



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Sharp Street United Methodist Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 190
Alternate name:	
Address: 1310 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.147904	Longitude: -77.031926
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2421217	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: _____ Date ranges: _____
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)	
• 2-acre site west of the church property	
• A few scattered grave markers lying flat on the ground	
• Staff at church will not admit that a cemetery is (or was) there	

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Sharp Street United Methodist Church	
Relationship to burial site: Owner	Advocacy contact: sharppraise@verizon.net
Address: 1310 Olney Sandy Spring Road	Phone: 301-774-7047
City: Sandy Spring State: MD	ZIP Code: 20860

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Meredith Gorres, Anastasia Poulos	Survey Date: 5/12/2018	Time spent: 5 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Meredith Gorres, Anastasia Poulos		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- **GPR candidate to search for human remains**

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:

N/A

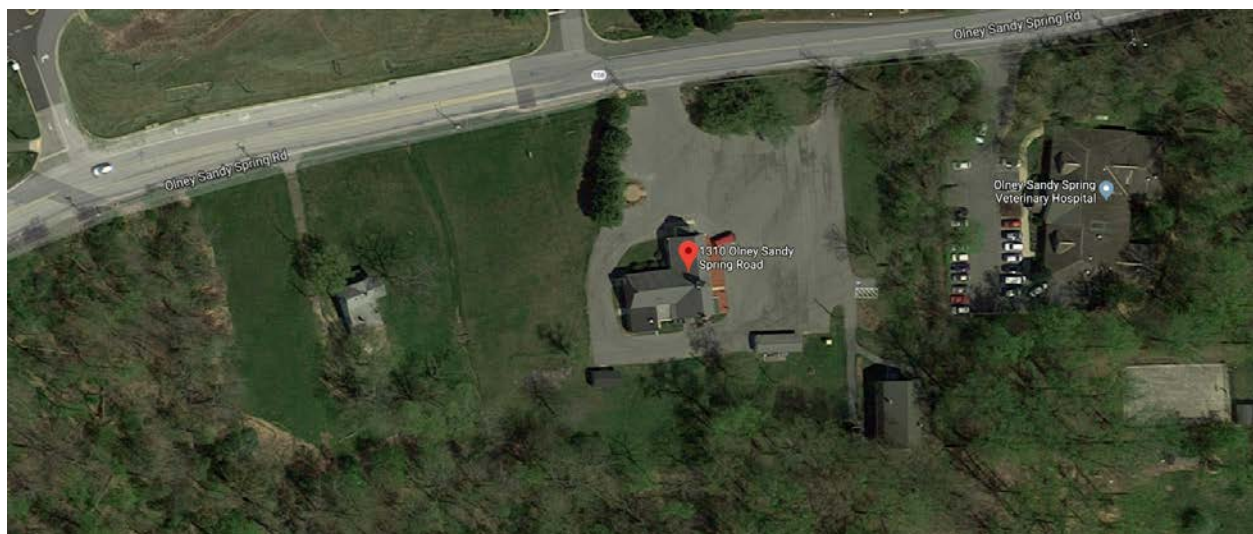
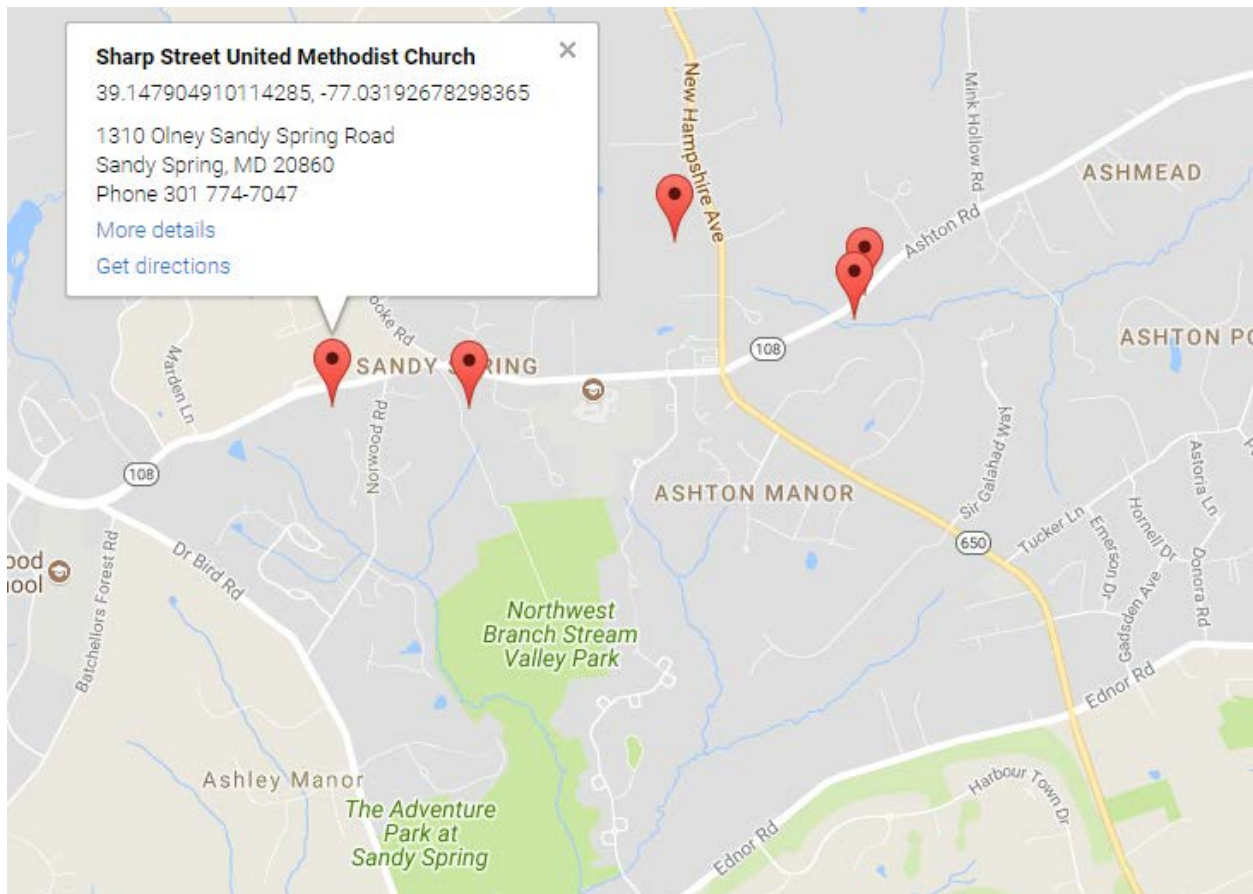
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

- **Thomas Brooke deeded the land for a house of worship and cemetery to the Sharp Street trustees in 1822.**
- **The first independent black church organized in Montgomery County in 1826.**

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

- http://www.gazette.net/stories/08202008/olnew231929_32526.shtml



In 1822, three-fourths of an acre was deeded to the blacks by James P. Stabler, a Quaker, with the stipulation that it be used for a church or school. In accordance with the law, the blacks received the site with Quakers William Thomas and Basil Brooke serving as trustees responsible for monitoring any assemblies. Sandy Spring blacks felt they needed a cemetery of their own. They appealed to their Quaker friends, and in May, 1854, land adjacent to the church was deeded to church members for use as a burial ground.

Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1981/07/23/sandy-spring-church-home-of-proud-heritage/38927e21-4b69-4ab1-b2db-5281421c1add/?utm_term=.08da73e36096

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Sharp Street United Methodist Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 190
Photographer: Meredith Gorres, Anastasia Poulos		Date: 5/12/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
3:25 pm	1	Approach to church from Olney Sandy Spring Road, facing south
	2	Possible cemetery field, facing west
	3	Possible cemetery field, facing east
	4	Grave marker fragments
	5	Grave marker fragments
	6	Grave marker fragments
	7	Grave marker fragments
3:45 pm	8	Historic Odd Fellows Lodge behind church, facing south



1. Approach to church from Olney Sandy Spring Road, facing south



2. Possible cemetery field, facing west



3. Possible cemetery field, facing east



4. Grave marker fragments



5. Grave marker fragments



6. Grave marker fragments



7. Grave marker fragments



8. Historic Odd Fellows Lodge behind church, facing south