

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY

Survey ID 260

Cemetery name Mag RUDER (?) Slave Cemetery

Alternate name(s) Button farm

Address (or direction from nearest intersection) BLACKROCK RD & SENECA CREEK - ACROSS FROM BLACKROCK MILL

ADC Map Page 17 Grid H-11 Town \_\_\_\_\_

Type  
 Religious  
 Family  
 Private  
 Other

Association  
 Free black  
 Enslaved  
 Ethnic ENSLAVED (AFRICAN)  
 Prehistoric

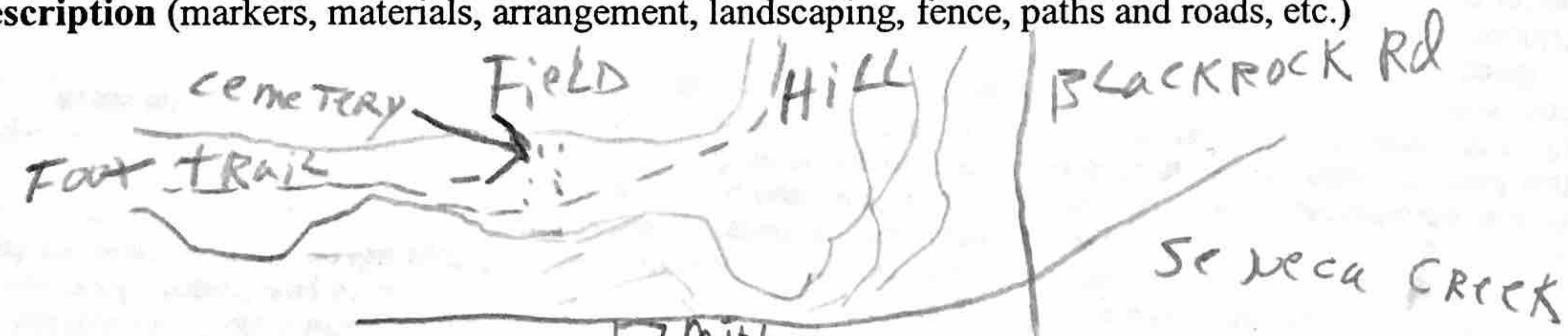
Setting  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Forested  Other

Condition  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate no. of burials 10-15 Date range of burials \_\_\_\_\_

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



Surveyor(s) Jim Sorensen, Kathy Steuer, Vivian Eicker Survey date 11/17/04  
Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner STATE OF MD SENECA CREEK STATE PARK  
Address/Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Status  Locational Atlas ID \_\_\_\_\_  National Register  
 Master Plan ID \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

UTM Waypoint 131 N 39.12844° W 77.31254° A

Additional sources of information:

Tony Cohen

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**Eileen McGuckian**

To: Anne Brockett (E-mail)  
 Subject: FW: Slave burial ground #2

From: Gallagher, Mary [mailto:Mary.Gallagher@montgomerycollege.edu]  
 Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 To: director@peerlessrockville.org  
 Eileen, I found one more addition to that last thread of emails.  
 STP is simply short for Shovel Test Pit. Mary

From: Michael Robinson [mailto:mikerobi@erols.com]  
 Sent: Thu 2/3/2005

To: MenareFoundation@aol.com Cc: Bouslog, Heather; Gallagher, Mary  
 Subject: Slave burial ground

Tony, I have reviewed the archaeological report of the Button property dated March 1979 by June Evans. The purported burial site was noted and it was stated that Tyler Bastian did test excavations in 1973 but failed to turn up any evidence of soil disturbance. Nothing was mentioned regarding the cross stone. Based on this report the conclusion would necessarily be that this is not a burial ground of any type. However, the stone alignments are curious showing 15 embedded stones along a N/S axis facing E/W. The cross stone adds further to the question of how this site may have been used. It seems to me this would justify some type of non-invasive study of the area. When you get ready we might contact my acquaintance who does gradiometer work. Regards, Mike



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