

Jones Burial Ground  
HO-876  
2948 Rogers Avenue, Ellicott City  
Howard County  
ca. 1840s-1890s  
Private

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Inventory No. 876

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Jones Burial Ground

other n/a

## 2. Location

street and number behind 2948 Rogers Avenue \_\_ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City \_\_ vicinity

county Howard

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

name Anne Paradise

street and number 2948 Rogers Avenue telephone n/a

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Record liber 5111 folio 541

city, town Columbia tax map 17 tax parcel 118 tax ID number 02-231751

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	11	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	11	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				0	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

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Moving roughly north to south from the driveway, stones read:

- 1) Thomas B. D. Jones  
Was Born  
May 3d 1825  
Died  
[date is below the soil line]

The top of this stone is marked with three interlocked links of chain, which is the symbol of the International Order of Odd Fellows

(IOOF).



- 2) Parson S Emmones  
Died January 10, 1869  
Aged 71 years
- 3) Unmarked
- 4) To Our Mother  
Emily  
rest illegible - probably Emily Phelps, who lived in the Rezin Phelps house in 1860
- 5) To Our Father  
Joshua Phelps  
March 10, 1801  
-----, 1856  
Aged 55 years
- 6) Illeg.  
1868
- 7) Richard Philip  
Son of  
Azariah and Ida M. Downs  
Born June 3, 1892  
Died Feb 2d, 1893  
The little crib is empty now,  
The little clothes laid by.  
A mothers hope, a fathers joy,

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In deaths cold arm doth lie.

- 8) In memory of  
Our father  
William M. Jones  
Born  
May 23, 1792  
Died  
Sept 17, 1843
- 9) In memory of Our Brother  
Joshua M. Jones  
Born  
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Died  
June 23, 18--
- 10) In memory of  
Our Brother  
Zachariah D. (B.?) Jones  
Born  
June 27, 1826  
Died  
June 16, 1852
- 11) In memory of  
Our Mother  
Leanah,  
widow of  
Mw. M. Jones  
Born Jan'y 27, 1793  
Died Aug't 16, 1879  
in the full hope of a blissful immortality  
aged 86 yrs 6 mo's + 19ds

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>funerary</u>

**Specific dates** 1869, 1855, 1893, 1843, 1879, 1852 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1840s-1890s

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In 1990, Anna Moore, who built the house located at 2948 Rogers Avenue, recounted her history in Jonestown as part of Veteran's Day memorial at the Good Shepherd Cemetery. Mrs. Moore's family moved to Howard County from Baltimore in 1918 so that her father could work as the manager of Chestnut Hill Farm. He did not like the job and instructed Anne and her mother to find a house with property to rent. They rented the Pearl and Eldridge Jones's house, an early 19th c. log-built house with 10 acres in Jonestown, and bought the property a year later. In 1954, Anne and her mother sold all but 1/2-acre of the property, on which they built 2948 Rogers Avenue. Anne Moore noted that "on the back end of the lot is the Jones Family cemetery, which I maintain."<sup>1</sup>

The people buried in the Jonestown cemetery include members of the Jones family and families who worked for the Joneses. The earliest grave marker in the cemetery appears to be that of **William M. Jones** (1792-1843). His widow **Leanah Jones** (1793-1879) is also buried nearby. In 1860, Leanah (aged 67) lived with Edward H. Soper (aged 30) - a butcher, and his wife Melissa Soper (aged 24).<sup>2</sup> In 1870, Leanah (aged 77) remained at the Sopers, so perhaps Melissa Soper was her daughter. By that date Edward and Melissa had four children: Milburn (aged 9), A.T. (aged 5), Frank (aged 4), and M. E. (aged 2).<sup>3</sup>

Another grave belongs to **Thomas B. D. Jones** (1825-?). Thomas Jones was a blacksmith who had a shop on Old Frederick Road. In 1860, the Thomas Jones household consisted of Thomas B. Jones (aged 33), Ellen (aged 27), William H. (aged 14), Samuel Innsman (aged 17) - apprentice to the smith, and George Phelps (aged 9). In 1870, the Thomas Jones household consisted of Thomas (aged 45) - a blacksmith, Ellen (aged 34) - keeping house, Franklin (aged 11), Lilly (aged 7), Mary (aged 4), [illeg.] Phelps (aged 18), a blacksmith, and Samuel Sellers (aged 48) - a blacksmith.<sup>4</sup>

**Parson Emmons** is also buried in the Jones Burial Ground. In 1860, he lived with Rezin Jones, the founder of Jonestown. In 1860, the Rezin Jones household consisted of Rezin (aged 64) - a farmer, Rezin Jr. (aged 23) - a farmer, Margaret (aged 54), Margaret (aged

<sup>1</sup> Anne Moore, "Good Shepherd Cemetery, 1870" n.p., 11/11/1990. Found in the Jonestown V.F. at the Howard County Historical Society library.

<sup>2</sup> 1860, 2nd Election District, page 56.

<sup>3</sup> 1870, 2nd Election District, page 80.

<sup>4</sup> 1870, 2nd Election District, page 46-47.

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21), Parson Emmons (aged 65), Alexander Jones (aged 12), William Phelps (aged 10), John Phelps (aged 6), Emily Phelps (aged 37) and Letitia Douglass (aged 35) - a mulatto wash woman.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> 1860, 2nd Election District, p. 13-14.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .564 acres

Acreage of historical setting 8.66 acres

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Jonestown Cemetery corresponds to Howard County Map 17, Grid 24, Parcel 118, which is the current legal lot of 2948 Rogers Avenue - the house lot on which the cemetery is located.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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 1860 Martenet's Map



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**USGS Ellicott City Quad**



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Jennifer Gould

March, 2005

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View SE. Shows grave markers.

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