



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Perry Etchison Family Cemetery	Inventory ID: 299
Alternate name:	Master Plan for Historic Preservation: M: 15-23
Address: Vicinity of 6955 Annapolis Rock Road, Etchison	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.2803	Longitude: -77.1437
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2673574	

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 3	Date ranges: 1843-1862
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access denied by owner. 8-foot electric fence blocks the old driveway. • Cemetery is located 160 feet southeast of the original house 		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Amira Venus Armond		
Relationship to burial site:	Advocacy contact: Bill Hilton, former owner	
		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

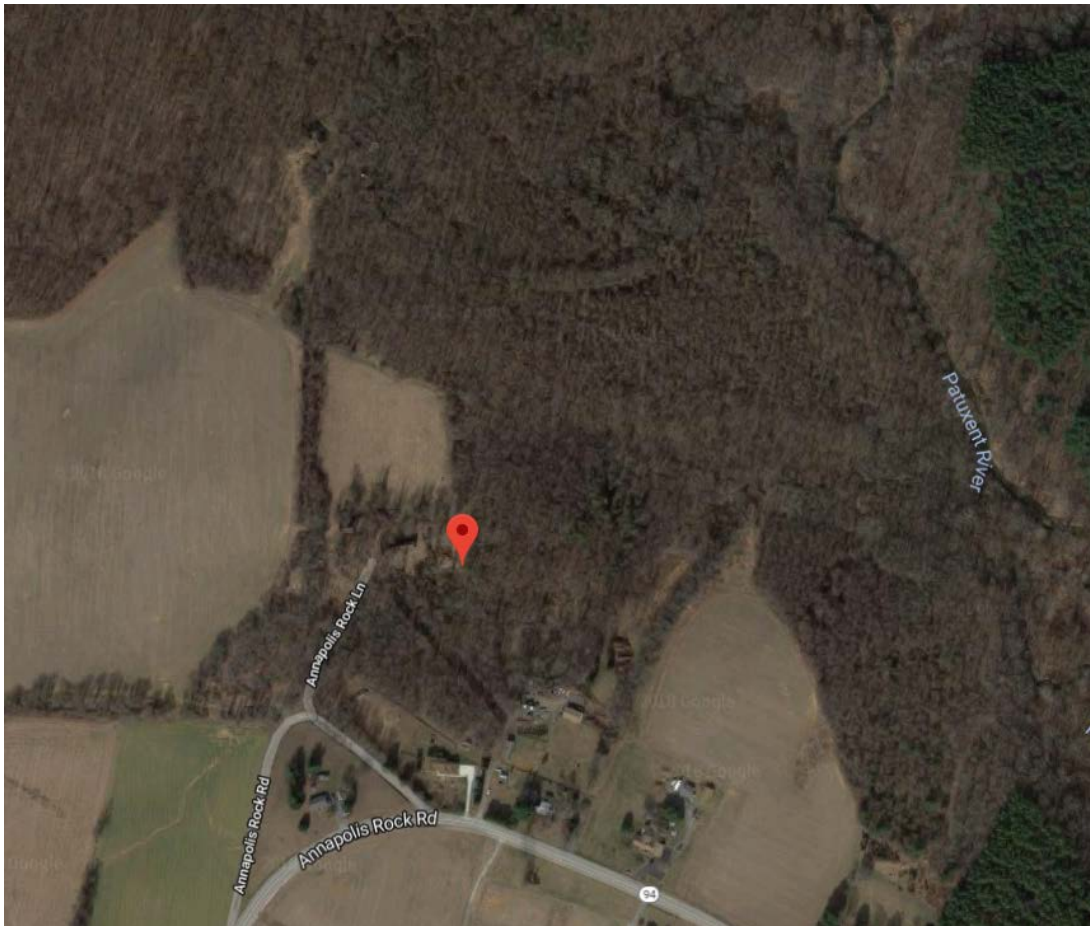
Name: Glenn Wallace	Survey Date: 10/13/2018	Time spent: 5 min
Address:		Phone:
Email: mococems@gmail.com		
Photographer: ~		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Hilton has a great knowledge of this property. Perhaps he could write up its history and published.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An <u>extreme</u> electric fence has been set up to prevent entrance into the area.
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three of Perry Etchison's children are buried here. He lost this property and is buried at John Etchison's cemetery (ID #183)

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2015-23.pdf



NOTES provided by Bill Hilton, former owner and Hilton family descendant. (myboygriff@gmail.com)

- The Perry Etchison farm was owned by the Etchison family most of the 1800s. There was some sort of legal dispute involving the Chandlee family that went on for many years. Apparently Perry Etchison and/or his father Ephraim and/or grandfather John Etchison sold all or part of this farm to someone in the Chandlee family but never completed the sale. In the 1870s the Montgomery County Sheriff seized the farm because of the dispute.
- It was then sold around 1880 to my great-great-great-grandfather, Elijah Hilton. Elijah was a distant relative of William Harrison Hilton, so it was apparently just a coincidence that they owned adjoining farms.
- Elijah and his wife Kitty, their widowed daughter, Annie Snyder, and Annie's two children, Oliver and Almeda Snyder took up residence there around 1880.
- After Elijah and Kitty died their daughter Annie Snyder inherited the farm.
- Eventually her son Oliver Snyder inherited the farm.
- His daughter Annie Mary Snyder married James F. Hilton and bought part of the farm. James F. Hilton was from the line of Hiltons that William Harrison Hilton came from and was not related to Elijah Hilton.
- After Oliver Snyder died in 1958, his farm passed to his daughter, Annie Mary, and her husband James F. Hilton.
- Their son Charles F. Hilton (my father) then bought that farm. When Charles's wife died in 1965 he and his four sons moved in with his parents and the old Perry Etchison house was left empty.
- I, William E. Hilton, purchased that farm from Charles F. Hilton in 2006 and built a new house on a corner of the farm. The Perry Etchison house was never occupied again after 1965.
- I sold the farm to Amira Armond in 2013.
- So the ownership for that farm was Perry Etchison, Elijah Hilton, Annie Snyder, Oliver Snyder, James and Annie Mary Hilton, Charles F. Hilton, William E. Hilton, Amira Armond.
- There are three graves on this farm and the graves are recorded on Findagrave as the Perry Etchison Farm Cemetery. In 2013 those graves were still there complete with the stones with the names and dates.