



# **Cedar Hill Cemetery: Cultural Landscape Study**

## **Final Presentation**

*PALS Course Fall Semester 2020*



# Midterm Recap

- Brief History on Cedar Hill Cemetery and Suitland, Maryland
- Literature on Rural, Planned Cemeteries in American cities
- Historical context and analysis of sculptures by Dionicio Rodriguez
- Case Study Assessment of Planned Cemeteries listed on NRHP and MIHP



# Agenda

- Conditions Assessment - Suitland
  - Demographic Analysis
  - Land use and Zoning
- Conditions Assessment - Cedar Hill Cemetery
  - Building Conditions
  - Significant Sections
- Significance and Conditions of Dionicio Rodriguez Sculptures
- Recommendations

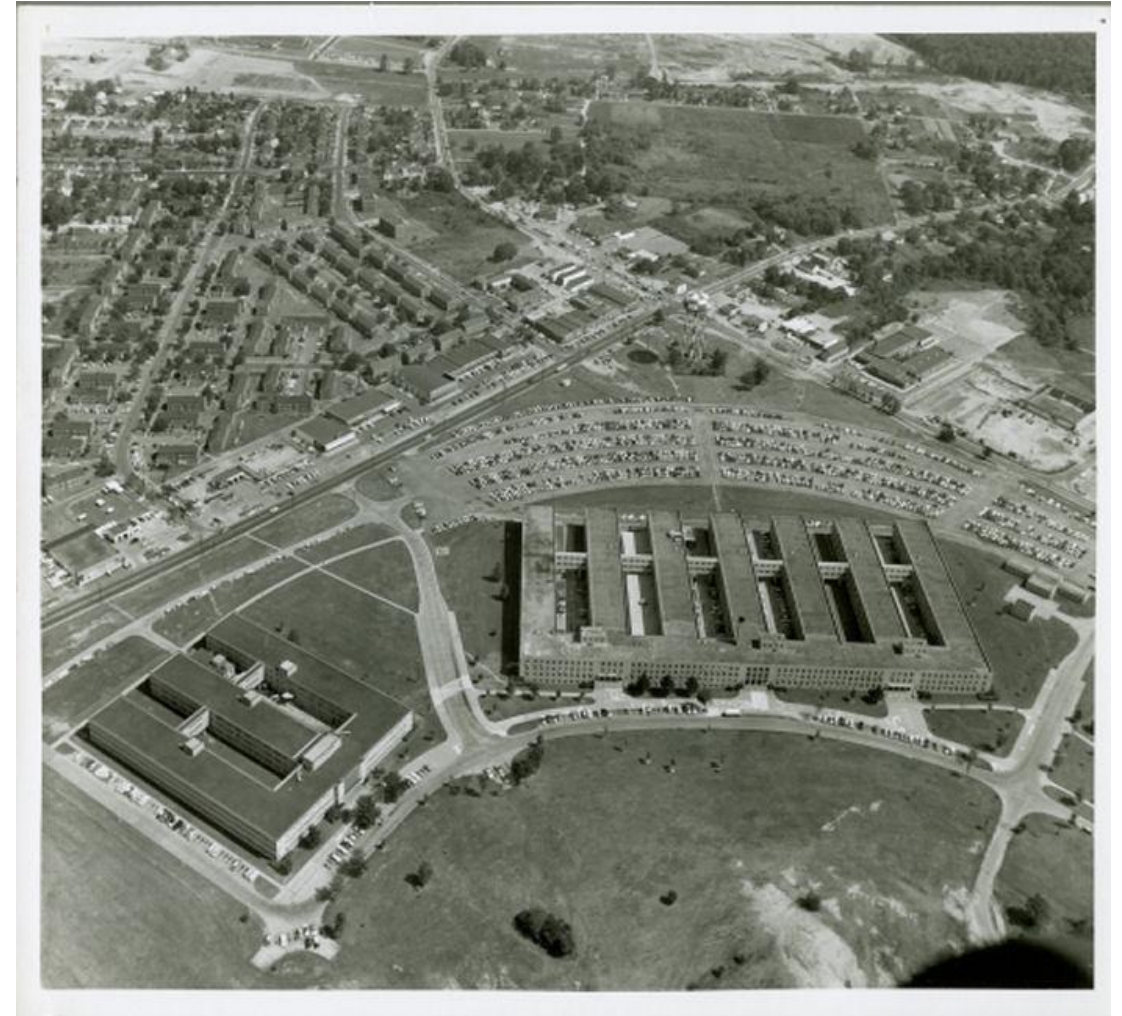




# Conditions Assessment surrounding area in Suitland, MD

# Historical Shifts impacting Suitland, MD

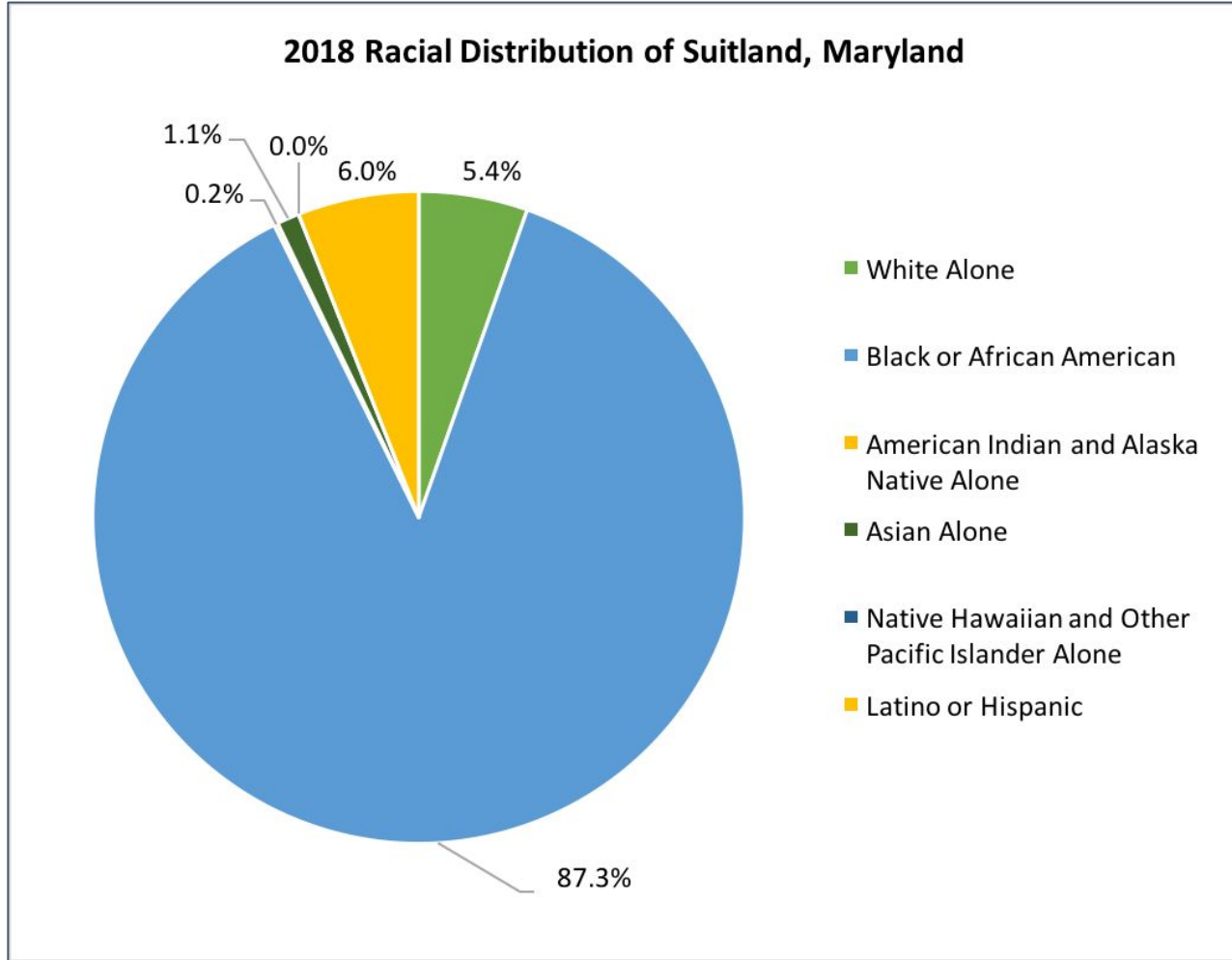
- Total population shifts among black and white residents
- Economic growth and Suburban expansion
- Highway construction and Metro accessibility



Source: U.S. Census.[Image of Suitland Federal Office Center, 1941] [Photograph] (Accessed December 10, 2020) from [https://www.census.gov/history/www/census\\_then\\_now/suitland\\_md/suitland\\_federal\\_center.html](https://www.census.gov/history/www/census_then_now/suitland_md/suitland_federal_center.html)



# Current Demographics Analysis

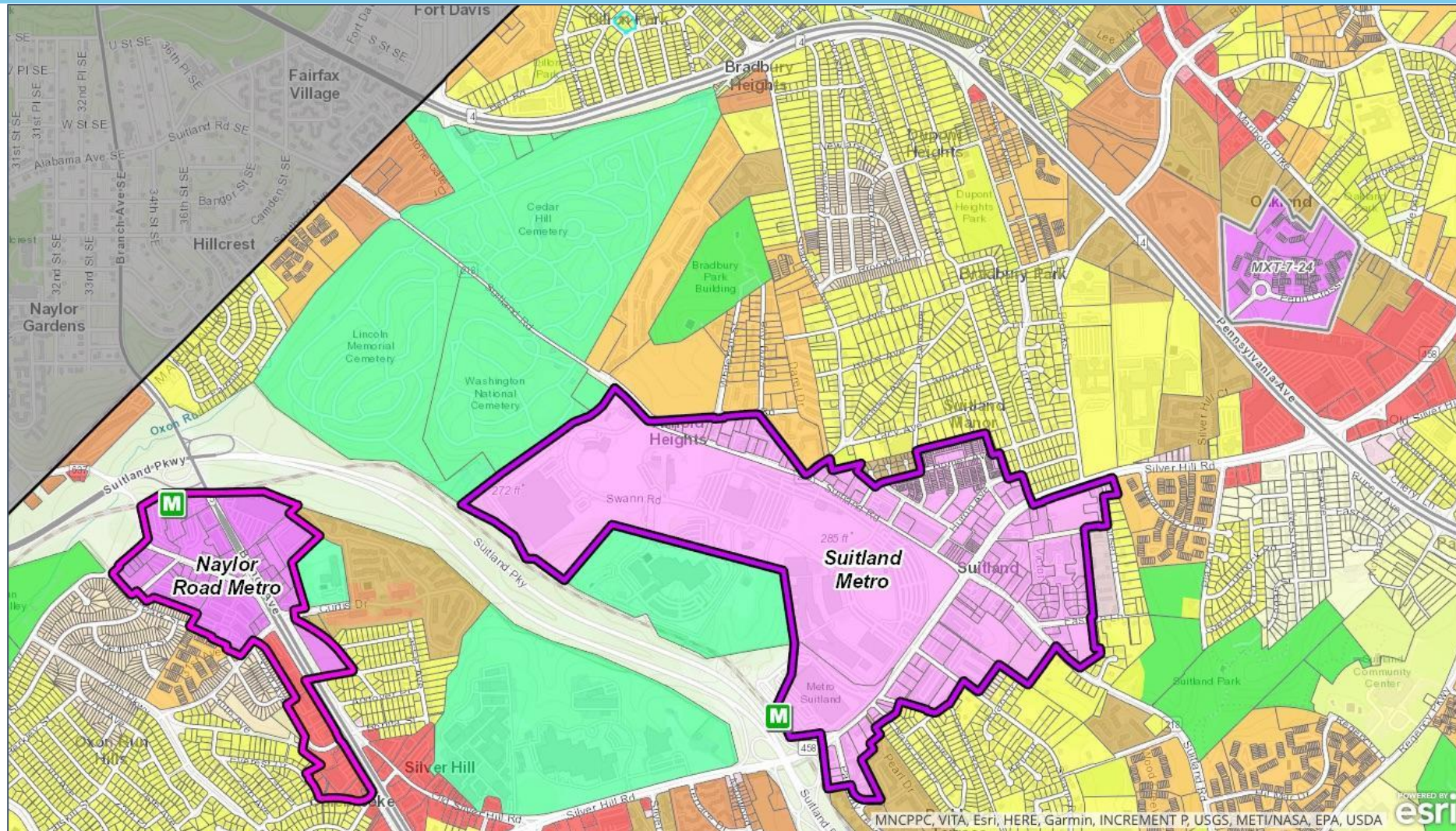


Source: American Community Survey Data. 2018. County Subdivision: District 6, Spauldings, Prince George's County, Maryland

- Low levels of Educational Attainment
- Annual Household Income Levels are evenly distributed
- Higher rates of Unemployment than Maryland and United States



# Zoning and Land Use



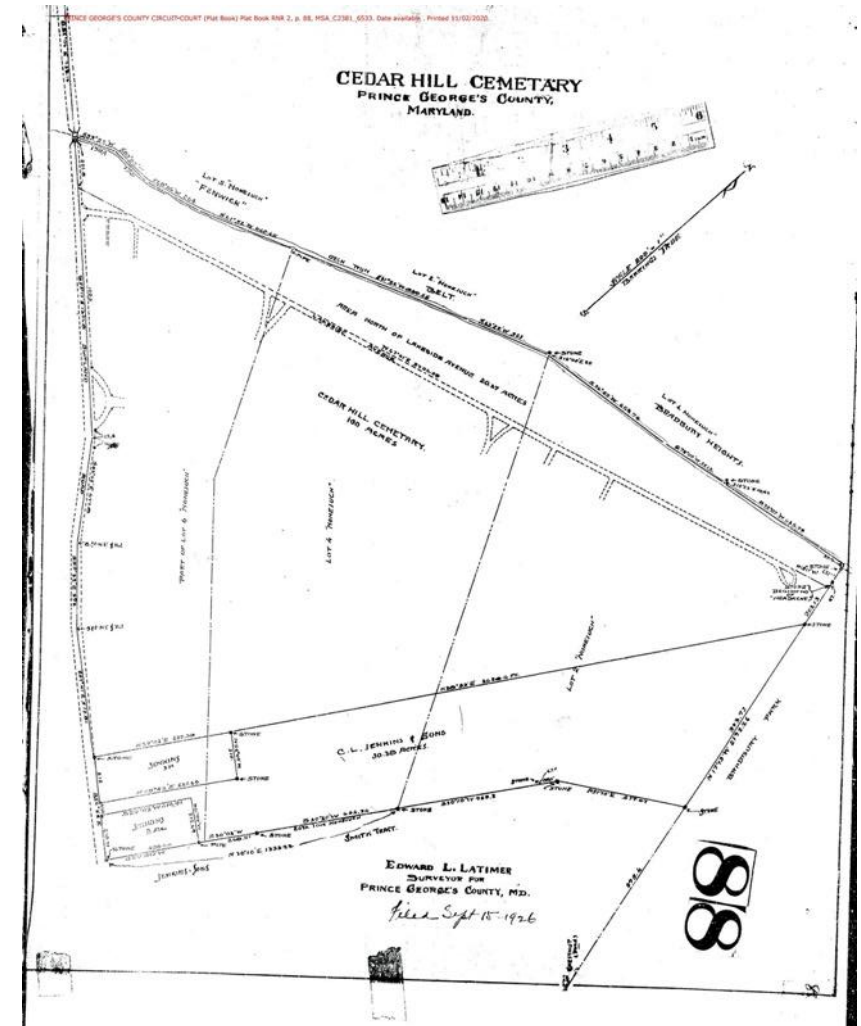
Source: Prince George's County Zoning Map. (Accessed December 10, 2020), from: <https://mncppc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/StorytellingSwipe/index.html?appid=4791688f446b42f5ae0096dad0b6771a&embed>



# Conditions Assessment within Cedar Hill Cemetery

# Cemetery Founding

- Originally a part of Nonesuch Plantation
- Plat for Cedar Hill (1926)
- Land disputes in the early 1900s



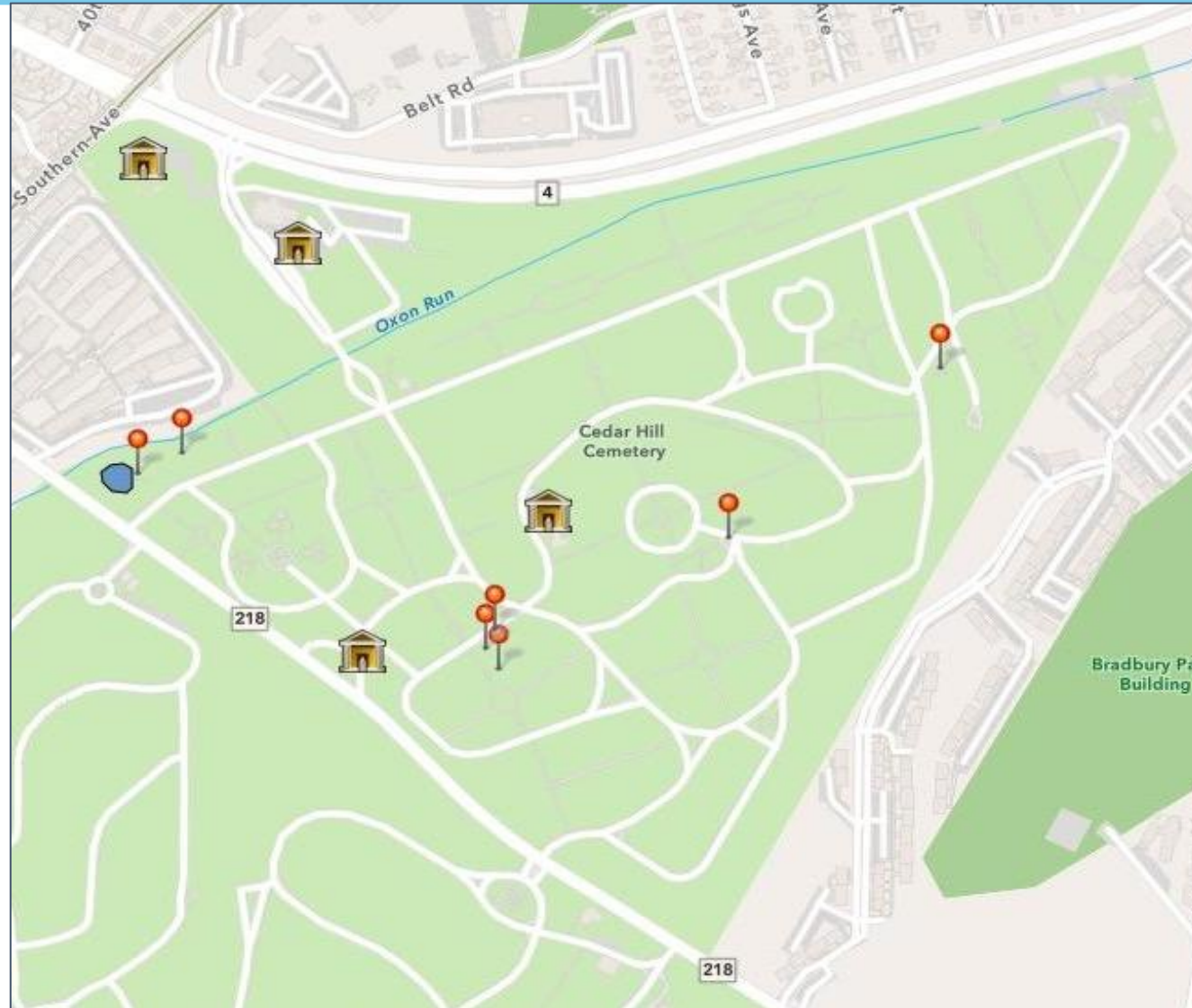
# Cemetery Conditions

- Park-Lawn Style
- Variety of Headstones
- Presence of Family Mausoleums
- Wide range of burial dates in each section



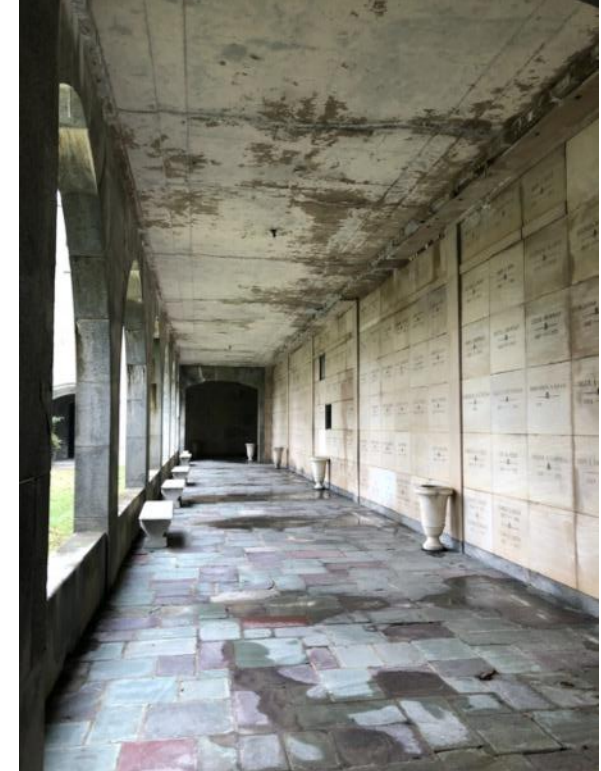


# Mapping Structures and Sculptures



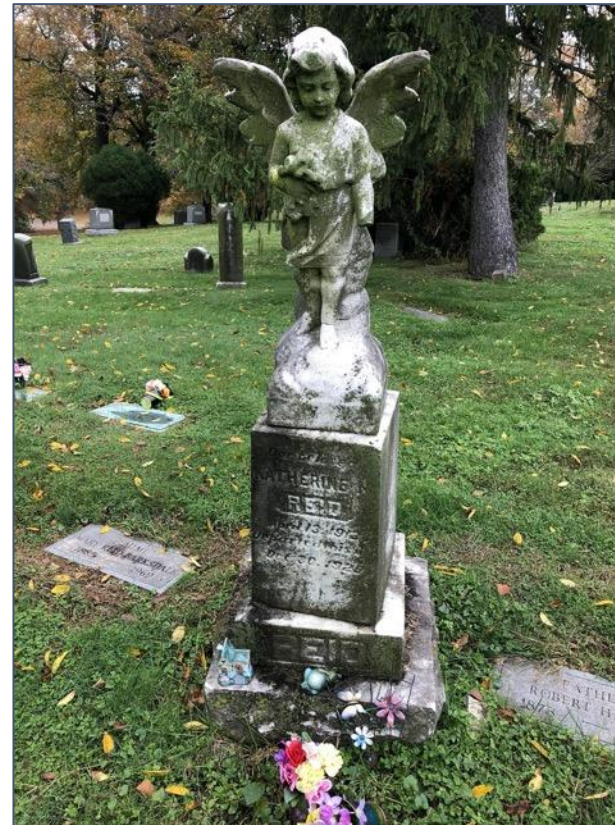
Source: Map of Cedar Hill Cemetery, ArcGIS Community Basemap (Accessed December 7, 2020).

# Building Conditions





# Historically Significant Sections



# Ethnic Heritage

Ukrainian Ethnic Heritage Section, including abandoned mausoleum



# Abandoned Mausoleum

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# Significance and Conditions of Dionicio Rodriguez Sculptures

# Significance

- Examples of Mexican American cultural heritage in Maryland
- Only known work on the East Coast



# Conditions of Sculptures

- Fair condition
- Common issues
  - Surface cracks
  - Spalling
  - Biological growth
  - Rusting of exposed rebar





# Recommendations

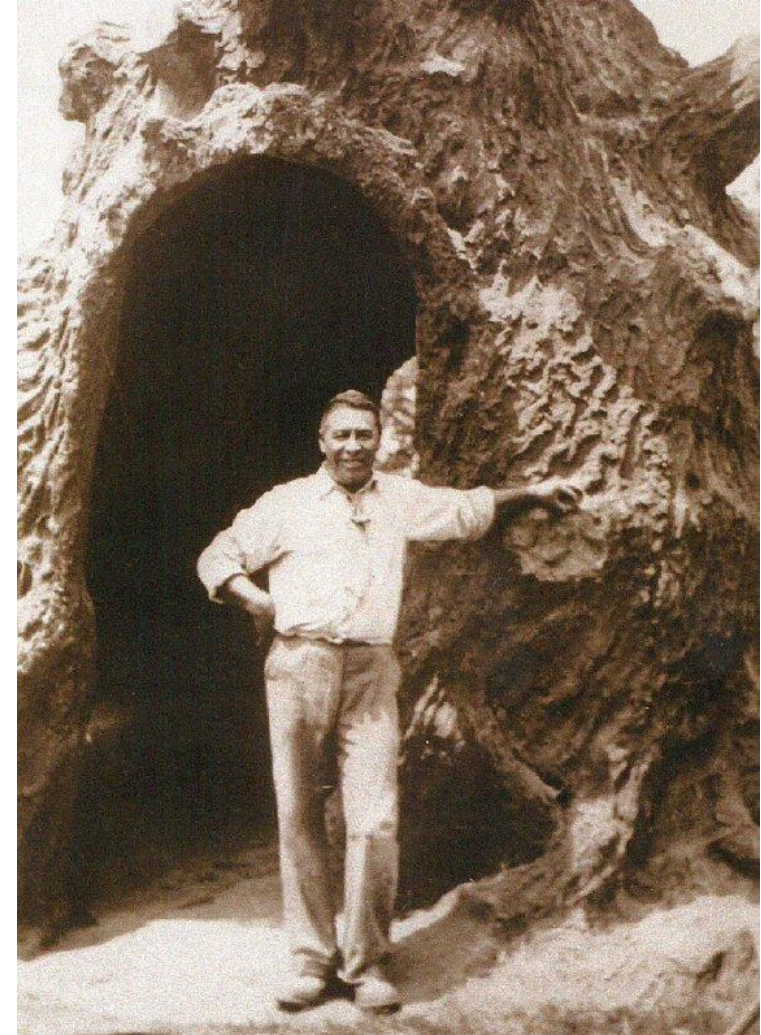
# Recommendations

- Clean off biological growth
- Prevent moisture penetration
- Reach out to other cemeteries/places with his work



# Recommendations

- Mexican American cultural heritage in the Washington, DC area
- Foster community engagement with families of those interred at Cedar Hill Cemetery





# Discussion and Q&A