

Historic Path Used for Walking Funeral Processions

The wooded path shown here represents the original route used to reach Snow Hill Cemetery before the modern driveway was constructed. For generations, funerals at Snow Hill Primitive Baptist Church were carried out as walking funeral processions, with pallbearers carrying the casket by hand from the church to the burial ground. This footpath - serving as a traditional bier path - formed the practical connection between the separate church parcel and the separate cemetery parcel. Families and community members followed this same wooded corridor as they "bore the body to the grave," preserving a circulation pattern that shaped the historic landscape of the site.



Historic footpath once used to reach Snow Hill Cemetery prior to the installation of the modern driveway.