Olney Presbyterian Cemetery

Approximately 32 acres of the church's land has been developed and set aside for use as a cemetery. The oldest known grave in the cemetery is dated 1795, two years after the church was organized. The cemetery has become a site of historical significance. Found there are graves of soldiers from the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), the War of 1812 (1812-1815), the Mexican War (1846-1848), the Civil War (1861-1865), the Spanish-American War (1898), World War I (1914-1919), World War II (1939-1945), Korea (1950-1953) and Vietnam (1959-1975). The oldest section of the cemetery is to the rear and south of the church where burial plots were laid out with little apparent order or arrangement. One corner of that area contains the bodies of Negro slaves, some of whom would have attended worship services at Olney. Many of the tombstones in this area have interesting designs and inscriptions. The cemetery is now divided



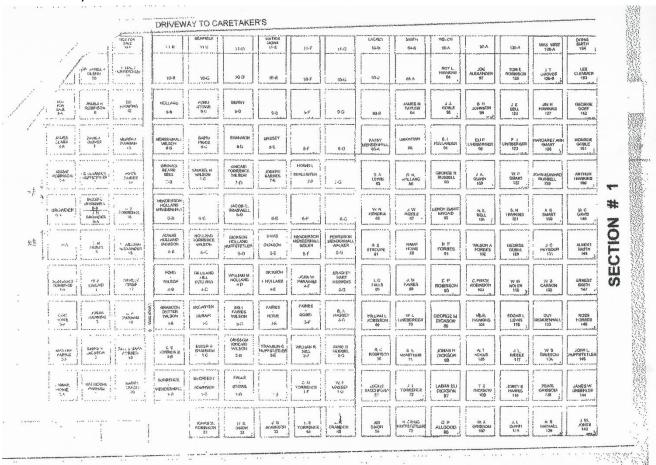
into 5 sections with regularly delineated concrete cores which were sunk into the ground in the mid 1950's.

This old Iron Gate is attached to two stone pillars. It marks the entrance to the oldest portion of the church's cemetery (Section 1). It was crafted by Caleb A. Huffstetler who operated a blacksmith shop and was also a Justice of the Peace. The gate was made around 1860.



This stone marker near the Iron Gate honors the memory of seventeen Revolutionary soldiers buried here. The marker was erected in 1935 by the William Gaston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The cemetery itself is divided into five sections, with the oldest (section 1) located with lot 1 beginning directly behind the sanctuary and extends to the woods in the back. It is bordered by the picnic shelter and the drive by the caretaker's house on one side and a driveway through the cemetery on the other.





View of section one from the area of section 2 looking toward the church.



Behind Church, Section 1, Left side





Section 1, Far right side



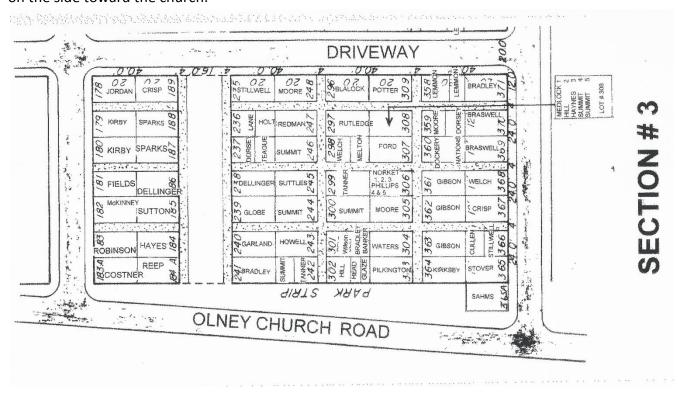
Area near back of Section one with unmarked graves believed to be those of congregation members who were slaves.

Section 2 continues on the other side of the driveway which bisects the cemetery. It has a waterway which also divides it, and it is bordered on the lower side by a driveway and a wooded area.

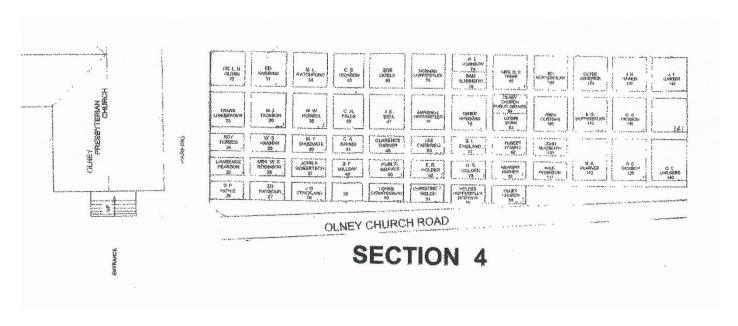




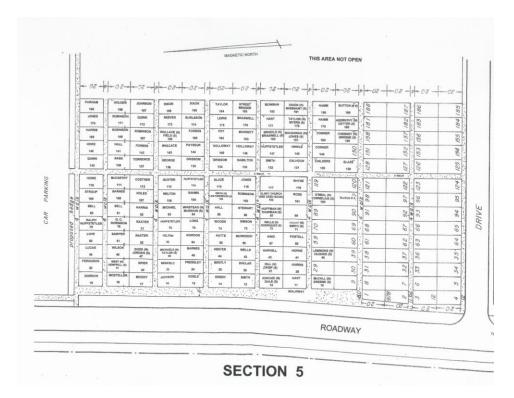
Section 3 is located opposite section 2 in the lower portion of the cemetery and is entirely circumcised by the driveways in the cemetery. It is bordered by the woods as well as section 4 on the side toward the church.



Section 4 is located beside the church and is separated from section 1 by a driveway. The driveway through the cemetery which marks the far border of section one, also marks the far border of section 2.



Section 5 is the area furthest from the church itself and has a large area which has not yet been opened. The area noted for car parking is located on the church side of the cemetery and the marked roadway is Olney Church Road.





View near the Church across area not opened



View from walkway into Section 5