



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Oak Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 119
Alternate name:	
Address: 20400 Zion Road, Laytonsville	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.191414	Longitude: -77.101923
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2441048	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: ☒ Rural ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban ☒ Wooded ☐ Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ None		
Is there a formal entrance? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Accessibility: ☐ Inaccessible ☐ By foot ☒ By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Is there a cemetery sign: ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Is cemetery being maintained? ☐ Yes ☒ Minimal ☐ No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? ☒ Yes ☐ No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 11	Date ranges: 1913–2002

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

- Cemetery located to the north side of the church with grave sites laid out in rows, facing east
- Heirloom oaks and yucca present
- Granite, concrete, Veteran, and brass plaque markers present
- Many ground depressions of unmarked graves
- Odd metal cable/chain stretched between metal posts across center of cemetery

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Oak Grove AME Zion Church		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact:
Address: 20400 Zion Road		Phone: 301-977-3440
City: Gaithersburg	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20882

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

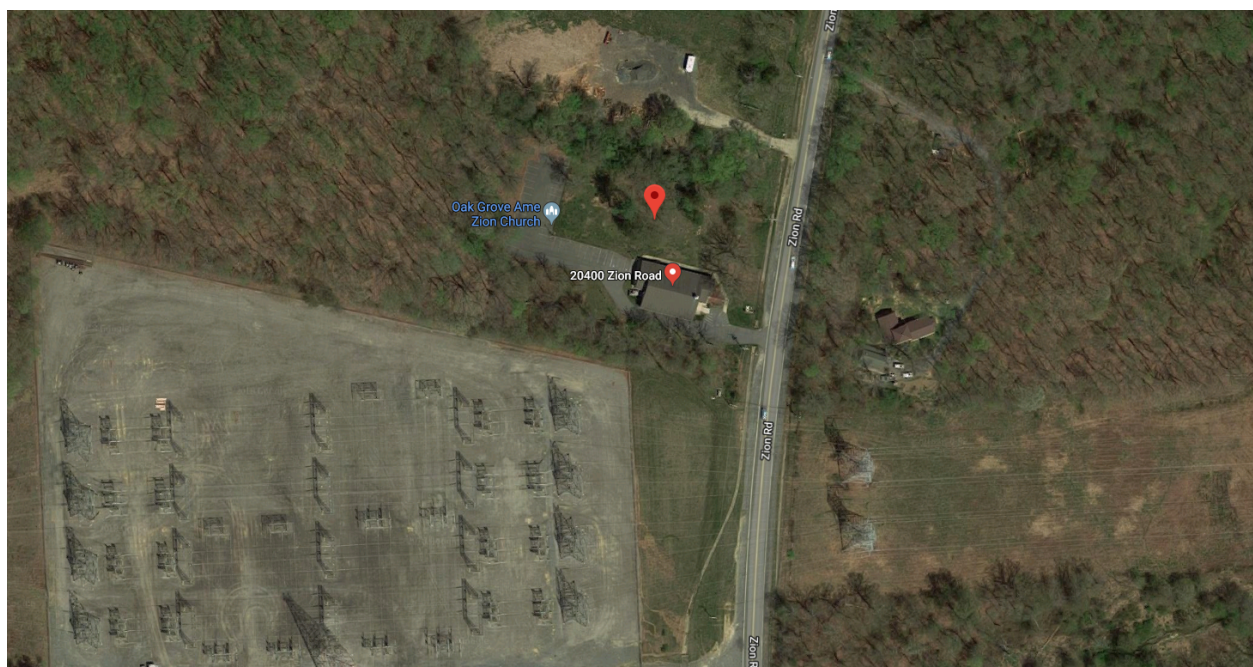
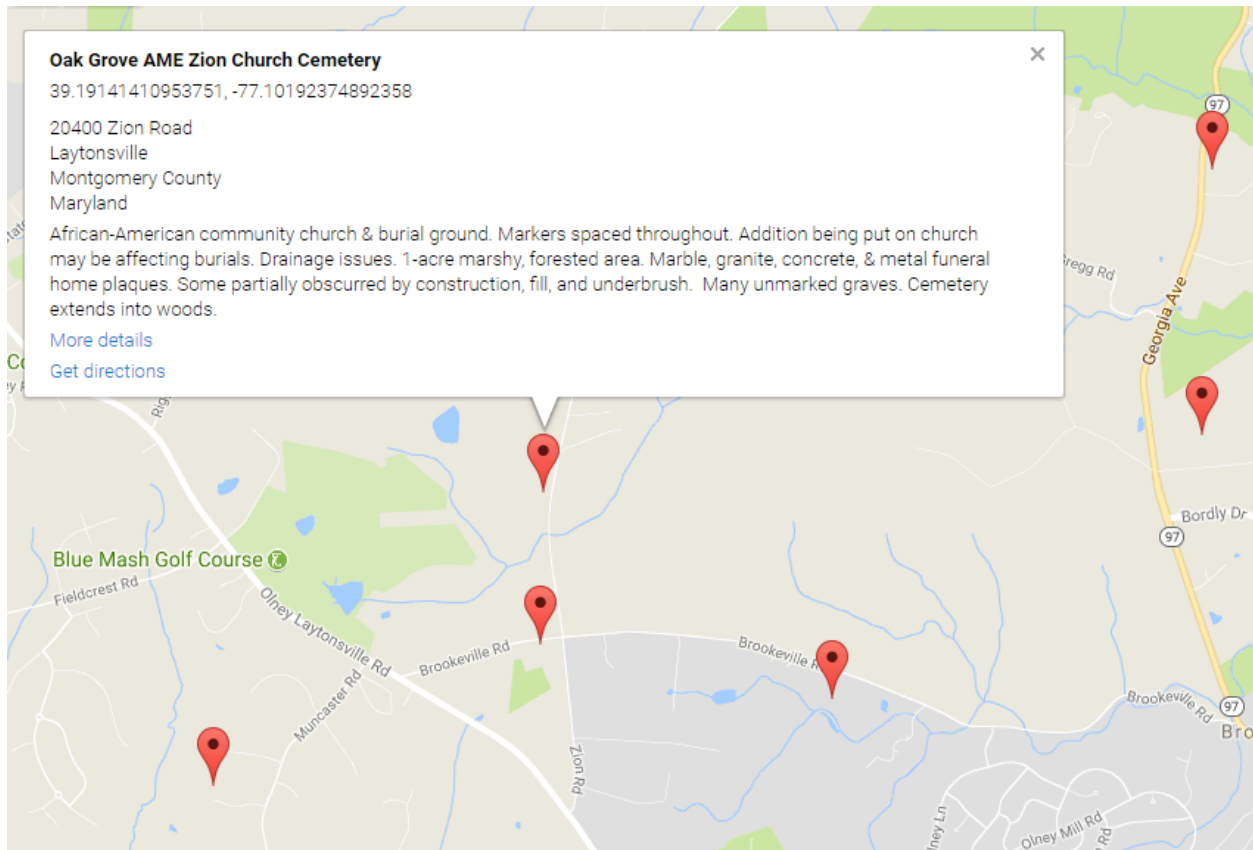
Name: Paul Erickson, Amanda Becker	Survey Date: 3/16/2018	Time spent: 10 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Paul Erickson		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Arrange for a clean-up day to rake leaves, remove fallen branches, clean stones.
• Replace metal funeral markers as names on paper inserts are fading.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Fallen tree limbs
• Some grave markers are tilted and leaning, should be reset before they fall over.
• Snakes!
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• Dictionary of Maryland Burial Grounds, Genealogical Council of Maryland, 1996, p. 176.
• Grave marker transcriptions at Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville, MD



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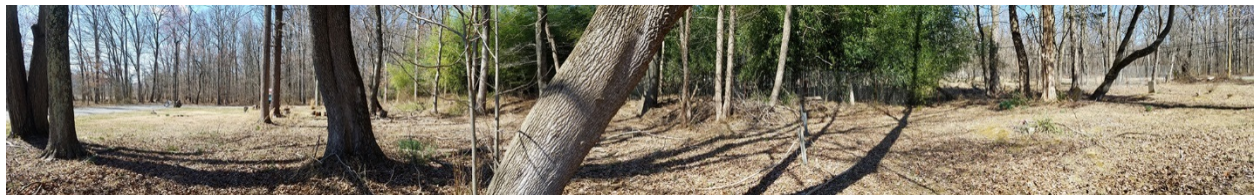
Cemetery Name: Oak Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 119
Photographer: Paul Erickson		Date: 3/16/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
2:15 pm	1	View of church and cemetery from Zion Road, facing northwest
 	2	Center of cemetery, facing west
 	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
 	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
 	5	Large, old cedar tree in center of cemetery
 	6	View from back parking lot toward Zion Road, facing east
 	7	Fallen tree branches on top of graves
2:25 pm	8	Tree roots surrounding the Lee family grave



1. View of church and cemetery from Zion Road, facing northwest



2. Center of cemetery, facing west



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



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6. View from back parking lot toward Zion Road, facing east



7. Fallen tree branches on top of graves



8. Tree roots surrounding the Lee family grave