

The Stanton Family is truly indebted to so many for giving unsparingly of their time and talents, helping us to ensure that our family's history will not be lost to future generations.

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The Stanton Family would like for you to know that your presence is deeply appreciated and because you are here with us — this day will always be cherished.

THE STANTON FAMILY CEMETERY



DEDICATION CEREMONY

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Ancestors
By Edith Stanton Ingram

*They sleep, They sleep
Beneath dry leaves and tangled vines
They sleep, where snows and cold winter
Winds blow.*

*They sleep, they sleep
Beneath the dry leaves and tangled vines
Where starry nights look down upon a field
Of quarried stones.*

Quietly, softly, peacefully, they sleep.

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In 1853, the Stanton Family of Buckingham County, Virginia, headed by Nancy and Daniel Stanton, purchased 46.5 acres of land, becoming one of the few free black landholders in the region. Nancy Stanton, who purchased the original holdings, became the first known individual interred in the Stanton Family Cemetery, when she died on October 6, 1853.

The Stanton Family, traced as free blacks as early as 1820, represent the rural free black community in Buckingham County and in the state and region. Family members included farmers, blacksmiths, carpenters, boatmen, soldiers, and quarrymen.

The Cemetery is a rare example of its kind. It was established, not on a plantation, but by free blacks on their own land. The substantial size of the cemetery reflects the economic and social standing of the Stanton Family in the county. It is a rare source that reveals important information about rural burial practices, local cemetery design, and a significant cultural group about which little is known.

The Stanton Family Cemetery symbolizes the notable contributions made by free blacks in Buckingham County and the region.

PROGRAM

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Roy Fooks, Pastor,
Baptist Union Baptist Church, Dillwyn, Virginia

Welcome Address

Joyce L. Ingram McGlaston, Seattle, Washington
Great-great granddaughter of Nancy and
Daniel Stanton

Guest Speaker

Mr. Hugh C. Miller, FAIA, Director of the
Virginia Department of Historic Resources,
Richmond, Virginia
Presentation of Virginia Landmarks Register
Plaque

Remarks

Edith M. Stanton Ingram, Wellesley,
Massachusetts
Great-great granddaughter of Nancy and Daniel
Stanton

Unveiling

E. Renée Ingram, Washington, D.C.
Great-great granddaughter of Nancy
and Daniel Stanton

Conclusion of the Dedication Ceremony

"Homage to Our Past"
Joyce L. Ingram McGlaston
