



Montgomery County Planning Department
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Montgomery County Burial Sites Inventory

Historic Preservation ID:
HP-146

Name:
Sitka Baptist Church Cemetery

Description:

Sitka Baptist Church Cemetery
Walter Johnson Family Cemetery

Community:

Religious:

Family:

African American:

Other Site Type:

Number of Burials:
0

Visible Markers:

Formal Entrance:

Cemetery Sign:

Active:

Earliest Year:
0

Latest Year:
0

Is the Site Extant?:
Yes

Is the Location Sensitive?:

Sensitive Contact:

Sensitive Reason:

Location Confidence:

Known

Location Confirmed:

Volunteer Forms and External Web Links (Montgomery Planning is not responsible for content. Links provided for informational purposes only)

2006 Survey Summary:

https://mcatlas.org/filetransfer/HistoricPreservation/MCCI_Summaries_2004/MCCI_Summary_ID_146.pdf

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.:

https://mcatlas.org/filetransfer/HistoricPreservation/Cemeteries/146_Sitka_B_Silver-Spring/146_Sitka_B_Silver-Spring_2018/146_Sitka_B_Silver-Spring_2018_Survey.pdf

FindaGrave.com:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2674936>

Maryland Tombstone Transcription Project:

Other Website:

Master Plan Historic Resource No.:

Historic Resource:

Confirmed by Planning Board:

Yes

Confirmation Date:

05/16/2019

Site Survey Date:

02/15/2018

Revision Date:

Site Surveyor Name:

Lori Banks

Data Originator:

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.

Notes:

Technical information about the locational information shown in the online map.

Public Display Scale:

1: 0

Is there a Restriction on Sharing Information?:

GIS Source Date:

10/15/2018

GIS Source Datum:

Boundary Type:

Point

Horizontal Accuracy:

GIS Data Source:

MCCIR 2018

Additional Information:

From 2018 Montgomery Preservation, Inc. form notes: "Hayward Malcolm Hutchinson, a former president of the Alaska Fur Trading Company, had a 375-acre property known as "Sitka Farm," now Hillandale. (Source:

<http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda/2013/documents/WOSGPublicHearingDraft.pdf>) Hutchinson built the Sitka church on the south side of Powder Mill Road for his African-American workers. (Source: www.worldconnect.genealogy.com/forum/regional/states/topics/md/15072/) Tax records indicate this site is known as the "Johnson Family Burial Ground," as shown in Plat Book 10, No. 711. On the SDAT page, they actually put an older deed reference under the parcel name, Rhodes Good Luck, EBP2/197. That deed is for a Walter Johnson (of DC), presumably the namesake of this burial ground. He acquired the land through an equity case in 1865. (Source: Jamie Kuhns, Historic Inquiries, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission) Transfer of property from Walter C Johnson to Samuel E Lee took place on September 13, 2016 for \$0. Listed as Residential. District 05, Account Number 03316676. Map KP23, Parcel P774."

Excerpt from History of the Nineteenth-Century Black Churches in Maryland and Washington, D.C. by Nina Honemond Clarke published in 1983

"On April 18, 1882, a deed was made at the request of the trustees of Sitka Baptist Sunday School Mission . They were William M. Elexander (Alexander), F. G. Hall, R. C. Moss, I. Bomery, Tunia Red, P. E. Stubbs, Mills Beaman, E. M . Bunow, F. Johnson, and P. Lewis.

They bought an acre and a half of land that was part of the Sitka Farm on Old Powder Mill Road. This was the same land conveyed from George W. Riggs to H. M. Hutchinson and his wife, Eliza of Washington, D.C.

In this edict this land was to be used for a church forever. On June 13, 1883, this deed was mailed to the Reverend F. G. Hall who lived in Bladensburg, Maryland .

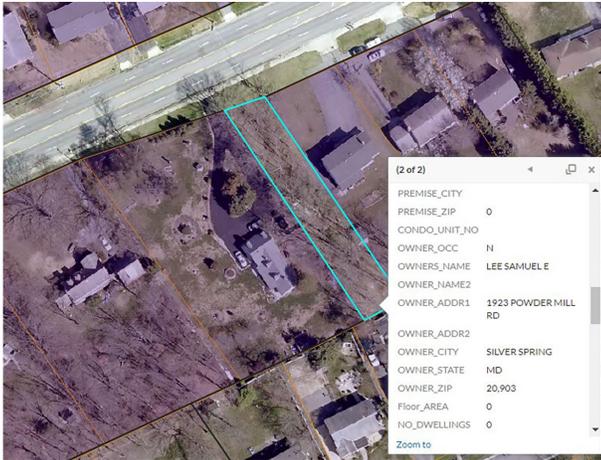
A church was built on the land. At one time it was referred to as the Mills Mission and later the Sitka Baptist Church.

Some of the families that made up the membership of this old mission were the Beamans, Lewises, Hogans, Greens, Pooles, Smiths, Thomtons, Withers, and Berry families . In addition to the Reverend F. G . Hall, other ministers who served Sitka Baptist were the Reverends McCauley, Goms, Emmett Burrell, and Alexander.

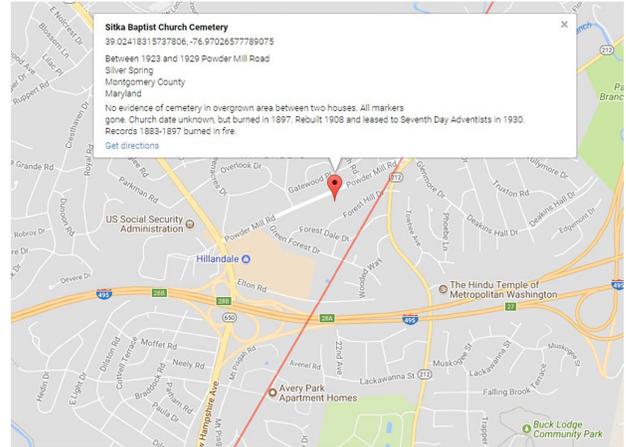
All but one member of the Sitka Baptist Church had died. There had been no members to hold meetings and to transact business for this church for many years . On February 6, 1939, the only surviving member, Mills Seamen, ninety-six-years old, conveyed the property of Sitka Baptist Church to Joseph N., William L., and Edward Beaman as joint tenants of the land. He expressed his concern about the time when he shall have died. He wanted the title of the property in other hands to hold the same. Joseph N. , William L. and Edward W. Beaman, joint tenants of the land of the former Sitka Baptist Church, sold it to Catherine E. Beall, and others.

This land was sold again by the director of the Department of Finance of Montgomery County for taxes in arrears and in default by Beall, et.al. Walter R. Hardisty bought this land on June 11, 1962 and assigned it to John T. Hardisty on September 1, 1963. This same parcel of land is now known as "Colesville."n The old abandoned church cemetery still exists on the property."

Images:



HP_146_01
Map of cemetery location



HP_146_02
Aerial Photograph

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District: 05 Account Number: 03316676



HP_146_03
Tax Map

Date
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Account Identifier:		District - 05 Account Number - 03316676	
Total Transfer			
Sale Date:	09/13/2016	Sale Type:	NOT ARMS LENGTH OTHER
Sale Number:		Consideration:	VACANT
From:	JOHNSON WALTER C		\$0.00
To:	LEE SAMUEL E		
Location Information			
Location:	POWDER MILL RD	Liber/Folio 1:	/ 52795/ 00180
		Liber/Folio 2:	
		Use:	R RESIDENTIAL
Subdivision:	0001	Town:	16000
		BPRUC:	NONE
Status:			
Class:			
Map:	Grid:	Parcel:	Section:
KP23		P774	Block:
			Lot:
Structure Data			
Year Built	Stories	Grade	Basement
			Type
			Exterior
			Enclosed Area
Land Area:	10890 SF		

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Property Tax Record

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View from Powder Mill Rd, facing south

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HP_146_06
View from cemetery, facing south

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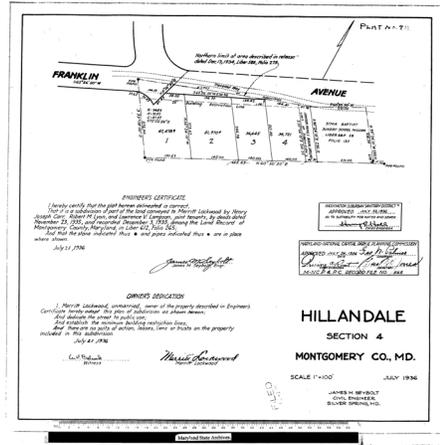
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View from neighboring property, facing east

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HP_146_08
View from cemetery, facing north

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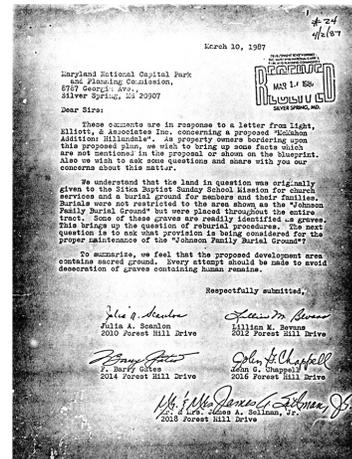
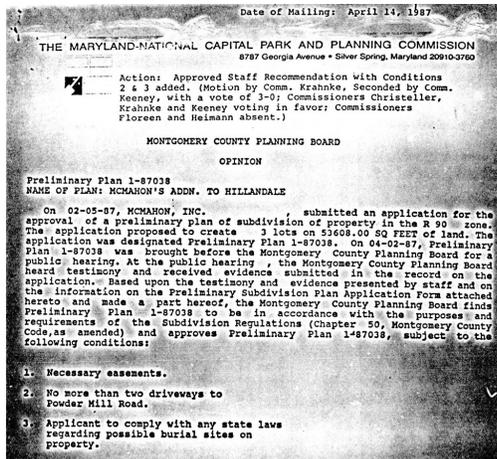


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Newspaper Clipping

HP_146_10
Plat Map

Date
Photographer

Date
Photographer



HP_146_11
1987 Preliminary Plan approval memo

HP_146_12
Correspondence to Montgomery County Planning Board about proposed preliminary plan

Date 04/14/1987
Photographer M-NCPPC

Date 03/10/1987
Photographer

MARKER ID GIVEN NAME

FAMILY NAME

DEATH YEAR