

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

ID: 140

Name: St. Paul Community

had Will of God Mission Ch.

Alternate name:

14730 Original name Sugarland Forest

Address: Sugarland Rd & ~~Sugarland Lane~~

*Methodist Epis. Ch. (1871)
Curtisville M.E. (1880)
Taylor's Chapel (1890)*

Town: Sugarland

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Type

- Religious _____
- Family _____
- Private _____
- Other _____

Association

- Free black
- Enslaved
- Ethnic _____
- Prehistoric _____

Setting Rural Urban Suburban Forested Other _____

Condition Excellent Good Fair Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) Drainage in one area

Approximate no. of burials 180+ Date range of burials earliest marker 1905 - 2004

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

Unpaved road through middle. Few trees & bushes throughout. Many unmarked graves. Many markers w/out no inscriptions. (Full stone, plate & concrete) Lot of broken markers, but well-kept. Stone forest overgrown along edges.

Surveyor(s) Arne & Janet Survey date Dec 4, 2004

Photographer _____ Date _____ Photo no. _____

Current owner _____

Address/Phone No. _____

Historic Status Locational Atlas ID _____ National Register
 Master Plan ID _____ Other _____

UTM _____

Additional sources of information:

140 ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CHURCH CEMETERY
14730 SUGARLAND ROAD
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. PAUL COMMUNITY CHURCH CEMETERY AT SUGARLAND
Directions: Route 190 West, River Road, right on Partnership Road, left on Sugarland Lane, cemetery on right. [A.D.C. Map: Montgomery, page 20, grid coordinates E-11.] Condition of cemetery: Well kept. Active cemetery. Earliest known death: 1905. Most recent death: Present. Veterans interred: WWI and WWII vets. Date transcribed: 1982. Location of transcribed records: Montgomery County Historical Society Library, 42 West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Comments: Over 91 marked graves, African-American congregation.

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A Dedication Ceremony

St. Paul's Community Church

Dec. 7, 1996

*"Reaping the sweet harvest from the seeds sown
by our foreparents."*



The Historic St. Paul's Community Church 1871 - 1996

is the heart of the Sugarland Forest Community established by freed slaves after emancipation. Patriarchs William Taylor, Patrick Hebron Jr. and John H. Diggs, as trustees, purchased this parcel of land from George W. Dawson, a former white slave owner, on October 6, 1871 for the sum of \$25.00. The deed specified the land be used for religious worship, a school and burial site for people of African descent.

The original church, The Sugarland Forest Methodist Episcopal, was rebuilt as a community hall in 1930. Other earlier names were Curtisville M.E. (1880) and Taylor's Chapel (1890).

This edifice, built in 1893 by W. Scott Beall, stands as a testimony and tribute to our heritage and the founding families of this community, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Blessings and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving,
and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God
for ever ever, Amen. Rev. 7:12*

**Placed by the descendants of the Sugarland Forest
Community**

This Historic Plaque dedicated Dec. 7, 1996

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14730 SUGARLAND ROAD
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St. Paul Community Church
14730 Sugarland Rd., Poolesville. Md. 20837

- Master of Ceremony* Rev. John Powell
Assistant Pastor,
St. Paul Community Church
- Selections*..... Lay Minister Gayle Hebron
- History*..... Gwen Reese,
St. Paul Community Church
- Speakers*..... Dr. Michael Blakey,
The Cobb Laboratory,
Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- Nina Clarke,
Historian
- Commissioner Gregg Clemmer,
Historic Preservation Commission
Montgomery County. Md.
- Jerry Klobukowski,
Poolesville Town Commission
- Caroline Taylor Goldman,
Executive Director, F.A.R.M.
For A Rural Montgomery
- Presentation*..... State Senator Jean Roesser
- Selection*..... Rev. Melvin Martin,
St. Paul Community Church
- Dedication Prayer*..... Pastor Robert Brodie,
St. Paul Community Church

Unveiling of the Plaque
by Descendants of the Three Founding Fathers:

William Taylor: great, great grandson, James M. Etheridge III
Patrick Hebron: Jr.: great, great, great grandson, E-5 Kevin Richards
John Diggs: great, great grandson, Steve Murray

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***Documented Surnames of Founding Families Located
in the Sugarland Forest Community
in the early 1870's to 1880's:***

Adams	Gibbs	Nicholson
Bailey	Green	Nickles
Barnes	Gwinn	Owens
Beander	Hackett	Parker
Beckwith	Hall	Plummer
Bell-Beall	Hallman	Prather
Branison	Harper	Proctor
Brooks	Hawkins	Read
Brown	Hebron	Richardson
Butler	Higgins	Robinson
Clark	Jackson	Russell
Castelle	Jenkins	Spriggs
Coates	Johnson	Smith
Cooper	Lee	Summerville
Curtis	Lockett	Taylor
Davis	Lyles	Thomas
Diggs	Lynch	Thompson
Diggins	Nokes	Thornton
Dorsey	Mason	Turner
Duffin	McDonald	Twiman
Dyson	Murray	Warfield
Garner	Newman	Warren
Garnett	Nichols	Washington
		Williams

These surnames were taken from a St. Paul Church ledger dated 1884 with the exception of surnames Russell and Garner. These names were discovered during oral taped interviews.

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"Beautiful faces are they that wear the light of a pleasant spirit there. Beautiful hands are they that do deeds that are noble. good and true. Beautiful feet are they that go swiftly to lighten another's woe."

1871 - 1996

God Bless You Always

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