



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Montgomery County Poor Farm Cemetery [LOST]	Inventory ID: 196
Alternate name: Alms House Cemetery	
Address: Vicinity of east side of Monroe St, just south of Waddington Ln, Rockville	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.072878	Longitude: -77.154084 (Vicinity only)
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2150388	

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input type="checkbox"/> By foot <input type="checkbox"/> By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input 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.)

- **Current location of the Office of Minority Health Resource Center at 1101 Wootton Parkway**
- **Last burial was Viola Schaeffer in 1983**
- **38 bodies were exhumed and relocated to Parklawn Memorial Park (Section 18) in Rockville.**
- **15 remains buried between 1890-1920 were exhumed by the National Park Service. Current location unknown.**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Tower Dawson, LLC		
Relationship to burial site: Owner	Advocacy contact:	
Address: 2000 Tower Oaks Blvd, 9th Floor		Phone:
City: Rockville	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20852

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Glenn Wallace	Survey Date: 9/4/2018	Time spent: 30 min
Email: mococems@gmail.com	Photographer: Glenn Wallace	

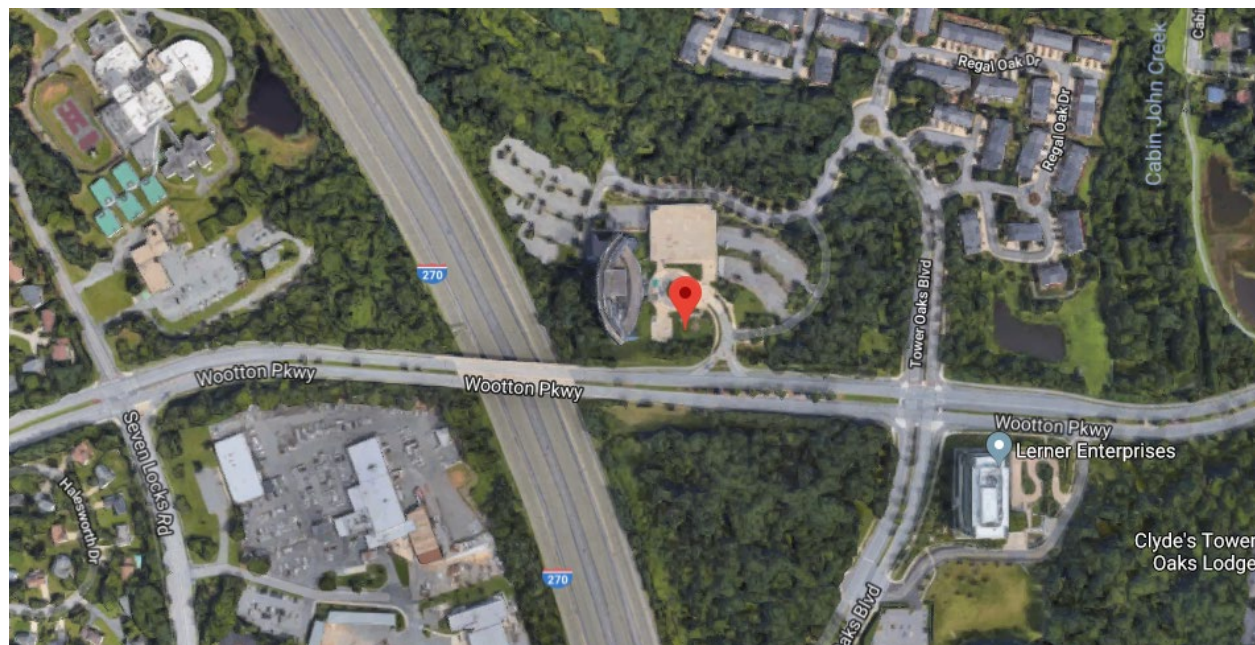
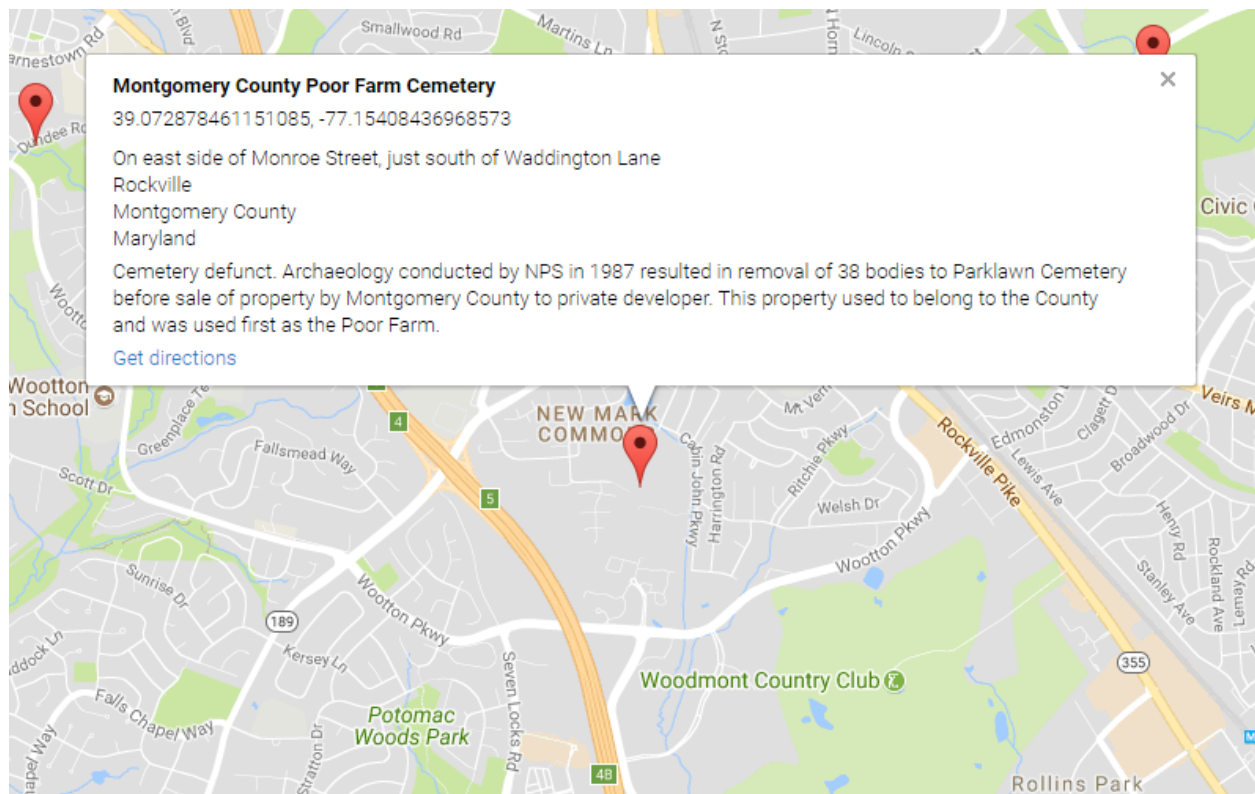
COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Install an interpretive sign along Wootton Pkwy discussing the Alms House and Cemetery at this location
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
N/A
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• County-owned "potter's field" dates to 1789
• Property sold to Westmont Associates for development in 1983.

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

This is a suggested location, but no trace of the cemetery exists.





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King knew explicitly where the graves were located. One drives south off East Mont -

gomery Street on Monroe Street in Rockville. After crossing Cabin John Parkway and reaching Summit Apartments, you turn left and follow the paved road which becomes a bumpy, rutty road that would be impassable in winter weather.

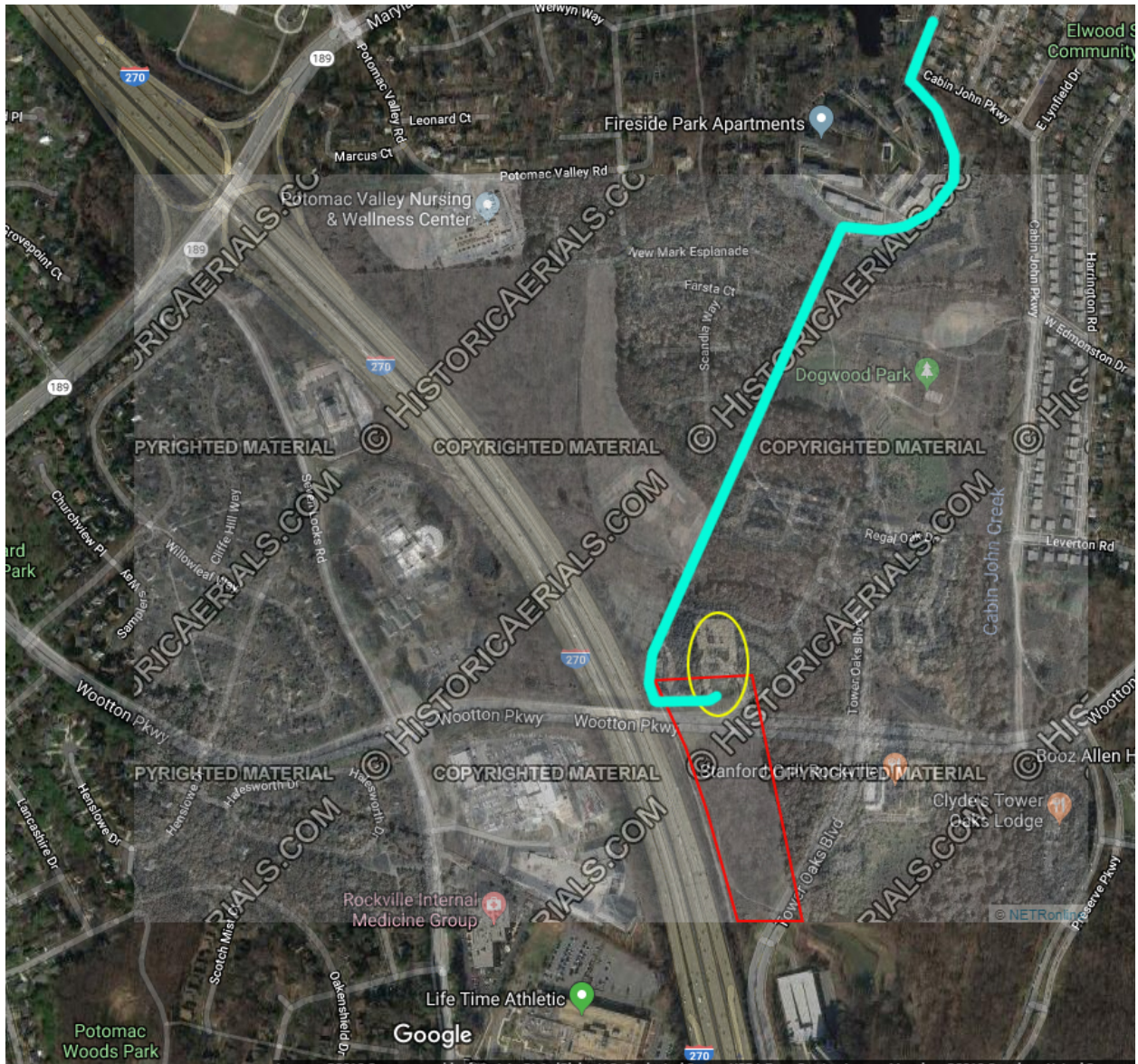
Across A Field

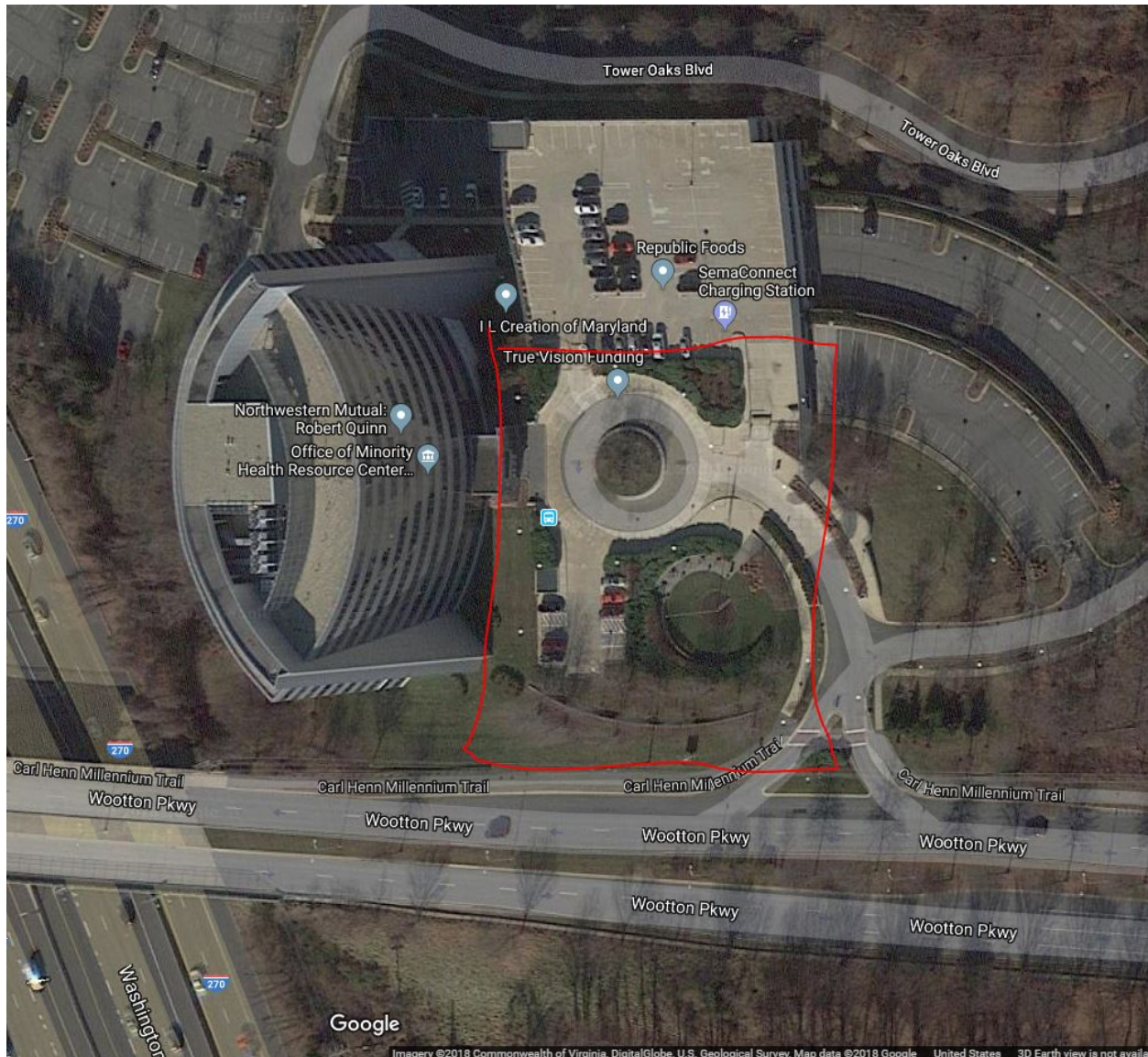
When the road finally turns left to parallel 70S, directly across from the county buildings, you find an open field on your left.

In the field you see no marker--just tire tracks: two narrow pathways where the weeds have been smashed to the earth. On a hunch, you follow the weedy way up to a square clearing in the middle of the woody area.

Tall, barren trees make







Location of the area noted as the “clearing in the woods”

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Photographer: Glenn Wa		Date: 9/29/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
9:00 am	1	Former Martins Road pathway to site, facing south
	2	End of former Martins Road at site, facing north
	3	The only remaining untouched land at site, facing northwest
9:10 am	4	Former site of cemetery, facing east



1. Former Martins Road pathway to site, facing south



2. End of former Martins Road at site, facing north



3. The only remaining untouched land at site, facing northwest



4. Former site of cemetery, facing east