

Rock Creek Cemetery Project



What?

The goal of this project is to map the Rock Creek Cemetery in Chance, Maryland. This map will be used to create an online resource for the community and beyond. The map will be linked to the Rock Creek United Methodist Church's new website, which will feature stories and photographs about people who are buried at the cemetery.

Who?

Sarah Hartge is a graduate student at the University of Maryland. She is studying anthropology and museum scholarship. She is very interested in heritage and how telling stories connects people to places.



How?

Step 1: Divide the cemetery into sections.

Step 2: Map each feature using a total station.

Step 3: Photograph each headstone, foot stone, and family stone.

Step 4: Enter the data from each headstone into an Excel file.

Step 5: Attempt to read faded inscriptions on headstones.

Step 6: Use ArcGIS software to edit data and input the Excel file.

Step 7: Create a plat map using Visio, a computer program.

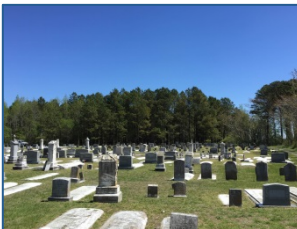
Step 8: Build a website for Rock Creek United Methodist Church.

Step 9: Gather stories, photographs, and obituaries.

Step 10: Link stories and photographs with the ArcGIS map.

Step 11: Write a guide on mapping cemeteries.

Step 12: Share with the community!!



How YOU can help!

If you have any of the following about family or friends buried at the Rock Creek Cemetery, please contact Sarah Hartge at sarah.hartge0311@gmail.com:

- Stories
- Obituaries
- Photographs
- Other interesting information

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