

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY

Survey ID 246

Cemetery name Briscoe Family Cem.

Alternate name(s) _____

Address (or direction from nearest intersection) vicinity of Firstfield Rd. +
Bank Street

ADC Map Page 19 Grid A/B-9 ^{vic. of} Town Gaithersburg

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 longer extant

Approximate no. of burials ? Date range of burials ?

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

*possibly also a slave cem. on same property
 Stones no longer there - under parking.*

*No evidence of cem. - Helen Siala (see attached)
 granddauc. of Joseph Thompson remembered the
 cemetery*

Surveyor(s) Anne & Janet Survey date 7-25-2004
 Photographer _____ Date _____ Photo no. _____

Current owner _____
 Address/Phone No. _____

Historic Status Locational Atlas ID _____ National Register
 Master Plan ID _____ Other _____

UTM Not taken.

Additional sources of information: _____

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22. Joseph Robert b 24 Aug 1841 d 15 Nov 1883 in Kansas m 4 Dec 1872 in Dayton, Missouri, Ella Wagner of Montgomery County.
 23. Andrew Laurence b 8 Mar 1843 d 21 Jul 1855
 24. John Digges b 27 Jan 1845 d 12 Dec 1890 in Kansas
 25. James Laurie b 8 Apr 1847. Moved to Kansas
 26. Albert Tschiffely b Jun 1849
 27. Frederick Archibald b Jul 1851 m 20 Sep 1876 Mary D. Hall. Went West in 1881.
 28. Charles Wotton b 18 Aug 1853
 29. Daniel Motzer b 26 Nov 1854 d Apr 1907 in D.C.
 210. Horton Graham b 15 Jan 1857 d 1927 m Louisa Green Marshall, daughter of Thomas and Henrietta (Lyles) Marshall of Marshall Hall. She was b Jun 1860 d 1 Mar 1956. Children: (1) Forrest Horton b 31 Mar 1889 d 20 Jan 1974 m Martha Burton and had Honora F. (2) Thomas Marshall b 19 Sep 1890 d 13 Oct 1974 (3) Joseph Daniel b 18 Jun 1893 d 25 Nov 1952 m Adrian Turnell (4) Drew b 12 Mar 1897 d 14 Jan 1970 (5) Courtney Shaw b 28 Feb 1899 d 28 Aug 1960
- On 26 Jan 1870 in Washington, D.C., Joseph Thompson married second Roberta Bowie Magruder, daughter of Richard Alexander Contee and Emily Contee (Bowie) Magruder. They had 6 children.

211. Emily Contee Bowie b 5 Nov 1870 d in infancy
212. Birdie Beall b 1 Dec 1871 d 20 Feb 1940 m 10 Sep 1935 Dr. Walter Curtis Galloway of Wilmington, N.C.
213. Enoch Magruder b 25 Jul 1873 d 20 Nov 1958 m Louisa Georgia McCalla
214. Helen Magruder b 21 Jan 1876 d 23 Dec 1966 m 12 Jun 1901 Elmer Ellsworth Fisher b 1863 d 6 Dec 1951. Children: (1) Allen Contee b 15 Nov 1902 (2) Helen Margaret b 29 Dec 1915 m 12 Nov 1946 in Paris, France, James G. Fiala d 10 Feb 1970.
215. Robert Bowie b 21 Sep 1877 d 7 June 1907
216. Alexander Contee b 3 Aug 1886 d 19 Oct 1968 m 1st 26 Nov 1913 Mabel Chesley Berry of Prince George's County. She d 1943. Child: Mary Louise m James Grove Seeley and had James Grove III and Contee Thompson. Alexander C. m 2nd 1958 Margaret Hesterberg.

Joseph Thompson came to the Gaithersburg area in 1849. He lived on part of "Zoar" which he had purchased from the estate of Aaron Offutt. The house which stood on this property is reputed to have been built by the Briscoe family in 1801. The bricks used in its construction were handmade and the walnut mantels and cornices were beautifully carved. Watkins-Johnson and the Quince Orchard Shopping Center are now located on this property. Joseph Thompson was a farmer and served as the first postmaster for the town of Gaithersburg. His first wife and family were active members of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

After his death, his second wife built a home on Russell Avenue which she called "Little Zoar." It was used as a summer home; the family resided during the winter in D.C. His second wife and family were members of the Episcopal Church and the wooden cross above the entrance to Ascension Chapel was given in memory of Mrs. Roberta Bowie Magruder Thompson by her children.

Horton Thompson, the youngest son by his first wife, was a claims agent for the B&O Railroad. He also served as a sheriff of Montgomery County. He made his home on land which he had inherited from his aunt Eleanor Thompson.

Enoch Magruder Thompson was a graduate of Rockville Academy, St. John's College in Annapolis, and the General Theological Seminary of New York. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1889 and served as curate of St. Paul's Church in Washington, D.C., from 1898 to 1906 and of the Church of the Ascension (later Ascension and St. Agnes) from 1906 to 1907. He was the founder of Nativity Church in 1903 and of Resurrection Chapel in 1908. When the two churches united in 1938, he became rector of the parish and continued to serve there until he retired in 1956. Rev. Enoch Magruder inherited "Little Zoar" from his mother.

Alexander Contee Thompson graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis in 1907 and from Georgetown Medical School in 1911. During WWI he served as a Navy doctor. He practiced in Asheville, N.C., from 1918 until 1933 and then returned to the Washington area. Dr. Thompson was an ear, nose, and throat specialist. After his retirement, he divided his time between his Florida home and "Little Zoar" in Gaithersburg.

Sources: 1. Warren Gessford Thompson, Naomi (Thompson) Ray; Leona Fulks, Forest Oak Cemetery; Grace Methodist Church records; Prince George's Parish records; U.S. Census 1850, 1860, 1880; Mont. Co. Marriage Licenses; Old Germantown Baptist Church Cemetery; Mont. Co. Land Records Liber EBP 3 f 303 and numerous others; *Sentinel* 29 Jul 1859, 6 Feb 1874, 20 Mar 1874, 25 Oct 1889, 14 Apr 1905, 11 Jun 1909; Mont. Co. Equity Records Liber EBP 2 f 92; Gaithersburg Town Minutes; Roger Brooke Farquhar, *Historic Montgomery County, Maryland, Old Homes and History*, 1952, p. 223; Mont. Co. Estate Administrations Liber RWC 4 f 206

2. Honora Thompson; Helen (Fisher) Fiala; Alice (Diamond) French; Mont. Co. Marriage Licenses; Piscataway Parish records; Christ Episcopal Church records; Thompson family Bible in possession of Helen Fiala; Mont. Co. Wills and Estate Administrations Liber RWC 15 f 261, RWC 20 f 210; *Sentinel* 13 Dec 1872, 22 Sep 1876, 14 Jan 1881, 16 Apr 1897, 23 Sep 1904; *Evening Star* 3 Mar 1956, 11 Feb 1970, undated "Churches in Washington" column; *Sunday Star* 20 Oct 1968; unidentified newspaper obit May 1858; Effie Gwynn Bowie, *Across the Years in Prince George's County*.

1 & 2. Thompson family records in possession of Janet (Thompson) Manuel

WALDER

1. Bernard Daniel Walder, son of Joseph and Clara Walder, was born 25 Feb 1933 in Philadelphia, Pa. On 9 Jul 1964 he married Kathryn Hutchinson Bennett, daughter of Robert and Kathryn (Cain) Bennett. She was born 29 Oct 1940 in Philadelphia, Pa. They had 2 children.
 11. Rachael Hutchinson b 7 Jul 1969
 12. Rebecca Stockton b 5 May 1971

B. Daniel Walder attended public schools in the Philadelphia area. His undergraduate work at St. Joseph's College emphasized marketing and finance. He graduated with a professional degree in architecture from the University of