

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

unknown
- plan

Name: Soper Cemetery ^{family}

ID: 198

Alternate name:

Address: Green Castle Rd. + WEXHALL DR - S.E. CORNER LOT

Town: BURTONSVILLE

ADC Map Page 32 Grid E-4

Type

Religious
 Family Soper. (See letter Rich Warren Soper)
 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) ENCROACHMENT - TOWNHOUSES
DUMPING - NEGLECT.

Approximate no. of burials 5+ Date range of burials 1850 to 1899

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

POSSIBLE SLAVE GRAVESITES THERE. - MEMORY OF WARREN SOPER
150' x 200' CORNER LOT, undeveloped, high vegetation area.
Only two stones found - at base of tree in debris pile. Other stone has been pulled out of ground completely overgrown.

only 1 stone found

Surveyor(s) Corri Leonard Survey date 3/27/04

Photographer Corri Date 3/27/04 Photo no. 1 photo

Current owner RICHARD WARREN SOPER

Address/Phone No. 527 WARFIELDSDURG RD, WESTMINSTER, MD. 21157 401-848-4663

Historic Status Locational Atlas ID National Register
 Master Plan ID Other

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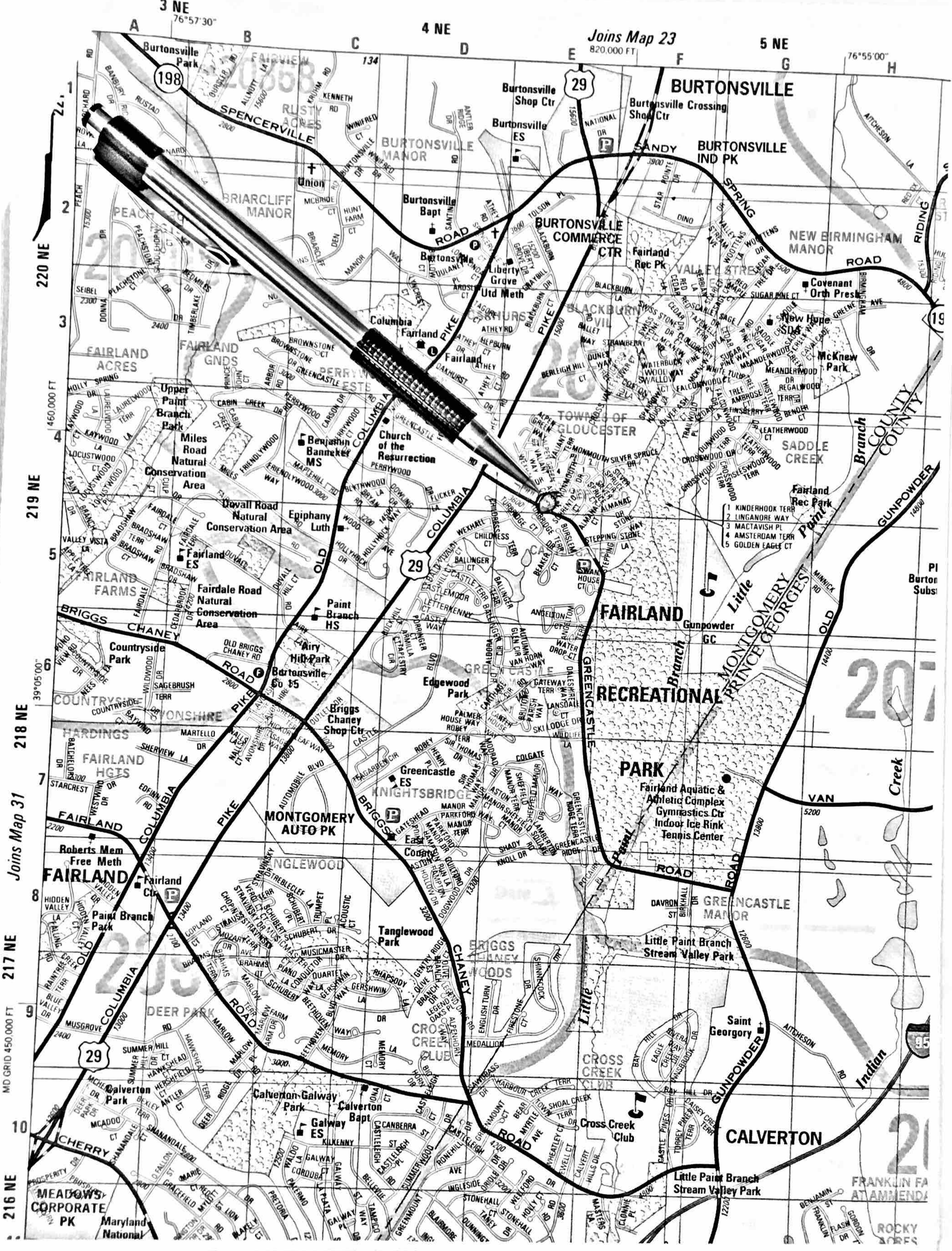
UTM Recorded = Commentary "198-1883" = Really 99 (FA.)

Additional sources of information:

See Warren Soper letter

photos of the
Warren Soper letter
(photos of the
Warren Soper letter
NOT helped - Overgrown site).
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(1) grave "FA" ?
"EA" ?

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SOPER FAMILY CEMETERY
GREENCASTLE ROAD & WEXHALL DRIVE
BURTONSVILLE



Joins Map 23
820,000 FT

220 NE
219 NE
218 NE
217 NE
216 NE
MD GRID 450,000 FT

Joins Map 31

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SUPER FAMILY CENTER
GREENCASTLE ROAD & WEXHALL DRIVE
BURTONSVILLE

- 1 KINDERHOOK TERR
- 2 LINGANORE WAY
- 3 MACTAVISH PL
- 4 AMSTERDAM TERR
- 5 GOLDEN EAGLE CT

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FRANKLIN FA
ATAMMENDA

ROCKY ACRES

Leonard Beecraft
has original

The Soper Cemetery – Located at the corner of Greencastle Road and Wexhall Drive –
Burtonsville, Maryland

There are two stones that are evident. One is marked very clearly SA and then below it 83. The other is very deteriorated and firmly lodged in the ground. The initials appear to be either IA, EA or FA, and then below it a little more clearly, 99.

The SA-83 stone could very well belong to Sarah Alice Soper who was the daughter of Barton A. Soper and Mary E. (Burton) Soper. Their children were born between the years of 1814-1827. Sarah Alice was probably born between the years of 1821-1827 and if she died in 1883 she would have been between 56 to 62 years of age.

Richard W. Soper was born in 1928 and grew up on the Soper farm until he moved to Howard County in the early 1950's. He was aware of the family cemetery and was told that a Civil War soldier was buried there, as well as an infant. Henry Soper was born in 1847 and died at about twenty years of age (ca. 1867) before actual service in the War. We have a reference to Henry in a letter dated September 14, 1869 written by Harriet (Harris) Craycroft (Henry's aunt on his mother Amelia Ann (Harris) Soper's side) to Mary Dorsey (Soper) Brown, Henry's sister. It says, "Tell me about your sisters and brothers – poor Henry – how well I recollect him. How sweetly he could sing. If it won't pain you too much tell me about his death – was he conscious – was he resigned? If it give you pain, pray say nothing – your silence will be sufficiently impressive." This letter came from Missouri.

The infant could possibly be Laura Soper who was probably born after 1861 and died as an infant. There, of course could be more infants, as this was fairly common.

Henry and Laura were brother and sister, he being the oldest and she being the youngest. The other siblings are all buried at Union Cemetery and their headstones have been found. Who else is buried in the Soper Cemetery? It would make sense that if Henry and Laura were buried there, then probably their parents are buried there as well. James Potter Soper was born in 1821, we do not have a date for his death. His wife, Amelia Ann (Harris) Soper was born in 1821 and did not die until 1890.

James Potter Soper's brothers and sisters could also be buried there. We do not have dates of death for them, but they were born between the years of 1814-1827. We are pretty certain one of the sisters, Sarah Alice is buried there. Their names were : Margaret, Ann, Joseph (buried in Union Cemetery), Charles, William, Barton & Basil.

It would also be possible that if any of these siblings were buried in the Soper Cemetery, then the parents probably are too. Their names were Barton A. Soper and Mary E. (Burton) Soper.

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INFORMATION FROM FEB. 2004
RICHARD WARREN SOPER: 410-848-4663

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unknown +buried in Union Cemetery *Probably buried in Soper Cemetery

Barton A. Soper#
& Mary E. (Burton) Soper# (their children)

Margaret#
Ann#
Joseph+
Charles#
James Potter# & Amelia Ann (Harris) Soper# (see children below)
Sarah Alice*
William Burton#
Barton Thomas#
Basil Burton#

Henry*
Elizabeth Ann+
Mary Dorsey+
James Barton+
William Henry+
John Fletcher+
Charles A.+ & Bessie (Brown) Soper+ (see children below)
Sarah Gassaway+
Adella+
Virginia+
Laura*

Elsie# +
William Henry# +
Amelia E. # Connecticut
Charles Richard# & Caroline (Boetker) Soper# +
Helen# +

Betty Lou
Richard Warren & Ruth J. (Wolfrey) Soper

Richard Warren
Deborah Ann (Soper) O'Hara
Charles Timothy
Joan Kathleen (Soper) Robey

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When my Grandfather
Spoke me to cemetery around
1954 Their were at Least
20 Head stones and he said
Their were a lot missing at
That Time

I wish I knew more
but old Records and
Diaries were Destroyed
Long ago.

Would be willing To
pay someone To Research
my Family
Richard

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Henry 1842 - 1867
Civil War.

Sarah Alice

Isabell Alice

James P. Died 1826

Owned a lot of Land
Sopers Seat
Soper Hill

Smiths Desire
Soper Hill
Westons Reservey

Moures Rest

New Birmingham Manor

Aldridges Discovery

White Marsh

Beals seat

Point Bottom

Left most of this to his
Grandson and namesake

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