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Ms. Hickman -

According to *Prince William County Historical Commission Cemetery Documentation Project*, by Ronald Ray Turner (2001), Greenhill Farm Cemetery is located at the place you describe, at Haymarket, Virginia. The GPS coordinates are N38° 48.266', W77° 37.798'. It is described as a family cemetery, abandoned, in poor condition, 10? graves, all unmarked. It was surveyed by Thunderbird Archeological Associates, 28 July 1995. Ron Turner apparently visited it sometime later to get the GPS coordinates.

In order to determine who is buried there, a study would need to be done of the successive owners of the property. We have a report written for H/P Companies by Margarita J. Wuellner and Elizabeth B. O'Brien, of John Milner Associates, in 1995, called *Phase I Historic Architectural Investigation of Green Hill (76-440), Prince William County, Virginia* (VDHR Project Review Fill No. 94-2393-F). The land had been handed down in the SKINKER family from the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century until the 1850s, but all members of that family lived in Fauquier County and are presumably buried there.

John Webb TYLER owned Green Hill from 1852 until his death in 1861, but he was also a Fauquier resident and owned another home plantation near Haymarket called Woodlawn. His son Grayson TYLER (1835-1897) lived in the Haymarket area and farmed 1500 acres. The report concludes his farm very likely included the Green Hill tract.

Miss Josephine E. LARKIN (ca. 1846-1914), according to her obituary [Manassas Democrat, Mar. 5, 1914, p.1] was born at "Larkinton," the family home near Wellington. "Later she came into possession of the adjoining farm lands which is now known as "Green Hill" and where she remained for years and carried on business of farming." But she is buried at "Larkinton." If this is the same "Green Hill" she may have been a tenant there during the ownership by the TYLER family.

Samuel R. BLEIGHT (1850-1936) bought Green Hill in 1883, and is believed to have built the house there near the site of an earlier cabin. The members of the BLEIGHT family all seem to be buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Haymarket. [Ronald Turner, *Prince William County Virginia Burial Index, 1800-2001*, p. 38] His sons sold the farm in 1942 to Frederick and Lillian WHITE (Deed Book 109, p. 475).

In 1946 the WHITES sold Green Hill to J. Vincent STANTON, who owned it for the next four decades. He died in 1986 and is buried at Stonewall Memory Gardens. Wallace F. HOLLADAY, who bought the farm and leased it back to the STANTONS, sold it in 1986 to Green Hill Limited Partnership for development.

It seems we have no evidence of who might have been buried there. Here are some possibilities: Unknown tenants or slaves belonging to the plantations of the TYLER and SKINKER families. Or perhaps unknown Civil War soldiers who died nearby. Unless someone finds some document that says who was buried there, we may never know. An archaeologist using surface techniques could perhaps determine exactly how many bodies are buried there, but it would require deeper study to learn more.

Sorry we cannot be of more help.

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Question There is a registered Cemetary "green hill cemetary" at the end of rogue forest lane in gainesville. it has no markers and is believed to be a family plot from the old green hill farm. we want to be able to identify at LEAST the family name of the plot so that we can adequatley mark the cemetary.

Sources county archeology reports, church records from st. paul's in haymarket.  
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