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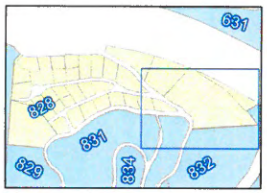

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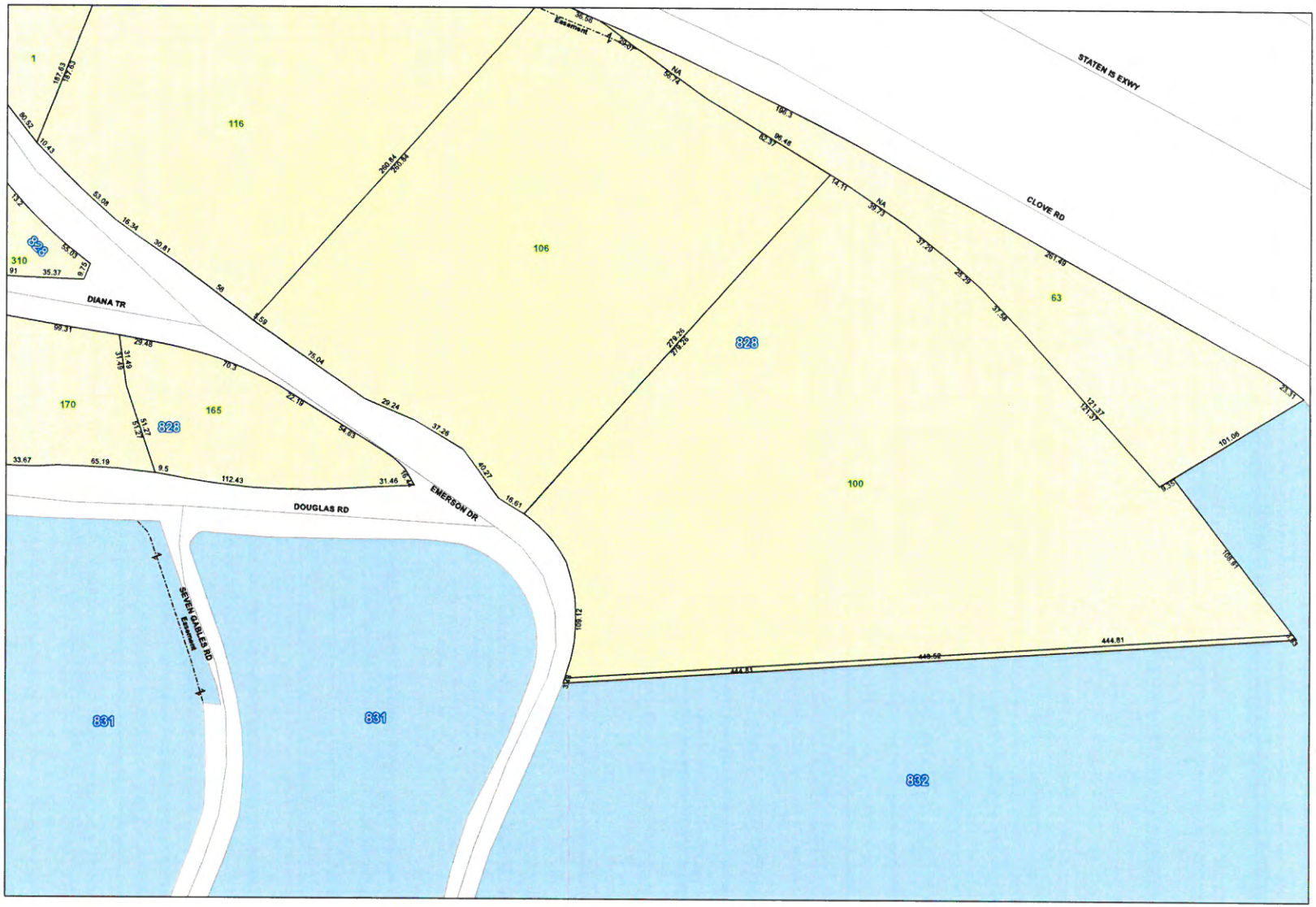

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ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8-A of the Charter of the City of New York and Chapter 8-A of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (Local Law 46 of 1965 of the City of New York), public hearings are being held by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on the following properties within the City of New York:

Proposed For Designation as Landmarks and Landmark Sites

On July 12, 1966, the Commission continued the public hearings to September 13, 1966, on Calendar Nos. 1 through 11 on today's Calendar.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

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No. 1 (LP-0248)

New York Daily News Building—the main 37 story building, 220 East 42nd Street, Manhattan. Begun 1928, completed 1930; architects Howells & Hood.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 1315, Lot 24 in part, consisting of the land on which the described building is situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 40 (LP-0351)

Seamen's Fund and Retreat Building (U.S. Marine Hospital), Bay Street and Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island. Built about 1837.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 534, Lot 1 in part, consisting of the land on which the described building is situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 41 (LP-0352)

Mariners' Family Home, 119 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island. Built about 1855.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 534, Lot 88.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 42 (LP-0353)

Ward-Nixon House, 141 Nixon Avenue, Staten Island. Built about 1835.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 571, Lot 242.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 43 (LP-0354)

Horrmann Castle, 189 Howard Avenue, Staten Island. Built about 1915.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 614, Lot 24.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 44 (LP-0355)

Fountain Family Graveyard (formerly First Baptist Church of Staten Island Graveyard), Richmond and Clove Roads, Staten Island. 1800-1840.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 828, Lot 100 in part, consisting of the land on which the described cemetery is situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 45 (LP-0356)

Richmond County Country Club, 135 Flagg Place, Staten Island. Built about 1845.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 888, Lot 18 in part, consisting of the land on which the described building is situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 46 (LP-0357)

Ernest Flagg House, Gatehouse and Gate, 209 Flagg Place, Staten Island. Built about 1900.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 891, Lot 1 in part, consisting of the land on which the described improvements are situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 47 (LP-0358)

New Dorp Moravian Church, Old-New Dorp Moravian Church and Moravian Church Parish House, Richmond Road at Todt Hill Road, Staten Island. New Dorp Moravian Church built about 1844; Old-New Dorp Moravian Church built about 1763 and Parish House completed 1913.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 934, Lot 17 in part, consisting of the land on which the described buildings are situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

No. 48 (LP-0359)

Moravian Church Parsonage, 1256 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island.

Landmark Site: Tax Map Block 934, Lot 1 in part, consisting of the land on which the described building is situated.

This hearing has been duly advertised.

Close the hearing.

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Sincerely yours

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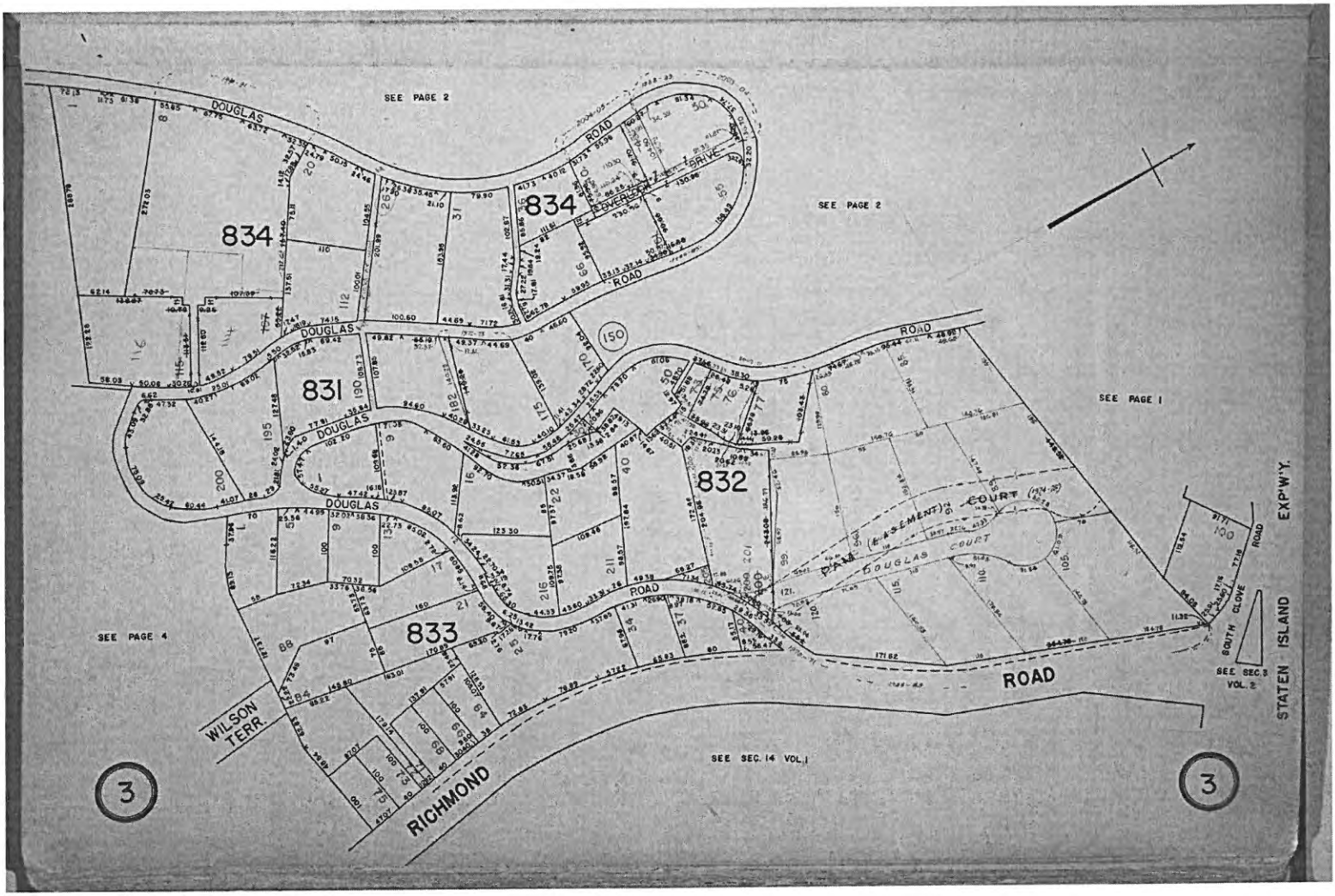
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Patricia Salmon, Realms of History 2005

At least three men who participated in the Civil War are buried at Ocean View Cemetery. One of their names has been lost to the ages, the other two were Fireman John B. Hollands of the United States Navy and Captain Henry W. Speight (Mullin 32). Both men must have lived to a good age as Hollands died on July 7, 1939 and Speight died during March 1946.

An official 1928 map of the burial ground shows some interesting facts, included among these is that the Swedish Home, which still exists today, owned a burial section at the cemetery (Schermerhorn). A booklet on the cemetery from this time describes why the founders first took the name of "Valhalla." It was selected because Valhalla was the "blessed abode of the gods and the divine resting-place of the Viking heroes" ("Promotional.."). To them it called forth heroic, helmeted figures, "tenderly bearing the mortally wounded heroes to eternal rest." In addition, it suggested "the triumphal procession of the immortal gods across the rainbow bridge to their castle of peace and splendor" ("Promotional..."). All in all it symbolized immortality. These early cemetery promoters stressed that loved ones would "rest in peace, eternally secured against the encroaching hands of commerce, permanently protected from the din and strife and turmoil of city life" after interment at Valhalla (Ocean View) ("Promotional..."). They boasted that this modern cemetery was a shift from the isolated, empty graveyards of the past, the burial ground was almost a thing of beauty, it was "park-like" ("Promotional..."). For all of these reasons promoters believed the atmosphere of this cemetery would lessen the burden of death experienced by visitors. It was further stressed that by hiding the extracted earth from the ground with a tarp, and by providing chairs and tents during rain, Valhalla would give the family of the deceased a modern experience.

War Memorial at Ocean View Cemetery, 2005. Photo - Diane Griffiths.

A recent controversy at Ocean View Cemetery caused Carmen and Michael Bleiberg to file a $5 million dollar lawsuit against the burial ground. They believed that the cemetery had buried their son Luis Gonzalez "in the wrong site, and then secretly, without the family's knowledge or permission, reburied his coffin in another plot" (Patrick A3). According to the cemetery, the service did not take place at the plot, but at a curbside location for safety reasons due to the large number of people who attended the funeral. Ocean View Cemetery claims to have told the parents before hand, but the Bleibergs deny that this happened, as did the organization who arranged the services, Clavin Funeral Home. When the headstone was placed away from the curbside location, the Bleibergs were outraged. During the spring of 2003, Ocean View's director authorized the opening of the curbside area for the parents, who, to their dismay, found it empty. When a metal rod was placed into the family plot, it hit an underground coffin. The parents were still not satisfied so Ocean View's insurer Utica Mutual Insurance Company paid to have Luis' coffin exhumed in October 2004. It was identified as the young man's final resting place.

Old Clove Baptist Church Cemetery

Constituted in 1785, by such island notables as Anthony Fountain Jr., Hannah Fountain, Margaret Kruser, Mary Lockerman, Mary Van Name, and Jacob Van Pelt, the Old Clove Baptist Church held outdoor meetings until 1809, when it was decided that a permanent structure should be built for the congregation (Bayles 405-406). The resulting

church was roughly 20 feet by 30 feet in size and was located on the northern side of what we now call Emerson Hill. It was the only Baptist church on the island until 1830. Prior to the establishment of this congregation Staten Island's Baptists "met in barns, particularly in Mariner's Harbor... after the Revolutionary War" (Johnson "Realms..." 14).

In 1877, this church building was demolished and it was said that "only the crumbling, moss-covered stones which mark the resting places of the long-buried Baptist dead remain, as fitting symbols to mark the spot where died the fairest, brightest, fondest hopes of the early converts and the mother church. Should not the denomination at least secure and preserve this site, this resting place of the Baptist dead?" (Bayles 408) Certainly, and this request is still worthy of attention today, and not just by the Baptists of our island, but by other denominations and the ancestors of those who lie forgotten in abandoned graveyards throughout Staten Island.

Overlooking the intersection of Clove and Richmond Roads, the former Old Clove Baptist Church Cemetery has gone by several names over the years. These include the Old Clove Cemetery, the Old Clove Baptist Churchyard Cemetery, the Clove Meeting House Cemetery, and the First Baptist Church Cemetery (Dickenson "Holden's..." 287; Inskeep 40). It is sometimes even referred to as the Fountain Cemetery, because it holds the remains of so many members of this once thriving family. It should be noted however that William T. Davis stated that it is not a homestead graveyard (even though he did cover it in his famous article) ("Homestead..." 40). The cemetery was established in 1809, and is the final resting place of some of Staten Island's earliest residents (Davis & Leng "Staten Island..." Vol. II 982). These include members of the Cole, Fountain (twin brothers Anthony & John Fountain built the original church), Lockman, Burgher, Decker, and Kruser families (Davis "Homestead..." 40).

Owing to strife between the Baptist churches on the north shore, one in Graniteville and another in Willowbrook on the Willowbrook Road by today's Forest Avenue, the Old Clove Baptist Church began to decline during the mid 1860s. It didn't help that the area soon became home to immigrant Germans and Irish who kept the religions of their native countries while the local population was turning towards Methodism (Bricks "The Old Clove... 27).

In 1865, the German Mission of Saint John's Episcopal Church rented the building, while four years later the Edgewater School took it over (Inskeep 41). A lawsuit in 1868, caused the congregation to lose the church, and records indicate that the steeply inclined cemetery was bought at auction by William Curry in 1886 (Inskeep 41; "Emerson Hill Graveyard...,"; Bricks "The Old Clove..." 25).

In 1890, Mr. Davis noted that once again the able bodied Charles Leng assisted him in moving the fallen headstones of the burial ground, so that their inscriptions could be copied. All but three of the headstones were located on the northside of the church plot: they went "up and down the hill... their faces" showing toward the south ("Homestead..." 40). In addition to the previously mention surnames, the following were also found: Barton Edmonds, Eldredge, Haughwout, Peffers, Nye, Webb, Stevenson, Fountain, Kennedy, Martin, McClees, Van Name, Vroome, and Vreeland. Davis lamented that the cemetery was "dilapidated" and its "old gate had been masoned up" (41). Where once "the graves were shaded by a thick growth of cedars, and a mat of moneywort and periwinkle" by 1890, a "tangle of growthy vines and luxuriant weeds ha[d] taken possession" (41).

By 1964, a narrow overgrown stairway could still be found by adventurers seeking the relinquished graveyard. It was said at this time that the broken tombstones were cascading down the hillside onto the workers who labored below on the construction of the Staten Island Expressway (Franz, William "Progress Passes..."). An investigation led to seven headstones being located, including two that were legible. They were in memory of Charles Ford and Mary August (?) Nye. It was at this time that the Emerson Hill Civic Association organized a committee to tend the little plot. Whatever efforts were enacted, they did not last.

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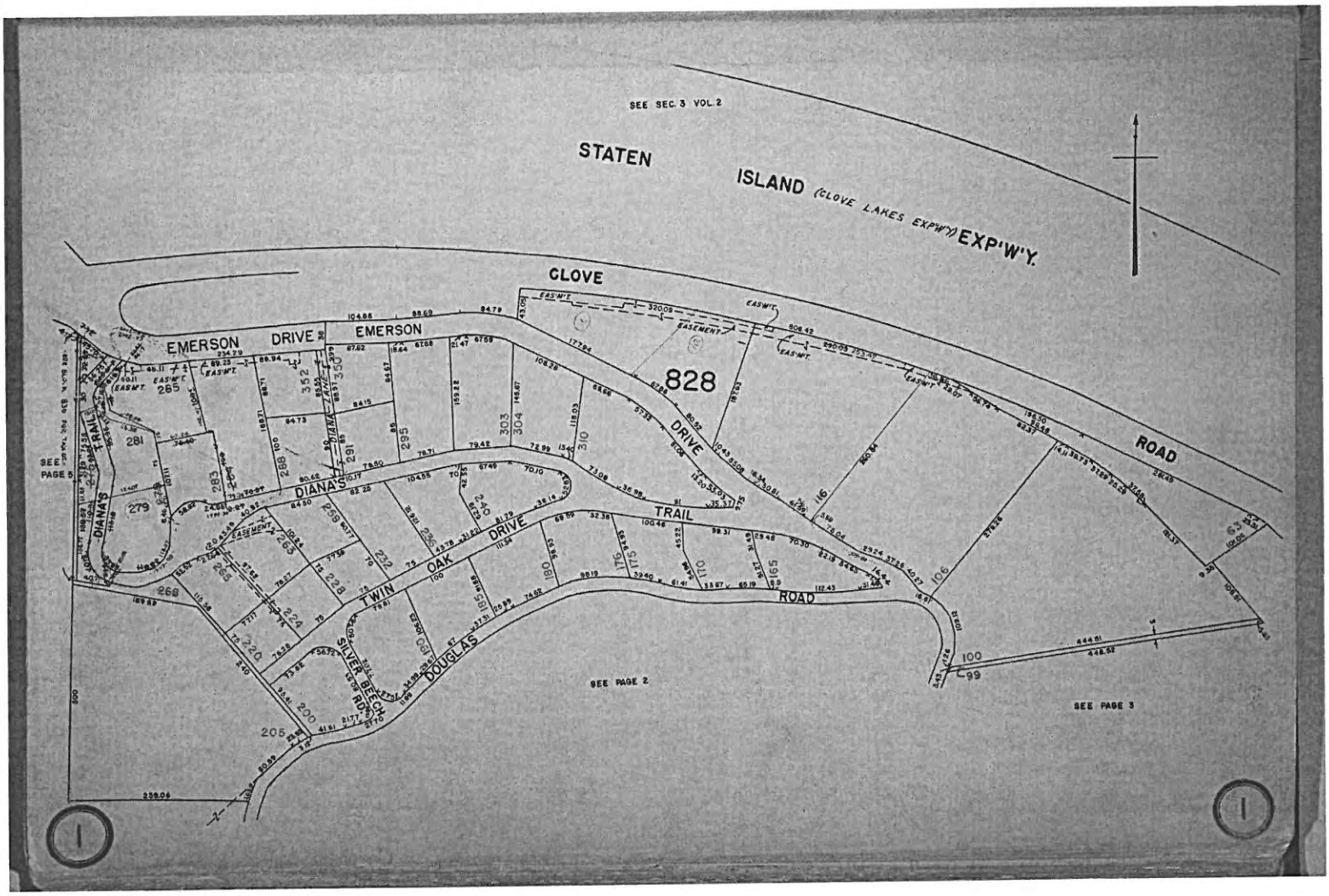
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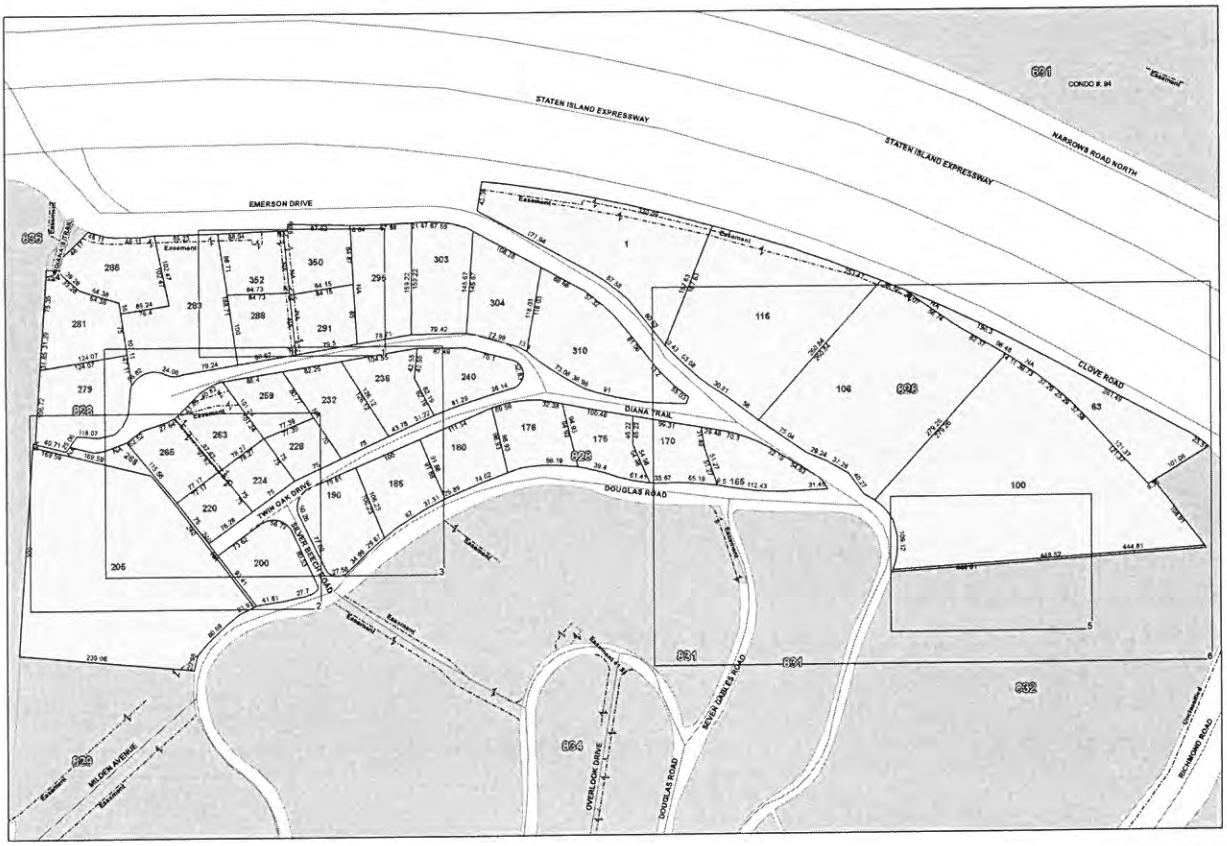

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In 1955, around the time that construction of the Staten Island Expressway was only in the approval stages, the city seized the cemetery in a tax foreclosure. When construction of the Expressway began in 1963, a massive movement of earth took place all around it as a bigger valley was carved out to accommodate the highway.

The burial ground didn't survive unscathed, but it remained on the map, a small corner of a steep, densely wooded hillside that serves as a buffer for the secluded and affluent neighborhood on the hill. Incongruously, a utility easement with a steel rope line that looks like a tow rope makes a path to the top.

The cemetery wallowed in a bureaucratic limbo until about eight years ago, when the city Department of Administrative Services sought to extricate itself from cemetery holdings.

The move to dump such properties coincided with Joseph Ferlazzo's appointment as Borough Parks Historian. Much of the historical research had been done, but in 2003, the Meiers Corners resident helped facilitate an arrangement in which the Parks Department secured the land, and the Friends of Abandoned Cemeteries of Staten Island (FACSI) agreed to maintain it and answer inquiries.

When Ferlazzo began his employment with the Parks Department as a part-time researcher for the Historical Signs Project, an effort to identify the people and events for which parks and monuments were named, cemeteries were resources for some of the most basic information - date of birth and death and perhaps a quote.

Although only remnants of Old Clove Baptist Cemetery remain today, the little patch of ground has a rich history.

In 1809, Old Clove Baptist Church went up on the site. The church, the first Baptist house of worship on the Island, had been established in 1785 and until 1809, congregants met in members' homes or in the open air.

The church was humble, measuring only 20-feet by 30-feet. When Rev. Samuel White became its pastor, however, he doubled the congregation, and in 1842 the parish moved to Willowbrook Road and established the Graniteville Baptist Church.

The old church at Emerson Hill was used as a school house, according to Ferlazzo. The cemetery there accepted burials until 1868, when Rev. White died. He was the first member of the church to be buried in Lake Cemetery, adjoining the church in Graniteville. The old church on Clove Road was demolished around 1877, and in 1882 the church in Graniteville disbanded.

Ferlazzo doesn't want the history to slip away.

As a child on family visits to St. Peter's Cemetery in West Brighton, the historian was fascinated with the oversized monuments and old dates. More recently, he had the experience of seeking his grandfather's grave in Italy and finding nothing. Not only the grave, but the cemetery itself was gone. The depth of his reaction surprised him.

"Death is a scary thing, but forgetting seems scarier," said Ferlazzo.

In 1890, naturalist William T. Davis surveyed the cemetery and recorded the inscriptions of 31 headstones.

Among them was one of the two headstones that remain intact today: Charles Ford, son of Aruna and Jane Martin, died April 21, 1825. He was 4 years and 4 months old. The fierce inscription reads: "Here lies the grief of a fond mother, and the blasted expectations of an indulgent father."

Over the years, ghost sightings near the cemetery have been reported.

In "New York City Ghost Stories," Charles J. Adams related the experience in 1921 of John Haynes, a trolley motorman, who caused an uproar in the neighborhood when he reported seeing a "tombstone-toting ghost."

The story concludes, "The report of a ghost caused the police to investigate, neighbors to post amulets and talismans to keep the ghost from their doors, and curious visitors to flock to the cemetery in hope of seeing the tombstone-toting ghost of Emerson Hill."

These days, the spirits of many are remembered in the area. Diagonally across from Old Clove Cemetery is a traffic island that has been transformed into a memorial garden for firefighters and civilians who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. It is adjacent to Veterans Memorial Square, which honors veterans of many wars.

Along with these memorials, the tiny cemetery serves to maintain a connection to people who went before. Amid the drive-by hustle and bustle, it gives new meaning to the word grounded.

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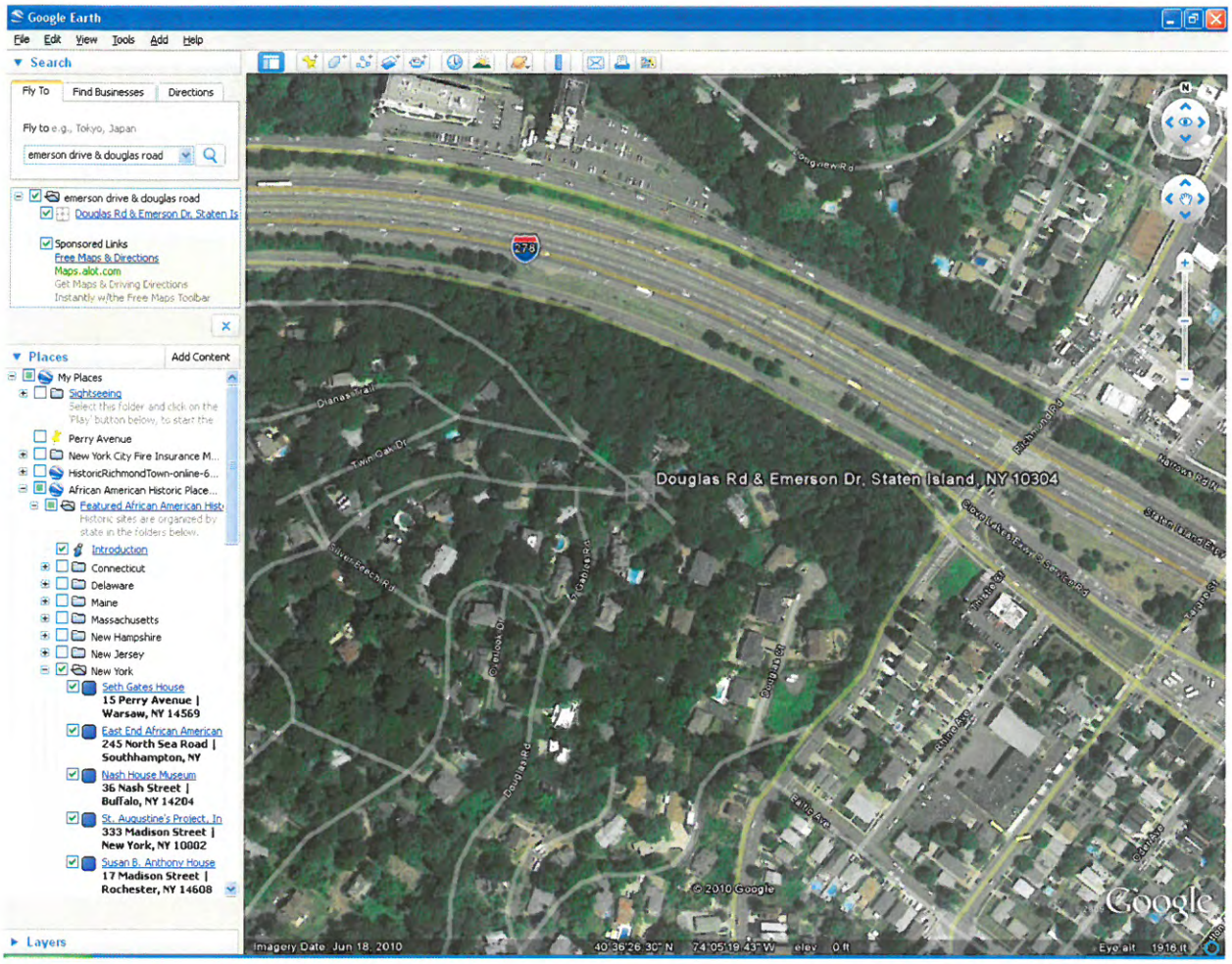

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Number of floors: 2.5 **Building Gross Area:** 5000 sq. feet
Residential Units: 1 **Total # of Units:** 1
Landuse: One and Two Family Buildings
Zoning: R1-1: Residential

Commercial Overlay: **Zoning Map #:** 21B
(PDF version of most recent City Planning zoning map & proposed zoning changes for this area.)
Floor Area Ratio: 0.07 **Max. Allowable Floor Area Ratio:** 0.5
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December 3, 1974

Mr. John Fountain
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Riverside, Connecticut. 06878

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Sincerely,

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Thank him - staff review it

Thanks to Alan

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(Thanks for the suggestion. J.F.)

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Dear Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th. I quite agree with you that there is no point in designating as landmarks the surviving Fountain house and Fountain graveyard on Staten Island. It turns out that the original house was pulled down about 35 years ago, although the barn survives as a two-family house, and the graveyard is in very poor shape, mostly being filled with Baptists who cannot have been close relatives as my ancestors were all hard-shell Presbyterian. (My mother once told me she thought she came from a stuffy Presbyterian family till she met my father's family and found out what a stuffy Prebyterian family could be.)

Anyway I sent Mr Loring the 17th or 18th century door latch from the front door of the original house. He seemed very pleased to have it for the Museum which already has the door.

Yours sincerely,

John Fountain

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TELEPHONE:
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2 LAFAYETTE STREET
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August 25, 1966

Mr. Frank J. Mulvihill
1 Emerson Drive
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your name appears as the owner or the representative of the owner of an interest in the property **known as the Fountain Family Graveyard (formerly First Baptist Church of Staten Island Graveyard), located at Richmond and Clove Roads,**
Borough of Richmond and appearing in the Tax Maps for said Borough as

a part of Lot 100, Block 828. (Proposed Landmark Site consists of the land on which the above graveyard is situated.)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A (Preservation of Landmarks and Historic Districts) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that on Tuesday, September 13, 1966 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, a public hearing will be held in the Board of Estimate Chambers at City Hall, with respect to the proposed designation of the above described property, or part thereof, as a Landmark and Landmark Site, or part thereof. Public notice of said hearing identifying the Landmark and setting forth its location and the boundaries of the Landmark Site on which it is situated will appear in the City Record of August 29, 1966, and on each day (other than Sundays and holidays thereafter) until and including September 12, 1966.

You may appear at such public hearing and present any facts and express any views relating to the proposed designation.

If you plan to present any facts, express any views or request leave to offer any testimony, the Commission will appreciate it if you let us know as soon as possible in order that appropriate arrangements may be made for your participation.

We believe that the City's Landmarks Preservation program will prove to be of great benefit to the citizens of New York. We are anxious to have your support and good will in achieving the goals which New Yorkers have set for the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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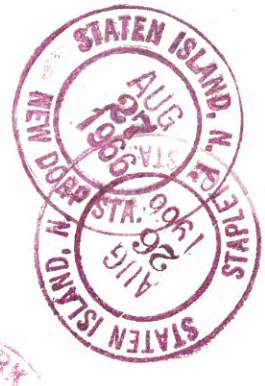
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STATEMENT BY THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The New York City Landmarks Preservation Law follows the example of similar Laws in many other American cities, such as the laws in New Orleans, in Boston and in Georgetown in the District of Columbia. These laws aim to protect the fine buildings which give each city its charm, its individual character and its interesting and attractive appearance. The Commission hopes that you will support the principle embodied in the New York City Landmarks Preservation Law which was passed unanimously last year by the City Council.

In the last twenty years New York has lost many of its finest old buildings. The purpose of designation is to give an opportunity to the government and the citizens of the City to save from destruction the best of those which are left. Under the law, the City provides a professional staff of architects and historians to cooperate with the owners of its Landmarks in preserving their authentic character.

A Landmark is a building "which is thirty years old or older, which has a special character or special historical or aesthetic interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city ..." Many buildings have both architectural and historical importance. Other buildings are most important for their historical associations. Some buildings are chiefly notable for the beauty of their architecture. Generally, it is a combination of architectural and historical qualities which lead to Landmark designation.

Since the law was passed, nearly 125 buildings have been designated as New York City Landmarks. Several of these buildings have been sold by their owners since the buildings became Landmarks. That is a private matter which is handled between the seller and the purchaser. The Commission assumes that Landmark buildings will continue to be sold and bought without any participation by the Commission in these transactions.

If the owner of a Landmark should dispose of it to a purchaser who does not wish to preserve the Landmark, the Landmarks Preservation Law would require a period of less than a year during which the Commission and interested citizens could seek means by which the Landmark could be preserved. If no means were found during that period of less than a year, the former owner or the new purchaser would then be free to dispose of the Landmark in any way they saw fit.

Owners are also interested in the provisions of the law concerning alterations and renovations. These may be summed up as follows:

a) The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to that part of the building which is visible from the public street. The Commission has no control over the interior of the building.

b) The Commission will exercise no control over maintenance beyond that already required by the Buildings Department.

c) The Commission will review building plans in order to ascertain that there is no exterior effect or, if there is, to insure that the character of the exterior is maintained. The Commission issues Certificates of No Exterior Effect and Certificates of Appropriateness. Owners of Landmarks would submit information to the Commission at the same time that they file their plans with the Buildings Department. If the plans affect the exterior of the Landmark, owners are encouraged to have their architect discuss these plans with the Commission before drawings are made. This latter procedure is optional with the owners.

The Commission will handle all requests promptly. To retain the support and good will of the citizens of New York, the Commission will have to do its job efficiently.

The Commission wishes to emphasize that the Law does not permit the Landmarks Preservation Commission to impose on owners any activity whether in construction, maintenance or repair. The Commission can only act if the owner on his own initiative proposes to do something.

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July, 1966

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At the corner of Richmond and Clove roads, a blue and white sign marks the site of the Baptist Cemetery.

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STATEN ISLAND, NY - EMERSON HILL -- At the corner of Richmond and Clove roads, a sizable blue and white sign was erected about six months ago, marking the site of the Baptist Cemetery.

Even so, the cemetery is easy to miss. The sign stands a couple of feet above the sidewalk and tree branches sometimes droop over it. Even if you spot it, the setting seems out of synch with the today's landscape as traffic whizzes by on and around the Staten Island Expressway.

Officially, Old Clove Baptist Cemetery, the tiny burial ground on the lowest fringe of Emerson Hill, preserves a slice of history that dates back to the early 1800s when the intersection was a country crossroads in bucolic Clove Valley which separates the Emerson and Grymes hills.

Once you climb the steep, little hill, a leafy cavern provides some sanctuary, though the surge of traffic still makes it difficult to hear. Pruned by the wind, tree limbs are scattered about. A few broken headstones and two intact ones dot the ground, remnants from a cemetery that once held as many as 35 graves.

Borough Parks Historian Joseph Ferlazzo has done much research on the tiny burial ground, which dates back to the early 1800s.

Its existence is surprising and, ironically, the thing that threatened it most may be what saved it.

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