

**Name:** Hugh Mahaffy

**Dates: B: D:** November 18, 1749

**Name 2:**

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**Longitude:** 75°52.259

**Latitude:** 39°43.477

**Height of stone:** 19"

**Width of stone:** 16"

**Thickness of stone:** 1"



**Type of Stone:** marble

**Condition of stone:** fair

**Position of stone:** vertical

**Direction inscription is facing:** east

**Description of foot or other stones:**

**Exact inscription:** Here Lyeth the body of/ HUGH MAHAFFY/ who was  
Murdered/ November ye 18 1749/ aged 26 years

**Description of any carvings on stone:**

**Cataloguer's remarks:** The story regarding Mahaffey's murder is recorded  
in "A History of Cecil County" on page 284. A man living with Hugh  
became enamored of his wife. The two plotted to kill Hugh, but after

knocking him senseless, they were discovered by his apprentice. They forced the boy to finish the job, threatening that they would accuse him if he refused and he would hang for the crime. The body was buried in Hugh's smith shop. Weeks later, friends became suspicious and traveled from a distance to investigate. The horse of one was tethered in the shop and pawed away the dirt that covered the body. The guilty man escaped and the wife and boy were tried. The boy was hanged.