

Recovering Identity

A Historic Context of African Americans
in Northern Frederick County

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Catoctin rhyolite lance projectile point.

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Special Collections, USDA National Agricultural Library.



Franz Louis Michel, 1707
Map of Potomac River explorations

Conoy (Piscataway) village near
Point of Rocks

Monocacy River

Sugarloaf Mountain

RAN away, last night, from Catoctin Furnace, in Frederick County, Maryland, a NEGRO MAN, named PHIL, a well set stout fellow, about 5 feet 10 inches high, very black, has a large mouth, and thick lips, is about 35 years of age: Had on a white country full'd cloth waistcoat and breeches, an old under waistcoat, white yarn stockings, strong shoes with strings, a coarse tow linen shirt, and a leather hat.—ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS is hereby offered for taking and securing the said fellow in any gaol, and giving notice to his masters, or delivering him at Catoctin Furnace, Buck Creek Forge, or Frederick-Town—or if out of this state, double that sum.

JAMES JOHNSON, and CO.

January 30. 1780.

Ran away" ad for "negro man named Phil" from Catoctin Furnace, 1780

Thally Wife f3 Boys	1000 00
Lucy and Alice	400 00
Jackey 2 boys f2 girls	900 00
Sarah	200 00
Bill	500 00
George	400 00
Robert	200 00
David	150 00
Mary	400 00
Leonard	400 00

John Brien estate account of sale of enslaved people, 1836

wherein it may concern that we the said John Trucks and the said Rev. John Dubois for the consideration aforesaid as also in consideration of one dollar current money to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted, and set free the said Negro woman Violett being of the age of forty one years and able to work

Violett [Dugan] manumission by John Trucks and Rev. John Dubois, 1819

At the request of Charles Lee the following (13)
1813. Deed is recorded 23rd March 1813, to wit,
This Indenture made this second day of March in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirteen Between
Andrew Smith of Frederick County in the State of Maryland
of the one part and Charles Lee Blackman formerly
the property of John M. Bayard of the other part. Witnesseth
that the said Andrew Smith for and in the consideration
of the sum of forty dollars current money to him in hand
paid by the said Charles Lee the receipt of which money

1813 deed for 2 acres of land
From: Andrew Smith
To: Charles Lee "Blackman (formerly
the property of John M. Bayard)"

African American Land Owners Frederick County Maryland 1825 Tax List

Owner	District	Tract name	Acres	Structures
Anthony Bowins	Emmitsburg	1 Lot	-	-
Isaac Briscoe	District-4	Millers Chance	14	Log House
Charles Lee	District-5	Unknown	3	Log House
Charles Lee	District-5	Pleasant View	2	Log House
John Norton	Mechanics Town	Lot 31	-	-

Invasion of the North.

THE REBELS AT HAGERSTOWN—A MOVE-
MENT IN THIS DIRECTION.

There has been much excitement here all week, owing to the presence of the Confederates in the neighboring Counties. A few words will give the cause.

..... They carried with them some horses, and quite a number of colored persons, but otherwise doing little damage. They retreated towards Hagerstown, and on Friday there was a large force still there, probably 20,000 infantry, 2,000 cavalry, and artillery numbering twenty or more guns.

Adams Sentinel, June 1863

B | 5 Cav. (Col'd.) | Mass.

Samuel H. Brown

....., Co F, 5 Reg't Mass. Cav. (Col'd.)

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 21 years; height 5 feet 4 inches.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Blk.; hair Blk.

Where born Frederick Co. Md.

Occupation Farmer.

ENLISTMENT.

When Feb 5, 1864.

Where Boston Ward 6

By whom Davis.; term 3 yrs.

Remarks: Appointed Corp
Feb. 4/1865;

B | 32 | U.S.C.T.

Lewis Butler

Appears with rank of Priv on

Muster and Descriptive Roll of a Detach-
ment of U. S. Vols. forwarded

for the 32 Reg't U. S. Col'd Infantry. Roll dated

Chambersburg Pa., Feb 27, 1864.

Where born Frederick Co. Maryland

Age 25 yrs; occupation Laborer

When enlisted Feb 7, 1864.

Where enlisted Chambersburg Pa.

For what period enlisted 3 years.

Eyes black; hair black

Complexion black height 5 ft 6 in.

When mustered in Feb 7, 1864.

Where mustered in

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Where credited 6th Sub Dist. 16th Dist. Pa.

Company to which assigned Co. F 32nd U. S. Vols.

Remarks:

Order of William Ulrich,

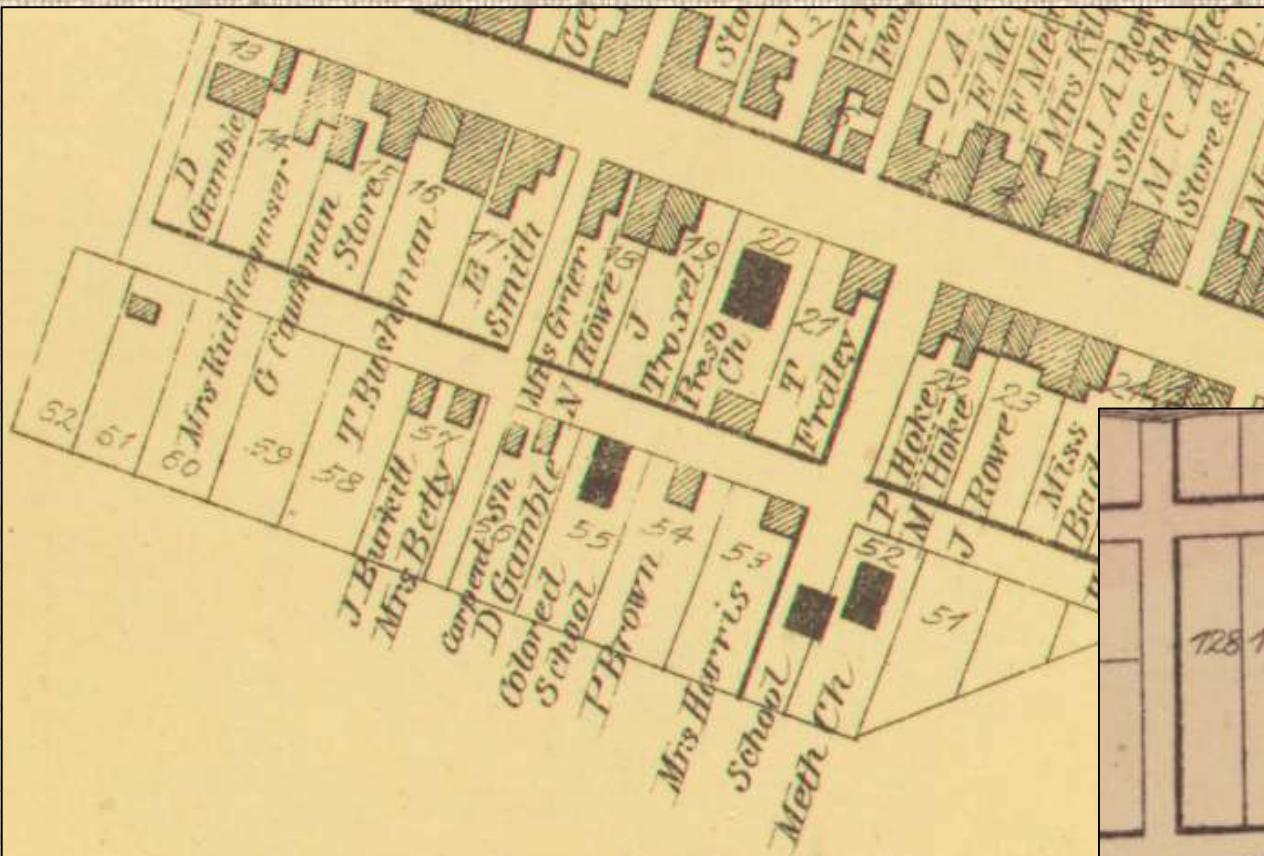
Estimate of lumber for Emmitsburgh
Freedmen's School House, Frederick Co. Md.

2 Sills 6x6 - 50 ft	300
2 do 6x6 - 24 ft	142
2 Plates 4x6 - 24 ft	76
2 " 4x6 - 50 ft	200.
4 CorPeg 4x6 - 10 ft	80.
50 Stabs 4x4 - 10 ft	666.
50 Rafters 4x5 - 17 ft	625-
24 Ceiling joist 2x6-24 ft	576
36 joists 2x10-24 ft	<u>1440</u>
5000 Laths	<u>41257.50</u>

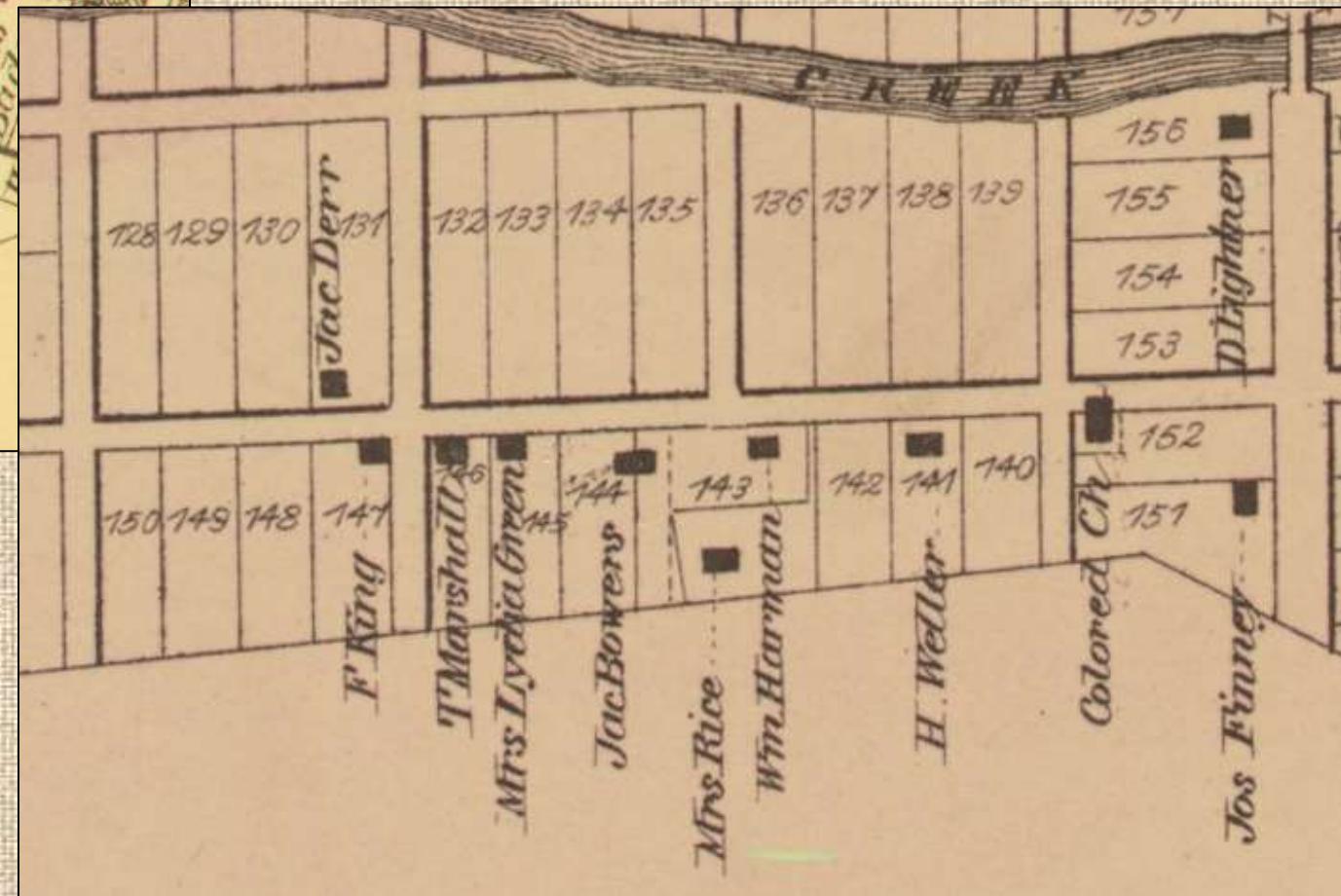
5,000 Laths	41257.50
2,000 ft Liding	2970
1,500 ft Flooring	5700
600 ft 2 in for Windows & door frames	270
1,200 ft Roofing Shingles	1020
6,800 Shingles W. P. A 12 ft	8160
1 Front door 3 ft	500
1 door 2 ft 6	400
11 Windows of 10x14-12 lights each	33.88
	<u>46775</u>

Samuel Brown
John Johnson - Building Committee

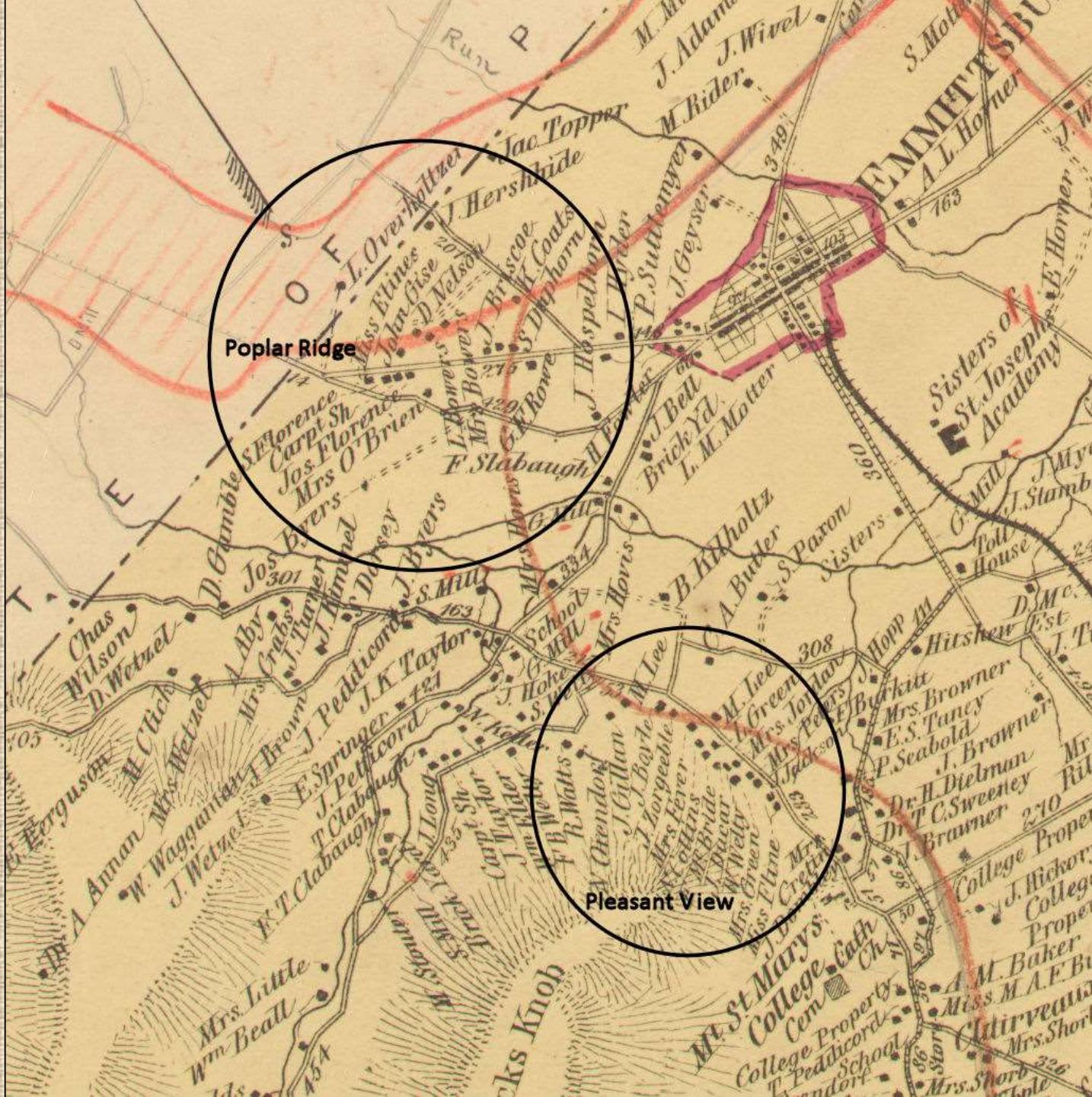
1868, William Ulrich's estimate of lumber for construction of the Freedmen's School House in Emmitsburg, submitted to the Freedmen's Bureau by Samuel Brown and John Johnson.



Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg, 1873 Atlas



Bowers (Powell) Rd., Lewistown, 1873 Atlas



Poplar Ridge rural cluster of Black households NW of Emmitsburg

Pleasant View (Annandale Rd.) rural cluster of Black households north of Mt. St. Mary's

Pattersonville
Catoctin Hollow Road at Bob's Hill
Hauver's and Mechanicstown Districts
1873 Atlas



C-Rights Move Gives Klan Life

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan, a sprawling giant of the 1920's that nearly choked to death two decades later on its own violent dedication to "Americanism," is getting new life from the growing civil rights movement in the South. 000 active Klansmen with up to 20,000 active mainly in the Klan official influence has steadily since rights struggle Venable, Atlanta imperial wizar Knights of the estimates grow 000 new memb

Dr. Richard M. Chalmers, a University of Florida professor and author of a new book on the Klan's secret world of mystic rituals, strange passwords and hooded violence, argues that a decaying Klan was given new "impetus and environment for action" by two events:

The Supreme Court's May 17, 1954, decision outlawing public school segregation, and the sit-ins, freedom rides and mass demonstrations of the early 1960's.

A number of other observers have pointed to a very recent rise in Klan membership, now believed to number 30,000 to 35,000. The impossibility of controlling the Klansmen with up to 100,000 in nine South Carolina coun-

Md. Klan Rally Attracts 100, Including Media

By Sue Ann Pressley

August 18, 1985

About 100 persons, many of them representatives of the news media, attended a Ku Klux Klan rally last night at Rocky Ridge in Frederick County, Md., after NAACP officials earlier in the day withdrew their request that a federal court block the meeting.

"The Ku Klux Klan is not going to go away," Maryland Grand Dragon Sam Royer told the Associated Press before the start of the 7 p.m. rally. But he added that publicity created by the injunction attempt would hurt the group's expected turnout of between 500 and 1,000 people.

A reporter for WDVM-TV (Channel 9), Jocelyn Maminta, was escorted from the meeting by armed klansmen, according to the AP. Royer said Maminta was not allowed to stay because she is not white. Speakers made it clear that the only people welcome at the rally were Caucasian.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1920.

Lincoln High School, Frederick City, 1920

FIRST COLORED HIGH SCHOOL IN FREDERICK

24 Pupils Enrolled and More Expected
Later—Building Next
Year.

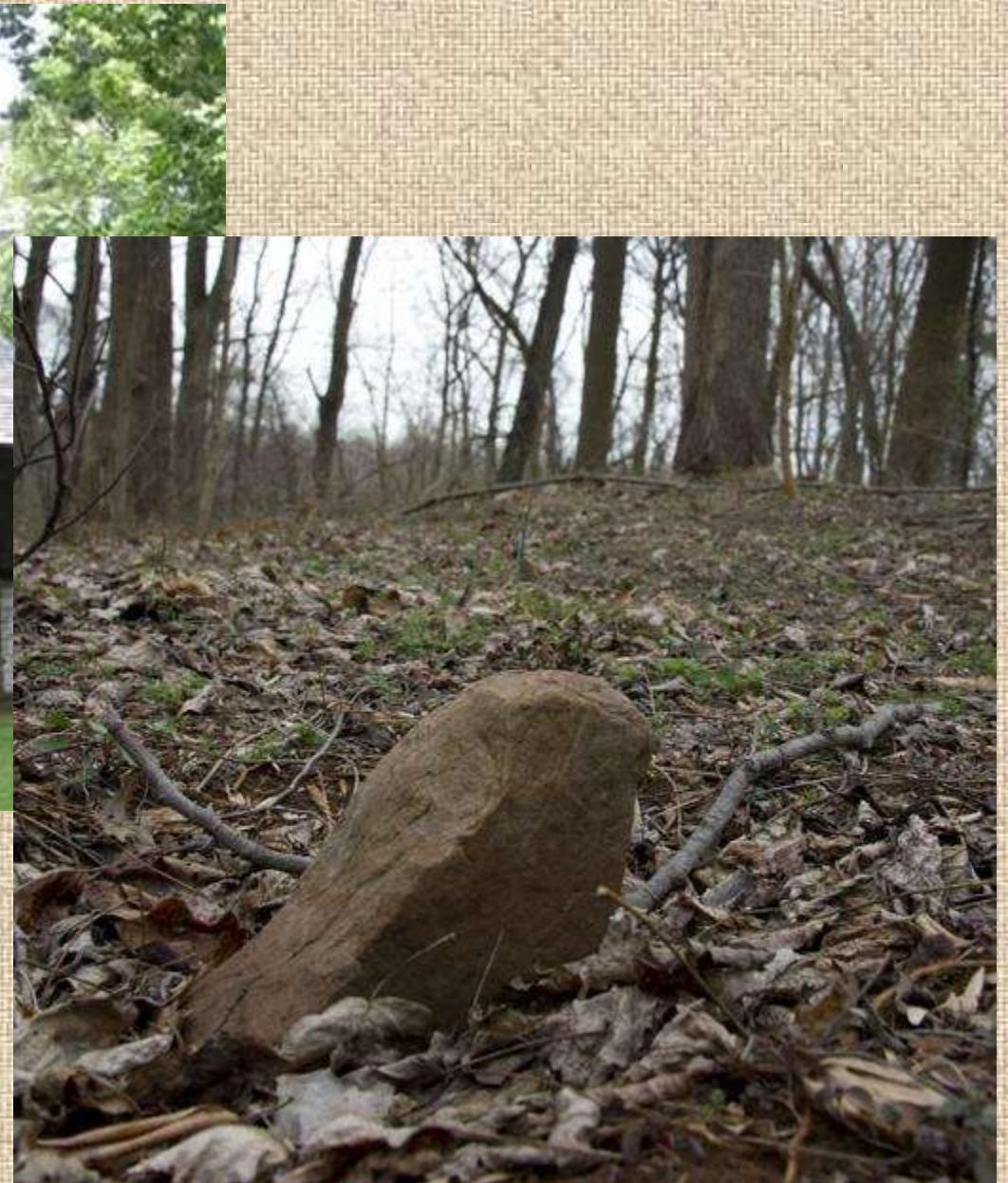
The colored schools of the county and city opened yesterday with excellent enrollments. For the first time in the history of the county the local Board of Education opened a High School here for colored pupils, and it will be kept open for nine months. The colored public schools run eight months at present, but Supervisor Bruner is hopeful of getting the board to run them nine full months during 1921-1922.



Hope Hill Colored School, Urbana



Catoctin Furnace where enslaved and free Blacks worked.



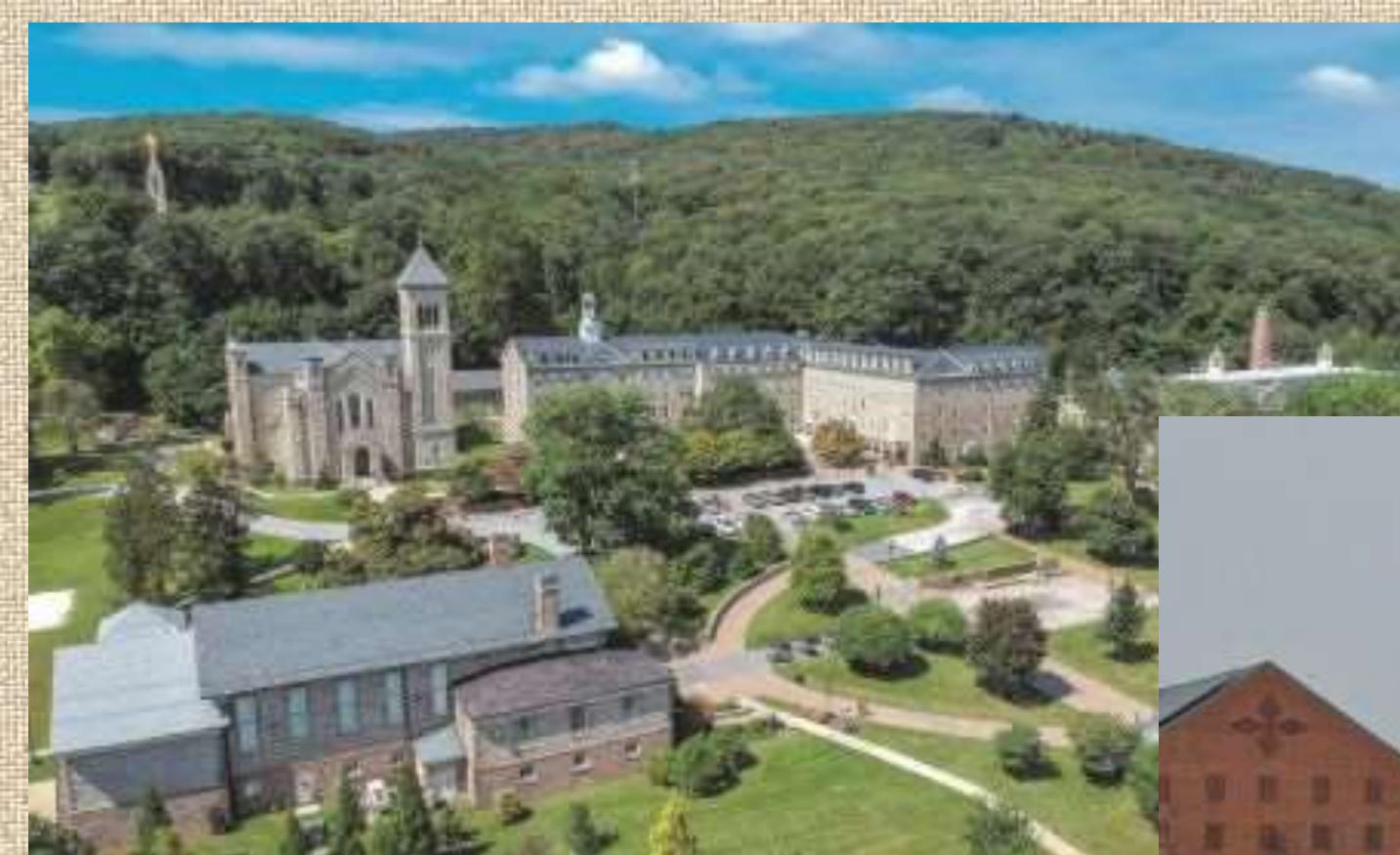
Slave cemetery at Catoctin Furnace marked by fieldstones.
(photo by Sam Wu, *Frederick News Post*, 2015)



John Sanders farm near Utica Mills.

Springfield Farm, where James Johnson held 80 enslaved people.

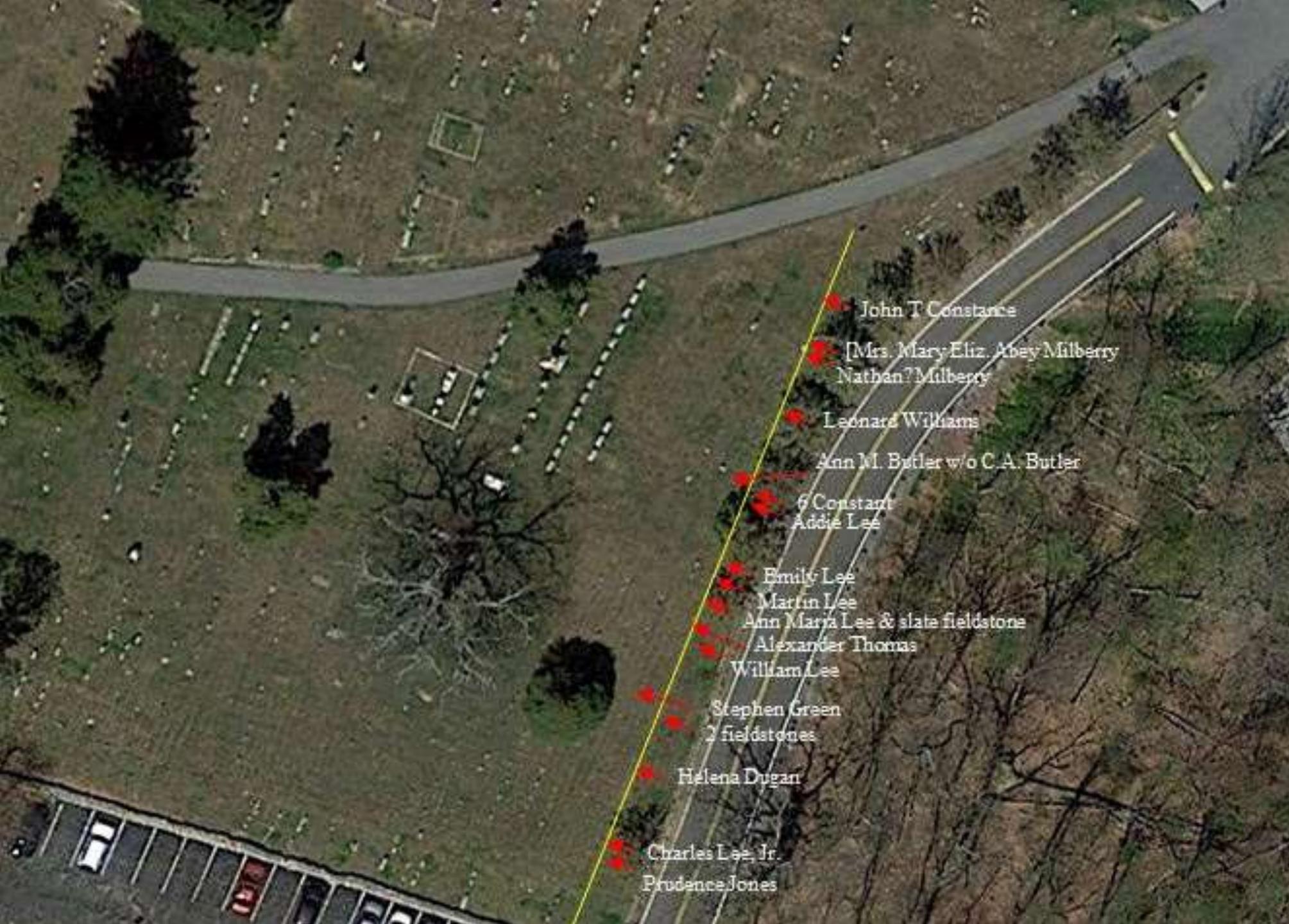




Mount St. Mary's College, where enslaved people helped build the first buildings and where African Americans continued to work through the 20th century.



St. Joseph's Academy farm implement barn, where James Augustine Briscoe worked until his death in 1897.



St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, at Mount St. Mary's University.

Here a large number of African Americans were buried in a segregated section until 1960 when the cemetery was integrated.

John T Constance

[Mrs. Mary Eliz. Abey Milberry
Nathan? Milberry

Leonard Williams

Ann M. Butler w/o C. A. Butler

6 Constant
Addie Lee

Emily Lee

Martin Lee

Ann Maria Lee & slate fieldstone

Alexander Thomas

William Lee

Stephen Green

2 fieldstones

Helena Dugan

Charles Lee, Jr.

Prudence Jones