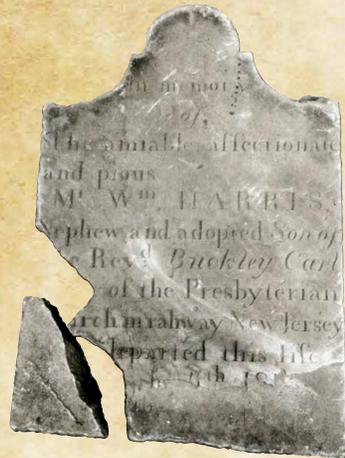


Clark Family Memorial Cemetery



In memory of the amiable, affectionate and pious M^r W^m HARRIS nephew and adopted Son of Rev^d Buckley Carl of the Presbyterian church in Rahway New Jersey departed this life 5th



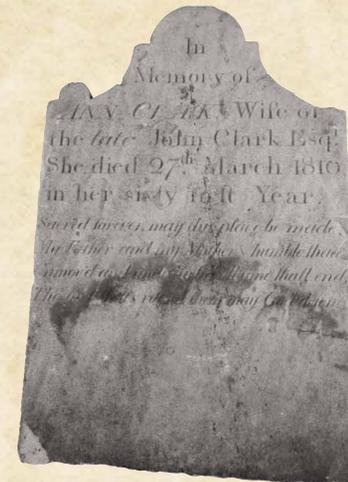
William Harris' footstone

In 1752, **John G. Clark** was born. In that same year, Michael A. Dowden applied for a land patent and soon opened an inn which would be called Dowden's Ordinary. Most likely, young John came to the Clarksburg area during his childhood with his grandfather, William, and his dad, John, to help at their trading post and to visit Dowden's Ordinary. The Sons of Liberty, a group who advocated for independence from England, met at Dowden's Ordinary starting in 1770. The Clarks were one of the local families who belonged to this patriotic group. In 1776, the Continental Congress declared independence and one would expect that many members of The Sons of Liberty joined the fight of the Revolutionary War.

Toward the end of the War in 1781, **John G. Clark**, for whom our town is named, built his home in

Clarksburg. At the site of his grandfather's trading post, he established a general store. *Note - The Clark House and General Store are still in existence in Clarksburg's historic district.* In 1790, **John G. Clark** surveyed the town and laid out lots. He was a founding member of the Methodist Society in 1788, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, which began as a log chapel in 1794. This site, on Spire Street, is the place of longest continuous worship in Montgomery County. In 1798, our town founder was appointed the first town Justice of the Peace. In 1799, he served as county commissioner, and in 1800, he was the first town postmaster. **John G. Clark** was "Mr. Clarksburg" and that is why our town bears his name.

We do not know a lot about all of the people buried in this cemetery, but you can be sure that each one made their mark on our town in some way.



In memory of ANN CLARK Wife of the late John Clark Esq. She died 27th March 1810 in her sixty first Year.

Sacred forever may this place be made, My Father and my Mother's humble shaid. Unmov'd and undisturb'd till time shall end, The turf that's round them may God defend.

— Buried In This Cemetery Are: —

JOHN G. CLARK (CLARKSBURG TOWN FOUNDER) AUGUST 1752 - FEBRUARY 1805

ANN ARCHEY CLARK (HIS WIFE) 1749 - MARCH 27, 1810

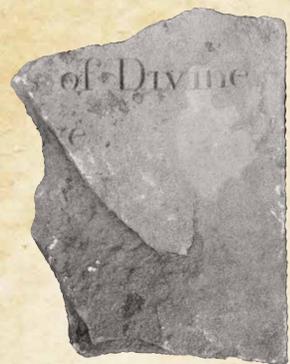
JOHN CLARK WILLSON (THEIR GRANDSON) AUGUST 25, 1802 - DECEMBER 6, 1803

GUSTARVUS WILLSON (THEIR GRANDSON) FEBRUARY 11, 1811 - FEBRUARY 23, 1811

MR. WILLIAM HARRIS (NEPHEW AND ADOPTED SON OF REVEREND BUCKLEY CARL. RELATIONSHIP TO CLARK FAMILY UNKNOWN.) 1793 - MAY 5, 1817

S. BELL (RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN)

TO VIEW THE FRONT OF THE STONES, WALK DOWNHILL TO BACKSIDE OF FENCE.



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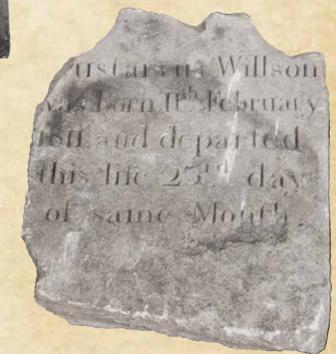


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John G. Clark's footstone

Piece of stone- we used it to represent John Clark Willson



Gustarvus' footstone

Gustarvus Willson was born 11th February 1811, and departed this life 23rd day of same Month.



Late 1800s - Early settlement in Clarksburg, Maryland.



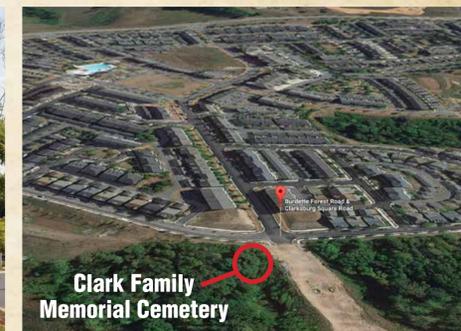
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1989-1990 - Norman Mease asks lifetime Clarksburg resident, Margaret Foreman Williams, to show him the cemetery location.



2005-2017 - Extensive development in Clarksburg.



Map of Clark Family Memorial Cemetery



Clark-Waters House - The log portion in the back is said to be John G. Clark and Ann Clark's original home. Their descendants added the front.

1803	1805	1810	1811		1817	1960	1989-1990	2002	2005	March 2012	June 2012	October 2012	March 2013	2015	2013-2017	2002-2017	June 24, 2017	
John Clark Willson is buried.	John G. Clark is buried.	Ann A. Clark is buried.	Gustarvus Willson Clark is buried.	Unknown burials.	William Harris is buried.	Gravestones in the way of farming equipment are moved from the cemetery plot and leaned against a nearby oak.	As he was preparing to move, Clarksburg resident, Charles Ellis, who was concerned about preserving the gravestones, contacts Norman Mease, Clarksburg Civic Association President.	Norman Mease asks lifetime Clarksburg resident, Margaret Foreman Williams, to show him the cemetery location. Norman Mease catalogs the gravestones and places them in storage with a public agency.	Joann Woodson and Eloise & Tuck Woodfield establish the Clarksburg Historical Society, Inc.	Extensive real estate development occurs.	Jean Hulse-Hayman, Clarksburg Historical Society member since 2002, learns that John Clark is buried in Clarksburg. She researches the Clark family and proposes making the cemetery a society project.	Gravestones publicly displayed at Clarksburg Day. It's been 52 years since anyone has seen them!	Jean and husband Dale Hayman locate the oak tree and use it and a map from Norman Mease to identify the probable cemetery location. This is repeated with Kate Kubit and an archeologist.	Margaret Williams confirms the location makes sense according to her childhood memories. Margaret recalls that when she walked along the creek, she could look up and read the writing on the gravestones. They faced downhill towards the creek.	Direct Clark descendent, Mary Beth Jacobs Fleming, approves of returning gravestones to as close to their original site as possible.	Clarksburg Historical Society works with Kate Kubit of Third Try, LLC to return gravestones to their original location.	Active Clarksburg Historical Society members not previously mentioned: Karen King Earp Frances Wims Foreman Gloria King Winter.	The Clark Family Memorial Cemetery is dedicated. Time & materials to refurbish gravestones donated by Carlos Flores.

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