

cemetery site is at the north end of the park, north of the first house on Quiet Brook Road.

Crosen Family Cemetery

A single gravestone was found in the Crosen Family Cemetery when it was surveyed by Brian Conley, Information Specialist, Virginia Room, Fairfax City Regional Library, on 17 June 1991. The 10-by-15-foot area at 10932 Byrd Drive in the Joyce Heights area of Fairfax City was overgrown, covered with English ivy and bordered on three sides by a wire fence.

Although the current owner of the home knew that there was a cemetery on the lot, she did not know its location. She and her family have lived there since 1993, but had not seen a gravestone on the property.

The remnants of an old wire fence can be seen in the northwest corner of the property where a small area extends into the adjacent lot. Ivy grows around the edge of this site. A few native stones which may be grave markers were piled here and there in the yard.

At the time of the 1991 survey, Mr. Conley recorded this inscription: "Maurice E., son of M. H. & H. B. Crosen, Born Jan. 20, 1902, Died Apr. 16, 1902."

Greene Family Cemetery

A Greene Family Cemetery has been reported on the west side of Hope Park Road in the Blevinstown area of the county. Due to the construction of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100), there is no longer direct access to Hope Park Road from Braddock Road (Route 620). The site may be reached by going south from Braddock Road on Blue Topaz Lane and turning right at the end of Blue Topaz onto an old paved but unmarked road near the mailbox for 5421. The cemetery is about 800 feet south of this intersection, and reportedly just 50 feet south of the Parker Family Cemetery (q.v.).

The site is heavily wooded and has been used to dump trash. It bears no evidence of burials. There are several Greene burials in the nearby Parker Family Cemetery.

Haley [Halley] Family Cemetery

This small cemetery lies atop a small hill between 4422 San Carlos Drive and 11155 Byrd Drive, near the intersection of San Carlos and Byrd with Naoma Court in the Fairfax Villa development, just southwest of the Fairfax City limits. The hill is covered with tall trees and periwinkle. One large

tree has fallen and has been partially cut into logs which still lie on the hill.

The cemetery itself is enclosed by an unmortared stone wall which has fallen in a few places. Large boxwoods grow just beyond the wall. Ground cover of thick periwinkle and large violets hid any depressions from the surveyors in the spring of 1996. In 1992 and 1994, surveyors noted eight to more than a dozen grave depressions at the site.

Jim Lowery and his family, who live next door at the San Carlos address, have assumed responsibility for the care of the cemetery. Mr. Lowery says that he has seen records which indicate there are sixteen burials in the cemetery. He states that they have found bricks outside the cemetery wall, each of which is inscribed with an "S." He believes that these bricks mark graves of soldiers buried at the site.

Two marble gravestones stand in the cemetery. One appears to be a remnant of the military-issue gravestone recorded at the site in 1967 and in 1971. Fairfax City Girl Scout Troop 763 cleaned up the "abandoned cemetery" as a community project, according to an account in the 9 December 1971 *Virginia Sentinel*, which included a picture of the gravestone bearing the inscription "James Haley, Sgt. 1 Va. Regt." Mr. Lowery states that one of the gravestones at the site is this military marker, but he says there has been no inscription on this gravestone since he moved to the area several years ago. According to the *Sentinel* picture, the Haley gravestone had a cross cut into a medallion over the inscription. Surveyors believe that the gravestone at the site may be the lower half of the stone, now standing upside down, since no trace of the medallion can be detected.

The other gravestone at the site is broken and the inscription is barely legible. In 1967, it could be partially read as "..... daughter..... & Elizabeth..... .. died July 8th 1... aged 16 years. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," as reported in "James Haley - Sgt., 1st Va. Regiment?" by Erick J. Lundin which appeared in Vol. 10-1969 of *Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia, Inc.*

Working on his Eagle Scout project in 1967, Lundin did extensive research on the history of the cemetery. In searching county records, he found that the property had once been owned by Henry Halley. The *Historical Society* article contains many other details related to Mr. Lundin's research, including his encounter with a Fairfax County librarian who remembered the cemetery before the development was built around it. She recalled that there were more than two gravestones in the cemetery, that "all of the gravestones except for the soldier's had the same surname and that the soldier's surname was different by one letter."