



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Barnesville Methodist Episcopal Cemetery	Inventory ID: 203
Alternate name:	
Address: 18321 Barnesville Road, Barnesville	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.222066	Longitude: -77.382949
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2228352	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 60	Date ranges: 1845–1925

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

• **Burial grounds are in complete ruins. Might extend beyond current boundaries.**

• **Most grave markers have fallen.**

• **Weeds have taken over entire area.**

• **A small iron fence encloses two graves in the middle of the cemetery.**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Joseph M. Stratton, Jr.		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact: _____
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

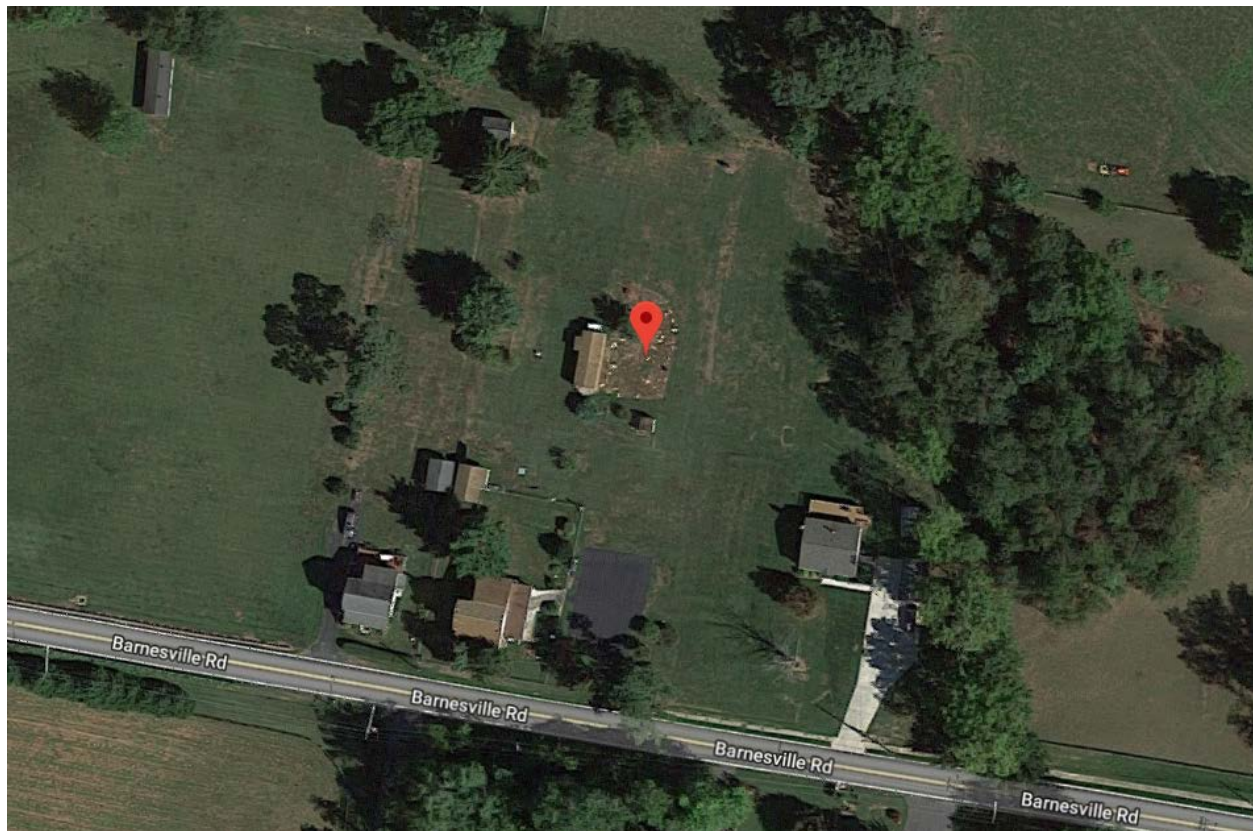
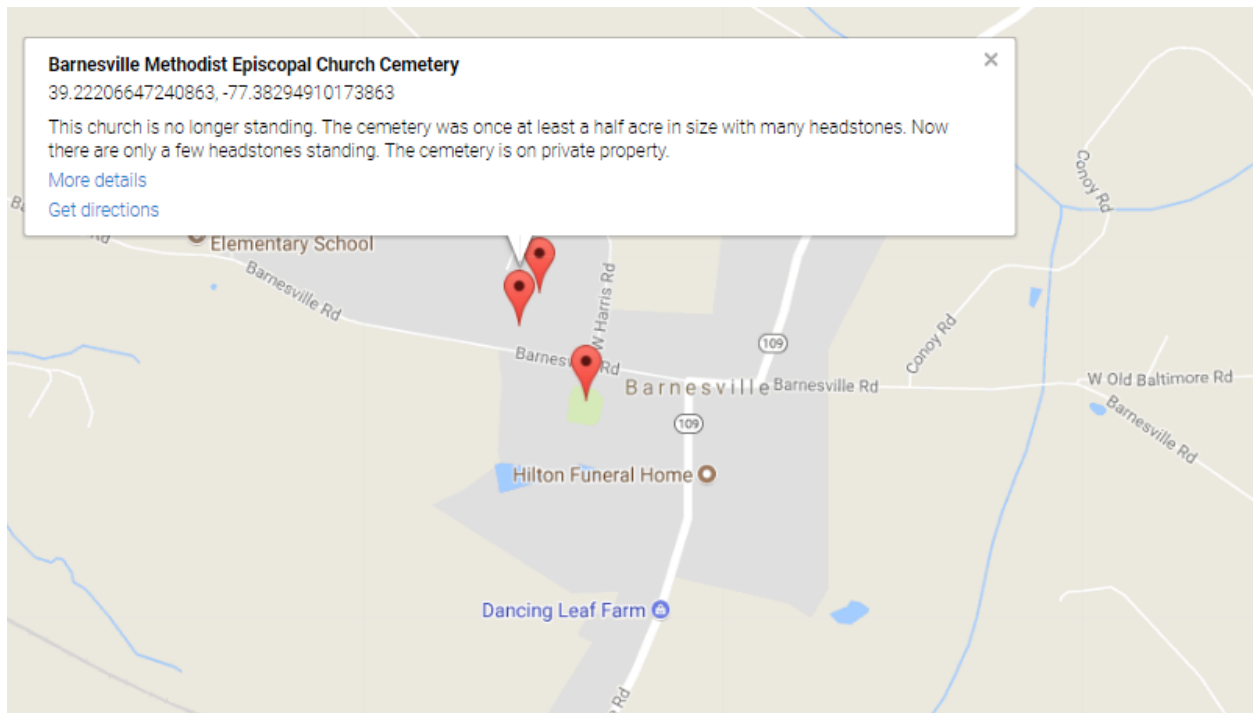
Name: Lisa Warffeli	Survey Date: 5/5/2018	Time spent: 25 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Lisa Warffeli		

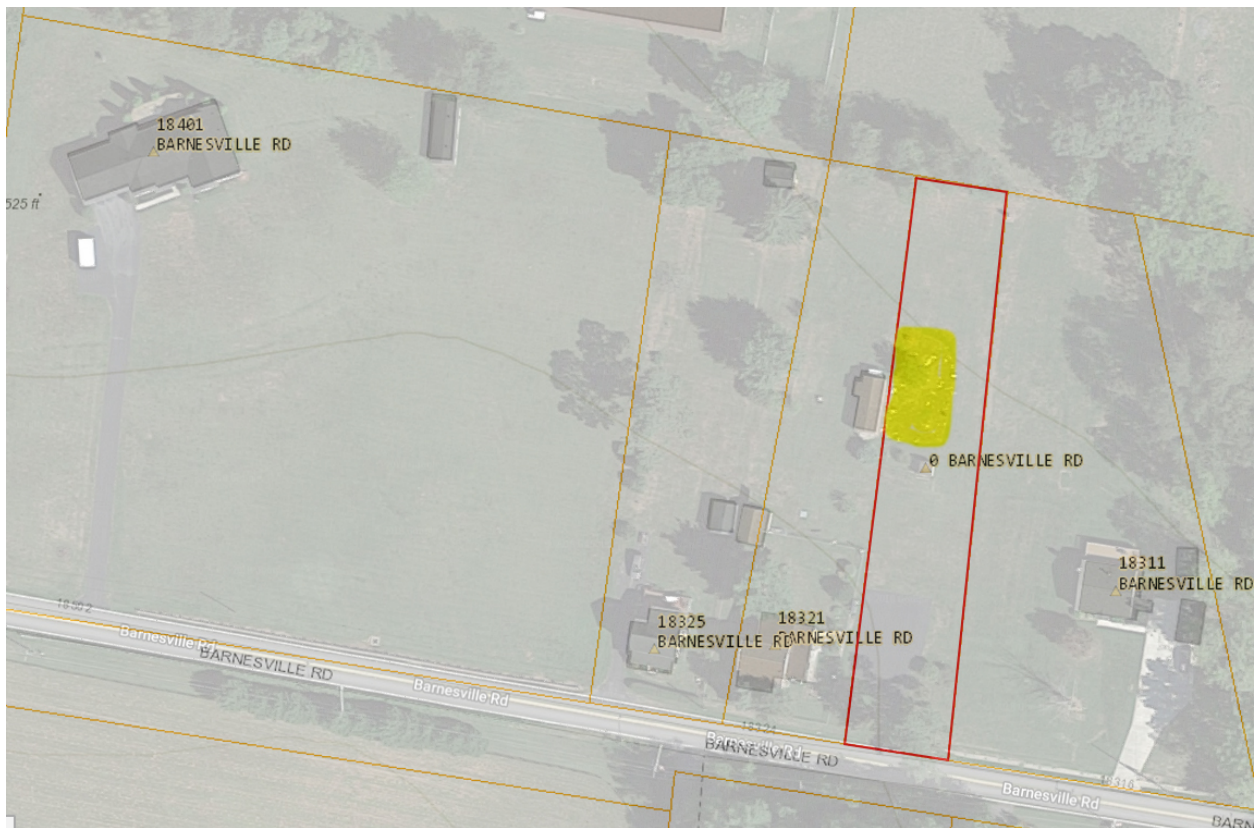
COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Recommend a cemetery restoration project.
• Recommend GPR of surrounding lawn area for more burials.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• On private property. Request permission from owner at 18321 Barnesville Road, adjacent to cemetery.
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Former church building stood where current parking area is. Torn down before 1944.

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• <i>History of Barnesville and Sellman, Maryland</i> – Dona Lou Cuttler and Ida Lu Brown
• http://www.interment.net/data/us/md/montgomery/barnesville/index.htm



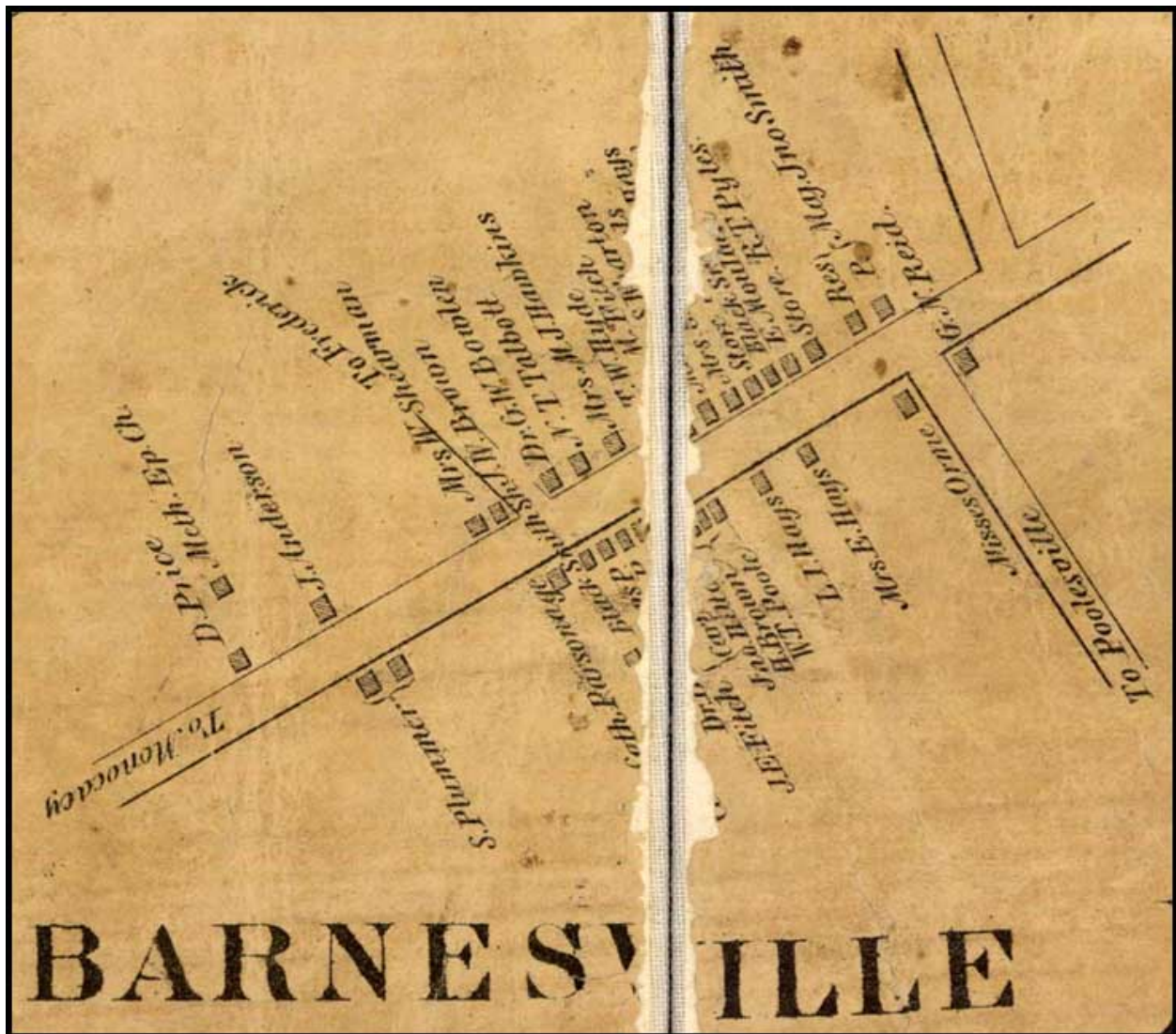


Property was included with the sale of 18321 Barnesville Road in Nov. 2017

Estate Sale so property is being sold AS-IS (meaning there's a cemetery on it). Two parcels convey, parcel P684 with tax ID 11-00921968 and parcel P721 with Tax Id 11-00922245 (cemetery), both parcels combined total 0.975 +/- acres of land.

Research notes, provided by Eileen McGuckian:

- Works Progress Administration (WPA) Survey of State and Local Historical Records, 1936
- *WPA Church Records Survey for Montgomery County, 1936-1937*
- Entry for Barnesville ME Church
 - organized "prior to 1845"
 - reference to a deed dated November 17, 1845 Liber STS1/folio 354 for 1/2 acre of land (Library has copy of this deed)
 - "No evidence of any building at the present time"
 - "A very neglected graveyard"
 - Notes that 1857-1890 records may be at the parsonage in Clarksburg, MD (multiple churches shared a minister)
- In vertical files at Montgomery County Historical Society – Beall Dawson, Rockville:
 - *Montgomery County Sentinel* July 14, 1899 reported that old church has undergone extensive repairs, reopening day July 23
- From Jane Sween:
 - Recently papers were received from Lib Tolbert's family; contents yet unknown or archived



Detail of Barnesville from Simon J. Martenet, Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County, 1865

History:

- The town of Barnesville was created in 1811 "Prescribing penalty on persons erecting booths or selling liquor within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting"
- Barnesville was created by the General Assembly in 1811, and called in honor of William Barnes, who owned land here, and who subsequently removed to Ohio and laid out the town of Barnesville, in Belmont County in that State. Mr. Barnes built the first house on the lot upon which the residence of William Hilton now stands.
- On February 22, 1844, in Barnesville, by Rev. M. Jones, the Rev. James C. Henning of the Methodist Episcopal Church [was married] to Miss Alice Ann, youngest daughter of the late John Webster Wilson of Baltimore.



Methodist Episcopal Church. This two-story frame edifice was built in 1843. Its present pastor is Rev. Randolph R. Murphy. In the burying ground in the rear are interred:

- Leonard Hays, born July 30, 1793, died April 24, 1864;
 - and Eliza Hays, born June 28, 1807, died July 21, 1874.
- Elisha Howard, died April 27, 1874, aged 84;
 - and his wife, Eleanor, born July 12, 1791, died Feb. 8, 1873.
- Laura V., wife of Richard T. Pyles, born Nov. 6, 1842, died Sept. 17, 1865.
- Elizabeth M. Hawkins, died June 10, 1867, aged 22.
- Jacob Nichols, born Oct. 2, 1788, died Nov. 25, 1857;
 - and his wife, Sarah, born Feb. 19, 1798, died April 27, 1867.
- Sarah Ellen, wife of Benjamin S. White, and daughter of Jacob and Sarah Nichols, died May 15, 1856, aged 26.
- Hatton Browne, born Jan. 28, 1801, died Dec. 28, 1871;
 - and his wife, Deborah, died Feb. 16, 1866, aged 73.
- Abigail, wife of William Trail, born June 5, 1789, died May 10, 1857.
- "Sacred to the memory of William Alexander, of Philadelphia, Corporal Co. H, 6th U. S. Cavalry. Killed Sept. 10, 1862. Erected by Union friends of Georgetown, D. C."
- John H. T. Hays, born Oct. 8, 1813, died June 23, 1857.
- Thomas L. Hays, born Nov. 20, 1816, died Oct. 4, 1873.
- Sarah A. Plummer, born Sept. 20, 1820, died Feb. 26, 1873.
- Mary Plummer, born May 4, 1817, died June 18, 1874.
- Isaac Bell, of N. Y., died Aug. 17, 1844, aged 35; of English descent, and his mother's maiden name was Poole.
- John Smith, born Dec. 18, 1801, died July 19, 1872.
- Hester Ellen, wife of John T. McAbee, died Jan. 17, 1848, aged 18.
- Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Feaster, died July 30, 1858, aged 70.
- Philemon N. Plummer, born Dec. 16, 1815, died Oct. 26, 1861.
- Sarah A. Plummer, died July 19, 1866, aged 35.
- Mary Anne, wife of Colmore Offutt, born Feb. 6, 1788, died Sept. 2, 1845;
 - and her husband, Colmore Offutt, died Feb. 7, 1855, aged 67.
- Williminer Harris, died Jan. 22, 1848, aged 54.
- James P. Wade, born Aug. 7, 1825, died April 15, 1858.
- James Edelin, born March 27, 1777, died March 21, 1852;
 - and his wife, Eleanor, born Nov. 18, 1780, died Sept. 28, 1852.

(Source: History of Western Maryland, by J. Thomas Scharf)

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Barnesville Methodist Episcopal Cemetery		Inventory ID: 203
Photographer: Lisa Warffeli		Date: 5/5/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
1:48 pm	1	Approach to cemetery from Barnesville Road, facing north
	2	View toward cemetery, facing west
	3	Panoramic from north to east to south
	4	Panoramic from south to west to north
	5	Small dual burial enclosed by iron fence, facing east
	6	Overgrown vegetation throughout, facing west
1:54 pm	7	Toppled grave markers



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