Resurrecting Mount Auburn
A Research Project of the Maryland State Archives
WHY PRESERVATION?
CEMETERIES ARE COMMUNITIES

- Events of local or personal interest are documented in cemeteries
- Contain genealogical information not recorded elsewhere
- Document every day lives

Photograph attached to tombstone of Hilda McClellan (1938-1976), Mount Auburn Cemetery, Baltimore.
WHERE TO START?
CHALLENGES

Access & Safety
GOALS

1. Identify burials
2. Document tombstones
3. Associate burials and tombstones to landscape
4. Identify and preserve records
5. Make research publicly available
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Website hosting and domain registration
- Technical support for database and code design & management
- Storage of electronic files
- In-house scanning & preservation
- Research support
GOAL 1: IDENTIFY BURIALS

- Start with readily accessible public records
- Create database to capture data

BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS (Death Record) 12/1874-5/1875 No. 1-2830 [MSA CM1132-1 CR 48045]
LOCAL RESOURCES

• Death certificates
• Church records
• Online memorials
• Obituaries

Obituary

Addison White departed this life on March 17, 1912 at his late residence, 1114 Etting street, after a short illness. He was the beloved husband of Maggie White. His funeral was held from the above address on Tuesday, March 19, 1912 at 2 p.m. Rev. J. A. Holmes officiated. The deceased was a member of the Masons and Wise Men Lodges.

He was also a faithful servant for 23 years in the late Ex-Mayor Latrobe's family up until his death. Interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Find A Grave
RECONCILING DISCREPANCIES

Leonard Barlow (?-8 February 1925)

Death Certificate

Age: 30 year(s)
Death Date: 02/08/1925
Undertaker: John H. Toadvin
Cemetery: National Cemetery [Loudon Park National Cemetery]
Death Certificate: D95098
Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD
[MSA CM1132-158 CR 48201]

Carrie B. McKamey (?-1930)

Death Certificate

Death certificate information not yet included in project data. For additional information, please see Baltimore City death records available at the Maryland State Archives.

Comments

Remains were removed in 1947 by Mrs. Mattie Hunter to Mount Calvary Cemetery.

GOAL 2: Document Tombstones

• Locate and photograph each available tombstone
• Capture GPS coordinates
Progress To Date
GOAL 3: Associate Burials & Tombstones to Landscape

- Correlate photographs and GPS coordinates to database records.
- Render coordinates in Google maps
GOAL 4: IDENTIFY & PRESERVE RECORDS

- Identify collections held by local repositories (government & institutional)
- Assist church with preservation of remaining records
GOAL 5: MAKE RESEARCH PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

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