



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Day Family Cemetery [PROBABLY FOUND]	Inventory ID: 256
Alternate name: Southwind Farm Cemetery	
Address: 11415 Bethesda Church Rd, Damascus	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.306038	Longitude: -77.235465
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2675056	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: ☐ Religious ☐ Community ☒ **Family** ☐ African American ☐ Other:

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input 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 type="checkbox"/> By foot <input checked="" 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.)	
• Located on a horse farm, at the top of the property, along a fence, under horse trailers.	
• Some human-size depressions in the ground	
• No vegetation or gravestones	

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Equistart, LLC	
Relationship to burial site: Land owner	Advocacy contact: Peggy Stanford, former resident
Address: 11415 Bethesda Church Road	
City: Damascus	State: MD
Phone:	
ZIP Code: 20872	

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Glenn Wallace	Survey Date: 5/12/2018	Time spent: 60 min
Address:		Phone:
Email: mococems@gmail.com		
Photographer: Glenn Wallace		

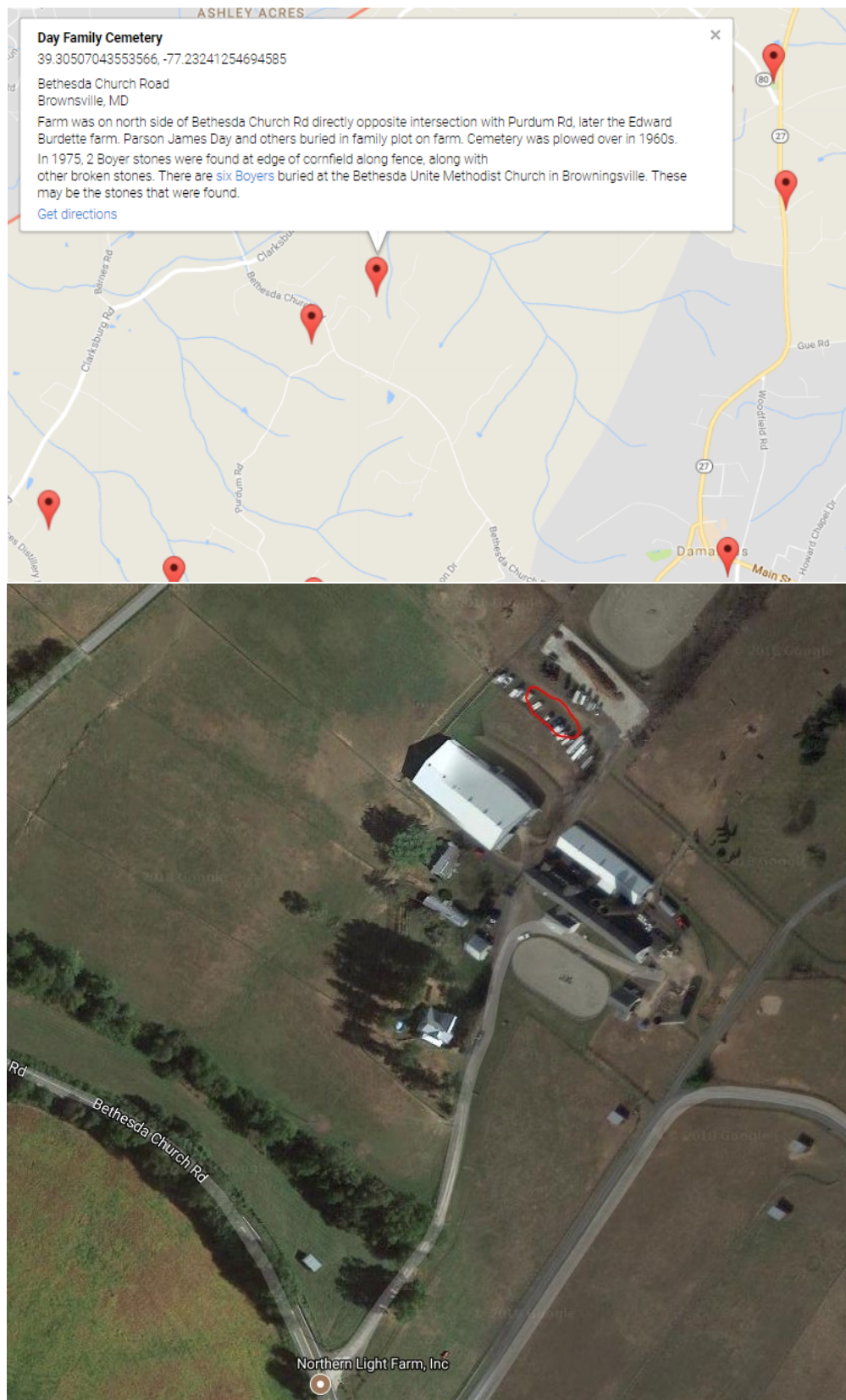
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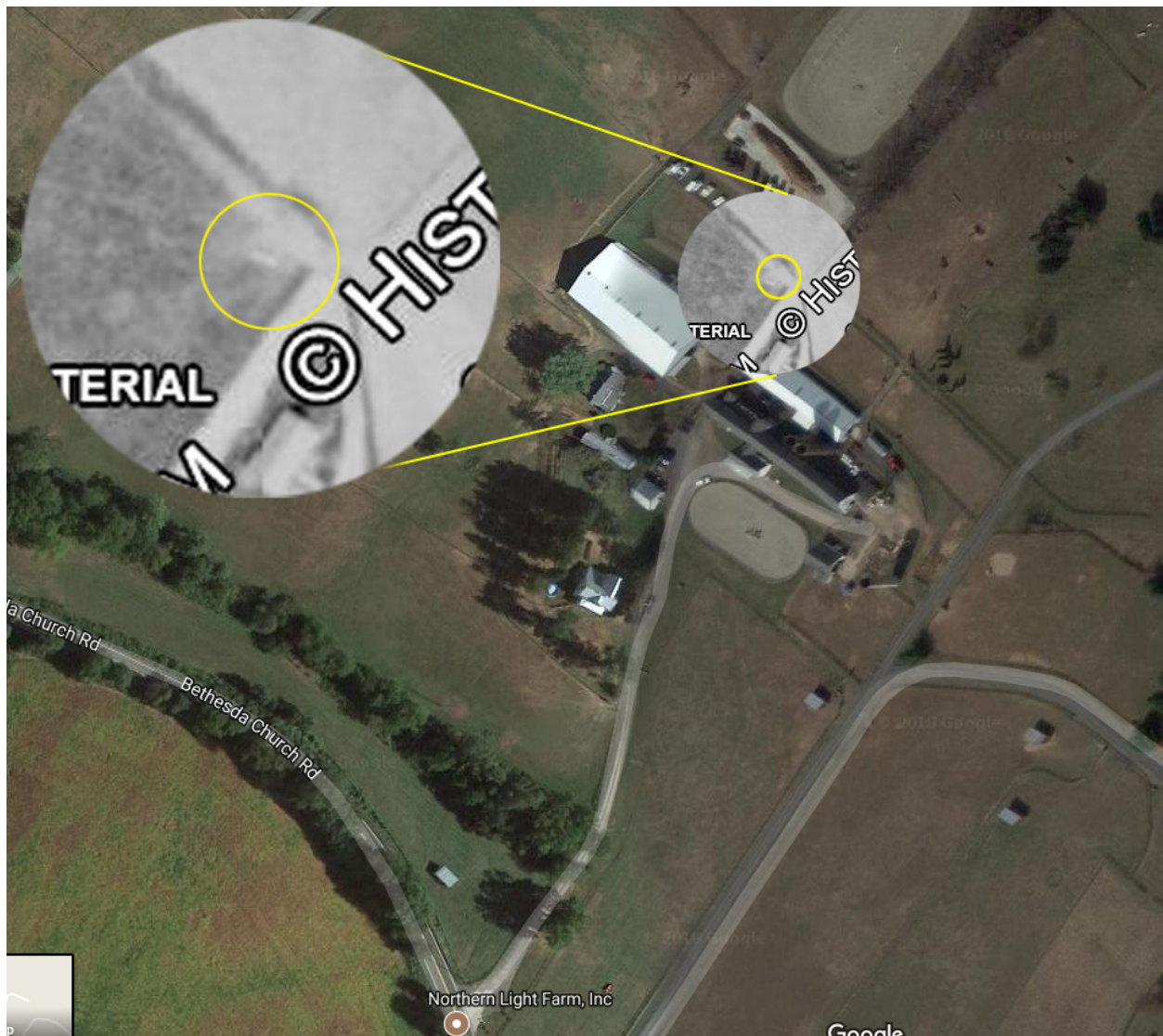
Suggestions for follow-up:
• Light probing of the area gave shallow results on hard surfaces beneath. Possible archaeology project to see if the stones are buried in this area
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• There are horse trailers parked along the paddock fence line. These should be relocated.
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Peggy Stanford, born on this property, shared first-hand experience of seeing the gravestones in this location

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• James Day of Browningsville and his descendants...A Maryland Family; by Jackson H. Day, February 1976

This is a probable location, but no trace of the cemetery exists.





Aerial photo with a 1957 aerial overlay. Note the white object(s) in the vicinity of the probable location.

A visit to Southwind Farm with Peggy Stanford

We met today with Peggy Stanford, who was born on this property around 1944, and whose grandfather purchased the land from the Day family. She gave recollections of the land layout as she remembered it when she was 7 years old. She remembered climbing a hill (which is now between the riding arena and the stables) and seeing toppled gravestones against a fence line. She couldn't recall the names on the stones, but said they were worn away and the stones were darkened.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory **Photograph Log**

Cemetery Name: Day Family Cemetery at Southwind Farm		Inventory ID: 256
Photographer: Glenn Wallace		Date:
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
11:42 am	1	Southwind Farm entrance from Bethesda Church Road, facing north
12:18 pm	2	Climbing hill between arena and stable toward burial ground, facing north
12:28 pm	3	View of presumed burial area under trailers, facing south
12: 33 pm	4	View toward presumed burial area under trailers, facing west
12:45 pm	5	View across paddock to presumed burial area under trailers, facing north-west



1. Southwind Farm entrance from Bethesda Church Road, facing north



2. Climbing hill between arena and stable toward burial ground, facing north



3. View of presumed burial area under trailers, facing south



4. View toward presumed burial area under trailers, facing west



5. View across paddock to presumed burial area under trailers, facing north-west