



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

Montgomery County Burial Sites Inventory

Historic Preservation ID:
HP-310

Name:
Conway-Jackson Cemetery

Description:
Late 19th, early 20th-century African American Cemetery.

Community: Religious: Family: African American:

Other Site Type:

Number of Burials: 100 Visible Markers: Formal Entrance: Cemetery Sign: Active:

Earliest Year: 0 Latest Year: 0 Is the Site Extant?: Unknown

Is the Location Sensitive?: Sensitive Contact: Sensitive Reason:

Location Confidence: Approximate Location Confirmed: No

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 310.pdf](https://mcatlas.org/filetransfer/HistoricPreservation/MCCI_Summaries_2004/MCCI_Summary_ID_310.pdf)

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.:

FindaGrave.com:

Maryland Tombstone Transcription Project:

Other Website:

Master Plan Historic Resource No.:

Historic Resource:

Confirmed by Planning Board:

Confirmation Date:

Site Survey Date:

Revision Date:

Yes

05/16/2019

04/13/2022

Site Surveyor Name:

Data Originator:

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.

Notes:

Referenced in Burtonsville Heritage Genealogically Speaking by Audrey Lord (1976). The revision moves the location suggested by MPI volunteers to be within the property boundary and within the US 29 right-of-way as described by historical research.

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

Public Display Scale:

Is there a Restriction on Sharing Information?:

1: 0

GIS Source Date:

GIS Source Datum:

Boundary Type:

10/15/2018

Horizontal Accuracy:

GIS Data Source:

2006 inventory approx loc

Additional Information:

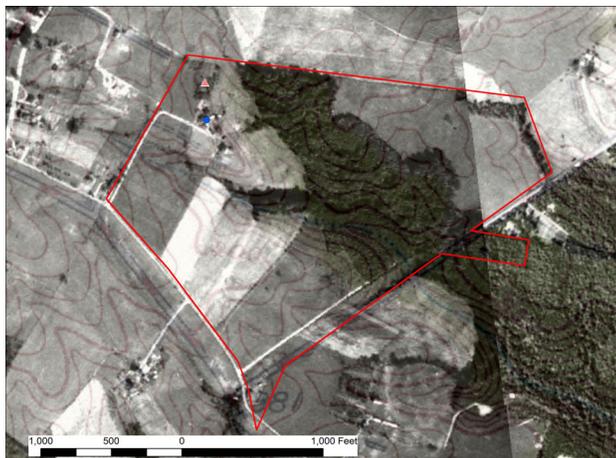
Audrey Lord reported information she received from Roy Miles for her 1976 book on Burtonsville: the cemetery was "reported to have been "on the Randy Roby property," in the vicinity of Airy Hill Road (turn east from Old Columbia pike). However, since no survivors were located when dual Highway Route 29 came through it was obliterated. Miles recalls 100 to 150 crude stones there, on roughly an acre of ground, and thought former slaves named Grif Conway and Emma Jackson were interred there."

Miles' recollection corresponds to an orchard some 250 feet north of a homestead shown on 1950s aerial photographs and Maryland Highway As-built plans for US 29. The location is on a stream terrace, and within the ROW for the new Columbia Pike (US 29) alignment.

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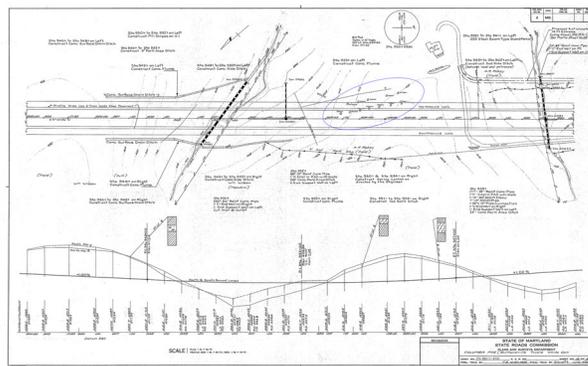
Images:



HP-310-01

1951 Aerial photograph and topographic map showing probable location of the cemetery

Date 04/07/2022
Photographer Brian Crane



HP-310-02

1954 As-Built plans for US 29 showing orchard where cemetery may have been located

Date 04/07/2022
Photographer Brian Crane

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GIVEN NAME

FAMILY NAME

DEATH YEAR