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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dorsey/Clagett/Owens Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gregg Road

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul S. Schaffer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3800 Gregg Road

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

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^e DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was the burying ground for several local families during the 19th Century. There are several tombstones enclosed by the fence.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY STORY (Feb., 1971) pp. 67; Mont. Co. Hist. Soc.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1975

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

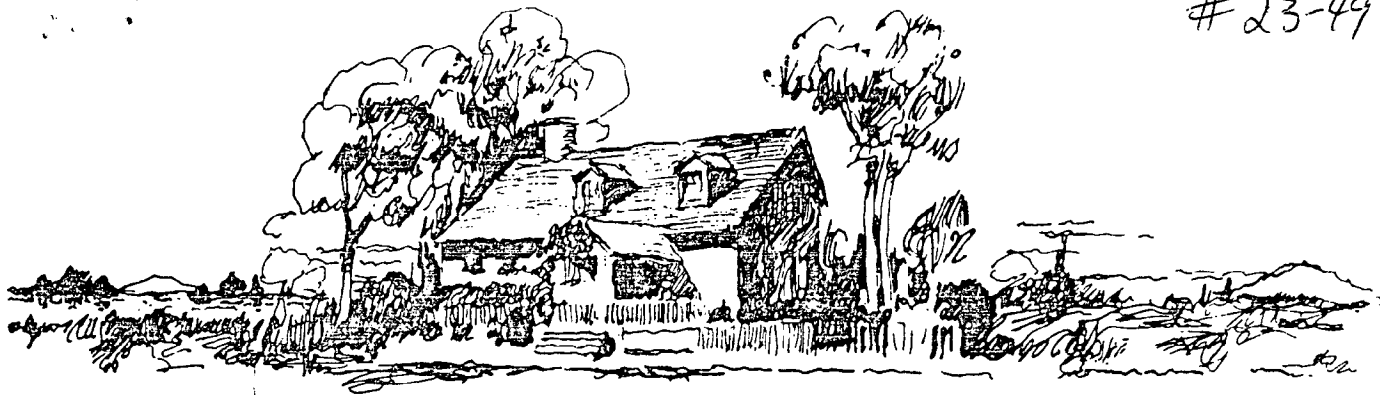
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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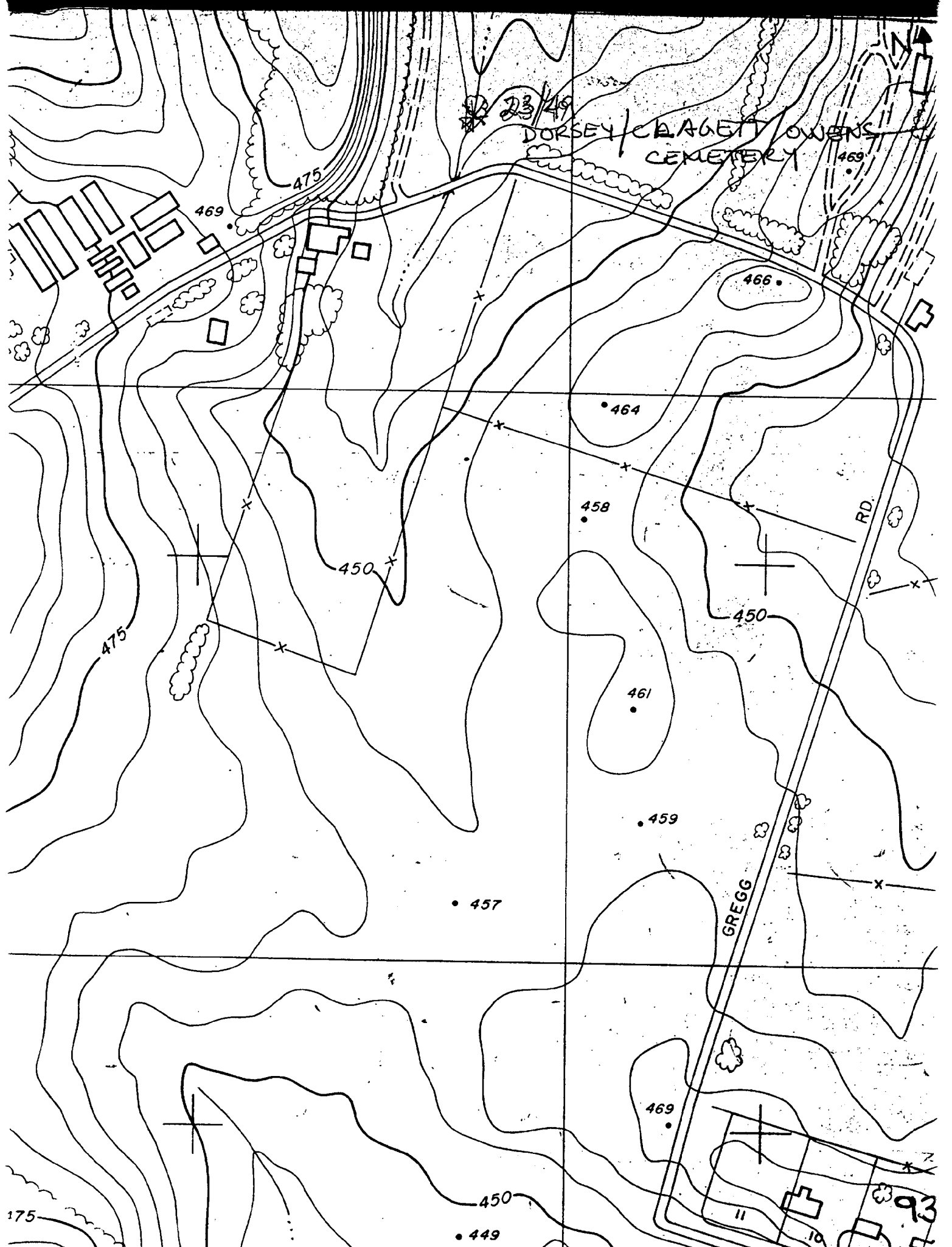
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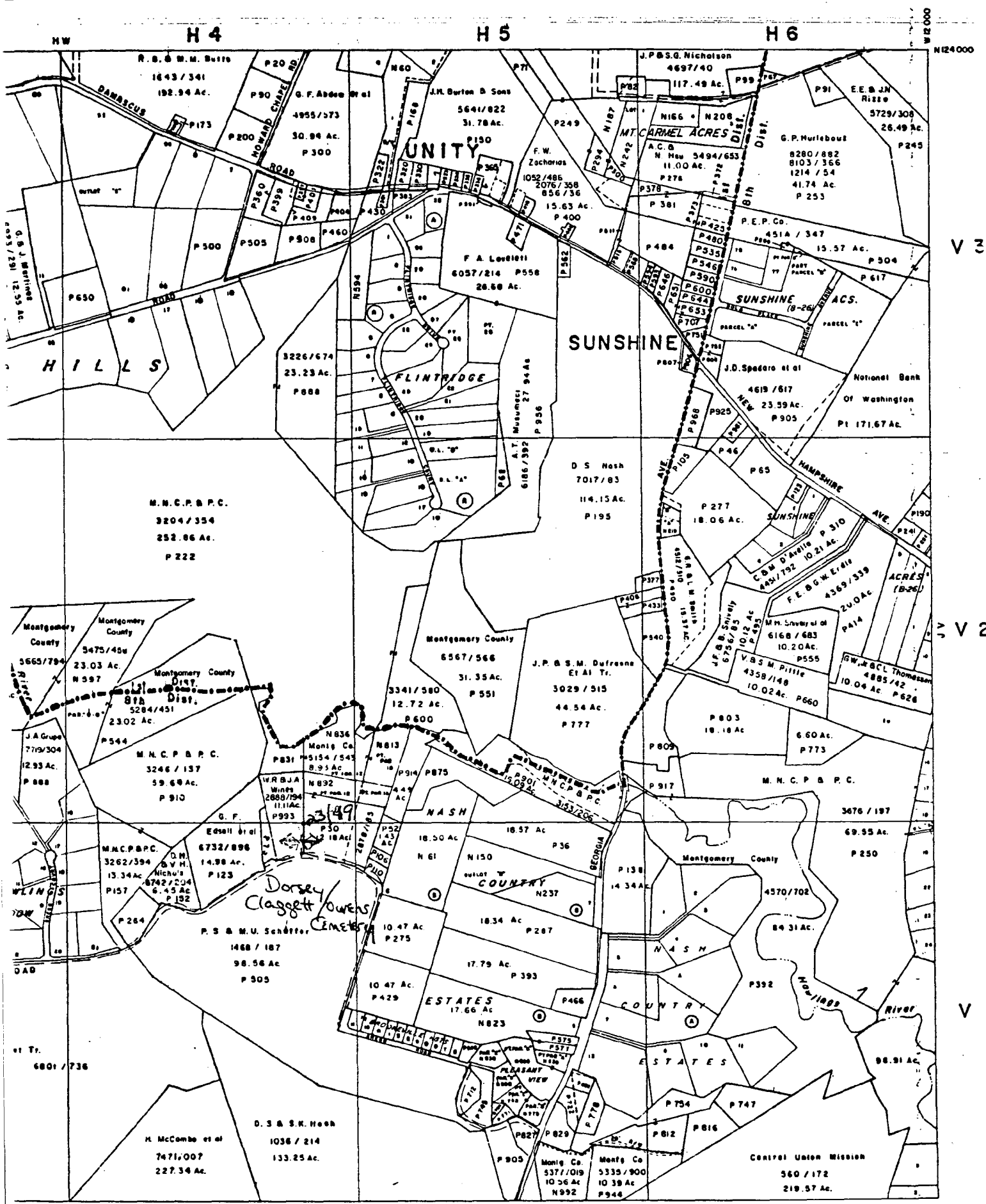
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DORSEY-
CAGGETT-
OWENS
CEMETERY

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BROOKVILLE MD
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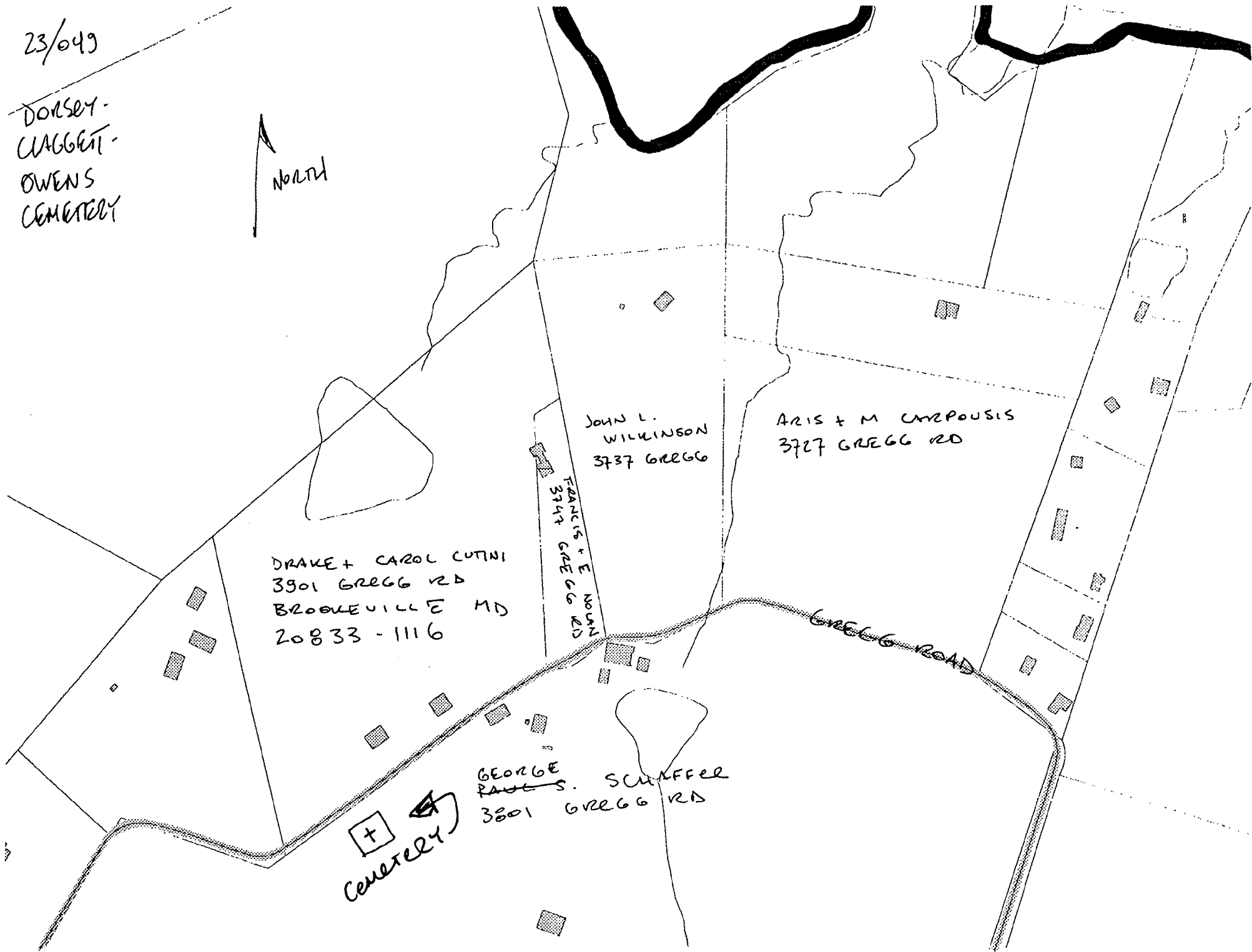
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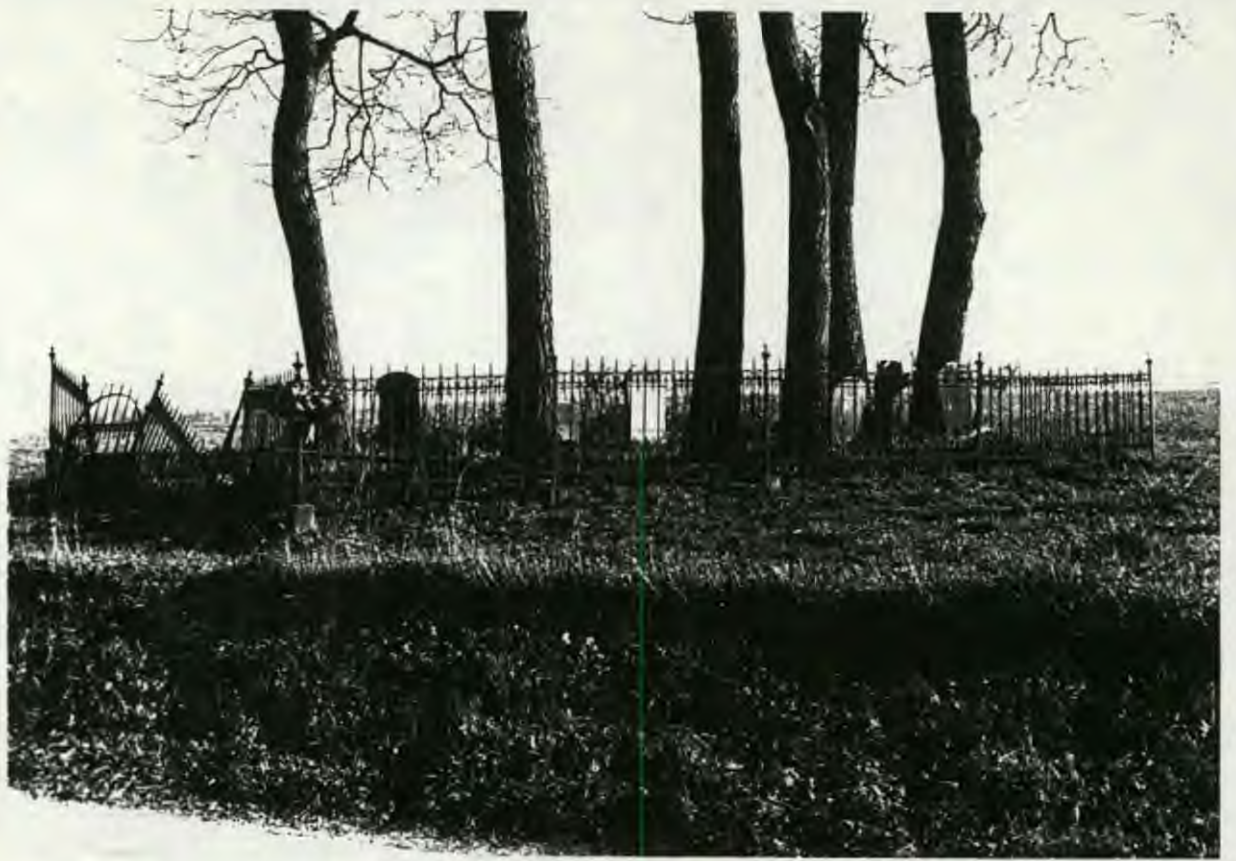
ARIS + M. CHRPOUSIS
3727 GREGG RD

FRANCIS + E. NORTON
3747 GREGG RD

GEORGE
PAUL S. SCHAEFER
3801 GREGG RD

+ Cemetery







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DORSEY/CAGGETT/OWENS CEMETERY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

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31 DEC 99

MD SHPO

~~COL DORSEY~~ MARGARET OWEN

95
87

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NAT. CLAGGETT + MAR. CLAGGETT
B 1783 B 1788



ELIZ (CLAGGETT) OWEN +
B 1808

ED OWEN
B 1808



MARGARET OWEN
B 1841

+ COL ^{6.W.} DORSEY
B. 1838

LAURA CLAGGETT

MARY V. OWEN

~~88~~
9 09

59 68
41

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by iron fence.

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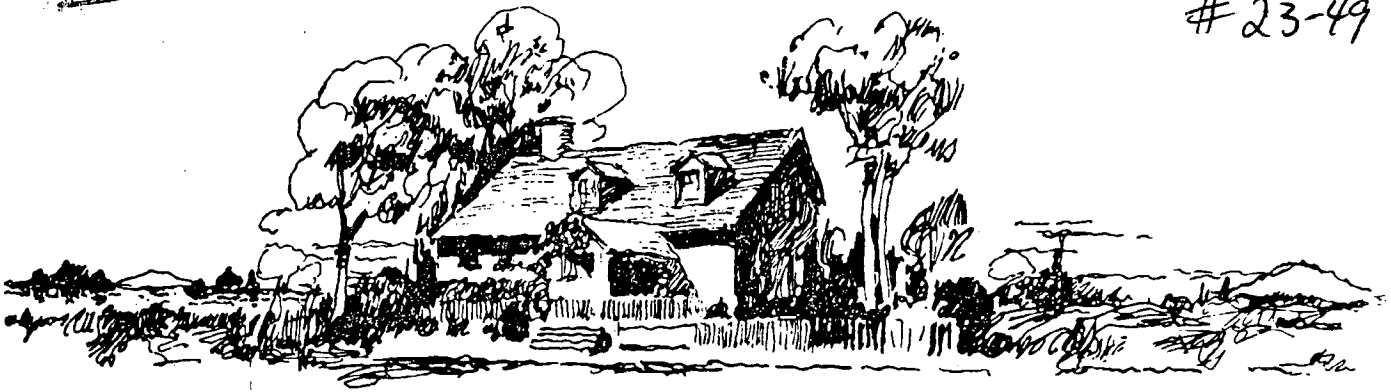
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in Confederate Army - Ridgely Mass
first colonel of this regiment - when
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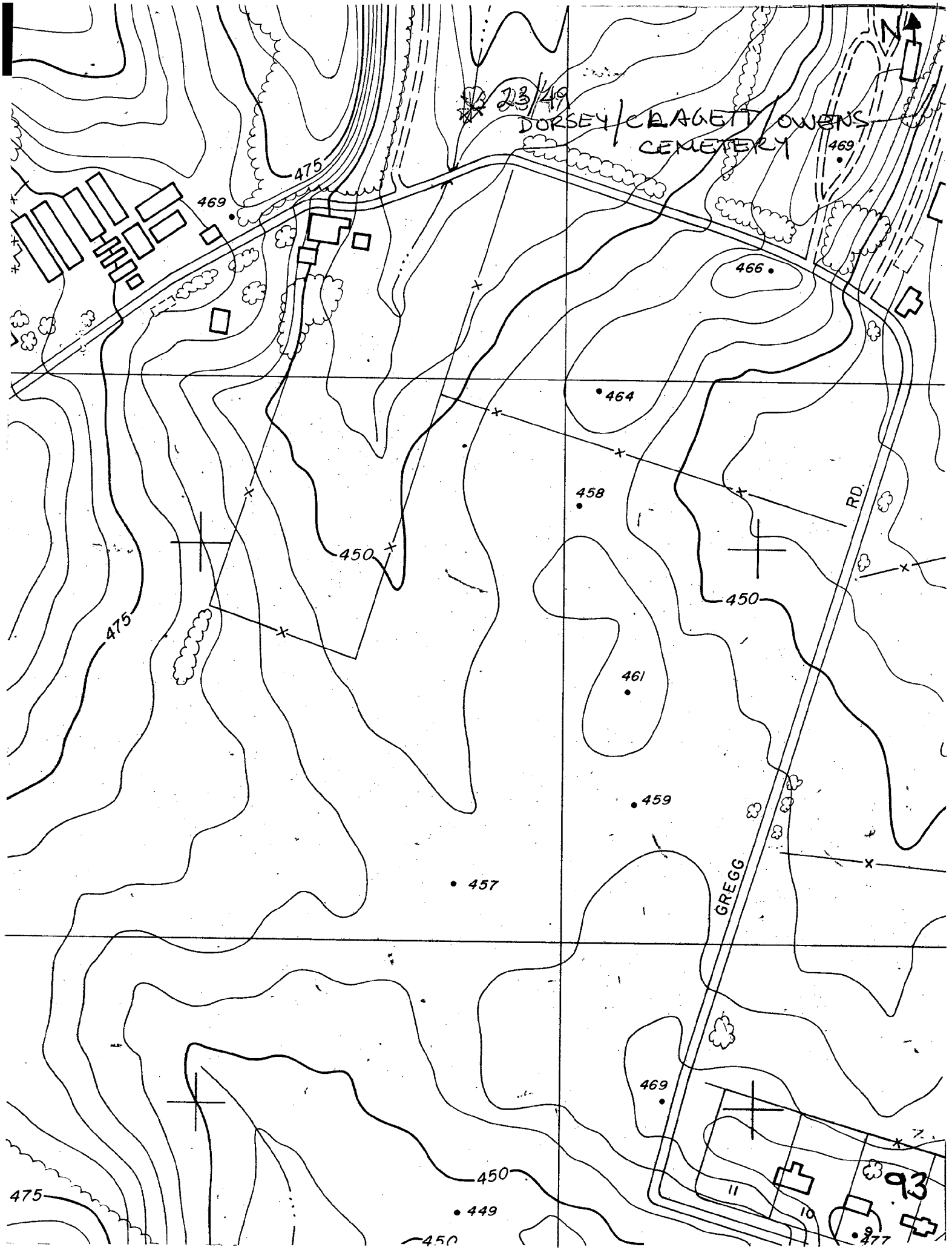
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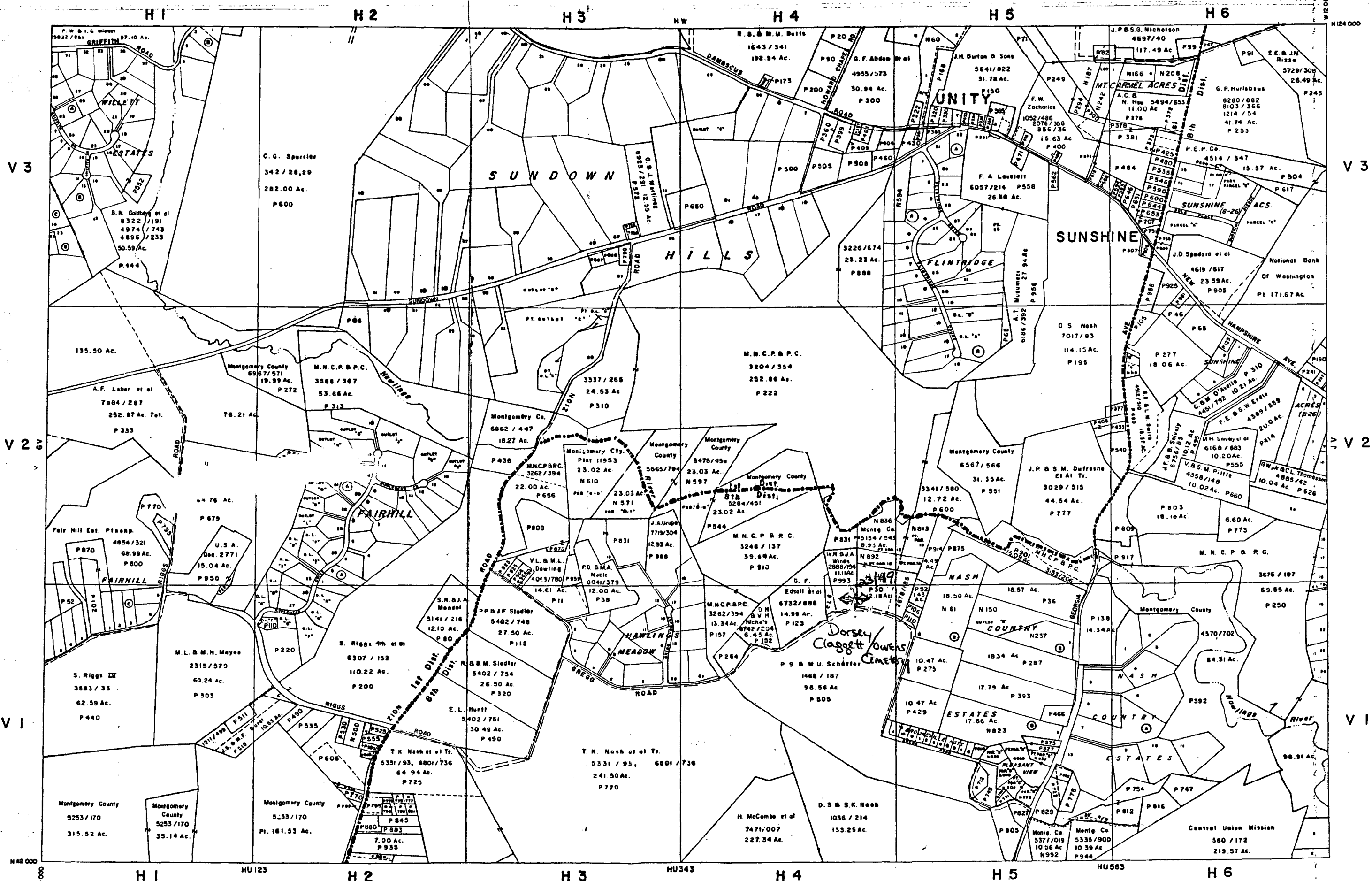
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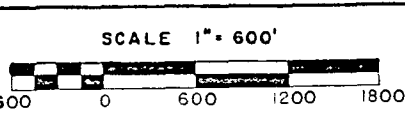
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LEGEND
 --- ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARY
 - - - - - CORPORATE BOUNDARY
 P-768 OR 768A PARCEL NO. IS USED FOR SHIPMENT IDENTIFICATION AND MUST BE PRECEDED BY SP10 REFERENCE READING

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Map HV

LOCATIONAL ATLAS HISTORICAL SURVEY OF 400 RESOURCES
 SURVEY FORM
 ROBINSON & ASSOCIATES, SUMMER 1989

PRINCIPAL BUILDING

OUTBUILDINGS:

 YES NO

HISTORIC NAME: _____

COMMON NAME: Dorsey/Clagett/Owens Cemetery

ADDRESS: Gregg Road

SITE NUMBER: 23/49 ATLAS MAP: 9 ATLAS COORDINATES: F-10 TAX MAP: HV

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A	UNKNOWN
INTEGRITY*			X			
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE		X				
ASSOCIATIVE HISTORY		X				

Resource is: demolished could not locate
 threatened, explain: _____

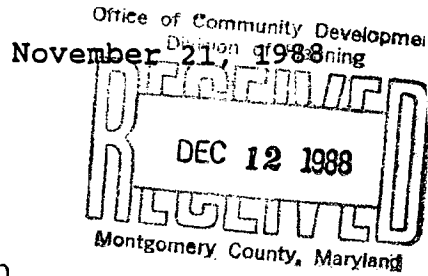
ASSIGNED CATEGORY: I (II) III IV V VI
 (See reverse side for explanation.)

NOTES: This graveyard is located directly across the street from 3901 Gregg Road. There is a barbed wire fence around the field in which the cemetery is located, so it was impossible to view the markers closely. They do exist, however, amongst underbrush and several large, shady trees, and enclosed by a cast-iron fence.

*Integrity is defined as the maintenance of original features and/or lack of substantial alteration to the resource.

Category Explanation:

- I. Outstanding resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category I either maintain the highest level of integrity or are invaluable as ruinous evidence of former significant structures. Should be evaluated immediately for Master Plan designation.
- II. Very good resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category II maintain their basic integrity. Should be evaluated promptly for Master Plan designation.
- III. Good resource architecturally and/or historically. Some resources in Category III have a diminished level of integrity. Should be evaluated for Master Plan designation, but with lower priority.
- IV. Marginal resource. Falls into one or more of the following categories: 1) severely deteriorated, 2) heavily altered, 3) architectural character not strong, 4) historical significance not apparent, 5) only typical of a large number of comparable resources. Lowest priority for evaluation for Master Plan designation.
- V. Resource which is either demolished or which could not be located based on information given on survey form. Remove demolished structures from Locational Atlas and, if after further study the resources not located to date cannot be located, remove from Locational Atlas.
- VI. Resource was inaccessible at time of survey.



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Re: File No. 1-88259
"Schaffer Plan"

Dear Mr. Loehr:

We, the undersigned residents of Gregg Road, Brookeville, Maryland, having met on several occasions as a community of concerned citizens hereby respond to the invitation of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) for written comments on the proposed subdivision and development of the Schaffer farm. (Pending Subdivision Application File No. 1-88259) (hereinafter "Schaffer Plan").

By our comments set forth below, we wish to call attention to the exceptional natural beauty, historic rural character and environmental significance of the Gregg road area. Further, we wish to urge the MNCPPC Subdivision Office and the Montgomery County Planning Board to take such steps and establish such conditions as may be necessary and appropriate during the subdivision review process to ensure that the essential rural character of Gregg Road is not sacrificed.

The "Schaffer Plan" proposes the subdivision of a 98.56 acre farm, currently zoned RDT, into five residential single family dwelling lots. The lot sizes designated on the plan range from four to five acres. It is our understanding that the "Schaffer Plan" is compatible with the existing zoning ordinance that limits a density of one single family dwelling for twenty five acres, with the exception of lots to be "used" as a one-family residence by children of the property owner. Thus, under current zoning law, no further increase in density would be permitted after approval of the proposed subdivision. It is our further understanding that the Subdivision Board may approve the "Schaffer Plan" provided it is satisfactory from the standpoint of the public health, safety and welfare and the regulations, ordinances and law applicable." See MCC Chapter 50, §50-34.

While the undersigned do not challenge the development rights of the applicant, we wish to invite the Board's attention to certain special features of Gregg Road, the preservation of which we believe are consistent with the public welfare, the purposes of Montgomery County's subdivision regulations as set forth in MCC §50-2(a)(c)(f)(g)(h)(j)(k)(l) and the Olney Master Plan. It is our hope that any Board approval of the subdivision and development of the Schaffer farm will take into account and

be conditional upon the protection of the unique historical aesthetic and environmental features of Gregg Road.

As the many people that frequently visit Gregg Road can attest, this area holds much historic and aesthetic value for Montgomery County and the State of Maryland. As residents and caretakers of Gregg Road, we also cherish its scenic beauty, surrounding open spaces, tranquility and abundance of wildlife. Indeed, our decision to reside here was motivated by these very qualities. Among the specific features worthy of note are: (1) the Hawlings River tributary that borders the Schaffer farm and crosses Gregg Road; (2) the mature hard and softwood deciduous trees that lie within proposed subdivision lot one, border the tributary, and also border Gregg Road itself, providing an exquisite canopy offering soil erosion control and shade and refuge for the extensive population of songbirds; (3) the winding curves and rolling hills that provide natural controls over the quantity and speed of through traffic; (4) the Dorsey/Clagett/Owens Cemetary (See Locational Atlas site #23/49); and (5) the red Schaffer barn which abuts Gregg Road.

We are concerned that if the proposed subdivision is approved, without qualification, development may result in road modifications such as the widening of existing pavement and elimination of trees that will destroy the valuable characteristics described above. Accordingly, we would ask that the Board establish conditions that will ensure the preservation of these special features. Such conditions might include:

1. Limiting the subdivision access to Gregg Road by requiring shared driveways, thereby minimizing changes to Gregg Road itself. See MCC §50-29(a)(2).
2. Preserving the winding, rolling, tree-lined Gregg Road as it currently exists. If the mature tree canopy must be altered in the area to be subdivided or in dedicated areas, then impose a requirement that equivalent trees be planted for each one that is destroyed.
3. Eliminating any requirement for embellishments such as sidewalks, streetlights or curbing either on Gregg Road or on any roads or driveways that are constructed as a result of the subdivision.

4. Preserving the red Schaffer barn, one of the key landmarks for which Gregg Road is known.

In addition to the aforementioned considerations, we feel it is imperative that steps be taken to ensure that any subdivision and development approved will not have a material adverse impact upon the natural environment. Some of the environmental concerns that must be taken into account are as follows.

First, the rural Brookeville area presently serves as a crucial buffer against the explosive development that has taken place in surrounding areas such as Olney and Laytonsville, including the placement of the Oaks Landfill that is less than two miles from the Schaffer farm. As the environmental pressures caused by this surrounding development increase, Brookeville's role as a sanctuary for wildlife becomes all the more important. It should be recognized that the Hawlings River Regional Park parallels and intersects with Gregg Road. It is not uncommon to observe deer, fox, quail, pheasant, hawks, owls, flying squirrels and raccoon traversing this area.

Second, the aforementioned stream that parallels the Schaffer farm and crosses under Gregg Road is tributary of the Hawlings River. The Hawlings River Valley has been designated as a preservation area. This particular tributary is protected to the east of Route 97 by the regional park. To the west of 97 the stream valley has been preserved in its natural state and the residents of Gregg Road have taken an active role in keeping the stream free from litter and debris.

The "Schaffer Plan" proposes to add four dwellings and attendant septic systems in an area adjacent to the 100 year flood plain. This configuration should be carefully scrutinized to evaluate its potential environmental impact. Special consideration should be given to the environmental composite of this area which has been identified as being subject to severe limitations due to shallow bedrock, inclines of greater than 15% and alluvium deposited by stream flooding. See Olney Master Plan at 113. Given these factors, it is critical that all necessary and enforceable precautions be taken to ensure that extra runoff and harmful or unwanted contaminants are not introduced into the river system as a result of the proposed development. Insofar as several residents have reported wells running dry, it may also be appropriate to study the impact the proposed configuration will have on the area's water table.

Finally, to the extent possible, the Planning Board should act to guarantee that the remaining Schaffer farm land, after subdivision, is not subjected to further subdivision and

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development. The Olney Master Plan, adopted in 1980 recognizes that "[t]he most critical land use issue in the Rural Area is the loss of prime farmland." Olney Master Plan at 57. As the Plan points out, "[t]he demise of farmland here will affect neighboring farm areas by reducing the number of productive acres and by pushing the urbanizing fringe farther and farther out." Id. Now, eight years later this problem has become even more acute as productive farms in Montgomery County and surrounding areas are subdivided and developed into residential lots. The Washington Post recently reported that as much as 44,000 acres of farmland, close to two percent of the state's total was sold between July 1987 and June 1988 to purchasers planning non-farm uses for the property. Wash. Post, November 6, 1988 at B1. The Post reports that most of this farmland is being sold in Montgomery County, a trend fueled by development pressure in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. According to the Post:

If the current rate of loss continues, state officials and others warn, it could lead to higher food prices and lower produce quality, strains on the environment as development replaces open space, and the disappearance of a culture and countryside that have typified Maryland since its settlement more than 300 years ago.

Thus the loss of farmland poses a clear and present danger to the public welfare. Accordingly, we urge the Planning Board to maintain the intent and integrity of the current RDT zoning regulations which restrict the allowable density of the Schaffer farm to five new single family dwellings and further, to condition any subdivision of the Schaffer farm upon the restriction of future subdivision and development of the remaining property irrespective of future zoning changes or variance applications.

In conclusion, as members of the Gregg Road community, we remain ready and willing to work together with MNCPPC, the Board and Mr. Schaffer to preserve the valuable resources of this area that we have come to know and love so well. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Gregg Road
Residents

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We, the undersigned, hereby signify our agreement with the letter and spirit of the foregoing comments, dated November 21, 1988 concerning the "Schaffer Plan" application for subdivision, File No. 1-88259.

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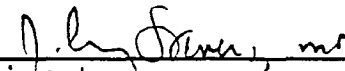
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