



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Zachariah Waters Family Cemetery	Inventory ID: 219
Alternate name:	
Address: In field across from 20938 Mountain Lake Terrace, Germantown	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.200656	Longitude: -77.268921
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2406261	

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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: 5	Date ranges: 1796–1864
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• Cemetery located 300 feet northeast of Century Blvd, enclosed in a gated metal fence.		
• Property slated for development by Symmetry at Cloverleaf LLC.		
• Orange flagged GPR sites detected burials outside of enclosed cemetery		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Symmetry at Cloverleaf LLC		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact: Nicole Totah
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

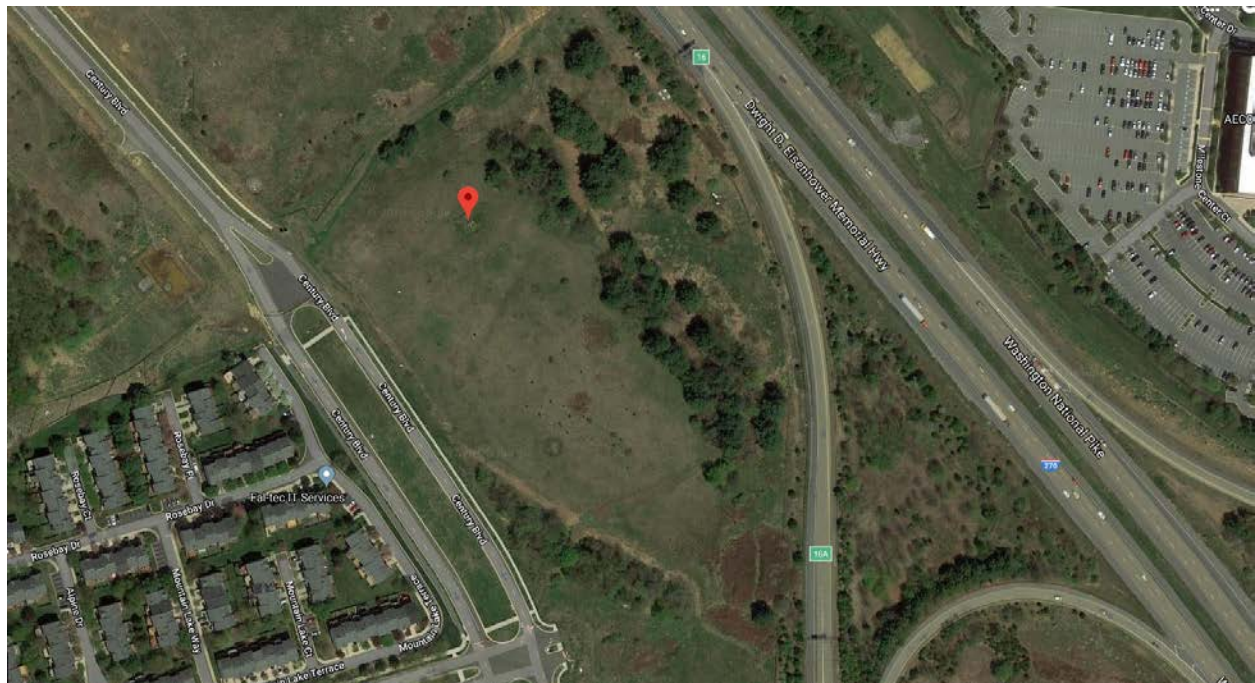
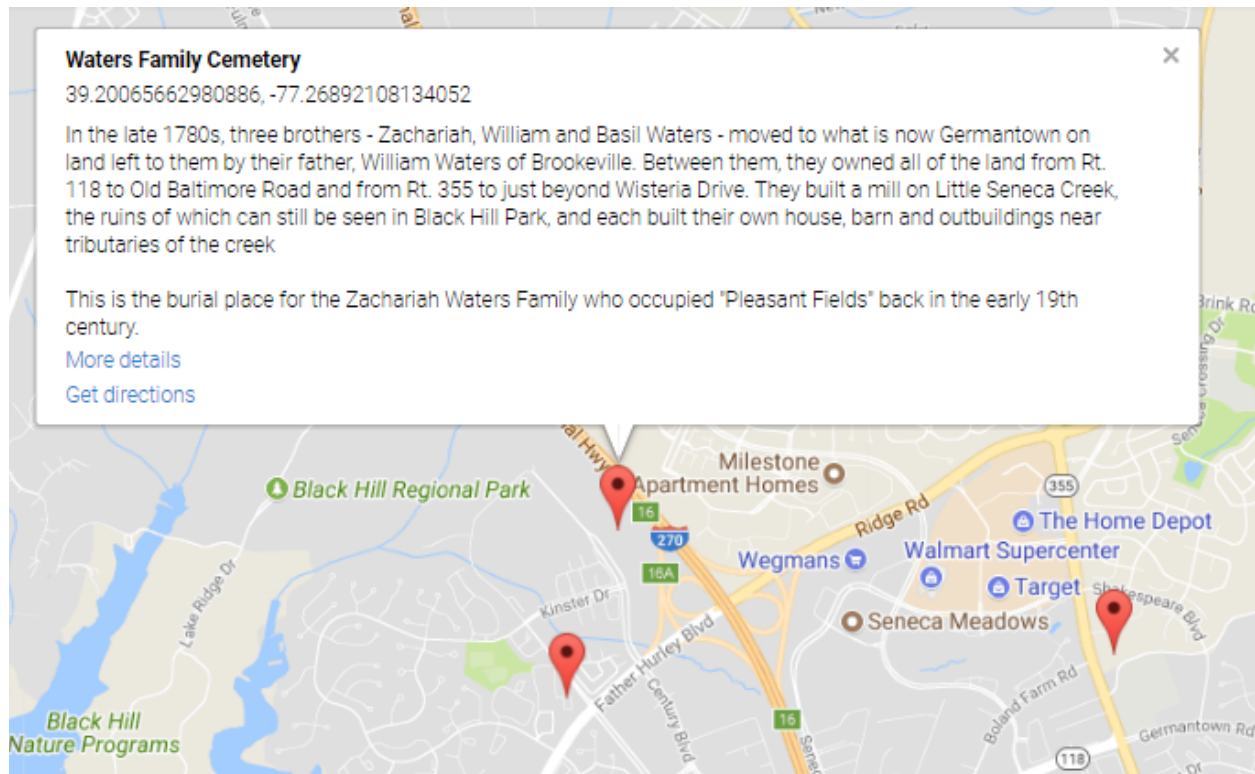
Name: Lisa and Carlos Gonzalez	Survey Date: 7/14/2018	Time spent: 15 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Carlos Gonzalez		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Stay diligent with the proposed plans to disturb this cemetery by the developer.
• Grave markers are leaning on their bases. Possibly reset them.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Overgrown vegetation prevents entry into enclosure.
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Burial site of Zachariah Waters, Revolutionary War Patriot

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• http://www.mcatlas.org/Development_Info/default.aspx?apno=520180120
• Extensive documentation provided by the Germantown Historical Society, www.germantownmdhistory.org
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2019-2.pdf (page 3)



History

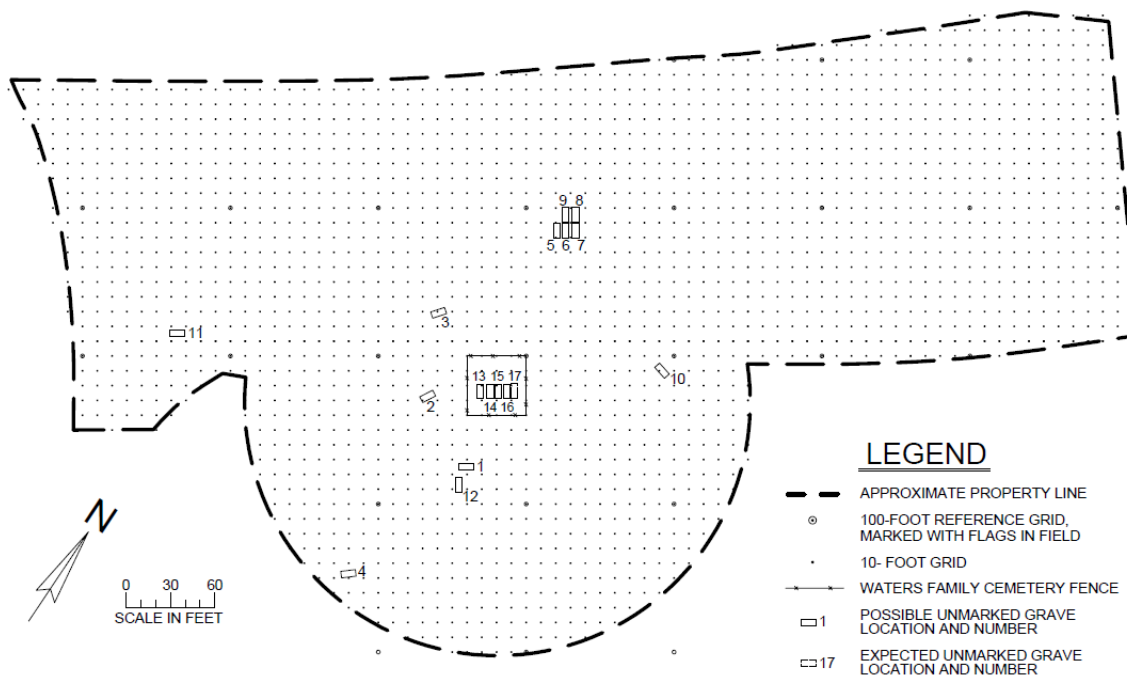
Family burying ground: See map for location. During the ownership of William A. Waters the unused graveyard of five or six graves was intact. It extended toward the northeast, and although the field was cultivated, the borders of the cemetery were not encroached upon. It contained the graves of Zachariah Waters, Anna Waters, Baker Waters, Courtney Waters and Tilghman Waters, all of whom were buried here in the early to middle 19th century. The graveyard may have had an iron railing enclosing it, in accordance with Tilghman Waters' will. There was no railing there in Robert Waters' childhood in the early 20th century. At present, all that remains is an area surrounding a large wild cherry tree beneath which the gravestones are thrown haphazardly, the major part of the graveyard being ploughed under. **Negro graveyard:** See map. Long unused, this graveyard was in existence in the earlier 20th century. If there are any stones, they are visible only when vines have withered.

(Source: <https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2019-2.pdf>)



Zachariah, with the help, no doubt, of his 22 slaves, built the mill and miller's house and his own larger house nearby. Anna and Zachariah had three children: Tilghman, Baker, and Courtney. Tilghman was the only one to marry (Eleanor Magruder), but had no children. All are buried in a family graveyard near the house. (Source: <https://patch.com/maryland/germantown/the-mill-of-the-waters-brothers>)

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Results



Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Zachariah Waters Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 219
Photographer: Carlos Gonzalez		Date: 7/14/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
10:05 am	1	View to cemetery from Century Blvd., facing north
	2	Approach to cemetery from sidewalk, facing northeast
	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
	5	Southwest corner of the enclosed cemetery
	6	Southeast corner of the enclosed cemetery
	7	Northeast corner of the enclosed cemetery
10:15 am	8	Northwest corner of the enclosed cemetery



1. View to cemetery from Century Blvd., facing north



2. Approach to cemetery from sidewalk, facing northeast



3. Panoramic from west to north to east



4. Panoramic from east to south to west



5. Southwest corner of the enclosed cemetery



6. Southeast corner of the enclosed cemetery



7. Northeast corner of the enclosed cemetery



8. Northwest corner of the enclosed cemetery