



### BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: **Graff Family Cemetery**

Inventory ID: **043**

Alternate name: Musser Family Cemetery

Address: **12811 Clopper Road, Germantown**

Website:

GPS coordinates: Latitude: **39.157276**

Longitude: **-77.266007**

FindaGrave: <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/134877>

### BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category:  Religious  Community  Family  African American  Other:

### BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description:  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Wooded  Other:

General condition (See conditions sheet):  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor  None

Is there a formal entrance?  Yes  No Accessibility:  Inaccessible  By foot  By car

Is cemetery active (recent burials)?  Yes  No Is there a cemetery sign:  Yes  No

Is cemetery being maintained?  Yes  Minimal  No (If yes, note caretaker's name below)

Are there visible markers?  Yes  No Approximate number of burials/visible 5 Date ranges: 1823-?

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

Bounded by a gas station parking lot, Mateny Road, and townhouse development streets, with a retaining walls on 3 sides.

There are only field stones, no engraved stones visible. A wood sign on the Mateny Road side was erected by descendants and has omitted some of the people listed as buried there in the MHT form which had come from original family records. The metal sign erected in 1988 by the Germantown Citizens Association which depicted this list has been removed.

### BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: musserfamily.com

Relationship to burial site: descendants

Advocacy contact:

Address: webmaster@musserfamily.com

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

### BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Susan Soderberg

Survey Date: **03/18/2018**

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### COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up: contact family for maintenance schedule

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

The location of the cemetery next to a gas station and surrounded by dense tall bushes makes it very attractive to people wanting to participate in illegal or illicit activities. There is much trash, broken glass. Anything of significance about this cemetery?

The fact that it contains both blacks and whites in the same ground makes it unique for the time.

### SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available: There was an MIHT form, no longer on file. The Germantown Historical Society has The page describing the form and cemetery, listing the names of the people buried there, one of whom is described as "colored."