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18th Annual Meeting, St. George's Church and Spesutia Cemetery, Perryman, Harford County



Perryman Was the Location of Our Annual Meeting

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, 30 people made the trip to St. George's Parish and Spesutia Cemetery in Perryman, Harford County, MD for the 18th Annual Meeting of the Coalition. According to the historical marker on the property the name Spesutia is derived from the Latin for Utie's Hope, the name given to Colonel Nathaniel Utie's 17th century Manorial Grant. The members and guests were transported back in time as we met in the fellowship hall that was built during the 1930s. The church, which was opened during the afternoon for visitors, was built in 1851 and the vestry building which has been standing at the site since 1766 was likewise open for visitors. The cemetery contains some of the oldest burials in Harford County.

The day began with the customary registration, refreshments, business meeting, and election of Officers and Directors. A more detailed report can be found in the minutes on page 3. After the business items were dispensed with we introduced our keynote speaker Pamela Goffinet. Pam used her time in the morning to lay out background information on how she got started mapping cemeteries and the impetus for writing her book *Mapping & Documenting Cemeteries*.

After Pam's presentation, Ann Horvath presented two Periwinkle Awards. Ann was the entire Periwinkle Award Committee this year and she took on the project

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without complaint and did an outstanding job. Mr. Michael Boerner was presented the award for his work in Mt. Union Historic Church and Cemetery in Carroll County and was nominated by Peggy Elliott. Mr. Gary Wasielewski received the award for his work at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Havre de Grace, Harford County and was nominated by the Executive Board of the Harford County Genealogical Society. Michael and Gary spoke for about 15 minutes each regarding their projects in their respective cemeteries. The talks were both informative and thought provoking.



Ann Horvath and Gary Wasielewski



Ann Horvath and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boerner

he group broke for lunch. Everyone had time to bid on items in our silent auction. More about the silent auction can be found on page 7. Our gift shop, christened the "Ravens Roost" was open for business. Mostly, the members spent time with each other discussing the events of the morning, talking about their cemetery projects, or asking additional questions of the speakers.

Robert Mosko of Mosko's Cemetery Services started off the afternoon with a discussion of conservation, preservation, and restoration of cemeteries. Robert had originally planned to work outside in the cemetery resetting a toppled stone, straightening a very "basic" leaning stone, and repairing a simple tablet that was previously repaired but had since failed. Even though the sun was shining on our meeting the rain of the previous 7 days prevented Robert from being able to set up his equipment and work safely in the cemetery. Always at the ready, Robert brought his PowerPoint™ presentation in lieu of his outside workshop.



Pam Goffinet with her group of mappers!

At the conclusion of Robert's program a group headed outside to work with Pam during her mapping workshop. Pam is every organization's dream speaker. The weather had been unpredictable all week so Pam prepared her workshop so that she could conduct it inside or outside depending on what the weather did Saturday. Pam dug out her tape measures, rulers, graph paper, and boards for the members to map part of Spesutia Cemetery using the Vestry building as a beginning point. Her mapping process is ingenious and useful for groups or individuals planning to map a cemetery. If you are interested in owning a copy of her book or reading a review of the book look on page 4 for a review that was written by Ryan Seidemann for the Association for Gravestone Studies.

Robert Mosko gave a brief outdoor talk to members. The group visited the stones that Robert had planned to work on had the grounds not be as saturated from all the rain.



Robert Mosko discussing monuments

The last of the members drove out of the parking lot about 4:30 p.m.

Diane Nesmeyer

Editors' Corner

The Annual Meeting is behind us. The Committee is grateful that the day went off without a hitch and grateful to all the attendees that made the trek to Perryman. A full report can be found on page 1. The first Board Meeting of the new administration is scheduled for July 19th. The Officers and Board would like to remind everyone that the meeting is open to all members. The notice of time and location can be found on page 7.

We would like to thank Ann Horvath, Amanda Becker, Jim Trader, Kristin Kraske, Brenda McNeal, and the Association for Gravestone Studies for their contributions to this issue.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

18TH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2009

St. Georges Church and Spesutia Cemetery

Perryman, Harford County, Maryland

In Attendance Officers: President Melvin Mason, Vice-President Jeff Nesmeyer, Treasurer Gerhardt Kraske, Recording Secretary Amanda Becker

In Attendance Board of Directors: George Horvath, Kristin Kraske, James Lanier, Candy Warden

Board of Directors excused: Leonard Becraft, Paul Miller, Thomas Mason.

President Melvin Mason called the annual meeting

to order at 9:35 am. Diane Nesmeyer, of the Annual Meeting Committee greeted the members and guests and made some announcements. President Mason welcomed the members and guests and delivered his opening statement. The history of the Coalition, its members who founded it, the direction it can move towards, and the organization that it could become was the premise of his address.

Thirty members and guests were present and a quorum was reported by the Recording Secretary.

The Minutes of the January 25, 2009, Board Meeting were printed in the Spring edition of the Courier and time was allowed for members to review it. Board member George Horvath made a motion for the Minutes to be accepted as printed in the Courier. Board member Candy Warden seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Gerhardt Kraske presented the Treasurer's Report. The total assets of the Coalition as of May 7, 2009 were \$10,082.34. The income and expenses from the last meeting on January 24 to May 7, 2009 were \$1,224.26 and \$415.84 respectively. The Treasurer's Report was then approved.

Board member Kristin Kraske gave the Membership Report. The Coalition has eight-eight members of which seventy-five are paying and thirteen are complimentary memberships. Eighteen Maryland counties are represented and there are a number of out-of-state members. As of the last meeting Ms. Kraske removed from the membership list some complimentary members whom she could not get in touch with and who have not been in contact with the Coalition for some years. She reminded all present that dues are due on June 1, 2009.

The next business on the agenda was the concern of the Coalition's legal standing. President Mason is to contact the lawyer the Coalition has used in the past to resolve this matter.

There was no other Old Business.

The New Business was then presented.

Special thank you gifts and words of thanks were then given by the Annual Meeting Committee to outstanding Coalition members. The following

members had worked on numerous committees, events, as Officers and Board Members, and as hardworking members of the Coalition. Ann and George Horvath, Barbara and Gerhardt Kraske were in attendance to receive their gifts. Mary Ann Ashcraft, Leonard Becraft and Paul Miller were not in attendance so their gifts would be sent to them.

The Nominating Committee Chairperson, Amanda Becker, presented the nominees to fill openings for the 2009-2011 term. For Vice-President - Jeff Nesmeyer. For Board of Directors – Kristin Kraske, Thomas Mason, Brenda McNeal, Paul Miller, Robert Mosko, and Sandra Wright.

After numerous calls to members, Amanda Becker was not able to find a Treasurer or a Corresponding Secretary. Ms. Becker agreed to take the office of Corresponding Secretary and new member Agnes Boerner agreed to take the office of Treasurer. Gerhardt Kraske made a motion to accept the slate of Officers and Directors as presented. George Horvath seconded the motion. The membership voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers and directors.

Recording Secretary Amanda Becker reported on upcoming events where the Coalition could set up a booth and gift shop. Alleghany, Washington, Queen Anne's, Howard counties and Kent Island are places that she has inquired about.

The new gift shop pamphlet has been produced by Ms. Becker and the gift shop on the website will be completely updated by the webmaster Mrs. Nesmeyer.

There was no other New Business.

President Mason closed the meeting at 10:15 am .

Respectively submitted,

Amanda Becker

Recording Secretary

Book Review

Mapping & Documenting Cemeteries

Pamela Goffinet, Elkton, Maryland: PKGDeal, 2007. 96 pages, black and white photographs. Softbound, ISBN 978-1-4276-1850-4

Available from L PKGDeal-Pamela Goffinet, 293 Lewisville Rd., Elkton, MD 21921, Four-Dogs@gmail.com. \$29.95 plus \$3.00 for shipping.

Pamela Goffinet has assembled a “hot-to” manual for the systematic recording of cemeteries in her book, *Mapping & Documenting Cemeteries*. In a time when geographic information systems (GIS) technology dominates the cartographic industry, it is refreshing to see an “everyman” approach to mapping.

The book’s eleven chapters provide a step-by-step low-tech procedure to document cemeteries of any size. She notes the limitations of affordable electronic mapping technology and cost-prohibitive nature of GIS-based mapping and proceeds to explicate documentation methods that use everyday tools.

Chapter 1 and 2 cover the basic necessities for a project: the goals of the project and the tools needed. Chapter 3 presents the basics of her methodology. The book is copiously illustrated so that even the most mathematically- or geographically-challenged person can implement her approach. Goffinet’s approach is based on the English system of measurement. Her methods can be easily adapted to a metric approach in order to support field research.

Chapter 4 covers several troubleshooting approaches that deviate from the general methodology, such as using alternate mapping baselines and how to work around obstacles. Goffinet also does a good job of noting where practical inconsistencies in the field may require deviation from a set method as well as providing ways to avoid problems that on-ground realities create.

In Chapter 5, Goffinet changes the focus of the book from creating a grave marker map to updating an existing lot map. Again, the suggested methods are decidedly low-tech and easy to follow.

Chapter 6 covers the practical realities of transferring a field-made map to a more permanent and finished product. She also discusses approaches to integrating the low-tech fieldwork with more expensive mapping programs, where available.

Chapters 7 through 10 deal with collecting inscription data and establishing databases using readily

available software. Goffinet is also careful to ensure that her readers get a dose of cemetery dos and don'ts that bode well for preservation. She touches on how not to damage markers while collecting field data and then rounds out the chapters with advice on document preservation and data verification. Chapter 11 briefly provides suggested uses for the maps and data that is instructive.

The book is a manual, not a narrative. Goffinet sacrifices page space to ensure that the illustrations match the text. This layout minimizes page-turning for those who want visuals of the instructions. This contribution to cemetery literature does not advance the theoretical appreciation of cemetery research. However, it does provide the building blocks for collecting data necessary to analyze theory. Her method keeps taphology within reach of the avocational researcher and under-funded academic, not requiring technology that prices out everyone without a large research grant.

By: Ryan Seidemann

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News From Maryland Counties

Carroll County

Carroll County Times

Scouts honor veterans by placing flags on graves

By Bryan Schutt, Times Staff Writer

May 13, 2009

Twenty Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 320 in Manchester worked to keep an American Legion Post 200 tradition alive by placing American flags in front of approximately 170 graves at the New Lutheran Cemetery. The cemetery is located off Locust Street in Manchester. The Assistant Den Leader, Pete Johnston organized the activity for the Scouts as a way for them to learn about their community's role in history. Johnston told the reporter that, "It's about passing on traditions and remembering people that serve our nation." Den Leader Brian Singer said, "These veterans fought for our freedom. The Scouts enjoy it every day and often don't even think about its significance."

Summary by Diane Nesmeyer

Hampstead Cemetery Damage

The Carroll County Times of April 1 reported that two Hampstead teens were charged with \$32,000 in damage to tombstones at the Hampstead Cemetery. An eighteen year old male and a 17 year old male were charged with "trespassing, disorderly conduct in a cemetery, malicious destruction of property and destruction of funerary objects" as the result of an investigation by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred February 9th according to the article. The investigators found 19 headstones that had been toppled over and 3 of them were permanently damaged. Both teens were seen on a surveillance camera at a nearby convenience store and both had mud on their shoes and pants according to the Sheriff's office. Both apparently admitted to the damage at the cemetery.

The 17 year old is being treated as a juvenile according to the article. The case against the 18 year is still listed as active in the Maryland Judiciary Cases on the Internet. The newspaper reported that a trial is to be scheduled in District Court.

On a recent visit to the cemetery, I found no evidence of the incident. I have not located anyone responsible for the cemetery, so have not found how they funded the repairs. I hope that these teens will be doing some "service" hours in local cemeteries as at least part of their punishment.

Ann Horvath

Southern Maryland

The Washington Post

Calvert Headstones Preserve Memories, Personal Zest, By Paul Roberts, June 14, 2009

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/12/AR2009061204152_pf.html

In Gravestones, Remembrance Is an Art Form

By Paul Roberts, May 24, 2009

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/22/AR2009052203936.html>

For the past 10 years or so more tombstones in

Southern Maryland Cemeteries are being “designed to reflect the life interest [of the deceased] or [are] embellished with engravings that depict accomplishments or commitments of the person”. The “stones are becoming message boards that display reminders of happier moments.” Technology, such as sandblasting, lasers, and diamond wire saws, has helped promote this idea of preserving memories of the deceased. Other grave markers are being carved with a computerized saw.

“Maryland has many tombstone artists.” Some are self-taught and others have obtained their degree from an art school such as the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Some work independently and others work for monument companies.

The Southern Maryland Extra (of the Washington Post) is in the process of showing examples of these “artistic” tombstones in Charles County. The article indicated that future issues will also look at those in Calvert and St. Mary’s Counties.

Talbot County

The Star Democrat

Family seeks restoration of ‘lost’ cemetery

By Joy La Prade

August 1, 2008

Matt Redman of Chestertown and his family have been attempting to have their family cemetery recognized as their property and not belonging to the lot identified as 12705 Orchard Drive, Cordova. Mr. Redman’s 3rd great grandfather James Redman indicated the cemetery was to belong to the Redman family in perpetuity in a deed that sold his farm back in 1863 and that family members were “...entitled to ingress and egress upon the premises for the purposes of burial for James Redman and his family...”. Family members continued to be buried at the old farm [at least through 1892]. According to Mr. Redman, a title search or survey overlooked the cemetery reference approximately 20 years ago and subdivision developers partially destroyed the cemetery as well as the lot owners. At the time the land was subdivided in 1989 there was 5-foot high cement wall surrounding the cemetery. The developer tore down the wall and

in the process damaged some of the stones. The owners of the property then put down sod on top of the grave markers to cover the “unsightly” cemetery.

One descendant, Michaela Folsom, said, “It saddens me to think how the friends and relatives who buried these people would feel if they knew that their loved ones’ final resting place would some day disappear. It also makes me wonder how safe our current graveyards are from demolition sometime in the future. Who will watch over us when we are gone?”

Since 2000 Matt Redman has contacted state and county agencies for help. When the property went up for sale earlier this year [2008] Matt Redman hired an attorney who is preparing a lawsuit in the matter.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

Wicomico County

Wicomico County

Daily Times

Salisbury, MD

May 1, 2009

Christopher William Clarkson, age 31 of Deal Island was charged with 27 counts of “destroying funerary objects”. The cases were heard in the Wicomico County District Court by Judge R. Scott Davis and Clarkson was found guilty on all counts. He destroyed funeral objects in the Wicomico Memorial Park in Salisbury, MD. [Editors’ note: After a person is found guilty the Judge will set a separate sentencing hearing. According to Maryland law Mr. Clarkson is facing imprisonment for a period not to exceed 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.]

Summary Diane Nesmeyer with information provided by James Trader

New Members

Give a warm welcome to our new members for the Quarter ending June 30th:

Reginald M. Bishop of Harford County

Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House, Harford County <http://www.lockhousemuseum.org>

Gary and Amanda Wasielewski of Harford County (Gary was one of our Periwinkle Award recipients)

Our membership numbers have been dwindling the last several years. Do you know of someone that has an interest in cemeteries? Their interest doesn't have to be Maryland cemeteries. If so, let them know about the Coalition. Send them the link to our website. The more members we have the more we can do to help Maryland cemeteries.

The Board

The Silent Auction was a Success!

At the Annual Meeting we held our first ever Silent Auction. We asked for donations and you answered the call. We would like to thank Leonard Becraft, Brenda McNeal, Amanda Becker, Frances Becker, Nancy Willett, Melvin Mason, and the Nesmeyers. There were a number of cemetery-related items including books, a tote bag, and two rubbings that Brenda McNeal made of gravestones in Pennsylvania. [We were the winning bidders on one of the rubbings.] Other items included decorative bowls, a picture frame, lotions, a stamping kit, and men's watches. There was a bid made on every item and every item found a new home. Thanks to all who donated and all who bid on the items.

Diane Nesmeyer

Board Meeting Notice

The next quarterly Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th, 2009 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library, 9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD.

Coalition's Outreach

Amanda Becker has taken charge of one aspect of the Coalition's Outreach programs: She is finding events in the Maryland area in which the Coalition can appear and set up its display, distribute membership applications, and answer questions.

On May 23rd the Coalition appeared at the Beckwith United Methodist Church Strawberry Festival in Cornersville, Dorchester County. Members Lora Lake, Amanda Becker as well as Francis Becker attended on behalf of the Coalition. The following is Amanda's report:

The sunny day began at 5:00 a.m. when we left Kent Island for the hour's long drive to the festival. We were told to arrive early and early we arrived. Strawberry booths and flea market tables abounded when arrived after 6:00 a.m. Early shows the type of atmosphere of Maryland's Eastern Shore. The wind was coming off the bay from the west so we had to rearrange gift shop items and the Coalition Logo Sign so things would not blow down or away.

Delectable Eastern Shore fresh strawberries, Maryland beaten biscuits, delicious chicken sandwiches and strawberry pies were on the menu (food is always a perk for those helping at Coalition events). Live music, miniature horses, raffles, a silent auction, fabulous flea market finds and very interested and concerned cemetery visitors roamed the grounds of the Neck District Fire Company where the festival was held.

We learned that the Fire Company owns a cemetery in the woods behind the fire hall. As we were dressed for the summery breezes we were not able to go poke around in the woods. (NOTE to cemetery enthusiasts – always have appropriate clothes on hand if the opportunity arises to go on a cemetery hike.)

Aleta Heineman, the chair of this event, invited us back to the Apple Festival in the fall. We will be sure to be ready for the walk to the fire house cemetery then. The visitors had heard of people fixing the Hooper's Island cemeteries (also in Dorchester County) and thought we were involved with that group. Lora and Amanda explained that the Coalition's mission is to educate people about preserving and conserving cemeteries and making the Maryland cemetery laws stronger.

Frances always helpful - ran errands, took money for t-shirts, and made sure we had suntan lotion and hats on. Frances is not even a member of the Coalition – yet. When the sun was overhead at 1:00 p.m. and the strawberries were all eaten we visited a windmill, a tenant house and a schoolhouse down the road and left Coalition pamphlets at the Dorchester Historical Society before the three tired, but happy helpers went back to Kent Island and Montgomery County, respectively.

On July 11th the Coalition will be at the Susquehanna Lockhouse Museum's Pirate Invasion in

Havre de Grace. For more information visit <http://www.lockhousemuseum.org>.

The Coalition will be at the Hands-On-History event in Howard County this summer. The dates were not finalized at the time the Courier was released for publication.

On August 8th the Coalition is tentatively scheduled to be at the Peach Festival in Dorchester County. More information can be found at

<http://www.tourdorchester.org/event.php?eventid=43>

On October 10th and 11th the Coalition will be attending the 52nd Old Princess Anne Days in Princess Anne, Somerset County. The event takes place at the Teackle Mansion, home of the Somerset County Historical Society. The event is described as an 1812 Heritage Festival with an historic house and garden tour, craft demonstrations, a military encampment, music, children's activities, and the Coalition's display. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. There are pictures of the 2005 event on Flickr at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jennsjournal/sets/1152321/>

If you are interested in helping out please contact me at (301) 253-2688 or acedgehill@hotmail.com.

Amanda Becker

Previous Annual Meetings

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, several members were sitting together mapping the locations of the previous Annual Meetings. A few days later the Kraskes wondered if this was actually the 18th annual meeting of the Coalition or not. After some research I determined that it was indeed the 18th Annual Meeting. Our website has information about the meetings starting in 2000 and a number of our members put their collective memories together and came up a list for the rest of the meetings beginning in 1992:

1st Annual in 1992 – Meeting was held at the Columbia Hilton and David Roberts spoke about gravestone restoration.

2nd Annual in 1993 – Meeting was held in Ocean City.

3rd Annual in 1994 – Meeting was held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hancock.

4th Annual in 1995 – Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Annapolis.

5th Annual in 1996 – Meeting was held in Cumberland.

6th Annual in 1997 – Meeting was held at the Miller Library in Ellicott City with a tour of Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore.

7th Annual in 1998 – Meeting was held at Christ United Methodist Church in Salisbury with a walking tour of Parson's Cemetery.

8th Annual in 1999 – Meeting was held in Charles County Community College in LaPlata with a visit to St. Ignatius Church and Graveyard in Port Tobacco.

9th Annual in 2000 – Meeting was held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick with a visit to Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

10th Annual in 2001 – Meeting was held at the Cecil County Historical Society in Elkton with a visit to St. Mary Anne's Church and Graveyard located in North East.

11th Annual in 2002 – Meeting was held at Blue Point Grille Restaurant in Ellicott City with a visit to Old St. Paul's Cemetery in Baltimore.

12th Annual in 2003 – Meeting was held at Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown with a tour of Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown.

13th Annual in 2004 – Meeting was held at Tidewater Inn and Conference Center with a tour of Old White Marsh Cemetery in Trappe.

14th Annual in 2005 – Meeting was held at the Glenview Mansion in Rockville with a tour of Rockville Cemetery.

15th Annual in 2006 – Meeting was held at Holiday Inn with a visit to the gravestone of Captain William Carhart.

16th Annual in 2007 – Meeting was held at the New Windsor Conference Center in New Windsor.

17th Annual in 2008 – Meeting was held at the Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring with a visit to Mutual Memorial Cemetery, Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Sandy Springs Friends Meeting House and Cemetery, and Sandy Spring.

18th Annual in 2009 – Meeting was held at St. George's Church and Spesutia Cemetery in Perryman.

Now the question begs, where do we go next year? Ideas?

Diane Nesmeyer

Green Mount Cemetery Walking Tours

The next set of walking tours through historic Green Mount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, October 10, 17, 24, 31 - \$ Opened in 1839 as the city's first urban-rural cemetery, Green Mount is the final resting place of Johns Hopkins, Enoch Pratt, William and Henry Walters, Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Theodore McKeldin, John Wilkes Booth, Betsy Patterson, Walter Lord, and other famous Marylanders. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. from the main gate located at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street, and are led by Baltimore historian Wayne R. Schaumburg. For information, call 410-256-2180 or e-mail: wschaumburg@earthlink.net. [Copied from <http://home.earthlink.net/~wschaumburg/>]

UPI.com

Squirrel stealing flags at Michigan cemetery

Published May 30, 2009

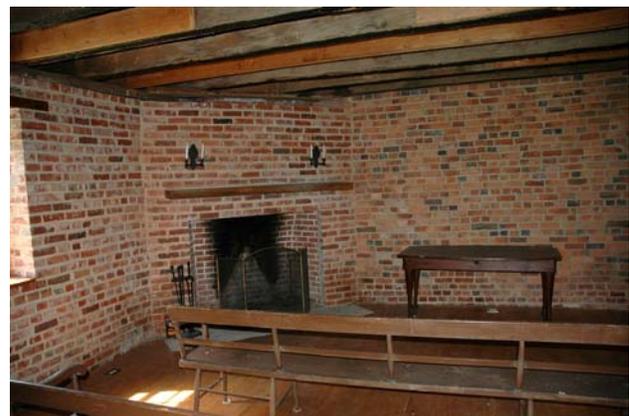
http://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2009/05/30/Squirrel-stealing-flags-at-Mich-cemetery/UPI-12891243709217/

The superintendent for Mount Hope Cemetery in Port Huron, MI eye-witnessed a squirrel run off with a flag from one of the grave sites. Ron Ceglarek followed the squirrel and watched as the critter scampered up the tree to its nest. Evidently, the squirrel has no problem separating the flag from the wooden staff and with 965 veterans in the cemetery the squirrel has an almost endless supply to line its nest. At the time this story was written the squirrel had only made off with a dozen of the small flags placed at the grave sites for Memorial Day. [Note: We realize this article is not about a Maryland Cemetery. We thought it entertaining so decided to include the summary.]

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer



The interior of the St. George's Church



The interior of the Vestry



Sometimes the only way to read a stone is to get close.

COALITION GIFT SHOP SALES!!!!!!!

ONLY 1-PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE –TOTE BAG LEFT! First one to contact Amanda Becker at acedgehill@hotmail.com has a great green, environmental tote bag! \$12.50

OUT OF PRINT BOOKS – ONLY 2 LEFT – CEMETERIES AND GRAVEMARKERS by Richard Meyer \$30.00. Nice summer reading.

EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN WILDFLOWERS by Louis Linn \$15.00

By a Maryland artist – beautiful watercolors- easy cemetery flower identification. Great for summer reading or a wedding present.

T-SHIRTS

EVERY COALITION MEMBER SHOULD HAVE OUR FOREST GREEN PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE T-SHIRT. SHORT SLEEVE \$15.00 each

SPECIFY SIZE

WE HAVE A LARGE VARIETY OF BLACK T-SHIRTS FROM Edgar Allen Poe – the birthday boy this year 200 years. Also ones on time flies, crabs, winged effigy, and Celtic crosses. \$15.00 each. Specify size.

And to clean up after your summer gardening in the cemeteries, but tombstone shaped soaps. Smell good while supporting the Coalition!!!! \$3.50 each

NEW BOOK NOT ON GIFT SHOP LISTING –

GRAVE MATTERS – BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHIC BOOK OF FAMOUS PEOPLE (**ONLY TWO AVAILABLE**) – FIRST TO CONTACT Amanda at acedgehill@hotmail.com receives a great book for \$25.00

**STIMULATE THE ECONOMY OF THE COALITION
TODAY!**

The Courier

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The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition's Objectives

The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:

Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.

Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.

Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.

Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites--Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.

Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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2009 Publication Deadlines

Spring	March 15, 2009
Summer	June 15, 2009
Fall	September 15, 2009
Winter	December 15, 2009

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held quarterly and scheduled by the President. Meetings are first posted on the Coalition's Web Site and announced in the issue of the Courier published just prior to the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

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