



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

Montgomery County Burial Sites Inventory

Historic Preservation ID:

HP-357

Name:

Perry Farm Cemetery

Description:

Family cemetery associated with the Perry Farm.

Community:

Religious:

Family:

African American:

Other Site Type:

Number of Burials:

Visible Markers:

Formal Entrance:

Cemetery Sign:

Active:

Earliest Year:

1828

Latest Year:

Is the Site Extant?:

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.
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2006 Survey Summary:

[NA](#)

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.:

[NA](#)

FindaGrave.com:

[NA](#)

Maryland Tombstone Transcription Project:

[NA](#)

Other Website:

<https://erasmusperry.marylanddar.org/index.php/our-history-ep>

Master Plan Historic Resource No.: Historic Resource:

Confirmed by Planning Board: Confirmation Date: Site Survey Date: Revision Date:

Site Surveyor Name:

Data Originator:

Notes:

A 1955 plat (number 3938) shows a cemetery was located on this parcel. The 1828 date for earliest grave is based on the death year of Erasmus Perry who acquired the farm in 1785, and was buried on the farm. It is not known if there were earlier or later burials.

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:

Horizontal Accuracy: GIS Data Source:

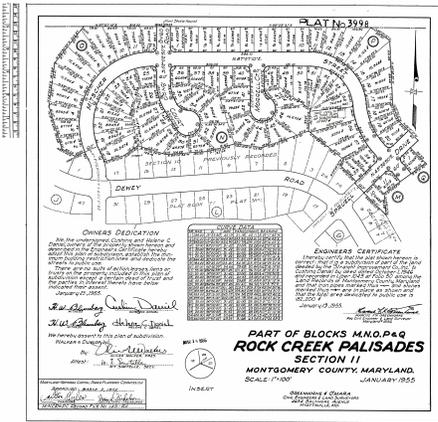
Additional Information:

There is a house with basement standing in the location shown on the plat, therefore it is possible that nothing of the burial ground survives. However, the number of interments and extent are unknown so the possibility of human remains nearby remains. There is no known record of whether the graves were moved.

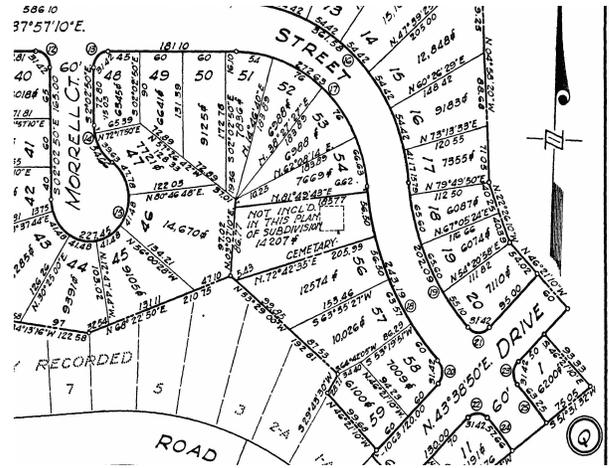
The cemetery was part of an approximately 185-acre farm acquired by Erasmus Perry in 1785 and that remained in the Perry family until 1917 (Maryland Land Records Liber C Folio 147, Liber EBP 24 Folio 317, and Liber PBR 264 Folio 81). It is not known who was buried in the lot. However, the Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots; Volume: 3; Serial: 11670; Volume: 3 lists an Erasmus Perry who was buried on his farm. The Montgomery County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is named for Erasmus Perry, and according to their website, the DAR marked his grave through 1953. The DAR site says he was born in 1760, and died in May 1828. Other Perry family members (e.g. Erasmus Perry 1806-1883) are buried at Potomac United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In addition to Perry family members, there is the possibility of the graves of those the Perry family held in slavery. The US Census shows that an Erasmus Perry and other Perry family members in Montgomery County held people in slavery from 1790 through Maryland emancipation in November 1864.

Images:



HP_357_001
Plat 3938, 1955



HP_357_002
Detail of Plat 3938, 1955

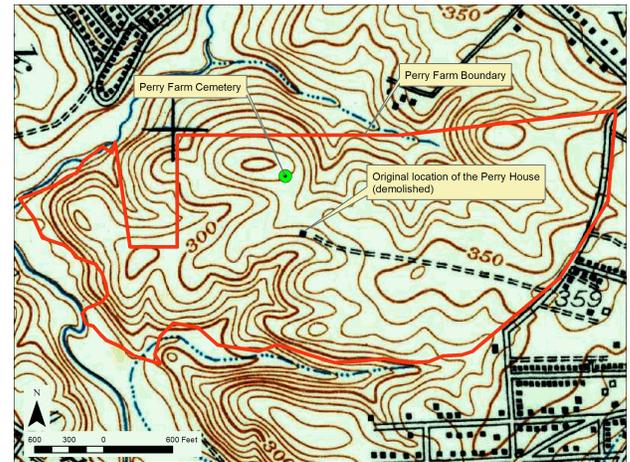
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Perry Farm on contemporary map

Date 03/24/2023
Photographer Brian Crane



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Perry Farm on 1951 USGS Map

Date 03/24/2023
Photographer Brian Crane

MARKER ID GIVEN NAME FAMILY NAME DEATH YEAR