



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery [RELOCATED]	Inventory ID: 194
Alternate name:	
Address: Northwest corner of Brookville Rd and Garfield Ave, Lyttonsville	
Website: http://www.pbc-ss.com/	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.002002	Longitude: -77.053905
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2662208/pilgrim-baptist-cemetery	

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:	Date ranges:
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• The human remains from this cemetery have been moved to Maryland National Memorial Park in Laurel, MD. This is a depiction of what currently sits on the original location.		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: None		
Relationship to burial site:		Advocacy contact:
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

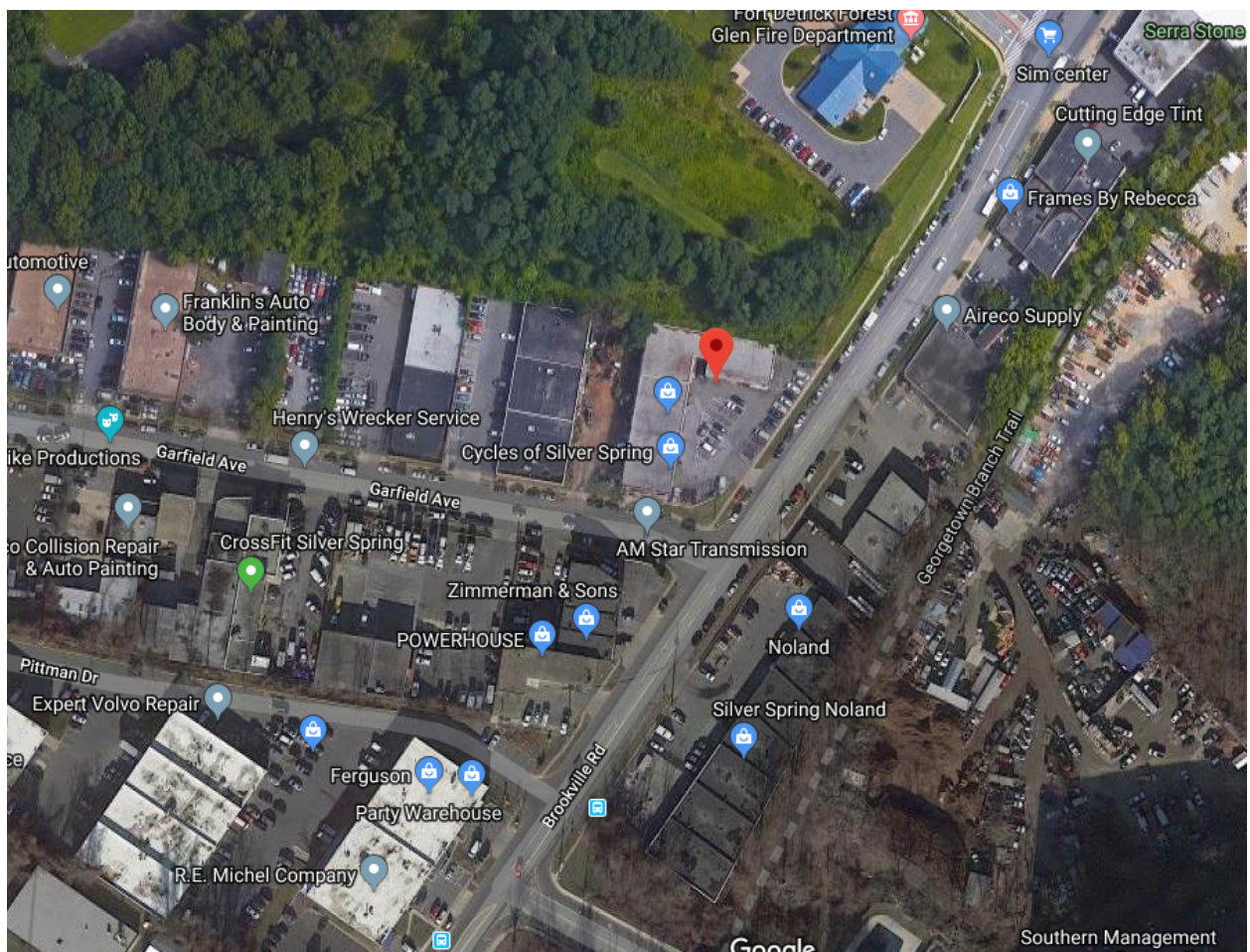
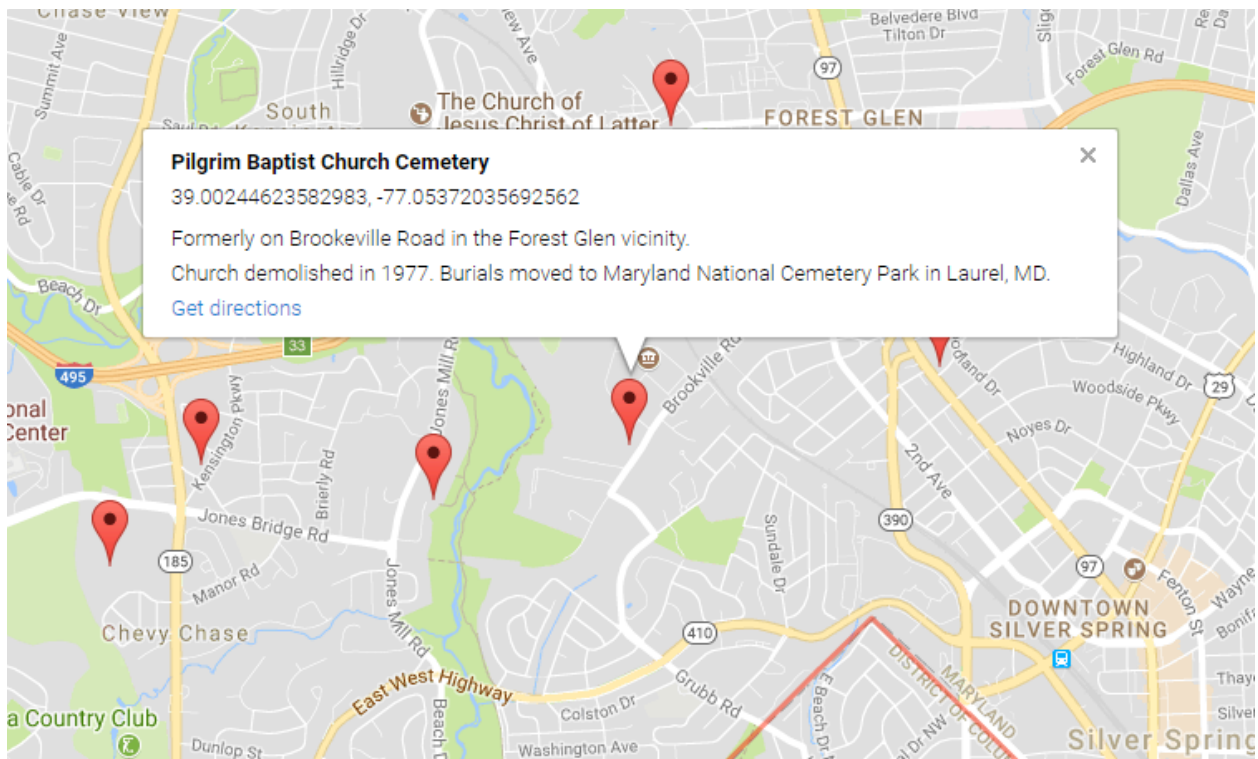
Name: Myra Coffield	Survey Date: 6/9/2018	Time spent: 10 min
Address:		Phone:
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Photographer: Myra Coffield		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• This former cemetery should be indicated as historic and to show that it does not exist in this location anymore.
• A permanent sign should be placed at the burial relocation area at Maryland National Memorial Park.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
N/A
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
N/A

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• "Urban Renewal Uprooting Old Graves, Some Unmarked," 10/16/1975
• Urban Renewal & Lyttonsville Graves Journal; "Public Notice, Re: Pilgrim Baptist Church, Lyttonsville/Linden, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910," Washington Star, Thursday, 10/9/1975



Lyttonsville History

The small hamlet that sprouted around Samuel Lytton's farm really coalesced during the 1890s. Residential subdivisions developed north and west of Lytton's farm by Republican legislators Julius C. Burrows (a Michigan Representative) and Bishop W. Perkins (a senator from Kansas) were not racially restricted; Burrows and Perkins rented and sold lots to African Americans where homes, a school, and businesses were established. In 1892, the Pilgrim Baptist Church relocated from nearby Capitol View to a lot in the subdivision created that same year by Perkins and Burrows and which subsequently became known as the "Pilgrim Church Tract."^[1] The church obtained a \$300 mortgage to pay for the property.

Housed in a "little frame church on the north side of the village," the church held open-air religious services. By 1897, the community's core included "a row of houses which are occupied by colored people" across Brookville Road from the church.^[2]

Henry Newman was the new Pilgrim Baptist Church's president and first pastor in the hamlet.^[3] A newspaper article published in 1897 described Newman as one of Montgomery County's "most prominent colored men." He lived in a rented house near the church; it might have been the same one in the original Littonville plat he bought from Williamson in 1911. And, according to the same 1897 article, Newman supplemented his clerical income by running a grocery store in the community.^[4]

^[1] Montgomery County Land Records, Liber JA 34, folio 15 and Plat Book 1, folio 39.

^[2] "Fugitive Dorsey Foulz," *Washington Evening Star*, September 14, 1897.

^[3] "History," *The Pilgrim Baptist Church*, n.d., <http://pbc-ss.com/our-history.html>. Montgomery County Land Records, Liber JA 32, folio 296, Pilgrim Baptist Church at Linden mortgage, July 26, 1892.

^[4] "Fugitive Dorsey Foulz." Montgomery County Land Records, Liber 218, folio 305.

Above text quoted from: David S. Rotenstein, "An Early History of Lyttonsville, Maryland." July 25, 2017. <http://blog.historian4hire.net/2017/07/25/early-history-of-lyttonsville/>. Accessed 9/5/19.

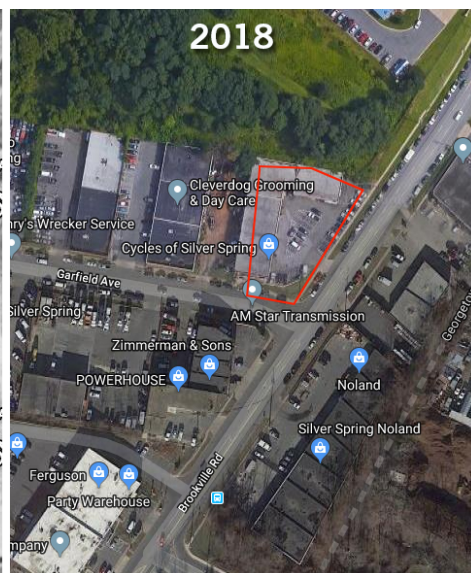


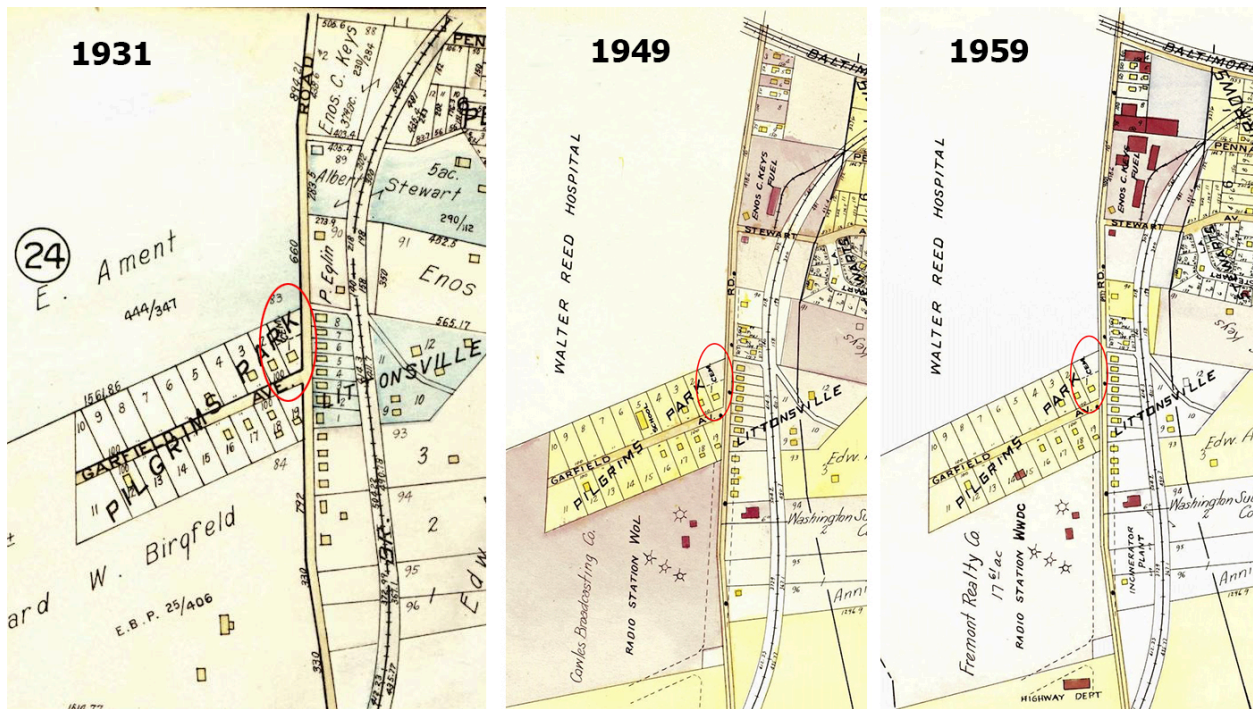
IN JEOPARDY? The graveyard on the far side of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lyttonsville would have to be taken if a proposal for locating the Metro storage yard in that area were realized.

July 25, 1975 Record photo

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery [RELOCATED]		Inventory ID: 194
Photographer: Myra Coffield		Date: 6/9/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
	1	Historic maps and aerials showing its location
	2	Pilgrim Baptist Church and cemetery in background, 1972
	3	Currently location with industrial buildings on site
3:00 pm	4	Currently location with industrial buildings on site





1. Historic maps and aerials showing its location



2. Pilgrim Baptist Church and cemetery in background, 1972



3. Currently location with industrial buildings on site

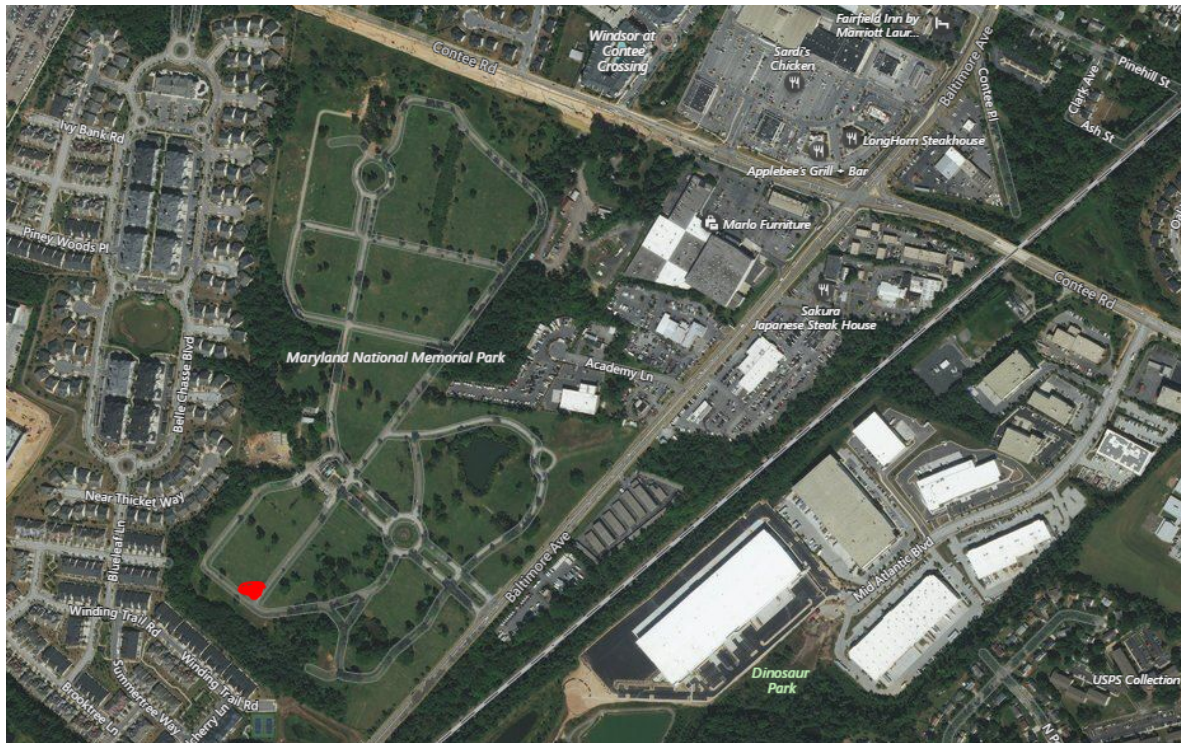


4. Currently location with industrial buildings on site

Relocation of Remains from Pilgrim Baptist Church

Information and images provided by Gerri Kochan and Barbara Garren

Burials associated with the Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery were moved to Maryland National Memorial Park at 13300 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707 in Prince George's County. The park is 100 acres in size and its entrance is off of Baltimore Avenue in Laurel, MD. The Park itself is generally well-kept. The graves from the Pilgrim Baptist Church are located at a "T" intersection in the southwest corner of the Park, noted in red. ([39.071082, -76.878425](https://www.google.com/maps/place/39.071082,-76.878425))



There is a small, partially dying tree at this corner which was signaled to the surveyors as an identifier of the location of the Pilgrim graves. There are no markers for the graves although graves surrounding this area are identified by flat stone markers. The grass is kept cut.





Panoramic from east to south to west



Burial ground for Pilgrim Baptist, facing southwest



Burial ground for Pilgrim Baptist, facing southeast