CAPSULE SUMMARY
FOR
WARD CEMETERY
ADJACENT TO 14728 BOTANY WAY, DARNESTOWN

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-25/3
Approximate Building Date: late 19th century/20th century
Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown
Access: Private

The Ward Family Cemetery is located on a small lot in a subdivision, adjacent to 14728 Botany Way, and is in excellent condition. It is surrounded by a recently installed painted metal fence with a padlocked gate. There are six headstones and several smaller stones which may be footstones. The Ward family was important in local history and was active in the Hunting Hill crossroads community. William Ward, a carpenter, lived in a house near the cemetery by 1865 to at least 1879 - this structure was destroyed by fire in the 1970s.
Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. 25-O3
Magi No. 
DOE _yes _no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ward Family Cemetery
and/or common

2. Location

street & number SE Corner Botany Way & Rolling Green Way, Adjacent to 14720 Botany Way

city, town Darnestown

state MD

county Montgomery

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Stonebridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 3121

city, town Gaithersburg

state and zip code MD 20878

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

street & number 51 Monroe Street

city, town Rockville

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring

state MD
Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ward Family Cemetery is located on a small lot in a subdivision, on the southeast corner of Botany Way and Rolling Green Way, adjacent to 14728 Botany Way.

The cemetery is in excellent condition. It is surrounded by a recently installed painted metal fence with a padlocked gate. There are approximately a dozen trees within the fence, including two old cedars and an apple tree.

Attached to the east side of the fence next to the gate is a metal plaque which reads:

WARD
FAMILY CEMETERY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THESE EARLY CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
+ ELIZABETH BEALL BANKS MAY 1991

There are six headstones and several smaller stones which may be footstones; they are lined up on a north-south axis with most of the inscriptions facing east. All of the large stones appear to be in good condition, although parts of the inscriptions are obscured.

#1: The most recent stone, located farthest south, is small and rectangular and lies flat on the ground. It reads:
Alford L. Ward
August 14, 1919 - March 3, 1992

#2: In Memory Thomas F and Mary E Ward (east side)
Father, Born 11/15, 1882, Died Apr 9, 1894 (second side)
Mother, Born ---, Died --- 1895 (third side)

#3: Augustus C. Ward Footstone: ACW
Born Sept 14, 1860
Died Mar 18, 1888

(Continued)
#4: Elizabeth A
Wife of W W Ward
Born Aug 17, 1821
Died Sept 5, 1889
Age 68 yrs 18 dys

#5: William W Ward
Born March 22, 1815
Died Oct 11, 1885, age 70

#6: Itradelle Ward    Johanna
B. July 7, 1858       B. July 5, 1851
D. Feb 29, 1933       D. May 21, 1928
(east side)           (second side)

Victorine, w of Charles Higgins
B. Jan 14, 1856
D. Feb 12, 1935
### 8. Significance

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Specific dates c1885-1935  
Builder/Architect Unknown

Check: Applicable Criteria: ✓A ✗B ☑C ☑D

and/or

Applicable Exception: _A _B _C _D _E _F _G

Level of Significance: _national _state _local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Ward family was active in the Hunting Hill crossroads community the center of which was located at the intersection of Darnestown and Muddy Branch Roads.

William Ward, a carpenter, lived in a house near the cemetery by 1865 to at least 1879. Ward may have settled here about the time of his second marriage, to Elizabeth A. B., c1849. Ward had six children with his first wife, Verlinda Beall, who died in childbirth in 1848, and four children with his second wife. William died in 1885, followed by Elizabeth who died four years later.

The Ward House, once located near this cemetery, was destroyed by fire in the 1970s. The house included a mid-19th century, three bay I-house form. The doorway had transom, full sidelights, and pediment.¹

By 1894 Edward G Ward was managing the 125 acre farm. The Wards were active in Hunting Hill which, located on Darnestown Road (Rt. 28) between DuFief Mill Road and Travilah Road, was a thriving, though small, rural community by the late 19th century. The Wards operated the post office and church. Other members of the family were buried in the Ward-Garrett Cemetery (Resource #20/23) located nearby on the former Garrett Farm, now the Washingtonian Country Club.²

In 1975, when this resource was still owned by the Ward family, the cemetery was in a brush-filled grove of saplings, surrounded by fields. The original fence was cast iron with arched pickets and a gate decorated with scrollwork and finial.³ With construction of the Stonebridge Subdivision by 1988, the cemetery was restored by family members.
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 92,534 Sq. Ft.

Quadrangle name ___________________________ Quadrangle scale ___________________________

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization M-NCPPC

date June, 1994

street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue

telephone (301) 495-4570

city or town Silver Spring

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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
-514-7600
Preservation Planning Data

a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont

b. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
   Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
   Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930

c. Historic Period Themes:
   Agriculture
   Social/Education/Cultural

d. Resource Type:
   Category: Sites
   Historic Environment: Rural
   Historic Function(s): Cemetery
   Use(s): Residential

Endnotes

1 Ward House notes, Ward Genealogy file, MCHS.

2 Ward family genealogy file, Mont Co Hist Soc. Floorplan of Ward house located near cemetery on Dufief Mill Road. Research form #20/22 Hunting Hill Store and P.O. and #20/20 Hunting Hill Church. Interview with Elizabeth Beall Banks, 6-20-94.

3 Michael Dwyer, MHT Form, 2/28/75.
Unpublished Sources


Banks, Elizabeth Beall. Interview by Clare Lise Cavicchi, 6-20-94.

Cavicchi, Clare Lise. Site visit, 11-13-1990.

Crawford, Catherine. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form. Resource #20/21: Belward Farm/Ward House. 6-1983.

Dwyer, Michael F. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form. Resource #25/03: Ward Family Cemetery. 2-28-1975.


Published Sources


--------------. Atlas of Metropolitan Washington. 1894. (Library of Congress; Rockville Public Library)


PROPERTY NAME: Ward Cemetery
TOWN: Gaithersburg
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
QUADRANGLE: Rockville, MD-VA
Ward Cemetery
25/03
Dufief Mill Road
Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. City)
L. Snyderman
11/93
East
NEG: MD SHPO
10/9
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Ward Cemetery
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Dufief Mill Rd
Damietown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman
11/93

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Duquier Mill Rd.

Darnestown, MD 20877 (Mont. Cty.)

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**

**INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY**

**1 NAME**
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Ward Family Cemetery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER
DuFief Mill Road, near Rte. 28

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME
P.G. Ward

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, ZIP CODE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance:

This is a brush-filled grove of saplings, that sits in a plowed field about 40 yards east of DuFief Mill Road (where it begins its first curve off Rte. 28.) No stones or markers are visible.
According to members of the Ward family, this is the old Ward Cemetery. The Wards lived here for well over 100 years. The old Ward house that sat here was burned sometime during this century. The house is shown here on maps of 1865, 1878, and 1894.
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

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Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

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