A GUIDE TO DEATH AND BURIAL NOTICES OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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The core of this guide is the death or burial notices of African Americans published in *The News* or *The Daily News* of Frederick, Maryland, from its inception in 1883 until the end of 1956, when the practice of identifying African Americans as “colored” was largely abandoned. A number of other sources were drawn upon for death and burial information; these are identified in the List of Sources, below. This data base provides some information besides names and dates, but not complete transcripts of the notices. It serves, essentially, as an index, alphabetically arranged by name, telling users where to go to find further information, such as where individuals lived and died, names of family members and pall bearers, and sometimes the cause of death and where the deceased worked.

LIST OF SOURCES, AS CITED IN THE GUIDE

All Saints Register: The Parish Registers of All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Frederick, record marriages, baptisms and burials performed by the clergy of the parish. For this guide the years from 1743 to 1866 have been covered. Colored parishioners were entitled to burial in the graveyard adjoining the white Episcopal graveyard on East All Saints Street; where non-parishioners were buried is seldom mentioned in the registers. Copies of the registers through 1866 are available on microfilm at the Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, and the Historical Society of Frederick County.

Blackwell: A list of names on headstones found in Laboring Sons Cemetery, Frederick, in 1949-50, compiled by Patricia Blackwell, 06/20/1950. Copy in Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library.

Carty: “Colored” burials, 1874-1896, recorded in daybooks of C.C. Carty’s furniture store/undertakers in Frederick, at the Library, Historical Society of Frederick County

Carty Ledger: C.C. Carty ledger for 1888-1893, owned by Trudie Davis-Long, contains records of many burials and coffin orders, including some for “colored” people not named in the daybooks.

Citizen: *Frederick Citizen*, weekly newspaper published in Frederick, MD, 1890-1895

Death Ledger: *The Jacob Engelbrecht Death Ledger of Frederick County, Maryland, 1820-1880*, compiled by Edith O. Eader and Trudie Davis-Long (Monrovia, MD: Paw Prints, Inc, 1995)

Democratic Advocate: weekly newspaper published in Westminster, MD, 1865-1972

Engelbrecht Diary: *The Diary of Jacob Engelbrecht*, edited by William R. Quynn (Frederick, MD: The Historical Society of Frederick County, 2001)

Erickson: *Frederick County Chronicles*, by Marie Anne Erickson (Charleston: History Press, 2013)

Examiner: weekly newspaper published in Frederick, MD, ca 1846-1913; available on microfilm at Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick

Find A Grave: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com); search under Maryland/Institution Cemetery

The Forgotten: *The Forgotten: The Middletown African Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Middletown, MD*, compiled by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Carrollton Manor Chapter, Buckeystown, MD, 2015

Grove: *History of Carrollton Manor*, *Frederick County, Maryland* by William Jarboe Grove (Frederick: Marken & Bielfeld, 1928)

Herald & Torchlight: newspaper published in Hagerstown, MD, 1865-1895

Holdcraft: *Names in Stone* , Jacob M. Holdcraft (Ann Arbor, MI:1966). Holdcraft did not record information from “colored” cemeteries, but did list a few African Americans buried in white cemeteries.

Keller: “Colored” Deaths, as Recorded in Articles, Obituaries and Funeral Notices,” compiled by John E. Keller II, last update July 12, 2013; copy in Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick

M/Q Diary: “The Quynn’s Hardware Store Diary, 1836-1936,” written by members of the Mantz and Quynn families, transcribed by David H. Wallace from the original in the Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick; copies available there and at the Historical Society of Frederick County

Myers: List of deaths and/or burials at Montevue Asylum and Home, circa 1870-1920, compiled by Margaret Myers from records retrieved from the building during its demolition. Original list at Library, Historical Society of Frederick County.

News: *The News*, daily newspaper published in Frederick, MD, 1883-2002, on microfilm at Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick, and at Library, Historical Society of Frederick County

Post: *The Post*,daily newspaper published in Frederick, MD, 1910-2002, on microfilm at Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick, and Library, Historical Society of Frederick County

Rice: Ledger of Thomas P. Rice Funeral Home, April 1918-July 1921; owned (1913) by Mrs William Jackson Day, Jr.; copy on CD in Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick.

St Johns: *Burial Records, St. John the Evangelist Church, Frederick Maryland, from 1779 through December 31, 2000* (St. John’s Cemetery, Inc: 2012). After about 1920, the term “colored” began to disappear from these records.

So We Move Along: “*So We Move Along…”: The Diaries of Lewis & Jacob L. Engelbrecht, 1882-1896*, transcribed and edited by James Boston (Baltimore: Publish America, 2006)

Valley Register: weekly newspaper published in Middletown, MD, (1856-), portions available on microfilm at Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick

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