Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

ID: 138

Name: St. Mary's Catholic (new)

Alternate name:

Address: ~~Old~~ Baltimore Rd., NEAR GLADSTONE DR

Town: Rockville

ADC Map Page 29 **Grid** F-6/7

Type
- ✓ Religious ROMAN CATHOLIC
- ___ Family _____
- ___ Private _____
- ___ Other _____

Association
- ___ Free black
- ___ Enslaved
- ___ Ethnic _____
- ___ Prehistoric _____

Setting ___ Rural ___ Urban ✓ Suburban ___ Forested ___ Other _____
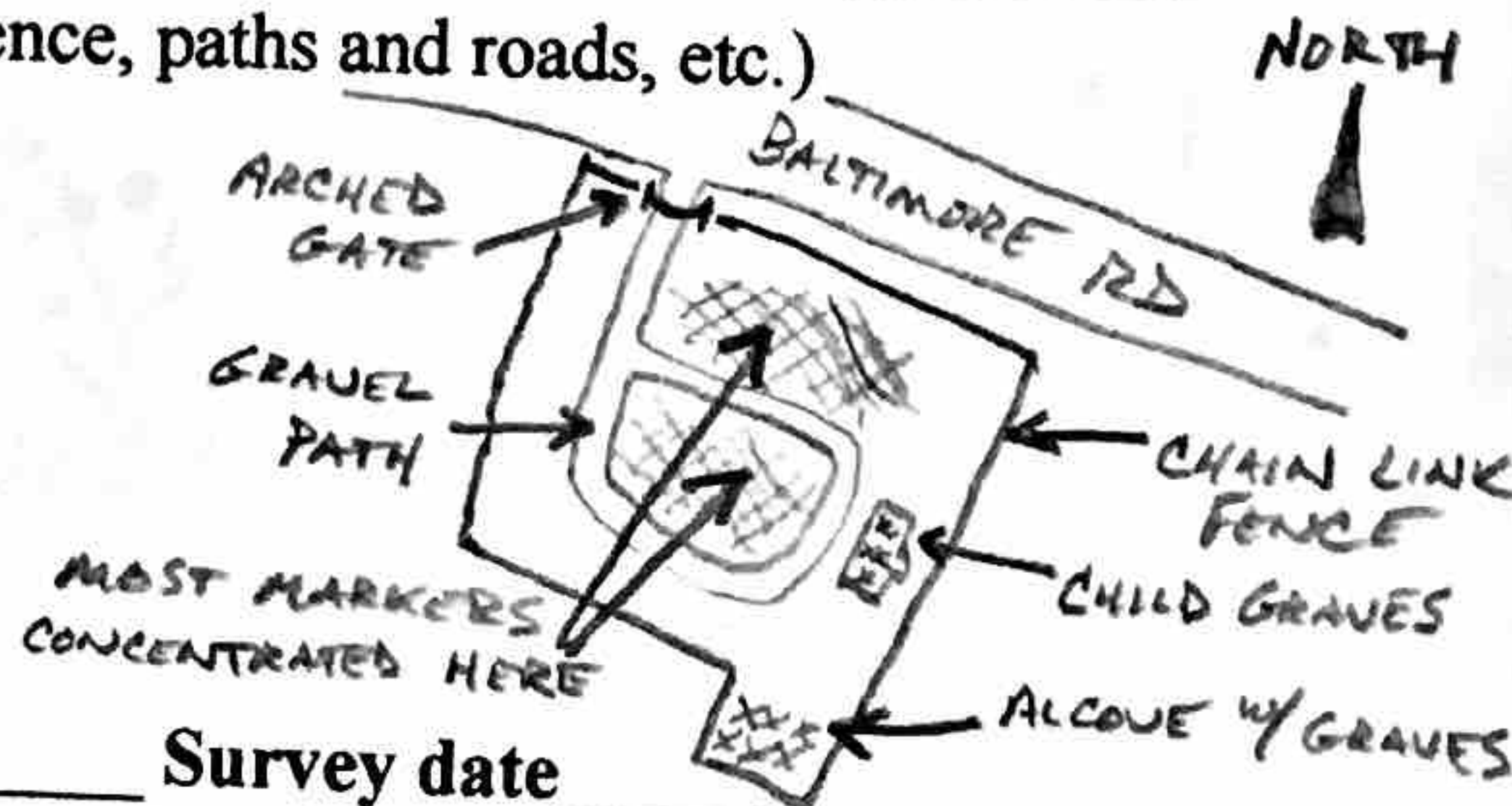
Condition ✓ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) _____
NONE, CEMETERY IS ACTIVE & WELL MAINTAINED.

Approximate no. of burials 1,000 **Date range of burials** 1888 - PRESENT

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

(SEE ATTACHED WRITE-UP FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.)

NORTH

ARCHED GATE
BALTIMORE RD
GRAVEL PATH
CHAIN LINK FENCE
CHILD GRAVES
MOST MARKERS CONCENTRATED HERE
ALCOVE W/ GRAVES

Surveyor(s) CARL PETERSON - SEPT 2004 **Survey date**

Photographer CARL PETERSON **Date** SEPT 2004 **Photo no.** 138-001 thru 138-012

Current owner St Mary's Church
Address/Phone No. 600 Veirs Mill Road

Historic Status
- ___ Locational Atlas ID _____
- ___ Master Plan ID _____
- ___ National Register _____
- ___ Other _____

UTM 18 S 0316067 **UTM** 4328172

Additional sources of information: Brief write-up available in Peerless Rockville brochures (attached)
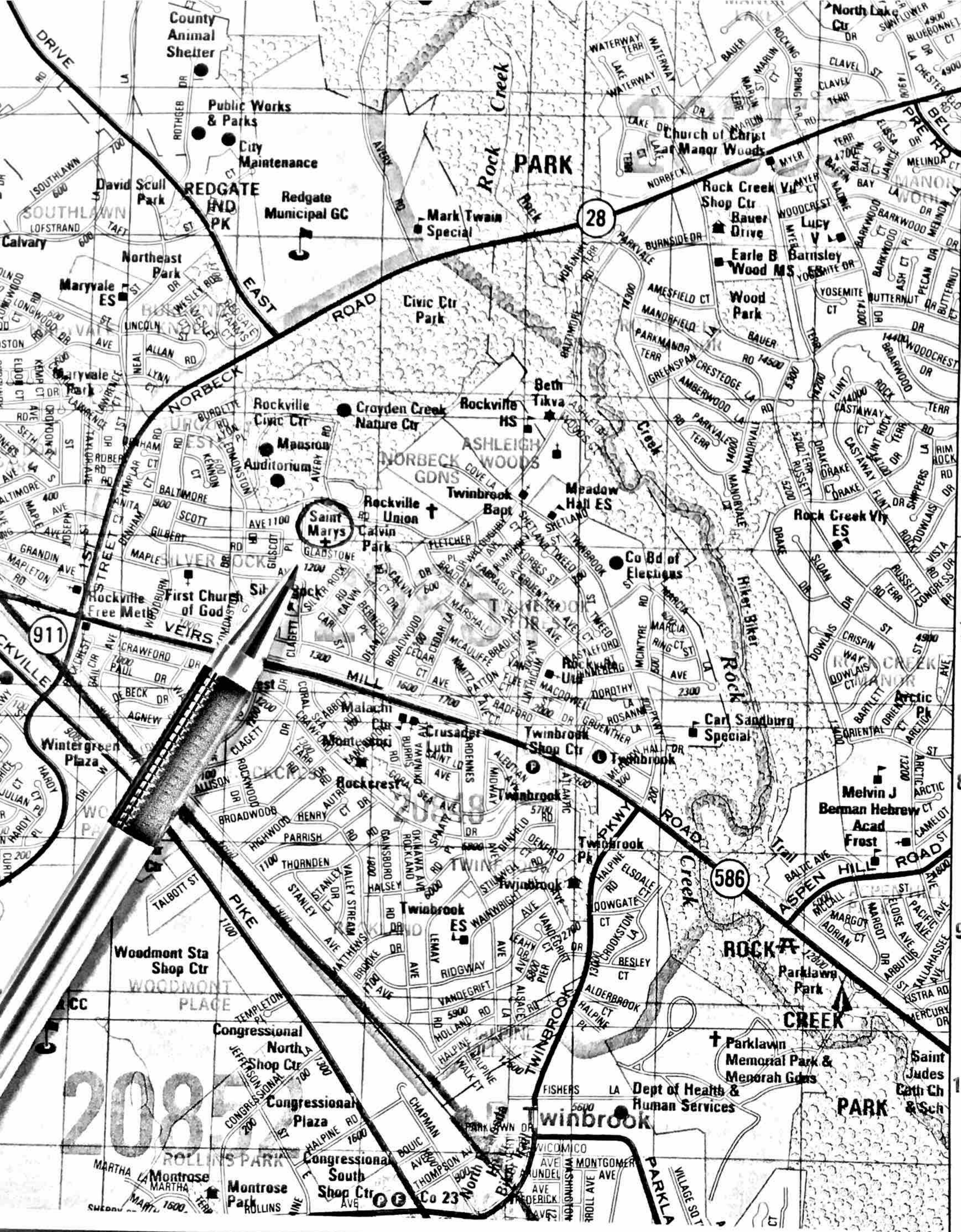
See file @ Peerless Rockville

...RY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY (NEW) AT ROCK-

...tions: Route 28 East, right on Baltimore Road, St. Mary's cemetery on left. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 24, grid coordinates C-13.] Condition of cemetery: Well kept. Active cemetery. Earliest known death: 1888. Most recent death: Present. Veterans interred: WWI, WWII and other wars vets. In 1937, 2 record volumes, 1813-1868, St Johns rectory, Forest Glen, 7 record volumes, 1869-1937, St Mary's Rockville. Date transcribed: 1980. Location of transcribed records: Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Comments: Over 750 graves, both marked and unmarked.

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Cemetery Description:

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC (NEW)
ID # 138

Large, active, well-maintained cemetery located in Rockville on southern side of Baltimore Road east of Gladstone Drive intersection. Burials range from 1888 to present. Cemetery is surrounded by a chain-link fence; entrance is marked by an arched gateway *and stone pillars.* A single-lane gravel roadway ascends a gentle slope to the upper portion of the cemetery, then loops back around through the center of the markers. Markers in the upper portion of the cemetery are a mixture of old and new graves, while those is the lower portion are all relatively modern. Most of the approximately 1,000 markers are concentrated in these lower and upper sections, although a small separate alcove at the southern edge of the cemetery contains about 15 markers, some of which are handmade and constructed of wood (see photos). Along the cemetery's eastern edge, a short stone wall encloses an area set aside for infant and child graves.

Peerless Places

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HISTORIC BURYING GROUNDS IN ROCKVILLE

Rockville's wealth of historic cemeteries originated as family, church, and community resting places. Some are protected and maintained; others are in stages of neglect or not evident to the passerby. Each cemetery is unique in what it teaches us about people, occupations, customs, art, social structure, and landscaping.

(HD indicates designation as Historic District)

Community Burial Grounds

Rockville Cemetery (HD) on Baltimore Road predates Rockville and Montgomery County. Opened near the Anglican chapel in 1739, it became interdenominational in 1880. Notables buried here include baseball great Walter "Big Train"

Johnson, Upton Beall who built the Beall-Dawson House, Rockville's first Mayor William Veirs Bouic, and the Pumphrey family of carpenters and undertakers. The landscape melds Colonial, rural cemetery movement, and 20th-century lawn/park design elements.

Haiti Cemetery (HD) started as a family cemetery in the 1880s but soon sold plots to other black families along Martin's Lane. Earlier burials of Beall slaves near Van Buren Street were relocated to Lincoln Park in the 20th century. In 1917, the Order of Galilean Fisherman opened a cemetery in **Lincoln Park.** Used by black families in Montgomery County, this hallowed ground holds remains of people named Shelton, Hill, Isreal, Smith, Smith, Davis, Prather, Wood, and others important in Rockville history.

Also nearby are the **Poor Farm Cemetery** and **Aspin Hill Pet Cemetery (HD).** The Poor Farm, or County Almshouse, was a working farmstead for homeless or destitute County residents from the 18th through the mid-20th centuries. The cemetery on the east side of I-270 was excavated prior to development in the area; about 100 graves were reinterred at Parklawn in 1987. Aspin Hill, from the early 1920s, is the second oldest pet cemetery in America. More than 40,000 pets are interred here as well as some humans who dearly loved their pets.

Church Burial Grounds

photos by Richard Miller

In addition to the Episcopalians, other denominations opened burying grounds. **Saint Mary's (HD)**, Rockville's oldest religious building in continuous use, operates cemeteries along Veirs Mill and Baltimore roads. Notables here include author F. Scott Fitzgerald and 14 relatives, the Maddox family of surveyors and physicians, and Matthew and Rebecca Fields, editors of THE SENTINEL.

From 1839 to 1897, Baptists buried loved ones in the **Baptist Cemetery (HD)** on Jefferson Street. Here lie the remains of miller Samuel Veirs, Brice Selby who served as Delegate, Sheriff, Judge and Clerk of the Court, and William Veirs Bouic, the incorporator of Rockville,

Judge and director of the C & O Canal Co.

Family Burial Grounds

Crabb Cemetery (HD) in Derwood is the final resting place for Revolutionary War general and Congressman Jeremiah Crabb and his family.

Higgins Cemetery in Twinbrook hosts James and Luraner Higgins, their descendants and slaves. In another Twinbrook cemetery lie the **Littons, Summers,** and their kin.

The **Martins** are buried near Horner's Lane, and we believe the **Woottons** are buried somewhere in the Carter Hills neighborhood. The **Smiths** are buried in the woods behind Glenview.

St. Mary's Catholic (new) (#138)   (12 photos)

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Project
Photo Log

Date	Photo No.	Cemetery name and direction you are facing (Ex: Carr Family Cemetery, looking north or Carr Family Cemetery, detail of wall around Carr plot)
Sept '04	138-001	Arched Gate at Baltimore Rd Entrance
''	138-002	Lower Section, looking Southeast (Modern Markers)
''	138-003	Detail of "Galczynski" marker (Modern)
''	138-004	Upper Section, looking Southwest (Old & Modern Markers)
''	138-005	Detail of "West" marker (D. 1889; one of oldest markers)
''	138-006	Upper Section, looking West (Mostly older markers)
''	138-007	Detail of "Carr" marker (D. 1890; one of oldest markers)
''	138-008	Alcove at Southern edge of Cemetery, looking South (containing approx 15 markers)
''	138-009	"Cooper" & "Gardner" markers in Alcove
''	138-010	Children's Graves enclosed by Stone Wall at East edge of cemetery
''	138-011	Detail of Infant markers inside enclosed area
''	138-012	Deer Grazing among Lower Section markers

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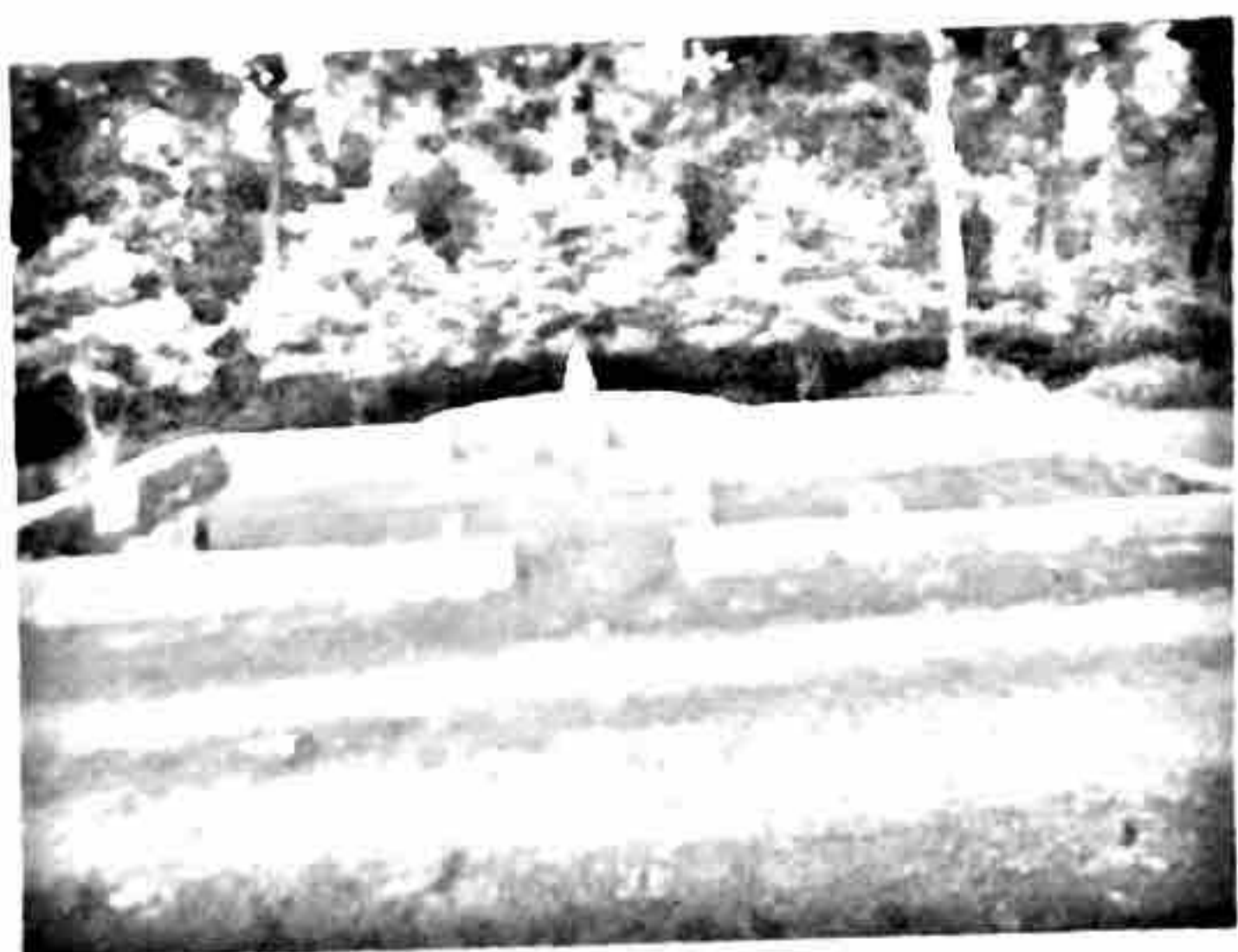

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