



69-021 Cherry Hill Cemetery

6821 Ingraham Street

Riverdale

(M-NCPPC)

Active from 1884-1940, this graveyard has many sandstone grave markers. It was part of Josiah Adams' farm and is a rare surviving example of a nineteenth-century burial ground for local free blacks. The cemetery was established by Adams, a free African-American farmer in 1884, and served the free and formerly enslaved African-Americans of the Riverdale-Bladensburg-Hyattsville communities. Cherry Hill is the only remaining cemetery belonging to what was a thriving African-American community in the Bladensburg area following the Civil War. The cemetery is significant for its character, interest, and cultural characteristics as part of the development of Riverdale, Bladensburg and Hyattsville.