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2012 Periwinkle Award
nominated by Leonard
Beecraft

Restoration of the Riggs Family Cemetery Eagle Scout Project Justin B. Stine



Cemetery
vandalized
soon after
Eagle project
Restored by
Mosko Co.
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History

- Pleasant Hill, ancestral home of the Riggs Family
 - Originally 1000 acres surveyed April 8, 1725 for Thomas Bordley
 - Called Bordleys Choice
- Purchased by John Riggs, Sept. 11, 1751
 - never lived there
- Left to his son, Samuel Riggs who married Amelia Ridgely in 1767, establishing their home, Pleasant Hill
- The children, 7 sons and 9 daughters are buried there.
 - Eleanor Riggs
 - Julia Riggs
 - Samuel Riggs Jr.
 - Remus Riggs

- Remus Riggs, born Jan. 12, 1790
 - Youngest child of Samuel Riggs
 - Inherited Pleasant Hill where he stayed until dying Dec. 18, 1867
 - Married Catharine Adams of Baltimore and had 6 children
- Samuel Rigg's son William inherited Pleasant Hill in 1867
 - Retired to Brookeville
 - Died 1906
 - Was the last member of the family to be buried in the cemetery
- Pleasant Hill – Riggs Family Home through until 1913 - sold to Austin T. Powell

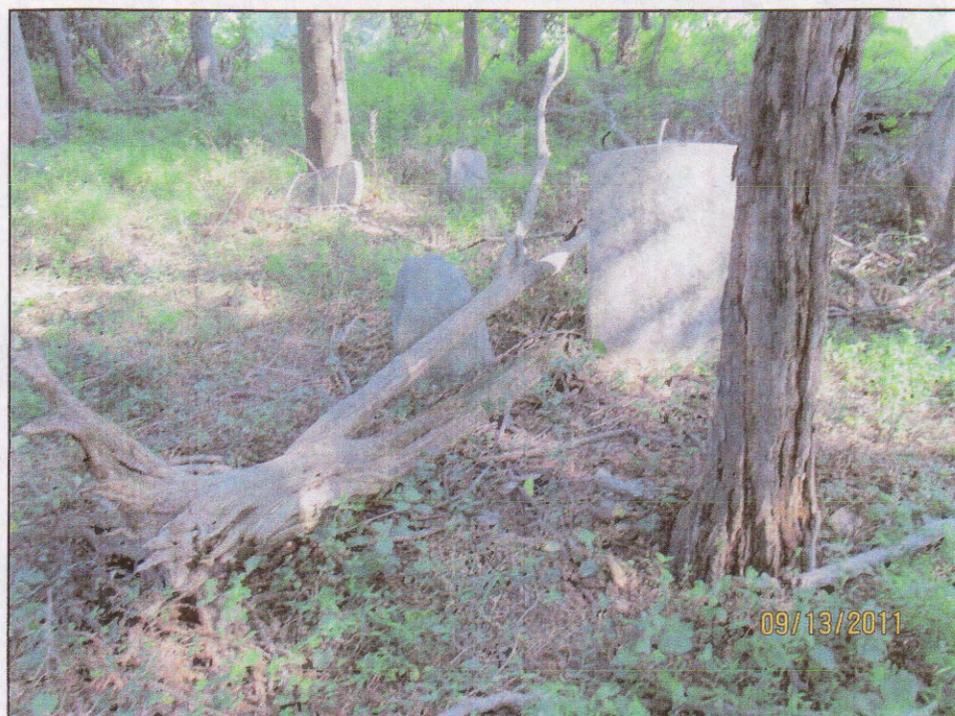
Riggs Family and BSA Troop 264

- Samuel Riggs IV, Last Living Blood Relative,
- Cattleman, Philanthropist and former Northwest Baltimore Utility Construction Firm Official
- One of the Original Members of Troop 264, founded in 1927
- On Sept. 19, the truck Mr. Riggs was driving on Route 108 near his Olney farm hit a stopped car and then struck two trees.
- Died October 03, 2002—Age 82

Project Description

- Cemetery now on the common grounds of Brookeville Farms
- Over the years fell into ruin
 - Overgrown
 - Fallen trees
 - Trash
 - Headstones heaving out of ground and some completely fallen
 - Some stones stolen in the past





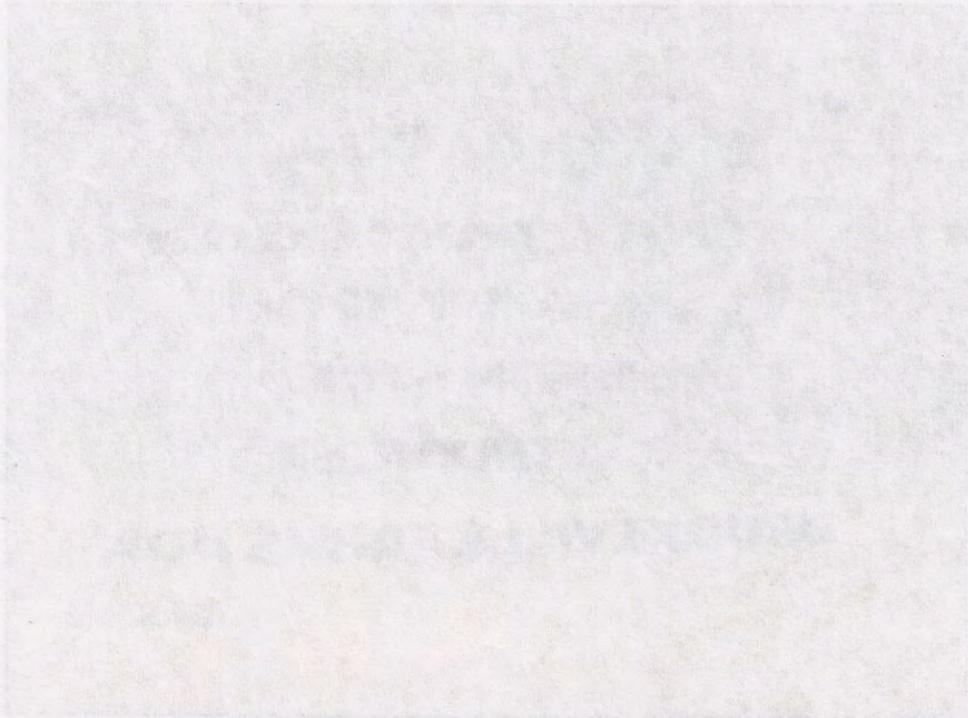












LETTER TO THE EDITOR -- October 19, 2012

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Editor, The Gazette
Attention: Steve Kelly
Emailed to opinions@gazette.net

RE: Vandalism at historic Brookeville Cemetery

Dear Editor,

The Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites is appalled at the wanton destruction recently visited upon historic Riggs Cemetery in Brookeville. This is particularly galling since Justin Stine just finished working on this cemetery for his Eagle Scout project.

Recently, the Coalition awarded Justin its highest honor, the Periwinkle Award, for his dedicated work to bring Riggs Cemetery out of the shadows. We were touched by his neighbors and friends who also worked hard to help give the cemetery dignity. It is outrageous that their work has gone for naught. The perpetrators of this malicious crime must be found and brought to justice. Possibly they should do hours of community service on the very sacred ground they destroyed and put it back together.

The Coalition invites help to support Justin and Riggs Cemetery by volunteering to clean up and assist with repairs. To help, or with any information about this vandalism, contact Amanda Becker at acedgehill@hotmail.com

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Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.
The Coalition was founded in 1991 to work for the protection and preservation of gravesites in Maryland.

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