



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: Ward Family Cemetery	Inventory ID: 268
Alternate name: George H. M. Bennett Cemetery*, Poole Property	
Address: Across street from 15601 Kruhm Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.113551	Longitude: -76.949223
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2675059	

BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category: ☐ Religious ☐ Community ☒ **Family** ☒ **African American** ☐ Other:

BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input type="checkbox"/> By foot <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers:	Date ranges:
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• Through research of land records, this cemetery is considered to no longer be "lost".		
• No visible gravesites or markers		

BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: Ivan C. Lee		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact:
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: Tina Simmons, Dennis Green	Survey Date: 2/16/2018	Time spent:
Address:		Phone:
Email:		
Photographer: Tina Simmons		

COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:
N/A
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:
N/A
Anything of significance about this cemetery?
• Ward and Bennett families should be classified separately.
• Bennetts are buried at Union Cemetery down the street. Unsure if their initial burial site was moved.

SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2015-92.pdf George H.M. Bennett/Poole Property
• https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2015-60.pdf Duvall/Kruhm House
• Montgomery County Historical Society Library – Cemetery file (Berger Information)

*The Bennett family are buried in Union Cemetery (ID #148)



Ward-Bennett Cemetery Summary

It is believed that the Ward and Bennett families were probably buried in separate cemeteries since it is unlikely that the black family and white family would have shared a common cemetery at this point in time.

The Maryland Historic Trust Addendum Sheet for the Intercounty Connector (ICC) Project of the Duvall/Kruhm House (Survey no. M-15-60 (PACS D2.26) and [Maryland Historical Trust inventory M:15/60](#) for the Duvall/Kruhm House at 15900 does not show any indication of a cemetery on the land. It was supposedly located across from 15601 Kruhm Road. Other historic features are listed including a barn and smokehouse. A sign at the Kruhm farm indicates that it was "ca 1851".

The Union Cemetery, at 3001 Spencerville Rd., located at the foot of Kruhm Road, contains burials of the Bennett family. There is no record of the cemetery being previously known as the cemetery in question. It is not known if the Bennett family was originally buried there or later reinterred there.

1880 MD census: George H. [M.] Bennet was a white farmer born in 1841 in PA. He, his wife, Emma J. Bennet, and 6 children lived in Berrys, Montgomery Co., MD in 1880. The family members are all listed as buried in the Union Cemetery, directly across Rt. 198/Spencerville Rd. from Kruhm Rd., in Burtonsville, Montgomery Co., MD on FindaGrave. The Union Cemetery began in 1859 according to the cemetery's own information. There is a Bennett obelisk with matching footstones for the members of the family. George died April 2, 1924. Other Bennetts, Carl R. (June 10, 1920-Mar. 29, 1988) and spouse Annie M. Bennett (Oct. 25, 1918-Blank) and Martha Bennett Duvall (July 20, 1834-Nov. 25, 1924), wife of George W. Duvall (1829-1919) are also buried here with different style tombstones.

The 1870 MD census shows Samuel Ward, age 36, born in MD, as a black male farm laborer, along with wife, Rachel, age 24, and children, William, age 5, Samuel, age 3, and Oliver, age 2/12 as well as another black family, the Benton Dublin family, living together in District 5, Montgomery Co., MD with a Sandy Spring Post Office location. The 1900 MD census shows Rachel as a widow with son William living in District 5, Colesville (east part), Montgomery Co., MD. She is listed as having 5 living children. Samuel, Rachel, and William Ward's burial locations are unknown.

A Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites member who maintains Union Cemetery at the intersection of Sandy Spring Rd. and Kruhm Rd. said that he has heard of a Ward cemetery but the only elderly person he knew, Mr. Poole, was no longer able to provide information.

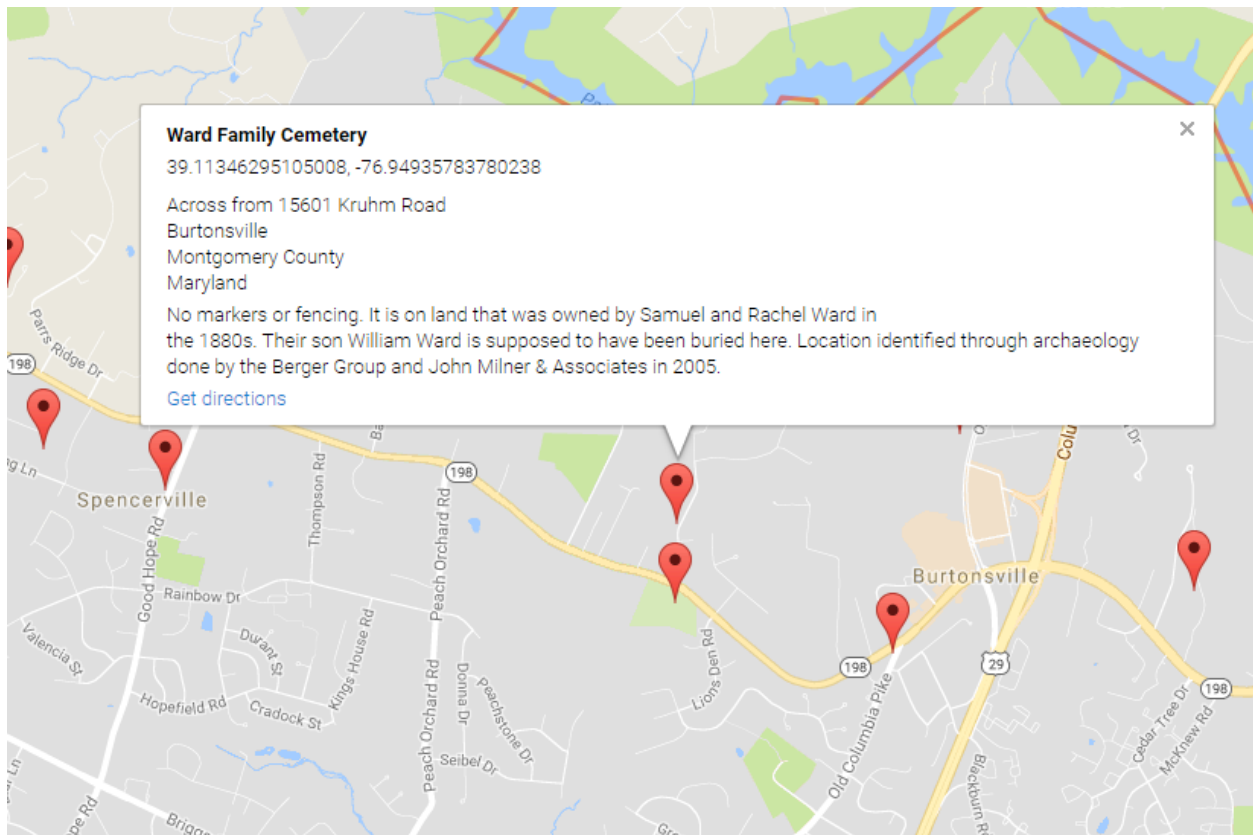
Mr. Frederick Kruhm of 15701 Kruhm Rd. has lived at this location his entire life. Verbal history from his grandfather was that a black family named Ward owned, more or less, seven acres bordering on the Kruhm property on the east side of the road. However, their cemetery was on the west side of the road. When the area was being surveyed for the ICC road project ground penetrating radar was done and 6-8 disturbances were found. There was no digging involved. Old Mrs. Ward died in the early 1900's without heirs. Mr. Kruhm's father, F.W. Kruhm tried to purchase the acreage but was outbid at the sale. Several years ago his son, Frederick Kruhm, was contacted by a relative of the Ward family.

Attempts to reach the [Louis Berger Group](#) and [John Milner & Associates](#) were unsuccessful.

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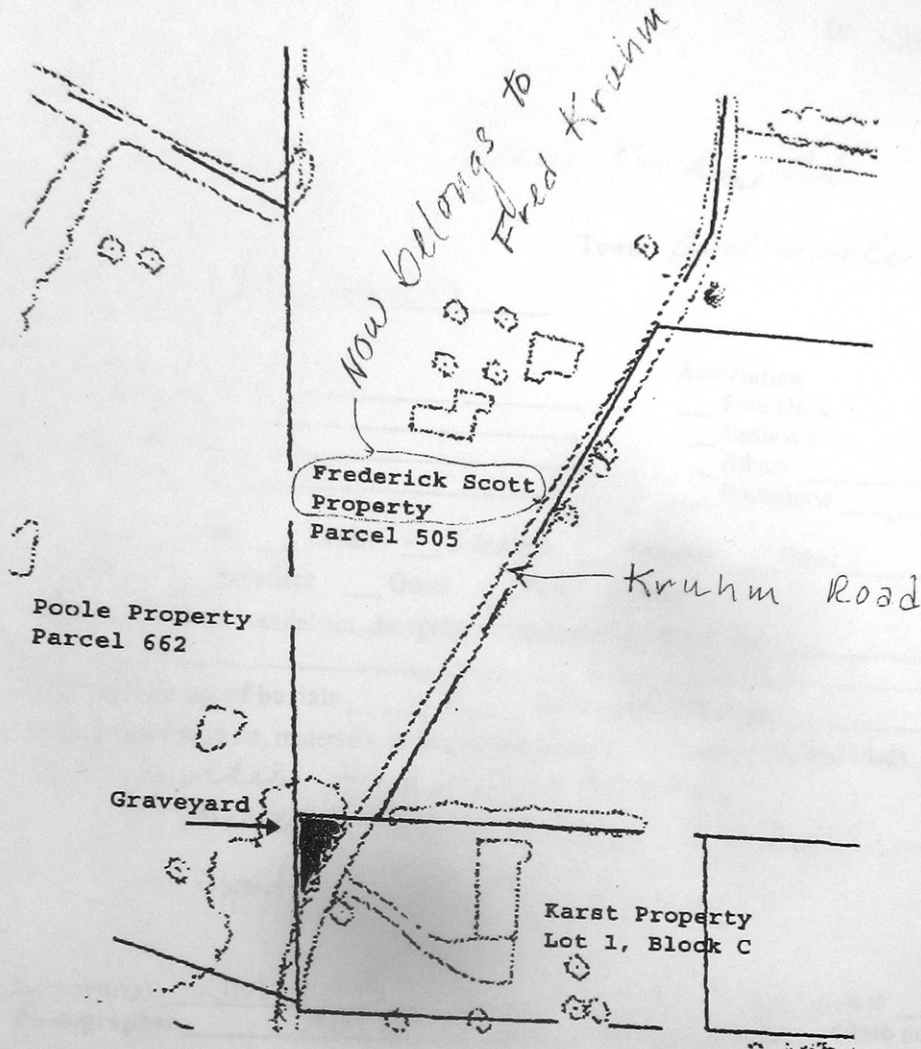


Figure 1. Map of location of African-American graveyard and surrounding properties. See figure 9 for the initial subdivision of the Karst property in 1992.

EHT Traders, Inc. report in appendix
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 of Louis Berger report. Bedell & Lee Decker.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Ward Family Cemetery [LOST]		Inventory ID: 268
Photographer: Tina Simmons		Date: 2/21/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
8:29 am	1	Cemetery on left of Kruhm Road, facing north
8:29 am	2	Cemetery facing northwest
8:29 am	3	Detail of possible burial area, facing northwest
8:30 am	4	Cemetery facing southwest



1. Cemetery on left of Kruhm Road, facing north



2. Cemetery facing northwest



3. Detail of possible burial area, facing northwest



4. Cemetery facing southwest