



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Prather Family Cemetery	Inventory ID: 020
Alternate name:	
Address: Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane, Rockville	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.113350	Longitude: -77.114757
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2535578	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: Religious Community **Family** African American Other:

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
General condition (See conditions sheet): <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By foot <input type="checkbox"/> By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: 10	Date ranges: 1838-1859

Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)

- **Located less than a mile from the nature center. Difficult to locate in woods – overgrown with underbrush.**
- **Perimeter fence line of upright stones which are sinking.**
- **Obelisk monument is deteriorating.**
- **Possible burial depressions with illegible field stones.**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission		
Relationship to burial site: Montgomery Parks, Manager	Advocacy contact: Jamie Kuhns, History Specialist	
Address: 9500 Brunett Avenue		Phone: 301-650-4362
City: Silver Spring	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20901

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Susan Potter	Survey Date: 3/12/2018	Time spent:
Address:		Phone:
Photographer: Susan Potter		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- **Arborist to determine if dead tree in proximity to obelisk and 2 headstones should be removed**

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:

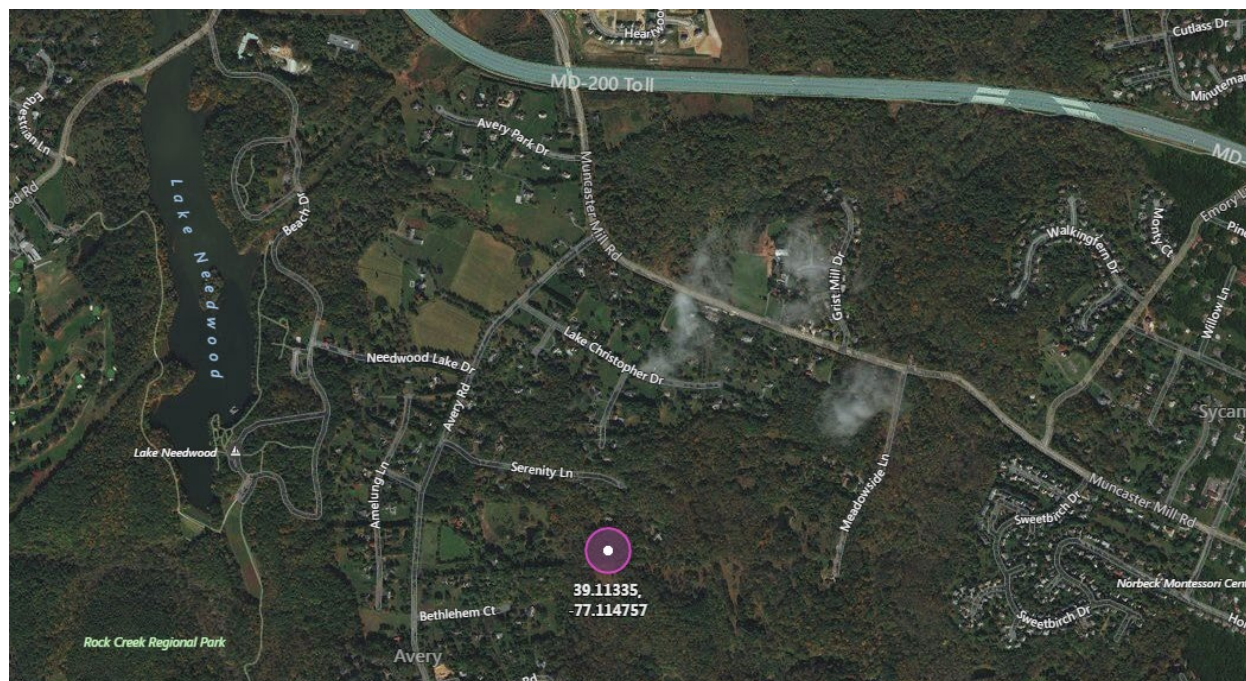
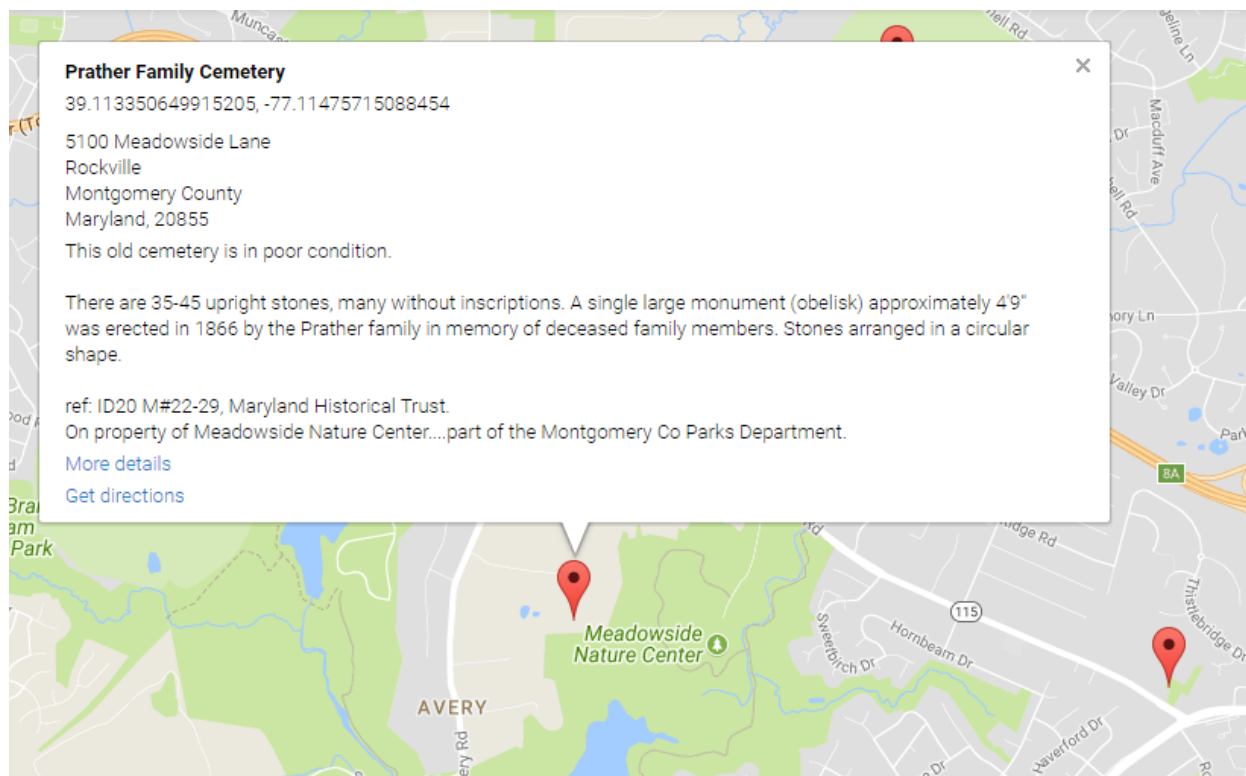
- **No vandalism – hard to see and not near roadway or path**
- **Fallen trees and underbrush**

Anything of significance about this cemetery?

The Prather family came from England and farmed a large tract of land, called Plain Dealing, which included the current site of the graveyard. Because the plantation was large, the Prathers probably owned many slaves. After the Civil War, many of the slaves took the Prather last name and settled in nearby Prathertown, located in Gaithersburg. The graveyard is untended and overgrown and many stones are without inscriptions.

SOURCES

- <http://prathergenealogy.com/defaultmain.htm>
- <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/rock-creek-regional-park/meadowside-nature-center/history/>
- http://www.montgomerypreservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Prather-Family_MGS2018.pdf



Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Prather Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 020
Photographer: Susan Potter		Date: 3/12/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
	1	Entry from service road used by WSSC
	2	Possible stone perimeter fence line
	3	Obelisk monument



1. Entry from service road used by WSSC



2. Possible stone perimeter fence line



3. Obelisk monument

- The first Prather at "Plain Dealing", Aaron Allen Prather: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Prather-68>
- Aaron Allen Prather's Oath of Allegiance in 1776: http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A092389
- Zachariah Prather's Revolutionary War record: <https://www.fold3.com/search#query=William+prather&w=h1L4Q2MgKX7gqrxz>