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Frederick Health and the African American Resources, Cultural Heritage Society (AARCH) dedicate monument to honor those originally laid to rest at Greenmount Cemetery

Frederick, MD – October 18, 2022 Frederick Health and the African American Resources, Cultural Heritage Society plan to dedicate a monument in honor of the historic remains recovered from Greenmount Cemetery and reinterred at Fairview Cemetery. These remains were discovered during recent construction operations at Frederick Health Hospital. This dedication ceremony will take place at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, October 25 at Fairview Cemetery, located at 8070 Old Gas House Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21701. Members of the media and the public are invited to attend as well as any descendants of those buried at Greenmount.

Established in the late 1800s, Greenmount Cemetery was the largest of three graveyards where people of color in Frederick City could be buried. Many bodies first buried at the Old Hill Church (Asbury Church) Cemetery, and then reinterred at Greenmount in the late 1800s and early 1900s. When Frederick City Hospital was established in 1902, the two properties bordered one another. The cemetery property was eventually sold to Frederick City Hospital in the 1920s and all graves were thought to be relocated at that time. However, during construction operations additional historic remains, as well as headstones and other artifacts were recovered. AARCH Society and Frederick Health worked together to reinter those remains at Fairview Cemetery in 2002, 2018, and 2021.

In April 2022, the remains of an additional individual were discovered during construction. The remains of this individual will be reinterred during the ceremony on October 25. Unfortunately, we are not sure of the identities of any the uncovered remains.

The following are the names and initials of the individuals found on headstones thought to be for the people whose remains were reinterred in November 2021.

- Lucy Parker
- Joseph Proctor
- Harriet Pinkney
- Hannah Burges
- N. J.
- H. S.
- Mary Myers
- Elizabeth C.
- Matilda Juricks
- Robert Bowie



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“These individuals meant something. They were mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters. They were aunts and uncles. Children and grandparents. Friends and neighbors. They were people, people who were members of the same community that we now call home. Ensuring that even in death they are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve is paramount.” said Tom Kleinhanzl, President & CEO of Frederick Health.

Since 2014, Frederick Health has been honored to call the African American Resources, Cultural Heritage Society (AARCH) a partner. This productive relationship has worked together to create the Greenmount Memorial Garden, a sacred place to memorialize and honor those originally buried at Greenmount Cemetery, attempting to identify the individuals who were buried at the cemetery, and working on the upcoming monument dedication ceremony.

The AARCH Society appreciates the efforts of Frederick Health to acknowledge the segregated past of the Frederick community, including accessing healthcare, education, and other essential rights, as well as the systemic racism that was present and the ongoing challenges to equality that exist within the United States. While the unfortunate truth is that the hospital was partially built over a historically black cemetery over 100 years ago, Frederick Health appreciates their partnership with the AARCH Society to honor the individuals and the families who buried their loved ones at Greenmount Cemetery, believing they were laid to rest in peace. The families of those originally buried at Greenmount Cemetery are still here in our community today. By establishing the Greenmount Memorial Garden at the Frederick Health Hospital and dedicating a monument at Fairview Cemetery, the full and true history of what occurred is told these individuals can be remembered with respect and dignity.

To read a list of names of those thought to be buried at Greenmount Cemetery, visit aarchsociety.org or [click here](#). This list features many family names that are still common in Frederick County. The list of more than 950 names is derived from an index done by AARCH Society life member David H. Wallace. Dr. Wallace created this index of Frederick County African American deaths and burials based on numerous local history sources. If you believe that you may be related to someone on this list and would like additional information or have questions about the ongoing construction project, the historic Greenmount Cemetery, or the planning for the final interment ceremony, please contact Frederick Health and/or AARCH Society.

“We value the partnership with Frederick Health that has allowed the full and true story of the hospital and Frederick’s history to be told. It is distressing that remains are still being discovered. This rich history should not be overlooked and ignored. We look forward to continuing the ongoing and often challenging discussions on the role that race has played throughout the history of our community,” said Protean Gibril, President of the AARCH Society.



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About the African American Resources, Cultural Heritage Society (AARCH)

The mission of the AARCH Society is to identify, collect, preserve, and make publicly accessible through their programs and services the objects, artifacts, and stories about the history, rich heritage and culture and the contributions of African Americans in Frederick County past and present and in doing so educates, enriches, and enlightens this and future generations. For more information, please visit aarchsociety.org

About Frederick Health

Frederick Health provides comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Frederick County. The system includes Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick Health Medical Group, Frederick Health Employer Solutions, Frederick Health Home Care, and Frederick Health Hospice. Frederick Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty practice with more than 100 providers, 18 specialties and 24 locations across the county. The system has several ambulatory care locations, the freestanding James M Stockman Cancer Institute, three urgent care locations, and Frederick Health Village.

With over 4,500 team members, Frederick Health provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness services to support its mission to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community. For more information, visit frederickhealth.org.

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