

**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. M 75-03

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street & number SE Corner Botany Way & Rolling Green Way, Adjacent to 14728  not for publication

city, town Darnestown vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

**3. Classification**

| Category                                 | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district        | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied                   | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure       | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object          | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government                        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial                        |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military                          |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                            |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> park                              |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence                 |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                         |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                        |
|  |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation                    |
|  |  |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>CEMETERY</u> |

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

name Stonebridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 3121 telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20878

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 6338

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 571

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. M:25-3

|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    | date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |                    |

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 1115, 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

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#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: Iradelle 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

Survey No.

M; 25-3

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic    | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)<br>CEMETERY |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   |   |

**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 cross-roads 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.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> With construction of the Stonebridge Subdivision by 1988, the cemetery was restored by family members.



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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.

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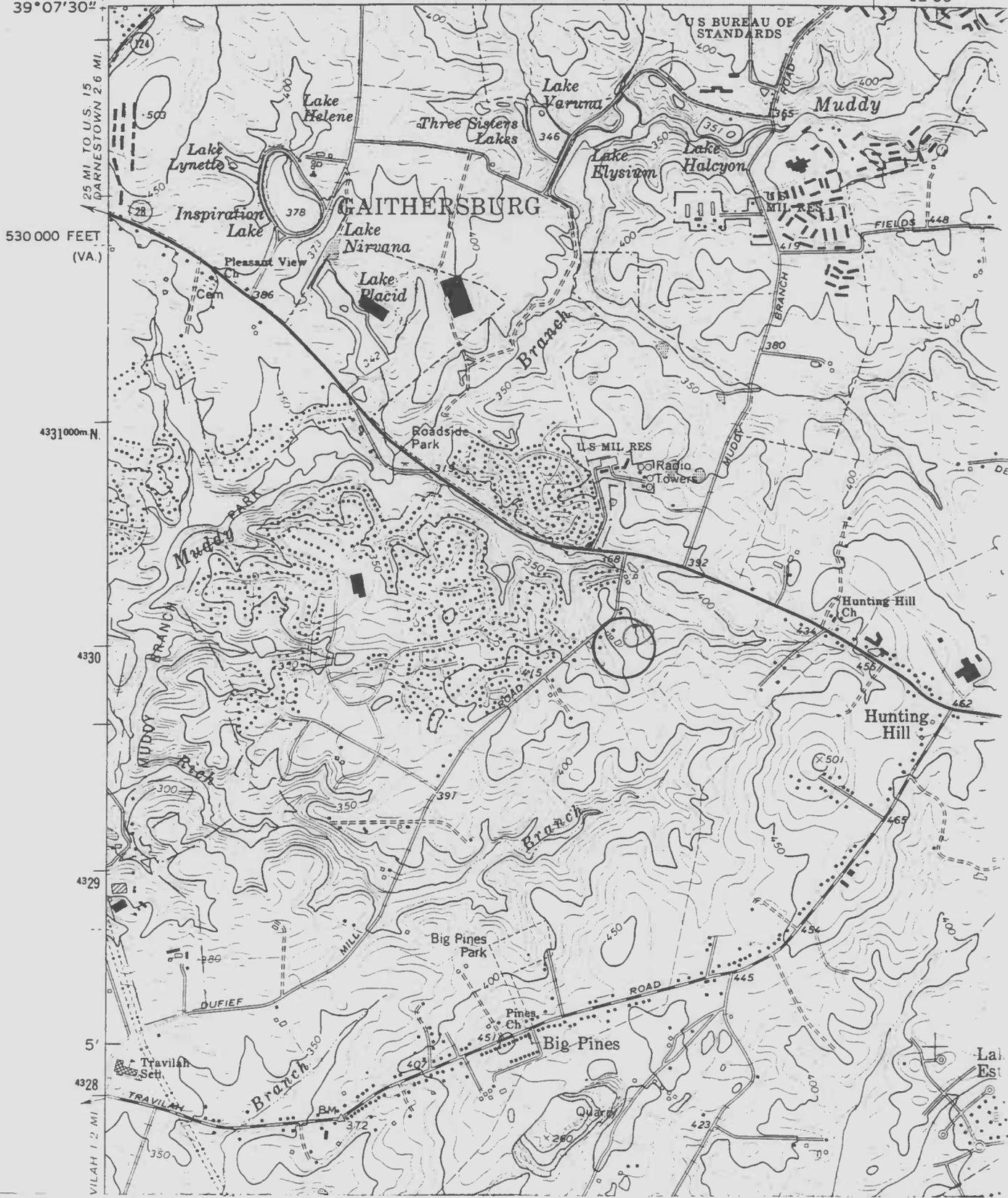
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM  
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M: 25/3  
PROPERTY NAME: Ward Cemetery  
TOWN: Gaithersburg  
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY  
QUADRANGLE: Rockville, MD-VA

WARD  
FAMILY CEMETERY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THESE EARLY  
CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

✦  
ELIZABETH BEALL BANKS  
MAY 1881

Ward Cemetery

M25/03

Dufief Mill Road

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. City)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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Ward Cemetery

M 25/03

Duffel Mill Rd

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG. MD SHPO

2089

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 AUGUSTUS B. WARD,  
 BORN  
 September 11, 1860.  
 DIED  
 March 19, 1888.  
 At the residence of  
 his wife Mrs. W. H. Ward,  
 in the city of New York.  
 Aged 27 years, 4 months,  
 and 8 days.

ELIZABETH A.  
 wife of  
 W. H. WARD.  
 Born Aug 17, 1824  
 Died Sept. 5, 1889  
 Aged 65 yrs. 10 mos. & 18 days.  
 Rest in peace.  
 Her husband died at the  
 residence of Mrs. W. H. Ward,  
 in the city of New York.  
 Aged 27 years, 4 months,  
 and 8 days.

Ward Cemetery

M-25/03

Dufret Mill Road

Darnestown, MD 20874 (~~Mont. City~~)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEB. MD SHPO

30f9

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Memory of  
Thomas F.  
Mary L.  
WARD.

Ward Cemetery

M-25/03

Dufriet Mill Rd

Darnestown, Md 20894 (Mount Clay)

L. Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MDSHPD

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WILLIAM H. WARD

1850

March 15 1815

1815

1815

1815

1815

1815

1815

Ward Cemetery

M25/03

Dofief Mill Rd.

Parnestown, MD 20894 (Mont. City)

L. Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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Ward Cemetery

M 25/03

Dufiet Mill Rd.

Darnestown, MD 20894 (Mont. City.)

L Snyderman

11/93

~~East~~

NEG. MD SHPO

6089

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Ward Cemetery

M-25/03

DuFief Mill Rd

Darnestown, Md 20874 (west. city)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG. MD SHPO

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Ward Cemetery

M.25/03

Dufriet Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

8089

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Ward Cemetery

M-25/03

Duffel Mill Road

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont City)

L. Snyderman

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North

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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

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

P.G. Ward

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M:25-3

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1300-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 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

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

2/28/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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