



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Howard Chapel Cemetery	Inventory ID: 094
Alternate name:	
Address: Corner of Howard Chapel Road & Elton Farm Road, Brookeville, MD 20833	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.239688	Longitude: -77.070887
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2143266	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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: 1834–1942
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• 1.25-acre cemetery located at northwest corner of intersection.		
• Forested with a magnificent tree canopy within the Patuxent River State Park.		
• Slightly random placement of graves.		
• Number of family plot corner markers.		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: State of Maryland, Dept. of Natural Resources – Forest Service		
Relationship to burial site:		Advocacy contact:
Address: Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue		Phone: 1-877-620-8367
City: Annapolis	State: MD	ZIP Code: 21401

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

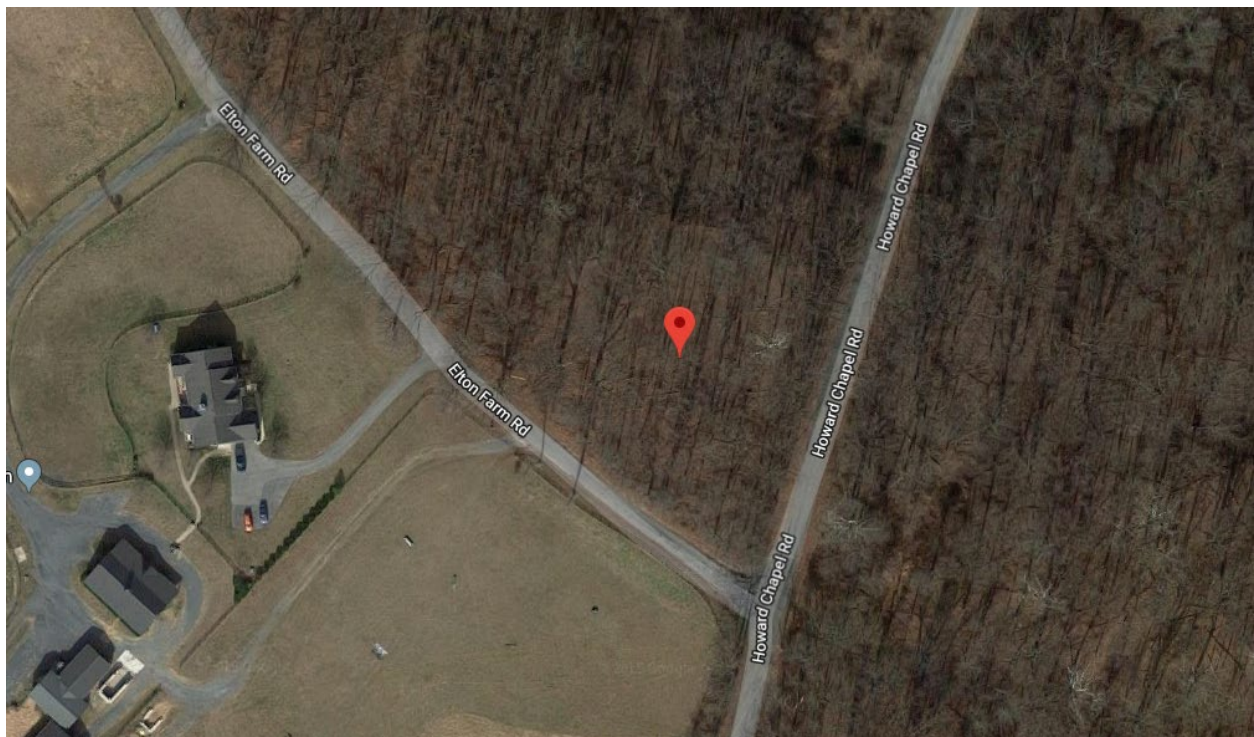
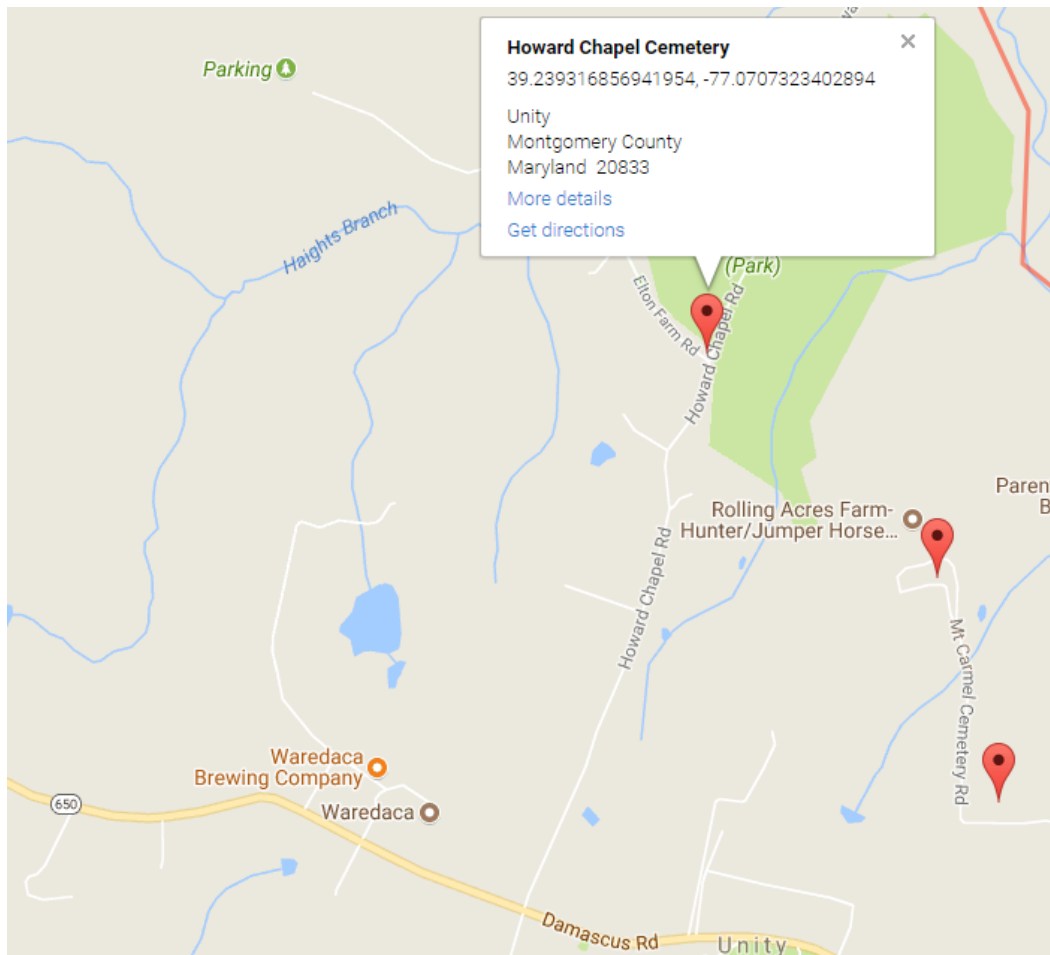
Name: Glenn Wallace and Eileen McGuckian	Survey Date: 8/7/2018	Time spent: 25 min
Address:		Phone:
Email: mococems@gmail.com		
Photographer:		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Stone conservation work needed
• Remove dead trees throughout property. Limbs will fall and damage stones.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Gopher holes, depressions, numerous large unhealthy trees.
• Giant, dead maple tree in center of cemetery needs to be removed before it falls
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Association with Howard family, free family before the Civil War.
• On this site was a school (opened in 1879) and a Methodist church (in use until 1930, that burned in 1976).
• A strong historically-established African American community in this area. Master Plan site 23/11.

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2023-11.pdf
• Cavicchi, p. 122-3.



Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Howard Chapel Cemetery		Inventory ID: 094
Photographer: Glenn Wallace		Date: 10/6/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
1:00 pm	1	Cemetery sign along Howard Chapel Road, facing west
	2	Approach to cemetery, facing west
	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
	5	View from west border of cemetery toward Howard Chapel Rd, facing east
1:10 pm	6	Giant, dead maple tree that needs to be removed before it falls
	7	Howard Chapel. Built in 1889. Burned down in 1976.



1. Cemetery sign along Howard Chapel Road, facing west



2. Approach to cemetery, facing west



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



5. View from west border of cemetery toward Howard Chapel Rd, facing east



6. Giant, dead maple tree that needs to be removed before it falls



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