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Notes on Bensonia Morrisania Cemetery

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AKA Morrisania Cemetery

CATEGORY: Public

YEARS OF USE: Circa 1848 to 1868

LOCATION: Saint Mary's Park, at the intersection of Saint Mary's Avenue and 149th Street, Mott Haven, Bronx.

HISTORY: This cemetery was once the public burial ground of the Town of Morrisania. It contained the members of many local families, as well a one hundred fifty members of The Sons of Liberty who fought in the Civil.

Burials ended in 1868, when the extension of Saint Ann's Avenue cut the cemetery in half. The displaced bodies were reinterred in Woodlawn Cemetery, lots 1698 to 1707. Others were taken to Green-Wood Cemetery.

In December 1903, the New York City Board of Estimate and Apportionment ruled that "for a long time back, the place has been filthy and unsightly" and passed a resolution to convert the grounds into Saint Mary's Park. The burial ground is also known as Bensonia Cemetery.

MAILING ADDRESS: N/A

PHONE NUMBER: N/A

RECORDS: N/A

RESOURCES: N/A