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DARNESTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH CEM  
15408 SPRING MEADOWS DRIVE  
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**DARNESTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY**

Directions: Route. 28 West to Darnestown. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 21, grid coordinates J-10.] Condition of cemetery: No longer extant. Inactive cemetery. Earliest known death: 1848. Most recent death: 1881. Famous person interred: Samuel T. Magruder. Location of transcribed records: Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Author: J. Thomas Scharf, A.M. Title: *History of Western Maryland*, page 762, Vol. I. Publisher: Regional Publishing Company [reprinted 1968], Baltimore, MD [originally printed in Philadelphia, 1882]. Comments: Church first built and used by Methodists, then used by the Baptists.

**Cemetery Inventory**

ID: 225

Alternate name: Pleasant Hills ME Church Cemetery  
Address: ~~Route 28~~ 15408 Spring Meadows Drive

Town: Darnestown

ADC Map Page 26 Grid K-2

**Type**

Religious  
 Family  
 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) No markers

Approximate no. of burials 120+ Date range of burials 1846-1947

<sup>Methodist</sup> Description (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping, fence, paths and roads, etc.)  
Church built here prior to 1844, then became Baptist church. No church building remains. After 1951, Kelley family (owners) removed or laid flat and buried all markers. The burials (+ possibly the gravestones) are located at the SW corner of the intersection of Darnestown Rd. + Spring Meadows drive in side yard of house. In housing development. Not fenced. Current owner is planting trees in area of graves.

Surveyor(s) Anne Brockett + Janet Manuel Survey date 10/9/04  
Photographer No photos. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner Mattingly  
Address/Phone No. 15408 Spring Meadows Drive

Historic Status  Locational Atlas ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_

UTM \_\_\_\_\_

Additional sources of information:

Scharf vol. 1, p. 762

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PLEASANT HILLS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH CEMETERY AT DARNESTOWN, UNION METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY, BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE CHURCH CEMETERY  
Directions: Cemetery destroyed by Kelly family sometime after 1951, originally a church cemetery. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 21.] Location of cemetery: No longer exists, church built in 1844 by Methodists, later used by the Baptists. This cemetery is non-extant. Earliest known death: 1846. Most recent death: 1947. In 1936, 2 record volume, 1857-1880, Rockville circuit, 1880-1908, 2 volume M.E. South Clarksburg parsonage. Location of transcribed records: Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Author: J. Thomas Scharf, A.M. Title: *History of Western Maryland*, page 762, Vol. I. Publisher: Regional Publishing Company [reprinted 1968], Baltimore, MD [originally printed in Philadelphia, 1882]. Comments: 49 marked and 66 unmarked graves, active until 1947. 1 volume of records, 1908-1917, at Potomac parsonage.



4-18-04  
Suzanne - I left a message for you several weeks ago but  
have not heard from you. Jo-Ellen Domalski

Jo-Ellen Killoran Domalski  
16404 Montecrest Lane  
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April 4, 2004

To: Suzanne Copping

From: Jo-Ellen Domalski

Darnestown Historical Society (301) 963-0552

Enclosed is a map of the W.C. & A.N. Miller  
Development of "Spring Meadows" at Route 118 and  
Route 28 in Darnestown.

Lot # 7 was Pleasant Hills Cemetery. I believe  
that at one time there was a small Baptist  
Church on that property.

The late Mr. Tom Kelly, a farmer who owned the  
property, plowed under the tomb stones! He  
made a partial list of the deceased interred there.  
The list is enclosed.

We believe that the earliest interment occurred  
in 1848.

The Gazette article enclosed, I believe, shows  
the daughter(?) of the folks buried in Graves 114 &  
115.



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I do not have a map of the "layout" of  
Pleasant Hills Cemetery.

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On the opposite side of Route 28, near an auto  
repair shop, no longer standing, were quite a few  
graves. A Gazette article enclosed referenced these  
graves.

Also in this area is the St. Rose Cemetery on  
Clopper Road and the Presbyterian Cemetery  
on Darnestown Road.

Wishing you well in this project,

Jo-Ellen Domalski

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Cemetery

Pleasant  
Hills Cemetery

May 1998  
Site Plan  
from Miller's  
office

SKETCH SHOWING  
ALL OF

SPRING MEADOWS

6TH ELECTION DISTRICT

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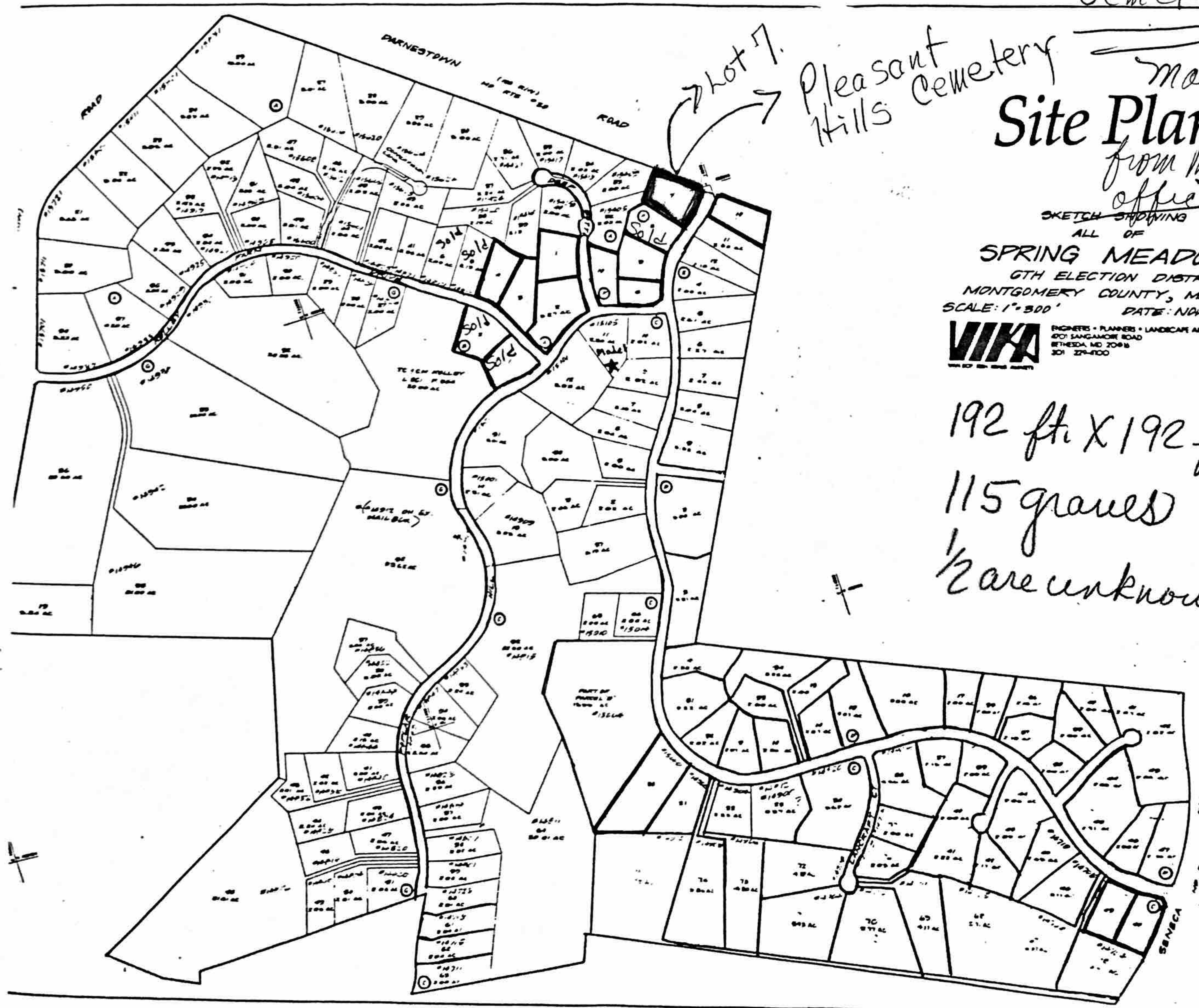
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DATE: NOVEMBER, 1996



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192 ft X 192 ft  
115 graves  
1/2 are unknown



LEGEND  
LETTER NEAR  
LABEL STREET AS



From the original list prepared by J. Thomas Kelley, III, of  
 graves sites and inscriptions on markers on land of Thomas C. and Catherine M.  
 Kelley used as a burial ground prior to 1951.

Jeffery's  
Copy

<u>Flat Key Number</u>	
1 thru 5	Unidentified child <i>Carter? infant Creeper</i>
6	H. A. Carter 1916 age 69 <i>Turkey's grandfather: <u>uncle</u></i>
7	unidentified
8	Frank C. Perrell 1873-1939 <i>This word could be</i>
9	Martha J. Perrell 1879-1932 <i>"UNCLE"</i>
10	Eliza M. Soper 1828-1916
11	Zachariah T. Soper 1869-1904
12	Theodore S. Pierce 1886-1905 son of George W. and Mary C.
13	Julia A. Mansfield 1831-1897
14	Charles A. Mansfield 1820-1895
15	Lucinda, wife of Martin Thompson, 1831-1899
16	Northington Magruder 1848-1854 only son of S. T. and Elizabeth <i>Samuel</i>
17	Mrs. Sarah Bersey 1800-1879
18	Elizabeth Magruder died 1881 age 65 wife of Samuel T.
19	Samuel T. Magruder 1818-1883
20	Joseph Clagett died 1879 age 44 son of Nathaniel and Ann H.
21	unidentified child
22	George Clagett died 1899 age 19
23	<del>Ann</del> Elizabeth Clagett died 1859 age 27 second wife of Nathan
24	Nathaniel Clagett died 1890 age 68
25	Ellen Maria Clagett died 1848 age 23 wife of Nathaniel
26 & 27	unidentified child
28	Travilah Clagett died 1883 age 27 son of Nathaniel and Ann H.
29	Nathaniel Offutt Clagett died 1884 age 8 son of Nathaniel and <u>Bettie E.</u>
30	Ara Hawkins died 1848 age 57 wife of James Hawkins
31	James Hawkins died 1855 age 58

See Grave #110

See Grave 16

See Graves 23 & 24

See Grave 28

1st wife of Nathaniel

See Graves 23 & 24

Bettie E. 3rd wife of Nathaniel?



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- 32 E.A. Hawkins, 1817-1881, second wife of James
- 33 Joseph C. Hawkins, died 1849, age 28
- 34 thru 38 unidentified
- 39 Joseph G. Daves 1878-1889
- 40 Laura V. Daves 1886-1889
- 41 Catherine Caldwell Lewis 1824-1846 daughter of John and Lucina
- 42 Lucinda Lewis 1793-1873 wife of John
- 43 John H. Lewis 1787-1872
- 44 Thirza V. Darns died 1869 age 31
- 45 thru 56 unidentified
- 57 Elizabeth Hunter died 1857 age 75
- 58 thru 60 unidentified
- 61 Janet Esworthy 1878-1902 wife of Frank V.
- 62 unidentified child
- 63 thru 66 unidentified, LFT on each lot marker
- 67 Edward F. Higgins died 1881 age 7 son of George W. and Mary C
- 68 John W. Higgins died 1895 age 68 buried in lot 118/2 E?
- 69 Hilary T. Higgins died 1889 age 16 - Sister of Edward (2)
- 70 thru 72 unidentified - George & Mary Higgins (2)
- 73 Mr. Daves Norris 1786-1867
- 74 thru 76 unidentified
- 77 Arthur Whelan 1865-1896 husband of Annie A.
- 78 unidentified -> Annie A. Whelan (2)
- 79 Walter N. Mansfield 1854-1883
- 80 unidentified Mrs. Mansfield (3)
- 81 Verna Carlisle 1881-1881 age 3 months
- 82 thru 86 unidentified
- 87 Elizabeth Truman died 1852 age 22 (also infant child (wife of Josiah))
- 88 thru 108 unidentified
- 109 Sallie Wilson 1939 age 8 months
- 110 John W. Pierce 1880-1904 son of George W. and Mary C.

Lewis Family ->

63 thru 66 ->

Bazette 2 ->

See Grave 12 ->



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111 unidentified

112 J.O.

113 unidentified

Lazette  
article

114

David F. Wilson 1936 age 85 Franklin - Farmer

115

Sarah McK. Wilson died 1947 age 82 "Sally" Ashley McKenearey



\*Original list prepared by J. Thomas Kelley, III, of grave sites and inscriptions on markers on land of Thomas O. and Catherine M. Kelley ~~was~~ used as a burial ground prior to 1951.

292  
291  
405  
255  
251  
208  
206  
4182  
2911  
10.995  
22.587

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2. " " Pleasant Hill Bapt. Ch.
3. " " Darnestown Md.
4. " "
5. "
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7. unknown
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- 57. Elizabeth Hunter died 1857 age 75
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- 59. "
- 60. "
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- 82. unknown
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- 85. unknown
- 86. "
- 87. Elizabeth Truman died 1852 age 23 also infant child- wife of Josiah
- 88. unknown
- 89. "
- 90. "
- 91. "
- 92. "
- 93. "
- 94. "
- 95. "
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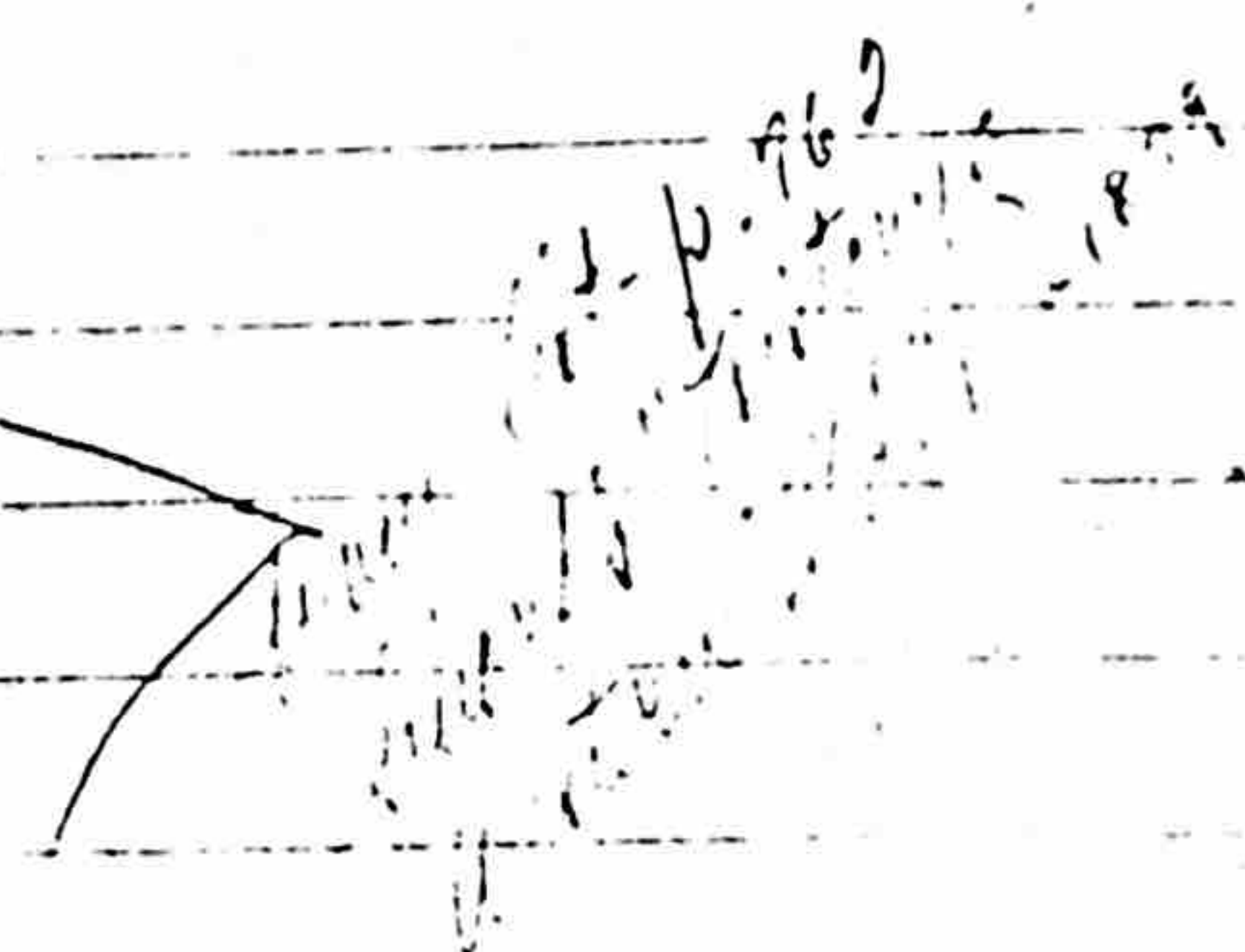
112. J. O.

113. unknown

114. David P. Wilson 1936 age 85

115. Sarah McK. Wilson died 1947 age 82

116. Social Security No. 30, 553 - age 75  
Flora P. Wilson, died April 1, 1972 - age 60





# Grace Ainsworth: 100 years old and living each day to the fullest

by Karen O'Keefe  
Special to the Gazette

Perhaps someday, people who didn't know Grace Ainsworth will remember that she lived more than 100 years — throughout parts of the 19th and 21st centuries, and all of the 20th.

However, for the people who know and love Grace Ainsworth, they will talk, not so much how long she lived, as how she lived. They will talk about her right to the point way of saying things, her modesty about her personal achievements, and most definitely, about her sense of humor.

But, today is today, and Ainsworth doesn't give a fig about what was or what will come to pass. She's interested in today and right now. For example, which squirrel is presently gorging himself at the feeder outside her kitchen window.

On Feb. 15, 75 family members and friends helped her celebrate her 100th birthday with a party at the Laytonsville firehouse. She has lived with her daughter, Margaret Bennett in Laytonsville since 1990 after living in Olney for 50 years.

Did she have a good time? Her daughter said she did, with lots of hugs and kisses. Ainsworth seemed to agree, but then she voiced her true opinion, with a bit of exasperation in her tone.

"Oh gosh, all hemlock," Her favorite expression, said her daughter. Enough is enough; let's get on with it.

Ainsworth was born Grace McKenearey Wilson in 1899 in Darnestown, in the middle of a blizzard.

"I refused to go to the hospital to be born," she said with a smile.

She was born eighth and is sole survivor of 14 children born to Sarah "Sally" Ashley and David Franklin Wilson, a farmer. She attended Darnestown Elementary and remembers playing ball in the fields with her siblings more than

**"Every time my husband and I went to the store, I liked to go in and mess around. He'd say, 'Go in there and spend some money.' But I didn't spend a lot of money. I always like going to the store, but I don't always have to spend money."**

Grace Ainsworth, centenarian

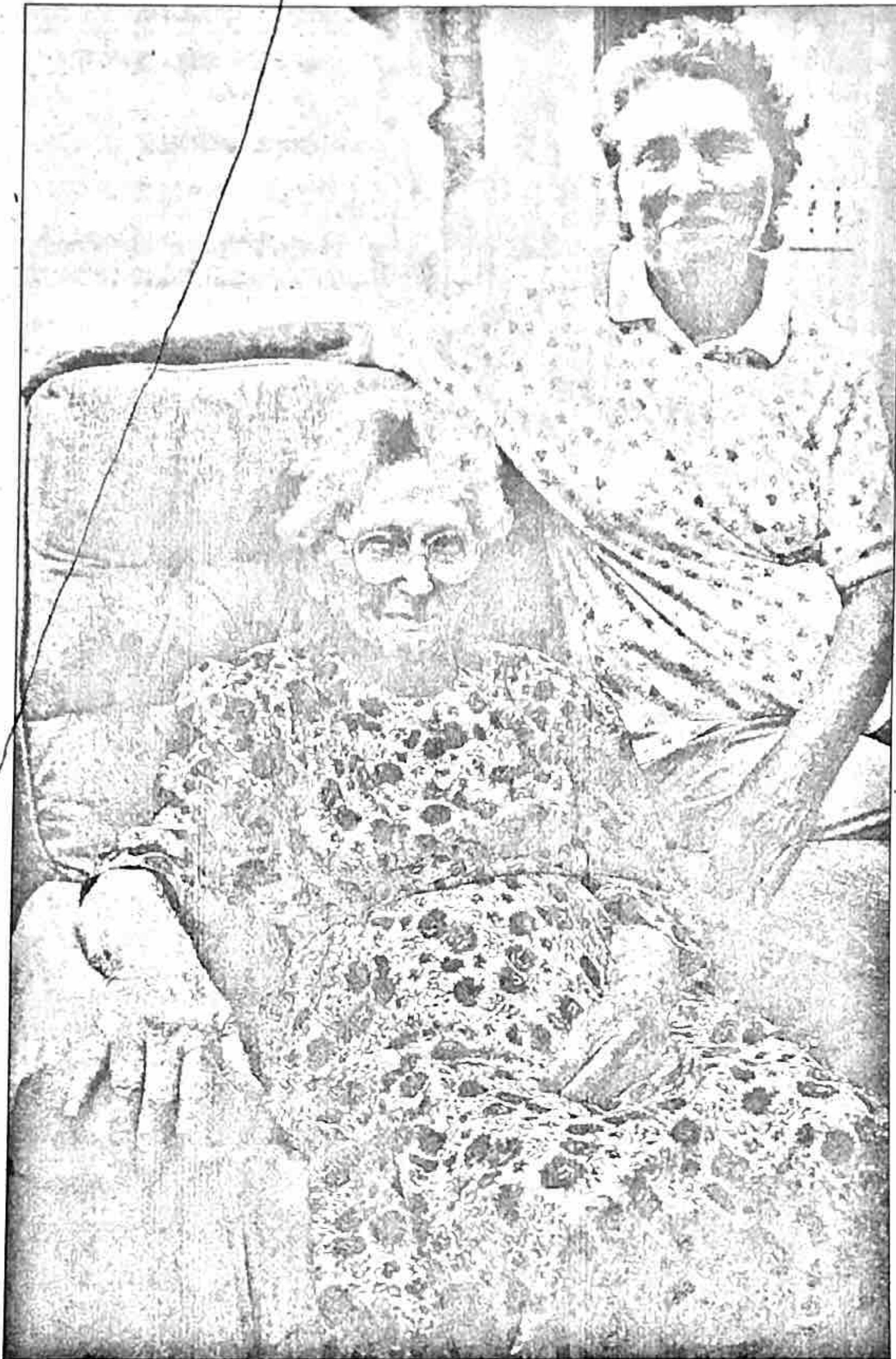
90 years ago.

She married Bush Ainsworth in 1922 at the old Grace Methodist Church in Gaithersburg. Their only child, Margaret, was born in 1925 and the family lived in Olney.

"Mother lived in Olney for 50 years," Bennett said.

"Only in Olney," her mother added, clearly enjoying the play on words. "Only in Olney."

Ainsworth said she misses her



Grace Ainsworth (seated), who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, lives with her daughter Margaret Bennett in Laytonsville.

Galen A. Lentz/GAZETTE

husband, who died in 1959, very much. Ask a question about him and the slight woman in the big wing chair lights up.

"He was a carpenter, but he could do anything. I don't care what it was. He was worth a million.

"Every time my husband and I went to the store, I liked to go in and mess around. He'd say, 'Go in there and spend some money,'" she recalled with another smile.

"But I didn't spend a lot of money. I always like going to the store, but I don't always have to spend money."

Bennett confirmed this. "Her mother enjoys going for drives and sometimes they go into a store together. "She still likes to fuss about the prices," Bennett said.

Ainsworth doesn't attribute her longevity to diet or physical regimen — or anything. According to her, it just kind of happened.

"Time doesn't stop for me. It just keeps on going," she said.

She added that maybe she's been healthy this long because "I didn't do a lot. I didn't hurt myself over work."

But Bennett said her mother worked a lot. "She always had a garden — of flowers and vegetables — and they ate what they grew. She

took care of people in their homes and she was a dressmaker, she had several people she sewed for."

"I made my clothes," Ainsworth admitted. "I didn't like to sew, but I had to do it."

Bennett added with a touch of pride that her mother still has all of her own teeth. Her mother stubbornly refused take any credit for this. "I didn't take care of them, they were just good."

"The first thing she does after a meal is brush her teeth," Bennett said.

As far as diet, Ainsworth favors coffee and sweets. Bennett cooks plenty of fruit and vegetables, and sometimes a little meat — "though she can live without it."

"If she eats, she can have coffee," Bennett said. "Decaf."

"If they don't give the coffee to me, I sneak it," Ainsworth said.

"I take a nap sometimes," she said. "But, I don't like to make it a practice."

And bedtime is, "Between 6 and 10, whenever I feel like it, "I jump up and go to bed."

Today Ainsworth enjoys a little television "if there's anything on that's good" and reading, including her Bible.

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