

Antietam Battlefield (2 Lost Burial Grounds)

Washington County Maryland

Christian Orndorff (Blacksmith) in 1762 obtained from James Smith 503 acres the tract called Smiths Hills (Fr. Co. H-244). Deed states except a 100' square burying ground in part of Smiths Hills at a marked stone setup on the Westside of Antietam Creek. James Smith reserves free passage for himself and his heirs forever.

This land became the Orndorff/Newcomer Mills on the Antietam Battlefield. In 1791 Christian Orndorff sold to Christopher Orndorff 303 acres part of Resurvey on Smiths Hills (Wa. Co. G-472). Christian Orndorff reserves free passage for himself and his heirs to said 100 square foot burying ground as often as they shall require.

Christopher Orndorff sells the 303 acres to Jacob Mumma in 1796 (Wa. Co. I-764) except two burying grounds 100' square. Christopher Orndorff reserves free passage for himself and his heirs to said burying ground as often as they shall require.

Jacob Mumma Sr. Sells 324 acres to John Mumma in 1831 (Wa. Co. MM-110) except two burying grounds each 100' square.

John Mumma dies in 1835 Jacob Mumma Sr. buys the land back from the estate and sells it to Samuel Mumma

Jacob Mumma sells 324 acres to Samuel Mumma in 1837 (Wa. Co. SS-835). No mention of the burial grounds is found in the deed. All deeds after this also show no burial ground.

It appears the family of James Smith is buried here. Is the second burial ground for the Orndorff's since the property was in Orndorff Family for over for 30 years?

Smith Hills Burial Ground Deeds

James Smith to Christian Orndorff	Fr. Co. H-244 503 acres 1762 (Burying Ground)
Christian Orndorff to Christopher Orndorff	Wa. Co. G-472 303 acres 1791 (Two Burying Grounds)
Christopher Orndorff to Jacob Mumma	Wa. Co. I-764 303 acres 1796 (Two Burying Grounds)
Jacob Mumma Sr. to John Mumma (John Mumma Dies in 1835)	Wa. Co. MM-110 324 acres 1831 (Two Burying Grounds)
Jacob Mumma Sr. to Samuel Mumma	Wa. Co. SS-835 324 acres 1837 (No Burying Grounds)
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Drums Along The Antietam by John W. Schildt shows the cemetery was preserved until sometime after the Civil War when it was plowed under.	



