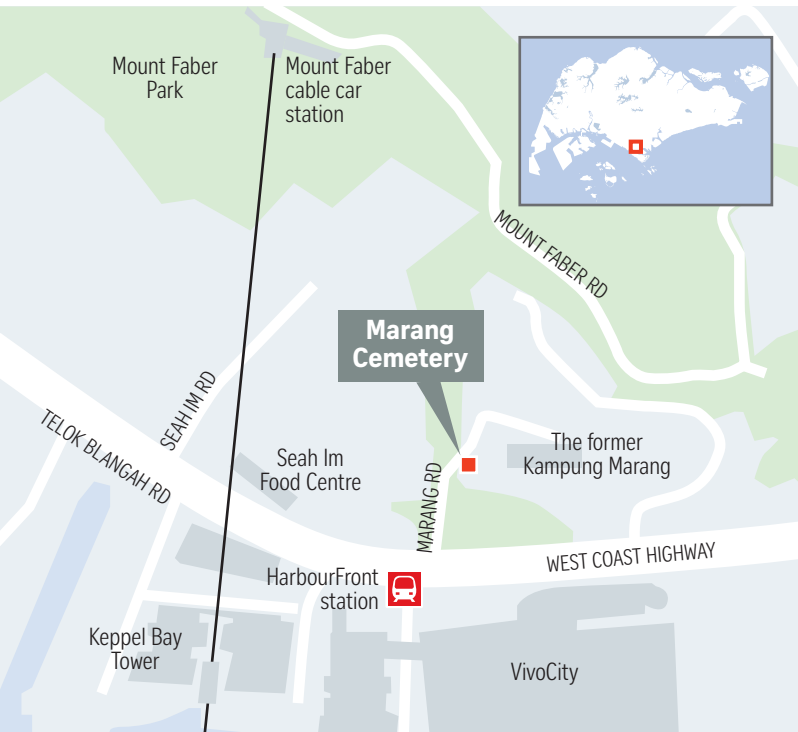


New information on key graves at foot of Mt Faber

The graves, now mostly overtaken by dense vegetation, remained a mystery for decades until ex-villager Rafeah Mohammad Tahir from the defunct Kampung Marang stepped forward with information and shared it with grave researcher Sarafian Salleh. Here is a snapshot of the new information that has emerged since their outing into the forest on Aug 3.



Grave of Ahmad (Marang) Omar

- He was a wealthy businessman who gave Kampung Marang its name, and whom the present-day Marang Road is named after.
- He lived in the area from the mid-1800s until 1920 when he died.

Grave of Abdul Hamid

- He was the son of Kampung Marang's founder, Mr Ahmad.
- He is on record as having provided funding for the 1932 Abdul Hamid Mosque, which still stands in Novena.
- He died in 1945.

Buried alongside Kampung Marang founder Ahmad (Marang) Omar are his wife Hamidah Mohd Taib (left), whose date of death is unknown; his daughter Enche Rayang Ahmad, who died in 1928; and his son Abdul Hamid.



Ms Rafeah Mohammad Tahir standing in front of what is likely the oldest grave in Marang Cemetery.

Grave of Omar Abdul Jalil

- He was the father of Kampung Marang's founder, Mr Ahmad.
- He died in 1866.
- It is likely the oldest known grave in Marang Cemetery.



Grave of Abdul Halim Karto

- He was the grandfather of former Aljunied GRC Member of Parliament Wan Hussin Zohri.
- He reportedly served as a Justice of Peace in the Straits Settlements for the areas of Telok Blangah, Kampong Bahru, Pasir Panjang and the Southern Islands. He also founded three mosques in Singapore.
- He died in 1945.

