

The +7 acre Braddock Gateway property at 1200 North Fayette Street in Alexandria, Virginia, is the site of the former Mutual Ice Company Potomac Yards plant, which operated from 1913 until 1969. In the last quarter of the 18th century, the deed to the property was held by various investors. By the early nineteenth century the property appears to have been part of a farm owned by Phillip Richard Fendall. Notations in a deed, in Fendall's will (ca. 1820) and a diary from the period indicates that the Fendall family cemetery was present on Fendall Farm, although its exact location remains unknown. By the 1830s free African Americans may have leased property near or within the project area. Although no specific details concerning such use of the property have been found, documentary evidence does indicate that a community of free African Americans had formed just south of the project area after circa 1830. In 1913 the Mutual Ice Company Potomac Yard plant was built within the project area. A detailed documentary study of the Mutual Ice Company use of the property is included in this report. There have been no maps or records that show any structures on the property prior to 1913.