

CARR - 767

ELSWORTH CEMETERY

late 19th century

Leidy Road
Westminster vicinity

private

This is an overgrown cemetery on the north side of Leidy Road approximately one-half of a mile west of Hemlock Lane. The tombstones date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A list of the lot owners for the Elsworth Cemetery has been published in the December 1983 edition of Carrolltonian, the newsletter of the Carroll County Genealogical Society.

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Ellsworth Cemetery Survey Number: CARR-767

Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This property was determined eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

"The property may be eligible under Criterion A for association with black history in Carroll County."

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 1993

Beth Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services _____ Date _____

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
BK _____ 5/23/97
Reviewer, NR program _____ Date _____

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: ~~Buildings~~ Site

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): ~~Domestic/Single dwelling~~ Funerary/Cometary

Known Design Source: _____

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Since the property was first surveyed, the cemetery has been the focus of a restoration effort and as of July 2009 is well maintained.

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The Ellsworth Cemetery Company was incorporated in 1876 in order "to purchase and hold a Lot of Land in the vicinity of Westminster for a Cemetery for Burying therein of the Dead of the Colored People."¹ Five original trustees (David Irland, Nelson Edwards, William Massey, Thomas Smith and Reuben Walker) and two additional members (William Adams and Lewis Dorsey) witnessed the incorporation before a Carroll County justice of the peace.² Several of the founders were Civil War veterans. The one-acre site just east of Westminster became the official property of the corporation in 1894 with a \$1 sale by the last will and testament of Elias Yingling.³ Neither of the African-American churches in Westminster (Union Street ME (CARR-503) and Union Memorial Baptist) had enough property for a cemetery, and the site was used as an African-American cemetery even before the incorporation of the cemetery company. The last burial was made there in the early 1980s, and the site was very overgrown at the time of the 1993 survey. Ellsworth was the focus of volunteer restoration efforts about ten years later.⁴

Several United States Colored Troops (USCT) soldiers who fought in the Civil War are buried in the cemetery. Daniel P. Warfield was born on Oct 15, 1849. He enlisted in Company L of the 23rd Regiment, USCT; transferred to the 28th Regiment; and then transferred to Company G of the 29th Regiment, in October 1864, near Finksburg.⁵ His wife's name was Margret A. Warfield; he died on June 25, 1918.⁶

Stephen H. Lytle was born around 1827 in Carroll County and worked as a laborer; he was free by April 1861 at the latest. He enrolled in 1863 in Baltimore in the 4th Regiment, Company H,

¹Incorporation of Ellsworth Cemetery Company, Vertical File, Historical Society of Carroll County.

²Ibid.

³Deed to the Ellsworth Cemetery Company of Carroll County, Ellsworth Inscription Book, Historical Society of Carroll County.

⁴Carroll County Genealogical Society, "Ellsworth Cemetery," *Carroll County Cemeteries*, vol. 2, *East-Central*, (Westminster: Carroll County Genealogical Society, 1999), 32.

⁵U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, and U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, located on <<http://www.ancestry.com>> .

⁶Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934, located on <http://www.ancestry.com> .

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of the USCT. He served variously as Brigadier Teamster and Company Cook, then mustered out on May 4, 1866.⁷ In 1900, the census listed him as a widowed farm laborer, unemployed eight months of that year, and living by himself in a rented home.⁸ He died on May 15, 1903, at the age of 76.

⁷ *U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865*, located on <http://www.ancestry.com>.

⁸ *United States Federal Census Records: 1900*, Westminster, Carroll, Maryland.

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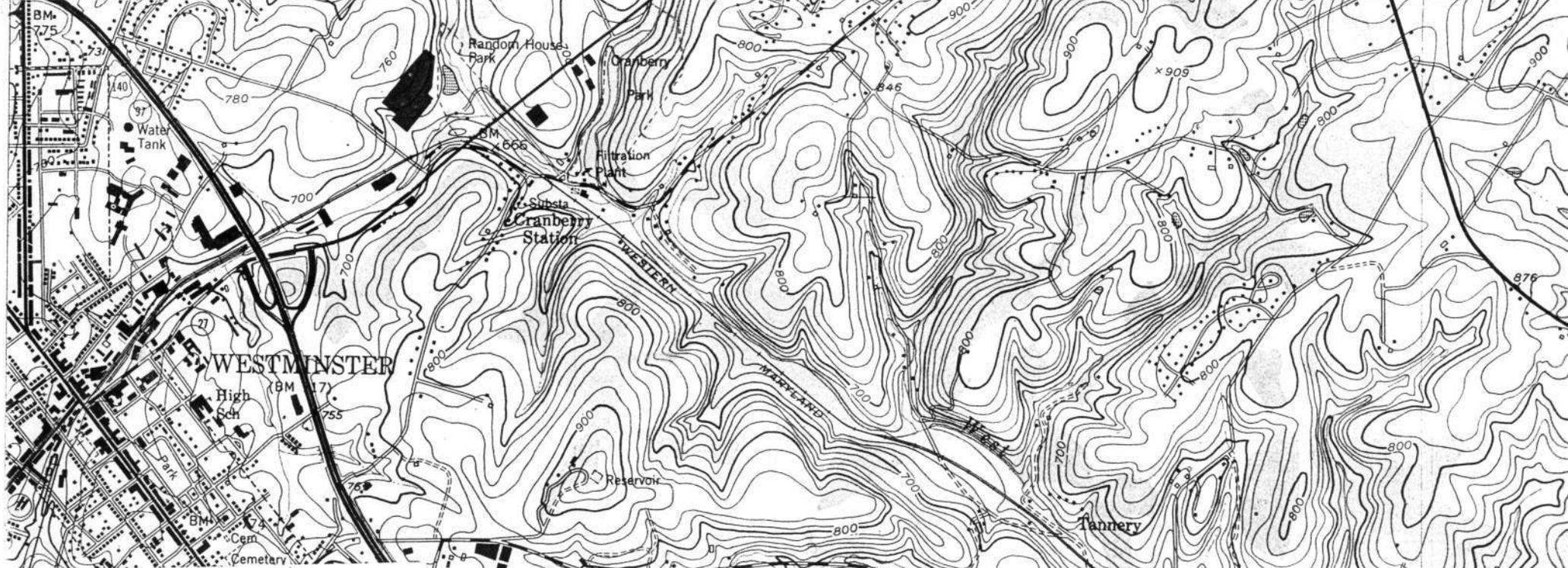
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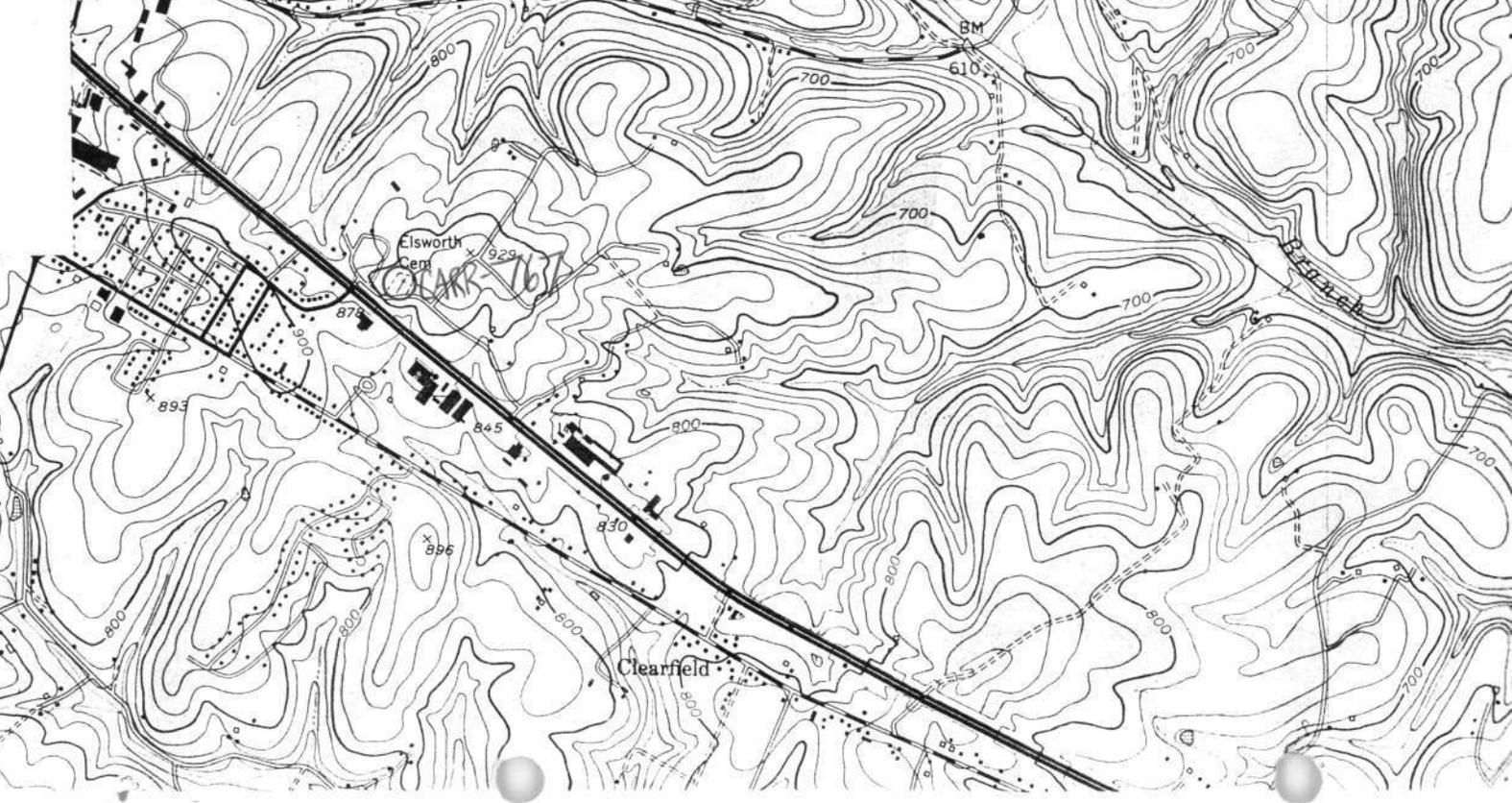
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U.S.G.S. MAP
WESTMINSTER, MD.
1:24000 SCALE





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overview

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Photo By Joe Getty

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CARR-767

Property Name: Ellsworth Cemetery
Digital Photograph File Log

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Paper Used: Epson Premium Luster Photo Paper
Date: September 4, 2009

File Name	Photo Description	Photographer
CARR-767_2009-07-22_01	Entrance, front gate and sign	Jenna Gianni
CARR-767_2009-07-22_02	View of cemetery from entrance	Jenna Gianni
CARR-767_2009-07-22_03	Gravestone, "Daniel P. Warfield, Born Oct. 18 1859, Died June 25 1918"	Jenna Gianni
CARR-767_2009-07-22_04	Gravestone, "Stephen Lytle, Died May 15 1903, Aged 76 years"	Jenna Gianni



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entrance, front gate + sign

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view of cemetery from entrance

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Gravestone of Daniel P. Warfield

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