



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED		
BURIAL SITE INFORMATION		
Name: (Unknown) Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 248
Alternate name: Possibly Franklin Family Cemetery		
Address: Across from 16425 Batson Road, Spencerville		
Website:		
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.125603		Longitude: -76.962084
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2675054		
BURIAL SITE TYPE		
Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
BURIAL SITE EVALUATION		
Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input 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: 1 or 2 Date ranges:
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• Fieldstone with initials "M.E.F." on one side and "1883" date on back.		
• Possibly additional fieldstones under leaves		
BURIAL SITE CONTACT		
Name: Connie Lucas		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact:
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR		
Name: Tina Simmons & Dennis Green		Survey Date: 2/12/2018 Time spent:
Email:		Photographer: Tina Simmons
COMMENTS		
Suggestions for follow-up:		
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:		
• Leaf debris, fallen tree branches, trash in general area		
Anything of significance about this cemetery?		
• "For Sale" sign and zoning exception sign on property		
SOURCES		
Cite sources used and resources available:		
• https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boa/Resources/Files/pdf/opinions/2004/s-2480.pdf		

RESEARCH

An 1879 map of Montgomery County shows the area on Batson Road within the Berry's District at that time.



The names of the residents on that street in the 1880 Census shows that the family's name who lived next to Newton Berry was **FRANKLIN**.

1880 United States Federal Census																
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Street	House No.	Dwelling	Family No.	Name	Race	Sex	Age	Birth Mo.	Relationship	Single	Married	Widow/D.	Married C.	Occupation	Months U.	Sick
				Mary E.	B.	F.	12		Daughter	1				At Home		
				Milton B.	B.	M.	11		Son	1				At Home		
				Eddie	B.	F.	8		Daughter							
				Jeardence	B.	F.	5		Daughter							
	230 240			Franklin	B.	M.	26			1				Laborer	✓	
				Elizabeth	B.	F.	25		Wife	1				Keeping house		
				John	B.	M.	2		Son							
				Annie	B.	F.	7		Daughter							

There's Singleton (father), Elizabeth (mother), John (son), and Annie (daughter). They are a black family.

A few houses down from them is James FRANKLIN and his wife, MARY E. FRANKLIN. This might have been Singleton's parents.

1880 United States Federal Census for George L. Bowen

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	Mary E.	B. F.	6	Daughter				
	John E.	B. M.	3	Son				
	James H.	B. M.	1/2	Son				
240-252	Franklin James	B. M.	62		1	Laborer	✓	
	Mary E.	B. F.	44	Wife	1	Keeping house		
	George E.	B. M.	17	Son	1	Laborer	✓	
	Irene	B. F.	9	Daughter				
	Ardine	B. F.	7	Daughter				
241-253	Watts John B.	B. M.	65		1	Farmer	✓	
	Annie	B. F.	37	Wife	1	Keeping house		

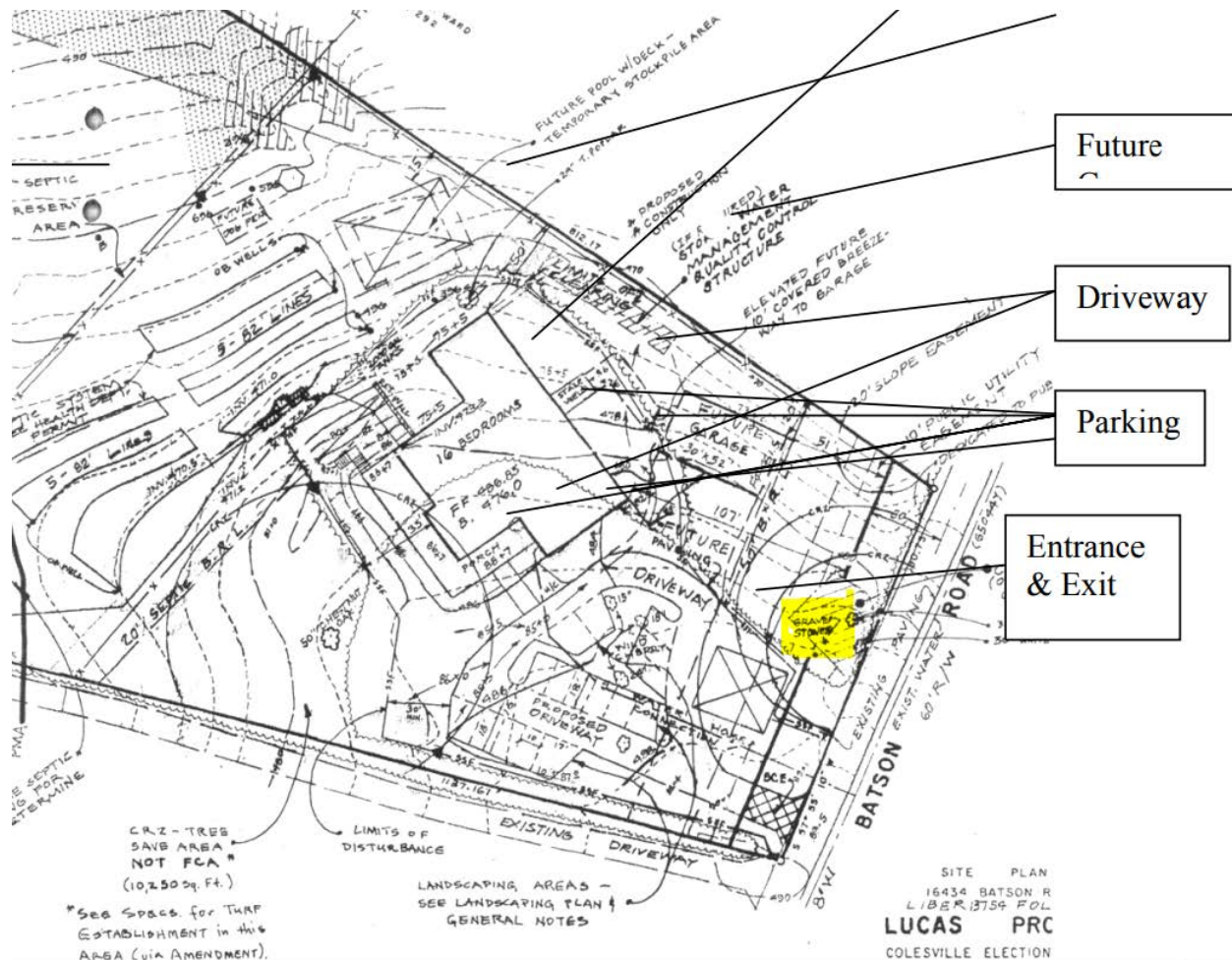
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1880 United States Federal Census, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.

The gravestone marked "M.E.F." might be Mary Elizabeth Franklin (1851-?). She does not appear after the 1880 US Census.

Currently, there is a realtor sign posted, along with a sign for rezoning and potential business property.



A recent developer released documents showing a potential adult-care facility. On their site map, the graves are shown.





Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Unknown Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 248
Photographer: Tina Simmons		Date: 2/12/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
2:24 pm	1	From Batson Road, facing north
2:26 pm	2	Panoramic from east to south to west
2:30 pm	3	Side 1 of gravestone
2:31 pm	4	Side 2 of gravestone



1. From Batson Road, facing north



2. Panoramic from east to south to west



3. Side 1 of gravestone



4. Side 2 of gravestone