

Pleasant Hill A.M.E. Church & Cemetery

Red Hill, near Keedysville, Maryland

39°28'13.5"N 77°41'55.4"W

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This booklet is designed to enlighten those who are unfamiliar with the Historic African American church and cemetery site on Red Hill (mountain), just outside Keedysville, in Washington County Maryland. Ebenezer AME Church, Hagerstown Maryland is the property owner of record for the .9-acre site. The church is traced to a ceremony held on August 30, 1879, to lay the corner stone for the new sanctuary. The congregation however is much older. The "*Autobiography of Rev. Thomas W. Henry, of The A.M.E. Church*" tells us Rev. Henry was first assigned to the Red Hill station in approximately 1840. Services were then held in a nearby school building. A sizable community clearly existed prior to Rev. Henry's assignment. How early it originated is unknown. A school pre-dating the church once stood across the road until replaced by a new schoolhouse at Mt. Briar in 1896. Notable is that many of the African Americans living around Red Hill decades prior to the civil war were free and many owned their own homes. Several civil war veterans are among those buried here. There are records of large festivals and celebrations associated with the church and community attended by both black and white residents. The community's band participated in neighboring communities' events. They participated in activities of the larger community together with the churches in Keedysville and national politics were a passionate topic.

Thousands of acres of forested land in southern Washington county, including most of Red Hill, were owned by the Antietam Iron Works, which was the largest single employer of African Americans locally, both enslaved and free. Many of them lived on and around Red Hill. The Iron Works failed in the mid-19th century, but even before then, the men of Red Hill found ready paying jobs on the farms surrounding the mountain. Assumedly in part due to many of those farms being owned by people of the "*United Brethren in Christ*" denomination, which was staunchly anti-slavery. By 1900, mechanization began making farm jobs less plentiful, but factories were booming in nearby Hagerstown and Frederick as well as those cities having welcoming African American communities of their own. The Red Hill community dwindled and disappeared as young people moved away, and older ones gradually died off or went to live with younger relatives in the cities. The last known burial was in 1955. Most of the last several burials were people who lived elsewhere when they died. The unused, unmaintained, church fell into ruin, became a hazard, and was removed about 1980.

Introduction

I grew up in Keedysville Maryland during the 1960's and 70's. During that time there were no African Americans in Keedysville. There were four in my whole high school, which served the entire southeast quarter of the county. Three of them were siblings. Yet, my parents and other older residents, often spoke of black people who *had* lived in and around Keedysville. From my earliest memories I was aware of the unused black church and cemetery on Red Hill, but nothing of its history.

Regrettably, too late in life, after all those I had known who had known and interacted with these people were themselves gone, I began researching this lost community within a community. Much of what came to light was surprising. Some resonated with fragmented stories and names I'd heard before. It was clear that the anchor of the community, just as it was in every community during that period, was the church. That church, like its congregation, had by this time long ago disappeared. But the cemetery remained, and all who were buried there.

In 2016 I became aware of a new book by Ed Maliskas titled "*From John Brown to James Brown.*" That book, about the overlooked history of a place known as John Brown's Farm, caught my attention for multiple reasons. That led to a chain of events that in retrospect can only be called fate which acquainted me with Ronald Lytle, the energetic force behind the ***African American History Association of Western Maryland***. During our first meeting I expressed my concerns to Ron about the Red Hill cemetery, and he had an immediate interest. We each had other pressing concerns at the time and the idea, while never forgotten, languished several more years.

In the year of the pandemic, 2020, Ron contacted me about finally doing something about Red Hill. Crazy as it was, as the whole world was shut down, we began planning a *group* workday. In September, I met Ron and several AAHAWM board members at the site. It was even worse than I remembered. The entire property was covered in nearly impenetrable vegetation. Of the 50+ known graves, **only two monuments were visible** from the road, despite all being only a few yards away. The briars, brush, fallen trees and trash were overwhelming. I wondered how many *days* it would take to make a dent in this mess. Ron, in his typical upbeat manner, was undaunted.

One of those at that meeting was Ms. Edie Wallace, a professional, multi-generational historian. I first became aware of her through an article she authored re-tracing the Minqua path as identified in her grandfather's incredible work "*Indian Paths of Pennsylvania.*" The true crowning moment of that day was when Edie introduced us to her guest, Raymond Thomas.

All involved (almost!) believed the Red Hill cemetery had been totally abandoned decades earlier. We were surprised to learn those two visible gravestones belonged to Mr. Thomas' ancestors, Reason and Carrie Thomas. He had been quietly visiting their graves and caring for them as much as he was able, all along. Raymond Thomas is one of, if not the last, living link in the chain between the past and the present of this sacred ground.



The ground along the road was not too bad. The county and the neighbors have kept the worst of the brush under control, which would otherwise hamper safety on the narrow twisting road. We had a ready foothold when we arrived on All Hallows Eve, 2020, still wondering if anyone else would show up despite concerted efforts to solicit volunteers during the virus precautions and restrictions.

Ron never had any apprehension, but I was in disbelief at the number of people who did show up that day. Pre-teens, to senior citizens and everything between. All with their own tools, determination, and muscles. Rob Waters (RW Prop. Mgmt.) his employees and son spent much of the day working and most helpfully, hauled numerous dumper loads of debris away. We had agreed early that morning that if we could just clear enough to re-expose the cemetery's existence to the public, the effort would be successful. By the end of the day, you could see across the whole one-acre property.

Successful as that first effort was, the reclamation of this site is only begun. It will require regular maintenance to stem mother nature's efforts to take it back. Most of the monuments are askew and need restoration. Many more are displaced completely and there is only a small quantity of markers compared to the number of known burials. Identification and mapping of individual graves is a long-term goal but now a conceivable one.

As you read the obituaries of these people, you realize they were buried here with love and respect. Buried in a place holding equal respect. Some were brought *home* from distant places. Even as the community declined, none would have imagined it would ever be forgotten completely. Friends and family walked over a mile, uphill from the foot of the mountain during Reason Thomas' funeral procession in 1930. Reason's coffin was carried at the head of the procession on the shoulders of his nephews. Anyone whose life garnered that much respect, deserves sanctity for his grave, even by those who never knew him.

Known & suspected Red Hill Burials

List incomplete. Many graves are unmarked. Unrecorded graves are certain to exist. Data is from various sources including gravestones, obituaries, newspaper archives, library records and online sources. 58 listed. Research continues.

Grace A. Stewart Adams

1888 – Mar. 1, 1938

Mrs. GRACE A. ADAMS, died at her home, Pennsylvania Avenue, Tuesday evening, of complications, after an illness of one month, aged 50 years. She was a member of the Second Christian Church. Besides her husband, George E. Adams, she is survived by her father, David Stewart; four daughters, one son, one granddaughter, and five brothers. Funeral services were held at the Red Hill Church near Keedysville; interment was in the cemetery adjoining.

[*Morning Herald, Thursday, Mar. 3, 1938*]

H. E. Benson

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Sarah E. Benson

1852 – Jan. 29, 1940

Mrs. Sarah E. Benson, widow of H.E. Benson, died Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home in Trego of heart trouble after an illness of one year, aged 88-years. Two grandchildren survive. The funeral will be held Thursday, services at the home at 1:30 o'clock, with Rev. David Keets officiating. Interment in Red Hill cemetery.

Lloyd Bowman

1822 – Feb. 20, 1872 (age 50)

Cora Braxton

Dec. 6, 1875 – May 7, 1906

Ellen Brown

1819 – May 14, 1894

Wife of John Brown (next listing)

Cpl. John Robert Brown, Co. 2, USCT

Feb. 1841 – 1938

Company F, 2nd United States Colored Troop (Sharpsburg), was the father of six children: John W., Joseph L., Barbara, Viola M, Maranda E., Martha E., and his niece Violet Calaman.

Louncie McKinley Brown

Nov 16, 1900 – Dec. 25, 1953

The funeral of Louncie McKinley Brown, 53 year old resident of Locust Valley, was held at the funeral home in Middletown. The deceased was the son of the late John and Mary Calaman Brown, of Keedysville. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Viola Luby, Washington, and Mrs. Barbara Brooks, near Burkittsville. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery in Keedysville.

Source: The Morning Herald (Hagerstown, MD), Saturday, January 9, 1954

His first name was variously reported as Lonzie, Lonzy, Lounzie, Louncie. The date of his death was obtained from Frederick County Health Department death records, where his name was reported as "Lounzie."

Charles H. Carter

1851 – Mar. 24, 1934

Charles Henry Carter, 83, died Saturday at his home, 23 Bloom's Court of complications. He is survived by a daughter Eva Allen, and two sons, William and Edward Carter, and a grandchild all of this city. He was a member of the second Christian church. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Second Christian church, services by Rev. Robinson. Burial in the Red Hill cemetery near Keedysville.

Daniel Calaman

1867 – Dec. 7, 1939

DANIEL CALIMAN, 73-year-old negro residing near Trego, killed himself yesterday. Coroner O.J. Morgan gave a verdict of suicide. Relatives said the aged man had complained of ill health and had threatened recently to take his life. He is survived by a son, James; and brother, Grafton, Chicago. Funeral services were held at the Red Hill Church, near Keedysville; interment in cemetery adjoining.

Ella Calamon

Apr. 1, 1870 – July 19, 1903

James Washington Calaman

June 8, 1889 – Aug. 26, 1955

JAMES WASHINGTON CALAMAN, Sumans Avenue, died at the Washington County Hospital yesterday morning. Born near Keedysville, he lived there most of his life, moving to Hagerstown three years ago. He is survived by a son, Charles J.W., Hagerstown; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Beatrice Calaman; and five grandchildren. Funeral annoucements later.

Article of Saturday, August 27, 1955, - The funeral of JAMES W. CALLAMAN will be held Wednesday at the Watson Funeral Home. Interment will be in Red Hill Cemetery.

[NOTE: *This is the last confirmed burial at Red Hill*]

Mrs. Mary Calaman

(dates unknown)

The widow of Thomas Calaman, died at the home of her daughter in Baltimore on Tuesday. She was a member of the Waters A. M. E. Survivors are children, Mrs. Edna Williams, Mrs. Naomi Gray and Paul Calaman of Baltimore; Mrs. Beniah Chase, Thomas, and Raliegh Calaman, of the city and Harry, Sharpsburg; one sister, Mrs. Henrietta Palmer, of Washington, DC. and three grandchildren. Funeral services on Saturday at Noon at the A. M. E. Church at Eakle's Mills.

[Note – "***The A.M.E. Church at Eakle's Mills***" was the Red Hill church $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Eakle's Mill by a now abandoned road]

Francis Carter

1917 - Apr. 6, 1933

Frances Carter, 16, colored, died at the home of her mother, Eva Carter, 45 West Church Street, on Thursday. Funeral services were held at the house by Rev. Walter Campor. Interment in Red Hill Cemetery, Keedysville, Maryland.

[The Daily Mail (Hagerstown, Maryland) April 8, 1933]

Bertha Clark

May 5, 1898 – 1909 (age. 11)

Cora E. Clark

June 15, 1896 – Dec. 18, 1909 (age. 38)

James R. Clark

June 15, 1924 – Apr. 18, 1925 (age 2)

Margaret V. “Maggie” Wright Clark

Sept. 27, 1856 – May 6, 1935

Mrs. Maggie Clark, highly respected and aged colored woman, died at the home of her son, George M. Clark, Eakle’s Mill, near the pleasant Valley and Red Hill, Monday morning at 6 o’clock following an illness of several months. She was buried Monday at 10 o’clock at Red Hill, Keedysville. The following children survive: George W., Eakles Mill; Mrs. Daisy Barnes, Hagerstown; Arthur, Hagerstown; Dorothy, Asbury Park, NJ; Mrs. Della M. Polk, Philadelphia; and Dora, at home. Funeral services were held at A.M.E. Church, near Keedysville; interment in cemetery adjoining.

Otha W. Clark

Jun 5, 1876 – Jan. 20, 1933

George Cross

1837 - Jan 31, 1897

GEORGE CROSS, colored, died on Sunday near Boonsboro, aged 60 years. His remains were buried Monday at 10 o'clock at Red Hill, Keedysville. He was employed by Deputy Sheriff Young.

Alexander Neal Edemy

Oct. 16, 1880 – Dec. 8, 1940

ALEXANDER NEAL EDEMY died at his home, 124 Bloom Avenue, Sunday evening after a long illness. He is survived by four children, William, Alexander, Jr., Ruth and Mildred, all at home.

He was a member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church where services were held; interment was in Red Hill Cemetery, Keedysville.

[NOTE – *Alexander died two days short of one-year after his wife (next listing).*]

Mrs. Maud Fisher Edemy

Jan 1890 – Dec. 10, 1939

Mrs. Maud Edemy died at her home, 124 Bloom Avenue, Sunday morning at 3:20 o'clock after a brief illness, aged 49 years. She was a member of Asbury M.E. Church. Besides her husband, Alexander Edemy, of this city [Hagerstown], she is survived by two sons, William, Keedysville, and Alexander, Jr.; two daughters, Mildred and Ruth, all at home; one sister and two brothers. Services were held at the Caldwell Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon [Dec. 12] at 2 o'clock with Rev. W.S. Jackson officiating. Interment in Red Hill Cemetery, Keedysville, Maryland.

Barbara E. Fisher

Jan 16, 1857 – Jan 3, 1928

Mrs. Barbara E. Fisher, a respected colored woman, died at her home, near Eakles Mills, yesterday, aged 76 years. Her husband, George W. Fisher, was once a slave.

Besides her husband, two daughters, three sons, and three brothers and two sisters survive.

The funeral will be held Friday [Jan. 6] with services at the house at 1 o'clock. Interment in the colored cemetery near Keedysville.

George W. Fisher

June 21, 1841 – Feb. 15, 1929

George Fisher, colored, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alex Edemy, 133 Bloom's Avenue, last night at 8 o'clock. He was a Civil War Veteran and a member of the A.M.E. church. He was formerly from Keedysville. He is survived by three sons, Martin, Philadelphia; Roy and Earl, this city daughters, Mrs. Maud Edemy and Mrs. Cora Striplim, this city; four grandchildren. Funeral announcements later.

[Next day's paper] The funeral of George Fisher (colored) will be held Monday afternoon at the Bethel A.M.E. Church. Interment in Red Hill Cemetery, Keedysville.

Henry Hopewell

1802 – Apr. 24, 1896

Near Keedysville, Henry Hopewell, colored, at his home on Red Hill Mountain, one and a half miles south of Keedysville: aged 94 years. Funeral Sunday [Apr. 26], interment in colored graveyard.

Charles Ellsworth Keets,

1863 - May 12, 1933

Charles Ellsworth Keets colored, died early Friday morning, near Keedysville, after an illness of some weeks, aged 70. He is survived by a son, Samuel, Washington, D. C., nine daughters, Mrs. Carrie Thomas, Mrs. Lottie Keets, Mrs. Anna Keets, Mrs. Mannie Fisher, Sarah, and Francis Keets, Mrs. Susan Lewis, near Keedysville, Mrs. Florence Goens, Newark: 22 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Mrs. Susan Summers, Sharpsburg, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Philadelphia, brother, Rev. David Keets, Mt. Airy, Edward, Baltimore, a brother, Rev. Henry Keets, died three weeks ago at Pine Grove, NJ. Funeral services at the M. E. Church near Keedysville; son-in-laws acted as pallbearers; burial in adjoining.

James Keats (Keets)

Abt. 1786 – Oct. 18, 1886

Monday Oct. 18, on Red Hill near Keedysville, James Keats, aged about 100. He was the oldest man in the Keedysville district.

Lavina Keets

u/k – abt. Feb. 20, 1908

Mrs. Lavina Keets, wife of Harman Keets, colored, died at her home near Mt. Briar, south of Keedysville, Wednesday morning, of cancer. She was a well-known woman and had been employed by various families of Keedysville and vicinity. Interment at Red Hill.

[The Mail (Hagerstown) Feb. 21, 1908]

Lizzie Keets

u/k - Oct. 14, 1898

Lizzie, wife of Rev. J.H. Keets, colored, died Oct. 14, at her home, near Trego, from dropsy.

Her husband and four children survive. Funeral services were held at the A.M.E. Church, Keedysville. Interment in graveyard adjoining.

[The Mail (Hagerstown) Fri. Oct. 21, 1898]

William Keets

1859 – Feb. 15, 1922

Zachariah Keets,

Abt.1820 – Jan. 17, 1890

Zachariah Keets, colored, on Saturday, January 17, at his home near Keedysville, of dropsy at about 71 years.

(unknown) Keith

1881 – Dec. 27, 1897

The sixteen-year-old daughter of Rev. Henry Keith, colored, residing near Eakle's Mills, died Monday, Dec. 27, of consumption. Funeral took place Wednesday at 10 a.m., interment in the graveyard adjoining the colored church on Red Hill.

[The Mail (Hagerstown, MD) Friday, December 31, 1897]

Drusilla Keller

Mar. 1847 – u/k

The wife of John Keller (below), life-long resident of Keedysville.

[NOTE - *Assumed to be buried at Red Hill but unsubstantiated at this time.*]

John Keller

1836 – Mar. 29, 1916

John Keller, a well-known colored man of Keedysville, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock at Bellvue of paralysis aged 80 years. He was brought to Bellvue about a week ago. Mr. Keller was reared by Jacob Snively, Keedysville, and was with his family and that of E.E. Line since he was six years old. He was a member of the A.M.E. church at Red Hill. He is survived by a brother, Joseph in Rochester, N.Y., a brother in Illinois, and two sisters in Williamsport. Funeral Thursday morning.

[NOTE – *While not buried at Red Hill. John Keller is included as a notable member of this community. John and Drusilla had no children of their own. He served in the civil war. John and Drusilla are noted in other histories living near the Keedysville school, just off Dog Street Road $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the church. Jacob Snively and his wife, are the same people spoken of by Rev. Thomas Henry, as “true friends.” Bellvue was the Almshouse, for Washington County and John Keller is recorded as buried in the on-site cemetery. Together with all those buried there, his remains were relocated to a mass grave in Hagerstown's, Rose Hill Cemetery, in the 1920's due to construction of a new hospital at Bellvue.*]

Susan Lee

1862 – Mar. 6, 1942

Mrs. Susan Lee, widow of John Lee, died Monday afternoon at her home in Mt. Briar, of complications after an illness of one year, aged 80 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Thursday [Mar. 12] with interment in Red Hill Cemetery.

Benjamin Lyles

1810 – 1860

Edward Lisle (Lyles)

u/k – u/k

Infant son of Emma and John

Emariles Lyles

1854 – Apr. 17, 1888 (aged 34 yr, 17 days)

Emariles (Emma) Lyles was the wife of John H. Lisle [a C&O Canal boatman] and the mother of J. William Lisle and Airy L. Lisle.

Harry Lyles

u/k – u/k

Sgt. Benjamin F. Malone

Mar 1842 – Nov. 12, 1913

Benjamin Malone, an aged colored man, died at his home near Eakle's Mills, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, from complications, having been in ill health for a number of years. He was well known and respected by all in that section. He is survived by a wife and several children. Funeral announcements later.

[Benjamin Malone served in the U.S. Colored Infantry during the American civil war]

Mrs. Ella Malone

Apr. 16, 1850 – Feb 14, 1923

Mrs. Ella Malone, colored, widow of the late Benjamin Malone, died Wednesday night at her home at Keedysville, aged about 75 years. Mrs. Malone was very well known and respected among the residents of the section. Several sons survive.

Joseph Sheridan Malone

June 4, 1877 – Feb. 24, 1926

Investigation of the death of Sheridan Malone, colored, 48 years old, who was found dead near Mt. Briar yesterday morning, revealed that death was due to exposure. Malone had been seen about eight o'clock Tuesday evening and at that time he apparently was in the best of health. He is believed to have spent the night in the mountains and died from exposure. The funeral was held at Red Hill cemetery.

*[While not stated, it is suspected Mr. Malone may have been hunting. Raccoon and fox hunting (at night) were popular at the time. A special locally bred and trained variety of dog called the “**Red Hill Fox Hound**” was highly valued throughout the region]*

Nellie Malone

1819 – May 14, 1894

Mrs. Nellie Malone, colored, died at her home on Red Hill on Monday evening last, after a lingering illness. She had been paralyzed some time ago and never rallied from the stroke. Deceased was aged about 75 years. Funeral services and interment at Red Hill Chapel on Wednesday. Two sons, Benj. F. and John Malone survive.

Mary Sewall

1873 – Nov. 15, 1897

MARY C. SEWALL, colored, wife of John Sewall, died at 12:30 o'clock on Monday, at Sharpsburg, of consumption, aged 24 years. She leaves two children. Funeral on Tuesday at 10 o'clock at Red Hill; services by Rev. James Simon.

Catherine Sewell

Jan 1812 – Jan 14, 1880

Wife of Derius Sewel, aged 68 yrs, 9 days.

(Child?) Sewell

u/k – Feb. 5, 1897

Child of John Sewell

[Information obtained from "Register of Persons who died in Sharpsburg" - book is in the Maryland Room and the Washington County Library, Hagerstown.]

Dorius (Darius?) Sewell

u/k – u/k

[Grave not located or burial substantiated, but noted as surviving Catherine, above.]

Mary Sewell

u/k – Nov 14, 1897

Mary E. Suel (Sewell)

1840 – May 15, 1891

SEWELL - On Friday, May 15, at her home near Shafer's Mill, on the Boonsboro and Sharpsburg Turnpike, Mrs. Benjamin Sewell, aged about 60 years. Wife of Benjamin Suel (Sewell).

George Summer

u/k – Mar. 19, 1895

George, youngest son of Mr. Emory Summer, died Tuesday, 14 miles south of Keedysville. Interment was made in colored graveyard at Keedysville on Thursday.

Susan Stewart

1840 – Jan 31, 1918

Susan E. Stewart, wife of Thomas Calaman, a Civil War soldier USCT Company G, Susan Stewart was born in 1840 and passed away January 31, 1918, at age 77years.

Carrie Summers

u/k – Feb. 6, 1900

(Child?) Summer

u/k – Dec. 24, 1896

A young child of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Summers, colored, died at Sharpsburg and was buried at Red Hill.

(Child?) Summers

u/k – Dec. 10, 1896

Child of Emory Summers

Henson Summers,

1791 - 1877

Henson Summers, who lived at Pry's Mill until his death on July 16, 1877, and was buried in the Red Hill Cemetery, he was 86 years old.

Carrie Evelyn Keets Thomas

Oct. 21, 1888 – Sept. 14, 1947

Mrs. CARRIE EVELYN THOMAS died at her home near Sharpsburg Sunday morning of complications, aged 58 years. She was a member of the Methodist church near Keedysville. Daughter of Charles and Alice Thomas Keets and is survived by the following: daughter, Mrs. V.M. Knode, Sharpsburg; son, Samuel, Sharpsburg; sisters, Miss Joy Keetes, Hagerstown; Mrs. Jennie Keetes and Miss Florence Keetes, Philadelphia; Mrs. Mamie Fisher, Misses Sarah and Fannie Keetes; and Mrs. Susan Lewis, all of Keedysville; brother, Samuel Keetes, Washington; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church on Red Hill; interment in cemetery adjoining; arrangements were by the Earnshaw Funeral Home, Keedysville.

Reason Asbury Thomas

June 22, 1872 – Apr. 19, 1930

REASON A. THOMAS, Keedysville district, died at his home, 2 1/2 miles south of Keedysville, on Saturday morning from complications, after an illness of one week, aged 57 years 9 months and 28 days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Thomas; daughter, Rita; a son, Gardner, and one

grandchild, Martha, all at home; brother, Walker A., near Keedysville. The funeral procession will leave the house on Monday and services will be held in the Bethel Church, near Keedysville. Six nephews will act as pall bearers. Interment in the cemetery adjoining the church.

[NOTE – *Reason and Carrie Thomas' descendent, Raymond has quietly and regularly visited and cared for their graves to the present (2021), maintaining perhaps the last living link to this almost lost resting place.*]

Margaret V. “Maggie” Wright,

Maggie Wright, a highly respected and aged colored woman, died at the home of her son, George W. Clark, Eakles Mill, Monday morning at 6 o'clock following an illness of several months. The following children survive; Mrs. Daisy Barnes, Hagerstown; Arthur, Hagerstown; Dorothy, Asbury Park, NJ.

Veterans from Red Hill Community:

American Civil War

***Lloyd Bowman**

Cpl. John Brown

Co. 2nd U.S. Colored Infantry (1863)

Thomas Calaman

Co. G, 29th USC Infantry (1863)

Pvt. George Fisher

Regiment, 2 New York Infantry (1863 - 1866)

Henry Keith

8th USC Infantry

***Jacob Keets**

***John Keller**

Sgt. Benjamin Malone

African American Civil War Memorial F2nd USC Inf.(DC)

Alfred Thomas

Co.C 2nd Reg't USC Inf.

(*rank unknown)

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George H. Hopewell

Eakles Mills, Md. - Decoration, Order of St. Sava (Serbian)

Time of Service, 1917-1919, Maryland Place, Maryland.

Pvt. Roy Fisher

Buried at Antietam National Cemetery

“I went to a place called Red Hill, in Pleasant Valley, in Washington county, Md., there I found true friends, as Mr. Jacob Snavly and wife, who took me in and cared for me and my horse for at least nine years. This is a sample of the olden friends.

My appointment was at the schoolhouse on Red Hill for nine years in succession, and I could always find a good congregation of good Christians.”

Autobiography of Rev. Thomas W. Henry
Baltimore, Maryland, 1872

