

THE OLD METHODIST BURYING GROUND.

The leasing of the old Methodist burying ground to the Mount Zion (colored) Church is the subject of much unfavorable comment among the parishioners of the Dumbarton Avenue Church, who say that the representatives of the church had no right to do it without the consent of the lotholders. In some cases, it is said, colored bodies have been buried immediately over those of white men who in life occupied very prominent positions in the town.

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Dumbarton St. M. E. Church } Recorded April 5, 1893 - 2. P. 6
 Mount Zion M. E. Church } Lease

Made this the twenty fifth day of May 1899 by and between the Corporation of Dumbarton St. Methodist Episcopal Church, of the first part and Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church of the second part, both of the County of Washington in the District of Columbia. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid in hand, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part hath let and do by these presents lease, rent, confirm to the parties of the second part, for the full term of ninety-nine years, all that five and parcel of ground known as the "Old Methodist Burial Ground" being and lying within corporate limits of the City of Washington situated between Rock Creek and West End and do by these presents lease and convey to the parties of the second part. All their right, privilege, and interest in and unto the property and no other interest than they possess and have the right to convey for the term herein before stated Subject to such reservations and agreements, as are herein warranted as to be used for the purposes herein stated and no other. The parties of the second part shall make all needed improvements, including, roadways, walks, paths, planting of trees, and such other changes as may make the property suitable for their use.