

Archdiocesan Closed Cemeteries

Baltimore City

Holy Cross Cemetery (1863-1969)

North Ave & Broadway

Baltimore MD

Established in 1863, Holy Cross Cemetery was used by St. Patrick (1791-), St. Ignatius (1856-), and St. John the Evangelist (1853-1966) parishes. The majority of the over 13,000 burials took place between 1867 and 1903. The property was sold to the City of Baltimore in 1969. The bodies were transferred to Woodlawn Cemetery, where they were placed in one large plot designated as the "Holy Cross Section." There are no individual graves. The "Holy Cross Section" is located off the Liberty Heights entrance to Woodlawn and has a marker.

Interment cards for the cemetery have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University and the Maryland State Archives. Please note that these cards are incomplete and should not be relied on solely to determine if a family member was buried at this cemetery. The most complete records for the cemetery are maintained at Woodlawn Cemetery. (2130 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207; 410-944-2600)

Note: Holy Cross Church (German), est. 1858, has operated a cemetery since 1891 and is separate from the cemetery described above. The records have not been microfilmed. The cemetery office must be contacted directly for information (6020 Gov. Ritchie Hwy., Baltimore, MD; 410-789-5400).

Old Cathedral Cemetery (1816-1887)

In 1814 the trustees of St. Peter's pro-Cathedral (1770-1841) acquired six acres of land in the city for use as a burial ground for the Catholics of Baltimore. The cemetery was opened two years later and eventually was comprised of 13 acres that was divided into approximately 1800 lots. The boundaries of the cemetery were Riggs Avenue (formerly Tenant Street) on the south, Winchester Street on the north, Fremont Street on the east, and Whatcoat Street (formerly Calhoun Street) on the west. By the 1860s it had become apparent that the cemetery would run out of space. In 1869 land was purchased at the junction of Old Frederick Road and Edmondson Avenue for the site of a new cemetery. First known as Bonnie Brae (beautiful slope), it is now known as New Cathedral Cemetery and is comprised of 100 acres.

The decision to close Old Cathedral Cemetery and sell the property was made soon after the new cemetery was opened. Unless other arrangements were made, the remains were transferred out to New Cathedral Cemetery over the period 1877 to 1890. The information recorded at the time of re-interment includes: name of the deceased, date of re-interment, last known address, cemetery lot, section and grave number, and, sometimes, cause of death. Please note that the original date of death and burial were not recorded in these registers. It is not known where the records (ex, lot sales and interment

registers) for Old Cathedral Cemetery are located. A small number of headstones from Old Cathedral Cemetery were transferred out to New Cathedral, but the majority was not. The remains transferred from Old Cathedral Cemetery are located, for the most part, in the single letter sections of the cemetery.

Information on Cathedral (1821-) parishioners buried at Old Cathedral Cemetery can be found in the Cathedral's death registers, which date back to 1822. These records are available on microfilm at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary and University, the Maryland State Archives, and the Maryland Historical Society. They are also available in published form at the Maryland Historical Society under the title *Old Cathedral Burial Records, Baltimore, Maryland, 4 vols.*, which covers the time period 1793-1874 and includes the records for St. Peter's pro-Cathedral (1770-1841). These records can also be found in *Burials in Pro-Cathedral and Cathedral Cemeteries, Baltimore Maryland, 1791-1874* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), compiled by Hans Groggaard and Mary Warfield. Please note that the death register that covers the time period 1875-1922 has been lost.

The records located at New Cathedral Cemetery consist of plot books and interment registers that are arranged chronologically and alphabetically. New Cathedral Cemetery records for the years 1871-1975 have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary and University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Mormons' Family History Library.

New Cathedral Cemetery contact information: 4300 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore, MD, 21229; 410-566-7770.

St. Alphonsus Cemetery (1850-1917)

St. Alphonsus cemetery was originally located in northeast section of the city (Biddle Street & Edison Highway) and was comprised of 17 acres. It was established by the Redemptorist Fathers for use by St. Alphonsus, (1845-), St. James the Less (1834-1986), and St. Michael the Archangel (1875-), parishes. It was popularly known as "Home Sweet Home," but was also referred to as St. Michael's Burying Ground and the Redemptorist Cemetery. The cemetery was closed in 1917 and the property sold to the City of Baltimore in 1961. A total of 2,431 remains were transferred to Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery (4430 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21206), at this time. This cemetery is also owned by the Redemptorist Fathers. There are no individual graves for these remains, only designated sections that are identified by 4" x 4" marble markers.

St. Alphonsus Cemetery records are maintained by the Redemptorist Fathers and have not been microfilmed. Questions regarding St. Alphonsus Cemetery should be sent to Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery Office, 7401 German Hill Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222; 410-284-0648. (Note: Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery no longer operates an office on-site. Operations have been transferred to Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.)

Death registers for all three parishes have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland State Archives.

St. James Cemetery/St. Vincent de Paul Graveyard (c. 1834- c. 1853)

The original cemetery for St. James the Less Church (1834-1986) was located on Harford Road for the use of St. James the Less and St. Vincent de Paul parishioners. About 1853 the cemetery was condemned and abandoned. It is believed that the remains were transferred to St. Vincent de Paul parish cemetery in Clifton Park (Rose Street and Belair Road).

Death records for the James the Less parish date back to 1845. Records for the period leading up to 1845 are with St. John German Church records. These records have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland State Archives. Death records for St. Vincent de Paul date back to 1870. These records have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University and the Maryland State Archives. No information is known about cemetery records.

St. John the Evangelist (aka St. John German) Cemetery (1800-1833)

The original cemetery for St. John the Evangelist, aka St. John German Church (1799-1841), was located on the premises of the first church on the corner of Park Avenue and Saratoga Street. The bodies were removed when the decision was made to build a larger church. It is not known where the remains were sent.

The earliest death records for this parish date back only to 1820. These records have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland State Archives. No information is known about cemetery records.

St. John's Cemetery/ Roman Catholic Burying Ground (1833-1873)

The second of two cemeteries used by St. John the Evangelist, aka St. John German Church (1799-1841). It was located at Madison Avenue, Robert Street, and Druid Hill Avenue. The land was acquired from Mr. Frederick Jordan in 1833 by the trustees of St. John's for use as a burying ground. The cemetery remained in used until 1873 when the land was sold. The remains were transferred to St. Alphonsus Cemetery at this time. St. Alphonsus Cemetery (1850-1917) was located on Biddle Street near Edison Highway (aka Loney's Lane) and owned by the Redemptorist Fathers. St. Alphonsus Cemetery was closed in 1917 and the property was sold to the City of Baltimore in 1961. The remains were transferred to Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery on Belair Road at this time. See the entry on St. Alphonsus Cemetery for more information.

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St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland State Archives. No information is known about cemetery records.

St. Patrick's Cemetery I (1801-1830)

The original cemetery for St. Patrick's Church (est. 1792) was located on Dulaney (now Baltimore) and Wolfe Streets. St. Michael the Archangel Church (est. 1875) now stands on the property that was once the cemetery. When the new St. Patrick's Cemetery on Philadelphia Road was acquired in 1830, the original cemetery was closed and the remains transferred out to the site of the new cemetery. The second St. Patrick's remained open until 1936 when it was closed and the property sold. The remains were transferred to New Cathedral Cemetery at this time. (New Cathedral Cemetery, 4300 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore, MD, 21229; 410-566-7770) St. Patrick's also jointly owned Holy Cross Cemetery (c. 1850-1969) located on North Avenue and Broadway. See entry for Holy Cross Cemetery for more information.

The death records for St. Patrick's date back to 1806, but the records for the years 1854-1875 are missing. Surviving records have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland State Archives. No information is known about cemetery records.

St. Patrick's Cemetery II (1852-1936)

Property for St. Patrick's (est. 1792) second cemetery was acquired in 1830 and was located on Philadelphia Road. Bishop Chanche consecrated the cemetery on May 17, 1852. The cemetery remained in use until 1936 when it was closed and the property sold to the city for the extension of Orleans Street. Arrangements were made for the remains to be transferred to New Cathedral Cemetery at that time. (New Cathedral Cemetery, 4300 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore, MD, 21229; 410-566-7770) Entries for these remains were made under the name of the individual who purchased the lot at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Information recorded includes the names of the individuals buried in the lot, the date the remains were transferred to New Cathedral Cemetery, and lot identification. It is not known whether all the remains were transferred to New Cathedral or if families made alternate arrangements for reburial at another cemetery. St. Patrick's also jointly owned Holy Cross Cemetery (c. 1850-1969) located on North Avenue and Broadway. See entry for Holy Cross Cemetery for more information.

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St. Peter's Kirkyard (1795-1816)

St. Peter's was the first organized Catholic faith community in Baltimore – dating back to the 1760s – and built the first Catholic Church (c. 1770) in Baltimore on Saratoga Street. St. Peter's was designated Bp. John Carroll's pro-Cathedral in 1790 and served as the

episcopal seat for the Bishop of Baltimore until the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was dedicated in 1821. The parish was closed in 1841 and its records were transferred to the Cathedral (now Basilica) of the Assumption on Cathedral Street. St. Peter's Kirkyard was initially comprised of .5 acre of land. In 1795 parish trustees obtained permission to designate another one acre of the property held by St. Peter's on Saratoga Street for use as a burial ground. It remained in use until 1816, when the decision was made to sell the property. Two years prior, in 1816, 6 acres of property had been acquired in another part of the city for a new cemetery, which eventually became Old Cathedral Cemetery. Families were asked to arrange for the removal of their family members. The remaining bodies were transferred to the new cemetery in a common plot.

St. Peter's death records date back to 1793. These records have been microfilmed and are available for researchers to work with at the Associated Archives at St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland State Archives. No information is known about cemetery records.

Outside of Baltimore City

St. Mary's Cemetery (1894-1986) – Ellicott City

The original cemetery for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City, was located on Ilchester Road and was comprised of about 4 acres. It is believed that only .5 acre of the cemetery was ever used for burials and that about 130 bodies were buried there. The property was sold in 1986 for a housing development. No remains were found when ground was broken.

Death Records for Our Lady of Perpetual Help date back to 1899. Contact the parish office for information on the cemetery: 4795 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043-6898; 410-747-4334; www.olphparish.org.

St. Thomas Cemetery (1852-c. 1950) - Mooresville

The original cemetery for St. Thomas Mission in Mooresville, it was often referred to as Mount St. Thomas. St. Thomas Mission was attended by St. Peter's in Hancock. St. Thomas' was closed in 19 and the cemetery was closed and razed in the 1950s.

For the death records of St. Thomas Mission, as well as for information on the cemetery, contact St. Peter's Church in Hancock: 16 East High Street, Hancock, MD 21750; 301-678-6339; www.hows.net/21750spcc.

Helpful website for info on Baltimore City Cemeteries:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdcbalti/>