



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY I NVENTORY REVI SITED

BURI AL SITE I NFORMATION

Name: Waters Slave Cemetery	Inventory ID: 330
Alternate name:	County ID: M: 19-2
Address: Vicinity of Shamrock Glen Circle, Germantown, MD 20874	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.196666	Longitude: -77.269018
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2675067	

BURI AL SITE TYPE

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

BURI AL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: N/ A Date ranges:
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)	
• Cemetery is found in the woods behind townhouses on a gently sloping hill down to Seneca Creek.	
• Scattered field stones mark graves	
• Periwinkle is found here, typically found in a cemetery	

BURI AL SITE CONTACT

Name: Cloverleaf Center Community – Summit Management Services		
Relationship to burial site: Management	Advocacy contact: customerservice@summitmanage.com	
Address: 3833 Farragut Avenue		Phone: 301-495-0146
City: Kensington	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20895

BURI AL SITE SURVEYOR

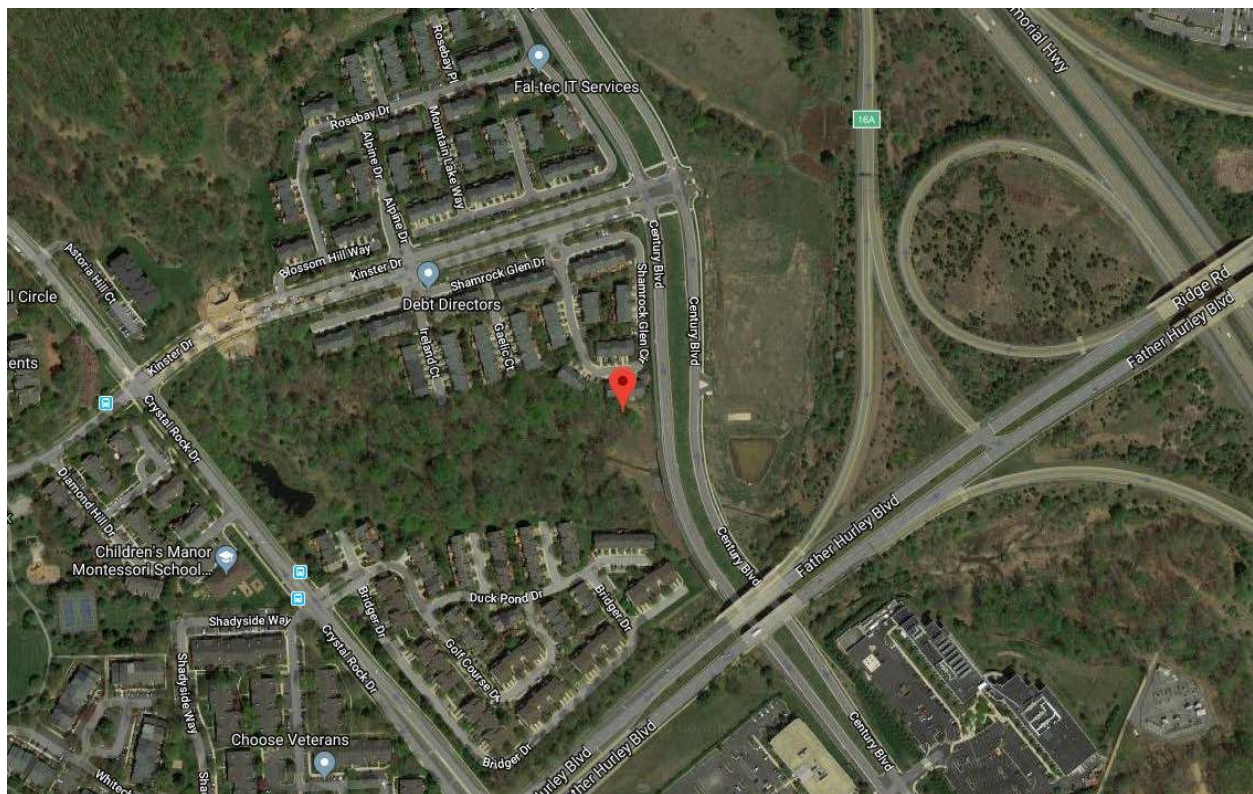
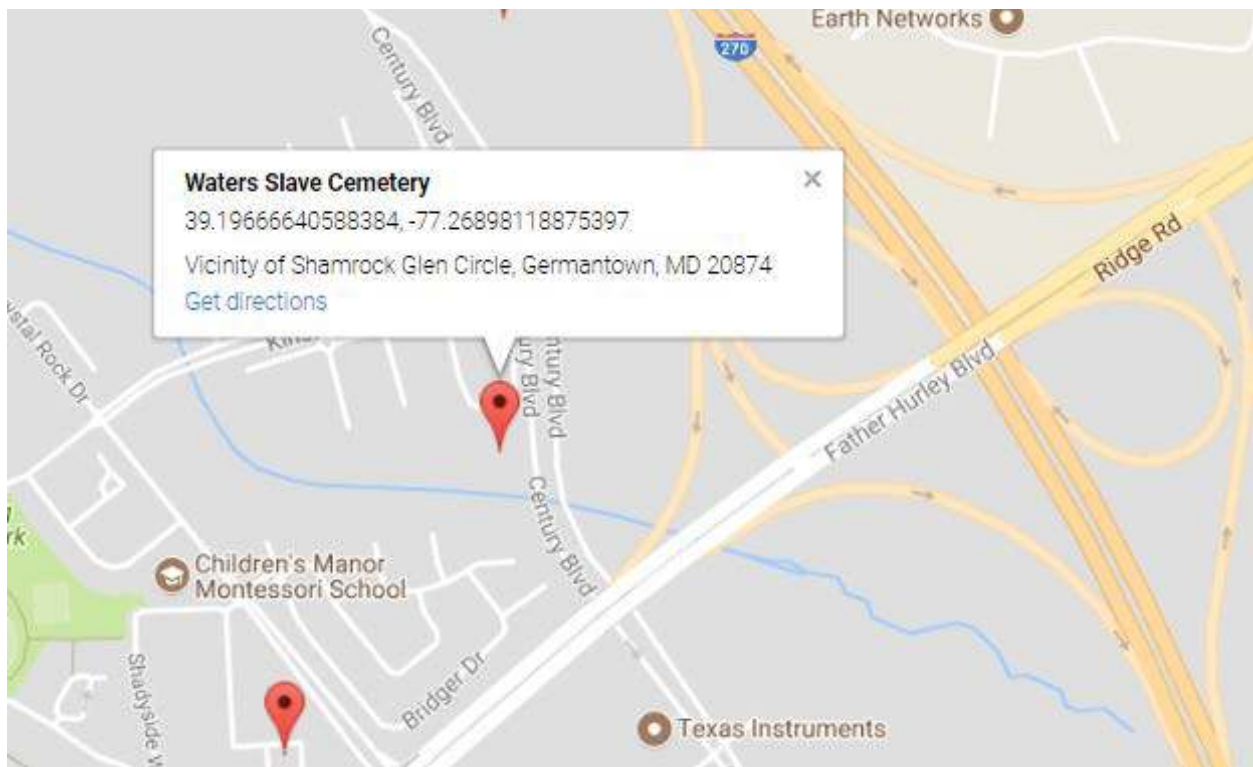
Name: Glenn Wallace, Cay Savel, Lisa Gonzalez	Survey Date: 4/ 30/ 2018	Time spent: 10 min
Email: mococems@gmail.com	Photographer: Glenn Wallace	

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
• Part of this cemetery may be under the townhouses.
• Interpretive sign should be placed along sidewalk on Century Blvd.
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
• Dead trees and fallen limbs throughout area. Debris pile should be removed.
• Garbage along the top of the hill
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• These probably would have been the slaves of all the Waters brothers; Zachariah, William, and Basil

SOURCES

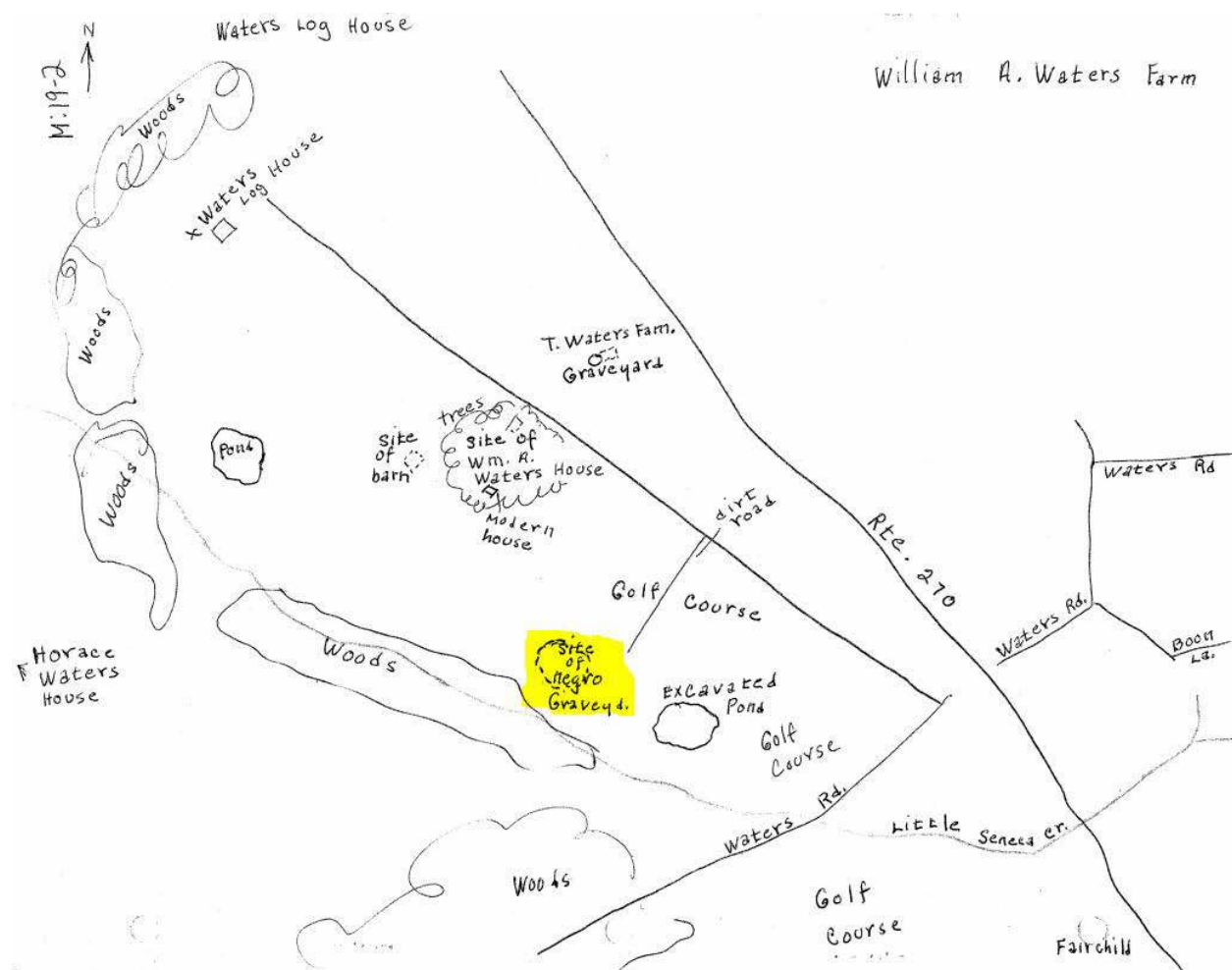
Cite sources used and resources available:
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2019-2.pdf (page 3)
• https://patch.com/maryland/germantown/the-mill-of-the-waters-brothers
• Germantown Historical Society – Susan Soderberg, President, https://www.germantownmdhistory.org/



History

Family burying ground: See map for location. During the ownership of William A. Waters the unused graveyard of five or six graves was intact. It extended toward the northeast, and although the field was cultivated, the borders of the cemetery were not encroached upon. It contained the graves of Zachariah Waters, Anna Waters, Baker Waters, Courtney Waters and Tilghman Waters, all of whom were buried here in the early to middle 19th century. The graveyard may have had an iron railing enclosing it, in accordance with Tilghman Waters' will. There was no railing there in Robert Waters' childhood in the early 20th century. At present, all that remains is an area surrounding a large wild cherry tree beneath which the gravestones are thrown haphazardly, the major part of the graveyard being ploughed under. **Negro graveyard:** See map. Long unused, this graveyard was in existence in the earlier 20th century. If there are any stones, they are visible only when vines have withered.

(Source: <https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M:%2019-2.pdf>)

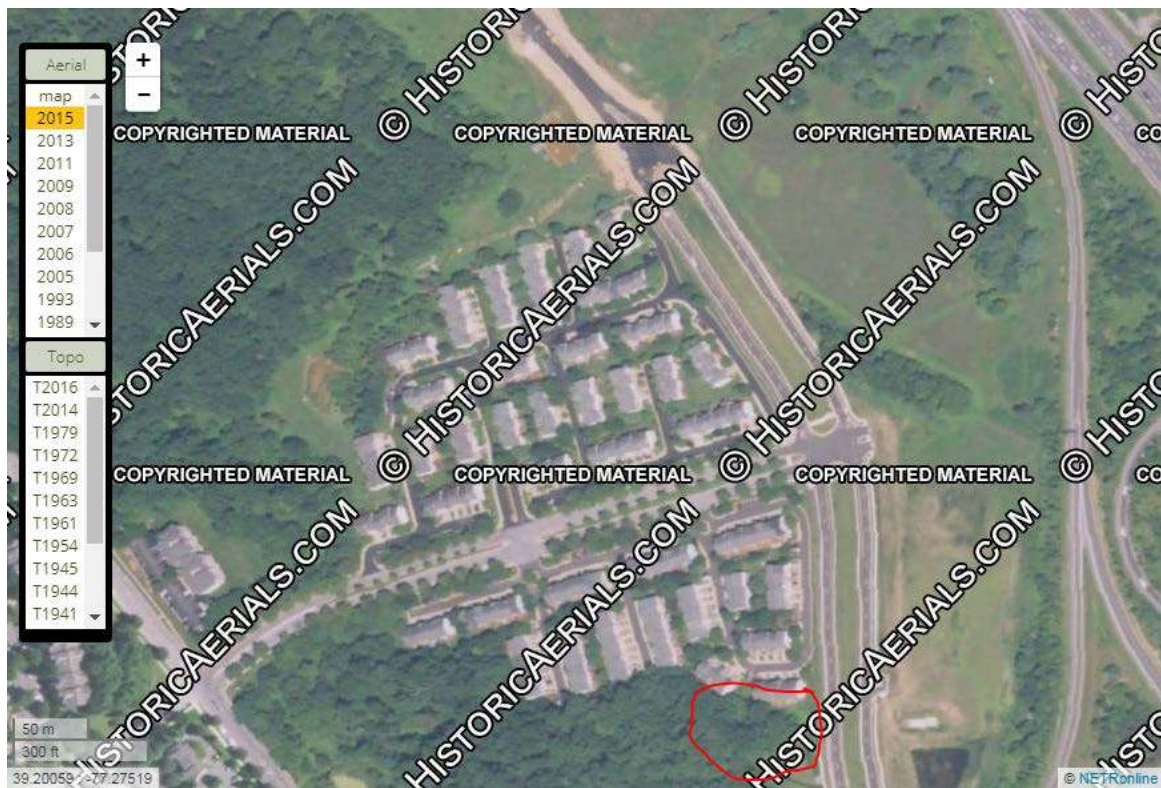


Zachariah, with the help, no doubt, of his 22 slaves, built the mill and miller's house and his own larger house nearby. Anna and Zachariah had three children: Tilghman, Baker, and Courtney. Tilghman was the only one to marry (Eleanor Magruder), but had no children. All are buried in a family graveyard near the house. (Source: <https://patch.com/maryland/germantown/the-mill-of-the-waters-brothers>)

The 1790 US Federal Census states that Zachariah had 6 slaves, William had 3 slaves, and Basil had 25 slaves on their properties here. In the 1850 Slave Schedule, Zachariah's son, Basil, had 13 slaves.



1957 aerial showing dirt road to slave cemetery



Current location of slave cemetery behind development

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Waters Slave Cemetery		Inventory ID: 330
Photographer: Glenn Wallace		Date: 4/30/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
6:15 pm	1	Center of cemetery, facing east
	2	Center of cemetery, facing northeast
	3	Center of cemetery, facing north
	4	Panoramic from west to north to east
6:25 pm	5	Panoramic from east to south to west



1. Center of cemetery, facing east



2. Center of cemetery, facing northeast



3. Center of cemetery, facing north



4. Panoramic from west to north to east



5. Panoramic from east to south to west