



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

## BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: <b>Ball Family Cemetery [LOST]</b>	Inventory ID: <b>279</b>
Alternate name:	
Address: <b>11807 Dinwiddie Drive, Rockville (Current location of grave markers only)</b>	
Website:	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: <b>39.049421</b>	Longitude: <b>-77.150057</b>
FindaGrave: <a href="https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2671562">https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2671562</a>	

## BURIAL SITE TYPE

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

## BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description: <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other: Grave markers only</b>		
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"/> <b>None</b>		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accessibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible <input type="checkbox"/> By foot <input type="checkbox"/> By car	
Is cemetery active (recent burials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is there a cemetery sign: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is cemetery being maintained? <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: <b>2</b>	Date ranges: <b>1855-1862</b>
Description: (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grave markers recovered from excavation during construction of I-270 at Montrose Road.</b></li> <li>• <b>See attached description for further information</b></li> </ul>		

## BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name: <b>Eileen McGuckian and Philip Cantelon</b>		
Relationship to burial site: <b>Custodians of grave markers</b>	Advocacy contact: _____	
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

## BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: <b>Ellie Hagner</b>	Survey Date: <b>6/17/2018</b>	Time spent: <b>240 min</b>
Address:	Phone:	
Email:		
Photographer: <b>Ellie Hagner</b>		

## COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- **Further research the Ball and Dove families, their land and estate records, etc. to discover a possible location in the vicinity of the Washington National Pike (I-270) and Montrose Road**

Safety issues, invasive vegetation removal, fence removal/restoration, signage, trash, erosion, vandalism:

**N/A**

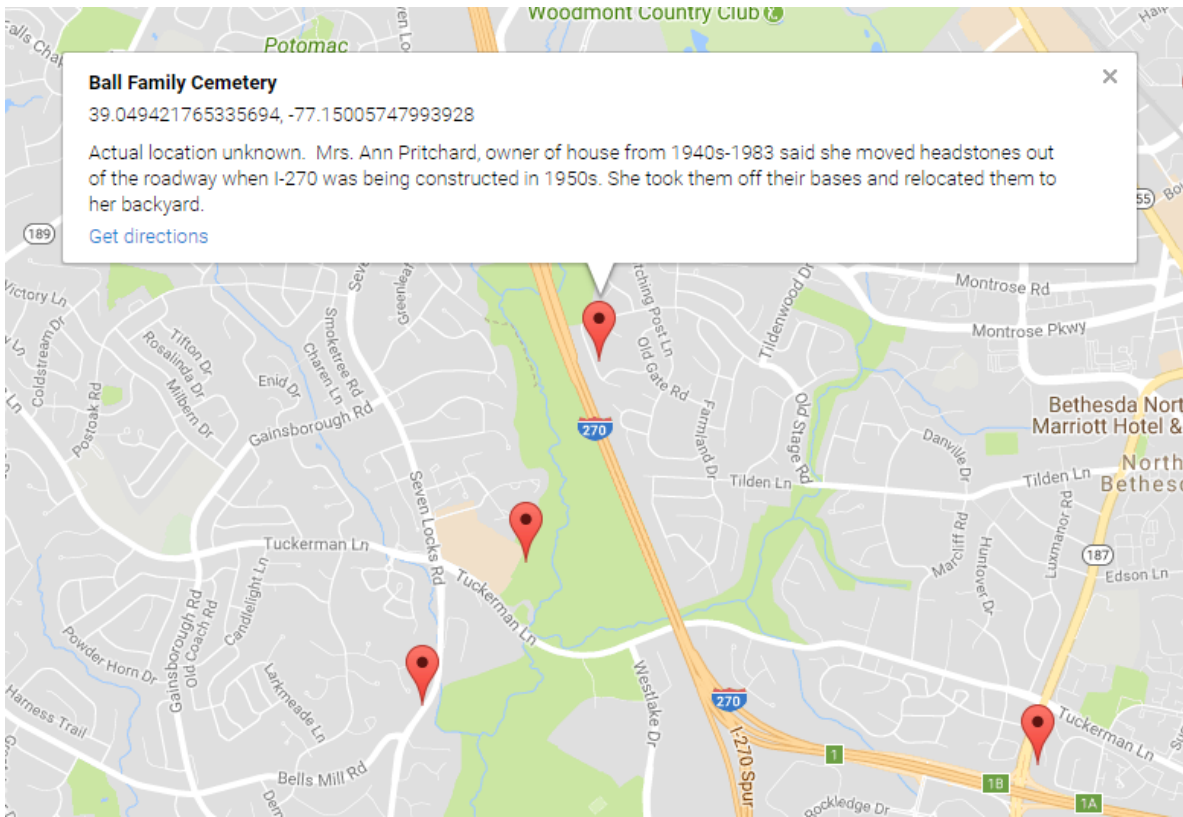
Anything of significance about this cemetery?

**N/A**

## SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

**This is a suggested location, but no trace of the cemetery exists.**



BURIAL SITE CONTACT:  
Eileen McGuckian and Philip Cantelon

RELATIONSHIP TO BURIAL SITE:  
Stones and bases are in their home

COMMENTS:

Inscriptions: *Lawrence Ball Died June 10, 1855*      *Eliza Ball Died Nov. 24, 1862*

The grave markers, with bases, were moved to their current location in the 1950s. When Ann Prichard sold the house at 11807 Dinwiddie Drive to Philip Cantelon in 1983, she explained how the markers came to be on her property. When the interstate highway (originally known as the new US 240, now I-270) was being constructed in the mid-1950s, she rescued the markers from the southeast quadrant of the new roadway's intersection with Montrose Road, which was close to a fork in Cabin John Creek. With assistance, she loaded them into her wagon, pulled them to the house, and set them up near the patio in her back yard. Apparently, the remains were plowed under during the road construction.



During the Prichards' ownership (1946-1983), the house parcel on the land patent *I Will Not Yet I Will* (1769) was reduced from a 68-acre farm to a 1.1-acre lot in the new subdivision of Walnut Woods. After Col. Mason Prichard passed away in 1981, Ann Prichard moved to Bethesda and allowed family members to live in the historic house for several years while a builder subdivided and added new houses on the lane. When she decided to sell in 1983, she selected a buyer who agreed to respect the markers. In the late 1980s, after a conservator suggested that the stones would be better preserved indoors, Eileen and Phil moved them onto an enclosed back porch. Mrs. Prichard returned to the house a few times before her death in 1988 and noted that the grave markers were safe.

MCCI-R surveyor Ellie Hagner and owner Eileen McGuckian independently conducted research on the Balls, their neighbors, and others who had owned the Prichard property, then combined their findings for this report.



Ball and O'Neale/O'Neill family members were neighbors and relations over almost two centuries. Lawrence Ball was born in Montgomery County in 1791. Eliza Willson Ball was born in 1805 in Virginia. They married on January 13, 1824, and by 1850 had nine children and owned two female slaves. After Lawrence's death in 1855, Eliza brought the family of William T. Dove (1838-1922) and his wife Rachel Rebecca Howser Dove (1840-1911) into her household and to work as farm laborers.

An ancestor, John Ball, had owned property in *I Will Not Yet I Will* in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but lost it in a tax sale to John O'Neale. On the 1865 Martenet & Bond map and the 1879 Hopkins Atlas, the farm showed as belonging to Isaac O'Neill (1821-1902), a deputy in Montgomery County Court who was related to the Ball family. The farm remained in the O'Neale family through construction of a two-story frame house in 1918 as the home of John H. O'Neale (1876-1938) and Nellie Lethbridge O'Neale (1896-1987) and their two sons until 1946, when Nellie O'Neale sold to the Prichards.

Sources:

U.S. Census Records, 1850 and 1860; Slave census schedule, 1850  
Oral histories of Nellie O'Neale, Ann Prichard, and Phil Cantelon  
Montgomery County Marriage Records, Deeds, Wills, Land Patents  
Maps, Atlases, O'Neale photographs

## Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Photograph Log

Cemetery Name: Ball Family Cemetery <b>[LOST]</b>		Inventory ID: 279
Photographer: Ellie Hagner		Date: 6/17/2018
Time	Photo No.	Description and direction you are facing (Ex: detail of wall around Carr plot facing North)
	1	Lawrence Ball grave marker and base
	2	Eliza Ball grave marker and base



**1. Lawrence Ball grave marker and base**



**2. Eliza Ball grave marker and base**