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MT. ERIN CEMETERY
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1844

A granite monument (c. 1896) marks the location of the first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace. Called St. James the Less, the church, believed to have been a frame structure, was ready for services in 1844. This church was a predecessor of St. Patrick's, Havre de Grace.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mt. Erin Cemetery (Site of first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace)
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Grace View Drive, south side, about 0.3 miles east of rt. 155

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

— VICINITY OF

STATE Md. COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mt Erin Cemetery c/o St Patrick's Catholic Church
 Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 615 Congress Ave

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace STATE, zip code Md. 21078

— VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER Main St.

CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

At Mt. Erin Cemetery is the site of the first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace. The cemetery is located on hill in the north of Havre de Grace which looks south, southeast to the Chesapeake Bay. It is on the south side of Grace View Drive, less than 1/2 a mile E. of Rt. 155. A granite monument with a Latin cross on top off it was erected in 1896 to mark the location of the first church. The monument has inscriptions on the eastern and western sides. The eastern face reads " Here stood the First Catholic Church at Havre de Grace, Md., built Anno Domini '43-1845- 43' by Rev. Jas. Reid. This stone erected Nov. 10, 1896, James P. Fitzgerald, Pastor."

A cast iron entrance stands at the west end of the cemetery and a frame gazebo, painted green, with a hipped wood shingle roof is in the center of the grave yard. The cemetery is divided into two sections; the westerly section, in which the monument marking the site of the first church is located, is the Roman Catholic Burial ground, belonging to St Patrick's Church, whereas the eastern section, marked St James, belongs to St James A.M.E. Church (HA-1156).

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 checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A granite marker in Mt, Erin Cemetery erected in 1896 marks the location of the first Roman Catholic Church in Havre de Grace. Early parish records indicate that the church was named St James the Less. On March 17, 1842, Father James Reid purchased fourteen lots (lots 15-28, square 4 of Reed's addition) from Ezra Reed and Eliza, his wife, of Havre de Grace. The land records reads " for \$150.00 and the further consideration that a church be dedicated for the service of God." The church is believed to have been a small frame structure for which the cornerstone was laid in 1843, and services were conducted in by 1844. A small rectangular stone marker with a Latin inscription (possibly a cornerstone) is in the ground a few feet east of the granite memorial. Perhaps because the Mt. Erin location was so far from town, a stone church called St Patricks was erected in 1847-1850. Today the foundations of the church, surmounted by a later structure, and the rectory (HA-1175) can be seen on the corner of N. Stokes and Warren Sts. The present St. Patrick's was built in 1907.

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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 Marion Morton - Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust

DATE May 1977

STREET & NUMBER 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

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.

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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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HERE STOOD THE
FIRST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
AT
HAYNE DE CRACK
MD
BUILT AND COMPIED
1845-46
BY REV. JAS. REID

THIS STONE ERECTED HOLDING
JAMES P. DE CRACK
PASTOR

MT. ERIN CEMETERY HA-823

MONUMENT

off Graceview Drive

Haure de Grace

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