



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

### BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: <b>Hays Family Cemetery</b>	Inventory ID: <b>204</b>
Alternate name:	
Address: <b>22310 West Harris Road, Barnesville</b>	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: <b>39.222849</b>	Longitude: <b>-77.382302</b>
FindaGrave: <a href="https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2337918">https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2337918</a>	

### BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

### BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Rural</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Excellent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>By foot</b> <input type="checkbox"/> By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Is there a cemetery sign: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: <b>9 + footstones</b>	Date ranges: <b>1822-1857</b>
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Restored cemetery by owners in 1997. Toppled and stacked gravestones were randomly set in rows.</b></li><li>• <b>Surrounded by black iron fence with an entrance gate on the north side</b></li><li>• <b>Access from resident's driveway through open field next to barn</b></li></ul>		

### BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: <b>James and Mildred Callear</b>		
Relationship to burial site: <b>Owner</b>	Advocacy contact: _____	
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

### BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

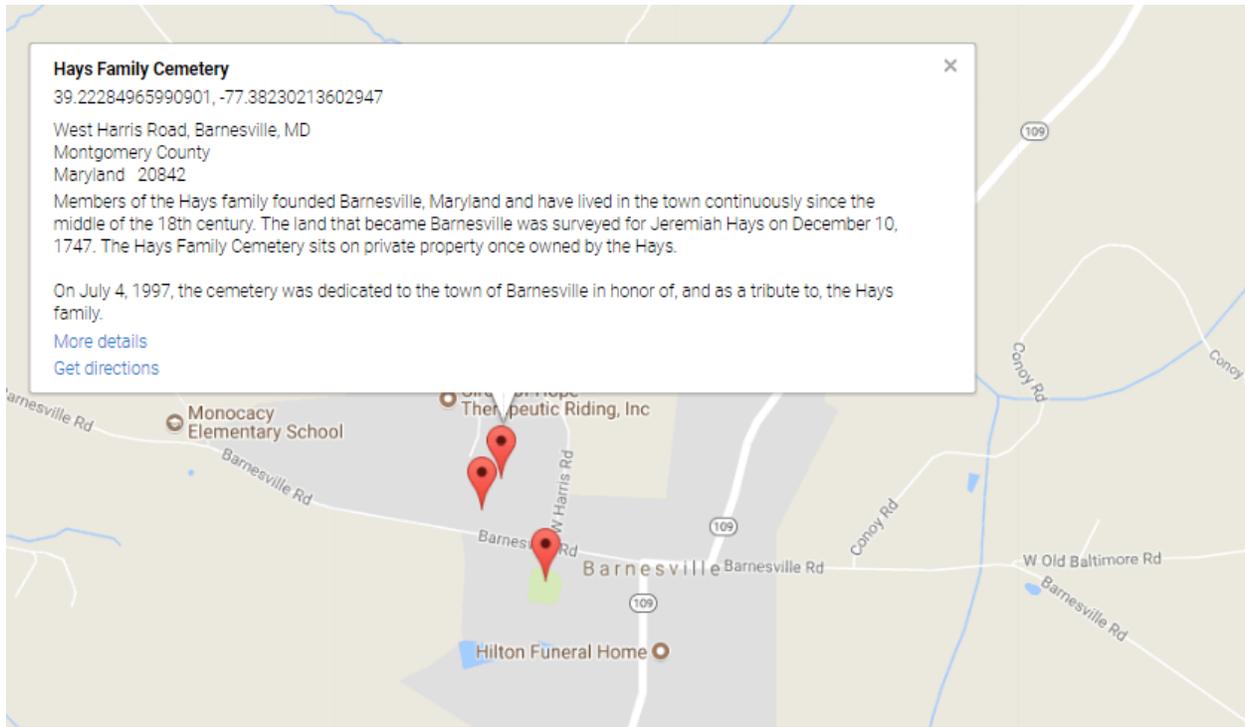
Name: <b>Lisa Warffeli</b>	Survey Date: <b>6/10/2018</b>	Time spent: <b>30 min</b>
Address:	Phone:	
Email:		
Photographer: <b>Lisa Warffeli</b>		

### COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Owner requests help with cleaning and preserving grave markers</b></li><li>• <b>Five old oak trees need to be assessed. Branches have fallen onto the stones.</b></li></ul>
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Owner's goat is penned here to keep the grass and weeds down.</b></li></ul>
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

### SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:





## Email Correspondences with James Callear

### 27 Oct 2015

I live in Barnesville, and we have an old cemetery on our property. When we moved here over 28 years ago, the graveyard fence was stacked up and most of the gravestones were not in the ground. The oldest gravestones appear to go back to 1830. There are quite a few Hays family members; there are no Civil War soldiers (which are apparently located in another cemetery in town). We reestablished the cemetery as best we could; however, some the fence was missing and we never found a grave plat or map to know precisely where the headstones belonged. We rededicated the cemetery in 1997 when Barnesville was celebrating its 250 anniversary. The years have taken a toll, and the gravestones have weathered badly. Some are becoming unreadable. The ground has heaved a bit and several have come out of the ground.

### 5 Nov 2015

Ours is part of the old Brown family farm, although the cemetery predates the house (1911) and barn (1921). The existing location of the cemetery (surrounded by iron fence) and headstones was our best guess when we reestablished the cemetery in the early 1990s. We looked many places for a burial map but never came up with one. The only reference we could find on the cemetery was in the History of West. Maryland, where there is a passing mention of the cemetery. There is a grove of trees as a reference point, but we were a section or two short of iron fence of being able to reestablish the fence into its apparent original location. The location of the headstones and some footstones was a best guess. We had to spend several years just getting out underbrush that had taken over when a prior owner had taken down the fence.

### 9 Nov 2015

I believe that our cemetery would be considered private; it was never part of a church, as far as I know. I have talked to Woody Hilton, the local funeral director, about this several times over the years. I think that I spoke to him as to whether he was aware of the burial records of any of the local churches, particularly the one on his property, and he was not. We have always treated the cemetery as if it were publicly available and have allowed visitors, who always asked permission to come on the property. No family members every visit the graves.

## Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

<b>Cemetery Name: Hays Family Cemetery</b>		<b>Inventory ID: 204</b>
<b>Photographer: Lisa Warffeli</b>		<b>Date: 6/10/2018</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Photo No.</b>	<b>Description and direction you are facing</b> (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
<b>11:56 am</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Approach to cemetery from driveway, through field, facing west</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>View from entrance gate on north side, facing south</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>Center of cemetery, facing west</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>Panoramic from south to west to north</b>
<b>12:02 pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Cemetery sign</b>



**1. Approach to cemetery from driveway, through field, facing west**



**2. View from entrance gate on north side, facing south**



**3. Center of cemetery, facing west**



**4. Panoramic from south to west to north**



**5. Cemetery sign**