



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 110
Alternate name: Mt Pleasant ME South Church Cemetery	
Address: Just south of 22700 Mt. Ephraim Road, Dickerson	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.227061	Longitude: -77.416790
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/81236	

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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: 50
Date ranges: 1893–1958	
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)	
• 2-acre cemetery lies at summit of a gentle hill adjacent to road.	
• Two sections of grave stones, in between which was located Mt. Pleasant M.E. Church, South 1888-1940s.	
• North section is larger, with obelisk, cedar trees, large maple, many family lot markers.	
• South section has fewer graves, some stones near huge maple close to road.	

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Methodist Church South at Dickerson	
Relationship to burial site: Owner	Advocacy contact: Scott & Kara Conlin, neighbors
Address:	Phone:
City:	State:
	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

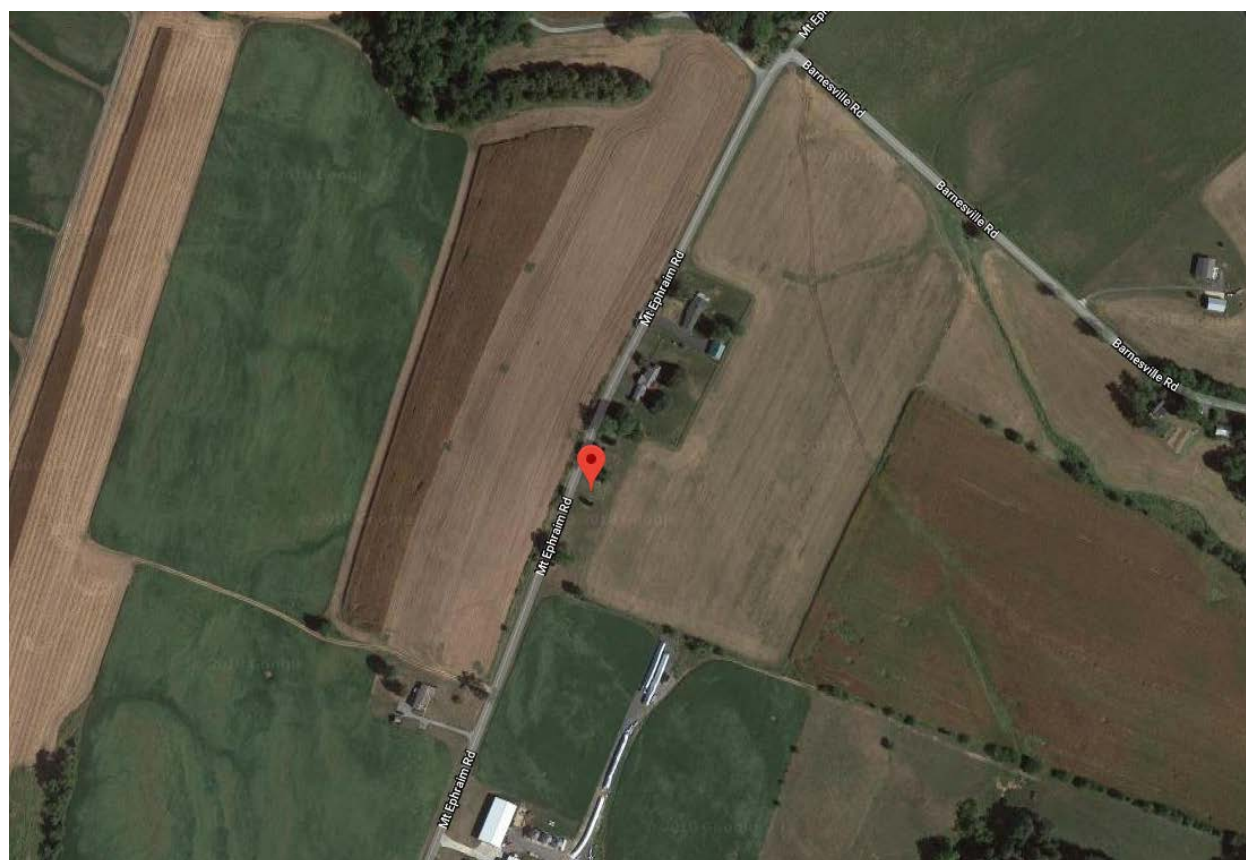
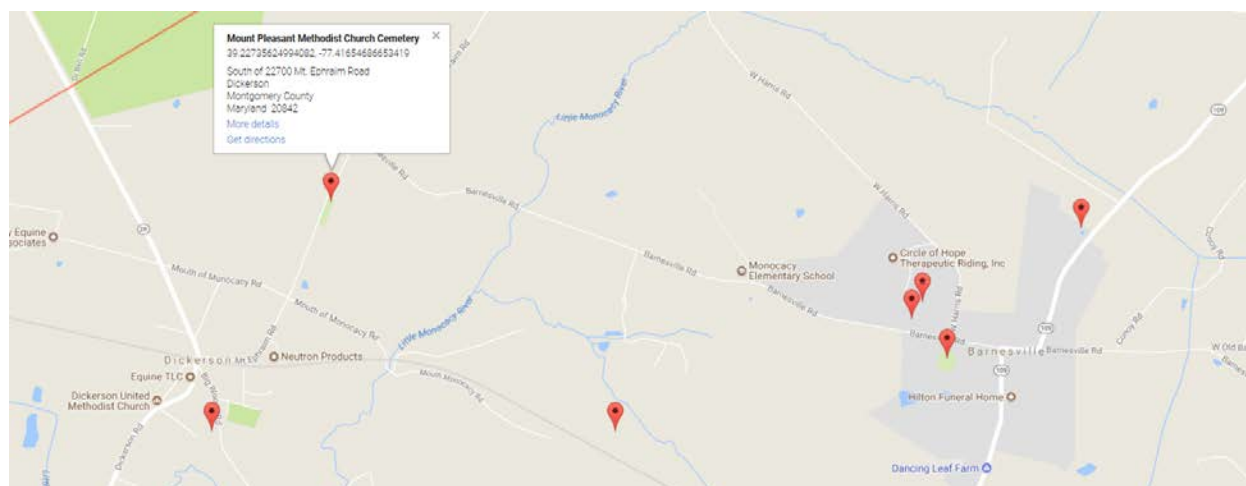
Name: Glenn Wallace, Eileen McGuckian, Jenson Jones	Survey Date: 8/6/2018	Time spent: 30 min
Address:	Phone:	
Email: mococems@gmail.com		
Photographer: Glenn Wallace, Jenson Jones		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Neighbors to the north have been mowing, but now a service comes in once a month.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Fallen tree on south area
• Sink holes throughout
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Established 1887 for congregation in small railroad community, still in use.

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• Sugarloaf Regional Trails research, site 12/20. History of Dickerson UM Church.
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2012-21.pdf



While residents supported a variety of Christian denomination churches in the Medley District, the only church building erected within the bounds of Dickerson was Methodist. As early as 1783, Methodists heard Francis Asbury preach at Sugar Loaf Mountain Chapel (M: 10/70). A century later, they organized Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church South (M: 12/20), built a church on Mt. Ephraim Road, and opened a burying ground. This property is located 3/4 mile east of Dickerson. In 1930, the congregation opted to move into town, to a new edifice on land donated by Standard Lime and Stone Company with the understanding that no cemetery would be located there. Townspeople supported the church through strawberry festivals, cake sales, and oyster suppers. Dickerson families such as Roberson, Matthews, and Meem are long-time members. Over the years the church, known today as Dickerson Methodist Church, served numerous community and social functions. Some families still use the Mt. Pleasant burying ground, but now most Dickerson families bury loved ones in cemeteries in Beallsville or Barnesville.

Source: J. Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. 1, 1882 (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, reprinted 1968), 726; MIHP form Mt. Pleasant M.E. Church South (site) and Cemetery (2008); Dickerson United Methodist Church, 50th anniversary booklet, 1980. MacMaster, Remembrance, 69.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

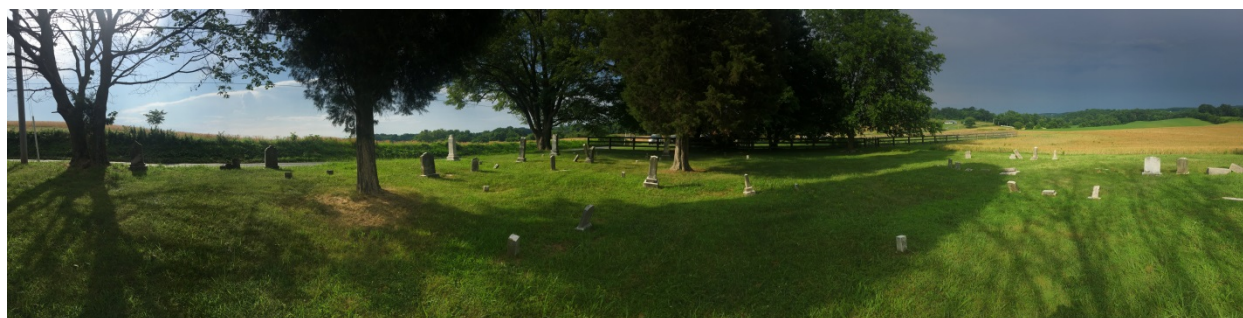
Cemetery Name: Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 110
Photographer: Glenn Wallace, Jenson Jones		Date: 8/6/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
10:00 am	1	Cemetery sign off Mt. Ephraim Road, facing east
	2	Northern cemetery, facing north
	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
	5	Southern cemetery, facing south
	6	Southern cemetery, unmarked graves, facing west
10:30 am	7	Private family burial area, facing west



1. Cemetery sign off Mt. Ephraim Road, facing east



2. Northern cemetery, facing north



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



5. Southern cemetery, facing south



6. Southern cemetery, unmarked graves, facing west



7. Private family burial area, facing west