

# Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

ID: 135

Name: St. Mark's Episcopal Church Cemetery

Alternate name:

Address: 12621 Old Columbia Pike

Silver Spring, MD 20904

Town: Fairland

Silver Spring

ADC Map Page 31 Grid K-10

**Type**

- Religious St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- Family \_\_\_\_\_
- Private \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Association**

- Free black
- Enslaved
- Ethnic \_\_\_\_\_
- Prehistoric \_\_\_\_\_

Setting  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Forested  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Condition  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) Development encroaching  
New senior home 10' from cemetery

Approximate no. of burials 125 Date range of burials 1862 - present

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

BRICK WALL - CONSTRUCTED 1939 - CONLEY FAMILY  
 WROUGHT IRON FENCE AROUND 2 FAMILIES - CONLEY AND MARLOW; ~~CONLEY~~ ~~AND~~ ~~MARLOW~~  
 150' x 150', enclosed brick wall (ca. 1930s) marble (white)  
 Plaques dedicated for the restoration of wall. Maintained & groomed  
 some trees + shrubs; cleared, bordered dirt path through center.

Surveyor(s) CORRI Leonard Survey date 3/27/04  
 Photographer Lynn Fineman Date 3/27/04 Photo no. 4 photos

Current owner ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Address/Phone No. 12621 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904

Historic Status  Locational Atlas ID \_\_\_\_\_  National Register  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

UTM GPS Coordinates (1 center pt) (1 polygon)

Additional sources of information:  
LEONARD A BECRAFT

- Photo Log:
- ① Overview from parking lot
  - ② " " Close to new const
  - ③ Enclosed stone site



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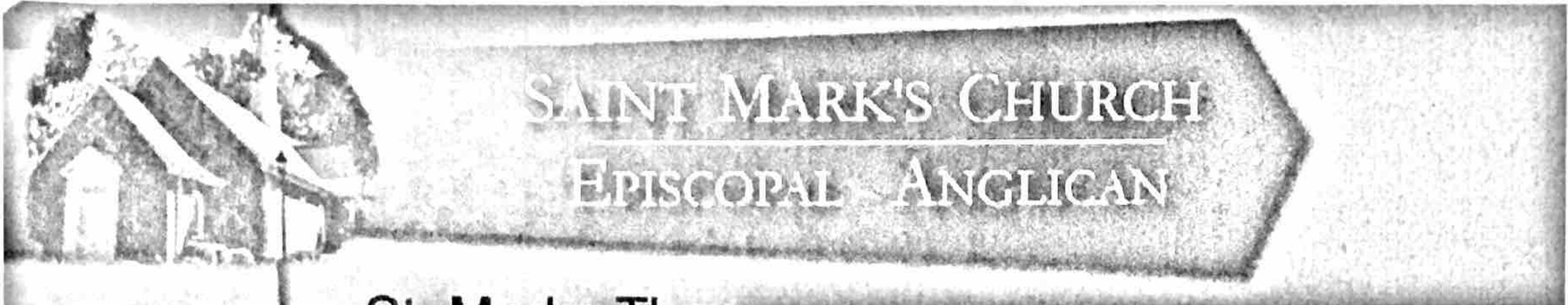
**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CEMETERY AT FAIRLAND (ST. MARK'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH CEMETERY)**

**Directions:** Route 29 North to Old Columbia Pike North, past East Randolph Road, church and cemetery on right. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 34, grid coordinates G-4.] **Condition of cemetery:** Well kept. **Active cemetery.** **Earliest known death:** 1862. **Most recent death:** Present. **Veterans interred:** Civil War, WWI and WWII vets. **Date transcribed:**

**Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850.**

**Comments:** Over 213 marked graves.





# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

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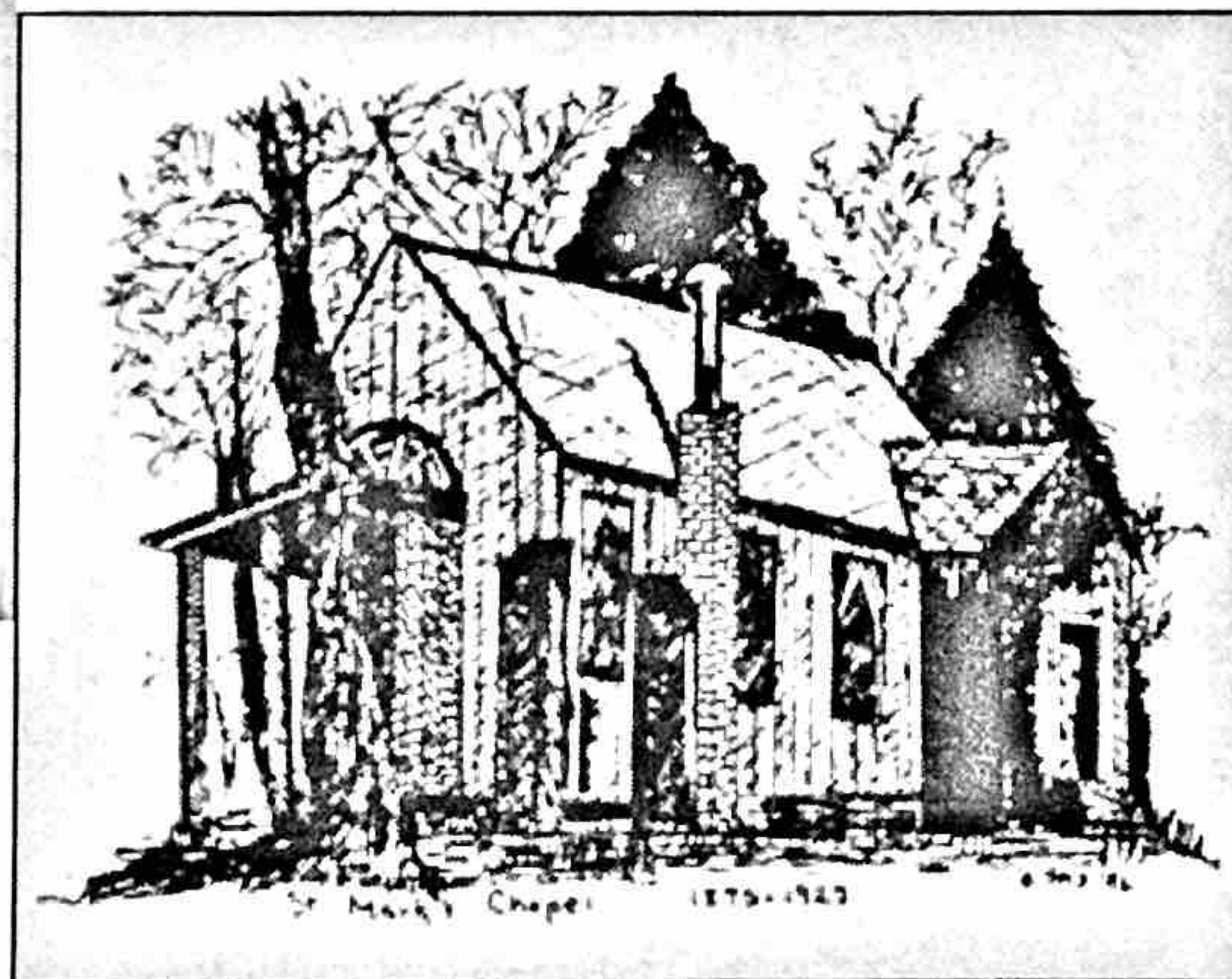
### St. Marks Then:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church stems from the Anglican Church of Maryland. In colonial times, several Anglican parishes in southern Maryland were established. One of these was the Piscataway Parish in Prince Georges County. This parish initiated the Prince Georges Parish, now known as Rock Creek Parish located in Washington, D.C. In the mid 1700's a chapel-of-ease of Rock Creek Parish was erected to serve parishioners in the remote areas along the Paint Branch stream. This chapel was given the name of Paint



Old Paint Chapel  
Chapel Woods, Calverton  
1729 - 1812

Chapel. The chapel served the geographical areas of Beltsville, White Oak, Adelphi, Fairland, Colesville, and Burtonsville. The location of this chapel today would have been in the area known today as Calverton-Riderwood.



St. Mark's Chapel 1835-1943

From the mid 1700's until 1812, Paint Chapel struggled to exist. Depressed post-revolution economics and anti-Anglican sentiment hindered growth. In 1812, parishioners petitioned the Diocese of Maryland to recognize Paint Chapel as a separate parish. Paint Chapel became the parish church of Zion Parish for several years. Paint Chapel was renamed St. Marks' in 1835. St. John's, Beltsville was built during the 1830's, dividing the Paint Chapel congregation. Paint Chapel continued to exist but with difficulty due to the area's decline in agriculture

and a reduced congregation. In 1835, St. Marks' was rebuilt and under the leadership of the Reverend William Pickney, thrived as never before.

Due to their strong attachment to the small chapel, several local families (Marlowe, Conleys, Cissels, Bealls, Duvalls, Hopkins and Fawcetts) continued their support prior to the Civil War. After the war, St. Mark's became a mission church of Grace Church of Silver Spring. Under the guidance of Reverend





Avirett and support from the parishioners, St. Mark's, Fairland was built at its present site. Initially, some of Paint Chapel's material and furnishings were used in the new Church. In 1888, St.



Marks' was re-annexed to Zion Parish, Beltsville. From this time until 1966, St. Mark's shared a rector and vestry with St. John's in Beltsville.

During the period 1945 to 1966, the Diocese of Washington established three new *parishes from the* within the boundary of the original St. Mark's boundaries; each drew significantly *the* St. Mark's membership. In 1966, St. Mark's separated from Zion parish and called *as a* Reverend Paul Mericle as its first full time priest. In 1970, St. Mark's was admitted *its first* as a parish to the Diocese of Washington, D.C. On Palm Sunday 1981, St. Mark's held its first service in a new colonial-style church building.

An unfortunate event occurred on Thanksgiving 1985 when a fire destroyed the *parish* old hall. In 1988, a construction program was started for a new parish hall, but had *stopped* to be due to financial and construction problems. Meanwhile, Reverend Mericle retired and *the* Reverend Mary Hansley came to St. Mark's as interim rector. Mary Hansley stayed *at* St. Mark's for two years putting the church back in order. The Reverend Steve Arpee *served as* part-time priest until the Reverend Paul C. Singer became the rector on June 20, 1993. Father Singer served as rector until December 1997 when tragically, he died from *an* inoperable brain tumor. Once again, St. Mark's found itself being served by an interim rector, the Reverend Nancy Noall. In June 2000, the Reverend Donna Brown accepted *the* rectorship of St. Mark's.

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