



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

## BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: <b>Seneca Colored Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery</b>	Inventory ID: <b>145</b>
Alternate name:	
Address: <b>Behind 13215 Violettes Lock Road, Seneca (Poolesville)</b>	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: <b>39.072337</b>	Longitude: <b>-77.327554</b>
FindaGrave: <a href="https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2244781">https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2244781</a>	

## 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: **82**      Date ranges: **1841 to Jul 2017**

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

The cemetery is clearly visible from Violettes Lock Road and marked with a sign. The cemetery is enclosed with a wrought-iron fence and gate that fronts Violettes Lock Road and a chain link fence on the other three sides. An asphalt driveway (in fair condition) begins at Violettes Lock Road and becomes a gravel driveway before ending about halfway through the cemetery grounds. The cemetery is hilly with mature trees and grassy / mossy groundcover. Some plots appeared to be mulched (probably last season). (continues on attached page)

## BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: **Allen Driver (Seneca Community Church, Cemetery Committee)**

Relationship to burial site: **Church Cemetery Committee**      Advocacy contact: **adriver@verizon.net**

Address:      Phone:

City:      State:      ZIP Code:

## BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: **Ingrid Fraley**      Survey Date: **3/19/2018**yy

Address: **15220 Berryville Road, Germantown, 20874**      Phone: **703-927-8700**

Email: **ifraley@aol.com**

Photographer: **Ryan Pike (ryanjpike@gmail.com)**

## COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:  
As perviously mentioned, some markers and headstones were partially covered by soil erosion. There are several grave markers (probably intended to be temporary) where the name of the deceased has been lost or is illegible.

Anything of significance about this cemetery?  
Historic African-American cemetery. The Seneca Community ME Church used to be adjacent to the cemetery before relocating to Berryville Road.

## SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

## **Seneca Colored ME Church Cemetery**

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Site Visit: 3/19/2018

Report Issued: 3/30/2018

### **Burial Site Evaluation**

Site Description continued...

Some areas have been effected by soil erosion with some headstones or markers partially covered by soil. Most grave sites are located perpendicular and along the north and south fence lines. There are at least two burials located just outside the fenced area at the southeast corner of the cemetery in a vacant lot (currently posted for sale). The first is the oldest identified burial in the cemetery, Lewis Hebron 1841-1888, consisting of a marble headstone and smaller marble footstone. The second burial is marked by a large sandstone boulder engraved with, "FRANK DAVIES 'MADOG' R.A.F. WWII, 1920-2007, LOVED BY ALL" The Davies stone is close to the Hebron stones. On our visit, this area was dotted with clusters of spring daffodils and other sandstone rocks and boulders (unmarked). It's certainly possible there are other burials (unmarked) in this area beyond the enclosed cemetery.



## Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

- Before you begin, create a folder in your photo app on your mobile device. Name the folder to match the ID number of that cemetery, i.e., 059 or 254. Each cemetery you are assigned should have its own folder. All photos should be stored in this folder.
- Please take a variety of photos that capture the proximity from the main road, size, and vicinity of the burial site. Move in a clockwise direction through the cemetery to capture your movement chronologically.
- If your mobile device has a panoramic function, take two panoramic photos from the **center** of the cemetery. Establish where true North is and take one panoramic from West-North-East and the second from East-South-West.
- List the time and date of each photograph and include the direction you are facing.
- Photo files (*and a photo of this completed form*) may be emailed to [mococems@gmail.com](mailto:mococems@gmail.com) or uploaded to <https://tinyurl.com/mococems>

<b>Cemetery Name: Seneca Colored Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery</b>		<b>Inventory ID: 145</b>
<b>Photographer:</b>		
<b>Time &amp; Date</b>	<b>Photo No.</b>	<b>Description and direction you are facing</b> (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
		See separate photo inventory.

### CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED IMAGES

- Photo 1 taken from the roadside approach to the cemetery—the view the public would see while driving by. If the cemetery is not visible from the road, please take a series of photos as you approach the cemetery—from the road to the parking area, through a field, woods, etc.
- Photo 2 taken toward the center of the cemetery from the cemetery main entrance, gate, or first boundary you come to.
- Photo 3 panoramic taken from the center of the cemetery, starting from West to North to East.
- Photo 4 panoramic taken from the center of the cemetery, starting from East to South to East.

*If you have any extra time and would like to photograph some or all of the gravestones, please do so. Remember not to physically touch, move, or clean the stones.*

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(Violettes Lock Road)

**Inventory ID: 145**  
**Photo Inventory**

No.	Date	Time	Description / Location	GPS (if avail.)	Photographer
145_1	3/19/2018	1:50 pm	Violettes Lock Road access point (gate) to cemetery (looking southeast)		Ryan Pike
145_2	Same	1:50 pm	Violettes Lock Road access point (gate) to cemetery (looking southeast)		Same
145_3	Same	1:52 pm	Violettes Lock Road access point (gate) to cemetery (looking more easterly down the cemetery driveway)		Same
145_4	Same	1:52 pm	Violettes Lock Road access point (gate) to cemetery (looking more easterly down the cemetery driveway)		Same
145_5	Same	1:13 pm	Screen shot of iPhone GPS Coordinates at approx. center of cemetery	39°04'21"N 77°19'39"W	Same
145_6	Same	1:14 pm	Panoramic, North to East to South		Same
145_7	Same	1:48 pm	Panoramic, North to East to South		Same
145_8	Same	1:49 pm	View easterly down the cemetery driveway (front gate behind photographer)		Same
145_9	Same	1:15 pm	View westerly down cemetery driveway towards front gate on Violettes Lock Road		Same
145_10	Same	1:19 pm	View westerly down cemetery driveway towards front gate on Violettes Lock Road		Same
145_11	Same	1:45 pm	View easterly towards top of the slope / rear of the cemetery		Same

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No.	Date	Time	Description / Location	GPS (if avail.)	Photographer
145_12	3/19/2018	1:45 pm	View from the center of the cemetery looking south		Ryan Pike
145_13	Same	1:44 pm	View from the center of the cemetery looking northeast		Same
145_14	Same	1:15 pm	View from the center of the cemetery looking north		Same
145_15	Same	1:15 pm	View from the center of the cemetery looking easterly to the rear of the cemetery		Same
145_16	Same	1:16 pm	"Michael Keith Shirley"		Same
145_17	Same	1:16 pm	"Nancy Crone" plot – view 1		Same
145_18	Same	1:17 pm	"Nancy Crone" view 2		Same
145_19	Same	1:17 pm	"Nancy Crone" view 3		Same
145_20	Same	1:17 pm	"Jerlene E Ellis"		Same
145_21	Same	1:17 pm	"John R Clipper" view 1		Same
145_22	Same	1:17 pm	"John R Clipper" view 2		Same
145_23	Same	1:18 pm	"Xenia Serbinio Ellis" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_24	Same	1:18 pm	"Claggett W Clipper" plot view		Same
145_25	Same	1:18 pm	Unmarked stone		Same
145_26	Same	1:19 pm	"Alice Mary Jackson Beander" view 1		Same
145_27	Same	1:19 pm	"Alice Mary Jackson Beander" view 2		Same
145_28	Same	1:19 pm	"George F Jackson" temporary grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker) – view 1		Same
145_29	Same	1:19 pm	"George F Jackson" temporary grave marker – view 2		Same
145_30	Same	1:20 pm	"Gladys Brame Booker"		Same
145_31	Same	1:20 pm	Unlabeled grave marker		Same
145_32	Same	1:20 pm	Unlabeled grave marker (not the same as 145_31)		Same
145_33	Same	1:20	Closeup view of photo 145_32		Same

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No.	Date	Time	Description / Location	GPS (if avail.)	Photographer
145_34	3/19/2018	1:21 pm	"William Franklin Mills Sr" view 1		Ryan Pike
145_35	Same	1:21 pm	"William Franklin Mills Sr" view 2		Same
145_36	Same	1:21 pm	"William Franklin Mills Sr" view 3		Same
145_37	Same	1:21 pm	"Clipper" Family Plot (includes "Harry B", "Ruby V", "Harriet W" and "Benjamin H") overall view		Same
145_38	Same	1:21 pm	"Clipper" Family Plot – closeup of "Harry B"		Same
145_39	Same	1:22 pm	"Clipper" Family Plot – closeup of "Ruby V"		Same
145_40	Same	1:22 pm	"Clipper" Family Plot – closeup of "Harriet W"		Same
145_41	Same	1:22 pm	"Clipper" Family Plot – closeup of "Benjamin H"		Same
145_42	Same	1:23 pm	"Clipper" Family Plot – closeup of "Harriet W and Benjamin H"		Same
145_43	Same	1:23 pm	"Lillian M Jackson"		Same
145_44	Same	1:23 pm	"William M Jackson"		Same
145_45	Same	1:23 pm	"Evelyn O Hall"		Same
145_46	Same	1:23 pm	"William O Jackson"		Same
145_47	Same	1:24 pm	"James Thomas"		Same
145_48	Same	1:24 pm	"Mamie Lee"		Same
145_49	Same	1:24 pm	"Stella Thomas"		Same
145_50	Same	1:24 pm	"James W Jackson"		Same
145_51	Same	1:24 pm	"Henry Jackson" view 1		Same
145_52	Same	1:25 pm	"Henry Jackson" view 2		Same
145_53	Same	1:25 pm	"Henrietta Jackson" view 1		Same
145_54	Same	1:25 pm	"Henrietta Jackson" view 2		Same
145_55	Same	1:25 pm	"Henrietta Jackson" view 3		Same
145_56	Same	1:26 pm	Unlabeled grave marker		Same
145_57	Same	1:26 pm	Unmarked sandstone marker in daylilies (?)		Same

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145_58	3/19/2018	1:27 pm	"Armiter Beatrice Jackson"		Ryan Pike
145_59	Same	1:27 pm	"Hazel Estelle Jackson" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker) view 1		Same
145_60	Same	1:27 pm	"Hazel Estelle Jackson" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker) view 2		Same
145_61	Same	1:27 pm	"Ollie A Jackson"		Same
145_62	Same	1:27 pm	"Upton H Jackson Jr"		Same
145_63	Same	1:28 pm	"Alphonzo E Jackson"		Same
145_64	Same	1:28 om	"Jackson" family plot overall view (includes "Martha A" and "Alphonzo O")		Same
145_65	Same	1:28 pm	"Jackson" family plot closeup of "Alphonzo O"		Same
145_66	Same	1:28 pm	"Jackson" family plot closeup of "Martha L"		Same
145_67	Same	1:29 pm	"Upton H Jackson"		Same
145_68	Same	1:29 pm	"Elizabeth I Jackson"		Same
145_69	Same	1:29 pm	"Paul S Young Sr"		Same
145_70	Same	1:30 pm	Overall plot view of "Ellen or Hellen S Clipper" and Elizabeth C Prather"		Same
145_71	Same	1:30 pm	Closeup plot view of "Ellen or Hellen S Clipper" and Elizabeth C Prather"		Same
145_72	Same	1:30 pm	"Ellen or Hellen S Clipper" closeup view		Same
145_73	Same	1:30 pm	"Elizabeth C Prather" closeup		Same
145_74	Same	1:31 pm	"Myrtle Beckwith Tynes"		Same
145_75	Same	1:31 pm	"Gary G Beckwith" view 1		Same
145_76	Same	1:31 pm	"Gary G Beckwith" view 2		Same
145_77	Same	1:31 pm	"Winfield R Johnson Jr"		Same
145_78	Same	1:32 pm	"Clarine E Johnson"		Same
145_79	Same	1:32 pm	"Sandy E Johnson"		Same
145_80	Same	1:33 pm	"Winfield Roger Johnson Sr"		Same
145_81	Same	1:33 pm	"Sandy Beckwith" view 1		Same
145_82	Same	1:33 pm	"Sandy Beckwith" view 2		Same
145_83	Same	1:33 pm	"Martha Beckwith"		Same

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145_84	3/19/2018	1:34 pm	"Mamie B Payton"		Ryan Pike
145_85	Same	1:34 pm	Unmarked stone		Same
145_86	Same	1:34 pm	Unidentifiable burial		Same
145_87	Same	1:34 pm	"Emma B Driver" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_88	Same	1:34 pm	"Frederick T Driver"		Same
145_89	Same	1:35 pm	Illegible grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_90	Same	1:35 pm	"Charles E Driver"		Same
145_91	Same	1:35 pm	"Melvin S Driver"		Same
145_92	Same	1:35 pm	"Mary Driver"		Same
145_93	Same	1:36 pm	"Pamela Diane Pumphrey" temporary grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_94	Same	1:37 pm	"Aline E Jackson"		Same
145_95	Same	1:37 pm	"James E Jackson"		Same
145_96	Same	1:38 pm	"Aline Jackson Turner"		Same
145_97	Same	1:38 pm	"Robert Eugene Turner"		Same
145_98	Same	1:38 pm	"Helen Jackson Shirley"		Same
145_99	Same	1:38 pm	"Johnson" family (includes "Elbert M Jr" and "Bernice V")		Same
145_100	Same	1:39 pm	Unlabeled grave marker		Same
145_101	Same	1:39 pm	"Henry R Jackson"		Same
145_102	Same	1:39 pm	"Virginia L Jackson"		Same
145_103	Same	1:39 pm	"James H Jackson"		Same
145_104	Same	1:40 pm	"Rachel L Jackson"		Same
145_105	Same	1:40 pm	"Anthony S Jackson" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_106	Same	1:40 pm	"Rosalie C Duvall" view 1		Same
145_107	Same	1:40 pm	"Rosalie C Duvall" view 2		Same
145_108	Same	1:40 pm	"Martha Louise Dixon" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same



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145_109	3/19/2018	1:41 pm	"Elise A Jackson Dorsey"		Ryan Pike
145_110	Same	1:41 pm	Row of 3 headstones (left to right: "Sarah Ethel Christine Mason Jackson", "Carroll L Driver", "Lillian E Mason")		Same
145_111	Same	1:41 pm	"Sarah Ethel Christine Mason Jackson" view 1		Same
145_112	Same	1:41 pm	"Sarah Ethel Christine Mason Jackson" view 2		Same
145_113	Same	1:42 pm	"Carroll L Driver" view 1		Same
145_114	Same	1:42 pm	"Carroll L Driver" view 2		Same
145_115	Same	1:43 pm	"Lillian E Mason" view 1		Same
145_116	Same	1:43 pm	"Lillian E Mason" view 2		Same
145_117	Same	1:43 pm	"Blake Edward Wilson" view 1		Same
145_118	Same	1:43 pm	"Blake Edward Wilson" view 2		Same
145_119	Same	1:44 pm	"Clipper" Family plot (includes "Edward N Clipper" and "Milton C Clipper Sr")		Same
145_120	Same	1:44 pm	"Clipper" Family plot, closeup of "Edward N Clipper" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_121	Same	1:44 pm	"Clipper" Family plot, closeup of "Milton C Clipper Sr" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker)		Same
145_122	Same	1:45 pm	"Dorothy E Stewart" view 1		Same
145_123	Same	1:45 pm	"Dorothy E Stewart" view 2 (plot with wood cross, stone and brick border has grave marker with no label – see photo 145_124 and 145_125)		Same
145_124	Same	1:46 pm	Plot with unlabeled grave marker		Same
145_125	Same	1:46 pm	Plot with unlabeled grave marker in foreground		Same
145_126	Same	1:46 pm	"Billie Jay Genies" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker) view 1		Same

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145_127	3/19/2018	1:46 pm	"Billie Jay Genies" grave marker (there is no headstone or stone marker) view 2		Ryan Pike
145_128	Same	1:46 pm	"Leonard Martin Jr" & "Washington L Genies" plot outlined by round brick border (no headstones or stone markers) overall view		Same
145_129	Same	1:46 pm	"Leonard Martin Jr" closeup of grave marker (no headstones or stone markers)		Same
145_130	Same	1:46 pm	"Washington L Genies" closeup of grave marker (no headstones or stone markers)		Same
145_131	Same	1:49 pm	Large unmarked sandstone near gravel parking area (may not mark a grave)		Same
145_132	Same	2:00 pm	Overall view outside the cemetery fenced area (southeast corner) where there are two grave markers, "Lewis Hebron" is the white stone and "Frank Davies" is the sandstone		Same
145_133	Same	2:00 pm	"Lewis Hebron" headstone – view 1		Same
145_134	Same	2:00 pm	"Lewis Hebron" headstone – view 2		Same
145_135	Same	2:01 pm	"Lewis Hebron" headstone – view 3 (with footstone)		Same
145_136	Same	2:01 pm	"Frank Davies" view 1		Same
145_137	Same	2:01 pm	"Frank Davies" view 2		Same
145_138	Same	2:01 pm	"Frank Davies" view 3		Same
145_139	Same	1:44 pm	View of cemetery north fence		Same
145_140	Same	1:44 pm	View of cemetery north fence		Same
145_141	Same	1:47 pm	View of cemetery looking northeast		Same