

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

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

3800 Gregg Road

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
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 DESCRIPTION

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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.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|---|---|--|
| <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 |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input 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

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

III FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

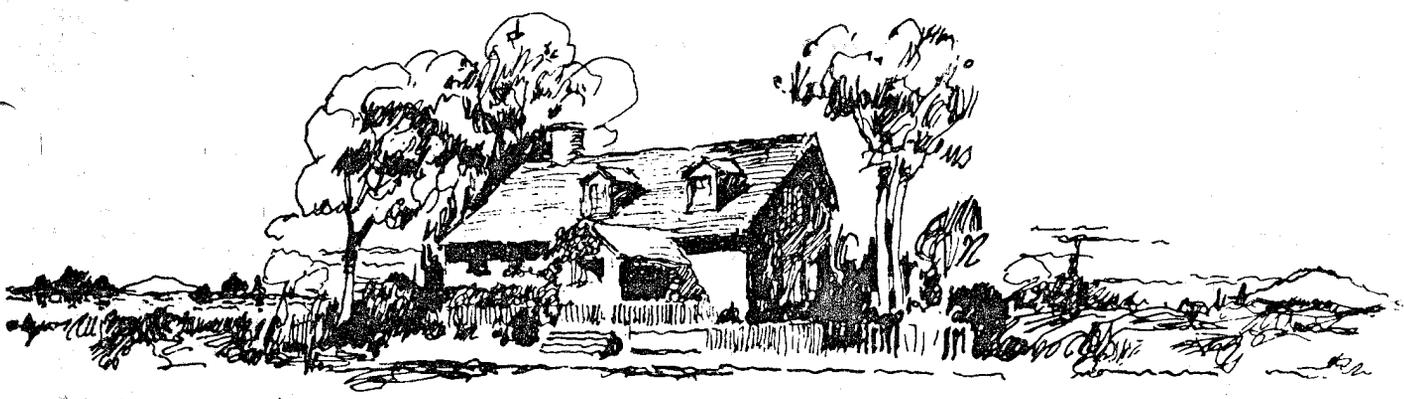
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FAMILY BURYING GROUNDS
in
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by
Linda Layman

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.

William Nelson Young died May 6, 1904; son of David Young
 Phebe R. Young died September 1, 1888; age 92; wife of David Young
 Samuel Young, born May 17, 1799; died June 22, 1856
 Drusilla B. T. Young, born October 3, 1802; died November 4, 1833;
 age 31
 _____ Young died in 1825 (Could this be Catherine, wife of
 Lodwick?)

Kilmain I is on a tract of land granted to Daniel Carroll in 1735. In 1772, Carroll's daughters sold it to Richard Bennett Hall. The next owners were the Youngs who came to Montgomery County from Hagerstown between 1812-1814. The family emigrated from Rotterdam in 1753 and the original name was Jong. Lodwick Young, Jr., the first to come to Montgomery County, was born in 1765. He married Catherine Shafer. He died in 1820 and his wife died in 1825. According to OLD HOMES AND HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY by Roger Brooke Farquhar, they were buried in the family cemetery.

Lodwick built Kilmain II about 1812. This home is further up Edward's Ferry road toward Beallsville. Lodwick and Catherine had six sons and two daughters, and on Lodwick's death each son received a farm. David, the third son, inherited Kilmain I. He married Matilda Chilton in 1820 and they had a son, William Nelson Young. After the death of Matilda he married Phoebe Donohue in 1836. She remained at the farm after David's death in 1879.

Issac Young, another son of David and Matilda Young, was the next owner of Kilmain I. In May 1856, he married his cousin, Margaret Young. Their daughter, Verlinda Lucretia, married Frederick Claggett, and she was the last of the Youngs to live in the house.

Henry Young, third child of David and Matilda Young, was left the East Oaks farm across the road. It was then known as Little Oaks Manor. In 1823 he married Margaret Chiswell and built the present house on East Oaks farm. He was a member of the Levy Court 1839-41.

Elizabeth, the eighth child of David Young, married Sebastian Remsburg. They were the ancestors of a large and prominent family.

Samuel Young, also buried at Kilmain I, had a daughter, Alethea, who married George Brewer, Sr. in March 1849. Their son, George W. Brewer, II, purchased East Oaks in 1900. He married Betty Williams in 1907 and they lived at East Oaks until 1916 at which time they returned to the Brewer home, Aix La Chapelle.

DORSEY (also CLAGETT and OWEN) CEMETERY

This small graveyard is on Gregg Road. It is enclosed with a fence, is well kept and can easily be seen from the road.

Inscriptions on the stones:

Col. Gustavus Warfield Dorsey died Sept. 6, 1911; age 73
 Margaret Owen, wife of Col. G. W. Dorsey, died Oct. 30, 1909; age
 68
 Elizabeth Owen, wife of Edward W. Owen, died August 19, 1887; age
 79

Margaret A. Clagett died June 5, 1890; age 102
 Nathaniel Clagett died April 17, 1838; age 55
 Edward W. Owen died March 21, 1895; age 87
 Laura Clagett, daughter of E. W. and E. A. Owen
 Mary V. Owen, daughter of Edward and E. A. Owen

Colonel Gustavus W. Dorsey was in command of the last cavalry attack made by the southern forces in the Civil War. He was the son of Samuel Owings Dorsey and his wife, Mary Riggs Griffith. Samuel was the son of Dennis and Maria Owings Dorsey and Mary Riggs Griffith was the daughter of Philemon Griffith and his wife, Sarah Hammond Riggs.

Colonel Gustavus Dorsey married Margaret Owen, probably the daughter of Edward W. and Elizabeth Owen. Edward W. Owen married Elizabeth Clagett in 1830. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret A. Clagett buried in the cemetery.

OWEN FAMILY

The Owen cemetery is located in an overgrown area near the tennis courts on the Norbeck Country Club property. According to the 1865 map, there was a home in this area owned by W. W. Owen.

Inscriptions on the tombstones:

L. Robinson died June 17, 1840; age 16 years
 Mary S. Owen, wife of W. W. Owen, died Dec. 7, 1894; age 87
 W. W. Owen, born November 30, 1813; died April 11, 1891
 Angeline Owen, wife of W. W. Owen, died February 19, 1852; age 37
 Angela C. Owen, wife of Col. W. Owen, died June 18, 1876, age 67
 R. Owen (could this be Robert, the brother of Washington W. Owen?)

The Reverend Robert Owen was sent to Maryland from Scotland to report to his parishioners the "condition of the colony". He returned to Maryland in 1695 and acquired a large tract of land on which he built a log house he called Contentment. His son Edward was the next owner and in 1730 this property was owned by Major Robert Owen, Jr.

Robert Owen in his will of 1779 left his home to his son, Washington Winder Owen. Adjoining lands were left to his sons Robert and Edward.

Washington Winder Owen was a county school trustee in 1881-1882 and for a time served as a director of the Sandy Spring Savings Institution. From the names carved on the stones in the cemetery it seems that Washington Winder Owen was married three times.

Catherine Goldsborough Owen, the daughter of W. W. Owen, was next in line to inherit the home place. She married Thomas John Beall, the son of Eden and Priscilla Beall, who lived at Flint Hill on the road from Norbeck to Norwood. Catherine and Thomas John Beall changed the name of the property from Contentment to Locust Hill. In 1900 the land was sold and went out of the hands of the Owen family.

(To be continued in a future issue)