

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY

Survey ID 206

Cemetery name Bready Family Cemetery

Alternate name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (or direction from nearest intersection) Llewellyn Manor Way  
(off Norbeck Rd at Layhill Rd)

ADC Map Page 22 Grid A-13 Town Layhill

Type  
 Religious  
 Family  
 Private  
 Other

Association  
 Free black  
 Enslaved  
 Ethnic  
 Prehistoric

Setting  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Forested  Other Removed

Condition  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor NA

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc)  
GRAVES MOVED

Approximate no. of burials 4 Date range of burials 1850-1878

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

Burials moved to Norbeck Memorial Park - reinterment on 10/13/2000. Area <sup>of original burials</sup> planned for development - roads partially built, but seems abandoned. Area of graves has fenceposts, remnants of wire fence, & many cedar trees.

Surveyor(s) Anne Brockett / Janet Manuel Survey date 6/5/05

Photographer A. Brockett Date 6/5/05 Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner NA  
Address/Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Status  
 Locational Atlas ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 National Register  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

UTM \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional sources of information: \_\_\_\_\_

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LLEWELLYN MANOR WAY  
LAYHILL



**BREADY FAMILY BURYING GROUND NEAR LAYHILL**  
 Directions: Route 182 North, Layhill Road, in Northwest Branch Park on  
 golf course. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 25, grid coordinates G-9.]  
 Condition of cemetery: Unknown. Inactive cemetery. Earliest known  
 death: 1850. Most recent death: 1878. Location of transcribed records:  
 Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane,  
 Rockville, Maryland 20850. Comments: Four marked graves, on farm land  
 recently owned by Maj. E. Brook Lee.

on Golf course near  
 Bryans Nursery rd.

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Not found. A search of the area indicated by the map did not  
 locate the cemetery. There has been some trash dumping and  
 a new high school has been built bordering the area. The cemetery  
 may have been covered or destroyed by the dumping or construction.  
 The manager of the golf course says that he has been there 40 years  
 and has never known of the cemetery.

Surveyor(s) Earl M. Duda - Janet & Linn Survey date June 5, 2005  
11/07/2004  
 Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address/Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

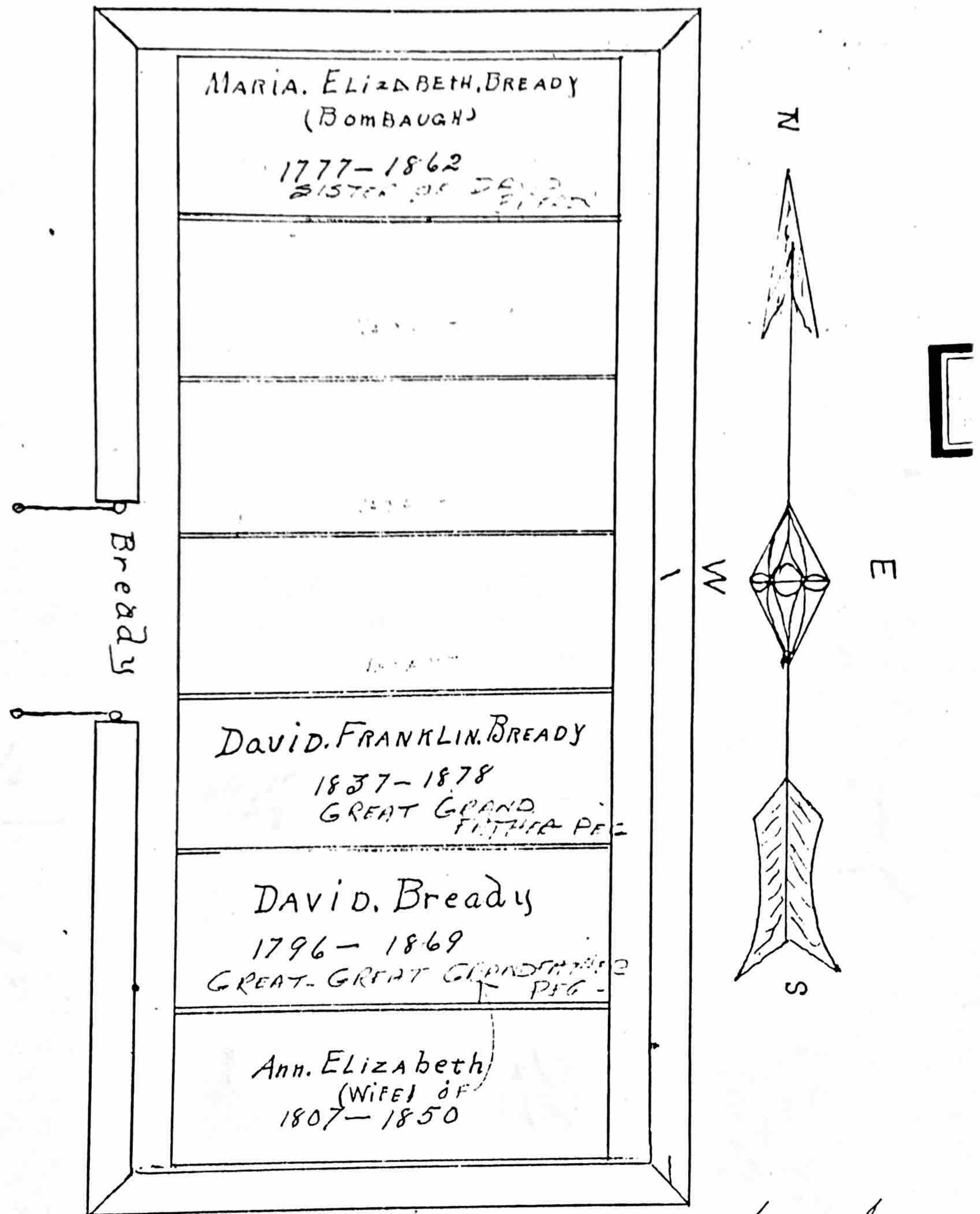
Historic Status  Locational Atlas ID \_\_\_\_\_  National Register  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

UTM \_\_\_\_\_

Additional sources of information:

Fence posts & remnants of wire fence. No stones  
 found. Possible piece of concrete wall.  
 Many cedar trees in area.





Burial Plot of David Bready (Montmouney) Sandy Spring  
on Farm owned by J. E. Brooks Lee



Bready Camp

Longhill Rd.

Driving Range

Prophysa only

Green

Parking

North west  
Branch Park

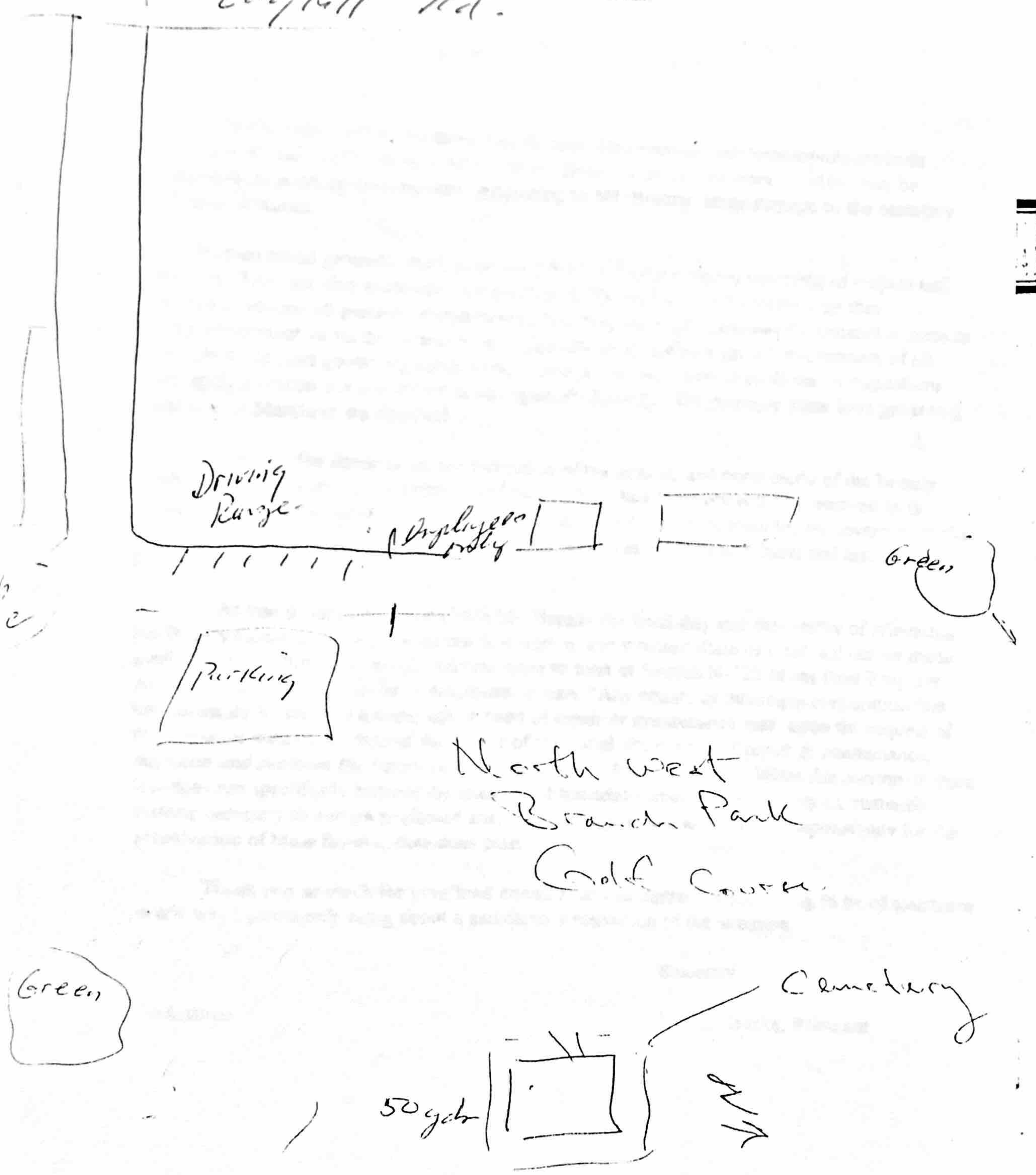
Golf Course

Green

Cemetery

50 yds

NW





Bready

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LEWELYN MARBLE WAY  
LAHMTU

August 14, 2000

Mr. Christian Larson  
Director, Office of Real Estate  
P. O. Box 717  
Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Larson:

It has recently come to my attention, through conversation and correspondence from Mr. C. Frank Bready of Woodbine, MD, that the Bready Family Cemetery, c. 1869, may be threatened by impending development. According to Mr. Bready, some damage to the cemetery has already occurred.

Human burial grounds, marked or unmarked, are sacred places deserving of respect and protection. They are also protected by a number of State laws. I respectfully urge that discussions between all parties concerned with the Bready Family Cemetery be initiated at once to prevent disturbance or further desecration of the cemetery. I also urge the enforcement of all applicable State laws governing burial sites, as well as all local laws, ordinances, or regulations which apply to burial site protection in Montgomery County. The principal State laws governing burial sites in Maryland are attached.

I trust that the desecration or destruction of burial sites, and particularly of the Bready Family Cemetery is not your intention, and that, in fact, this cemetery will be preserved as 1) sacred ground, 2) the rightful property of the living heirs (often duly recorded by covenants in the land records of the county in which it is located), and 3) as a priceless cultural and historical site protected under the laws of this State.

As you proceed to discuss with Mr. Bready the feasibility and desirability of relocating the Bready Cemetery to prevent future desecration, and whether State or local aid can be made available to help fund that move, you may want to look at Section 14-122 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code which states, in part, "Any county or municipal corporation that has within its jurisdiction a burial site in need of repair or maintenance may, upon the request of the owner or with permission of the owner of the burial site in need of repair or maintenance, *maintain and preserve the burial site for the owner.*" (Italics added.) While this section of State law does not specifically address the question of financial assistance for moving a threatened historic cemetery to a more protected site, it does suggest that some public responsibility for the preservation of these historic sites does exist.

Thank you so much for your kind attention to this matter. I am willing to be of assistance in any way I can to help bring about a satisfactory resolution of the situation.

Sincerely,

Kristin Kraske, President

Enclosures



14 August

Kristin -

I received a phone call from Mr. Bready (his phone # is (301) 854-6260) re his family cemetery which appears to be threatened by vandalism + further desecration due to development. He asked for help from the Coalition.

I drafted a letter for your signature - but you, of course, change the wording, etc. <sup>his</sup>

He sent me ~~the~~ letter to Mr. Larson - read that and you will get ~~the~~ background on this

I suggested you get him a Com. Pres. Kit that contains the laws + other good stuff - also a brochure (hopefully he will become a member)

Hope this helps expedite at least one cemetery case!

Take care.

Barbara

P.S. I thought you might send Mr. Larson the State laws + our brochure. I used our "Sample Letter" in our kit as a basis for the draft letter to Larson.



August 13, 2000

Mr. Frank Bready  
16474 A. E. Mullinex Road  
Woodbine, Maryland 21797

Dear Mr. Bready:

I have read with interest your letter of 8 August 2000 to Mr. Christian Larson. I think you have made a very clear and compelling case for state funding to support the re-location of the Bready family cemetery (four graves) to a site in the Norbeck Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

I have drafted a letter to go from the Coalition to Mr. Larson for the signature of our president, Ms. Kristian Kraske. She will have to review it of course, but I have enclosed a copy for your information. I have forwarded your letter to Mr. Larson (with the map) to Ms. Kraske, and I expect she will be in touch with you shortly. Should you wish to call her, her telephone number at home is (410) 730-8278 and at work, (410) 765-9704.

I am going to suggest to Ms. Kraske that a copy of the Coalition letter to Mr. Larson be sent to two people who could possibly be of further help to you in this matter:

- 1) Ms. Gwen Wright, Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760 (301) 563-3400
- 2) State Senator Christopher J. McCabe (whose constituency includes both Howard and Montgomery Counties). His Annapolis address is 404 James Senate Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401-1991 (410) 841-3671

I think it would be a good idea for you to get in touch with both Ms. Wright and Sen. McCabe.

One additional suggestion is for you to obtain from Ms. Kraske a copy of our Coalition's Cemetery Preservation Kit. The kits are available for \$5.00 and contain much valuable information, including all the State laws pertaining to cemetery protection.

I hope the Coalition has been some help to you in protecting your family cemetery. We would welcome your membership in the Coalition. As a member, you would receive our quarterly newsletter which will keep you up to date on the laws and other activities, statewide, which pertain to cemetery preservation. Ms. Kraske can send you one of our brochures which details the mission of the organization and includes a mail-in membership form.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Barbara Sieg*

Barbara Sieg

Past president and member of the  
Coalition

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LEVELYN MANDL WAY  
LAHTW



Received from Mr. Bready  
after my telephone call  
from him.  
B. Sieg

16474 A. E. Mullinix Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

August 8, 2000

Mr. Christian Larson  
Director, Office of Real Estate  
P.O. Box 717  
Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Larson:

This is to request your assistance in attaining state funding to disinter four ancestors currently buried in a family cemetery located on state property formally owned by the Llewellyn Fields Subdivision.

Before being more specific about this request from the Bready family, let me give you some brief details surrounding the history of our family cemetery. In 1849, at age 53, David Bready moved to Montgomery County from Frederick County, where he had been farming on rented land at Carrollton Manor near Adamstown. He purchased 540 acres along what is now Layhill and Norwood Roads and proceeded to set up a productive farm.

Upon his death in 1869, he was buried in a family cemetery established on the farm. Also buried in the same cemetery is his wife, sister and one of his sons. Three hundred of the original acreage remained in the Bready family until it was "purchased" under public domain by Montgomery County for a park. The Bready Cemetery has been maintained continually by family members since its establishment, even though the land around it has been owned by others for many years.

With the start of the Llewellyn Fields Subdivision in 1990, we have experienced vandalism to the cemetery. The greatest damage was when our wrought iron gate and five feet of the foot-wide concrete wall were removed by what must have been a front end loader. With the extension of Norbeck Road through the subdivision close to the cemetery, we expect even greater vandalism problems.

As you can see, the enclosed subdivision and road plan shows an access road to the cemetery. This access road will involve a considerable expense which is pertinent to the family request. Our proposal is to disinter the four ancestors and bury them in one grave in the Norbeck Memorial Gardens Cemetery (also a former family farm site). We are asking the state to financially support the disinterment process with funds that would be used to develop an access road.

I have researched the expenses involved in disinterment with local funeral homes and have summarized them as follows:

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Transfer of remains to the funeral home	\$ 325.00
Basic service of funeral director & staff	1250.00
Courier to Health Department	85.00
Courier to State's Attorney	85.00
Transfer of remains from disinterred container	1000.00
Hearse to cemetery	290.00
Casket	1000.00
Disinterment Fee	3000.00
Cemetery lot	600.00
Opening & closing new grave site	<u>1500.00</u>
Total	\$9135.00

On behalf of the Bready family, I humbly suggest that you give serious consideration to this request. I feel that it will be a win-win situation for all concerned.

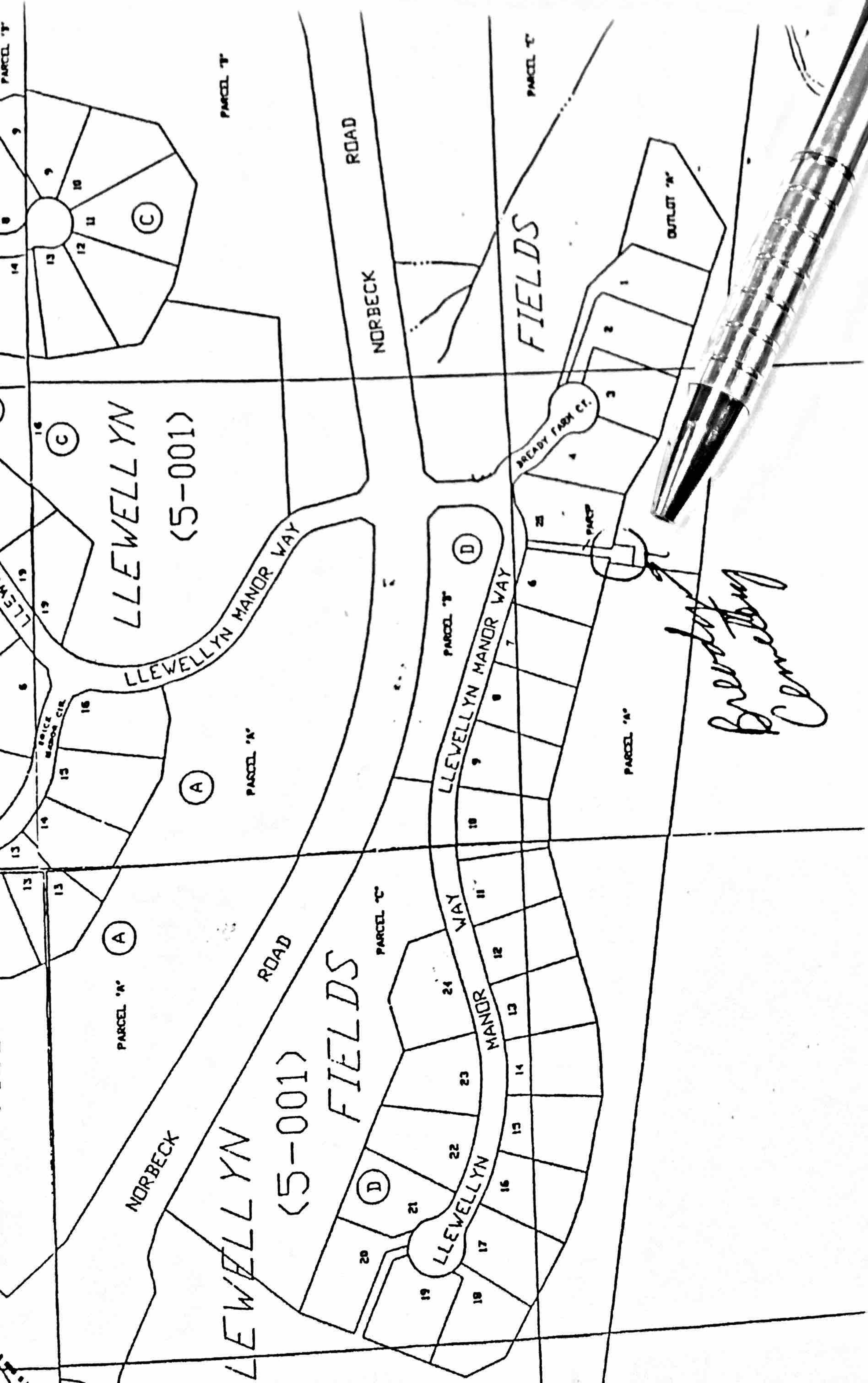
Sincerely,



C. Frank Bready  
Vice President  
The Bready Society of Maryland

cc: Charlie K. Watkins  
District Engineer  
State Highway Administration





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 LANYHILL

*Breddy Family Cemetery*