

# Recovering Identity

A Historic Context of African Americans  
in Northern Frederick County

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Marie and William "Billy" Richardson, on their wedding day



**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

**R**AN 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 25 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 Catoclin Furnace, 1780

Mally Wife & 3 Boys	1000 00
Lucy and Anne	400 00
Shelley 2 boys & 2 Girls	900 00
Isabel	200 00
Bill	500 00
George	400 00
Robert	200 00
David	150 00
Henry	400 00
Leonard	400 00

John Brien estate account of sale of enslaved people, 1836

whom 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 Violet being of the age of forty one years and able to work

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



At the request of Charles Lee the following  
1813. Deed is recorded 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

(13)

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*, 186*4*.

Where *Boston Ward 6*

By whom *D. Davis*; term *3* y'rs.

Remarks: *Appointed Corp'l Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1865;*

*P* | 32 | U.S.C.T.

*Lewis Butler*

Appears with rank of *Privt* on

## Muster and Descriptive Roll of a Detachment 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* y'rs; occupation *Laborer*

When enlisted *Feb'y 25, 186*

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'y 25, 1864.*

Where mustered in

Bounty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *100*

Where credited *6<sup>th</sup> Sub Dist. 16<sup>th</sup> Dist. Pa.*

Company to which assigned *Co. F 32<sup>nd</sup> U.S.C.T.*

Remarks:

Order of William Ulrich,

Estimate of Lumber for Emmitsburg  
Freedmen's School House, Frederick C. M.

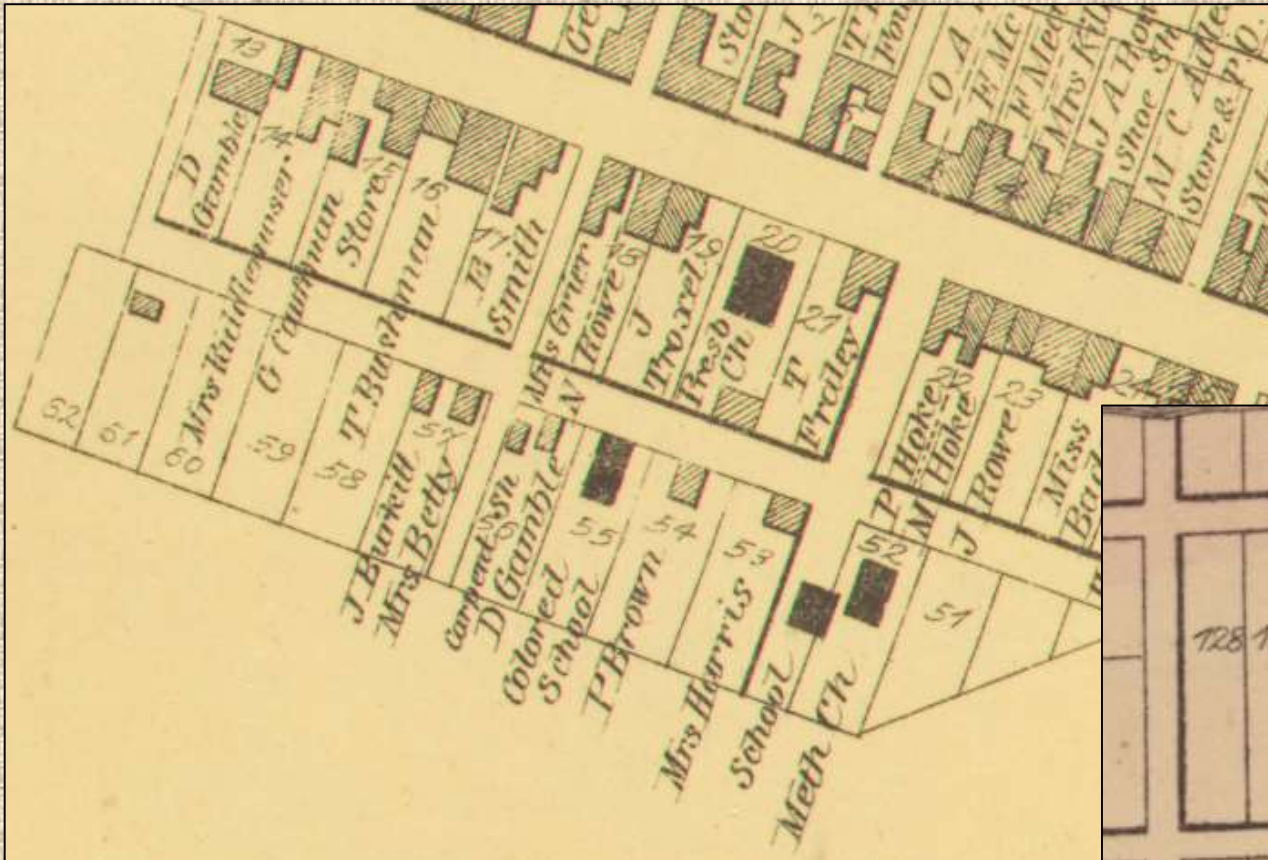
2 Sills 6x6 - 50 ft	300
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2 Plates 4x6 - 24 ft	26
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4 Cor Pcs 4x6 - 10 ft	80
50 Stubs 4x4 - 10 ft	666
50 Rafters 4x5 - 17 ft	625
24 Ceiling Joist 2x6 - 24 ft	576
36 Joists 2x10 - 24 ft	1440
5,400 Laths	412 57 1/2

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2,000 ft Siding	29.71
1,500 ft Flooring	57.00
600 ft 2 in for windows & door frames	27.00
1,200 ft Roofing Suths	10.20
6,800 Shingles W.P. @ 12¢	81.60
1 French door 3x7	5.00
1 door 2x6x6	4.00
11 Windows of 10x14 - 12 Sights Each	33.88
	467.77

Samuel Brown }  
John Johnson } Building Committee

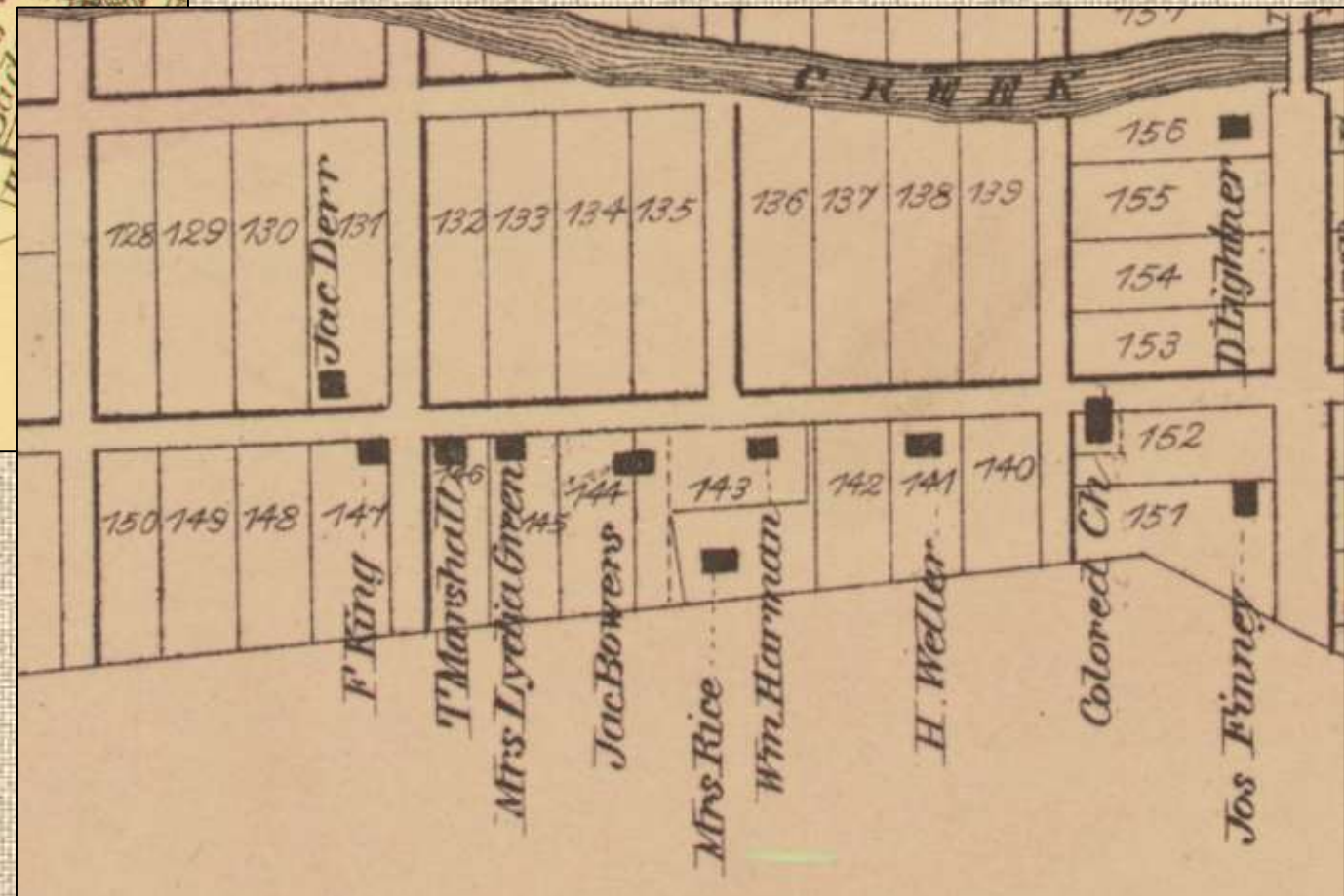
1868, William Ulrich's estimate of lumber for construction of the Freedmen's School House in Emmitsburg, submitted to the Freedmen's Bureau by Samuel Brown and John Johnson.



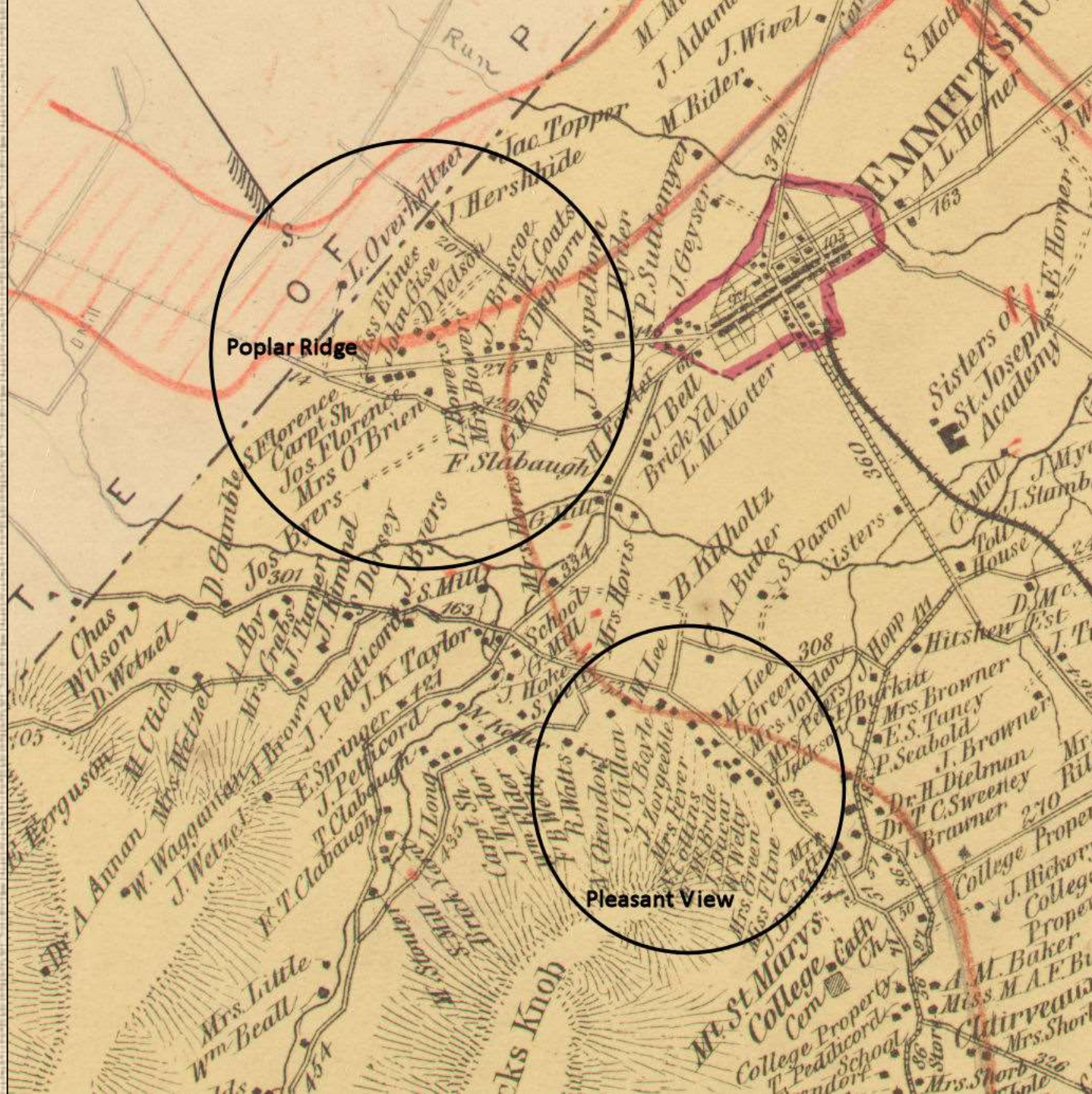


Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg, 1873 Atlas

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.

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,-

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20,000 active mainly in the I

Klan official

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## 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.**

## **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.

Lincoln High School, Frederick City, 1920



Hope Hill Colored School, Urbana





Catocin Furnace where enslaved and free Blacks worked.



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





Springfield Farm, where James Johnson held 80 enslaved people.

John Sanders farm near Utica Mills.





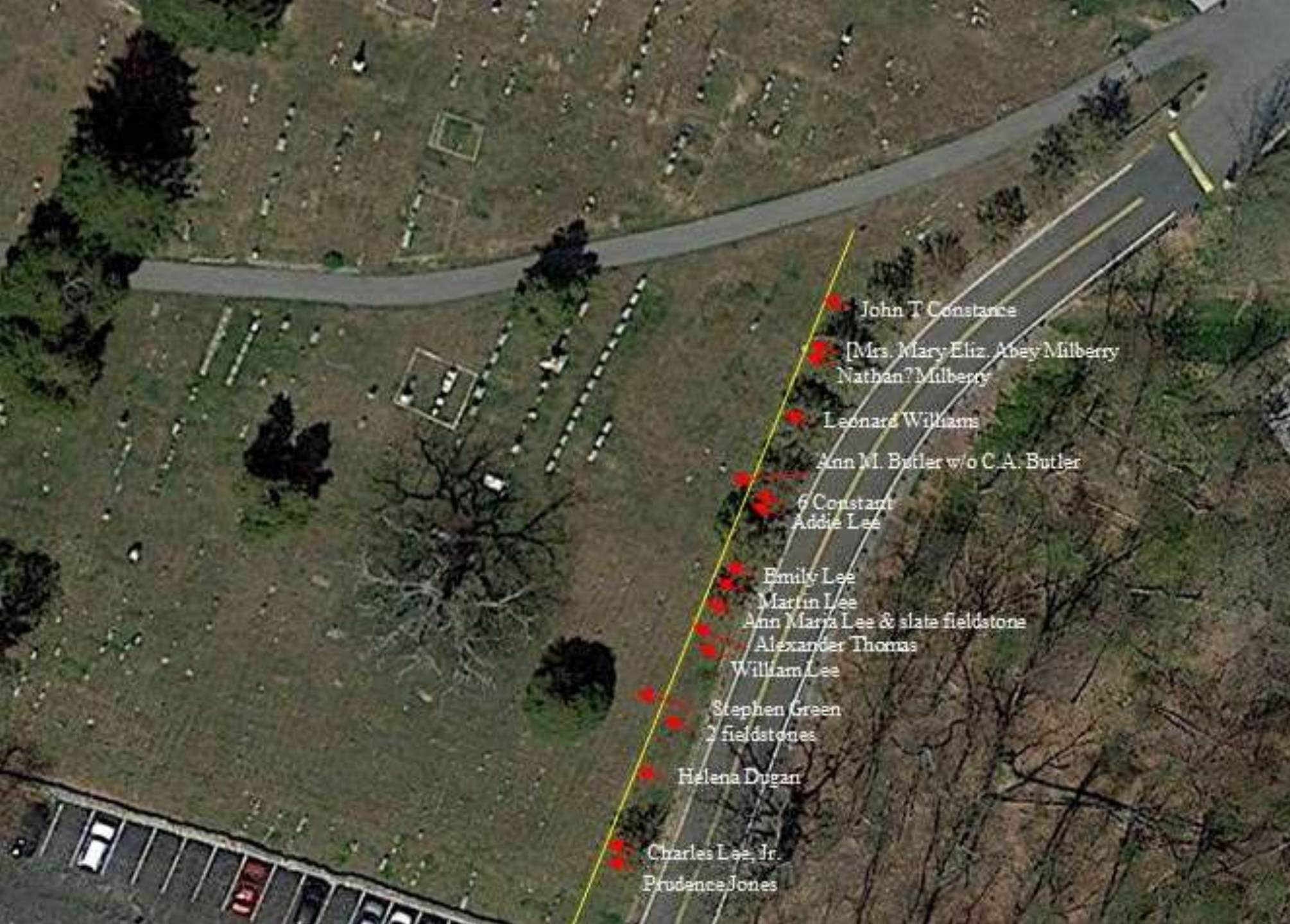


Mount St. Mary's College, where enslaved people helped build the first buildings and where African Americans continued to work through the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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







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

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.