

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY

Survey ID 244

Cemetery name Brewer Family Cemetery

Alternate name(s) Aix-la-Chapelle

Address (or direction from nearest intersection) 19<sup>000</sup> ~~Jerusalem~~ <sup>Danestown</sup> Rd

ADC Map Page \_\_\_\_\_ Grid \_\_\_\_\_ Town Jerusalem (vic. Beallsville)

Type  Religious \_\_\_\_\_ Association  Free black \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Brewer \_\_\_\_\_  Enslaved \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private \_\_\_\_\_  Ethnic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  Prehistoric \_\_\_\_\_

Setting  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Forested  Other Relocated

Condition  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) BURIALS  
RELOCATED TO MONOCACY CEMETERY

Approximate no. of burials 3-5 Date range of burials \_\_\_\_\_

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

Will specify that William Brewer was to be buried on property where deceased son Camillus & 2 others were already buried. But they were apparently moved as Farguahr states Mary & William are at old Monocacy  <sup>cemetery</sup>. Monocacy records indicate Camillus was moved also.

Surveyor(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Survey date 9/5/04  
 Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Historic Status  Locational Atlas ID 17/006  National Register  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

UTM \_\_\_\_\_ Relocated.

Additional sources of information:

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 19000 DANESTOWN RD.  
 BEAUSVILLE

BEAVER FAMILY CEMETERY  
19000 DARNESTOWN RD.  
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# Old Homes and History *of* Charles Montgomery County, Maryland

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Where 'er we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble,  
There's no place like home."*



*"Heritage of the past is the seed that  
brings forth the harvest of the future."*

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## Aix La Chapelle

**I**N THE northwestern section of Montgomery County about one mile southwest of Beallsville, four miles northwest of Dawsonville, and about thirty miles from the White House, a large, handsome white Colonial brick manor house with symmetrical wings attracts the attention of the passer-by. Standing about one hundred yards back from white brick entrance pillars, it faces west, its left-hand wing toward the highway.



NO. 2 D-3 DR. WILLIAM BREWER 1820  
BRICK REMODELED 1938 BY DAVID A. SHOBER

The land was purchased by an eminent member of the Brewer family just after 1800, and the lovely old brick house was started in 1812 with bricks made on the farm. It was delayed by the War, and not finished until 1820. The plantation for about a hundred and twenty years was owned, and occupied by members of that prominent Montgomery County family.

Dr. William Brewer was born in Anne Arundel County in 1777. A man of intellect, he was graduated with an M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School at the age of twenty, and for a time was employed on the staff of the hospital there. He was a student while the famous Dr. Benjamin Rush was at the head of that famed Institution. (It will be recalled that Dr. Rush was not only a signer of the Declaration of Independence but of the

United States Constitution as well.) In 1800 Dr. Brewer returned to his native State, and on February 5 of that year married Mary R. Chiswell, a union that was blessed with fifteen children. He became the owner of a large amount of land in Montgomery County. Among his local purchases was: "one-quarter part of a tract known as Fortune," which was conveyed by deed to him dated December, 1802, by Robert Peter. In another deed, executed by Joseph Newton Chiswell in August, 1803, Dr. Brewer acquired: "one-quarter of the same tract known as Fortune." Part of Chiswell's Delight is also included in the farm. These conveyances are believed to be among those making up the home plantation which through the generations contained about 300 acres of land. Dr. William Brewer died in 1861, and his wife Mary passed away in 1867, and they are buried side by side in old Monocacy Cemetery. His will, probated October 22, 1861, shows that he was very prosperous. He advanced to each of his children the following amount in cash: To John, James, and Nicholas, \$4,000 each. To Mary M., \$5,000, and to the three children of Eleanor Brewer Burch (deceased) \$6,162. To his widow he left his horse and carriage, the use of the home during her lifetime, and to his son, George, he left the option of taking the Woodstock farm of 276 acres, at twenty dollars per acre, or the home farm of 310 acres, at thirty dollars per acre, George to pay the difference into the estate if he took Aix La Chapelle. He took the latter. "Any notes due the estate from the children are to be deducted from the sums they shall receive, and all slaves unable to labor are to be jointly supported by the heirs," the will continued. Many bequests of personal articles, his watch, jewelry, wearing apparel, etc., were bequeathed in a codicil. A number of slaves were donated by name to the several heirs.

Dr. Nicholas Brewer, a son of Dr. William, attained distinction in Montgomery County. He took up the practice of his elderly father and carried it on with much success for many years. He lived at the time on an adjoining farm. He was in the Maryland State Senate in

1868 and 1870, again in 1874 to 1876, and was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1867.

George Brewer, Sr., born February, 1822, as has already been noted, inherited the Aix La Chapelle homestead from his father. It seems that he rented the farm to a tenant for a term from 1868 to 1875 after which he operated the plantation until his death in June, 1908. He married Althea Young, a daughter of Samuel Young of Poolesville, in March, 1849.

A son of this union, William G. Brewer, born in January, 1850 (the homestead descended to him upon the death of his father), remained a farmer living at Aix La Chapelle. In May, 1872, he married Ida White, a daughter of Major B. S. White. (William G. died in December 1944 and was buried at Monocacy.) A son, George W. Brewer II, married Betty Williams in May, 1907, and they lived at the old homestead for nearly forty years. (He died November 4, 1950.

Lillian Brewer Byrd, daughter of William G. and Ida White Brewer, married Joseph D. Byrd in February, 1917, and today they live in the lovely old home which he acquired from his father's estate. (See Locust Grove III).

Althea Brewer, another daughter of William G. and Ida White Brewer, married Harvey J. White at Aix La Chapelle in 1908, and for many years lived at Stoney Castle until they turned it over to Dr. Byron Dyson White, a son of Mr. White by a former marriage. Harvey White was active in County politics for years, was in the House of Delegates of Maryland, and was a County Commissioner. He died in March, 1950, at the age of eighty years, and the farm on which they lived across the Edwards Ferry Road from Stoney Castle was sold in the summer of 1950.

In 1937 Aix La Chapelle, which then contained 310 acres of land, was sold by the heirs of Wil-

liam G. Brewer to David A. Shober of Washington. The picturesque old brick manor house was completely transformed into a commodious and elaborate country home. The ancient kitchen wing, a story-and-a-half building with slave quarters on the second floor, was removed, and a new addition constructed with "curtain structure" connecting it with the main house. This made the whole mansion one hundred feet long, and two stories high throughout. It is reliably stated that more than \$50,000 was spent on this work.

The Shobers did not enjoy their new home for more than three years. It was sold in 1940 to Mr. B. W. Randles.

The original house at Aix La Chapelle had a center hall from the front door to a door in the rear. A stairway, with a delicate handrail and newels, winds from the rear to a landing half-way up, where it turns 180 degrees to continue to the second floor. There are two large rooms on each side of the hall, each having a fireplace with fine mantels typical of the period.

On the second floor of the old house are two large rooms on each side of the hall over the corresponding rooms on the first floor, each with a fireplace and handsome mantels of fine woodwork. The attractive and commodious rooms in the new structure include kitchen, laundry, servants' room and bath in the first floor right-hand wing, and two bedrooms, living room and two baths on the second floor. In the new left-hand wing there is a billiard room and a library on the first floor and a living room and two baths on the second floor. Mr. B. W. Randles sold this estate, which he bought in 1940, from Mr. Shober, to Mr. Francis Ginn in 1954. The owner in 1961 is Mrs. Florence R. Ewald, a widow who has a married son who is farming the 159 acres, planning to start a dairy later on. She bought the estate in 1959, from Mr. Ginn.

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"Let the old, old houses their secrets keep,  
 Leave them alone in their quiet sleep.  
 They are like old folk who nod by the fire,  
 Glad with their dreams of youth and desire."

CHARLES H. TOWNE

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## 1826-1875

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MARY GORDON MALLOY, JANE C. SWEEN

JANET D. MANUEL

BREWER, CATHARINE

L JWS-1 f 98

25 May 1859  
3 Dec 1861

Grandson: Francis B. Riggs (under age)  
Husband: Vincent Brewer - all real estate; to be sold at his death  
Daus: Asenath R. Young, Angeline W. Musgrove, Harriet King, Eleanor J. Watkins,  
Amy C. King  
Sons: John H. C. Brewer, Elias Brewer  
Exs: Sons John H. C. Brewer and Elias Brewer  
Wit: Lorenzo D. Watkins, Edward K. Watkins, Levi L. Watkins

BREWER, JOHN

L JWS-1 f 198

21 Mar 1866  
24 Jul 1866

Maryland State Bible Society  
Congregation of Presbyterian Church in Rockville "of which I am a very unworthy  
member" - my office and lot for the purpose of erecting a parsonage  
Partner: George Peter - life estate in office  
Wife: Elizabeth S. Brewer and  
Children: Eleanor Brewer, William Brewer, John B. Brewer - remainder of land  
Ex: Wife Elizabeth S. Brewer  
Wit: John W. Anderson, George Brewer, W. Brewer

BREWER, WARNETTA

L JWS-1 f 48

18 Apr 1859  
10 Jan 1860

Husband: Joseph Brewer  
Brother-in-law: Dr. Nicholas Brewer  
Nieces: Ruth Brewer, wife of Dr. Nicholas Brewer; Jane P. Brewer; Mary Brewer  
Nephew: Arthur Brewer  
Brother: Robert Sellman  
Brother: Francis M. Sellman and his children  
Ex: Husband Joseph Brewer  
Wit: Thomas Rawlins, Samuel Dyson, J. Montgomery Veirs

BREWER, WILLIAM

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18 Oct 1854  
22 Oct 1861

Wife: Mary R. Brewer  
Son: George Brewer - 276 a. of Woodstock farm and adjoining land or testator's  
homestead  
Sons: William Brewer, John Brewer, Joseph Brewer, James Brewer, Nicholas Brewer  
Grandchildren: Mary Brewer, John Burch, James Burch, children of dec'd dau.  
Eleanor Burch  
Dau: Mary Moore  
Residue of land to above named legatees  
Ex: Son John Brewer  
Wit: Richard Stallings, Howard Griffith, Samuel Darby, Alfred Oden  
Codicil dated 24 Sep 1857

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Son: George - Woodstock farm already deeded; removes option for homestead  
Pt. of "Aix-la Chapple" homestead reserved for graveyard for "me and such of  
my family and descendants as may desire to be buried therein." Dec'd son  
Camillus Brewer and 2 others are already buried there.  
Wit: Joseph Brewer, Howard Griffith, James Ingalls

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3 Feb  
22 May

BRIGHT, WILLIAM J.

Wife: Elizabeth Eliza Bright - tract where testator now lives  
Ex: Wife Elizabeth E. Bright  
Wit: Samuel Connell, John P. Connell, John W. Pumphrey

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L 4 p 120

7 M  
9 J

BRISCOE, JOSEPH

Wife: Charlota Briscoe - pt. of "Charles and Benjamin" where testator no  
5 a.  
Dau: Amelia Beall - land at death of mother  
Grandsons: Edward Elkcorn, Joseph Beall - land at death of dau. Amelia  
Son: William Briscoe  
Ex: Dr. William Palmer  
Wit: Isaac Scott, William Birdsall

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BROOKE, MARY ANN

Francis Patrick Kenrick of Baltimore  
Ex: Friend Lemuel Clements  
Wit: Francis E. Boyle, John Dougherty, Lemuel Clements

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BROOKE, NICHOLAS

To be buried according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church in  
of said church at Rockville  
Wife: Mary Ann Brooke  
Robert P. Wade, Sr.  
Exs: Wife Mary Ann Brooke, Lemuel Clements  
Wit: Francis E. Boyle, Nicholas D. Warfield, W. B. Howard

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BROOKE, ROGER  
Quaker

Wife: Sarah T. Brooke  
Dau: Sarah B. Farquhar - pt. of "Shepherd's Hard Fortune", etc.;  
"Bradford's Rest" where James Shaw resid  
Son: Roger Brooke, Jr. - land on which he lives; 1/2 of pt. of "B  
on which Hazel Cashell lives

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