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2015 Periwinkle Awards
The Periwinkle Award recognizes outstanding personal effort and perseverance to help save a historic cemetery. Our symbol, Periwinkle or Vinca Minor, is a durable flowering ground cover that often graced 18th and 19th century cemeteries as an alternative to grass. Over the years, CPMBS has honored more than 50 individuals and organizations for exemplary cemetery projects throughout the State of Maryland.

2015 Periwinkle Award recipients:

Glenn Wallace, Monocacy Cemetery, Beallsville, in Montgomery County, was honored for developing a database that documents 5,400 interments and is a model for all of us. His work at this beautiful rural cemetery has spurred a commitment to preservation and to expanding educational opportunities at the property.

www.monocacycemetery.com

Rose Hill Cemetery, in collaboration with the City of Hagerstown, in Washington County, was recognized for a walking tour map of Hagerstown in the Civil War and for a tour map of Rose Hill Cemetery that highlights individuals important in Washington County history. Accepting the award was Stephen Bockmiller.

www.rosehillcemeteryofmd.org

City of Hagerstown, in Washington County, was honored for its new ordinance that protects burial sites in the development review and construction processes, and for an inventory and map of all known human cemeteries. This provides an excellent standard and initiative that other jurisdictions can follow.

www.hagerstownmd.org

Board of Directors Meetings:
• Saturday, September 19
  1:15-3:15 pm
  Miller Library, Ellicott City
• Saturday, November, 2015
  1:15-3:15 pm
  Date and location TBD

25th Annual Meeting & Statewide Conference:
• Saturday, April 30, 2016
  Howard County Conservancy
  Carriage house at Belmont, Elkridge, MD

Gravestone Preservation Workshops:
• September 26, 2015
  Martinsburg, West Virginia
• September 28-30, 2015
  Minneapolis, Minnesota

(Details on Page 6)
Sources of Records: Cemeteries, Deaths, and Burials
by Tina Simmons, 2015, for Anne Arundel Genealogical Society and Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.

Where to look for information:
- Family records
  - Bible records
  - Published family histories
  - Reunion newsletters
- Newspaper obituaries
- Funeral homes (often list extensive biographical and cemetery information)
- Monument companies and stonemasons
- Cemetery caretakers and gravediggers
- County planning and zoning offices
- Maryland State Archives in Annapolis (msa.maryland.gov) at the Archives
  - Death certificates (view actual certificate; earliest dates vary by county and how they are arranged)- not available online:
    - Certified copies ($25 fee)
    - Print copy (self-printed copy from computer) $1 fee
  - View/photograph information on Archives computers (free)
- Death Records Index-Quick Links, then Maryland Vital Records, then Search (limited information: name, county, and death date available online)
- Reference & Research-Quick Links, then Death Records: [http://guide.mdsa.net/viewer.cfm?page=death]- not available online
  - Colonial Death records, Parish Registers, County Circuit Court, Baltimore City, County records, and State records
- Land records- Quick Links ([https://mdlandrec.net/main/]) from anywhere with password
- Church records
  - Funeral records
  - Cemetery records
  - Church histories
  - Church anniversary booklets
  - Possibly copies of individual’s funeral programs
- Genealogical or historical society libraries
- Genealogy websites:
  - Family Search ([https://familysearch.org]) (free)
  - Find-A-Grave ([www.findagrave.com]) (free)
  - Interment.net ([www.interment.net]) (free)
  - ([http://www.idreamof.com/cemetery/md/]) (free)-for Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot & Wicomico county cemeteries
  - GenWeb: Maryland genealogy sites: ([http://www.mdgenweb.org/]) (free)
  - Ancestry (subscription at ancestry.com)
    - Free version “Heritage Quest” thru county library system using your card
    - Available free at Family Search libraries
  - BillionGraves ([http://billiongraves.com/pages/search]) (subscription, free 7-day trial)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints family history centers in Maryland:
  - Annapolis: Annapolis Maryland Family History Center, 1875 Ritchie Hwy., Annapolis, Maryland 21409-6229, 1-410-757-4173
  - Baltimore: Baltimore Maryland Family History Center, 120 Steemmers Run Rd., Baltimore, Maryland 21221-3403, 1-410-686-8481
  - Bel Air: Harford County Public Library, 100 E Pennsylvania Ave., Bel Air, Maryland 21014 1-410-638-3151
  - Ellicott City: Columbia Maryland Family History Center, 4251 Columbia Rd., Ellicott City Maryland 21042-6009, 1-410-465-1642
  - Frederick: Frederick Maryland Family History Center, 199 North Place, Frederick, Maryland 21701-6277, 1-301-698-0406
  - Germantown: Seneca Maryland Family History Center, 18900 Kingsview Rd., Germantown, Maryland 20874-1413, 1-301-972-5897
  - Hampstead: Maryland Family History Center, 4117 Lower Beckleysville Rd., Hampstead, Maryland 21074-2228, 1-410-374-1301
  - Hancock: Hancock Maryland Family History Center, 200 Douglas Ave., Hancock, Maryland 21750-1008, 1-301-678-6007
  - Kensington: Washington DC Family History Center, 10000 Stoneybrook Dr., Kensington, Maryland 20895, 1-301-587-0042
  - La Vale: Cumberland Maryland Family History Center, 12205 Garnick Rd. SW, La Vale, Maryland 21502-6134, 1-301-724-1609
- Obituaries:
  - Legacy.com ([www.legacy.com])
  - Obituary Central ([www.obitcentral.com])
  - Obits Archive.com ([www.obitsarchive.com])
  - Free obituaries on-line: ([http://www3.sympatico.ca/bkinnon/obit_links2.htm])
  - Lineage societies (such as Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution)
  - Local residents
  - Maps (local, atlas, topographic)
  - Maryland Census Mortality Schedules: 1850 and 1860 (for Allegany County) ([http://www.mortalityschedules.com/]) list who died in 12 months preceding census taking.

Internet sources of information on various aspects of deaths and burials:
- Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. ([www.rootsweb.ancestry.com])
- Office of Cemetery Oversight (handle complaints, laws, licensing, etc. regarding Maryland commercial cemeteries): ([http://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/cem/])
- All sorts of information about dead bodies: ([http://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-451.html]) (Developed for Nevada but covers more information than you would ever want to know!)
- Old disease names found on death certificates: ([http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ar/county/greene/olddiseases1.htm])
- What different crosses represent: ([http://www.seiyaku.com/customs/crosses/index-all.php?Spacing=20])
- Social Security Death Index (SSDI) birth and death dates and last known location: ([http://www.stevenmorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html])
- Fordham University's Burial Database Project of Enslaved African Americans: ([http://www.vanishinghistory.org/about.html])

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Allegany County:

On July 4, the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization unveiled an information monument at the grave of American Revolutionary War soldier Lt. Col. Moses Rawlings. The gravesite is located in Rose Hill Cemetery in Cumberland. Rawlings’ important role in the Revolution is outlined at www.chco-online.org

Baltimore County:

In June 2012, the Granite Historical Society wrote a letter to the Session (governing body) of the Granite Presbyterian Church. We were requesting permission to erect a fence to preserve and protect a small burial plot on the church property, known as Historic Granite Cemetery. This burial site, which existed prior to the church incorporation in 1844, was documented in the 1960s and again in 1973. In 2012, we discovered that one of the tombstones was missing, and the Historical Society decided to see about getting it protected. In the course of measuring for a fence, we uncovered another tombstone 90 percent buried under the soil. In researching the deeds, there were numerous references to a burial plot measuring 4 square perches. Our own measurements found an approximately 15’ x 50’ rectangular plot, which would include the six stones and possibly several others.

The Granite Presbyterian Church property consists of the building site, parking lot, a large cemetery, pavilion and picnic area, fields, and small wooded areas. The older burial plot is located next to the pavilion and picnic area in a small grove of trees. It is not connected to the large cemetery but is only steps away.

After the church denied the Granite Historical Society’s request in 2012, our group again presented the project in June 2014. This time we agreed to pay for fencing and a memorial plaque, explaining that this would hopefully prevent any further damage and also recognize the sacredness of the site. Both times our request was denied based solely on long-term costs and difficulty of maintenance. We had originally explained that every new burial adds another few minutes of maintenance and that several more minutes for this small site should not be such a hindrance.

Kristin Lee Kraske of CPMBS also visited the site and wrote a letter of recommendation for them to allow us to help protect this site. [In her letter, Kristin suggested that the older burial site could be protected from further accidents generated by close-by activity by allowing GHS to pay for a fence and by removing a hazardous tree before it damages stones, other trees, a neighboring property, or persons in the area at the time it falls.]

I am shocked at my church and congregation for their refusal and the reasoning behind it. Perhaps someone can help me understand this, and if anyone has any suggestions or answers, please let me know.

Beverly M. Griffith, Granite Historical Society, August 2015

Montgomery County:

The Chevy Chase Chapter of the DAR is busy this fall. On Saturday, September 26, at 10:30 am in Rockville Cemetery, the Chapter will mark the grave of Revolutionary War patriot Henry Hilleary with traditional ceremony. (rain date Sunday at noon) The public is invited. On Sunday, October 11, the Chapter will conduct a DAR workday at Higgins Cemetery in Rockville.

On September 12, a Historic Bike Tour of Rockville (sponsored by Peerless Rockville and the Rockville Bike Advisory Committee) visit Rockville Cemetery and other local sites. Guides will point out historic highlights at each of the sites.

Rockville Cemetery Association recently upgraded its website—www.rockvillecemeterymd.org
Cemetery advocates — individuals and organization representatives — gathered on Saturday, May 2, in Howard County to share information, congratulate successful outcomes, commiserate about poor situations, and to strengthen their resolve to protect cemeteries throughout Maryland.

The Shrine of St. Anthony in the countryside between Ellicott City and Clarksville provided a lovely setting for the day. The stone manor house named “Folly Quarter” by the Carroll family was purchased by the Franciscan Friars in 1928. Since then the property has been known for its novitiate, chapel, shrine building of Maryland marble, courtyard, and acres of rolling hills and woodlands.

The membership elected new directors Fred Dorsey (Howard County) and Jack Carson (Montgomery County), and thanked Tom Mason for his service. Reelected were treasurer Gerhardt Kraske, and directors Barbara Kraske, Kristin Kraske. A complete list of 2015-2016 Officers and Directors is on page 7. 2015 Periwinkle Awardees are described on page 1.

Dave Mills reported for the Outreach Committee that our new Logo featuring an obelisk and the state map is now in circulation. Rack cards, with basic information about the Coalition, are being distributed. Discussions about increasing CPMBS visibility and effectiveness are continuing; currently the public knows us through the Courier, website, and activities. Recently completed Cemetery Investigation Reports include Westview Memorial Park, Stoddert Family Cemetery, Worthington-Marcella Cemetery, and St. Stevens Cemetery; the committee will consider what follow-up steps need to be taken. Committee members include Melvin Mason, Dave Mills, Robert Mosko, and Ed Taylor.

At the annual gathering, two speakers and the Open Forum provided opportunities to hear about current items in cemetery preservation in Maryland. Tina Simmons, Cemetery Chair of the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, described what she has learned in 25 years of research; see her article on page 2 for details. Marilyn Harris-Davis, director, spoke about the responsibilities and challenges of her Maryland Office of Cemetery Oversight. Title: OCO Activities, new Regulations, Legislation, and Direction. She responded to a variety of questions and comments on topics of concern — enforcement of perpetual care commitments, abandoned and neglected cemeteries, protection of pet cemeteries, issues with church ownership — and pledged a closer relationship with cemetery advocates.

Sandra Wright and her energetic helpers laid out tables full of items for bidders on the Silent Auction. Leonard Becraft’s canna roots and fresh vegetables were missing this year, but winners took home household items, books, artwork, and more.

After lunch at St. Anthony’s, many of us moved to nearby Linthicum Chapel Cemetery to enjoy a tour led by Richard Raver, president of its Board of Directors. The cemetery dates from 1907, when farmers in the Clarksville area opened a common burial ground that was not associated with any denomination. The still-active cemetery currently holds about 370 interments.

All told, it was a good day. Next year’s annual gathering — the Coalition’s 25th — will be held on April 30, 2016, at the Howard County Conservancy, in the carriage house at Belmont, in Elkridge. Speak up if you can help to plan our annual day full of talks, walks, awards, and networking!
Ask The Conservator

Question:
Tim Mertz, treasurer of Rockville Cemetery Association, asked: Why does a conservator cost more than my local monument company?

Response:
All of us want the most work from a contractor for the least amount of money. Hiring a specialized cemetery conservator is no different, but it usually seems to be the most expensive option. So, the question is... Why?

The answer is not simple, but it can be summarized as knowledge, skill, materials, and time..... Knowledge meaning level of education, background, and familiarity with the latest materials, methods, and techniques. Skill, how many cemeteries and stones the conservator has actually preserved and the complexity of the style of stone and its treatment. Materials, both synthetic and natural, their uses and applications along with their limitations. Time, the amount required to complete the treatment. It takes on average three days and in some cases as long as a month depending upon the style of stone and complexity of the damage.

Certain standards and disciplines must be practiced. Documentation must be conducted, the object needs to be handled as little as possible, the repair has to appear as inconspicuous as possible, and the work must be able to be reversed without causing further damage to the original substrate yet be as permanent as possible.

A good experienced conservator will have a variety of tools, equipment, and materials within his inventory that enables him to properly practice these standards. One of his most important tools is the element of time. Repairing antiquated masonry, especially gravestones, requires time and patience. Repairs usually need to be completed in stages. Non-conservators do not recognize this. Local monument companies or dealers are definitely experts in their fields. They are knowledgeable about the latest materials, methods, and techniques that the monument industry has to offer. That's just it... the modern industry. Markers carved in 1823 or 1910 are not modern cemetery stones. In fact, depending upon its type and style, any stone that dates from the 1950s and earlier should be afforded the attention of a conservator. Not all antiquated gravestones can tolerate the application of modern adhesive materials that are utilized by the local monument companies and dealers.

Using materials that are not Ultra Violet light (UV)-intolerant and permeable (and subject to the ravages of soluble salts and moisture) often sets up for repair failure within a few years. A good conservator understands this and appreciates that they were not intended to be used in collaboration with other materials to shield and or protect them from the effects of UV, soluble salts, and moisture.

Most synthetic adhesives and/or epoxies are not UV-stable, meaning they cannot withstand UV light and fail within 18 to 24 months, whereas natural-based materials can last 50 or more years on average. Permeable materials allow movement through them. Most natural stone contains soluble salts, which sit dormant and remain dissolved when dry, but when wet crystalize and move to the surface of the masonry. The salts travel in the direction of the water and oxidize or harden when they reach the surface; this results in softening of the stone's surface patina, which is why marble so easily loses its polished or smoothed surface. Most synthetic adhesives and epoxies are not permeable; they do not allow for moisture and soluble salts to move easily through them. Instead, they trap them just below their surfaces, which in turn softens the masonry substrate to which the adhesive is bonded and causes it to lose its hold, resulting in failure of the repair.

The bottom line is that the conservator with the right amounts of experience and skill, knowledge of the materials, and being able to take time to do the work is likely to cost more than one who does not have the right amount or kind of experience, skill, and knowledge, or time to use them properly.

Robert Mosko, Chief Conservator
Mosko Cemetery Monument Services

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- eHow: How to move a grave site from one place to another: (http://www.ehow.com/how_8615831_move-grave-one-place-another.html)
- Institutional cemeteries: (http://institutionalcemeteries.org/)

Dis-interments & Re-interments
The most current copy of disinterment and re-interment information can be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland (1995): (http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000793/html/am793--2533.html)

Re-interments are handled differently in different jurisdictions. Check process for your specific area.

In general, “public notices” are posted in the legal section of newspapers regarding re-interments to notify potential relatives of the upcoming action.

A Disinterment/Re-interment Permit is sent by the funeral home to the county Attorney General’s office and the county Health Department (Office of Vital Records). Copies of these permits may not be kept very long. The health department sends the permit on to Maryland Division of Vital Records in Reisterstown, MD (410-763-3089), where records are only kept for a few years.

Moving bodies within the same site does not require permits. Commercial cemeteries who do extensive renovations routinely file permits.

Some funeral homes keep copies of burial permits or disinterments and reinterments with records of the burial.

(In Anne Arundel Code: Article 17, section 501-504 authorizes the County’s cultural resources staff to review site development activities for potential effects on archaeological sites, historic structures, cemeteries, and scenic and historic roads.)
CPMBS Board of Directors Meetings
Winter and Spring 2015

Major Actions

• 2015 General Assembly Session: The untimely death of Carolyn Jacobi inhibited a renewed effort for legislation to protect pet cemeteries the same as those where humans are buried (such as SB #1003, unsuccessful in 2014). Although the Coalition tracked cemetery-related bills filed in 2015, it reserved a full push for pet cemetery protection in the 2016 session.

James R. Trader Foundation: Since being informed of the legacy left to CPMBS to defend Maryland cemetery properties and advance cemetery protection and preservation in Maryland by Jim Trader, the Board has discussed options for this windfall. In 2014, the Board voted to incorporate the “Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites, Inc.” and then apply to the IRS for 501c3 status. CPMBS will remain the 501c4 it has always been. Trader Foundation incorporators John Higgins, Paul Miller, J. Patrick Warner, and Eileen McGuckian submitted paperwork to the State of Maryland in February, with John Higgins listed as Resident Agent. The Trader Estate distributed funds to legatees in February 2015.

Coalition Courier and Website: After discussion, the Board revised CPMBS By-laws to reduce the required number of Courier issues and to eliminate specific publication dates. It also agreed to summarize Board actions and to continue to reflect the urgent needs of cemeteries, “Ask the Conservator” column, and activities of cemetery friends throughout the State. Diane Nesmeyer will continue to post updates on the Coalition’s website, with text provided by Board members.

Future Board Meetings: Next meetings of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturdays September 19 and late fall, 2015, in a central Howard County venue.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Patrick Warner, secretary

Gravestone Preservation Workshops:

Gravestone Preservation
Martinsburg, WV • Old Norborne Cemetery
September 26 • 9 am-4 pm (fee includes lunch)
Presenter: Jonathan Appell
www.gravestoneconservation.com/
Learn how to safely clean, level and repair headstones and monuments. The workshop will teach basic conservation and repair techniques.

National Preservation Institute (2 Seminars)
Minneapolis, MN
Cemetery Preservation • Cemetery Landscapes
September 28-29 • September 30
See agendas at www.npi.org
Learn how to begin a cemetery preservation or restoration project and how to help ensure that sound choices are made to avoid harming what you seek to protect.
Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. — Standards

The Coalition Courier
The Coalition Courier is published thrice yearly by the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. Supporters of the Coalition receive the Courier as part of their membership.

CPMBS officers, the Board of Directors, and Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles for publication. They further invite members who write to the Courier and questions about any topic that pertains to burial sites—preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, documentation, and work of the Coalition. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered. All articles, questions, and items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the Post Office address or e-mailed to the editor at Phileen3@verizon.net.

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Objectives of the Coalition
The Coalition, through its members in each Maryland county, hopes to reach out to all areas of the state in order 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, and
- Conduct and raise funds for public education programs focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any organization, individual, or government agency concerned with preserving burial sites.

Officers and Board of Directors of the Coalition
The Board of Directors meets quarterly. Scheduled meetings are posted on the Coalition's web site and announced in the Courier as publication schedules permit. The Annual Meeting and State-wide Conference is held in late April-early May each year. The meeting includes election of new officers and Board members, committee reports, and presentation of Periwinkle Awards. Conference sessions cover topics of interest to individuals and organizations dedicated to protecting and preserving cemeteries in Maryland. A silent auction is featured. The Annual Meeting and Conference is open to the public.

Editor's Corner:
Articles and contributions for this issue by Beverly Griffith, Kristin Kraske, Dave Mills, Robert Mosko, Tina Simmons, Ed Taylor, Pat Warner, and Anne Allnutt are much appreciated.

Thanks to requests by Barbara Sieg and Ed Taylor, Governor Larry Hogan proclaimed May 24-31, 2015, as Family Remembrance Week in Maryland. First proclaimed in 1993, this may be reinstated as a CPMBS activity if volunteers are interested.

— Eileen McGuckian

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