

### Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

Name: Early burial ground in Lincoln Park ID: 269

Alternate name:

Address: (Behind house at) 305 Frederick Avenue, Lincoln Park

Town: Rockville

ADC Map Page \_\_\_\_\_ Grid \_\_\_\_\_

**Type**

- Religious \_\_\_\_\_
- Family \_\_\_\_\_
- Private \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Association**

- Free black \_\_\_\_\_
- Enslaved \_\_\_\_\_
- Ethnic Black \_\_\_\_\_
- Prehistoric \_\_\_\_\_

Setting  Rural  Urban  Suburban  Forested  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Condition  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc)  
No evidence of former burials. Remains moved late 1960s

Approximate no. of burials A few Date range of burials 20th century

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

House now at front of property; cemetery was located to rear of the lot. In late 1960s only 1 marker visible, which City of Rockville requested Lucinda Shelton to move before issuing building permit to build house here. Mike Snowden dug up bones (just under surface), put them in a cardboard box, and buried them at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Shelton family tradition is that grave included Henry + Maggie Shelton's first child (d. c. 1907-08) - prior to LPCem. open

Surveyor(s) EILEEN Mc GUCKIAN Survey date December 2005

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Current owner Wilma Shelton Bell 301-340-7972  
Address/Phone No. 305 Frederick Ave. Rockville MD 20850 Lot # 11,890A

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

UTM \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional sources of information:**

ORAL history interview + conversations with Wilma Bell (2004 + 2005)  
Recollections of Fran Shelton Hawkins (Wilma's sister) (2005)  
Snowden Funeral Home - records do not show any related information but generally do not record re-interments.

See files @ Peerless Rockville - Lincoln Park

269  
SHELTON-SMITH FAMILY CEM.  
305 FREDERICK AVE.  
ROCKVILLE

Excerpt from Audiotaped interview  
of Wilma Shelton Bell 2-27-04  
(in files of Peckless Rockville)

SIDE B

JZ: I am asking Wilma Bell about a so called "lost" cemetery in Lincoln Park.

WB: There was indeed a cemetery in my back yard. When the property on Horner's Lane that my parents owned turned industrial, my mother had to move. She bought this land in 1969 from Mr. Raymond Smith. In the back of the lot, there was a cemetery. In order to get a permit to build the house, Snowden moved the graves to the Lincoln Park cemetery. Where, I don't know. But Mr. George Snowden, the undertaker, moved the graves. There's no cemetery. The cemetery was old. He didn't find much anyway, according to my mother. Just to make everyone comfortable, I have lived here for 36 years, and guess what? I haven't had a visit from a ghost! But we can walk back, and I

269  
SHELTON-SMITH FAMILY CEM.  
305 FREDERICK AVE.  
ROCKVILLE

can show you. There is no evidence of a cemetery. But it isn't lost, because according to my mother, my grandmother's first child was buried there as well... my Grandma Shelton. So there were a few graves back there, but according to Snowden Funeral Home they were moved and buried in Lincoln Park. And only their records [Snowden's records] would show where. And who they were, we don't know. We heard that maybe that was the case. My mother was very, very careful to treat that part of our lot with respect. And she was very sincere about having them moved, and she paid for it to happen. I don't think the City would have allowed a building permit had they not been moved. The City took off the back of this lot. So whether they're in the lot that I own or on the other side of the fence, I don't know. But they were moved by Snowden. Please tell Billy Gordon: The cemetery is found. The graves may be lost, the bones may be lost, but the cemetery is gone. I don't know if it was a cemetery in a traditional sense, where people decided that this is going to be a cemetery. I think it may have been private. That's probably true all throughout here. There's one on Mason's Drive, too.

JZ: Is there anything else you want to add to this interview?

WB: No.

JZ: Then, thank you very much.

269

SHELTON-SMITH FAMILY CEM.  
305 FREDERICK AVE.  
POCCEVILLE