MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: **Haiti Cemetery**	Inventory ID: **091**
Alternate name:	County ID: **M: 26-16-5**
Address: **205 Martins Lane, Rockville, MD 20850**	
Website: https://haiticemetery.org	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: **39.092663** Longitude: **-77.157215**	
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2340939	

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 markers: **33**	Date ranges: **1868–1983**

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

- **Accessed behind a lot which formerly held the house, well, outbuilding, and shed of Lottie Crutchfield**
- **Grave markers are present but displaced, resting against trees, leaning against the fence, or laying on the ground**
- **105 burials are recorded according to Snowden Funeral Home. Only 33 have visible grave markers.**
- **Property is well kept, but requires constant maintenance to prevent vegetation overgrowth**

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: **Warren G. Crutchfield**		
Relationship to burial site: **Owner**	Advocacy contact: Hannelore Quigley	
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: **Hannelore Quigley**	Survey Date: **4/25/2018**	Time spent: **30 min**
Email:	Photographer: **Hannelore Quigley**	

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- **Two iron gates around family plots are rusting and damaged from fallen tree limbs**
- **GPR recommended to determine actual number of burials**

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

- **Several large tree limbs over grave markers**

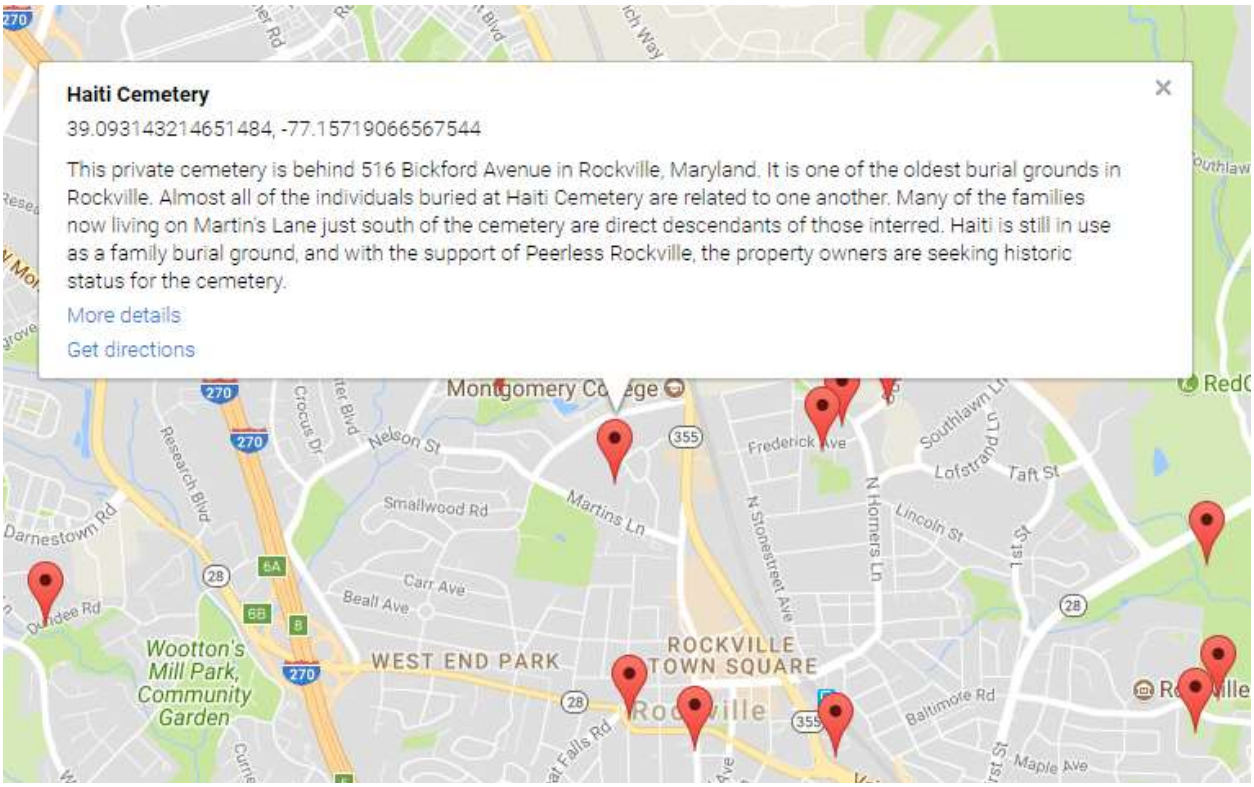
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

- **Oldest African American cemetery in Rockville, originally owned by Agatha and Dennis Smith and continuously owned by their descendants**
- **Very first known cemetery in Rockville where formerly enslaved people could be buried**
- **Eagle Scout clean-up project:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=rbWHFTZZFVs

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

- https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2026-16-5.pdf


Haiti Cemetery
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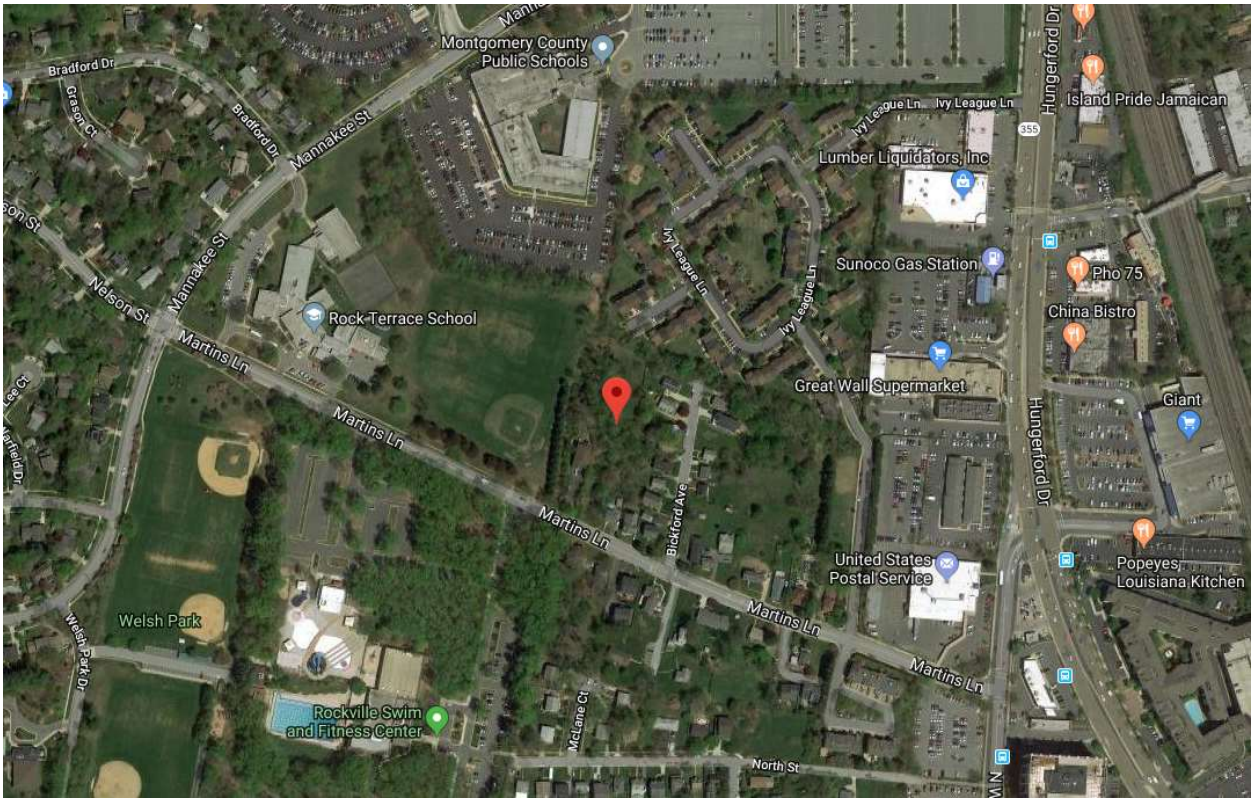
This private cemetery is behind 516 Bickford Avenue in Rockville, Maryland. It is one of the oldest burial grounds in Rockville. Almost all of the individuals buried at Haiti Cemetery are related to one another. Many of the families now living on Martin's Lane just south of the cemetery are direct descendants of those interred. Haiti is still in use as a family burial ground, and with the support of Peerless Rockville, the property owners are seeking historic status for the cemetery.
More details
Get directions
Montgomery College
Nelson St
Frederick Ave
Martins Ln
Smallwood Rd
Darnestown Rd
Dundee Rd
Carr Ave
Beall Ave
Wootton's Mill Park, Community Garden
WEST END PARK
ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE
Rockville
Baltimore Rd
Maple Ave
Lofstrand Ln
Taft St
Lincoln St
N Horners Ln
N Stonestreet Ave
1st St
Research Blvd
Crocus Dr
Southlawn Ln


Montgomery County Public Schools
Bradford Dr
Grason Ct
Mannakee St
Island Pride Jamaican
Ivy League Ln
Lumber Liquidators, Inc
Hungerford Dr
Sunoco Gas Station
Pho 75
China Bistro
Rock Terrace School
Nelson St
Martins Ln
Great Wall Supermarket
Giant
Bickford Ave
United States Postal Service
Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen
Welsh Park
Welsh Park Dr
Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
McLane Ct
North St

Parcel

OBJECTID	36778
ACCT	00144978
STATUS	M
TOWN_CODE	12
DISTRICT	04
SUBDIVISION	0503
SORT_KEY	CRUTCHFIEL
ACRE_OR_SQFT	S
LIBER	00748
FOLIO	0277
LOT	
BLOCK	
TAX_CLASS	50
ASSMT_DATE	2,016
LAND_ASSMT	314,500

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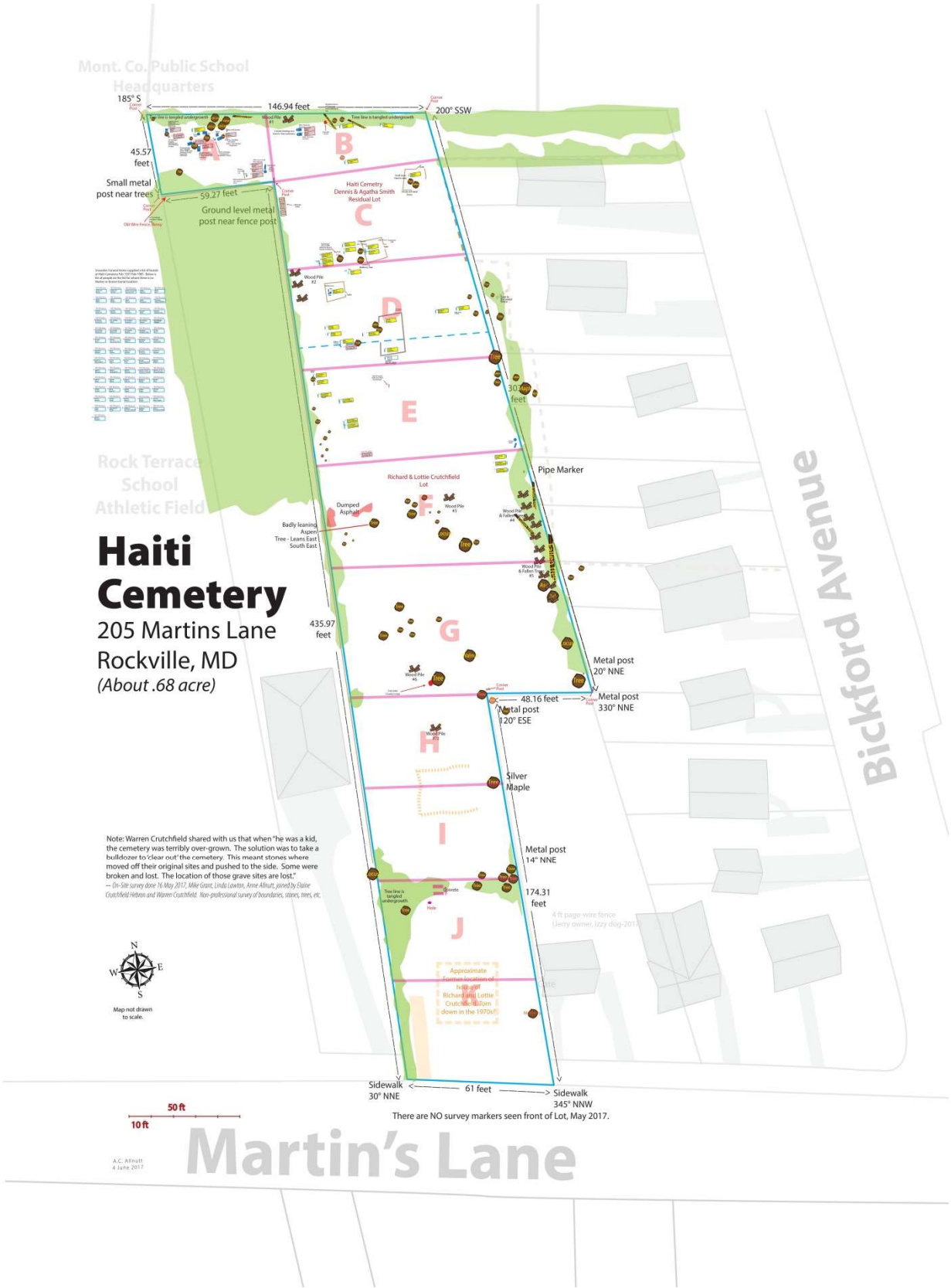
Source: Montgomery Planning GIS Site
http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/research-and-designation/gis-tool/



Map of Haiti Cemetery by Anne Allnutt, 16 May 2017.

Mission and Vision

The current cemetery owner is Warren G. Crutchfield, who is 80 years old, is still maintaining the cemetery, mowing the lawn, pruning shrubs and trees, and chopping wood as of 2018. He is in need of help to care for and maintain the cemetery. Future priorities to be considered are a Conservation Assessment, comparison of burial list with funeral home records, IRS recognition and property tax exemption, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), grave marker restoration, and additional on-site interpretive signage. All of these steps relate directly to the owners' mission and vision, which is to restore the cemetery to a state where it can be well maintained, interpreted, and contribute to the appreciation of all who visit. Anchoring a new, healthy, formal organization with IRS status will help to preserve the cemetery, continue to garner community interest and support, sustain its caretakers, and set up a positive future for this historic burial ground. Warren and Elaine Crutchfield continue to make positive strides to use their resources to move towards a sustainable future for this important Rockville landmark.

Resources

- Montgomery Planning GIS Map site: http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/research-and-designation/gis-tool/
- Map of Haiti Cemetery by Anne Allnutt, 16 May 2017.
- Website of Haiti Cemetery: https://haiticemetery.org (Run by Haiti Cemetery Board of Directors)
- Peerless Rockville file: "Haiti Cemetery."
- "Burials in the Haiti Community Cemetery by the Snowden Funeral Home Rockville, Maryland from February 1937 – February 1985.pdf" 1985. 6 pages. (Paper copy available at Peerless Rockville in "Haiti Cemetery" file.)
- Jane C. Sween Library "Haiti Cemetery File."
- Haiti Cemetery and Neighborhood Map, Deets & Maddox Real Estate Atlas. 1916.
- "Haiti/Martin's Lane: Study of an Historic Black Community." Peerless Rockville Archives. 1988.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory
Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Haiti Cemetery		Inventory ID: 091
Photographer: Hannelore Quigley		Date: 4/25/2018
Time	**Photo No.**	**Description and direction you are facing** (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
12:15 pm	1	Haiti Cemetery sign, installed in 2017
|	2	Approach to cemetery from Martins Lane, facing north
|	3	Panoramic from west to north to east
|	4	Panoramic from east to south to west
12:25 pm	5	Cemetery cleanup in October 2017

1. Haiti Cemetery sign, installed in 2017

2. Approach to cemetery from Martins Lane, facing north

3. Panoramic from west to north to east

4. Panoramic from east to south to west

Haiti Cemetery During Cleanup (Photo credit: Hannelore Quigley, October 2017)

5. Cemetery cleanup in October 2017