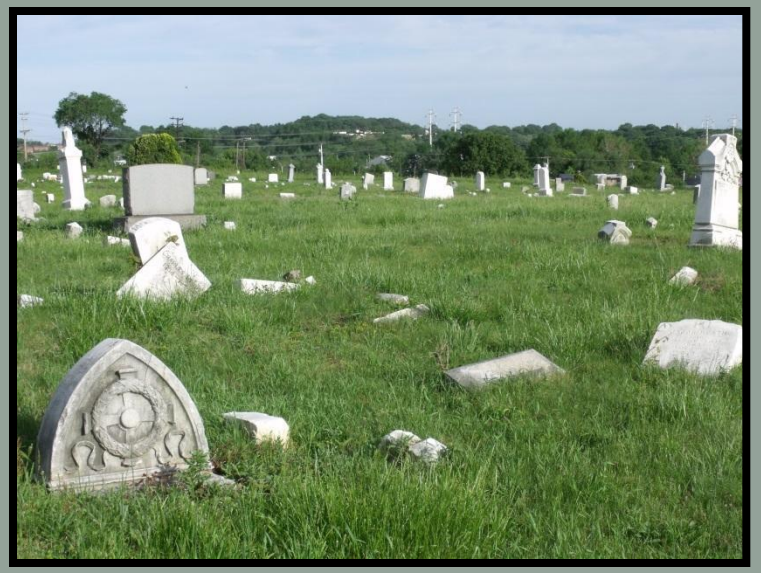
Resurrecting Mount Auburn
A Research Project of
the Maryland State Archives
SHARP STREET
CEMETERY
NEAR HULLVILLE
for single Interments.
TEN FEET WIDE TARTAR AVENUE TO BE LEFT OPEN
YOUNG AVENUE
JONES AVENUE
BROWN AVENUE
HOLLINS

WHY PRESERVATION?



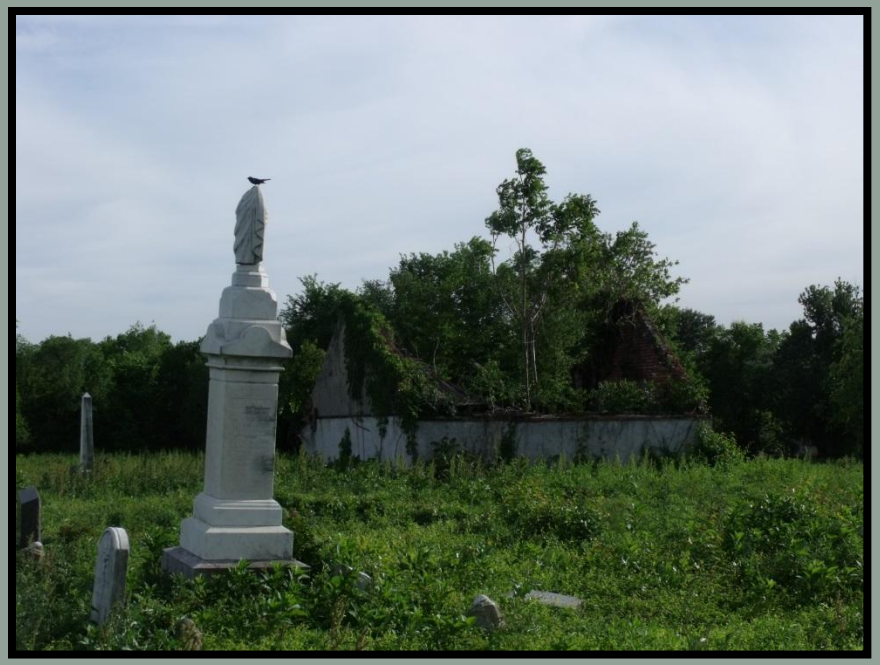
CEMETERIES ARE COMMUNITIES

- 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

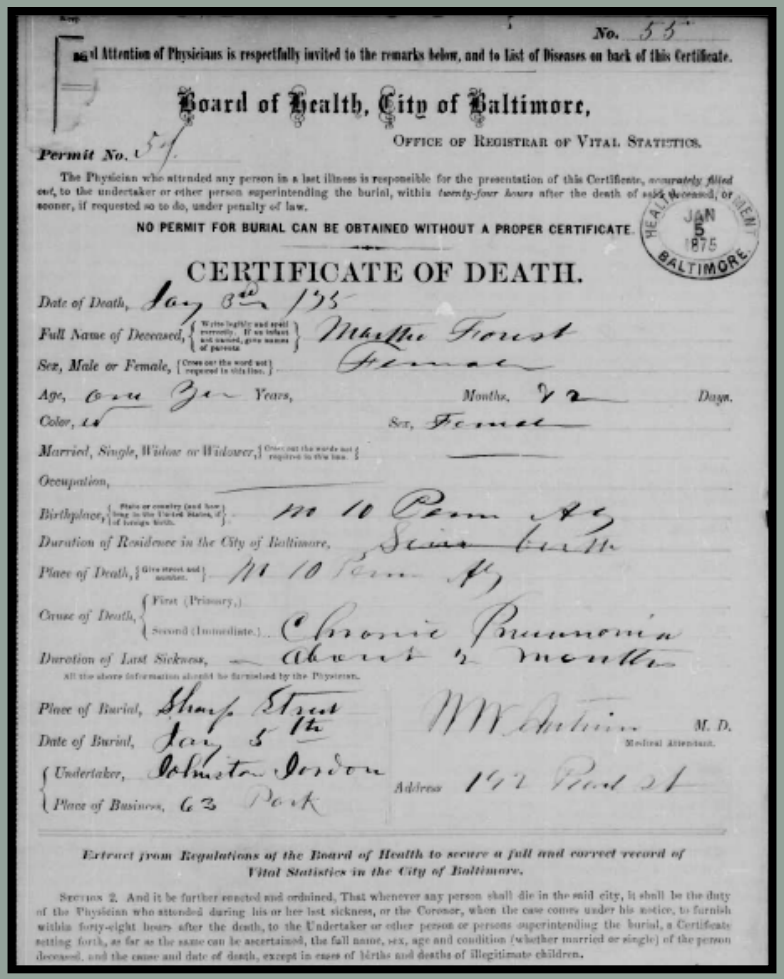
GOALS

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



No. 55

...al Attention of Physicians is respectfully invited to the remarks below, and to List of Diseases on back of this Certificate.

Board of Health, City of Baltimore,

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Permit No. 54

The Physician who attended any person in a last illness is responsible for the presentation of this Certificate, *accurately filled out*, to the undertaker or other person superintending the burial, within *twenty-four hours* after the death of said deceased, or sooner, if requested so to do, under penalty of law.

NO PERMIT FOR BURIAL CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT A PROPER CERTIFICATE.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT JAN 5 1875 BALTIMORE

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Date of Death, Jan 3rd 1875

Full Name of Deceased, (Write legibly and spell correctly. If an infant not named, give names of parents.) Martha Forest

Sex, Male or Female, (Cross out the word not required in this line.) Female

Age, One Year *Years,* *Months,* 22 *Days.*

Color, W *Sex,* Female

Married, Single, Widow or Widower, (Cross out the words not required in this line.)

Occupation,

Birthplace, (State or country (and how long in the United States, if of foreign birth.) No 10 Penn Ave

Duration of Residence in the City of Baltimore, Since birth

Place of Death, (Give street and number.) No 10 Penn Ave

Cause of Death, First (Primary,) Second (Immediate.) Chronic Pneumonia

Duration of Last Sickness, about 2 months

All the above information should be furnished by the Physician.

Place of Burial, Sharp Street

Date of Burial, Jan 5th

Undertaker, Johnston Jordon

Place of Business, 63 Park

W W Antrim M. D. Medical Attendant.

Address 192 Pearl St

Extract from Regulations of the Board of Health to secure a full and correct record of Vital Statistics in the City of Baltimore.

SECTION 2. And it be further enacted and ordained, That whenever any person shall die in the said city, it shall be the duty of the Physician who attended during his or her last sickness, or the Coroner, when the case comes under his notice, to furnish within forty-eight hours after the death, to the Undertaker or other person or persons superintending the burial, a Certificate setting forth, as far as the same can be ascertained, the full name, sex, age and condition (whether married or single) of the person deceased, and the cause and date of death, except in cases of births and deaths of illegitimate children.

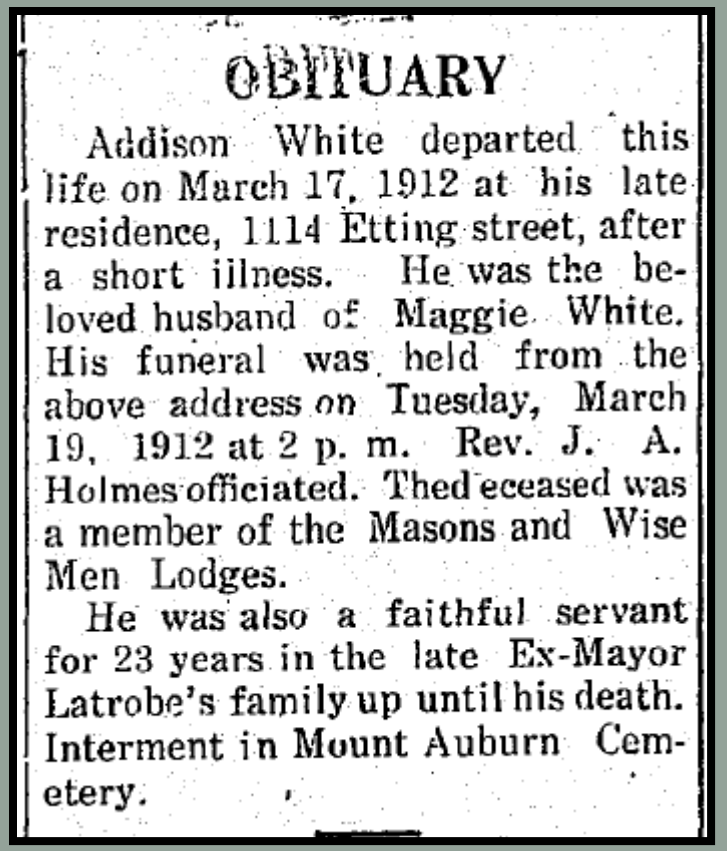
- Start with readily accessible public records
- Create database to capture data

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

FIND A GRAVE



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.

RECONCILING DISCREPANCIES

Legend

- Indicates entries where the grave marker has been located in the cemetery.
- Indicates removals from the cemetery.
- Indicates entries where a tombstone has not been located and a reference to burial in the cemetery cannot be confirmed by a combination of sources (i.e. death certificate, cemetery records, obituary, etc.).
- Indicates entries where a reference to burial in the cemetery (usually an obituary) is proven erroneous by other records.

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

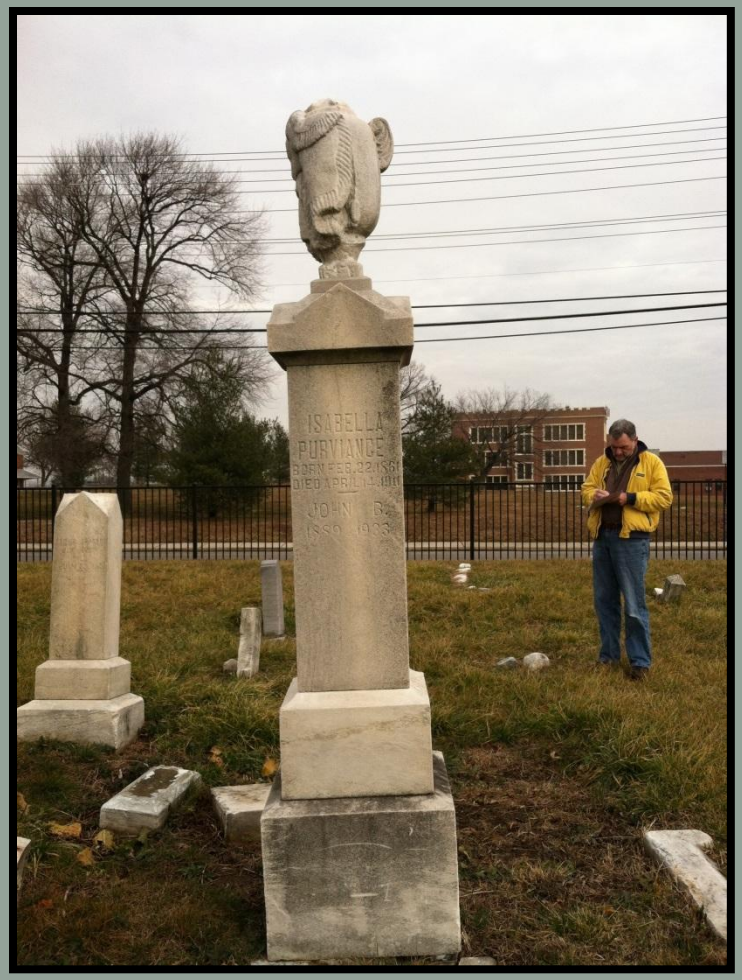
Death certificate information not yet included in project data. For additional information, please see Baltimore City death records available at the Maryland State Archives.

Comments

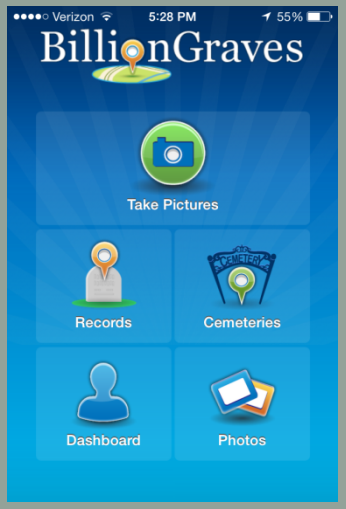
Remains were removed in 1947 by Mrs. Mattie Hunter to Mount Calvary Cemetery.

SEE: Dry Bones Rattled in Long Dispute over Cemetery Lots. New Yorker Ends Graves Arguements. Moves Deceased Relatives' Remains. *Afro-American* (Baltimore) 1 November 1947. http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=Zh0mAAAAIBAJ&sjid=vv0FAAAAIBAJ&dq=mount%20auburn&pg=4051%2C2527810

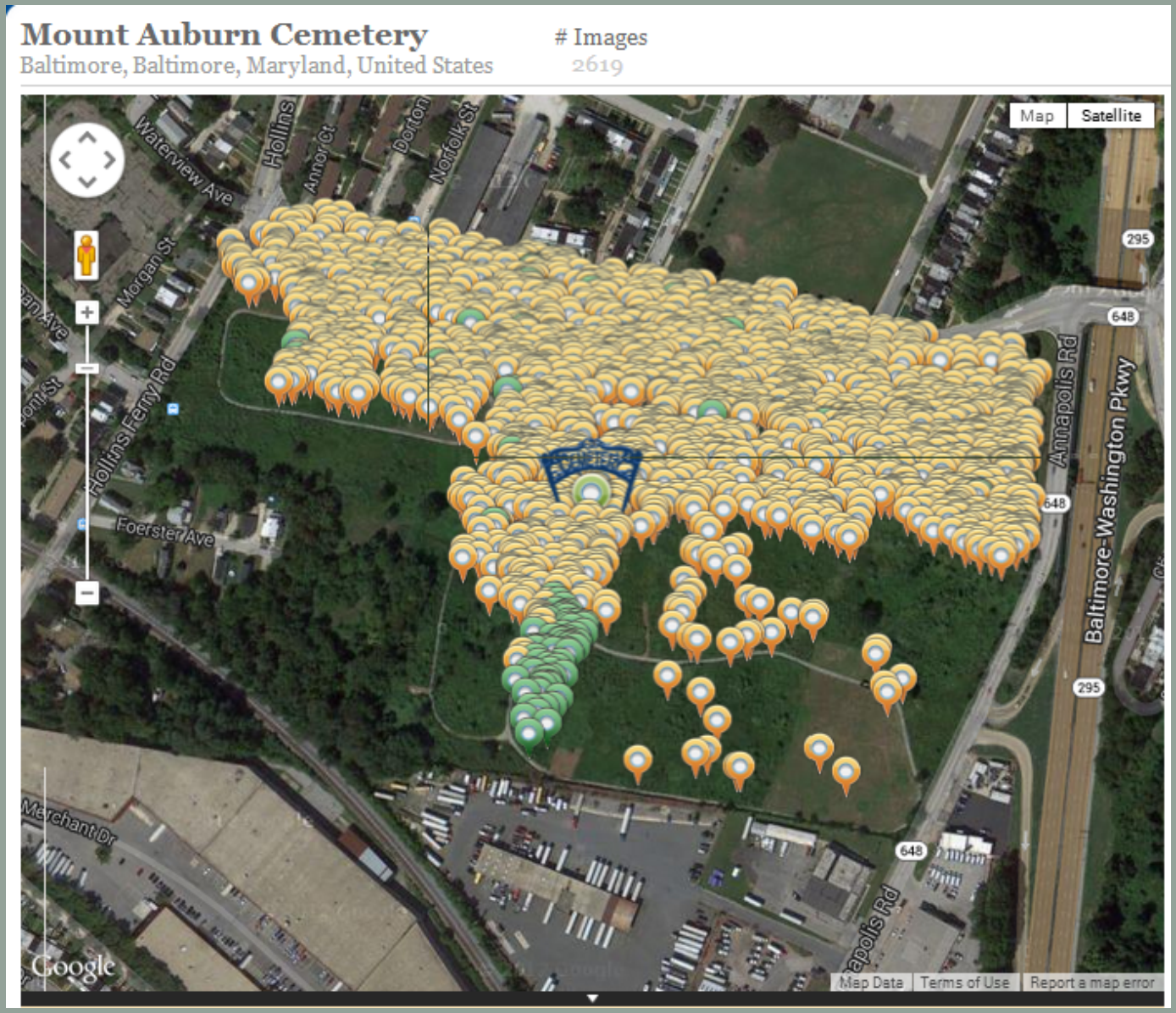
GOAL 2: DOCUMENT TOMBSTONES



- Locate and photograph each available tombstone
- Capture GPS coordinates

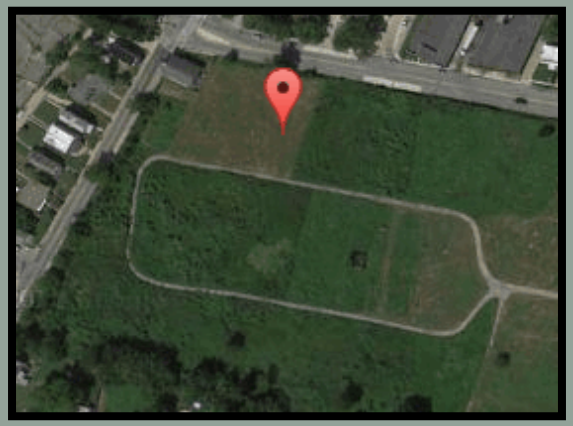


Progress To Date

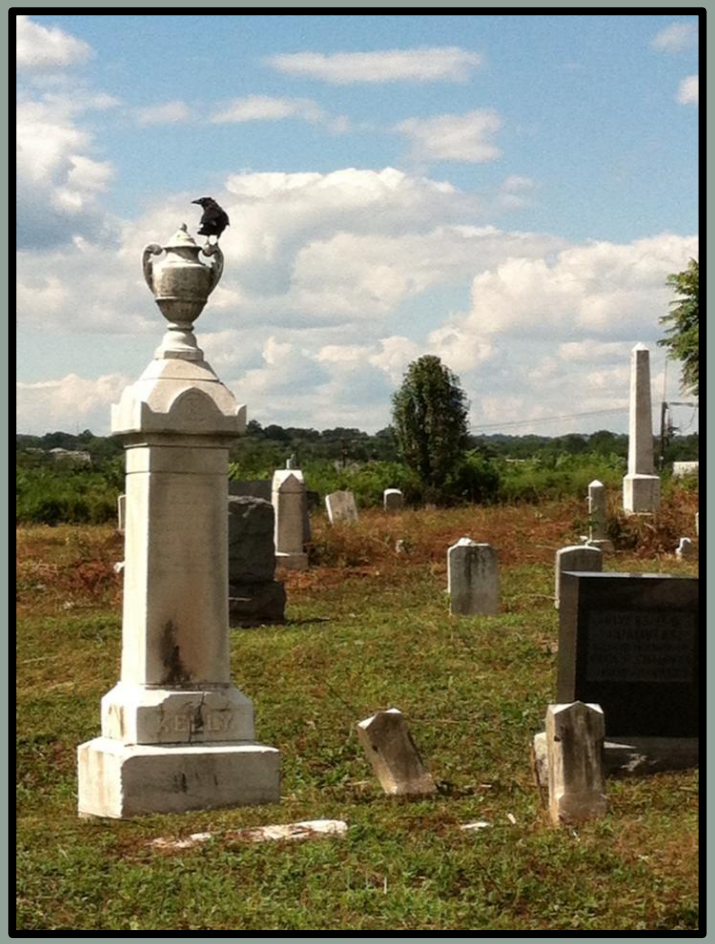


GOAL 3: Associate Burials & Tombstones to Landscape

- Correlate photographs and GPS coordinates to database records.
- Render coordinates in Google maps

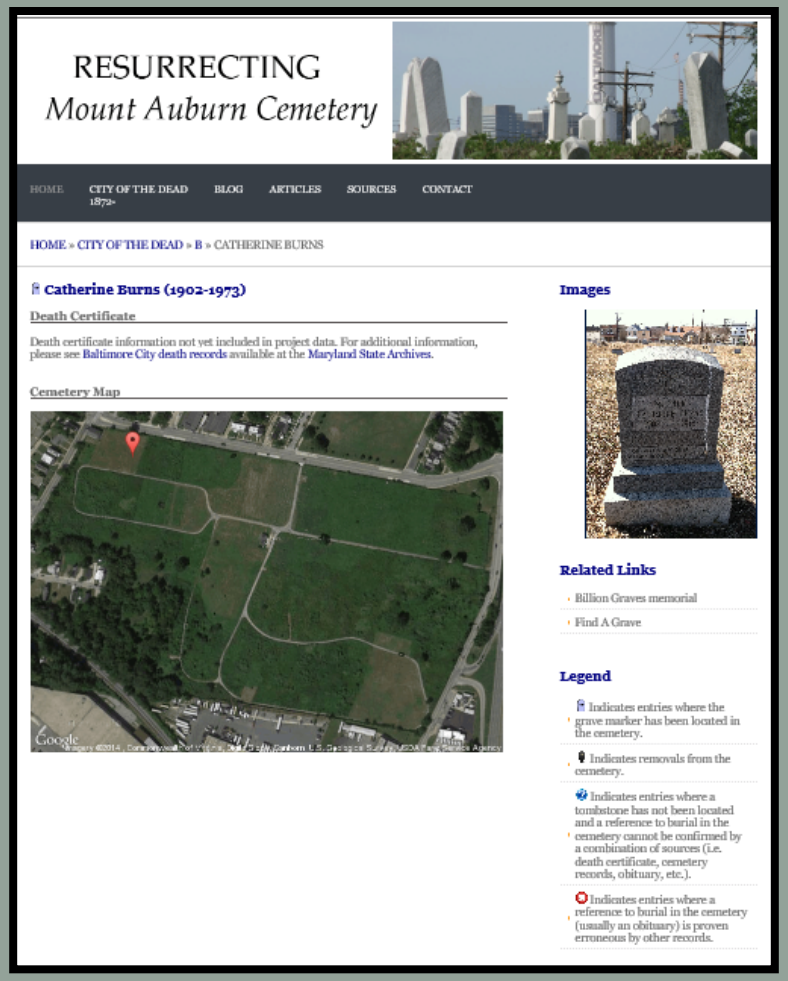


GOAL 4: Identify & Preserve Records



- 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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