



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY REVISITED

## BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Name: <b>Beall Slave Cemetery [LOST]</b>	Inventory ID: <b>306</b>
Alternate name:	
Address: <b>Vicinity of northwest corner of Van Buren Street and Beall Avenue, Rockville</b>	
GPS coordinates: Latitude: <b>39.087292</b>	Longitude: <b>-77.156906 (Vicinity only)</b>

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Suburban</b> <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"/> <b>None</b>		
Is there a formal entrance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	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"/> <b>No</b> (If yes, note caretaker's name below)		
Are there visible markers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	Approximate number of burials/visible markers: <b>Unknown</b>	Date ranges: <b>19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> century</b>

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

- Informants describe a few crude headstones, reportedly marking burials of Beall family slaves, then their descendants through the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.
- According to Rosalie Mapson Campbell, granddaughter of slaves owned by Upton Beall and daughters, her Smith family ancestors were buried here decades before and after Emancipation.
- In the early 1950s, Sid Fishman purchased land and found bodies when he began to construct houses here. Maude Wilson "Sis" Betts recalled seeing Fishman plow up bones on this property.
- George R. Snowden Sr. (Snowden Funeral Home) recalled the crude stones, but no reinterments.
- Dawson's hay and straw barn was located just north of the graveyard.
- The area changed dramatically when North Van Buren St. and Beall Avenue were put through and houses built.

## BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Name:		
Relationship to burial site:	Advocacy contact: <b>Eileen McGuckian</b>	
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

## BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Name: <b>Eileen McGuckian</b>	Survey Date: <b>8/8/2018</b>	Time spent:
		Photographer: N/A

## COMMENTS

Suggestions for follow-up:

- If area on the west side of the 200 block of North Van Buren Street is re-developed, conduct GPR survey and watch for signs of burials.
- Descendants of Beall slaves (Wood, Ross-Powell, and Smith families) still live in Rockville and could provide DNA matches for those buried here.

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

Anything of significance about this cemetery?

- Upton Beall, second Clerk of the Montgomery County Court, was a prominent landowner who owned many families of slaves during his lifetime and those of his three daughters.
- Research by Peerless Rockville provides information on three families owned by the Bealls.

## SOURCES

Cite sources used and resources available:

- Recollections of Beall slave family descendant, neighbor, funeral home director, and builder.
- Research and oral histories at Peerless Rockville and at MCHS regarding Beall slaves.

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

