

Indian Spring News



INDIAN SPRING ORIGINS

by Timothy Clark

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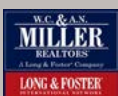
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many important people. The majority of the neighborhood was built in the late 30s and early 40s, with the remainder being built closer to 1950.

In this article, I will go over a general history of our neighborhood land, starting in the 1600's and taking us to present day. Future articles will explore generation by generation and include details of what was taking place in Montgomery County during those times.

Before the United States was even a country, landowners in Silver Spring were few. Ninian Beall, a figure noted in Jane Sween's book "Montgomery County," owned property from Upper Marlboro to Poolesville containing most

of the District of Columbia. He had an excellent rapport with all landowners, including Native Americans. Primarily a tobacco farmer, he is the beginning of one of the most prominent families in all of Montgomery County, the Bealls. Ninian Beall's presence in the late 1600s laid the foundation for the District and Montgomery County as we know them today. At that time, Montgomery County did not exist; nor did Frederick County, with Prince George's county occupying present day Montgomery and the District.

In the early 1700s, Beall's granddaughters owned most of present-day downtown Silver Spring north to White Oak.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: As noted previously, we will be including interviews with noted members of our community. We would welcome suggestions for further persons to be interviewed, please send to thausner@gmail.com, 301-587-6943 and we would love to have students to serve as reporters for student service credits.

In the 1750s, Henry Clark and his wife Ann Baden Clark moved from what is now Bowie to purchase land from Beall's granddaughters, including parcels of land known as Charles and William (including current-day Indian Spring), Slago (later named Sligo), and Kilmarnack (presently where Adventist Hospital is). They constructed a home that today would be located at 9405 Ocala, and that would remain the family home until 1947. It was a wooden structure with full porch, utilizing what would become Brewster Avenue as the access point from the Colesville Ashton Turnpike (later Colesville Road). Henry Clark was a 4th generation Marylander, marrying Ann Baden, a widow with two children. Expanding their family with 11 more children, the farm flourished and Henry acquired more land to the north, including the parcels called White Oak Valley and Hills and Dales.

With the inception of Montgomery County in 1776, Henry Clark established the first land patent in Montgomery County, known as Fenwick, bordering the District in present day downtown Silver Spring. Henry was also a member of the first Grand Jury in Montgomery County alongside other noted families such as the Magruders, the Veirs, the Muncasters and the Bealls. Local farm trade provided farm goods for much of the county at this time.

Family involvement in The Revolution included one of Henry Clark's sons, Lawson Clark. Lawson was accused and arrested for selling food and alcohol to British troops during The Revolution. The surrounding families rallied to have him acquitted and vouched for his character, and the charges were dropped.



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With Hensen's death in 1840, his 18-year-old daughter, Henrietta Clark, married William Glover (age 60), and together they demanded division of the land. They obtained the parcel on the west side of Colesville Road to present day Arcola (later sold to Mr. Brunette). Oliver acquired the land north of Indian Spring Drive to then Bladensburg Road (later called University Boulevard). Oliver's home was built

and eventually became the Indian Spring Club House and later the YMCA. Charles and his wife, Frances Coupard Clark (her sister Anne Coupard married Oliver), maintained the family home and farm and the property to Sligo Creek.

In 1862, at the age of 34, Charles, after surviving involvement in the Civil War at the Battle of Antietam, died within 2 weeks of coming home. Frances Coupard Clark and 9-year-old Franklin and older sister Mary continued to live in the family home. Union troops occupied the family house for 1 week during The Civil War. Frances established and maintained a close friendship with Francis Preston Blair and his son, Montgomery Blair. Montgomery Blair purchased a 5-acre parcel from Frances at present day Sligo Creek Parkway and Colesville Road north to Franklin Avenue and over to Worth. Frances Clark then had 225 acres of land, with the bulk of the ownership placed in a trust for her son Franklin.

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Franklin's older sister, Mary, married George Dallas Mullican who purchased the land back from Mr. Burnette along Forest Glen Road. The trust was arranged by family lawyer, none other than William Viers Bouic (of the Viers Mill family). F.P. Blair listed Frances Clark as the executrix of his will, but she passed away first in 1882.

In 1882 Franklin took over the family home. He was a livestock veterinarian throughout Montgomery County. He married Caroline Virginia Scholl from Dickerson, Maryland. Together they had 3 children (Frank Paul Clark, Anna "Grace" Clark, and Donald Emmanuel Clark). Franklin sold the majority of the land but still owned 30 acres from Flower Avenue to Colesville Road and Indian Spring Drive to Franklin Avenue. Franklin passed away in 1916. Anna "Grace" Clark married Clarence Clemmens in 1932 and built what today is Sam and Paula Ager's house on Wire Avenue. Frank Paul Clark established home at the corner of Ocala and

Franklin now owned by Mark and Mia Miller. Interestingly, this was a Sears home when Sears Roebuck actually sold houses. Donald Clark married Grace Lafferty. They lived with Caroline in the original house and had 8 children. In 1941 Donald built the house at 101 Franklin. Caroline lived in the original family home until her death in 1947. The house was demolished, and Frank Paul Clark, Anna "Grace" Clemmens and Donald Clark sold the remainder of the neighborhood lots.

Donald Clark's older sons were involved in World War II. His son, Donald Robert Clark (a World War II POW), lived at 101 Franklin until his death in 2006. I am Donall Robert Clark's nephew and now live in the home at 101 Franklin (the last parcel of Henry Clark's holdings) with my wife Chris and children Frances and Henry.

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By Stephanie Helsing

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