

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shoemaker Family Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

Crestview Subdivision

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

between Jamestown Ct. & Allen Rd., off Western Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Westmoreland Hills

— VICINITY OF (Bethesda)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

(located in rear of private residences)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are a number of tombstones with inscriptions-mostly names of Shoemaker family members who lived in the 1800's. The old farmhouse stood here at least until the early 1900's. It was referred to in a visit made by the author of a Civil War, regimented history.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 00-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION					

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the very few old family cemeteries remaining in the heavily-developed, suburban area. Most sites were bulldozed or fell into ruins. The Shoemakers were Quakers, who emigrated to Mont. Co. from Philadelphia. During the Civil War, Fort Mansfield was located here as part of the defenses of Washington.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

with photos of Shoemaker farm in possession of area Civil War history student, Byron Pohanka (phone conversation 1/23/75)

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

4/22/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

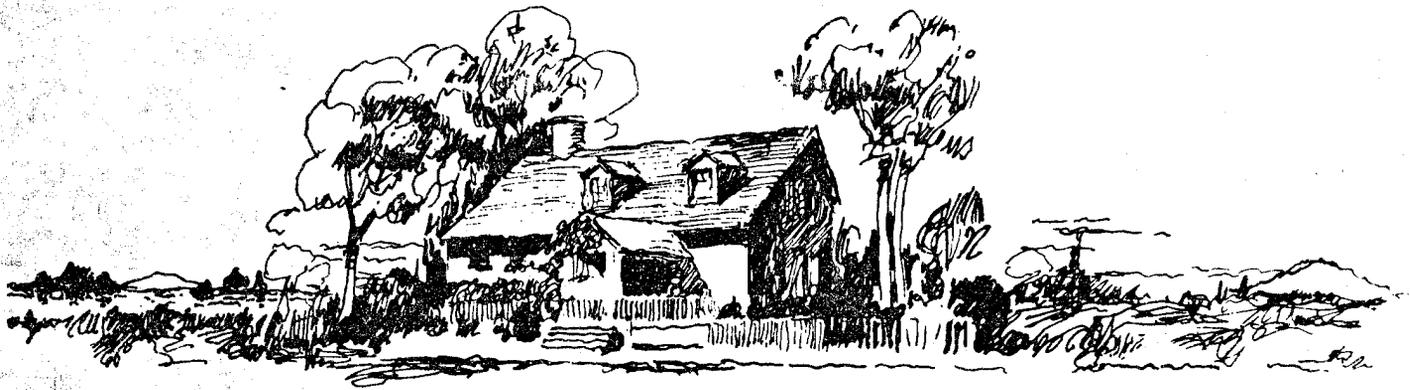
STATE

Maryland

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FAMILY BURYING GROUNDS
in
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

by
Linda Layman

INTRODUCTION

The settler, going into a new area, had many problems. Among them was a necessity for providing a place to bury members of his household.

The usual practice was for a landowner to set aside a small plot for this purpose. This was near the homestead, often in a small grove of trees. It would be fenced in and beautified with evergreens, box bushes and the like.

Not only members of the owner's family would be buried here, but also members of families working on the farm, including, in many cases, slaves. The grave of a member of the owner's family would usually be marked by a formal headstone on which was recorded the name, dates of birth and death, and sometimes names of parents of the deceased. Graves of non-family members might have their graves marked merely by a simple field stone with no inscription.

Such family burying plots often continued to be used as long as the original family occupied the farm. A few have continued in use up to recent times.

John Query arrived at Philadelphia on the ship HALIFAX from Germany before 1752. In that year he took the Oath of Allegiance to England. Query came from Berk's County, Pennsylvania, to Montgomery County, Maryland. A deed from Samuel Boone of Frederick County to Nicholas Query is dated May 8, 1779, and refers to property called "Maiden's Bower", "Montrose" and "Resurvey of Rich Meadow". This was the site of a grist mill operated by Nicholas Query. His will was probated at Rockville in 1788 and mentions his wife, Margaret, two sons, Daniel and Henry, and five sisters. By 1865, judging from the Martenet and Bond map, the Query family had disappeared from Montgomery County.

HOLLAND FAMILY

The burying ground of this family is on the family estate, Prospect Hill, on the road from Brookeville to Brighton.

Inscriptions on the grave stones:

J. R. Holland, born Sept. 3, 1877; died Apr. 1, 1878
 M. L. Holland, born Sept. 1, 1880; died Apr. 29, 1882
 J. T. Holland, born Jan. 12, 1833; died July 28, 1911
 Alice Holland, wife of J. T. Holland; born Sept. 23, 1841; died
 Dec. 1, 1891
 Charles Holland, born 1796; died Apr. 29, 1850
 Nancy Holland, born 1805; died Feb. 28, 1876

John and James Holland came from England to Maryland in the mid 1700's. John built Prospect Hill on the road from Brookeville to Brighton about 1750. This home was a chapel of worship in its early days. The Hawlings River is supposed to have been called originally the Hollands River, named for that family.

The next owner of Prospect Hill was Charles Holland, son of John, and his wife, Nancy Griffith, from the adjoining property, Fair View. Charles and Nancy had a son, James Thomas Holland, who married Alice Linthicum. James Thomas inherited Fair View and Prospect Hill. They made Prospect Hill their home. Their daughter, Annie, married Samuel Owings in 1896 and she inherited Prospect Hill. The property was next left to Alice Owings, the daughter of Samuel and Annie Holland Owings. Alice became the wife of Guy Holland Wood.

SHOEMAKER FAMILY

This cemetery is between Jamestown Court and Allen Road, just off Western Avenue (area of Yorktown Village and Westmoreland Hills).

Tombstone inscriptions:

Jesse Shoemaker, born Dec. 6, 1815; died Dec. 14, 1887
 Jesse, Jr., son of Jesse and Elizabeth A. Shoemaker; born Sept.
 18, 1844; died Dec. 12, 1891
 John, husband of Margaret A. and son of Jesse and Elizabeth Shoemaker; born Sept. 8, 1842; died Apr. 11, 1887
 Elizabeth E., wife of George Shoemaker; born Dec. 25, 1859; died
 June 15, 1906

(There were several other graves and footstones in the cemetery but they do not bear the family name of Shoemaker.)

There are seven Shoemaker families listed on the 1865 map of Montgomery County. All are descendants of Samuel Shoemaker, who came to Montgomery County, Maryland, from Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1819. His ancestors, who were Quakers, had lived in Pennsylvania since 1683. Samuel purchased 102 acres of land which includes the present developments of Yorktown Village and Westmoreland Hills in the Bethesda area near the District Line. Samuel's sons bought additional land, most of which was along Western Avenue. His will names eight sons and one daughter. In his will Samuel dedicates the family graveyard which is located just north of where the old home stood.

In 1878, Jesse Shoemaker, a son of Samuel, lived in the home place.

CRABB FAMILY

The Crabb family plot is located a few hundred yards east of the Rockville to Gaithersburg road junction with Derwood Road.

Tombstone inscriptions:

General Jeremiah Crabb died Feb. 19, 1800; age 40
 Elizabeth Ridgely Crabb, wife of General Jeremiah Crabb; born Aug. 10, 1764; died 1828; age 64
 Susan R. England, 1832 - 1899
 Thomas H. England, 1834 - 1919
 Harriet V. England, 1838 - 1925
 Henry C. England, 1840 - 1891
 Mary England, 1843 - 1923
 Thomas Worthington Howard died July 29, 1818
 Elizabeth Ridgely (Howard) [wife of Thomas Worthington Howard; daughter of Gen. Jeremiah Crabb], died Nov. 8, 1821
 Emily England, wife of John G. England, died Jan. 18, 1851; age 38
 Philemon Griffith died Oct. 8, 1873; age 80
 Sarah G. Griffith died Apr. 27, 1862; age 68

Captain Henry Wright Crabb was a prominent man in the early settlement of this county. When the people of the Scotch settlement on the Potomac River at Rock Creek decided to lay out a town about 1751, they petitioned the Assembly and a commission consisting of Henry Wright Crabb, John Needham, John Clagett, James Perrie, Samuel Magruder, III, Josias Beall and David Lynn were authorized to do so. This town was called Georgetown.

On April 10, 1753, a patent was granted to Crabb for 2,085 acres. This he named "Resurvey on Valentine's Garden". It lay between what was to become Rockville and Gaithersburg at Derwood. The family cemetery is located on this tract.

Jeremiah Crabb, the son of Henry Wright Crabb, was born in 1760. During the Revolution he entered the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Maryland Regiment. On December 15, 1777, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. In 1778, he resigned from the service because of ill health. He had suffered the privations of the winter at Valley Forge. At the close of the war, he received a commission as General from