

Greetings Community:

As you may have read, Historic Eden Cemetery has been the subject of horrific racist vandalism. The most recent act of vandalism occurred in July 2008, where approximately 250 of our ancestors' headstones were overturned.

Some of our ancestors buried at the cemetery are William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad, along with his wife Letitia, Octavius Catto, local heroic civil rights activist and martyr, and Marian Anderson, one of the greatest vocalists of all time. Also, the headstone of Absalom Jones, founder of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, is at Eden.

We have learned that, after the city condemned the Black cemeteries (because of city housing expansion), the Smithsonian Institute took some of our ancestors' bodies to Washington, DC for a research study on the anatomy of the "Negro." Their remains were later sent to Eden.

Friends of Historic Eden Cemetery appreciate your support as we endeavor to preserve and protect our Ancestors' final resting place.

Thank you,

Friends of Historic Eden Cemetery

Make your tax deductible contribution payable to:

Friends of Historic Eden Cemetery, 1434 Springfield Avenue, Collingdale, PA 19023

OR

Become a member of Friends of Historic Eden Cemetery

Public Transportation:

Take SeptaTrolley, Number 11 (SOUTH) to the end of the line - DARBY TRANSPORTATION CENTER.

Walk on MAIN STREET to SPRINGFIELD ROAD,

Turn right on SPRINGFIELD ROAD AND walk WEST on SPRINGFIELD ROAD to Eden Cemetery

(2nd Cemetery on left side of the Street).

It is approximately a 15 minute walk to the cemetery from Darby Transportation Center.

Driving:

Take Baltimore Pike to Lansdowne Avenue. Turn left on Lansdowne Avenue.

Take Lansdowne Avenue to Providence Road. Make a right on Providence Road and Drive to Springfield Road.

Make a left on Springfield Road. Drive on Springfield Road for a few feet. Eden Cemetery is located on the right side of Springfield Road.