



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 141
Alternate name:	
Address: 11701 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg	
Website: www.strose-parish.org	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.150468	Longitude: -77.241676
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2136141	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

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: 650+
Date ranges: 1860–2018	
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)	
• Two distinct sections divided by paths; Section 1 surrounding the chapel, Section 2 to the far-west of the chapel	
• Generally very well maintained, though several broken/toppled headstones	
• Post and chain fence around 3rd section with chain missing in some places. No other fences.	
• African-Americans associated with the Clopper family are buried within section B. See map below.	

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church	
Relationship to burial site: Owner	Advocacy contact: Ed Heinhold, manager
Address: 11701 Clopper Road	Phone: 301-869-8170
City: Gaithersburg	State: MD
	ZIP Code: 20878

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

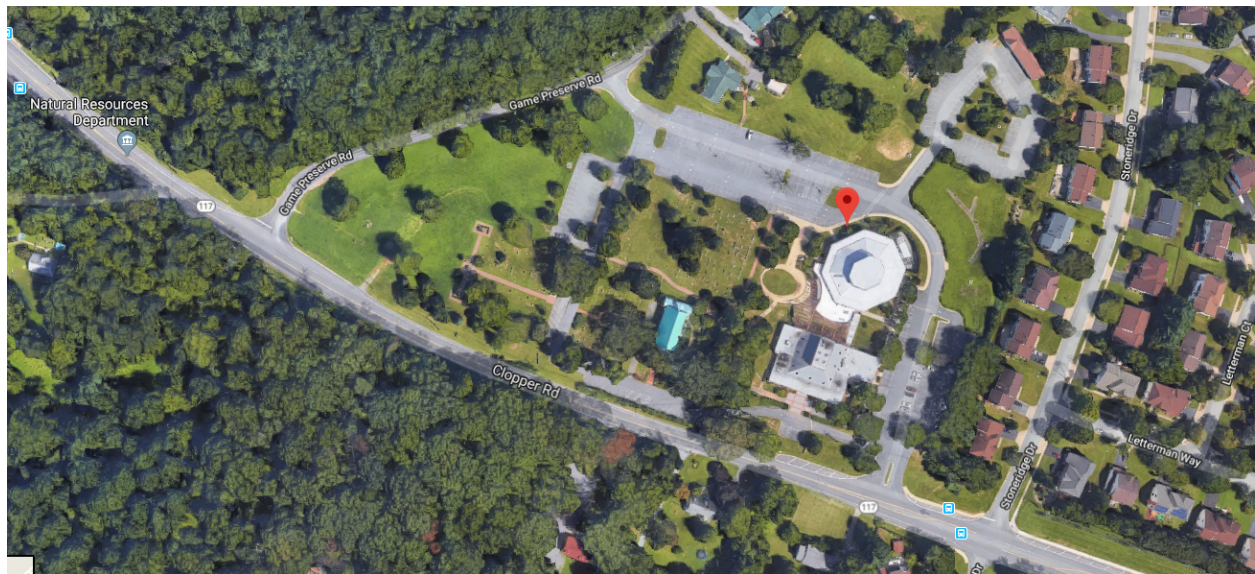
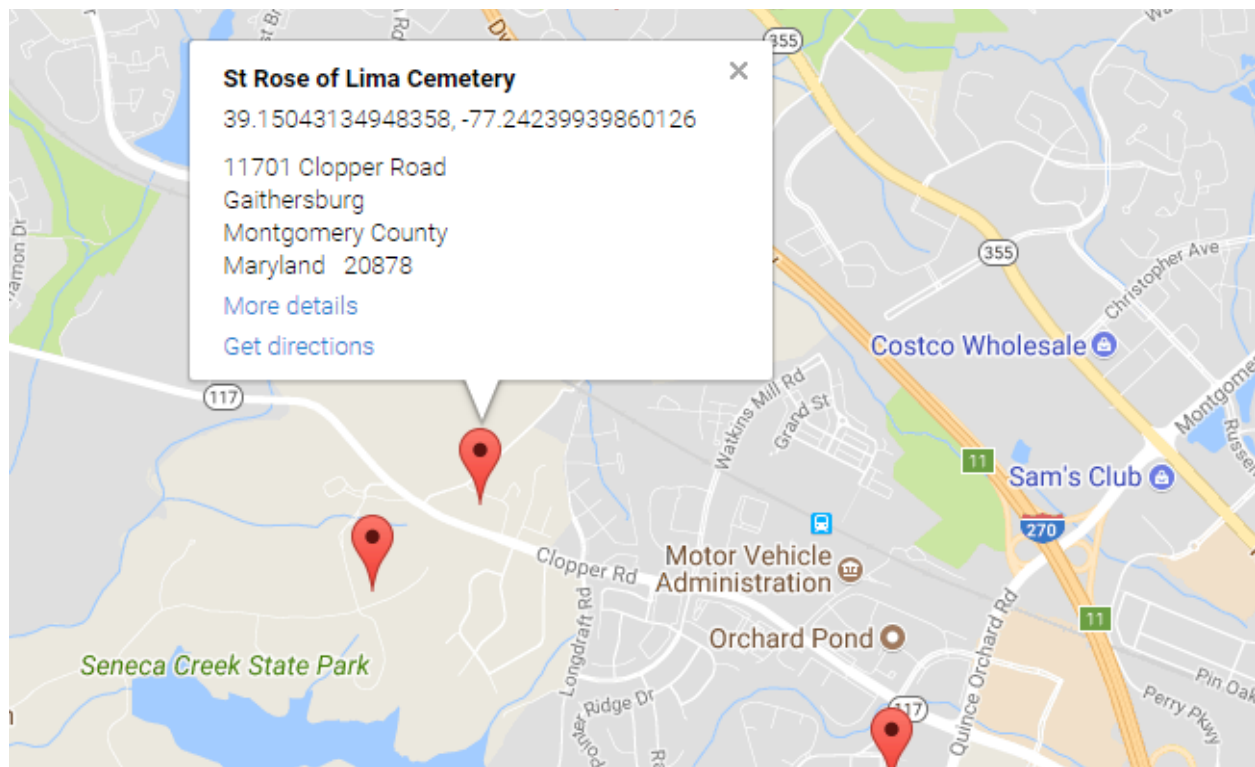
Name: Katherine Rogers	Survey Date: 4/24/2018	Time spent: 30 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Jackie Rogers		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Check back to see restoration of historic broken markers
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Fix chain fence
• Add sign at entrance
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Burials of historic significance to early county history
• Grave of Civil War soldier in front of church

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2020-28.pdf
• Robert Mosko – Cemetery Condition Survey and Assessment Report – Master Conservation Plan
• https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Saint_Rose_of_Lima_Cemetery%2C_Gaithersburg%2C_Maryland#Tasks_Completed



There is a small area in the NNE corner of Section 1 Area B where it is believed the household workers and slaves of the Clopper family are buried (shown as AA below). This area is not well defined and the only gravestones are unmarked cement crosses. There are plans to erect a plaque memorializing these workers similar to those established by other Washington Archdiocese cemeteries. The records list about 20 names (incomplete) from 1852 of African-Americans workers and their children, including birthdays, who labored for the Cloppers. Most of them are probably buried at St. Rose.



Contact the church's cemetery managers at edheinhold@aol.com or tepie2018@comcast.net for detailed burial inquiries.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory **Photograph Log**

Cemetery Name: St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 141
Photographer: Jacklyn Rogers		Date: 4/24/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
10:30 am	1	Approach from Clopper Road toward cemetery, facing north-west
	2	View from Clopper Road at Game Preserve Road, facing north
	3	Approach to cemetery from parking lot, facing south-east
	4	Panoramic at central cemetery from west to north to east
	5	Panoramic at central cemetery from east to south to west
	6	Panoramic at back cemetery from west to north to east
	7	Panoramic at back cemetery from east to south to west
11:00 am	8	Columbarium at far-west of central cemetery, facing west



1. Approach from Clopper Road toward cemetery, facing north-west



2. View from Clopper Road at Game Preserve Road, facing north



3. Approach to cemetery from parking lot, facing south-east



4. Panoramic at central cemetery from west to north to east



5. Panoramic at central cemetery from east to south to west



6. Panoramic at back cemetery from west to north to east



7. Panoramic at back cemetery from east to south to west



8. Columbarium at far-west of central cemetery, facing west