



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Mount Calvary A.U.M.P. Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 107
Alternate name:	
Address: 16400 Batson Road, Spencerville	
Website: https://sites.google.com/site/mtcalvaryaump/	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.124739	Longitude: -76.964970
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2487866	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: **Religious** Community Family **African American** Other: **Methodist**

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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: 25	Date ranges: ? - 1965

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

- **Located behind church in wooded area.**
- **Markers made of cement with inserted metal letters, small white crosses, and field stones throughout**
- **Small, low-pipe fenced area with 5 graves**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Conference of African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact:
Address: 16400 Batson Road		Phone:
City: Spencerville	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20868

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Vivian Eicke	Survey Date: 2/15/2018	Time spent: 15 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Vivian Eicke		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- **N/A**

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

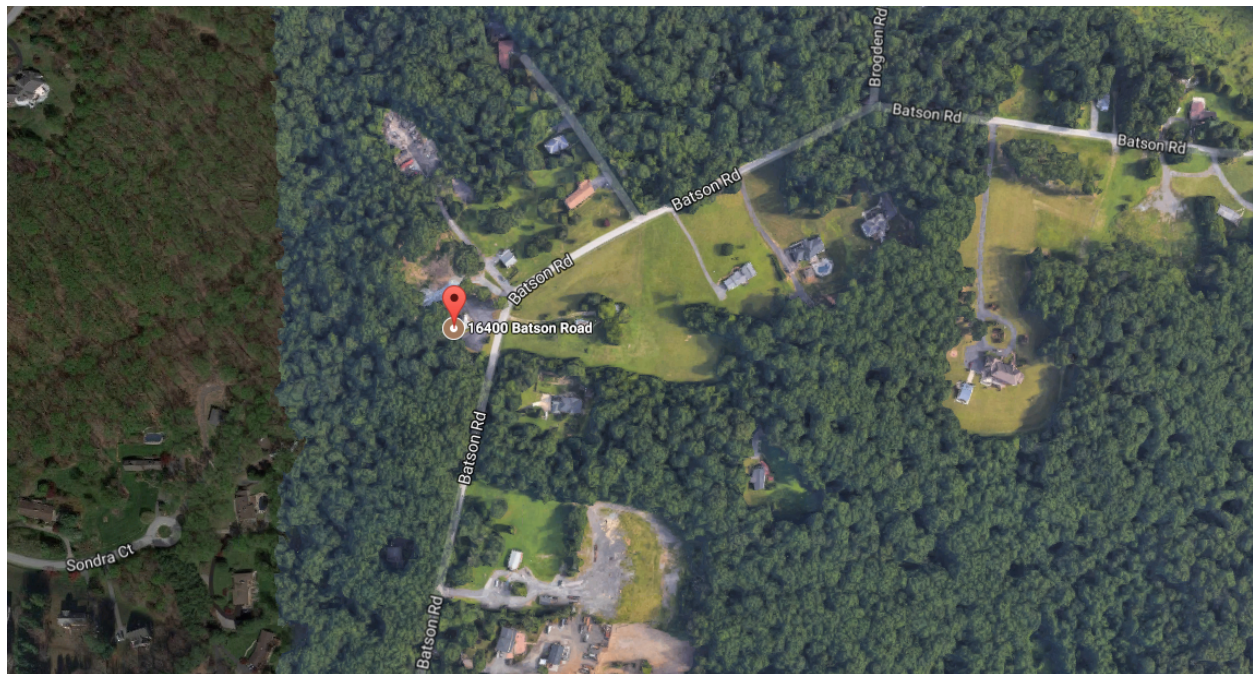
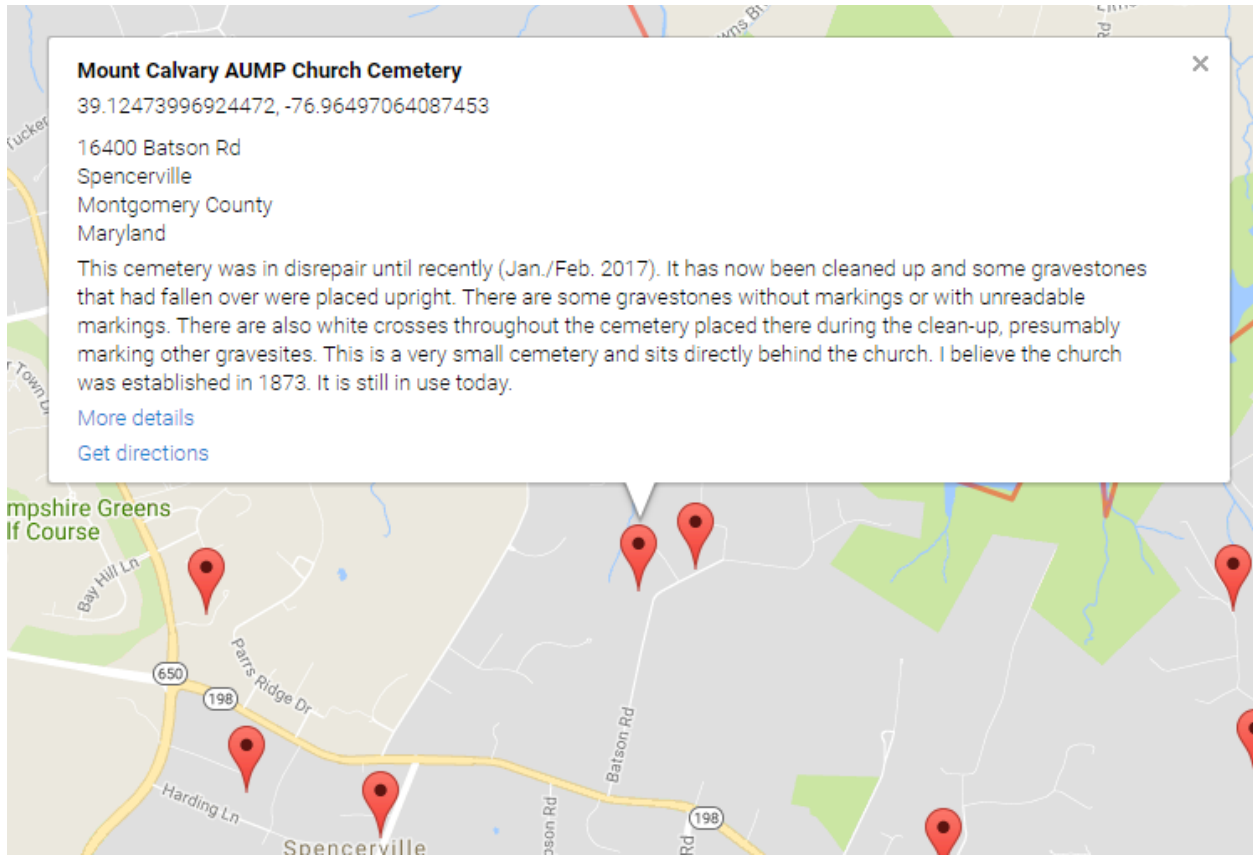
- **N/A**

Anything of significance about this cemetery?

- **N/A**

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:





Mount Calvary Church (Heritage Montgomery.org)

Freed men and women, aided by local Quakers, settled in the Spencerville area before the end of the Civil War. Black men hired out as farm laborers and teamsters, while the women worked on area dairy farms and raised poultry. The Mt. Calvary congregation was organized in 1872 through the efforts of George L. Bowen, a trustee who purchased land for the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant (AUMP) Church. Formed in 1813 with congregations in the Mid-Atlantic States, AUMP was an early African American independently controlled denomination. The first frame meetinghouse, located across Batson Road, was destroyed by fire in the 1950s. Within a few years, Rev. Robert Jones led construction of the current church, which was built of cinderblock covered with stucco, on two levels with a gable front entrance and vestibule. A school for African American children opened in 1874 to serve nearby settlements known as Round Oak, Batson Road, Brogden Road, Oak Hill, and Good Hope. In the 1920s, residents donated money, materials, and land to match funds from the Rosenwald Foundation to build a new schoolhouse, which served the community until 1951. After being used as a recreation center for 20 years, the County demolished the building and kept the property as a local park. Social activities in Spencerville centered around the churches and the school. Negro American Legion League baseball was popular, as were dances, horse shows, and games. Descendants of original families still reside in the area. A small graveyard behind the church contains about 20 marked burial sites dated from 1850 to 1975, with family names such as Carter and Dublin.

Source: <http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/community-cornerstones-brochure.pdf>

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Mount Calvary A.U.M.P. Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 107
Photographer: Vivian Eicke		Date: 2/15/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
2:38 pm	1	Cemetery entrance to the left of the church, facing east
2:39 pm	2	Center of cemetery from the parking lot, facing east
2:44 pm	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
2:44 pm	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
2:48 pm	5	Metal pipe fence surrounding burial plot



1. Cemetery entrance to the left of the church, facing east



2. Center of cemetery from the parking lot, facing east



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



5. Metal pipe fence surrounding burial plot