



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Brown Church Cemetery	Inventory ID: 237
Alternate name: Brown Chapel	
Address: End of Brown Church Road, Damascus	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.317865	Longitude: -77.176412
FindaGrave:	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Methodist

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: _____ Date ranges: _____

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

- **Overgrown, wooded area between two open fields**
- **Ground is covered by periwinkle and vinca**
- **Several field stones were found, but no discernible markings**
- **A stone marker for the former church is placed to the right of the entry gate on Brown Church Rd.**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: State of Maryland, Dept. of Forest & Parks	
Relationship to burial site:	Advocacy contact:
Address: Tawes State Office Building – 580 Taylor Avenue	Phone: 800-830-3974
City: Annapolis	State: MD ZIP Code: 21401

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

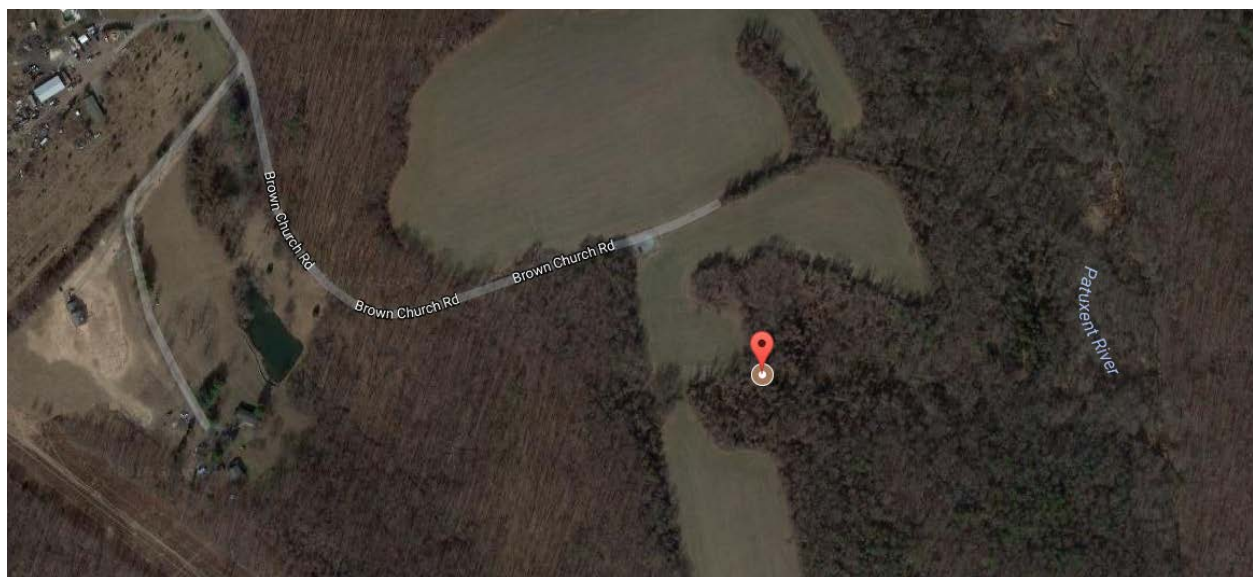
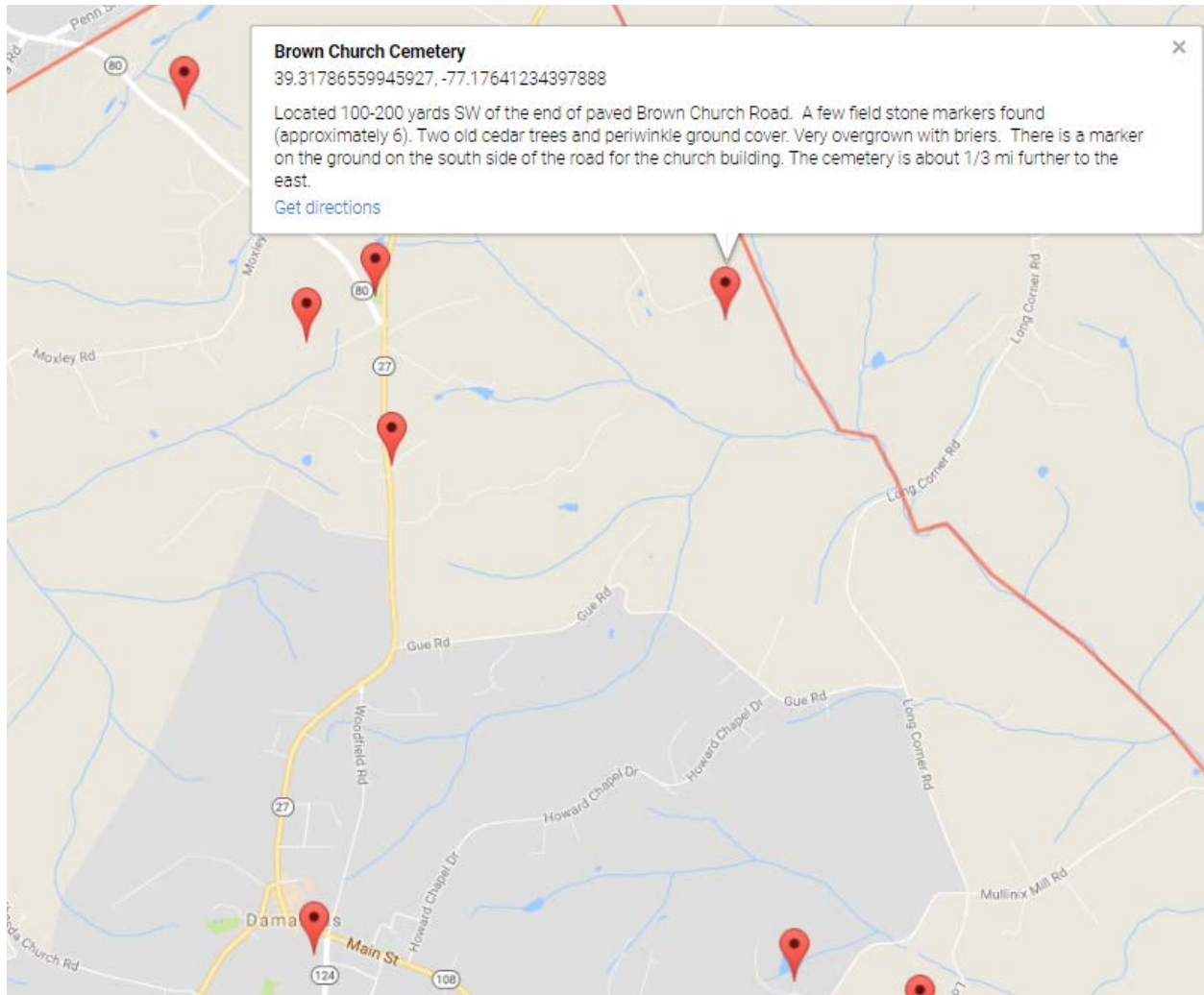
Name: Terry Mark	Survey Date: 5/26/2018	Time spent: 20 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Terry Mark		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Danger of becoming lost.
• Perhaps a community gathering to clear the area of overgrowth and tree limbs.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
N/A
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
N/A

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/upperpatuxent/documents/15-8-1MontgomeryChurchandCemetery2_001.pdf





The Brown family name was dominant in the Damascus area around the Patuxent River crossing into Howard County. Names of those buried in Brown's Chapel Cemetery have not been located.

At the Montgomery County Historical Society,

- *In the History of Damascus: a Bicentennial Courier, July 21, 1976*, p. B14 lists D. F. Brown as a member of the board of directors at the Bank of Damascus.
- In the *State Gazette and Merchants & Farmers Directory for Maryland, the District of Columbia – Baltimore, Sadler, Drysdale and Purnell 1871*, Joshua Brown and Thomas Y. Brown are listed as farmers.

Since the area is now part of the Patuxent River State Park, histories of the park discuss Brown's Chapel Church. The following documents provide some information about Brown's Chapel Church:

- *Capsule Summary Patuxent River State Park MIHP # HO -760 M: 15-98.*
- *Upper Patuxent Area Historic Resources, Public Hearing Draft*
- *Upper Patuxent Area Historic Resources, Amendment*

Maryland Historical Trust:

- Inventory No. 15/8-1 discusses the Upper Montgomery County Methodist Heritage.



Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Brown Church Cemetery		Inventory ID: 237
Photographer: Terry Mark		Date: 526
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
9:40 am	1	Approach to cemetery on Brown Church Rd., facing south
	2	Park sign and church stone marker
	3	Church stone marker
	4	Cemetery with vinca and periwinkle
	5	Piles of field stones
	6	Panoramic from west to north to east
10:00 am	7	Panoramic from east to south to west



1. Approach to cemetery on Brown Church Rd., facing south



2. Park sign and church stone marker



3. Church stone marker



4. Cemetery with vinca and periwinkle



5. Piles of field stones



6. Panoramic from west to north to east



7. Panoramic from east to south to west