



**March 11, 2024**

**Marian Altman**

Leisure World Mutual Association #12

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**Dear Ms. Altman,**

Greetings. I am writing to you from the Montgomery County Planning Department's Historic Preservation Office (HPO) about a 19<sup>th</sup>-century family cemetery that was located within the grounds administered by Mutual Association 12 of Leisure World. The HPO is charged by County law with researching and maintaining a list of burial sites as part of the Planning Department's Burial Sites Inventory. Each year, our office conducts archival and field research to determine which sites and properties should be added to this Inventory. We are sending you this letter because a 1964 plat (number 7604) shows a cemetery was located on your property. This was a small family cemetery associated with the Holland family when the surrounding area was part of their farm. Unfortunately, there are no available records about how many people were buried here or whether the graves were ever relocated. It is unlikely that there are any visible signs of the cemetery that survived construction. However, since the number and exact location of graves remains unknown, and removal of historical graves is seldom complete, it is possible that human remains could still be present on your property. If you do encounter human remains, we would recommend contacting Montgomery County police, and providing them the information about the historical family graveyard.

With this information, the Department intends to include this property on its Burial Sites Inventory. Listing in the Burial Sites Inventory is informational only. Unless you plan to subdivide and/or redevelop your property, there are no regulatory or other requirements associated with this listing. All other requirements remain consistent with State Law governing burial sites. You can view records in the inventory at: <https://mcatlas.org/burialsites/>. I have attached a draft of the inventory record for the cemetery that we anticipate bringing before the Montgomery County Planning Board in May 2024.

If you have questions about the inventory, or if you would like me to visit the site, please contact me by phone or via the email listed below. We do not need to enter any buildings or disturb any ground or plantings on your property, and you need not be present during the visit. If you have information you would like to share about the history of the community or your property, we would love to hear from you.

Additional information concerning the burial sites inventory program can be found at <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/montgomery-county-burial-sites-inventory/>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-563-3402 or [brian.crane@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:brian.crane@montgomeryplanning.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Crane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Brian D. Crane, PhD**

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Montgomery County Planning Department  
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## Montgomery County Burial Sites Inventory

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Historic Preservation ID:  
HP-361

Name:  
Holland Family Norbeck

Description:  
Small 19th-century Family Cemetery

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Community:

Religious:

Family:

African American:

Other Site Type:

Number of Burials:

Visible Markers:

Formal Entrance:

Cemetery Sign:

Active:

Earliest Year:

Latest Year:  
1895

Is the Site Extant?:  
Unknown

Is the Location Sensitive?:

Sensitive Contact:

Sensitive Reason:

Location Confidence:  
Known

Location Confirmed:

**Volunteer Forms and External Web Links (Montgomery Planning is not responsible for content. Links provided for informational purposes only)**

2006 Survey Summary:

[NA](#)

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.:

[NA](#)

FindaGrave.com:

[NA](#)

Maryland Tombstone Transcription Project:

[NA](#)

Other Website:

[NA](#)

Master Plan Historic Resource No.:

Historic Resource:

Confirmed by Planning Board:

Confirmation Date:

Site Survey Date:

Revision Date:

No

Site Surveyor Name:

Data Originator:

Notes:

Mentioned in 1895 and 1897 deed reservations (Liber JA 49 Folio 358 and Liber JA 58 Folio 128). It also appears on a 1964 Plat (7604). The latest date corresponds to the 1895 transfer, but it is not known for how long the Holland family continued to use the cemetery.

**Technical information about the locational information shown in the online map.**

Public Display Scale:

Is there a Restriction on Sharing Information?:

1: 0

GIS Source Date:

GIS Source Datum:

Boundary Type:

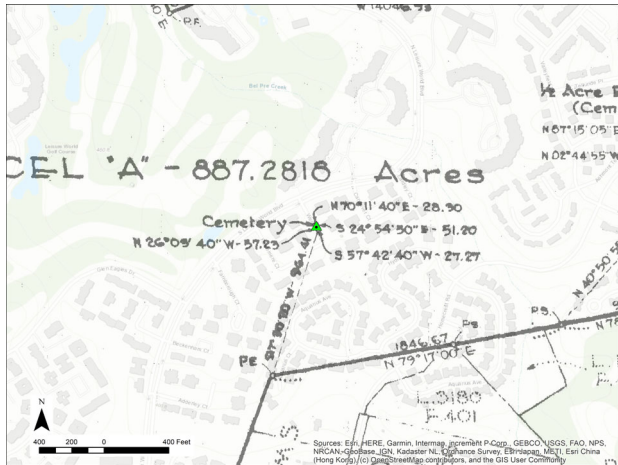
Horizontal Accuracy:

GIS Data Source:

Additional Information:

The 1895 deed from James Holland to Mary Cashell reads in part: "Excepting however from the operation of this deed and reserving in and to ourselves and our heirs with right of ingress and egress, the family burial place, or ground upon said tract, containing about one-half acre of ground more or less in one plot or parcel so long as the same shall be used and maintained only as and for such family burial place and for no other purpose." The 1897 deed reads in part: "reserving and excepting the Holland family burying ground with the right of ingress and egress as reserved in a deed from James M. Holland to Mary Cashell."

Images:



HP\_361\_01

1964 Plat showing cemetery location

Date 03/06/2024  
Photographer Brian Crane



HP\_361\_02

1897 farm boundaries and cemetery location on 1951 aerial

Date 03/06/2024  
Photographer Brian Crane

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<u>MARKER ID</u>	<u>GIVEN NAME</u>	<u>FAMILY NAME</u>	<u>DEATH YEAR</u>
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