



**Montgomery County Planning Department**  
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

**Montgomery County Burial Sites Inventory**

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Historic Preservation ID:  
HP-359

Name:  
Newman Family Cemetery

Description:

Small 19th-century family cemetery associated with Newman Family.

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Community:

Religious:

Family:

African American:

Other Site Type:

Number of Burials:  
13+

Visible Markers:

Formal Entrance:

Cemetery Sign:

Active:

Earliest Year:

Latest Year:

Is the Site Extant?:  
Yes

Is the Location Sensitive?:

Sensitive Contact:

Sensitive Reason:

Location Confidence:  
Known

Location Confirmed:  
Yes

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2006 Survey Summary:

[NA](#)

Montgomery Preservation, Inc.:

[NA](#)

FindaGrave.com:

[NA](#)

Maryland Tombstone Transcription Project:

Other Website:

Master Plan Historic Resource No.:

Historic Resource:

Confirmed by Planning Board:

Confirmation Date:

Site Survey Date:

Revision Date:

No

Site Surveyor Name:

The Ottery Group

Data Originator:

Notes:

Site shown on 1957 USGS map and on 1958 swimming pool plans. Archaeological testing identified 13 probable grave shafts. The dates are not known. The land was purchased by an African American family headed by Joseph Newman in 1872. Those buried may be members of the Newman family, or ancestors of Newman or his wife Elizabeth.

**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:

Point

Horizontal Accuracy:

GIS Data Source:

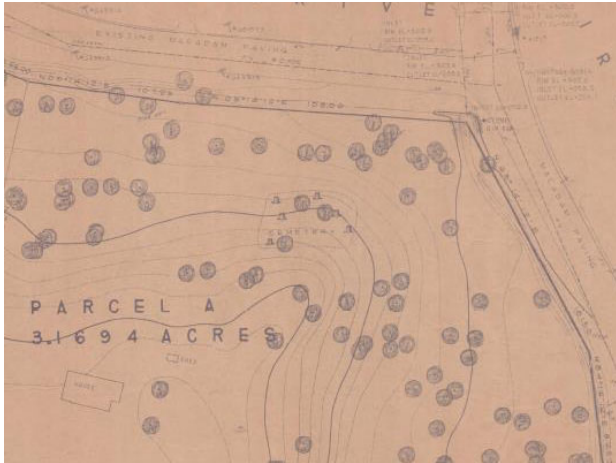
Additional Information:

Joseph Newman purchased the property in 1872 (Liber EBP 9 Folio 483). George Rhodes inherited the portion of the Newman property containing the cemetery. Joseph Newman's 1907 will reads in part: "To George S. Rhodes, my brother-in-law, and his heirs, Four and three quarter acres of land situated at Beans, Montgomery County, Md. being the part of my estate which said George now lives." Rhodes heirs later sold the property to the Wildwood Manor Swim Club in 1959 (Liber 2587 Folio 167).

In 2023, archaeologists contracted by the Swim Club successfully identified 13 graves arranged in 3 rows in the approximate area indicated as a graveyard in a 1958 survey map of the Rhodes property prior to construction of the pool. The archaeological work consisted of removing only the topsoil to reveal the tops of grave shafts underneath. No burials were disturbed by the work. The effort was designed to identify the approximate boundary of the burial area with as little disturbance as possible. Additional graves within the bounds of the graveyard identified by the archaeologists are possible along side of the 13 exposed by the limited excavations.

Images:

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HP-359-01

1958 Survey Plan showing cemetery



HP-359-02

Cemetery Area Facing northeast

Date

Photographer

Date

07/26/2023

Photographer

The Ottery Group



HP-359-03

Cemetery Area Facing southeast

Date

07/26/2023

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MARKER ID

GIVEN NAME

FAMILY NAME

DEATH YEAR