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Abstract
Many are familiar with William H. Tipton, a well-known local photographer who recorded iconic views of the town, battlefield, and monuments surrounding Gettysburg. What many people may not know is that Tipton built a house in the early 1900s right on top of Gettysburg’s first African-American cemetery. [excerpt]

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below the house at 311 york st. was the cemetery of goodwill cemetery. william h. tipton and his family are buried in the cemetery. in 1868, jack hopkins, a house in the early 19th century, was the first african-american veterinarian in the us. the cemetery was in full operation from 1860 to 1878, with many bodies left behind. this alleged desecration of the cemetery has been almost completely restored.

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