

Oakland Cemetery
CH-664
Waldorf
Public

Circa 1860 -

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. Ch-664

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Oakland Cemetery
 other Calvary United Methodist Church Cemetery

2. Location

street and number Rt. 5 Box 359 not for publication
 city, town Waldorf vicinity
 county Charles

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

name Calvary United Methodist Church Cemetery
 street and number Rt. 5 Box 359 telephone 301-870-6711
 city, town Waldorf state MD zip code 20601

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 8-170
 city, town LaPlata liber 122 folio 180

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
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input 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	
			<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Oakland Cemetery, established circa 1860, is located on Berry Road (MD 228) outside of Waldorf in one of the most heavily developed sections of Charles County. Measuring approximately three acres, the cemetery is the site of an earlier church that was in use until 1890. The site now contains approximately 200 stones ranging from the mid-19th to late 20th centuries.

Standing at the corner of Berry Road and Chestnut Drive in the northern section of Charles County, the cemetery is without enclosures and is bordered only by a trench along the roadways. The northwestern corner is bordered by a chain link fence and a nearby late 20th century Ranch-style dwelling. To the southwest is an open lot. This lot is visually divided from the cemetery by two carefully placed cedar trees. An single gravel access drive through the cemetery extends in a semi-circle from Berry Road to Chestnut Drive. Within the cemetery several large trees stand throughout and appear to have marked the corners of the burial ground.

Most historic stones are limestone tablets and are simply inscribed with very little ornamentation. Generally, these consist of tablets with a rounded crest and a short inscription below. Ornamentation, if present, is found in the form of a medallion at the top center of the tablet. Notable symbolism includes rosettes or lamb designs. Late twentieth century stones are primarily made of granite.

Almost all stones are without a makers signature with the exception of one of the earliest tablets. The grave of Judson Wedding who died in 1869, bears the mark of Geddess Monument Company of Baltimore on the reverse side. The stone includes inauspicious ornamentation. Rectangular in overall form, the tablet has an arched crest highlighted by a bevel that terminates near the base. The name of the deceased "Judson Wedding" is set inside an arched banner, and the inscription below reads, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

8. Significance

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	c1860-1890	Architect/Builder	N/A
Construction dates	c. 1860		

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Oakland Methodist Church (CH-622) served local residents from the mid to late-19th century when property for a new church in Waldorf near the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was given by Philip and Ella Sasser in 1898. The new chapel, renamed Calvary United Methodist Church, was constructed within six years. By the following decade the original Oakland Church was sold and torn down but the cemetery remained, as it does today, the congregation's burial site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.44 acres

Acreage of historical setting 3.44 acres

Quadrangle name Piscataway

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Oakland Cemetery is associated with Charles County property Tax Map 8, Parcel 170

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning Dept

date 4/18/01

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telephone 301-396-5815

city or town LaPLata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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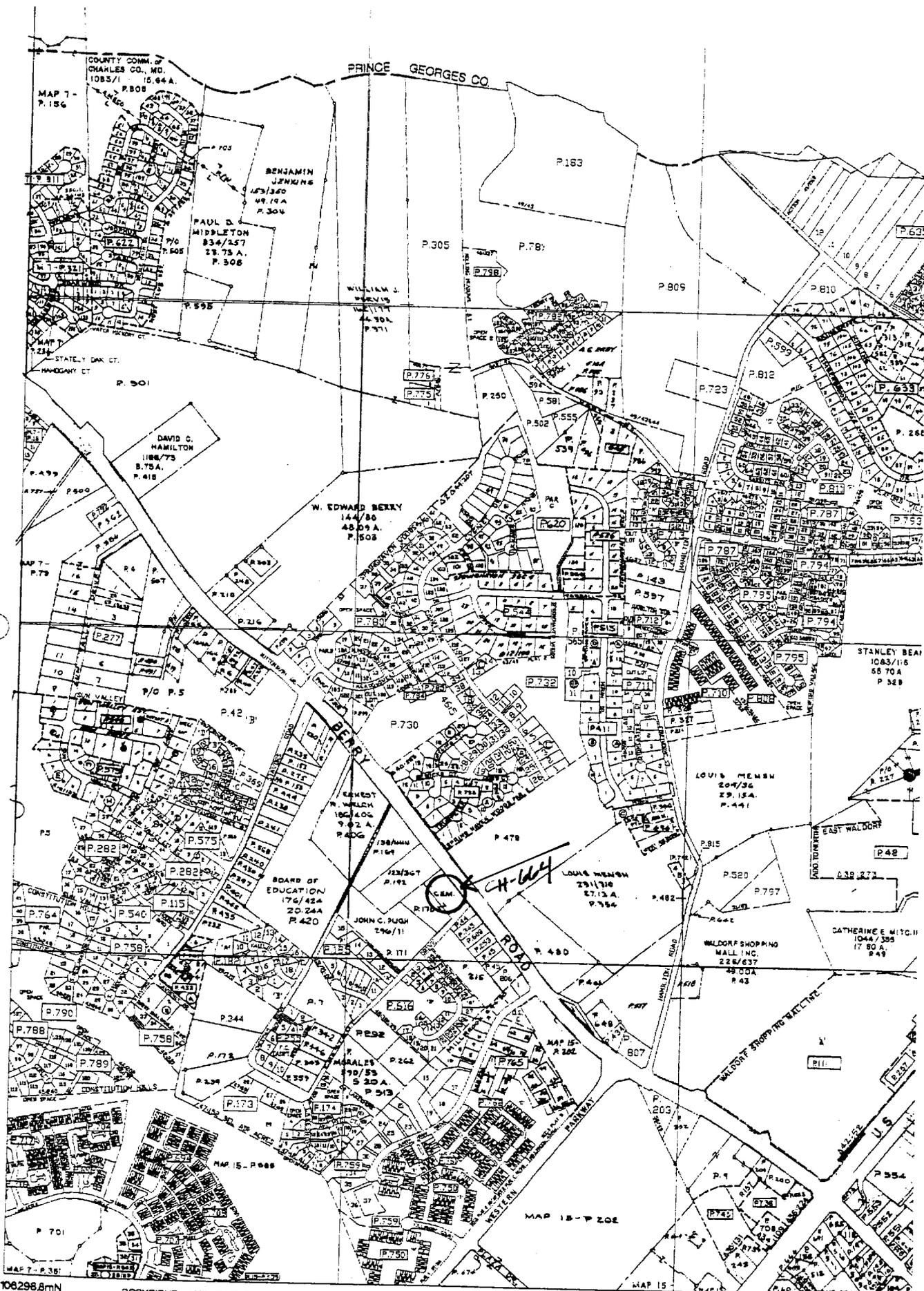
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Charles County, Maryland
county and state

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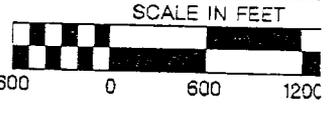
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1999
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ACTON

ROAD

213

HAMILTON

CH-619

CENTER

VERNON

ROAD

Waldorf
Cem

CH-664

Zion Wesley
Ch

Cem
Substation

BM
222

Drive-in
Theater

228

301

CH-391

Waldorf

CH-664
Oakland Cemetery
Waldorf
Piscataway Quad

332

333 55'

CH-623

WHITE PLAINS 3 MI.

BEANTOWN 1.7
HUGHESVILLE

CH-62



In

MEMORIAL OF

JUDSON WEDDING

WIFE

June 16, 1842.

DIED

Sept. 26, 1868.

*Let us do the deeds of
the righteous, and let my
loaf and be like his.*

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CARLAND CEMETERY

WALDOFF VIC

C. CURREY

3/2001

MID SHRO

EARLY GRAVESTONE, LOOKING NW

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Goddess Ball!

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OAKLAND CEMETERY
WALDORE VIC.

C. CUTREY

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MD SHPO

LOOKING SE, REAR OF J. WEDDING STONE, SIGNED GARDNER ~~1664~~

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