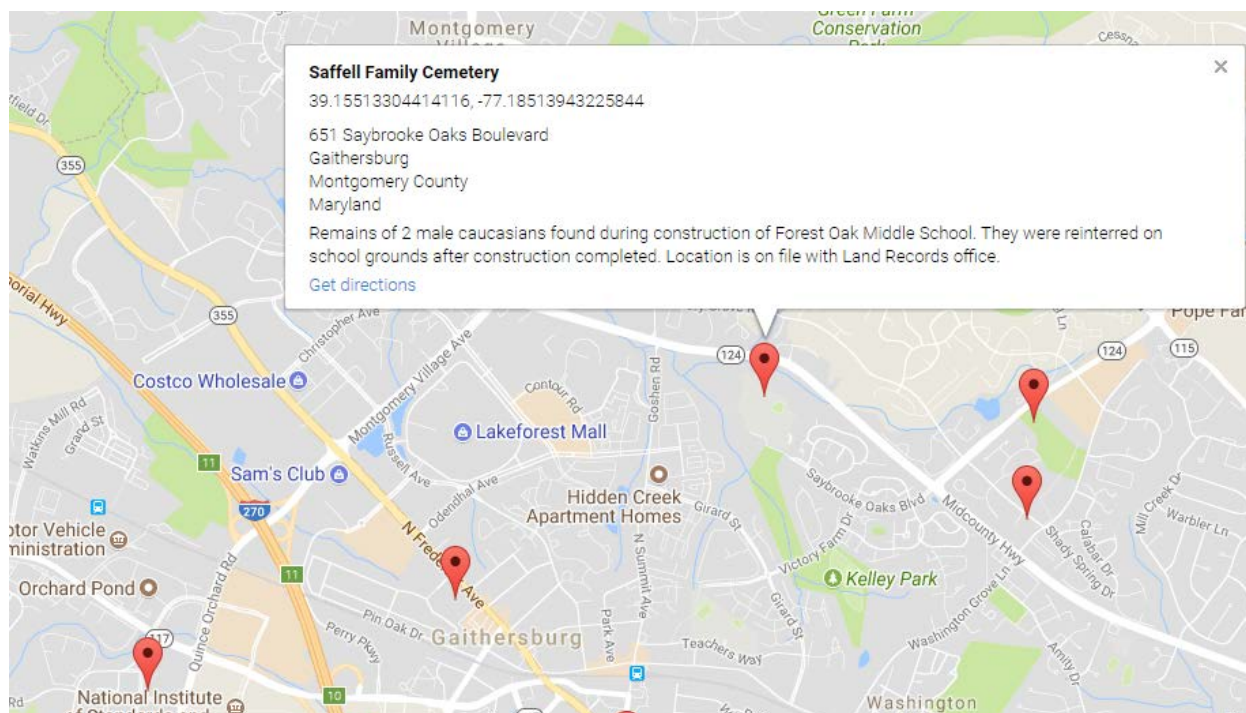




MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED		
BURIAL SITE INFORMATION		
Name: Saffell Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 270
Alternate name:		
Address: 651 Saybrooke Oaks Boulevard, Gaithersburg – Forest Oak Middle School		
Website:		
GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.154014		Longitude: -77.185003
FindaGrave: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2672720/saffell-family-cemetery		
BURIAL SITE TYPE		
Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
BURIAL SITE EVALUATION		
Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal <input 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: 0
Date ranges:		
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
• 10'x10' gated metal fence enclosure located in a courtyard in the back of the school.		
• Skulls of two unidentified male Caucasian males were found very near this location during construction in 2000.		
• Maintained by the school staff.		
• No markers or signage has been provided.		
BURIAL SITE CONTACT		
Name: Forest Oak Middle School		
Relationship to burial site: Owner		Advocacy contact: Sandra Keating, Admin. Secretary
Address: 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd.		Phone: 301-670-8242
City: Gaithersburg	State: MD	ZIP Code: 20877
BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR		
Name: Katherine Rogers		Survey Date: 8/6/2018
Address:		Time spent: 10 min.
Email:		Phone:
Photographer: Jacklyn Rogers		
COMMENTS		
Suggestions for follow-up:		
N/A		
Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:		
• Permission should be gained from the front office before visiting.		
Anything of significance about this cemetery?		
• Skulls were determined to be from circa 1900.		
• Remaining bones were not found due to excavation process during construction.		
• Charles Saffell, Revolutionary War Patriot and musician, died in 1837		
SOURCES		
Cite sources used and resources available:		
• https://archive.org/stream/historyofmontgom00boyd/historyofmontgom00boyd_djvu.txt		



History

Charles Saffell, a revolutionary soldier and pensioner, who lived on a farm five miles north of Rockville, near Gaithersburg, and died in 1837, at the age of ninety. At the beginning of the revolution, he lived with his father, a French musician, in Prince George's County. From that County he marched to Annapolis and joined the Regiment of the Maryland Flying Camp, under the command of General Rezin Beall, and sailing to the head of [?] River, he marched north to New York in the company commanded by John Hawkins Lowe. Charles was a drummer, fifer and bugler at the battles of Long Island, Fort Washington, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, in his latter days he was an Auctioneer, and in that capacity visited all parts of the County. As a violinist, he amused himself in his feeble old age, and often reproduced the melodies of the Revolution in a peculiar style, now forever lost.



Saffell farm highlighted in yellow. Burial area circled in red.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Saffell Family Cemetery		Inventory ID: 270
Photographer: Jacklyn Rogers		Date: 8/6/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing
11:40 am	1	Approach to school
11:45 am	2	Gated fenced enclosure where the two skulls were buried.



1. Approach to school



2. Gated fenced enclosure where the two skulls were buried.