

Dear Eileen

Thank you for your assistance 2 weeks ago on my brief stop to acquire information about the Clara Barton Parkway. For such a brief stop it was very helpful in finding a couple of key dates ~~that~~ that had eluded us so far.

As promised I am sending you the information I copied from National Park Service files on the disinterment of Mt. Glory Cemetery. They include a drawing showing the location of the former graves, the original deed for the property dating to 1897, the ^{final} report by the National Park Service documenting (thoroughly) the process & result of the disinterment/reinterment, and several other pieces of communication in the file. The file contains other information not critical to my needs, but otherwise interesting including some photos of the graves & the abandoned chapel on the former property. The file is located in a box marked 079-66A-1097, Box 23, 1460/GWMP - MD., Mt. Glory Cemetery. It is currently in the historic Landscapes Division of the National Park Service at 12th & Eye Sts. The cemetery was located on the northern end (north-western?) of the David Taylor Model Basin, just before the end the Clara Barton Parkway.

I hope you can find a suitable place for this information. Paul
Paul Kubicki, Landscapes & Architecture Program,
Vinton Tech, 1001 Pine St, Alton, VT

At the request of John Robinson and six others, the following Deed was recorded August 23, 1897 to wit:

This Deed made this 18th day of January in the year 1897 by Philetus Sawyer of the City of Oshkosh in the State of Wisconsin witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars and other goods and valuable consideration me thereto moving, I the said Philetus Sawyer do grant, bargain and sell unto John Robinson, John Williams, John Johnson, Joseph Toney, Beverly Weeder, Tobias Gray and Silas Richardson, as trustees, to hold in trust the following described land, for the purpose of maintaining thereon a church for the benefit of the colored people at and near Cropley, Maryland and when discontinued to be used for church purposes the title will revert back to Philetus Sawyer, all that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland being part of a tract of land called "Carderock" or by whatever name or names the same may be known or called and contained within the metes and bounds, courses and distances:

Beginning at the end of the 12th line of a conveyance from William S. Harrison, and wife to Walter Kempster, dated the 1st day of February, in the year 1888, and running then with said 12th line reversed with 9 minutes East 23 25/100 perches to the south line of the Washington Aqueduct and running thence with said line North 82 degrees, 54 feet, West 7 8/100 perches South 0 degrees, 9 minutes West 21 15/100 to the berm bank of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal thence along said bank of said canal South 86 degrees 21 minutes East 7 6/100 perches to the beginning containing one acre or

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Recorded in Liber JA 60 Folio 79, Land Record of Montgomery County, Md.

Files

September 14, 1959

Elwood E. Rensch, Landscape Architect
thru Chief, Landscape Architectural Branch

Deed - Mt. Glory Cemetery

On September 10, the writer talked to the contractor for Project 10044, Mr. Charles W. Williams, in the presence of the Bureau of Public Roads' Project Engineer Mr. Goreschboth. Mr. Williams stated that he was attempting to gain access through Mt. Glory Cemetery in order to complete the connection to MacArthur Boulevard. To effect this passage, he contacted a Mr. James B. Davis, attorney at Rockville, Maryland, phone Poplar 2-6640, to ascertain the ownership of this land. Mr. Davis has, or has seen the deed of this property and said it was owned by a Mr. Sawyer who had given this land for use as a church. No mention was made for the use of this land as a cemetery and that the cemetery was there by adverse possession. When the land ceases to be used for a church it returns to its original owner.

Mr. Sawyer has since moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was contacted there by phone and it was determined that there were eleven (11) heirs to this property. Mr. Williams has obtained permission from one of the heirs to cross Mt. Glory Cemetery in an area where it would be necessary to move three headstones.

During the course of conversation, it was indicated that the contractor has offered Mr. Sawyer \$2,000 for this one acre of land being used as a cemetery with the understanding that when the Government purchased the land any additional price above the \$2,000 would also be paid to Mr. Sawyer.

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Elwood E. Rensch

Landscape Architect

P.S.

In telephone conversation with Mr. Davis, he told me that the deed was recorded in libro J A 60, folio 79, Montgomery County, Maryland. Mr. Davis is sending us a copy of the deed.

September 22, 1979

Memorandum

To: Director, National Capital Planning Commission
From: Superintendent, National Capital Parks
Subject: GSP Mapland -- Acquisition of St. Glory Cemetery

The grading for the George Washington Memorial Parkway roadway is now in progress in the vicinity of the Washington Circumferential Highway and includes the grading as far as MacArthur Boulevard near Brickyard Road at the upper end of the David Taylor Metal Working Basin. Project 18044 includes grading, drainage, and other work on both sides of the St. Glory Cemetery. It is our understanding that the recent taking in condemnation did not include the property occupied by the St. Glory Cemetery.

There is attached, for your information, a memorandum to the files of September 14 regarding conversations with Mr. Charles V. Williams, grading contractor for Project 18044, and with his attorney, Mr. James E. Davis, regarding the ownership of the land on which the cemetery is located.

It is requested that the acquisition of the property occupied by the St. Glory Cemetery be expedited in order that the grading may be completed this year and be ready for paving which it is expected will be programmed during the 1981 fiscal year.

Superintendent

Attachments

copy to: Mr. Rums
Mr. Andrews
Mr. Wood
Mr. Robbins
NCP files

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~~Answer to~~
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JAMES B. DAVIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
BOCEVILLE, MARYLAND
POPLAR 2-6640

September 25, 1950

Mr. Elwood E. Rensch
Department of the Interior
National Capital Park & Planning
Room 1044 Interior Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: One acre of land
"Carderock"
George Washington Memorial Parkway
My Client: Charles W. Williams & Associates

Dear Mr. Rensch:

Enclosed is office copy of the Deed and the references to its filing concerning the one acre of ground at the north end of the David Taylor Model Basin.

We have not as yet received a reply from the owner of the reversionary interest but we have offered a purchase according to the terms outlined to you in my telephone conversation and will advise you as to the outcome.

Yours very truly,

James B. Davis

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Enclosure

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**Mr. James B. Davis
Attorney at Law
Professional Building
Rockville, Maryland**

Dear Mr. Davis:

We wish to express our appreciation for the copy of deed for the one acre of ground at the north end of the David Taylor Hotel Basin commonly known as Mt. Glory Cemetery, which was submitted with your letter of September 23, 1959.

We would appreciate being advised of the results of your correspondence with Mr. Philotas Sawyer of Oshkosh, Wisconsin in your effort to purchase this land.

Sincerely yours,

**William H. Hunsman
Acting Chief, Division of Design
and Construction**

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Washington 25, D. C.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

MOUNT GLORY BAPTIST CEMETERY
RELOCATION PLAN

1. Introduction

Title in fee simple is vested in the United States of America to the parcel of land at Cabin John in Montgomery County, Maryland, designated as Tract 3, by virtue of the filing of an amended declaration of taking and judgment thereon entered on September 10, 1962 in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in Civil No. 10676, United States of America v. Certain Parcels of Land in Montgomery County, State of Maryland, and C. L. Hill, et al. Tract 3 contains 42,319 square feet, is improved by the remains of an old wooden chapel, and, together with adjacent land of the United States to the west of Tract 3, contains the graves of an unknown number of deceased persons, the site of which is herein called the "Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery." The purpose of this report is to present for approval a plan for the disinterment of the remains of such deceased persons and their reinterment in an established cemetery located in Montgomery County.

2. Existing Cemetery

Tract 3 and the adjacent land to the west is located between the Washington Aqueduct (MacArthur Boulevard) and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal near the Potomac River. Tract 3 was conveyed in 1897 by one Philetus Sawyer to certain named trustees to "hold in trust * * * for the purpose for maintaining thereon a church for the benefit of the colored people at and near Cropley, Maryland * * *." and, in addition to the chapel built thereon, Tract 3 was used as a burial grounds for deceased parishioners. The high water table in this area subjects the land to periodic inundation, the cemetery has been poorly maintained, and it is not possible to ascertain the precise number and location of all graves, nor the names of all of the deceased interred therein.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof ~~and made a part hereof~~ as Exhibit A is a map identified as M. C . R.- 117-2-541 and entitled "Location of Burial Sites, Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery". As shown thereon, only eighteen graves are identified by headstones or markers. An additional 38 graves are identified by field stones only and the names of the deceased are unknown. It is estimated that there are approximately 260 additional grave sites, which it will be necessary to examine during disinterment operations in order to ascertain the location of additional remains. Some 44 of the grave sites are wholly or partially located on the land of the United States adjacent to Tract 3. The plan provides for the relocation of the remains in such grave sites

in the same manner as those located wholly within Tract 3.

3. New cemetery

It is proposed to relocate the remains of the deceased now buried in Mt. Glory Baptist Cemetery and the head stones and markers and field stones, where existing, in a section of Fisherman's Cemetery, Lincoln Park, Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland, as shown on the map identified as N. C. R. - 117.2-542 attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B. A sufficient number of grave sites will be established for the reinterment of all remains, whether identified or not. In the event the remains of presently unknown deceased are identified as a result of relocation operations, an amended map and schedule, reflecting such information, will be prepared and filed.

4. Relocation operations

The National Park Service proposes to enter into a contract with the Snowden Funeral Home of Rockville, Maryland, providing for the payment of \$18,995.00 for the disinterment of the human remains in Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery and their reinterment in Fisherman's Cemetery, including the following operations:

- (1) Removal of all brush and undergrowth from the existing cemetery necessary for disinterment operations;
- (2) Removal of all commercial head stones, repair of broken head stones, and resetting in concrete foundations at the new grave site in the new cemetery;
- (3) Disinterment of all human remains in the existing cemetery and placing of such remains in new wooden outside containers with new

metal grave markers named or numbered in accordance with the schedules set forth on Exhibits A and B; and

(4) Transfer of remains from the existing cemetery to the new cemetery, furnishing of burial sites at the new cemetery as shown on Exhibit B, and reinterment therein.

In connection with the relocation, the Snowden Funeral Home will comply with all applicable laws and regulations of Montgomery County and the State of Maryland, ~~relocation~~ secure all required disinterment, transfer, and reinterment permits, and make all possible effort to contact known relatives for the purpose of identifying unmarked graves in the existing cemetery.

The Snowden Funeral Home will be authorized to pay \$85.00 to the next-of-kin of any of the presently known deceased and any of the presently unknown deceased identified as a result of relocation operations in the event such next-of-kin elect to make separate provisions for the reinterment of the remains of such deceased.

It is estimated that the relocation operation will require approximately three weeks to complete. The cost of such relocation will be paid by the National Park Service and the Government of the District of Columbia, to whom the National Park Service has issued a permit for use of certain lands comprising part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in connection with the installation of the Potomac Interceptor Sewer.

5. Just Compensation

As a result of communications with Morton P. Fisher, Jr., Esquire, attorney for the Mount Glory Baptist Church, it has been mutually agreed that the relocation plan presented herein is satisfactory to the Church, whose several members include next-of-kin of deceased. It has also been agreed that the just compensation for the taking of Tract 3 shall be the relocation of the remains of the deceased in accordance with this plan and the furnishing of twenty additional grave sites in the new cemetery to permit the future burial of members of the congregation. An appropriate stipulation will be presented to the Court.

11/26 Mr. Weller

246 North Washington St.
Rockville, Maryland
November 23, 1962

Mr. Raymond L. Freeman
Assistant Regional Director
Resource Planning
Department of the Interior
National Capital Region
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In reply to your letter dated November 19, 1962, I, Robert L. Snowden, wish to submit to your office this proposal for the disinterment of the human remains in Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery, MacArthur Blvd, Cabin John, Maryland.

I make the following proposals for performing these services:

1. Remove any brush or undergrowth from occupied section of the cemetery that is necessary for the disinterment operations.
2. Remove all commercial headstones, repair broken ones, and reset in concrete foundations at the proper graves in their new location.
3. Disinter all human remains in the Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery, according to the map that was made.
4. All remains, known or unknown, will be disinterred in such plot and placed in a new wooden outside container with new metal grave markers which will be named or numbered accordingly.
5. Transfer remains from Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery to proposed location in the approved cemetery.
6. Furnish burial space at the approved cemetery for all reinterments.
7. Open graves for reinterment of all remains.
8. Obtain approval from the Board of Trustees of the Mount Glory Baptist Church for mass reinterment operations.

9. Secure disinterment, transfer, and reinterment permits as required by the proper authorities in Montgomery County, Maryland.
10. Make all possible effort to contact known relatives for the purpose of identifying unmarked graves in Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery.
11. The operation will be completed approximately three weeks after acceptance of this proposal.
12. The submitted bid for these services will be Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars, (\$18,995.00).

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Snowden
Robert L. Snowden
Snowden Funeral Home

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

DEC 3 1962

Memorandum

To: General Counsel, National Capital Planning Commission

From: Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service

Subject: George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Maryland,
Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery

Your memorandum of September 27 advised this Office that the Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery had been acquired by condemnation and title is now vested in the United States of America. It further advised as to the necessary steps to be taken for the removal and reinterment of the human remains.

We have talked to Mr. Vernon G. Papp, General Services Administration, as suggested by you, and have gained considerable information from him. We are enclosing a proposal for the removal and reinterment of the human remains, which was submitted by the Snowden Funeral Home in Rockville, Maryland. In this connection, we also contacted two other undertakers. One was not equipped to handle this kind of work, the other one apparently was not interested, as the matter was discussed briefly with a party in his office, and no response was received to that call, or to two subsequent calls.

This matter was discussed with Mr. Snowden and a review of actual conditions at the cemetery was carried out between Mr. Snowden, Miss McColligan of the Solicitor's Office, and Mr. Warden of this Office. At that time it was determined that there were between 200 and 250 graves and the exact amount could not be determined until actual disinterment operations were started. It was agreed at that time that a lump sum proposal, rather than a unit-price proposal would be the best way to handle the matter. Mr. Snowden was then advised by our letter of November 19 as to the requirements for performing this service and invited to submit a proposal accordingly. His proposal in the amount of \$18,995 for performing this service is enclosed together with a copy of our letter of November 19. This amount is approximately \$85 per grave, which compares favorably with several cases where the General Services Administration, Inc. paid from \$75 to \$100 per grave.

You will notice that our letter required the furnishing of burial space at an approved cemetery for all reinterments and is included in Mr. Snowden's proposal. Although earlier discussions of this matter had been based on the reinterment of the human remains on park property, it was felt that this was not a proper use of park land and that it would be better to reinter the remains in an established cemetery. This matter was discussed with Mr. Papp and he is of the same opinion.

In discussing this matter with Mr. Snowden, there was one point he was emphatic about, which he neglected to include in his proposal, and that was that the work would have to be performed during cold weather. It could not be put off until spring, as the high water table in the vicinity of the cemetery would make it impossible to open the graves. He also pointed out that this work should be done when no snow was on the ground so that the existing graves could be properly located.

In view of the desires of this Office and the District of Columbia Department of Sanitary Engineering to extend our work across the cemetery, it would be desirable if everything possible be done to expedite this matter.

There does not appear to be any plat or record of the actual burial sites at Mount Glory Baptist Cemetery, and the map referred to in Item 3 of Mr. Snowden's proposal is the property survey prepared by this Office for the National Capital Planning Commission, and bearing your File No. 105.313-526 and our Map File No. MCP 117.2-123, of which the tracing is on file in your office.

As the Potomac Interceptor is designed to cross the cemetery, the District of Columbia Department of Sanitary Engineering has offered to pay their share towards the removal of these remains and this Office will provide the remaining funds. A copy of this memorandum is being sent to our Program Officer, and it is requested that you advise him as to the result of your discussion with the District of Columbia regarding their share of the financing of this matter.

(Sgd.)

Regional Director

Enclosures

cc:
NER Files (2)
Mr. Horne
Mr. Freeman
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Mr. Wooden
Miss McColligan
Mr. Cutler
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