

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Baker Cemetery - Grace United Methodist Church Cemetery Inventory Number: HA-1554
 Address: South side of Churchville, Rd., West of I-95 interchange, near Aberdeen. City: Aberdeen Zip Code: 21001
 County: Harford County USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, Maryland, 1985
 Owner: Aberdeen, Md 21001 Grace United Methodist Church - 110 W. Bel Air Ave.,
 Is the property being evaluated a district? NO

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Adams Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey dated July 1980

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed on January 17, 2003. Its condition was unchanged since the preparation of the Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form For State Historic Sites Survey prepared by Natalie Shivers, Harford County Historical District Commission, approximately July, 1980. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made January 17, 2003.

From the description, the property is a 5-1/2 acre cemetery that began as a Baker family burial place in 1888 and expanded to include friends of the family and later disinterred bodies from the cemetery of the Aberdeen M. E. Church on Route 40. At the center of the cemetery are the four prepossessing obelisks belonging to George W. Baker and his three sons. In addition, the property was originally described as

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR Program	_____ Date

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being in excellent condition. It was observed that this property appears unchanged from the description in the attached form.

Cemeteries are not normally considered to be eligible for historic registration, unless they are associated with major historic events or major historic personages, and so this cemetery is not considered to be eligible for registration under the terms of Criteria A or B. Further, nothing about the design or construction of the cemetery qualifies it for registration under the applicable terms of Criterion C. Finally, no known archaeological significance is associated with the property, making it ineligible for registration under Criterion D.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03

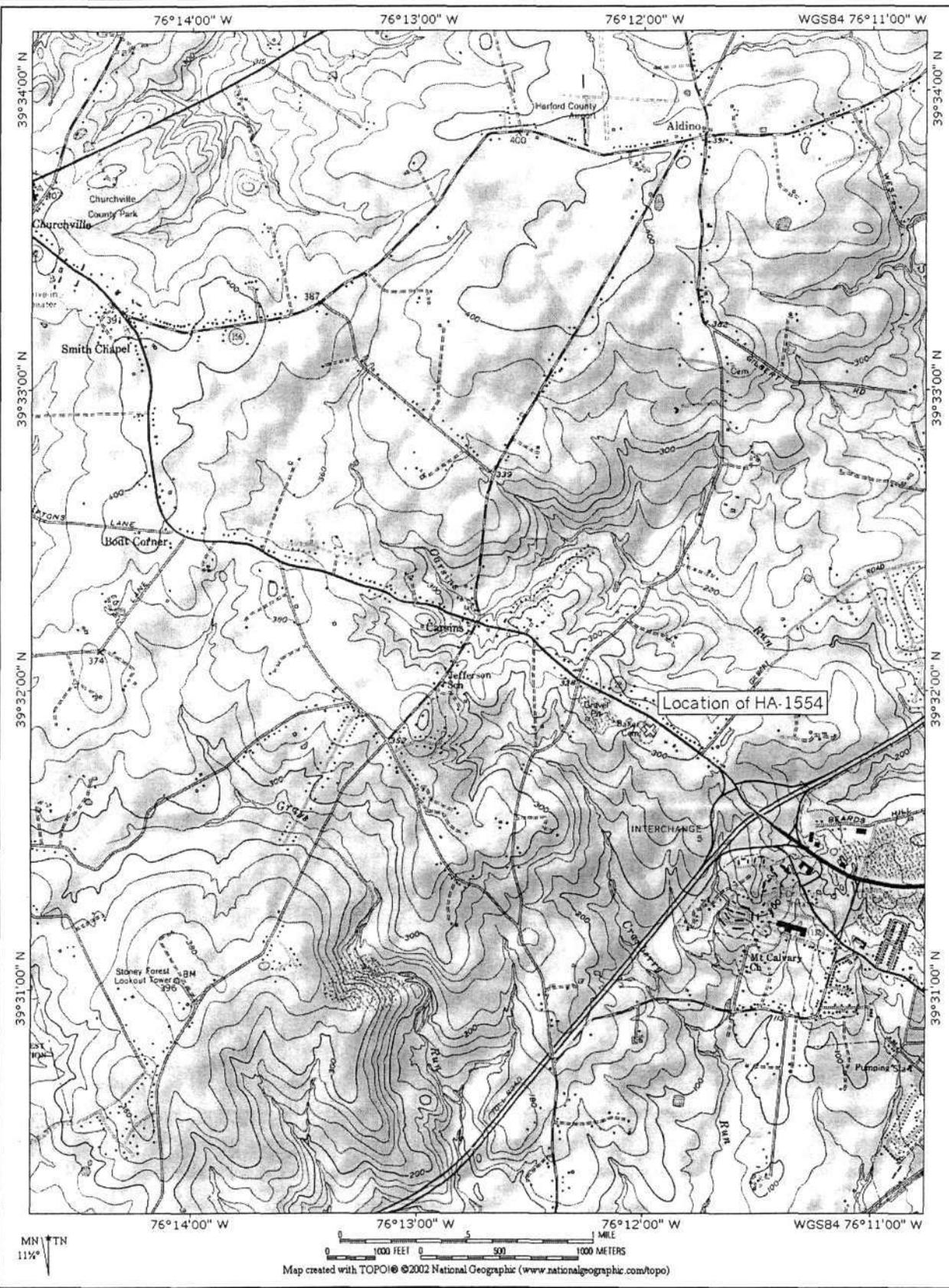
Filed under HA-987

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Photo Negative List - Adams Raw Land 09.75132.0272

Ordered by Property Number

Roll 1		Roll 2		Roll 3		Summary	No Photos- (Bldg. demolished, or not in survey area)
Neg	Property	Neg	Property	Neg	Property		
1-33	HA-1294	2-17	HA-0987	3-4	HA-1296	HA-0987	HA-988
1-34	HA-1294	2-18	HA-0987	3-5	HA-1296	HA-0989	HA-1295
1-35	HA-1294	2-19	HA-0987	3-6	HA-1296	HA-0991	HA-1304
1-36	HA-1294	2-2	HA-0989	3-7	HA-1297	HA-0998	HA-1313
1-1	HA-1533	2-3	HA-0989	3-8	HA-1297	HA-0999	
1-2	HA-1533	2-4	HA-0989	3-9	HA-1297	HA-1293	
1-3	HA-1533	2-11	HA-0991	3-10	HA-1297	HA-1294	
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1-5	HA-1533	2-13	HA-0991	3-2	HA-1554	HA-1297	
1-6	HA-1534	2-14	HA-0991	3-3	HA-1554	HA-1533	
1-7	HA-1534	2-15	HA-0991			HA-1534	
1-8	HA-1534	2-16	HA-0991			HA-1535	
1-9	HA-1534	2-33	HA-0998			HA-1536	
1-10	HA-1534	2-34	HA-0998			HA-1553	
1-11	HA-1534	2-35	HA-0998			HA-1554	
1-12	HA-1534	2-36	HA-0998			HA-1618	
1-13	HA-1534	2-25	HA-0999			HA-1875	
1-14	HA-1534	2-26	HA-0999				
1-23	HA-1535	2-27	HA-0999				
1-24	HA-1535	2-28	HA-0999				
1-25	HA-1535	2-29	HA-0999				
1-26	HA-1535	2-30	HA-0999				
1-27	HA-1535	2-20	HA-1293				
1-28	HA-1535	2-21	HA-1293				
1-29	HA-1535	2-22	HA-1293				
1-15	HA-1553	2-23	HA-1293				
1-16	HA-1553	2-24	HA-1293				
1-17	HA-1553	2-1	HA-1536				
1-18	HA-1553	2-5	HA-1536				
1-19	HA-1553	2-6	HA-1536				
1-20	HA-1553	2-7	HA-1536				
1-21	HA-1553	2-8	HA-1536				
1-22	HA-1553	2-9	HA-1536				
1-30	HA-1618	2-10	HA-1536				
1-31	HA-1618	2-31	HA-1875				
1-32	HA-1618	2-32	HA-1875				



SITE VICINITY MAP
Aberdeen, MD Quadrangle
SCALE: As Shown



Property Condition Assessment
HA-1554_Baker Cemetery-Grace UM
Church
Aberdeen, MD 21001



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BAKER / GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY
SOUTH SIDE CHURCHVILLE RD, WEST OF I-95 EXIT
ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO,
MD 21001

PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVER 01.17.03

NEG @ MID SHPO

VIEW FROM CHURCHVILLE RD, R34-05_042

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BAKER CEMETERY
GRACE UMC
ABERDEEN, MD 21001
01.03

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Photo Gallery, 01/29/03



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BAKER/GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY
SOUTH SIDE CHURCHVILLE RD.

ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO.,

MD 21001

PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVFR 01.17.03

NEG@MD SHPO

VIEW TOWARD CHURCHVILLE RD.

2/2

atc5x7-2, R34-06_043

BAKER CEMETERY HA-1554
GRACE UMC
ABERDEEN, MD 21001
01.03

Photo Gallery, 01/29/03

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NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Baker Cemetery Inventory Number: MIHP #HA-1554

Address: 3641 Churchville Road City: Aberdeen Zip Code: 21001

County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, MD

Owner: Baker Cemetery

Tax Parcel Number: 749 Tax Map Number: 51 Tax Account ID Number: 130204040

Project: KH-875-00-006 Agency: Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA)

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Silber, B. H. and A. D. Tabachnick (2000)
Historic Architectural Survey, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway
Improvements to the MD 22 Interchange, Harford County, Maryland.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

MIHP #HA-1554
Baker Cemetery (Resource 9)
3641 Churchville Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001

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Comments: _____	
SEE ATTACHED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2001	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date



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Community
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*Division of Historical and
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Maryland Relay for the Deaf:
1-800-735-2258

<http://www.dhcd.state.md.us>

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February 22, 2001

Mr. Kurt A. Miller, P.E.
McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc.
Meadow Mill at Woodberry
3600 Clipper Mile Road
Suite #350
Baltimore, MD 21211

RE: Reconstruction of I-95 and MD 22 Interchange
Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland (Article 83B §5-617 Review – MdTA)

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Maryland Historical Trust has received the "Historic Architectural Survey, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Improvements to the MD 22 Interchange, Harford County, Maryland," prepared by Silber & Tabachnick (December 2000). The report is well prepared and will be a welcome addition to our Library. On Attachment 1 lists some minor corrections that we would request the preparers make for the final Report. Trust staff also have examined the forms and photographs and below are our comments on eligibility and effect for the project on historic properties in the Area of Potential Effect.

Silber & Tabachnick identified twelve properties which were more than fifty years of age, and provided new inventory and determination of eligibility forms for each. Based on the information provided, the Trust is able to concur that all of the following resources are **not eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places:

- | | |
|---------|---------------------------|
| HA-1296 | George W. Baker House |
| HA-1297 | Baker-Solley Outbuildings |
| HA-1554 | Baker Cemetery |
| HA-1996 | Majerle House |
| HA-1997 | Steffe House |
| HA-1998 | Hettchen House |
| HA-1999 | Earhart House |
| HA-2000 | Baine House |
| HA-2001 | Vest House |
| HA-2002 | Andrews House |
| HA-2003 | Gilley House |
| HA-2004 | MdTA/Johnson House |



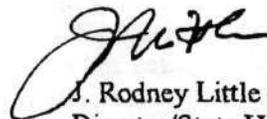
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The house, outbuildings and cemetery associated with the Baker family were once a single parcel of land. However, as is typical of an area which is changing from farming to suburban development, the subdivision of the property has occurred in a way that has destroyed the cohesiveness of the former Baker holdings. Most of the remaining houses were built in 1949 and 1950. Although these single family dwellings appear to demonstrate a single builder, and are examples of the FHA's minimal modern house, together and individually they lack the architectural qualities which would make them eligible under Criterion C.

Based on the information provided, it is therefore the Trust's opinion that the reconstruction of the I-95/MD 22 Interchange will have *no effect* on historic properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including archeological sites and standing structures.

Thank you for providing us this opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions regarding the review of the project, please contact Ms. Anne Bruder (for structures) at 410-514-7636 or Ms. Elizabeth Cole (for archeology) at 410-514-7631.

Sincerely,



J. Rodney Little
Director/State Historic Preservation Officer

JRL:AEB
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cc: Mr. Christopher Weeks, Harford County
Mr. Doug Novocin, MdTA

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criteria considerations, specified by National Register Bulletin guidelines for assessing the potential significance of cemeteries and graves (Boland and Potter 1992).

Prepared by: Barbara C. H. Silber and
Alan D. Tabachnick

Date Prepared: 12/11/00

MIHP #HA-1554
Baker Cemetery
3641 Churchville Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001
Date of Construction: 1888
Cemetery

Summary of Property

This previously surveyed resource is a nineteenth century cemetery that is still in use today. The cemetery is located on the south side of Churchville Road, and has no significant landscape design features. The funerary architecture is varied, with modern unadorned headstones intermixed with more elaborate stones from earlier in the century. The 5.5 acre cemetery began as a Baker family burial place in 1888 and "later expanded to include friends of the family and later disinterred bodies from the cemetery of the Aberdeen M.E. Church on Route 40" (Maryland Historical Trust Site Survey Form). The cemetery contains several hundred stones, as well as a number of obelisks relating to the Baker Family. According to the previous survey form, the cemetery was recommended as significant due to its association with the Baker family, "pioneer and premier canners in Harford County from the 3rd quarter of the 19th century until the Depression" (Weeks 1996). However, for a cemetery to be significant under National Register criteria, it would have to have substantial import under the criteria. The Baker Cemetery does not appear to meet the criteria as it is a typical example of a local cemetery with no distinguishing landscape features or architectural features. Although members of the Baker family are interred here, the property is not clearly associated with any of the activities that made the family important in local history. The cemetery does not meet the special conditions, or the criteria considerations, specified by National Register Bulletin guidelines for assessing the potential significance of cemeteries and graves (Boland and Potter 1992). The Baker Cemetery is recommended as not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. MIHP HA-1554

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Baker Cemetery
other Grace United Methodist Church Cemetary

2. Location

street and number 3641 Churchville Road not for publication
city, town Aberdeen vicinity
county Harford

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Baker Cemetery
street and number 3641 Churchville Road telephone
city, town Aberdeen state MD zip code 21001

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 294 folio 219
city, town Bel Air tax map 51 tax parcel 749 tax ID number 1302040840

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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See MHIP HA-1554 (Shivers on file at MHT)

8. Significance

Inventory No. MIHP HA-1554

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>sculpture</u>

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
Construction dates ca. 1887 to present	

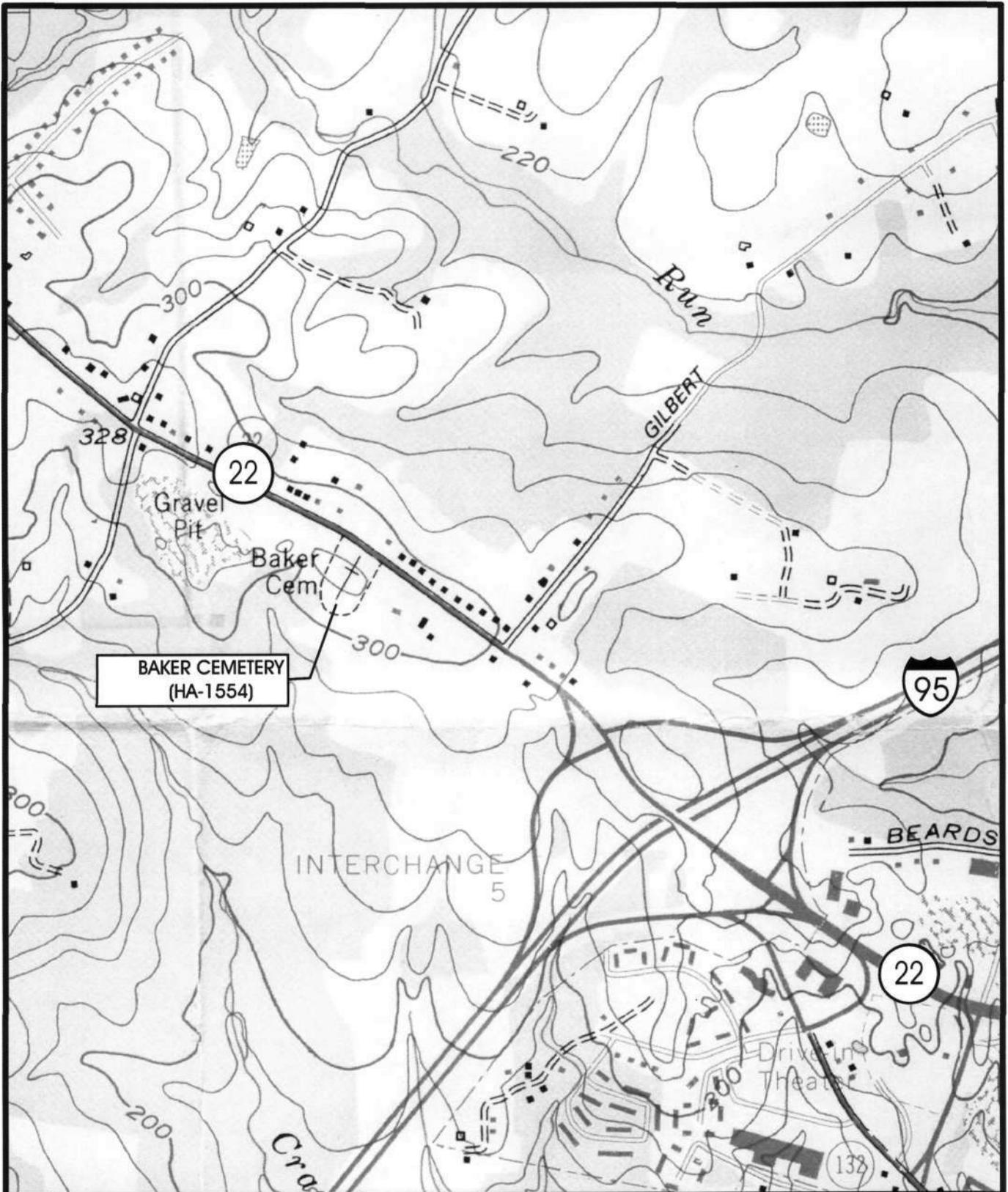
Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

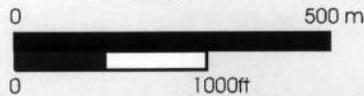
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(HA-1554)**

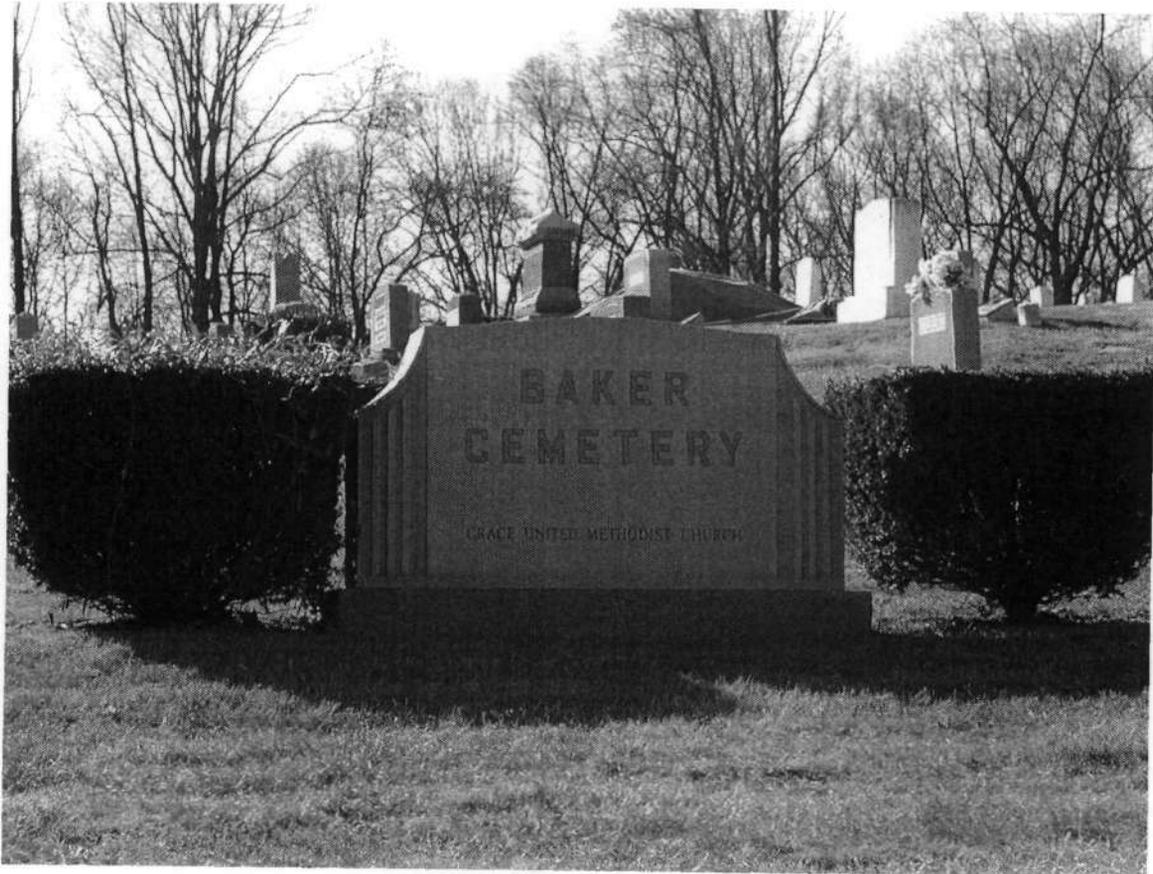
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Topographic Quadrangle -
Aberdeen, MD, 1985.



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HARFORD COUNTY, MD**



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BAKER
CEMETERY

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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BAKER CEMETERY

3641 CHURCHVILLE ROAD

ABERDEEN, HARFORD COUNTY, MD

ENTRANCE,

VIEW= FACING, SOUTHWEST

PHOTOGRAPH # 1 OF 3

PHOTOGRAPHER: BARBARA SILBER

DATE : MARCH 2001

NEGATIVE : MD SHPO



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BAKER CEMETERY

3641 CHURCHVILLE ROAD

ABERDEEN, HARFORD COUNTY, MD

VIEW: FACING NORTH

TAKEN FROM SOUTH END OF CEMETERY

PHOTOGRAPH # 2 OF 3

COPY RIGHT BARBARA SILBER

PHOTOGRAPHER: BARBARA SILBER

DATE: MARCH 2001

NEGATIVE: MD SHPO



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BAKER CEMETERY

3641 CHURCHVILLE ROAD

ABERDEEN, HARFORD COUNTY, MD

VIEW= FACING SOUTH

TAKEN FROM ENTRANCE (NORTH END OF CEMETERY)

PHOTOGRAPH #3 OF 3

PHOTOGRAPHER: BARBARA SILBER

DATE: MARCH 2001

NEGATIVE: MD SHPO

SUMMARY

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Baker Cemetary
Churchville Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001

This 5-1/2-acre cemetary began as a Baker family burial place in 1888 and expanded to include friends of the family and later disinterred bodies from the cemetary of the Aberdeen M.E. Church on Route 40. It is now owned by the Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

At the center of the cemetary are the 4 prepossessing okelisks belonging to George W. Baker, who founded the canning industry in Harford County and gave the land for this cemetary (his house HA-1296 is adjacent) and 3 of his sons, William B., James B., and Charles W., who continued and expanded their father's enterprise. William B. Baker was also notable as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and the 54th Congress.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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HA-1554

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Baker Cemetary

AND/OR COMMON

Grace United Methodist Church Cemetary

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Churchville Rd., West of I-95 interchange, near Aberdeen

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

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

Grace United Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

110 W. Bel Air Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

MD 21014

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HA-1554

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Baker Cemetary

This 5-1/2-acre cemetary is located on the South side of Churchville Road (Md. Rt. 22), West of the I-95 interchange. Ranging over the brow of a hill, the cemetary contains several hundred stones in a compact and symmetrical arrangement. Most stones are machine-carved marble or granite dating from between 1888 and the present. (The monument for Elizabeth Baker, who died in 1853, was probably erected later.)

There are a number of okelisks, those belonging to George W. Baker and his sons, William B., James B., and Charles W. Baker, are the largest and most prepossessing grouped together at the center of the cemetary, their plots outlined by concrete curbs. The okelisk marking the grave of George W. Baker who founded the cemetary ^{has} chamfered edges and hipped cap and is set on a square base with a frieze decorated with corn cobs (George W. Baker pioneered the corn canning industry in Harford County). The other Baker okelisks are variations of that form, and there are smaller and plainer stones at their bases for other members of the family.

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Baker Cemetary

The Baker Cemetary was first a family burial place for the Bakers, begun by George W. Baker on his home farm in 1888. It was then opened up to friends of the family and the Baker Cemetary Company was incorporated in 1889. Since then the Cemetary has been expanded to include graves disinterred from the Aberdeen M.E. Church on Route 40 and since 1971 has been managed under the auspices of the Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

The Cemetary property originally comprised 1-acre of the 14-acre parcel of "Mitchell's Lot" purchased by George W. Baker from Nicholas Baker in 1855¹ and 3 roods, 22 perches, purchased for \$63.43 from Edward and Hattie Carsins in 1887.² That same year George W. and Elizabeth Baker conveyed the 2 adjacent lots to their sons: William B. Baker, James B. Baker, Charles W. Baker and George A. Baker "to maintain and permit...to be used for the purpose of a cemetary or a place of burial, by all such persons as they may desire..."³ And in 1889, the cemetary was sold to the Baker Cemetary Company of Harford County.⁴ According to a descendent of George W. Baker, the Bakers had originally endowed the cemetary for \$6,000. Capital stock in the company, incorporated April 13, 1889, was \$600; 60 shares were issued at \$10 each. The first directors of the company were William B., James B., John H., Charles W., and George A. Baker - sons of George W. Baker. In 1906 Milford M. Carr, Winfreld L. Baker, G. Harold Baker, Hollis R. Baker and P. Tevis Baker were added to the Board.

In 1946, 3-1/2 additional acres were acquired by the Baker Cemetary Company⁵ and bodies are still being buried there.

The Baker Cemetary is significant primarily due to its association with the Baker family, pioneer and premier canners in Harford County from the 3rd quarter of the 19th century until the Depression. George W. Baker founded the canning industry in this area, and his sons set up a huge canning and brokerage business. Soon there were canneries at every crossroads in the County and many of the canning families are represented in this Cemetary, among them the Osborns, the Mitchells, the Jewens, the Wells, et al.

Footnotes

- 1. ALJ 6/273
- 2. ALJ 61/111
- 3. ALJ 61/171
- 4. ALJ 65/37
- 5. 294/219

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will and equity records of Harford County
History of the Grace United Methodist Church, pub. 1975
Interview with George W. Baker, 7/15/80

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Harford County

DATE

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45 S. Main Street

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Bel Air,

STATE

MD 21014

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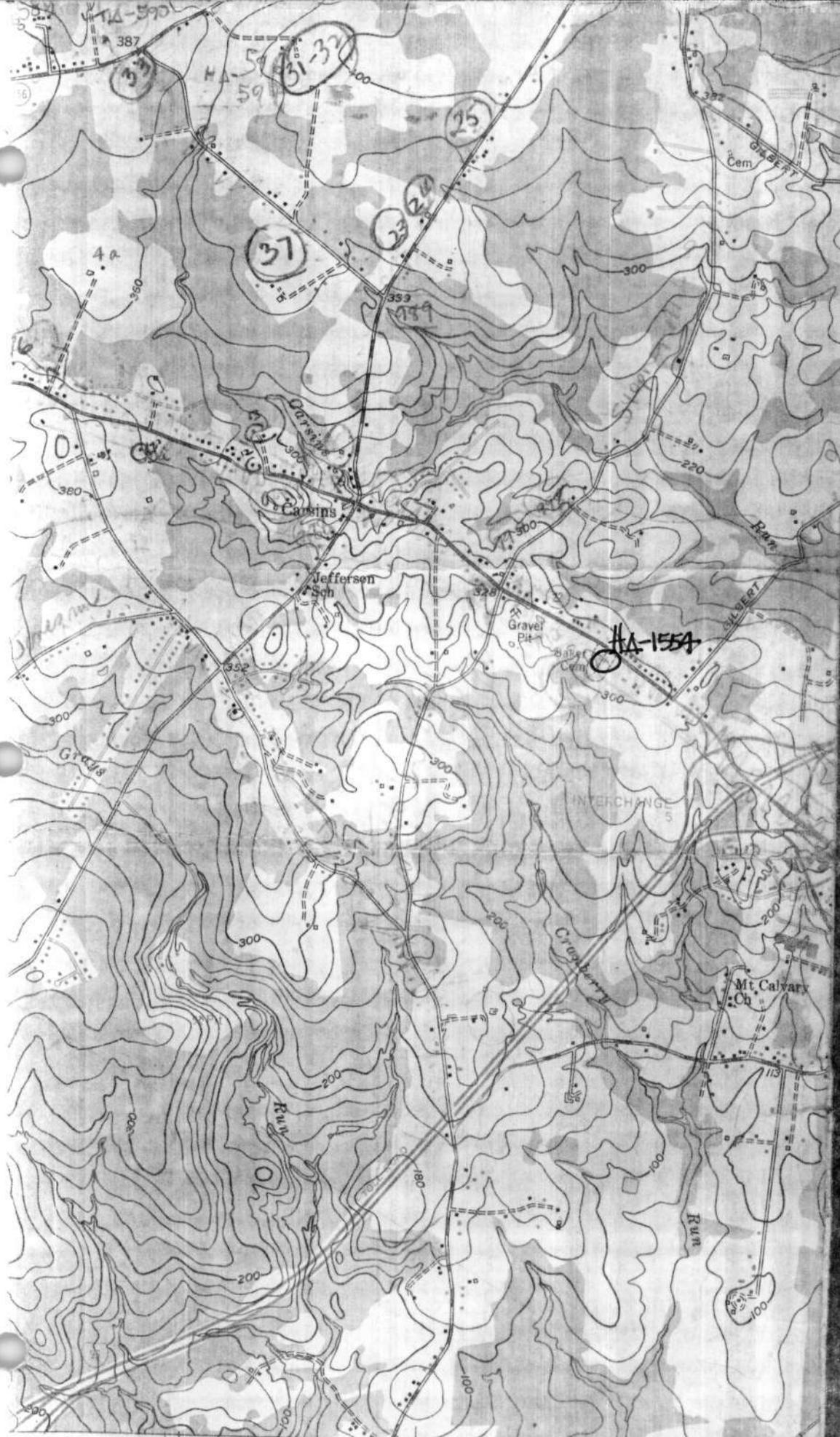
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

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Baker Cemetery
Churchville Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001

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| 1. | 294/219 | Feb 25, 1946 | Grantor: Virginia R. & W. Lester Davis
Grantee: Baker Cemetary Co. of Harford County
Acreage: 3.64 A. |
| 2. | ALJ 65/37 | May 7, 1889 | Grantor: Wm. B. and Mary C. Baker;
James B. & Fannie R.C. Baker,
Charles W. & Emma F. Baker,
George A. & Mathew Baker
Grantee: Baker Cemetary Co. of Harford County
Acreage: 2 adjacent lots=2A IR 2P |
| 3. | ALJ 61/171 | Dec 17, 1887 | Grantor: George W. & Elizabeth Baker
Grantee: Wm. B. Baker, James B. Baker,
Chas. W. Baker, George A. Baker
Acreage: 2 adjacent lots
1) 3R 22P
2) 1A IR 2P
"to maintain and permit ...
to be used for the purpose of
a cemetary or a place of burial,
by all such persons as they may
desire to use the same" |
| (a)4. | ALJ 61/111 | Dec 17, 1887 | Grantor: Edward E. & Hattie V. Carsins
John W. Carsins
A. Preston Gilbert, trustee
Grantee: George W. Baker
Sum: \$63.43
Acreage: 3R 22P |
| (b)4. | ALJ 6/273 | Sept 19, 1855 | Grantor: Nicholas Baker
Grantee: George W. Baker
Sum: \$1,200
Acreage: part of "Mitchells Lot" = 14A. |



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Survey

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Baker Cemetary
Aberdeen, MD 21001
Natalie Shivers
April, 1980
Baker graves

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