thomas](#) and [Amanda Dowling](#)—dated June 11, 1874—gave the land for the church provided that the land was "under no circumstances to be used for the purpose of a burying ground." By 1909, however, the land in the rear of the church was set apart and laid out for a burying ground with the cooperation of the Dowling family. The land was officially released from the conditions imposed in the original deed on July 12, 1911 when the heirs of Mrs. Dowling recorded her intentions in Montgomery County Deed Book 222, pg. 253. The cemetery is still known as the Dowling Memorial Cemetery, though the Dowlings are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Washington DC.

## **Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory** **Photograph Log**

<b>Cemetery Name: Hermon Presbyterian Church Cemetery</b>		<b>Inventory ID: 093</b>
<b>Photographer: Jeff Miller</b>		<b>Date: 1/26/2018</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Photo No.</b>	<b>Description and direction you are facing</b> (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
12:10 pm	1	View from Persimmon Tree Lane, facing north
12:11 pm	2	View to cemetery behind church, facing north
12:12 pm	3	Approach to cemetery beside church, facing north
12:14 pm	4	Panoramic from west to north to east
12:15 pm	5	Panoramic from east to south to west
12:17 pm	6	View toward center of cemetery, facing north-west
12:18 pm	7	View toward back of church, facing east
12:20 pm	8	View of cemetery, facing south



**1. View from Persimmon Tree Lane, facing north**

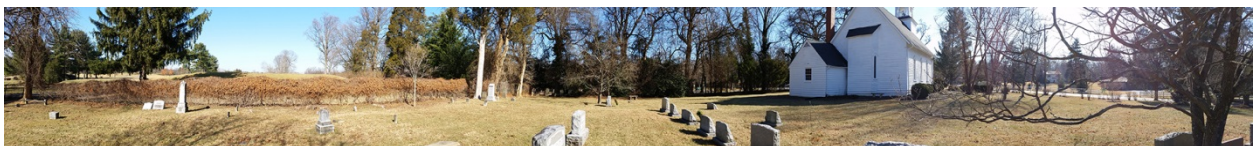




**2. View to cemetery behind church, facing north**



**3. Approach to cemetery beside church, facing north**



**4. Panoramic from west to north to east**





**5. Panoramic from east to south to west**



**6. View toward center of cemetery, facing north-west**



**7. View toward back of church, facing east**





**8. View of cemetery, facing south**