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Query Cemetery

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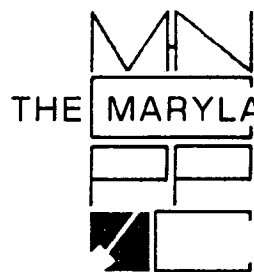
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## THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

February 7, 1997

Dear Property Owner:

On October 8, 1996, the Montgomery County Council approved an amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation for Darnestown/Travilah Historic Resources. The Council's action served to designate 10 properties as historic sites, protected by the Historic Preservation Ordinance - Chapter 24A of the County Code. The Council also removed 17 properties from the Locational Atlas, thereby exempting them from further County regulation or protection

Your property is one of the 17 which was found not to warrant historic designation and, thus, it has been removed from the Locational Atlas. A copy of the Council resolution is enclosed. The formal Approved and Adopted Master Plan Amendment will be published in the near future - please contact the historic preservation office (495-4570) if you would like a copy of this document or of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Thank you for your time and cooperation during the historic site evaluation process. Please call the historic preservation staff at 495-4570 if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Gwen Wright  
Historic Preservation Coordinator

Site Name: Query Cemetery  
Site Address: 13501 Esworthy Road

Survey No. M-25/12

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Query Cemetery

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 13505 Esworthy Road  not for publication

city, town Darnestown  vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: cemetery

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary E. and H. D. Williams

street & number 13505 Esworthy Road telephone no.: 301-990-8441

city, town Germantown state and zip code MD 20832

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber <sup>7297</sup> 7817

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio <sup>391</sup> 289

city, town Rockville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC Silver Spring, MD

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## 7. Description

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Survey No. M-25/12

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

#7. Description (25/12 - Query Cemetery)

The Query Cemetery lies in the southwest corner of the property at 13505 Esworthy Road, near the intersection of Esworthy and the road leading into the subdivision in which 13505 is located. Physical evidence of the well-maintained cemetery consists of a single headstone and possible footstone located in a small grove of lilac and privet bushes immediately to the right (south) of the intersection, just after the turn from Esworthy onto the subdivision entrance road. The grove (which is also marked by a large old cedar tree) is just south of the rail fence dividing the property from the subdivision entrance road.<sup>1</sup>

The single surviving datestone in the cemetery belongs to John Nicolus Query. A few feet from it is a much smaller stone which has been identified as a 19th century marker for a relative of Query's. There were no other stones visible at the time of the site visit.<sup>2</sup>

The tombstone is of local fieldstone and is approximately 36" high and 18" wide, with a rounded top. Some of the inscription is indecipherable, but it is obviously the same stone recorded in an earlier survey.<sup>3</sup>

+  
1788 Died  
the 24 of Nov  
John Nicolus  
Query  
was born  
the 17 of Dec  
1714

Originally, according to information provided by a neighbor who helped maintain the property, the cemetery contained stone markers for Mr. Query, his wife, and 12 children. In 1971 a stone was still extant, reading "Mrs. C.Q.C., reading "Born Oct 6 1801, Died April 27 1826". An archeological survey in 1979 detected three to four unmarked fieldstones in addition to Nicolus Query's marked stone.<sup>4</sup>

# 8. Significance

Survey No. M-25/12

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) cemetery

Specific dates 1788 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET



#8 Significance (25/12 - Query Cemetery)

Summary:

The Query Cemetery is significant because it is one of the earliest family burying grounds in Montgomery County, containing at least one 18th century grave. The cemetery holds the remains of early settlers to the Darnestown area.

According to the records of the Maryland Historical Society, John Query arrived at the port of Philadelphia in the early 1700's, having sailed from Germany aboard the "Halifax". He took the oath of allegiance to England in 1752, at the age of 38, and lived subsequently in Berks County, Pennsylvania.<sup>5</sup>

Sometime before 1779 he migrated from Berk's County to Montgomery County, Maryland, and, in 1779, a deed is recorded showing that "N. Queary" was the purchaser of property in the County. In May, 1779, Query paid 4000 pounds to a Frederick County man, Samuel Boone, for two parcels of land, 137 1/2 acres 30 miles from Georgetown called "Resurvey on Rich Meadow" and "Montross" and 100 acres 20 miles from Georgetown (the "Haywire Farm" site on which the cemetery is located) known as "Maiden's Bower". "Maiden's Bower" was described in the 1783 tax records for Montgomery County as being "cleared hilly land", with one dwelling house.

The area which became known in the twentieth century as Haywire Farm was, during and after the Revolutionary War, the site of the Query home and grist mill. The exact location of the mill, which was on Muddy Branch, is unknown. In his will of 1788, Query conveyed to his wife, Margaret, one third of his land and one third of the profits of the grist and saw mills. After Margaret Query's death, all of Nicholas' land was to be inherited by their sons, Daniel and Henry.<sup>6</sup>

The mill was described in the following 1795 newspaper advertisement:

"We have for Sale an Excellent Mill-Seat containing 237 acres -- six miles above the Falls of potomac and eight from Montgomery Count-house -- there is already a grist and saw mill, in tolerable good repair, with other convenient and necessary Buildings -- there is about ten acres of meadow ground cleared and more with a trifling expence may be added. The land is well adapted to corn, wheat and tobacco -- these is a sufficiency of wood on this land for its support for many years -- and also an excellent Appple and Cherry orchard...The terms will be made known by the subscribers now living on the premises.

Daniel Query  
Henry Query"<sup>7</sup>

The property, however, remained in the Query family until 1840, when Montgomery County Land Records show that "Maiden's Bower" and other Query properties were sold to one Samuel West, who eventually became Recorder of Deeds in the County. The Query family was not listed in the 1850 census or on the Martinet and Bond map for 1865.

These early settlers are memorialized today in the name of a road near the cemetery, Query Mill Road. The cemetery is one of the oldest burying grounds in Montgomery County.<sup>8</sup>

Preservation Planning Data:

- a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b) Chronological/Development Periods:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification - A.D. 1680-1815
- c) Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Community Planning
- d) Resource Type: Cemetery

Endnotes

1. The cemetery is approximately three quarters of a mile east of the junction of Esworthy and Seneca Roads and one half mile to the west of the Esworthy Road/Query Mill Road junction, in a subdivision. Driving south on Esworthy Road, turn left at the sign marking the subdivision entrance road to 13505, 13513, and 13517 Esworthy. Continue a short distance to the driveway to 13505, on the right.

2. Michael Dwyer, MHT form, 1-18-1975.

3. Ibid.

4. Linda Layman, "Family Burying Grounds," **Montgomery County Story**, XIV:2 (February 1971), 2. Paul B. Cissna, Potomac River Archeology Survey, 1979.

5. The major sources for historical information on the Query Cemetery are Lydia Schindler, "Historical Ramblings," in **The Little Acorn**, c1979; and Layman, "Burying Grounds".

6. Eleanor Cook, "A History of Early Water Mills in Montgomery County," Unpublished Manuscript, Montgomery County Historical Society (1990), 56.

7. Ibid.

8. See **History of Potomac**, 1976 (n.p.) and Dwyer, MHT form, 1975.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M-25/12

SEE ATTACHED

# 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC date June 1994

street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301-495-4570

city or town Silver Spring state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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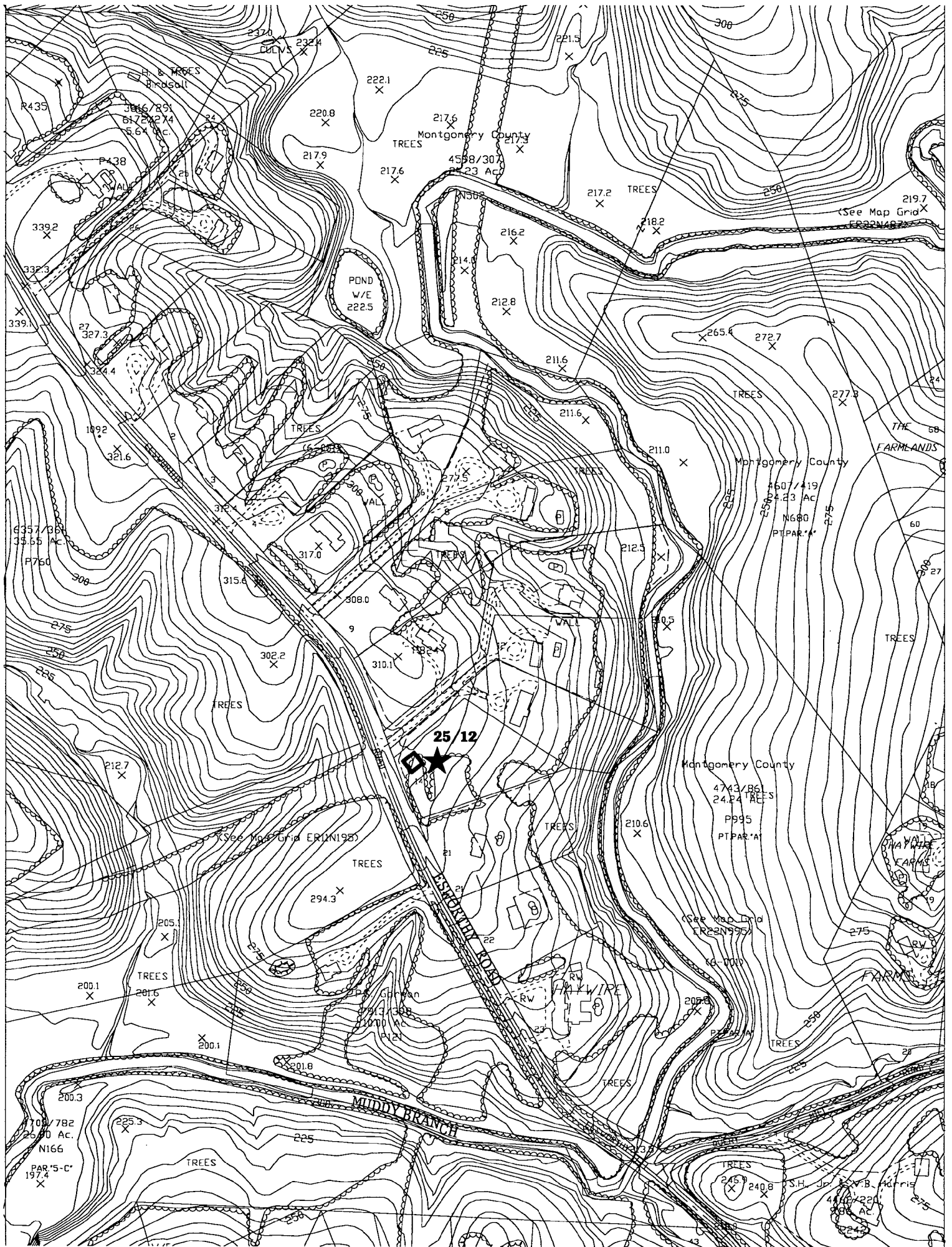
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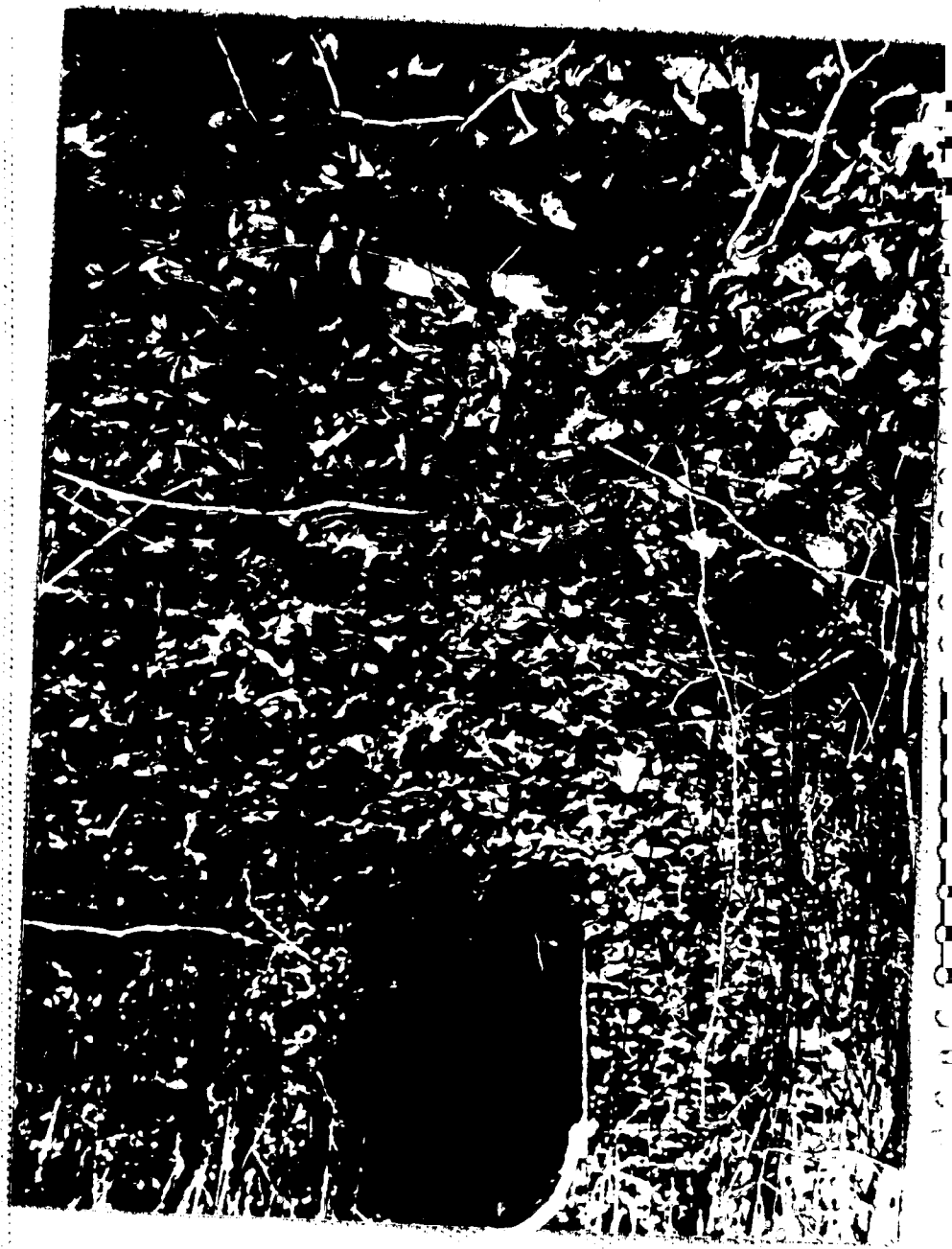
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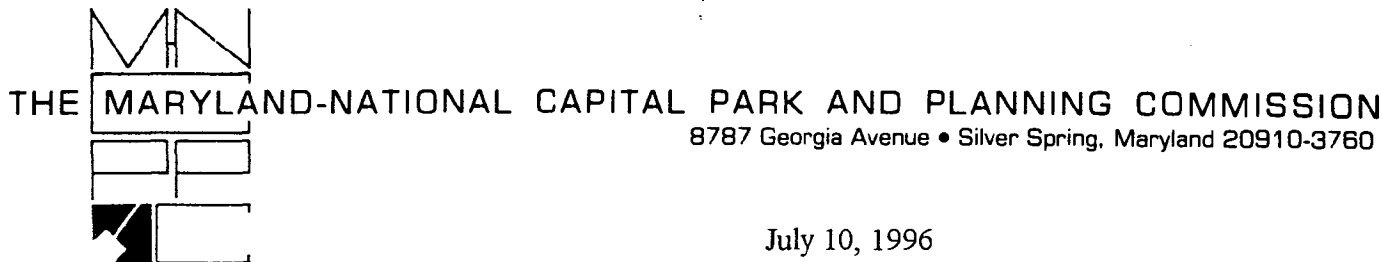


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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

July 10, 1996

Lester R. Querry  
2274 Crows Nest Lane  
Reston VA 20191

Dear Mr. Querry,

It was a pleasure to speak with you today and to learn of your connection with the family associated with the Query Cemetery ((Resource #25/12). I am sending you background information about the site to help you understand where it stands in the designation process, what recommendations have been made, and what are the issues involved.

The red number on each enclosed document corresponds with a number on the designation process chart (blue sheet). The most recent document is the Planning Board (Final) Draft Amendment (#6) which reflects the Planning Board recommendations. This document was transmitted to the County Council on May 31. He has 60 days in which to comment. We expect the County Council public hearing will be in late August or September. I am sending your name to the County Council staff so that you will be informed of the hearing date. If you haven't heard anything by mid-August, feel free to give me a call. In any event, I'm available if you have any questions after going over this information.

Thanks again for contacting us and for your interest.

Sincerely,

  
Clare Lise Cavicchi  
Historic Preservation Planner

Enclosures:

Montgomery County Remembers  
HP Designation Process  
Query Cemetery MHT Form  
Minutes, HPC Public Hearing, 9-13-1995  
Public Hearing Draft Amendment Excerpt  
Minutes, Planning Bd Public Hearing, 4-11-1996  
Property Owner Letter, 4-23-1996  
Staff Recommendations, 4-19-1996  
Planning Bd Draft Amendment, May 1996

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April 23, 1996

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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable William H. Hussmann  
Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760  
and  
Members of the Montgomery County Planning Board

Re: Synopsis of Property Owners' Opposition to Inclusion of  
Query Cemetery at 13501 Esworthy Road - Locational  
Atlas Site 12/12, Darnestown/Travilah Area in the  
Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation

Dear Chairman Hussmann and Members of the Planning Board:

This letter summarizes the primary issues and alternative recommendations presented by and on behalf of Maj. Gen. Harvey D. Williams and Mrs. Mary Williams, owners of the above-referenced property ("Lot 14") and adjoining Lot 13, at the Planning Board's April 11, 1996 public hearing. At that time, the Williams' testified in opposition to potential historic designation of the possible gravesite of John Nicholus Query along with a proposed 400 square foot surrounding environmental setting on Lot 14.

**I. Synopsis of Issues**

Through testimony and exhibits, the Williams' established that: (i) the gravesite and proposed surrounding 400-foot environmental setting are neither visible nor accessible to the public, (ii) have been maintained and are perpetually committed to preservation and upkeep by covenant running with the land, and (iii) cannot be built upon due to a platted 100-foot building restriction line. In particular, the Williams' demonstrated through photographs and a plat that the gravesite is fully interior to Lot 14 and set back approximately forty (40) feet from the Lot 14 front property line, that a continuous berm<sup>1/</sup> of approximately six (6) feet in height and a fence separate the

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<sup>1/</sup> The attached photographs show an opening in the berm. This opening is temporary to provide access for construction vehicles to adjoining Lot 13. It is anticipated that the swimming pool being constructed on Lot 13 will be completed in approximately two (2) months, at which time the berm will be fully closed and restored to its preexisting condition.

The Honorable William H. Hussmann

April 23, 1996

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gravesite from the Esworthy Road right-of-way, and that the gravesite is made further inaccessible by a surrounding lilac tree with branches that have grown to ground level.

Additionally, the Williams' testified that they previously experienced vandalism and loitering on and about Lot 14 and, therefore, are concerned that historic designation and notoriety regarding the gravesite might give rise to further problems, including potential damage to the heretofore unpublicized gravesite. Furthermore, they expressed their concern that historic designation might result in Historic Preservation Commission-imposed constraints on future development on the remainder of Lot 14 and adjoining Lot 13.

Lastly, the Williams' wish to advise the Planning Board that, during the nearly nine years that they have owned Lot 14, they have received no requests to visit the gravesite, other than a visit from Park and Planning staff. However, should any person related by blood or marriage to John Query desire to visit the gravesite, § 14-121 "Burial Sites - Access" of the Maryland Real Property Code Annotated (1996 Repl. Vol.), sets forth provisions whereby such persons could make arrangements with the Williams' or their successors to visit the grave.

In sum, regardless of whether this actually is the gravesite of John Query; whether John Query, the Query Gristmill and/or this gravesite are significant in the history of Montgomery County or the Darnestown/Travilah community; and/or whether the headstone itself is of particular significance; the gravesite has and will be perpetually maintained by covenant, is protected by a platted building restriction line, and is not visible or accessible to the public. Accordingly, historic designation will add nothing to the efforts and controls already in place to preserve the gravesite and 400-foot environmental setting in accordance with the objectives of the County's historic preservation regulations, and, indeed, may prove detrimental to future preservation efforts.

## **II. Alternative Proposals**

Given all of the above, it is the Williams' preference that the gravesite and surrounding proposed 400-foot environmental setting not receive historic designation and inclusion in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

Alternatively, if, despite all of the reasons noted herein, the Planning Board still chooses to recommend historic designation for the gravesite, the Williams' request that such

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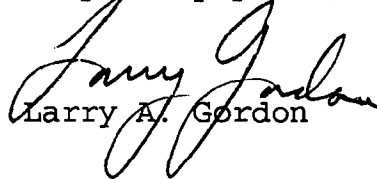
designation be accompanied by the following written caveats: (i) the public will be denied access across any portion of Lots 14 or 13 to the gravesite and environmental setting; (ii) no requirement will be imposed to provide fencing or otherwise provide signage indicating the location or contents of the burial site and setting; (iii) no restrictions will be imposed on development of the remainder of Lots 14 or 13 other than those set forth in applicable zoning regulations or plats, and (iv) designation on the Master Plan will be general in nature and not provide an address or specify the location of the burial site or setting.

Finally, if permitted by law and the aforementioned covenant, the Williams' would be amenable to donating the headstone to the County, provided that the headstone is permanently removed and maintained by and at the expense of the County to a location not owned by the Williams and further provided that the remainder of the gravesite and environmental setting not be designated for inclusion on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

To further facilitate the Planning Board's consideration of this matter, we have attached a series of photographs taken this past week depicting current conditions of the gravesite and surrounding portions of Lot 14, (See, Attachments "A" through "D").

Thank you for your consideration of these matters and we look forward to attending the Planning Board's Worksession and Action with regard to this matter on April 25, 1996.

Very truly yours,

  
Larry A. Gordon

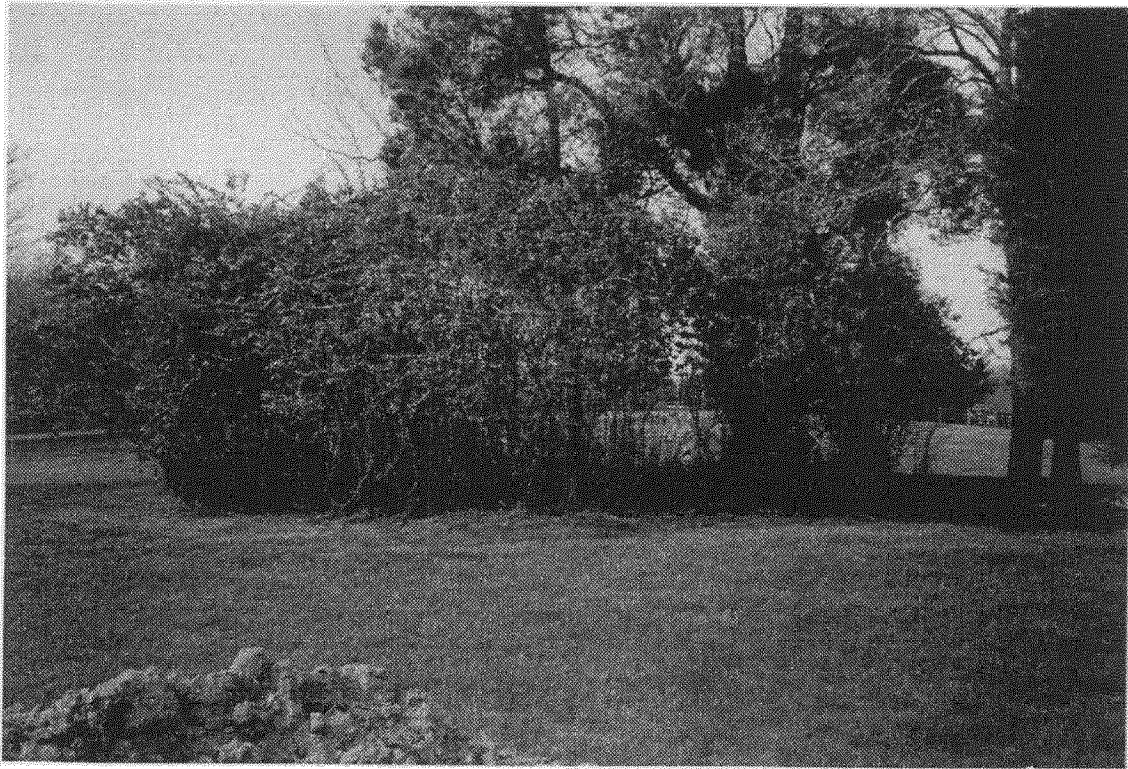
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Enclosures

cc w/encl.: Ms. Gwen Marcus  
Ms. Claire Lise Cavicchi  
Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Harvey D. Williams

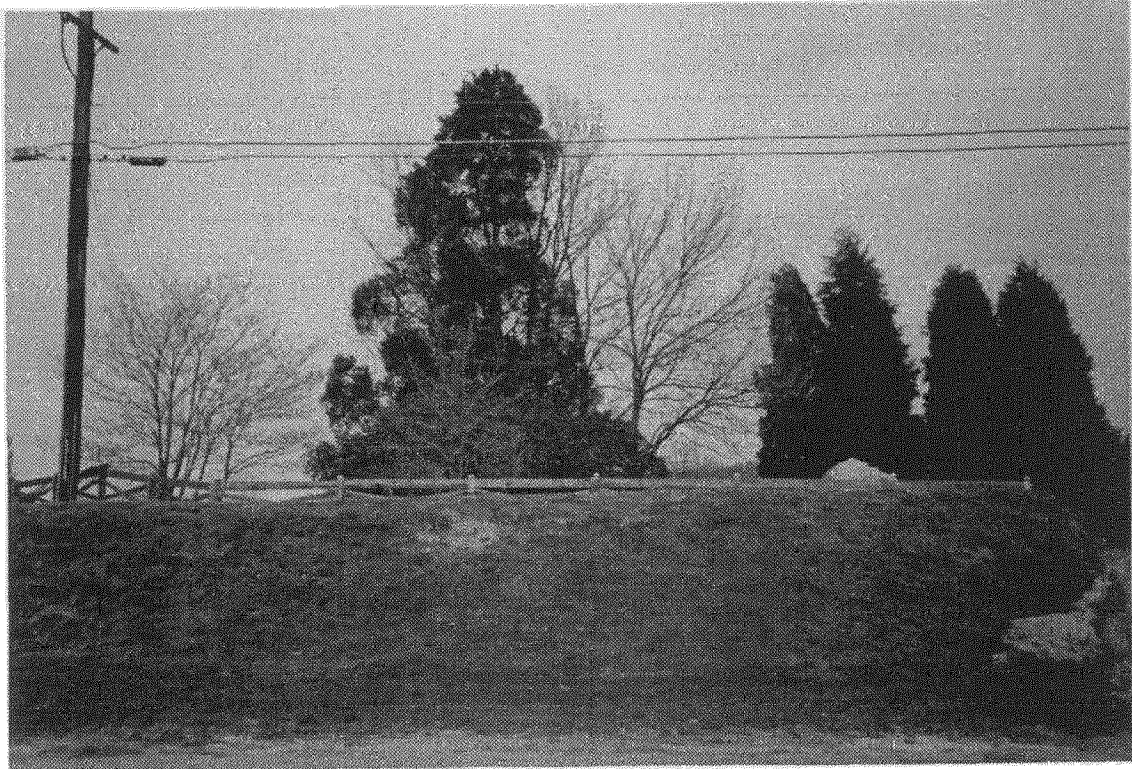


**ATTACHMENT A: HEADSTONE AND "FOOTSTONE"**



**ATTACHMENT B:**

**FLOWERING LILAC INSIDE OF WHICH THE  
HEADSTONE IS SITUATED.**



**ATTACHMENT C:**

**EDGE OF PUBLIC ROAD, BERM AND SPLIT RAIL FENCE. GRAVESITE IS IN MIDDLE OF PHOTO INSIDE OF BUSH BETWEEN FENCE AND TALLEST TREE.**





**ATTACHMENT D:**

**INTERSECTION OF PRIVATE DRIVE AND PUBLIC ROAD. GRAVESITE IS IN MIDDLE OF PHOTO INSIDE OF BUSH BETWEEN FENCE AND TALLEST TREE.**

13505 Esworthy Road  
Germantown, Maryland 20874  
September 25, 1995

Mr. Walter Booth, Chairman  
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)  
Montgomery County, Maryland  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

RE: Query Cemetery 25/12 - Resources  
Historically Affiliated with Churches,  
Mill Complexes, Cemeteries

Dear Mr. Booth:


On Wednesday, September 13, 1995 at a public hearing by the HPC, we the undersigned presented testimony and a recommendation that the John Query Gravesite located on our private property NOT be designated for inclusion in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. It was stated at the hearing by the Chairperson that additional testimony could be submitted to you prior to the work session scheduled for September 27th. Our comments follow:


1. Security and Safety are major issues for us. Access to the gravesite is obtained by opening our front gate, coming within 10 yards of our front door and traversing across 2 acres of our property. We are already faced with trespassers who come across the property without permission (hunters & unknowns). We are determined to eliminate this problem with additional control measures for our own safety as well as those people who are coming on the property. Placing the Query gravesites on Master Plan further exacerbates our security and safety problems. Given the extensive route of march and time to get to the site, we do not want the added personal liability for uninvited people while on the property.
2. Preservation and Protection of the site has already been voluntarily assured by incorporation in legal documents to keep the site in perpetual care and upkeep and never transfer the remains to any other location. In addition, the site enjoys better protection from vandalism because of the low profile which will be lost with the added publicity generated by inclusion in the Master Plan.

3. Identification of the site as a cemetery is misleading. There is one and only one set of markers which we initially dug out of their sunken locations, cleaned up and erected at the same spot. We have accepted the possibility that this may be the gravesite of Mr. John Query.
4. Property Development/Improvement. We bought this buildable lot with specific plans for development. These plans do not in any way violate the agreement to leave the gravesite intact; in fact they tend to enhance and upgrade the site. However, listing the property in the Master Plan will present another set of permits, restrictions and modifications not originally envisioned when we purchased the property.
5. Agreements for descendants of Mr. John Query to visit the site can be accommodated.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mary E. Williams

  
Harvey D. Williams

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

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Of 963-0141

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Wants to see you	Will call again	Caller on hold	

Message pls call ASAP  
bulldozers at Quarry  
grave yard now!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring Maryland 20910-3760

December 5, 1995

Mary E. Williams  
Harvey D. Williams  
13505 Esworthy Road  
Germantown, Maryland 20874

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Williams,

Our office has been contacted by a Darnestown resident who recently observed bulldozer activity on the Query Cemetery lot. As you know, the cemetery is in the active process of being reviewed for designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. This past fall it was evaluated by the HPC who are recommending the cemetery be designated. Later this winter the Planning Board will be scheduled to make their review of this resource.

From your correspondence of September 25, we understand that you acquired this lot with the intention to develop it. Are you still the owner of the property? If not, would you tell us who is the new owner? If you continue to own the property and are proceeding with construction, please contact our office. We understand that you do not intend to disturb the cemetery site, yet it is important for our office to be informed about development projects immediately adjacent to historic resources.

We look forward to hearing from you--you may call me or Gwen Marcus at 301/495-4570. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Clare Lise Cavicchi  
Historic Preservation Planner

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
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MARY E & H D WILLIAMS 13505 ESWORTHY RD [000] [ ] [ 222]

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same info 9-5-95

Site visit  
CL Cavicchi +  
MA Rolland

11-13-90

25/12 Query Cemetery  
13505 Eswothy Road

John Nicolas Query headstone still stands on this property. One other stone stands - maybe footstone - appears to be fieldstone broken on top. Another large stone lies on its side on ground (may not be gravestone).

Cemetery lies in grove of lilies + privet bushes punctuated by one large, very old cedar tree (with scars from barbed-wire fence).

Clare -

I tried to reach "owner"  
of Queen Cemetery, but  
message machine was on Fri.  
Neighbor said she thought Col.  
Williams had bulldozed the  
marker. Maybe you can try  
again on Mon.

M.H.



Query Mill Cemetery

ER 121

ER 122

lot 21

Barton R + PE + house, 13409 Esbury Rd (by 846-5816)

13505 Esbury - M. Williams

14

Halsey D + ME Williams, 13505 Esbury

13

Mary E + HD Mills

12

Leslie A + SD Glick 13509

Pray

Daniel C + IC Maddamado, 13517

Mrs. House -

on lot next to Cemetery site. (H) 840-5816  
St. Mary's (1930) - 424

was Hagyard farm - husband knows where it is

(Beat Rutland) - General Willam - did some bulldozing - in area under a big tree  
Army General)

do not do very private - he is very nice  
probably in late afternoon  
on weekdays in a good  
place to catch them.

Mr. Williams - left message 11am Oct 26

10/23/90  
Field visits  
Claire De Caviechi +  
Mary Ann Rolland

25/13 spoke w/ neighbor (w/ horse barns) High Horse Farm  
said barns taken down ~ 2 yrs ago - making way for  
doesn't remember house. <sup>brushwood etc</sup>  
subdivided  
Knew of previous owners - Snyder (see research form)

Query Cemetery  
25/12 13300 Query Mill Rd.

424-7955 Mrs. Faine hard-wood log house (remodeled)

50-yr resident - rode with us to cemetery site.  
by someone

Query mill - stones removed, some yrs ago

on Esplanade Rd

~~13505 no knowledge by owner~~

13409 - should be a property, acc to Mrs Faine  
neighboring to 13409 is 13505

cedar tree is within fence line of 13505

B.F. Pyles House

18/20 B.F. Pyles Ho.

Abandoned frame house + bank barn ruins behind  
the Hilary Pyles Farm - in grove of trees in middle of  
open field. Drive goes to N. side of house.

Porch on East Facade has collapsed.

Windows + doors missing

Rear L built in 2 parts - rear part is 1/2 story -

Windows in main part, shuttered

Red sandstone foundation german siding.

2 round top windows on N. End gable

3 lite transom over rear door

window sashes large, 2/2

Barn to SW of House

Part of old Steamer  
Terminal Mill H.  
New Bern, N.C.

Date 11-14 Hour \_\_\_\_\_

To Clare

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

From Mrs. Paine

Of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) 424-7955

Telephoned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returned Call	Please Call	
Please See Me	Will Call Again	Important	

Message

markers for  
secretary - moved  
could not info

11/14  
Returned call + told her we  
have located cemetery.  
She was thrilled. CLC

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

AIGNER REORDER NO. 50-726

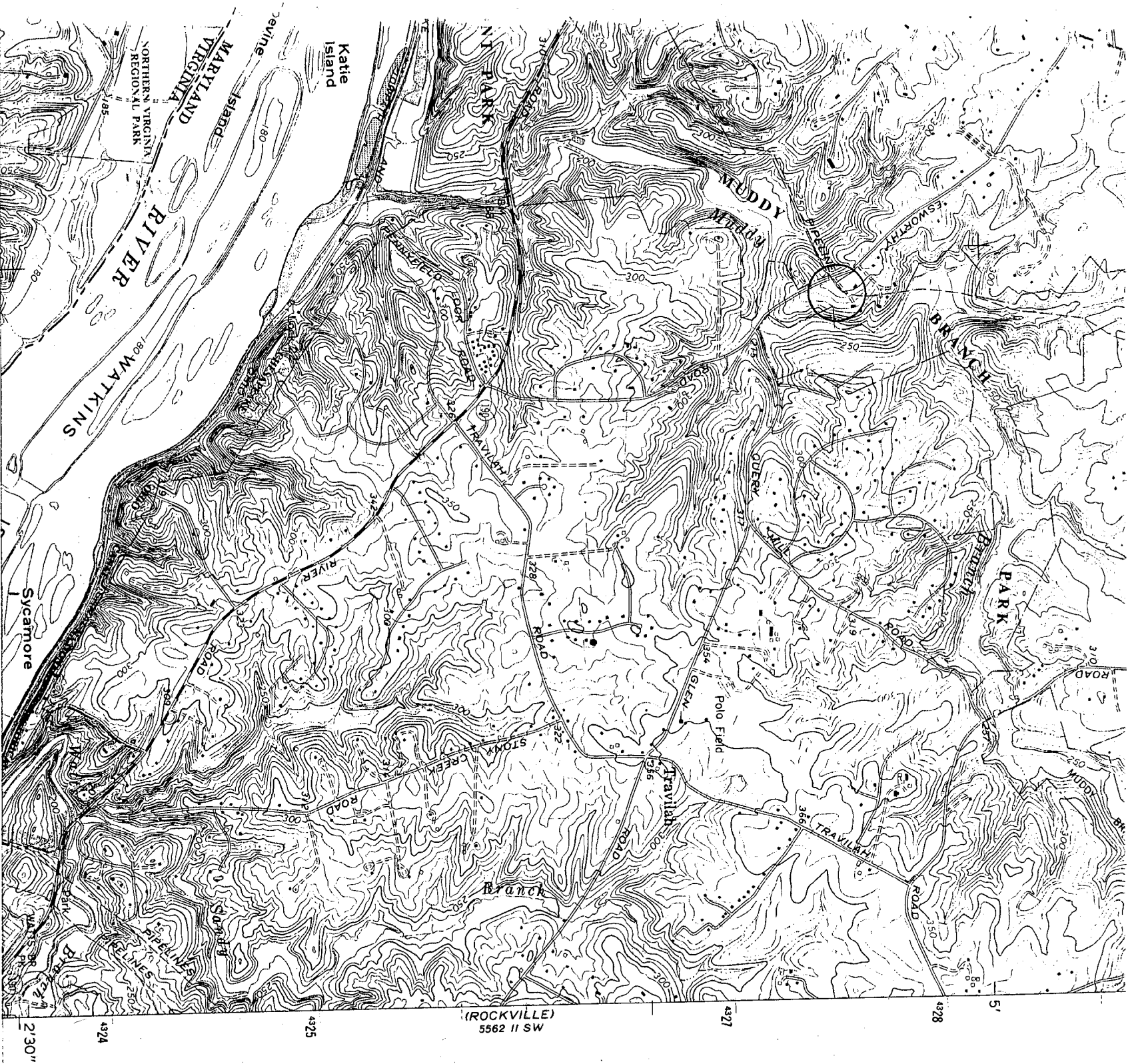
1971 Linda Layman McKelvey  
2 gravestones. - John McMichael McKelvey (1714-1788)  
Mrs. CQC (1801-1826)

1979 Pipeline Report

3-4 unmarked stones, + 1 with inscription John McKelvey  
Some markers knocked over 1978 by tractor. Cemetery  
believed to include graves of 12 children + wife  
Boundary believed to be 20 ft from John U. gravestone

Littlestown c 1978

Pre-construction clearing crew knocked down grave  
of Mrs CQC



**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**  
**STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM**  
**LOCATIONAL MAP**

**SURVEY NO.:** 25/12  
**PROPERTY NAME:** Query Cemetery  
**TOWN:** Dattestown  
**COUNTY:** MONTGOMERY  
**QUADRANGLE:** Seneca, MD-VA

25/12 Query  
Cemetery  
NA

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However, when a farm was sold, the cemetery became a problem. The new owners found the site a hindrance to mechanized farming and often made no effort to keep plot from becoming overgrown or trampled on by livestock or even plowed under. Bulldozers make short shrift of family cemeteries. Some families have moved the stones of their ancestors from the farm plot to a public cemetery.

Historians and genealogists regret the destruction of these cemeteries because the data recorded on the stones is often invaluable. In some cases grave stones in family cemeteries are the only place where certain vital statistics can be found.

To salvage what information may still be gleaned from these cemeteries, the Montgomery County Historical Society has tried to locate as many of them as possible and record whatever information is obtained from the stones. Most of this work has been done by Mrs. Linda Layman who has struggled through briars, poison oak, and masses of undergrowth to record what can be found on remaining stones. The result of her research has been recorded in the library of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

We are publishing this material so that our members may know about this project. We give here a few samples.

The notes have been supplied by Mrs. Mary Gordon Malloy, our Historian, Mrs. Jane Sween and Mrs. Layman.

Other organizations have been collecting data from family plots. The National Society of the Daughters of The American Revolution has for many years been collecting such data, which has been published in their yearly records. At the present, the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Maryland is collecting similar data and assembling it. Published information on family burying grounds may be found in Scharf's History of Western Maryland and in Roger Farquhar's Montgomery County, Maryland: Old Homes and History.

#### FAMILY BURYING GROUNDS

by  
Linda Layman

As a result of my visits to many family burying grounds, I have obtained the following information:

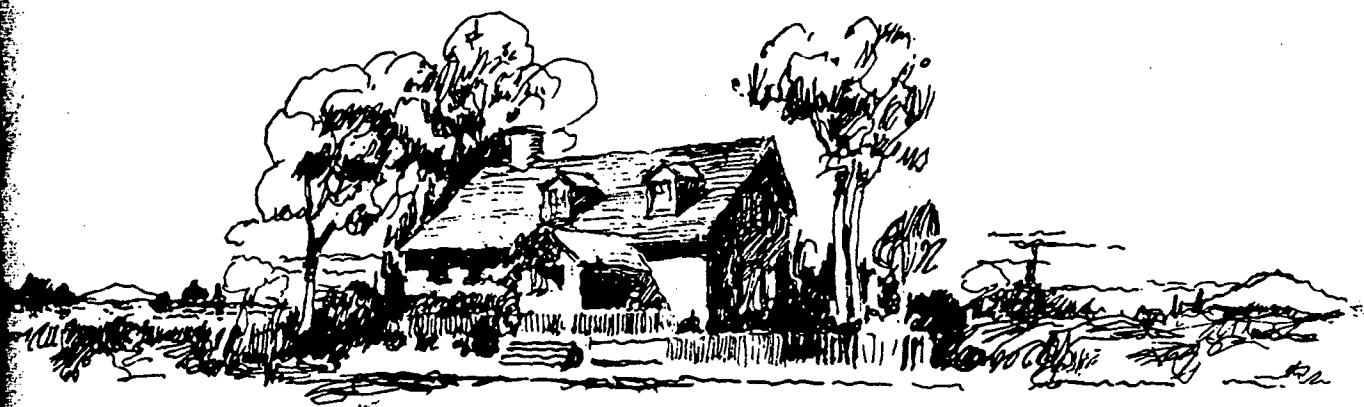
#### QUERY FAMILY

The family burying plot of the Query family is on the Lawrence Stevens property on Esworthy Road. Only two graves remain at this site, although at one time there were others.

Inscriptions on the grave stones:

John Nicholas Query, born Dec. 17, 1714; died Nov. 24, 1788  
Mrs. C.Q.C., born Oct. 6, 1801; died Apr. 27, 1826 (was she John's granddaughter or great-granddaughter?)

25/12



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by  
Linda Layman

*(complete article in "Cemeteries" file)*

## INTRODUCTION

The settler, going into a new area, had many problems. Among them was a necessity for providing a place to bury members of his household.

The usual practice was for a landowner to set aside a small plot for this purpose. This was near the homestead, often in a small grove of trees. It would be fenced in and beautified with evergreens, box bushes and the like.

Not only members of the owner's family would be buried here, but also members of families working on the farm, including, in many cases, slaves. The grave of a member of the owner's family would usually be marked by a formal headstone on which was recorded the name, dates of birth and death, and sometimes names of parents of the deceased. Graves of non-family members might have their graves marked merely by a simple field stone with no inscription.

Such family burying plots often continued to be used as long as the original family occupied the farm. A few have continued in use up to recent times.

John Query arrived at Philadelphia on the ship HALIFAX from Germany before 1752. In that year he took the Oath of Allegiance to England. Query came from Berk's County, Pennsylvania, to Montgomery County, Maryland. A deed from Samuel Boone of Frederick County to Nicholas Query is dated May 8, 1779, and refers to property called "Maiden's Bower", "Montrose" and "Resurvey of Rich Meadow". This was the site of a grist mill operated by Nicholas Query. His will was probated at Rockville in 1788 and mentions his wife, Margaret, two sons, Daniel and Henry, and five sisters. By 1865, judging from the Martenet and Bond map, the Query family had disappeared from Montgomery County.

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HOLLAND FAMILY

The burying ground of this family is on the family estate, Prospect Hill, on the road from Brookeville to Brighton.

Inscriptions on the grave stones:

J. R. Holland, born Sept. 3, 1877; died Apr. 1, 1878  
M. L. Holland, born Sept. 1, 1880; died Apr. 29, 1882  
J. T. Holland, born Jan. 12, 1833; died July 28, 1911  
Alice Holland, wife of J. T. Holland; born Sept. 23, 1841; died  
Dec. 1, 1891  
Charles Holland, born 1796; died Apr. 29, 1850  
Nancy Holland, born 1805; died Feb. 28, 1876

John and James Holland came from England to Maryland in the mid 1700's. John built Prospect Hill on the road from Brookeville to Brighton about 1750. This home was a chapel of worship in its early days. The Hawlings River is supposed to have been called originally the Hollands River, named for that family.

The next owner of Prospect Hill was Charles Holland, son of John, and his wife, Nancy Griffith, from the adjoining property, Fair View. Charles and Nancy had a son, James Thomas Holland, who married Alice Linthicum. James Thomas inherited Fair View and Prospect Hill. They made Prospect Hill their home. Their daughter, Annie, married Samuel Owings in 1896 and she inherited Prospect Hill. The property was next left to Alice Owings, the daughter of Samuel and Annie Holland Owings. Alice became the wife of Guy Holland Wood.

35/33  
SHOEMAKER FAMILY

This cemetery is between Jamestown Court and Allen Road, just off Western Avenue (area of Yorktown Village and Westmoreland Hills).

Tombstone inscriptions:

Jesse Shoemaker, born Dec. 6, 1815; died Dec. 14, 1887  
Jesse, Jr., son of Jesse and Elizabeth A. Shoemaker; born Sept.  
18, 1844; died Dec. 12, 1891  
John, husband of Margaret A. and son of Jesse and Elizabeth Shoemaker; born Sept. 8, 1842; died Apr. 11, 1887  
Elizabeth E., wife of George Shoemaker; born Dec. 25, 1859; died  
June 15, 1906



walnut trees and boxwoods, all planted about the time the house was being built.

## #25/12 QUERY CEMETERY



A few hundred feet north of the intersection of Query Mill and Esworthy Roads is a tall cedar surrounded by large blooming lilac bushes and underneath is a lone simple marker of a grave which says "1778 died the 24 of November, John Nicolus Query was born the 17 of Dec. 1714".

Here was the site and grist mill of John N. Query. It is said Mr. Query came to port of Phila. on the ship "Halifax" from Germany and took the oath of allegiance to England in 1852. The graveyard is one of the oldest in the county.

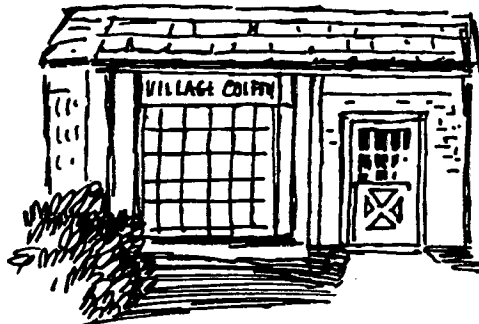
### EARLY ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

Potomac School - Grades 1 thru 4 corner of Norton and So. Glen Rds, Walter Meyers attended school here.

Carroll School - very old school house which is now the center of Luther Butt's home on Brickyard Rd. Walter went here too...

Wayside School - 1890-1920, corner of Tuckerman Lane and Falls Road.

Friendship School - about 1890 on Persimmon Tree Rd, where the kids walked to school. It was close to Mt. Herman Church.



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1783 TAX LIST

NICHOLAS QUARY

"Rich Meadows" 137 1/2 acres value 86

No improvements listed

30 miles from Georgetown, 40 acres cleared, very stony

→ "Maidens Bower" 100 acres, value 53

1 dwelling house

20 miles from Georgetown, 20 acres cleared

Hilly land

MHT Comments

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Size and appearance of cemetery  
Any evidence of others?  
stones  
grave?  
boundaries  
fence, etc.

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what happened to property after 1865?

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

PRINCIPAL BUILDING

OUTBUILDINGS:

       YES        NO

HISTORIC NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMON NAME: Query Cemetery

ADDRESS: ~~North of Esworthy Road, near Query Mill Road~~ 13501/13505 Esworthy Road

SITE NUMBER: 25/12 ATLAS MAP: 14 ATLAS COORDINATES: A-14 TAX MAP: ER341

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

Resource is:        demolished   x   could not locate  
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ASSIGNED CATEGORY: I II III IV (V) VI  
 (See reverse side for explanation.)

NOTES: Based on the rather vague directions of the survey form, we tried but could not locate this cemetery.

*Neighbor claims it is on lot #14 at 13501 Esworthy Rd. but thinks owner General Williams may have bulldozed it.*

Cemetery extant →

*See attached notes 11-13-90*

\*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.**

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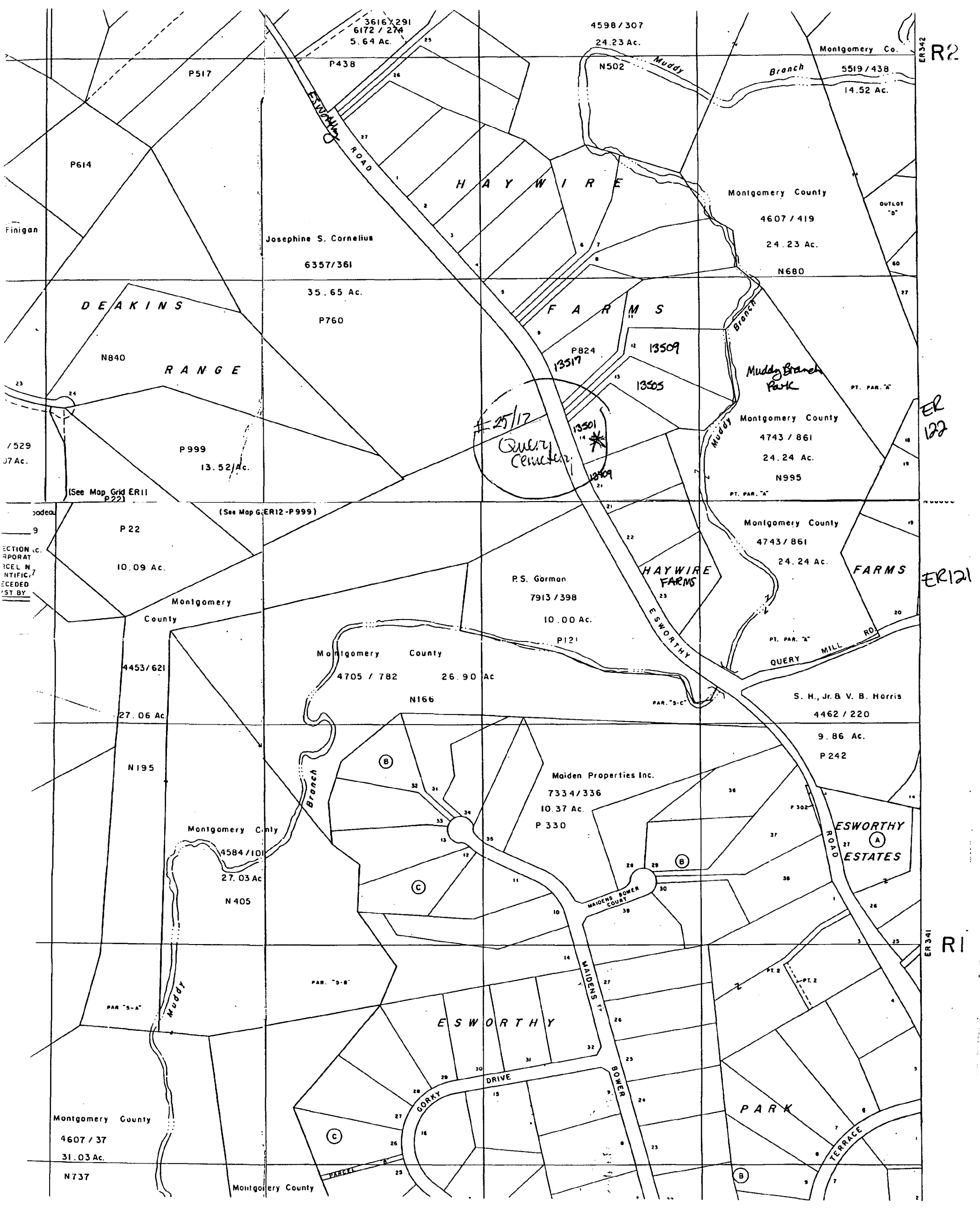
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Montgomery Co.  
5519 / 438  
14.52 Ac.

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6357 / 361  
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Montgomery County  
4607 / 419  
24.23 Ac.

DEAKINS  
RANGE  
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FARMS

Muddy Branch  
Park  
Montgomery County  
4743 / 861  
24.24 Ac.

#25/12  
Query Cemetery

P22  
10.09 Ac.

P.S. Gorman  
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HAYWIRE  
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PARK

Resurvey on Rich Meadow

Resurvey on Rich Meadow resulted from a warrant to resurvey Rich Meadow, granted to John Rowe, who had originally patented Rich Meadow for 100 acres. Rowe assigned the warrant to Archibald Orme. Considerable contiguous vacant land was found and Resurvey on Rich Meadow was patented to Archibald Orme 21 June 1768 for 1660 acres. (BC&GS #37, f.256) The survey shows that the Resurvey on Rich Meadow was contiguous to Aberdeen and Addition to the James. (FC Ctf. #3849)

In 1770 Archibald Orme sold to Samuel Boone, gentleman, for 110 pounds, 158-3/4 acres, together with all woods, underwoods and other advantages. (FC Deeds L, f.630) Proceedings of the March Court 1778 show a petition filed for a road from the River Potomack to enable inhabitants to come to Church Court. The requested road was to begin at Basil Magruder's plantation "to cross the Mudy branch at Samuel Boone's Saw Mill and so to intersect the main road leading from Ninian Beall's to this place." (Ct.Proc. 1777-1781)

On 8 May 1779 Samuel Boone conveyed to Nicholas Queary of Berks County, Pennsylvania, for 4000 pounds, 137 1/4 acres of Resurvey on Rich Meadow and Montross, and Maidens Bower, containing 100 acres, together with all the buildings, mills, improvements, profits, commodities, and so on. Maidens Bower began "at a bounded black oak standing near the mouth of a little branch that falls into Muddy Branch." (MC Deeds A, f.294) In 1782 main roads in the county were set out and overseers appointed. One of roads was "From the mill path above Basil Magruder's plantation and with the same by Quarys saw mill until it comes nearly opposite Thomas Beall's plantation." (Minute Book August Ct. 1782)

In his will of 13 October 1788, Nicholas Quary gave to his wife one-third of all his land and one-third of the profit of his grist and saw mills during her natural life. After her death, all his land was to go to his sons Daniel and Henry Quary. (MC Estate Records B, f.373)

The 12 May 1795 issue of the Columbia Chronicle carried an advertisement:

"We have for Sale an Excellent Mill-Seat containing 237 acres -- six miles above the Falls of Potomac and eight from Montgomery Court-house -- there is already a grist and saw mill, in tolerable good repair, with other convenient and necessary Buildings -- there is about ten acres of meadow ground cleared and more with a trifling expence may be added. The land is well adapted adapted to corn, wheat and tobacco -- there is a sufficiency of wood on this land for its support for many years -- and also an excellent Apple and Cherry orchard ... The terms will be made known by the subscribers now living on the premises.

Daniel Quary  
Henry Quary"

Apparently the Quarys did not sell the property in 1795. In 1813 the Montgomery County tax assessment shows Daniel Queary, and in 1820 Daniel Quary, owning 137-3/4 acres of Resurvey on Rich Meadow and 100 acres of Widows Desire. No mill was listed.

In Montgomery County today, there is a Query Mill Road that begins at Muddy Branch about a mile north of River Road and curves northeast to Turkey Foot Road.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Query Cemetery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: N of Esworthy Rd., near Query Mill Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Darnestown

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>(development land)</u>
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Kenmar Farms, Inc. (c/o Lawrence Stevens, Poolesville, Md.)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Rockville Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There is a tall cedar tree that marks the spot, in a field on top of a hill. Only two markers are now visible. One reads:

*not exact translation*

11-13-90 CL Cavicch

*Nicolas*

*ng* } John [Nicholas] Query,  
born Dec. 17, 1714  
died Nov. 24, 1788. *we*

The other stone is a 19th Century marker for a relative.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nicholas Query operated a mill nearby on Muddy Branch, sometime during the 18th Century. Almost nothing is known about the mill, but it may hold the key to information about this remote area. (See references next page for notes on Query family.)

The cemetery is one of the earliest in the County.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian		DATE: 2/28/75
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC		
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring		STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

" QUERY FAMILY  
CEMETERY"

PRELIMINARY ARCHEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE OF COLONIAL PIPELINE COMPANY'S  
PROPOSED 36-INCH LINE CROSSING MONTGOMERY AND HOWARD COUNTIES, MARYLAND

Report submitted to the Colonial Pipeline Company  
by the Potomac River Archeology Survey

Paul B. Cissna  
Staff Archeologist  
August 1979

Abstract: No known prehistoric sites will be impacted by the proposed pipeline. Two historic sites, a family cemetery and a house foundation, lie in the proposed construction corridor. There is a possible threat to the environmental integrity of four historic sites (MHT 14/10 and 15/28 in Montgomery County and MHT 91 and 88 in Howard County). This also applies to the Ebb house in Howard County. The proposed pipeline will partially impact a mature Oak-Hickory forest in Howard County. The first ten miles, from the Potomac River to Interstate 270 were surveyed en toto. From this point to the termination station, selected stream crossings and areas of possible historic sites were examined.

was examined more intensely consisted of the bluff area to the south of the first Goshen Branch crossing. This also revealed negative results.

Query Family Cemetery: The first site located by the survey team is a family burying ground located in a field to the north of Esworthy Road in Montgomery County. This is approximately three quarters of a mile to the east of the junction of Esworthy and Seneca Roads and one half mile to the west of the Esworthy Road/Query Mill Road junction. The tomb stones are in a small wooded lot located within a larger field bordering on a housing development. Eighty feet north of Esworthy Road, the unmarked graves come within 15 feet of the proposed pipeline. In addition to three to four unmarked graves, the visual cemetery includes one marked stone. All are of local fieldstone. The inscription on the marked stone reads

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 1788 Died  
 the 24 of Nov  
 John Nicolus  
 Query  
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 the 17 of Decc  
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(see enclosed photographs).

It is the intention of the Colonial Pipeline Company that "although the line borders two cemeter<sup>s</sup>ies and a private grave site, no trees or

grave sites will be disturbed" (Poythress 1979:21). However, the company should be advised that such avoidance in this area will have to take into account that the cemetery is much larger than it appears. Dr. Ted Turkin, Professor of Architectural History at The American University, and a local resident, gave us the telephone number of a Mrs. Kennedy. She lives in the house directly behind the cemetery and has been maintaining the plot for several years.

Mrs. Kennedy provided us with much information concerning the grave site. The unmarked graves are, in fact, those of children as was suspected. Until a tractor unintentionally knocked over a number of grave markers last year, the cemetery consisted of the stone markers for Mr. Query, his wife, and twelve children. Mrs. Kennedy stated that the plot extends for approximately twenty feet towards the pipeline from Mr. Query's marker at an angle of thirty-five to forty degrees. Mr. Query's marker is twenty-four feet to the east of the proposed pipeline.

The Potomac River Archeology Survey recommends that the Colonial Pipeline Company contact Mrs. Kennedy at 301-869-4196. She is more than willing to show company personnel the limits of the site in order to avoid possible impact.

In addition, Mrs. Kennedy stated that the descendant of John Query, one Mrs. Mary Query of 23622 S. Shore Drive, Edwardsburg, Michigan, 49112, would like to be notified by the Colonial Pipeline Company concerning possible impact on the cemetery.

Although we have not located any records to verify it, the indication

Historical Ramblings

Just to the side of Esworthy Road, not far from where it crosses Query Mill, a tall cedar and some ragged lilacs shade the tombstone of John Nicolas Query, 1714-1788. A few other stones, unmarked, lie nearby, and until a few weeks ago, when a pre-construction clearing crew knocked it down, another marked the grave of Mrs. C. Q. C., "Born Oct 6 1801, Died April 27 1826".

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The area now known as Haywire Farm was, during and after the Revolutionary War, the site of the Query home and grist mill. Nicolas Query had come to this country from Germany, according to records of the Maryland Historical Society, arriving at the port of Philadelphia aboard the "Halifax". He took an oath of allegiance to England in 1752--at the age of 38--and he lived subsequently in Berks County, Pa.

It was exactly 200 years ago that "N. Queary" purchased the property in Montgomery County. In May, 1779 he paid 4000 pounds to a Frederick County man, Samuel Boone, for two parcels of land--137½ acres 30 miles from Georgetown, called "Resurvey on Rich Meadow" and "Montross", and 100 acres 20 miles from Georgetown--the Haywire Farm site--known as "Maiden's Bower" (though it shifts--significantly?--to "Widow's Dower" in certain documents).

Montgomery County's earliest tax records, which date to 1783, describe "Rich Meadow" as having 40 acres cleared, but no improvements, and being "very stoney". "Maiden's Bower" was "cleared hilly land" with one dwelling house.

Since in 1779 Nicolas Query was already 65 years old, we might speculate that the grist mill was largely the concern of his two sons, Daniel and Henry--who inherited the properties following his death in December, 1788. Indeed, his will, written two months before his death, identifies him as "of Berks County, Pa." The will also tells us that his wife's name is Margaret; she is named sole executrix, and is given one-third of all his lands. (There were also

five daughters: Mary Ann March, Christina Shingler, Catherine March, Elizabeth Humbert, and Suzanne Tice.)

The 1793 tax records show Henry and Daniel Query as the owners of "Rich Meadows" and "Maiden's Bower". According to the 1790 census, Henry had two boys and a girl while Daniel--who had married Eve Wilfree in November, 1779--had one boy and three girls. By the time of the 1800 census, which provides somewhat more detailed information, each of the two brothers was over 45 and had a wife under 45; neither held slaves. But while Henry seems to have had only one child at home--a girl between 16 and 26--Daniel maintained a large household: three boys under 10, two boys and two girls between 10 and 16, and two more girls between 16 and 26.

Daniel's will, dated March 31, 1837, identifies his heirs: Solomon, George, David, Elizabeth Young, Sarah Wood and John, Hannah Spohn and David, Rebecca Nichols--and John, "a lunatic".

But by this time the Querys seem to have lost interest in the family holdings in Montgomery County--in part at least because they were following the migration West. Daniel's daughter, Sarah, who had been born in Montgomery County in 1782, got married--still in the County--in 1804 to John Wood. This John Wood had been born in Yorkshire, England in 1780. He ran away from home at 18, arriving in this area in June, 1798.

Sarah and John Wood--and their children, of whom there were to be nine--moved first to West Union, Ohio, and subsequently to Rush County, Indiana. (Sarah, who died in 1851, is buried in the Moscow Cemetery.) From 1816 to 1851 John kept a day book for recording business transactions, but he added many personal notations. He makes frequent references to Daniel Query, who went to Indiana when the Woods did; to Daniel's son Solomon, who visited frequently; to Hannah and David Spohn; to John; to Elizabeth Young; and to George, whose infant daughter was cared for in the Wood's home.

Thus, in 1840, we find "Solomon et al" selling "Maiden's Bower" and "Montross"

## SAFARI TO EAST AFRICA

and "Resurvey on Rich Meadow" to one Samuel West, a gentleman who was to become recorder of deeds in the County. By the time of the 1850 census the name Query has disappeared from Montgomery County records. Today there remain Query Mill road, and the slope-shouldered tombstone with its ingenuous carving.

1788 DIED  
THE 24 OF NOV  
JOHN NICOLUS  
QUERY  
WAS BORN  
THE 17 OF DECC  
1714

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After-words:

\*Perhaps GDCA might initiate some steps to make sure that this lovely reminder of the County's past remains intact.

\*Perhaps some student looking for a research project would like to check the censuses of 1810-20 and 1840, which are on microfilm in the Rockville public library, for further traces of the Query family.

\*The Montgomery County Historical Society was most helpful in providing materials on the Querys.

\*The graves are located adjacent to 13509 Esworthy Road.

--Lydia Schindler

G.S. TROOP#2310

We are busy bringing our year to an end. We hiked on the C and O Canal on April 28th. We are now planning our Court of Awards dinner with our Moms to be held on Wed., May 23, at 7 p.m. at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

Lisa Thompson

Such adventure and excitement! Jean and Paul Irwin spent 20 days recently in Kenya, the Sechelles, and Tanzania. Paul, as Vice Pres/ Treasurer of the Humane Society of the United States, was host for a group of 30. The physical beauty of Kenya and Tanzania was unexpected: the warm climate, the contrast of dry, dusty wildlife reserve to the cool evening in a treetop lodge or Bill Holden's Mt. Kenya Safari Club in the shadow of snowcapped Mt. Kenya.

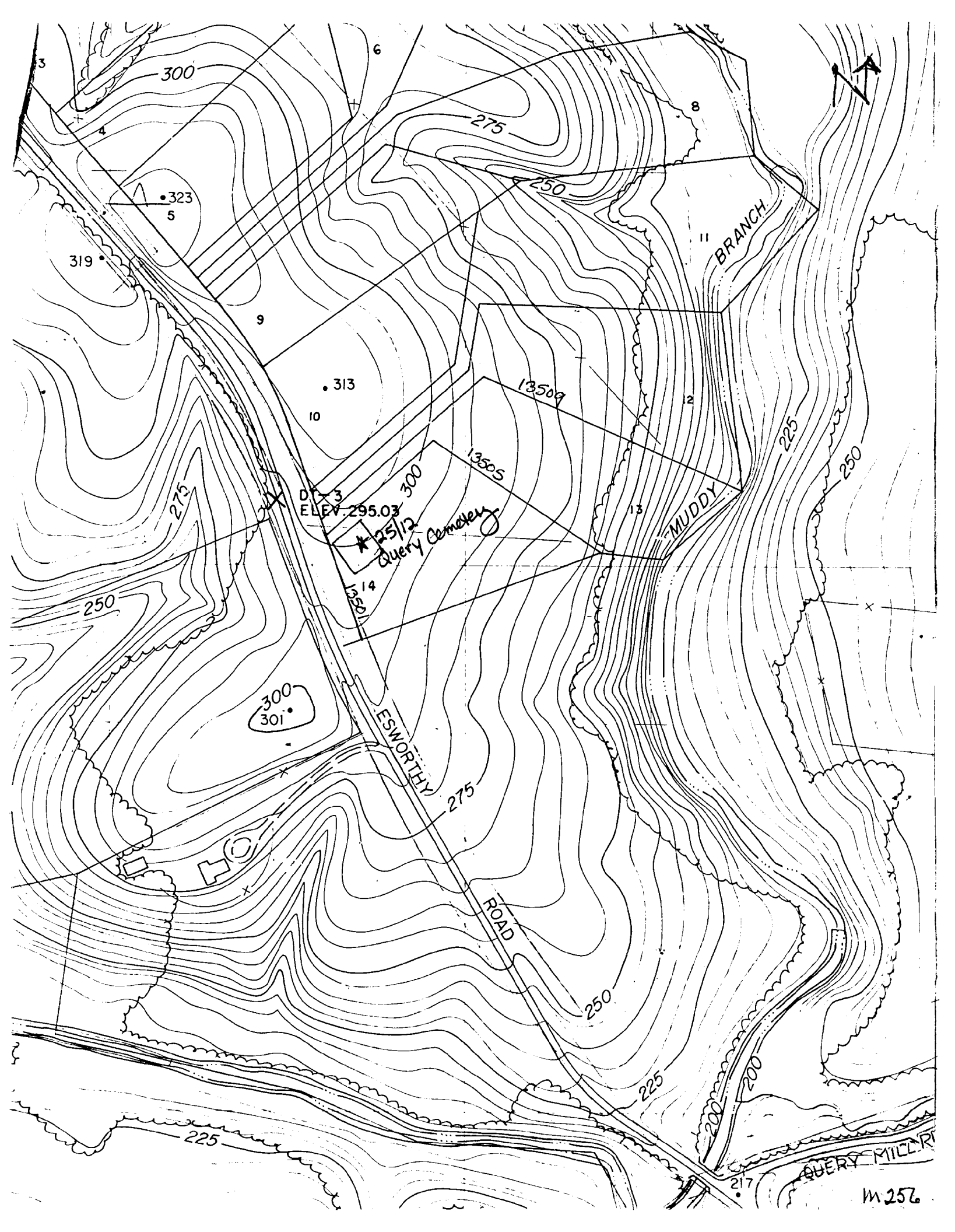
The people of East Africa were an important part of our experience. Kenyans were friendly and often willing to talk with visitors about their villages, tribal customs and families. There are 48 tribes in Kenya alone. The guides speak their own language, Swahili, and English.

The variety and quantity of wildlife is incredible: gazelle, lion, rhino, hippo, elephant, cheetah, giraffe, hyena, and jackal. How different to have the people in cages (landrovers) and the animals roaming free in their natural habitat. We were guests in their homes!

Highlights included: being surrounded by thousands of wildebeests in the Serengeti plains; observing a new family of 4 lion cubs (2 days old) with their mother and another lioness; watching and listening to another lioness protect her 6 cubs from hungry hyenas; descending the 2000ft. sides of the Ngorongoro Crater to view the famous large, blackmaned lions there. A special thrill was seeing a Thompson's gazelle cleaning and caring for her minutes-old baby as he wobbled across the path in front of us.

Jean Irwin

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