



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Walker Family Cemetery [LOST]	Inventory ID: 278
Alternate name: Mendelshonn Terrace	
Address: 11801 Bethesda Church Road, Browningsville	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.311865	Longitude: -77.241766
FindaGrave:	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input 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: Unknown	Date ranges: Unknown
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		

• **Met with Stewart Walker Jr., the father of the current property owner, Stewart Walker III. He said the cemetery was lost years ago. His father turned up a headstone while plowing and sent the stone to the Bethesda United Methodist church across the street in Damascus. It was from one of their Boyer ancestors and had a death date in the 1700's. Boyer was the name of the original farm owner and his daughter married a Walker.**

• **Original burial site was under a chestnut tree. Stones were moved to Bethesda Church later.**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Stewart Walker, III		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact:
Address		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

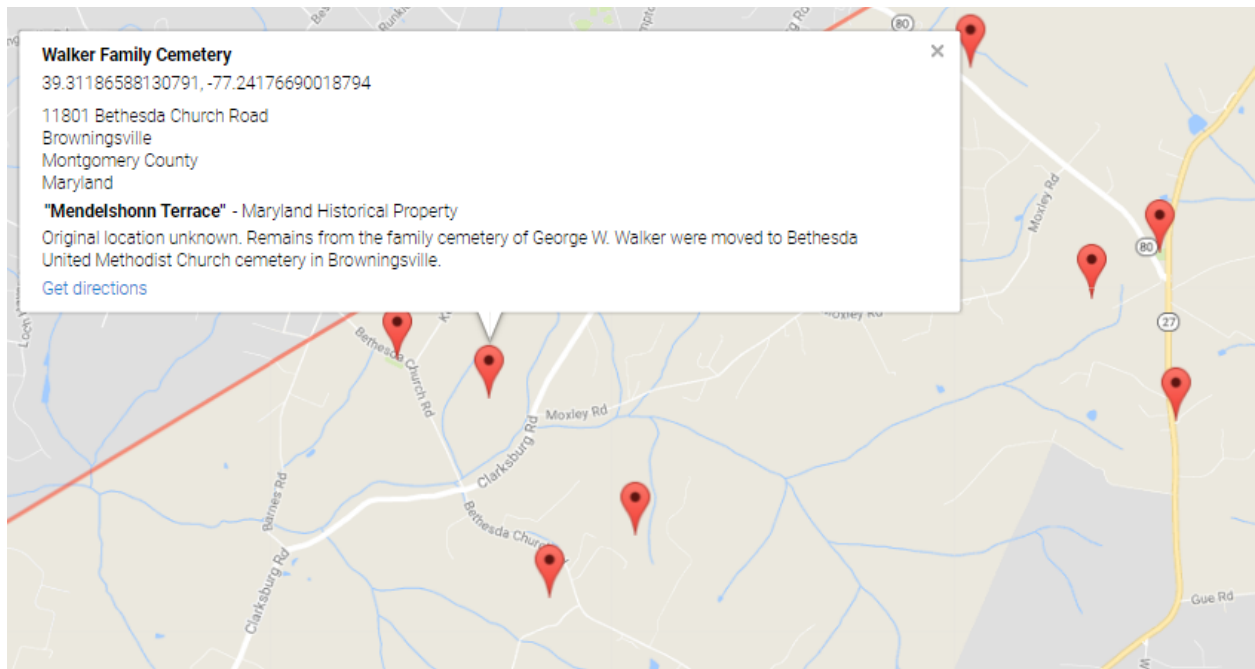
Name: Raymond Day	Survey Date: 4/26/2018	Time spent: 10 min
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Raymond Day		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• N/A
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:
• https://mh.t.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2010-12.pdf
• https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Walker-11433





Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Walker Family Cemetery [LOST]		Inventory ID: 278
Photographer: Raymond Day		Date: 4/26/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
10:30 am	1	Entry from Bethesda Church Road, facing east



1. Entry from Bethesda Church Road, facing east



George Bryan Walker died August 18, 1860, aged 68, on the Walker Farm near Browningsville, and his wife, Margaret, died on March 17, 1872 aged 67.

"James Crawford, a local Methodist preacher, conducted her funeral service in the Bethesda M. E. Church, Browningsville. They "were buried under a large chestnut tree on their farm. Later their tombstones were moved to the Bethesda Church graveyard in Browningsville." Grandson George Muller Walker, father of Ruth Zeller, "used to argue with some of his fundamentalist friends about the literal belief in the resurrection of the body. Dad said there was no way all of the original cells that had made up the body of George Bryan Walker could be gathered together again in one place when you considered how many people had eaten the chestnuts off that tree."

Sources:

1. <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Walker-11433>
2. Roby F. Day, "Genealogy of the Walker family of Montgomery County, Maryland, gathered from various sources," unpublished paper, Allenwood, NJ, February 17, 1950.