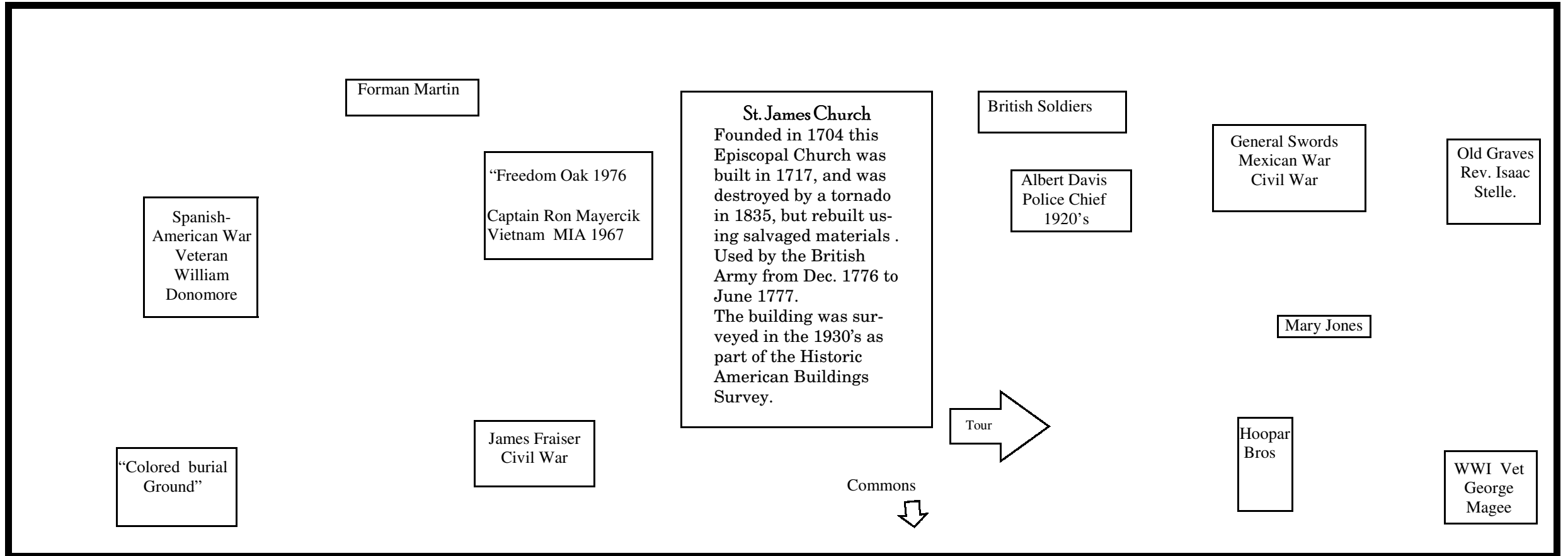


Piscatawaytown Burial Ground 1695

Located on Woodbridge Ave. Edison NJ



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Officially set aside as a cemetery in 1695. However, there were some burials before that date

This cemetery is 3.9 acres, and has over 2800 graves.

Sometimes referred to as the “White Church Cemetery”, burials have continued into 2004.

Owned and maintained by Edison Township

Self Guided Walking Tour:

Beginning at the back door of St. James Church, walk east and you will see the large flat gravestone of the Hoopar Brothers who died of eating poisoned mushrooms in 1693. Just north of this stone is a similar one for Mary Jones. It is unreadable. Continue east toward Park Way and you will find the grave of George Magee, a

WWI veteran who was killed at Gertsner Field in Lake Charles Louisiana. Walk north, and you will find a collection of old graves including Isaac Stelle who was pastor of Stelton Baptist Church. Note the winged death heads, cherubs, and sunrises on these stones. They also all face east. Now walk west toward the large dark monument. This is the grave of General Thomas Swords who served in the Mexican, and Civil Wars.

Historical records indicate that in 1777 the dead British soldiers were buried from the front of the Church to the Cotheal crypt (Which is in front of the General) As you walk west toward the Church you will pass the gravestone of Albert Davis, an Edison Police Chief from the 1920’s.

On the east side of the Church is the grave of Forman Martin, who’s house still stands on Old Post Rd.

Near the Church is an “Freedom” oak tree

Planted in 1976, under the tree is a marker for Ron Mayercik, who is missing in action over South-east Asia.

Near the west edge of the cemetery is the grave of a Spanish American War Veteran, William Donomore.

In the southwest corner of the burial ground is the “Colored Burial Ground” identified by Dr. Hunt.

Walk east toward the Church, you will pass the grave of James Fraiser a Kansan volunteer in the Civil War.