

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of PropertyHistoric name: Dutch Hollow Hanger CemeteryOther names/site number: DHR #007-6089

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. LocationStreet & number: 911 Wagon Shop RoadCity or town: Middlebrook State: VA County: AugustaNot For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B C D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☒
- Public – Local ☐
- Public – State ☐
- Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☐
- District ☐
- Site ☒
- Structure ☐
- Object ☐

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY: Cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY: Cemetery

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

MID-19TH CENTURY

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: STONE: Sandstone, Limestone, Marble

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery was set aside as a burying ground by and for Euro-American settlers of the Dutch Hollow region of Augusta County, Virginia, in the mid-to-late 1700s. Since 1972, various private researchers have documented the site and, to the extent possible, those buried there, based on headstones that were visible at that time. When the restoration process began in 2021, only two stones were found still standing. The remainder were recovered, repaired, reset, and cleaned. One was replaced with an exact replica because it could not be repaired. The resetting of markers was accomplished by locating the headstone base, which in most cases had been covered by soil in the same location that they had been originally placed. Records from previous research since the late 1960s were reviewed and were very helpful in this process. The arrangement of the stones in most cases reveals that original grave placement exhibits that family members were usually but not always grouped together in family sections. Utilizing cadaver canines, fifty-two additional potential graves have been located in and among the stones that are visible. In conjunction with Dr. Carole Nash, Professor of Archaeology at James Madison University, work utilizing ground penetrating radar to verify the findings of the cadaver canines and locate any additional graves and grave markers has begun and is identifying the locations of burials that have never been recorded. These graves will be marked in a manner in keeping with the historical integrity now present. Over three thousand hours have been spent

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working at the cemetery and on relevant research. The historic integrity is clearly visible to anyone visiting the cemetery. Not only is it visible, with the help of those just mentioned, its scope continues to grow. Access to the property for the public has been secured and the access lane has been manicured and the roadbed has been partially graveled without intrusion on the site itself. The cemetery has been cleared of vegetation and the historical integrity of the site has been maintained and, overall, restored without compromise.

Narrative Description

Setting

The cemetery was and still is to a great extent surrounded by rural farming and sparsely situated residential dwellings in an area of mixed open and wooded land. The topography is of moderate to considerable slope in the immediate area of the cemetery with spring-fed drainages prevalent in the surrounding farmland. The farm south of the cemetery is completely overgrown and not used but has become quite the wildlife sanctuary. The cemetery itself is situated on the western slope of a tributary drainage for Ott's Creek, which is a part of the James River Drainage. The cemetery proper encompasses approximately .556 acre. While the property has a more north-south orientation, the stones are all facing nearly due east and the rising sun illuminates them beautifully. The western cemetery fence follows the north-south border between the Beverley Grant lands and the Borden Grant lands.

The area within the fence has growing vinca, commonly referred to as periwinkle. The type present at the cemetery is perennial vinca, a year round groundcover plant that was bred from species native to Europe. It is a commonly found groundcover in old and abandoned cemeteries throughout Virginia. It thrives well in cold and shade and has adapted well to the remote mountain graveyards throughout the Appalachians. Also present are Heirloom Daffodils, also known as Historic Daffodils. This is a particular variation of regular daffodils and is only defined as Historic Daffodils if they have been growing since 1940, or if they have been registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. These flowers emerge each spring at or near several marked graves and at locations in the cemetery where no headstones are visible. Yucca Plant is also prolific adjacent to the northeastern perimeter fence-line.

Description

The cemetery location is plotted on both the Borden Land Grant Map (1741-1779) and the Beverly Land Grant Map (1738-1815) (Continuation Sheets 5-B and 5-C). It is approximately .3 mile from Broadhead School Road, which is the nearest public road. A photograph of the cemetery property that was taken in 1952 shows that the property was nearly void of trees (Continuation Sheet 5-A). Since that time, a number of trees, mostly wild cherry, have proliferated and some are over 30 inches in diameter. A number of these trees have been uprooted over the decades, leaving root-ball depressions and mounds as a result. At least one unearthed partial headstone was discovered after a tree recently uprooted. The surrounding terrain is steep but from the cemetery a north-south view of Dutch Hollow can be enjoyed during low foliage seasons. The elevation is approximately 2,020 feet above sea level (Continuation Sheets 5-D, 5-E, and 5-F). The lay of the cemetery provides for a picturesque view from the

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intersection of Broadhead School Road and Wagon Shop Road.

The earliest known use of the property as a cemetery as evidenced by engraved headstones is 1798, with the most recent burial discovered to-date being 1919, also derived from an engraved headstone as well as a newspaper obituary. The property appears to have been maintained as such since that period and based on observations of a photograph dated 1952 of the cemetery, the integrity of the headstones and perimeter fence were still intact at that time but significantly degraded in terms of physical condition.

A majority of the graves marked by headstones are also marked with footstones either of plain marble or marble engraved with the decedent's first and last initial. The headstones range in size and shape and consist of rough and unrefined fieldstones, semi-fashioned limestone, basic engraved marble markers, and engraved marble markers carved by extremely skilled artisans. Biblical scripture, religious epitaphs, and religious and burial symbolism adorn a number of the headstones. The graves appear to have been designated based on family groups and are not chronologically placed based on date of death. Those buried in the cemetery are mainly of German and Swiss descent and their religious affiliations can be traced to mainly German Reformed and Lutheran origins.

The location of the cemetery seems to have been quite purposeful in that it is centrally located in the geographic region known as Dutch Hollow. It, unlike many cemeteries that originated in the 1700s, occupies what is considered good farmland and the properties immediately adjacent to the graveyard have been used as farmland for centuries and is evidence of this. A place where the headstones could catch the first morning glimmers of the sunrise seem to have been paramount in their selection of the location. Research proves that the roads near the cemetery have not changed in location for the greater part, if not all of the cemetery's existence and viewing the cemetery from those roads presents to the viewer a place of tribute and rest rather than one of death and internment. It is nearly one-quarter mile from the nearest road, yet seeing the cemetery makes the observer want to walk to it to get a closer embrace, and some have. The identities of those known to have been buried and the subsequent research of those people have greatly increased the cultural awareness of not only the cemetery, but the region itself. The who, what, where, when, why, and how of their lives would in some case remain unanswered but for the information found at their place of burial. A simple description of the location might well be "a cemetery of families centralized in the hollow that those many families called home." The land around the cemetery and the cemetery itself do not appear to have changed since it was first used as such. The fence line that delineates the perimeter of the graveyard has been maintained and replaced over the centuries and new fence that will complement the historic property is part of a short-term plan, as is the removal of dead and dying trees, which has already started. Beginning in the early 1950s, the property was no longer maintained, and vegetation including native, non-native, and invasive species completely overtook the area comprising the cemetery and cattle were allowed to graze there freely.

The design of the cemetery is notable. While many cemeteries, particularly those found at places of worship, progress somewhat chronologically from a starting point, Dutch Hollow is best

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recognized by its family groups. The graves and accompanying headstones are in row order, but family groups seem to have been the intent of the designers. Finding grouped family graves from the late 1700s well into the late 1800s is the overall rule, not the exception. Where surnames change due to marriage, they are still found within their respective “family” areas. These groupings are not delineated but rather progress from one group to the next without interruption or designation.

The setting of the cemetery is picturesque. It is on the northwest slope of a hollow which serves as a drainage for Ott’s Creek. While the slope faces southeast, all of the headstones were set facing due east. The rising sun illuminates the white marble and even the rough shaped limestone with a light and resulting glow that cannot be mimicked by artificial means. The cemetery is positioned high enough on the ridge that it can be seen in detail from nearly one-half mile away. By design or by accident, it would be difficult to improve upon the results.

The materials used as headstones range from unrefined and uninscribed native fieldstones to ornate marble stones fashioned by artisan marble cutters. The variations in style can probably be attributed to the period of the burial and the availability and affordability of crafted markers. Even the roughly formed fieldstone markers have a historical beauty all their own. Those rough stones seem to embody the era in which they were selected, fashioned, and set. The workmanship of the headstones can in some cases be traced to a particular carver as some also carved their name and village or town into the base of the stones they fashioned. With one exception, all these names and places were placed in the lower right section of the headstone. In several cases, possibly because of their remaining ties to the Dutch country of Pennsylvania and north-western Maryland, where they established temporary roots after arriving in America, headstones carved by the Smenner and Amick families of Cumberland, Maryland, can be found in Dutch Hollow. Bob Jolley, archaeologist with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, has conducted a site survey and recordation of the same, noting a number of headstone icons and images that he has found nowhere else in Virginia in the over three hundred historic cemeteries he has evaluated during his career.

The strongest thought the cemetery brings to the forefront is there is “a history of cohesiveness.” This same feeling is reinforced with reflections on the European origins of those buried there, their commitment to making a new life in America, the proximal settlement of the families in the Pennsylvania Dutch Region, albeit temporary, the exodus to southern Augusta County, their life anew and together there, and their burial among the same folks they had known, married, and worked and died with – literally a lifetime of cohesiveness. Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery is as much a monument to their life as it is a memorial. It is a final chapter of a story detailing their lives as a cohesive community. Others that have visited the cemetery since it has been restored to its current condition have described it as a special place, unique, distinctive, having a unique tranquility, a place with a special peace. Many of these folks have no known relatives buried there. It could be argued that these sentiments have origins in the setting more so than the fact that it is a graveyard. People look around when they first arrive and exclaim, “this is unbelievable!” The cemetery is the embodiment of history of this area as seen in the stones, some elaborately engraved and others just rocks, but all so much more; the way the cemetery

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lays upon the slope, and if it is a morning visit, it is the illumination of those east-facing headstones that visitors leave reminiscing about.

Integrity

The location and setting of the cemetery are at the heart of its integrity of association and feeling, being in and of the community that it served. The cemetery's location has not changed, nor has the rural setting of the vicinity in which it was first established. But for a few residences, the vicinity is still as it was and without many of the modern public amenities found elsewhere in the county. The cemetery's integrity of design, based on family groups with eastward-facing markers, is intact. The integrity of materials and workmanship of individual grave markers varies, but as the restoration project continues, markers will be unearthed, repaired, cleaned, and reset in place as needed. The markers that have been repaired and reset to date retain excellent integrity of workmanship in the quality of the stone-cutting and craftsmanship of forming the markers, including those that are more roughly made and bear inscriptions that were not the work of a professional stonecutter. But it is the visual aspect of the cemetery that creates the historical nuances. When one sees a cabin in the woods, it is just that, a cabin in the woods. But when it is seen at dusk, with a gentle snow falling, a lamp burning on the table and smoke coming from the chimney, only then is the observer transported in their mind to another time and place. An analogy of course, but so it is with Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery. Association is a tangible relationship and it is the historical integrity of both the cemetery and the region that truly connects those dots, not the perceptions of the observer.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☒ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

ART

Period of Significance

1798-1919

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Amick, A. H. – Stone Cutter, Cumberland, Maryland

Marquis, James C. – Stone Cutter, Staunton, Virginia

Smenner, A. E. – Stone Cutter, Cumberland, Maryland

Viquesney, Alfred Paul (Stone Cutter, Summerdean, Virginia)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery is locally significant under *Criterion A* in the area of *Exploration/Settlement* and under *Criterion C* in the area of *Art*. The period of significance begins in 1798 with the earliest known burial and ends in 1919 with the most recent burial, a period that spans the cemetery's active use by German immigrants and their descendants. The cemetery has tangible association with the early Euro-American settlement in southern Augusta County in the area of Dutch Hollow, by many of those buried in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery. The Euro-American history will be evidenced in the narrative section of this registration as well, both from the European origins of these families as well as the Germanic bonds they maintained once settled. Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery is the story of a group of people, knitted together by culture, ethnicity, and religion long before they arrived in North America, who strengthened that same bond as they came to Virginia, settled, lived, died, and were buried by and of that same ethnic group as part of a community more so than as the body of an individual. The importance of this cemetery in that regard makes it rare even on the merits of just its visual attributes, but more importantly in that it has been restored to a condition without historical compromise that allows anyone to visit, research, and continue to preserve it. The headstones that mark those buried in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery include rough unimproved fieldstones, fashioned limestone, local sandstone, shaped markers inscribed in Germanic script, and marble markers fashioned by known marble-cutters whose family members became internationally known for their artistic abilities and works. Professional stone cutters A. H. Amick, James C. Marquis, A. E. Smenner, and Alfred Paul Viquesney are among those who hand-crafted grave markers in the cemetery. Their work includes motifs such as foliated carving, German script, and folk symbols, including the seven-pointed star and five-petal blossom associated with Germanic folk culture. Foliated carving such as what appear to be ferns and maple leaves and a stylized crown also are design elements and one mid-nineteenth-century marker is in the shape of a heart with flanking scrolls. Tablet markers with gently rounded tops also are a common type used in the cemetery and their simplicity in terms of lettering style and lack of carved ornamentation are a contrast to earlier markers with more effusive designs. A small number of roughly-cut markers bear hand-chiseled inscriptions while those produced in the early twentieth century demonstrate use of machine-assisted stone cutting, which gradually supplanted entirely hand-cut markers during the first half of the twentieth century. Collectively, the cemetery's grave markers are a significant display of funerary art deployed across multiple generations that also provides important genealogical and cultural information about the individuals interred here. For these reasons, the Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery is a valuable historical resource and a testament to the Euro-Americans who settled in this part of Virginia during the 18th century. The cemetery meets Criteria Consideration D because its significance is derived from its significant historical associations and funerary art.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

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Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement

The land around the cemetery was first settled by Europeans in the early and mid-1700s as a result of William Beverley's land grants under Virginia Governor Gooch and his successors. Based on the known dates of several suspected burials, the cemetery was established at or near that same period with the earliest date evidence by a marked headstone being 1798. Beverley conveyed over 118,000 acres starting in 1736 as part of his patent and only two graveyards are plotted on his map; Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery is one of them (see Continuation Sheet 5-B). Beverley died in 1756. The cemetery serves as the final resting place for those who came to America primarily between 1727 and 1752. Taking Dutch Hollow as a roughly outlined geographic region delineated mainly by terrain, the cemetery is about centered. It would have served those well who settled in the area without having undue travel hardships to bury their dead

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery contains the graves of some of the first, if not the first, immigrant settlers to see and settle what is now southern Augusta County, Virginia. Much of this settlement came before England permitted non-Anglican churches in its North American colonies. Religious affiliations later included Methodists and, as the German descendants began to intermarry with Scots-Irish, Presbyterian. Being devout in their German Reformed and Lutheran faith, these first families worshiped as family units and as a community and were buried in the same manner at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery. Evidence of inscribed, dated headstones support the period of significance from 1798 to 1919, although the presence of these same families in Dutch Hollow is well documented as being prior to 1798. Looking no further than an 1870 newspaper article written about Catherine Hull Fulwider (anglicized from Vollenweider and several other variations), the reader can appreciate just how long-ago Dutch Hollow was called "home" by those buried at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery. She was being honored for reaching the age of 101 on her most recent birthday. The writer pens, "Mrs. Catherine Fulwider, living in Dutch Hollow in this county, was 101 years of age, on the 1st day of this month, having been born January 1st, 1769." The writer went on to state, "It is also remarkable that she has, throughout her long life, lived where she was born. Catherine's father arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam aboard the snow [two-masted ship] *Louisa*, November 8, 1752. Her father-in-law arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam aboard the ship *Francis and Elizabeth* August 30, 1743." If the article is accurate, Catherine's parents, or at a minimum her mother, were living in Dutch Hollow in 1769.

The earliest date-inscribed headstone discovered thus far is from 1798. It is also inscribed with the initials M.K.B. It is believed by researchers to be that of Maria Kaufelt Bright. Maria, like so many of those who settled in Dutch Hollow, arrived in Philadelphia and then migrated down the great road to Augusta County. She was born in Germany in 1734, arrived with her family in Philadelphia from Rotterdam aboard the ship *Neptune* on October 25, 1746, and in 1752 married George Adam Brecht (Bright). By 1770, George Adam Bright and Maria Kaufelt Bright had become residents in

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southern Augusta County, owning land in the Beverley Manor Patent. An unmarked headstone in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery beside that of Maria's is suspected of marking George Bright's grave.

Research has been conducted on fourteen additional families that are buried at or have direct marital relationships to those who are buried at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery. Ship passenger lists exist for these fourteen families with arrivals in Philadelphia dating from 1727 until 1754. An example of one more of these fourteen families is detailed further, given that the cemetery was part of their original farm.

Johann Melchoir Hanger arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam on December 3, 1740, aboard the ship *Robert and Alice*. His son, Johann Frederick Hanger, received at least one land grant in Augusta County within the Beverley Manor Patent and purchased 225 acres in Augusta County for sixty pounds (Virginia colony money) outright in 1769. Johann Frederick Hanger's descendants went on to own, live on, and farm the land that Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery originated on, many of whom are buried in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery.

Many additional immigration and settlement records exist with ties to Dutch Hollow, and for the purposes of this documentation and for the sake of brevity, they are listed below, but a full exposition on them has been withheld. Some of these original settlers documented thus far are (by Ship name, Date of Arrival in Philadelphia, Name and Anglicized version of Surnames, where appropriate):

Ship *Francis and Elizabeth* Passenger List August 30, 1743 (Hans Ulrich Hegnetsweiller) [Fulwider]

Ship *Ann Galley* Passenger List September 27, 1746 (Johanes Ott)

Ship *Brothers* Passenger List August 24, 1750 (F. Phillip Holl) [Hull]

Ship *Elliot* Passenger List August 24, 1749 Johan Friedrich Boserman [Bosserman]

Ship *Good Intent* Passenger List October 23, 1754 (Johan Schwertzel) [Swortzel]

Ship *James Goodwill* Passenger List September 27, 1727 (Michael Danner)

Ship *Lydia* Passenger List September 27, 1740 (Daniel Lucas)

Ship (Snow) *Louisa* Passenger List November 8, 1752 (George Carr)

While each of these families that came to North America on the vessels listed above have a story of their own, each story contributes to the early Euro-American exploration and settlement of Augusta County as evidenced by their life here, and yes, their death. The

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tangible evidence of both is at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery.

The earliest record found to date mentioning the cemetery in a semi-legal sense is from a newspaper listing of the estate sale of the property, then owned by John Hanger, deceased (Continuation Sheet 5-H). Subsequent investigation revealed that the intention of the executor to "set-aside" the area encompassing the cemetery with a right-of-way for ingress and egress did not come to fruition. A survey dated March 10, 1921, indicates that the cemetery was never set aside as a separate property. A deed dated June 16, 1921, which documents the sale of the farm on which the graveyard is located states in part the following regarding the cemetery: "...S. 80° 30' E. 12.75 poles to a point in the graveyard fence, thence N. 34° E. 47.56 poles to the beginning, containing 128 A. 2 R. 6 Poles, inclusive of the land embraced within the boundary of the said graveyard." The survey date is March 10, 1921. Supporting documents are included in the attached continuation sheets.

As previously documented, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery is the story of a group of people, knitted together by culture, ethnicity, and religion long before they arrived in America, who strengthened that same bond as they came to America, settled, lived, died, and were buried as part of a community more so than as the body of an individual. The enduring cultural and familial bonds are indicated in brief descriptions of the area from 1878 to as late as 1938 (see Continuation Sheets 5-I and 5-J). This cemetery has a high level of significance in that it serves as tangible evidence of an ethnic group who settled, lived, died and were buried by and of that same ethnic group. The significance of this cemetery in that regard makes it rare even on the merits of just its existence, but more importantly in that it has been restored to a condition without historical compromise that allows anyone to visit, research and continue its preservation. It is a valuable historical resource and a testament to just how America was settled by Euro-Americans.

Criterion C: Art

The funerary art associated with the cemetery consists of the headstones and the engraving work on those stones done by skilled artisan marble cutters. At least one stone, a huge rough limestone piece, was engraved in cursive with only the decedent's name and date of birth. Surveys of cemeteries and graveyards in the area over the past fifty years by this writer have never revealed a similar styled engraving. Two of the older sandstone markers used by the Fulwider family have Germanic inscriptions that include seven-pointed stars and five-petal blossoms. One other has only initials and an epitaph. But no matter how basic and plain or how elaborate and elegant, each stone seems to tell a silent story.

While the older stones are clearly hand-carved and inscribed, the progression of time, evidenced by the death dates on the stones, reveals that the associated families of those buried in the cemetery gradually gained access to better skilled marble-cutters, using better materials, better techniques, and even better spelling. Receipts and

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correspondence found in the private papers of Elijah Jacob Hanger, who was the executor of his mother's, Hannah Fulwider Hanger, estate, revealed that he ordered a headstone for his mother from stonecutter Frank Grim of Staunton, Virginia. The note states: "Tombstone 4 in thick 3 ½ feet high with double base to be delivered at Spottswood Price \$25.00." The correspondence was dated March 3rd. 1904. Hannah's date of death was January 23, 1904. The description in the note matches perfectly the headstone marking Hannah's grave. This stone was delivered from Staunton to Spottswood via the B & O Railroad and, according to Mr. Grim's receipt, a "man" to erect the stone was furnished as well. The stone displays a more contemporary style and might be described as modest yet elegant by the casual observer. This stone, and others like it dated after circa 1880, all show a progression from merely marking a grave to allowing the artistic beauty of the headstone shape and design to offer tribute to the deceased. The older stones possess a beauty all their own as well. Visitors to the cemetery can often be seen gravitating towards these older stones, as if drawn to them by the mystique of the inscription or the elegance of the shape, or maybe the artistry. Observing these visitors, one cannot conclude without asking them whether they are more intrigued over finding the grave of the deceased or witnessing the beauty of their grave maker. Whether by accident or design, the artistry of the headstones of Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery can captivate even the most "disciplined" visitor.

A site survey conducted February 04, 2023, at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery by Virginia Department of Historic Resources archaeologist Robert Jolley revealed a number of headstone symbols and imagery present that he has not found in any of the over three-hundred cemeteries he had documented in Virginia during his career.

While it is said that the community's first religious services were held in homes, barns, and other places where a sermon was read from a book, St John's German Reformed Church was formed in 1748 to provide a more established place to worship. It is located approximately seven miles north of Dutch Hollow. Many of those buried at Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery can be found in the Church Register throughout the late 1700s and well into the 1800s. The first sermons were in German, which were later offered in a dual language sermon by two ministers, one in German and one in English. In later years dual affiliations were even held at St. John's, one for German Reformed and one for Lutheran. In 1839, the Lutheran group splintered and formed their own church (Mt. Tabor) about four miles from St. John's. Both churches are still used for worship today. Given that those who settled Dutch Hollow were such a tight-knit society, it is easy to understand why headstones dated in the early 1800s were still inscribed in German. Each of the stones, whether unrefined field rocks or carved, cut, and engraved marble, display a unique archaeological character and beauty all their own. The finely crafted stones, however, are the true art forms of the cemetery. They were crafted by local artisans as well as marble cutters as far away as Cumberland, Maryland.

Alfred Paul Viquesney, (1828-1899) was the son of Charles Alfred Viquesney (1802-Unknown). Charles, a stone cutter in the region of Caen, France, brought his family,

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including Alfred, who was then six years old, to North America aboard the ship *Missouri*. Charles came to America hoping there was still employment to be had as a stone cutter for the reconstruction of the U. S. Capitol after its destruction in 1814. He migrated south, was naturalized in what was then Philippi, Virginia (now West Virginia), and took up residence in Rockingham County, Virginia. In 1840, Charles was advertising a night school in Rockingham County to teach French the coming winter. Alfred Viquesney appears on the 1850 U. S. Federal Census living in Summerdean, Virginia, a community about six miles west of Dutch Hollow. He is listed on the census as a marble cutter, living single with another marble cutter and his family. Alfred was then twenty-two years old. There are professionally-made stones in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery that were carved and signed by Alfred Viquesney dated as early as 1830 (when Alfred was only two years old). These represent the practice of using fieldstones to serve as temporary markers until a crafted headstone could be procured. As stone cutters became more available to be hired and family finances improved, these professionally-cut stones replaced the earlier fieldstones. Viquesney's stonework is found not only at Dutch Hollow, but also at other local cemeteries. Alfred Viquesney's beautiful work is distinctive, making it possible to identify his markers even if a signature is not present.

By 1870, Alfred Viquesney had, for reasons unknown, moved his business to Adams, Indiana. It was well after the move to Indiana that Alfred's son, Ernest, following his father's trade, sculpted the now nationally-renowned "Spirit of the American Doughboy" statue. The original statue was crafted by Ernest in Americus, Georgia. Ernest Viquesney went on to build the Tivoli Theater in Spencer, Indiana, and to sculpt a second, less popular statue to commemorate soldiers of World War II. His headstone reads in part, "Sculptor of two World Wars."

Three other stone cutters have signed work in Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery, A. E. Smenner of Cumberland, Maryland, A. H. Amick, also of Cumberland, Maryland, and James C. Marcus of Staunton, Virginia. A plaque adorns the mausoleum of the Smenner family's remains, which stands as a commemoration to the Smenners' craftsmanship as marble cutters, dedicated by the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization. Documentation of the Smenner family as marble cutters can be found dating back to 1846. These stonecutters were setting up shop to serve communities during the years the cemetery was used most. Many of the other stones are ornate but, like so many stones adorning graves all over the world, they do not bear a sculptor's mark.

Conclusion

While the story of Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery speaks directly to the settlement, life, death, and burial of those first families, their story does not end in Augusta County. The descendants of those buried there went on to further the American dream, being examples of what it looks like to run towards something rather than from something. It is easy to theorize that this is not in spite of where they were born and how they were raised, but rather because of it.

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These ancestors and descendants traveled west, they fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and wars into the twentieth century. They received land grants, cleared forests for farmland, made innovations in farming and technology. They were Patriots, freedom fighters, Southern sympathizers, abolitionists, statesmen, ministers, community leaders, farmers, blacksmiths, distillers, and businessmen. All came from a small community not unlike many other communities in Augusta County and elsewhere, yet what makes this group locally notable is that they settled, lived, raised families, worshiped, suffered through wars, disease, and persecution, died, and were buried in the very place that the American dream had brought them to, Dutch Hollow. And it is here, their final resting place, that offers tangible evidence of their existence.

Through preservation, recognition, and public awareness, the end point of their life becomes the starting point for stitching their patchwork of American fabric to already existing pieces, to provide a better picture of what makes up the history of the United States, which is continually being seamed together. And for modern era researchers looking at the accomplishments of the descendants of Dutch Hollow, they can look back to the recognition requested through this submission and see, even touch, just where those patches of American fabric were first woven. Their story is one worth repeating, and this recognition will help accomplish that, and more.

To further fund the research and restoration of the cemetery, a non-profit 501(c)(3) was established in 2022. A website was launched in December 2022 and research files are being regularly uploaded to the site pertaining to those buried in the cemetery and their descendants. It can be accessed directly at dhhcemetery.org or by searching for "Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery" in any web search application. To hopefully provide some additional context to the references of the region known as Dutch Hollow, a newspaper article from 1878 has been provided on Continuation Sheet 5-I). It is a generalized description by the writer of the area surrounding the cemetery. Also provided is a newspaper obituary dated 1936 which alludes to the German settlement of the area. (Continuation Sheet 5-J).

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other

Name of repository: Glenn Hanger private research records

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): DHR #007-6089

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately .558 acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

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(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 38.003211 Longitude: -79.239710

2. Latitude: Longitude:

3. Latitude: Longitude:

4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☐ NAD 1983

1. Zone: Easting: Northing:

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary of the property is described as: From the beginning point at the northeast corner of the cemetery, following the fence line 126 feet to the southwest corner of the fence line point, then bearing west and following the fence line 251 feet to a point, then turning west/northwest and following the fence line 20 feet to a point, bearing northwest and following the fence line 65 feet, then turning northeast and following the fence line 20 feet turn and bear east and traveling 293 feet in a straight line to the beginning point. The true and correct historic boundary is shown on the attached Sketch Map, which has a scale of 1"=94'.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The fence that encompasses the cemetery has been in the same location for decades and there is no evidence present that it was ever located anywhere else. In addition, J.R. Hildebrand, a cartographer and lifelong researcher of the William Beverley land grants, documented in 1955 that the long north-south portion of the Beverley and Borden borderline formed the southwestern line of the cemetery. The nominated boundary, therefore, encompasses the full extent of the cemetery as is currently known and based on historic records such as those cited herein.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Glenn Dean Hanger
organization: _____
street & number: 860 Wagon Shop Road
city or town: Middlebrook state: VA zip code: 24459
e-mail: shadyacresfarming@yahoo.com
telephone: 540-490-1506
date: October 1, 2023

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery

City or Vicinity: Middlebrook

County: Augusta

State: Virginia

Photographer: Glenn Dean Hanger

Date Photographed: November 2022

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 25. Representative view of overgrown vegetation in cemetery's upper section, camera facing southwest.

2 of 25. Representative view of cemetery area after vegetation removal (note pieces of broken markers near tree base) in lower section of cemetery, camera facing northeast.

3 of 25. Examples of damaged markers recovered during field survey, camera facing west/southwest.

4 of 25. Example of stone marker with foliated carving and stylized crown, dated 1875, camera facing west.

5 of 25. Example of marble tablet marker, dated 1873, camera facing west (note footstone with carved initials at right of marker).

6 of 25. Example of shaped marble marker with stone base, dated 1849, camera facing southwest.

7 of 25. Example of marble tablet marker, dated 1849, camera facing west.

8 of 25. Detail view of signature by stonecutter A. E. Smenner, Cumb[erland] Md., camera facing west.

9 of 25. Example of stone marker bearing hand-cut vernacular Germanic symbols and English text, camera facing west.

10 of 25. Example of sandstone marker bearing hand-cut vernacular Germanic symbols and German text, camera facing west.

11 of 25. Example of sandstone marker bearing hand-cut vernacular Germanic symbols and German text, camera facing west.

12 of 25. Example of marker by stone cutter A. Viquesney of Summerdean, Va., camera facing west.

13 of 25. Example of replacement rounded tablet marker, camera facing west.

14 of 25. Example of roughly cut limestone marker with hand-chiseled letters, camera facing southwest

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- 15 of 25. Example of tablet marker, dated 1919, camera facing southwest.
- 16 of 25. Representative view of markers in cemetery's lower section, camera facing west.
- 17 of 25. Representative view of markers in cemetery's lower section, camera facing north.
- 18 of 25. Representative view of markers in cemetery's lower section, camera facing northwest.
- 19 of 25. Representative view of markers in cemetery's upper section, camera facing west.
- 20 of 25. Example of roughly cut marker with hand-chiseled letters and date in cursive script, camera facing southwest.
- 21 of 25. Example of roughly cut limestone marker with hand-chiseled letters and dates, camera facing southwest.
- 22 of 25. Representative view of grave marker groups in cemetery's upper section, camera facing northeast.
- 23 of 25. Aerial view of cemetery from southwest side.
- 24 of 25. Aerial view of cemetery from southeast side.
- 25 of 25. View toward cemetery from access drive, camera facing northwest.

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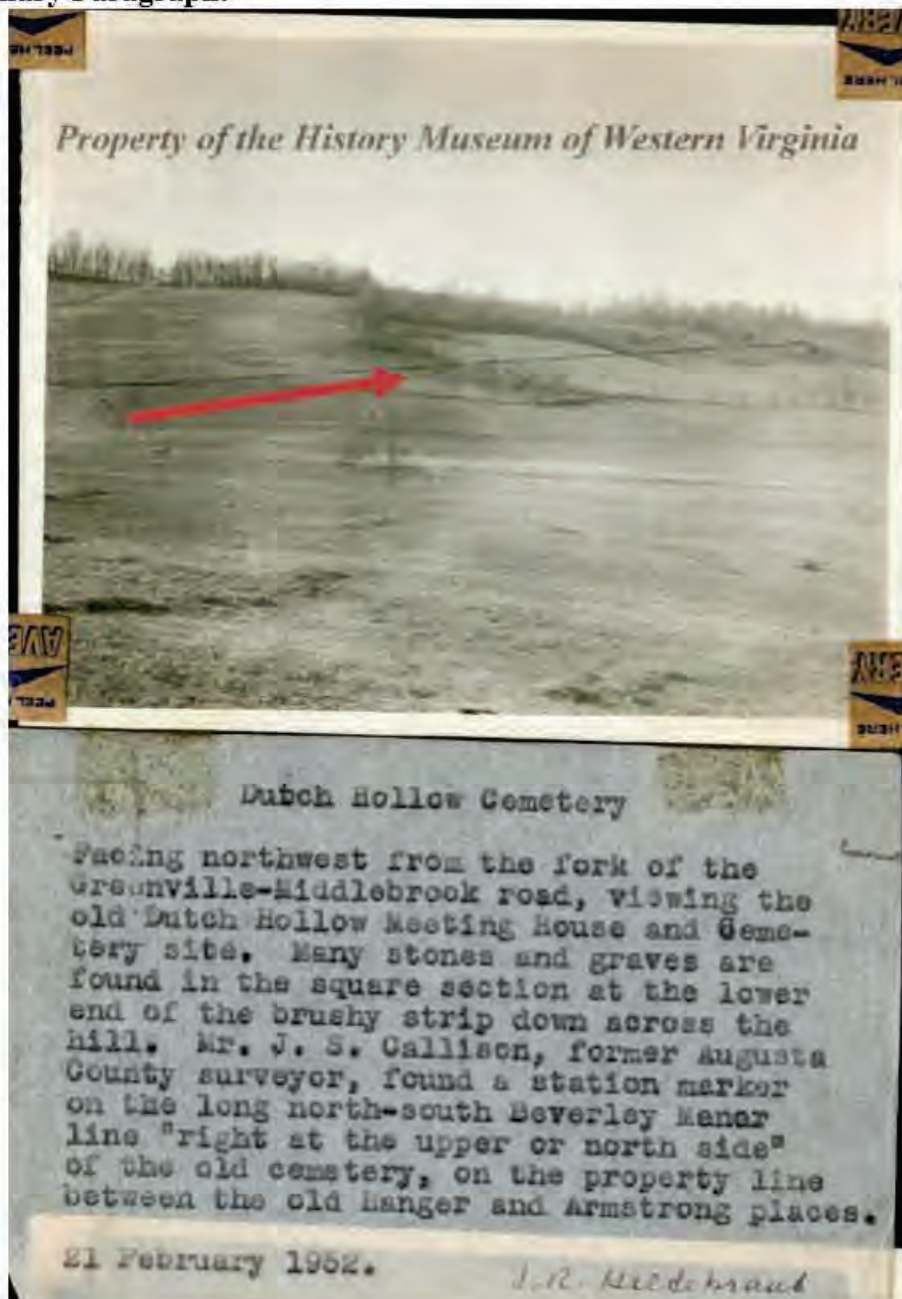
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View from Intersection of
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and Broadhead School
Road viewing west



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(Beverly Grants were conveyed (1738-1815))



¹ Hildebrand, J. R. (1954) *The Beverley Patent, 1736 Including Original Grantees, 1738-1815 in Orange & Augusta Counties, Va.*

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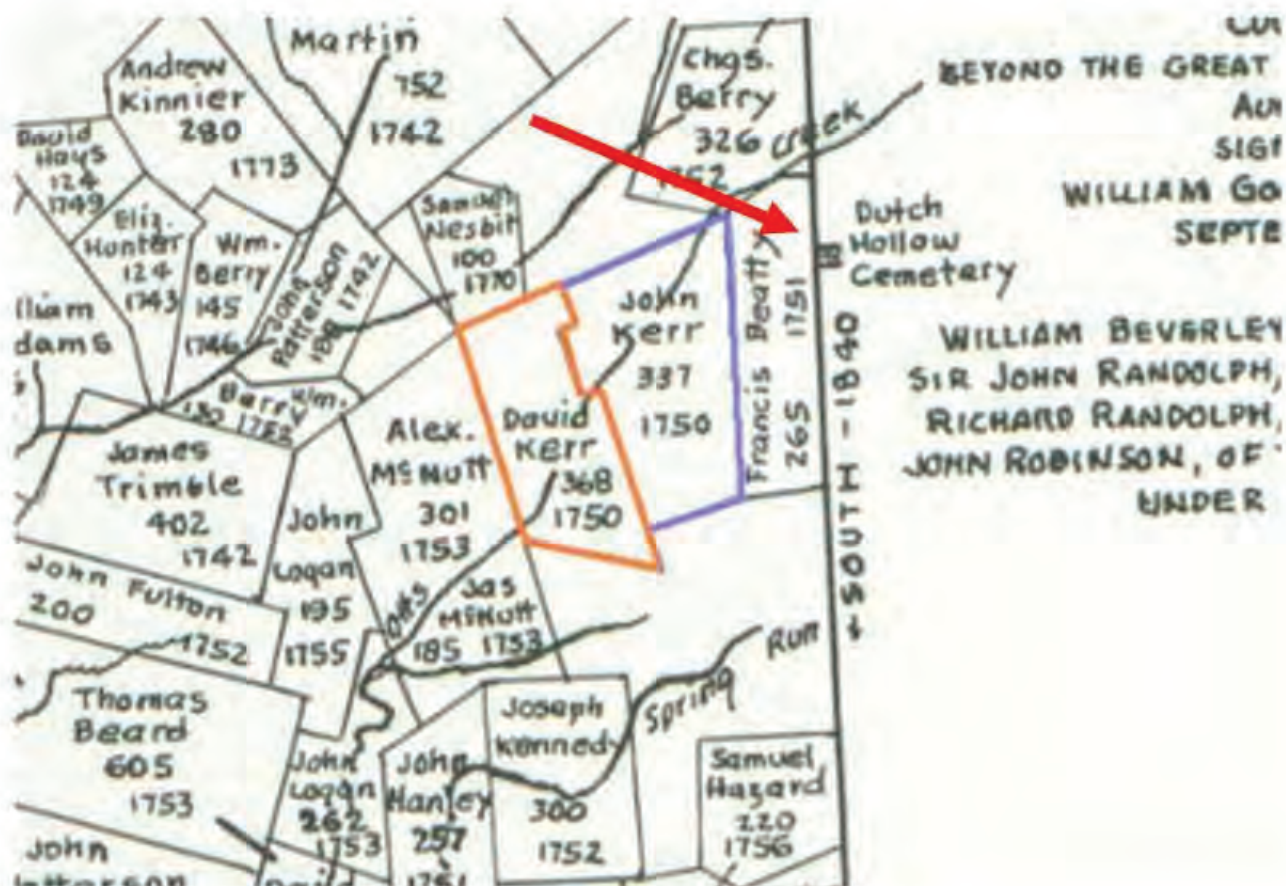
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Map of Northern Section of Borden Grant, Augusta County Virginia¹
(Borden Grants were conveyed (1741-1779))



¹ https://www.werelate.org/wiki/List_of_People_Owning_Land_in_the_Borden_Tract

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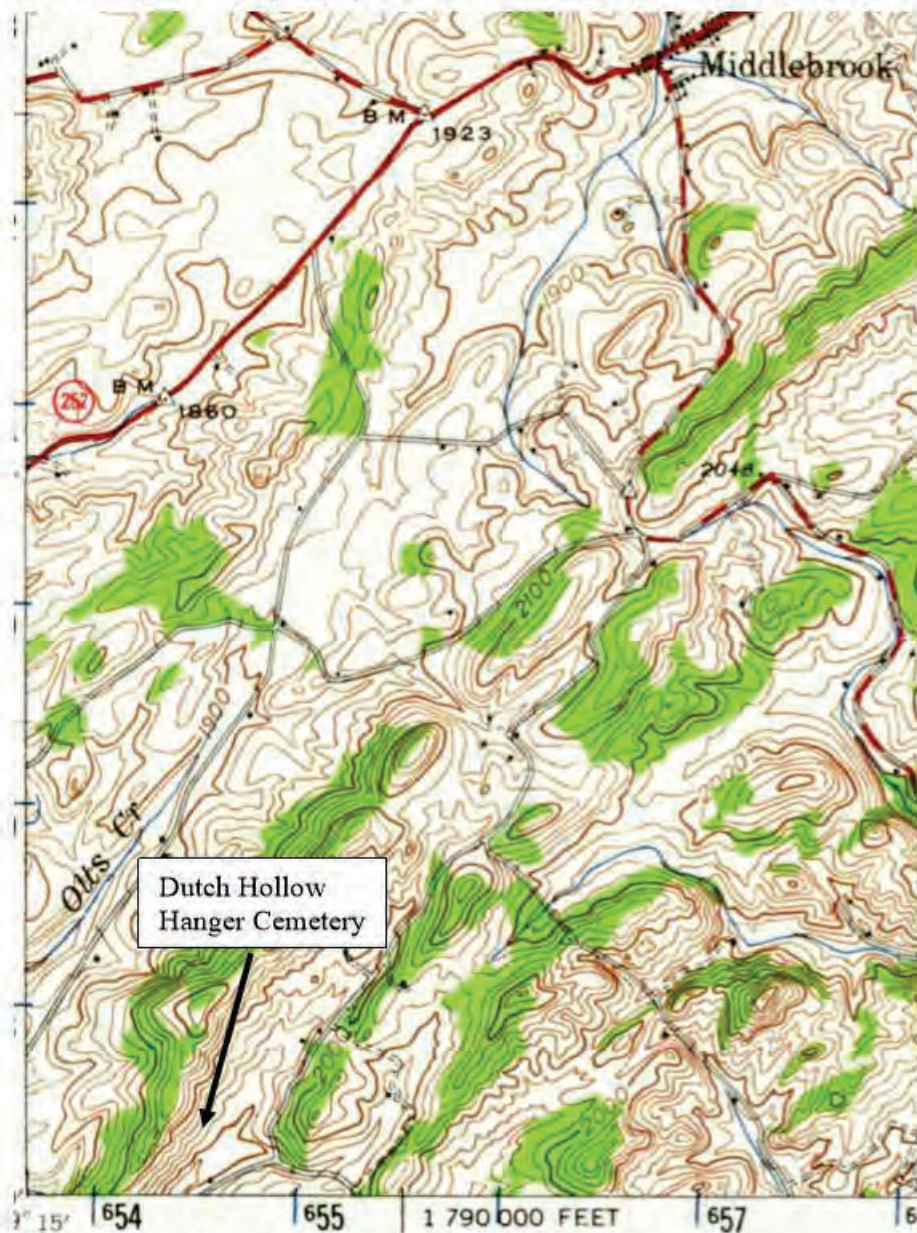
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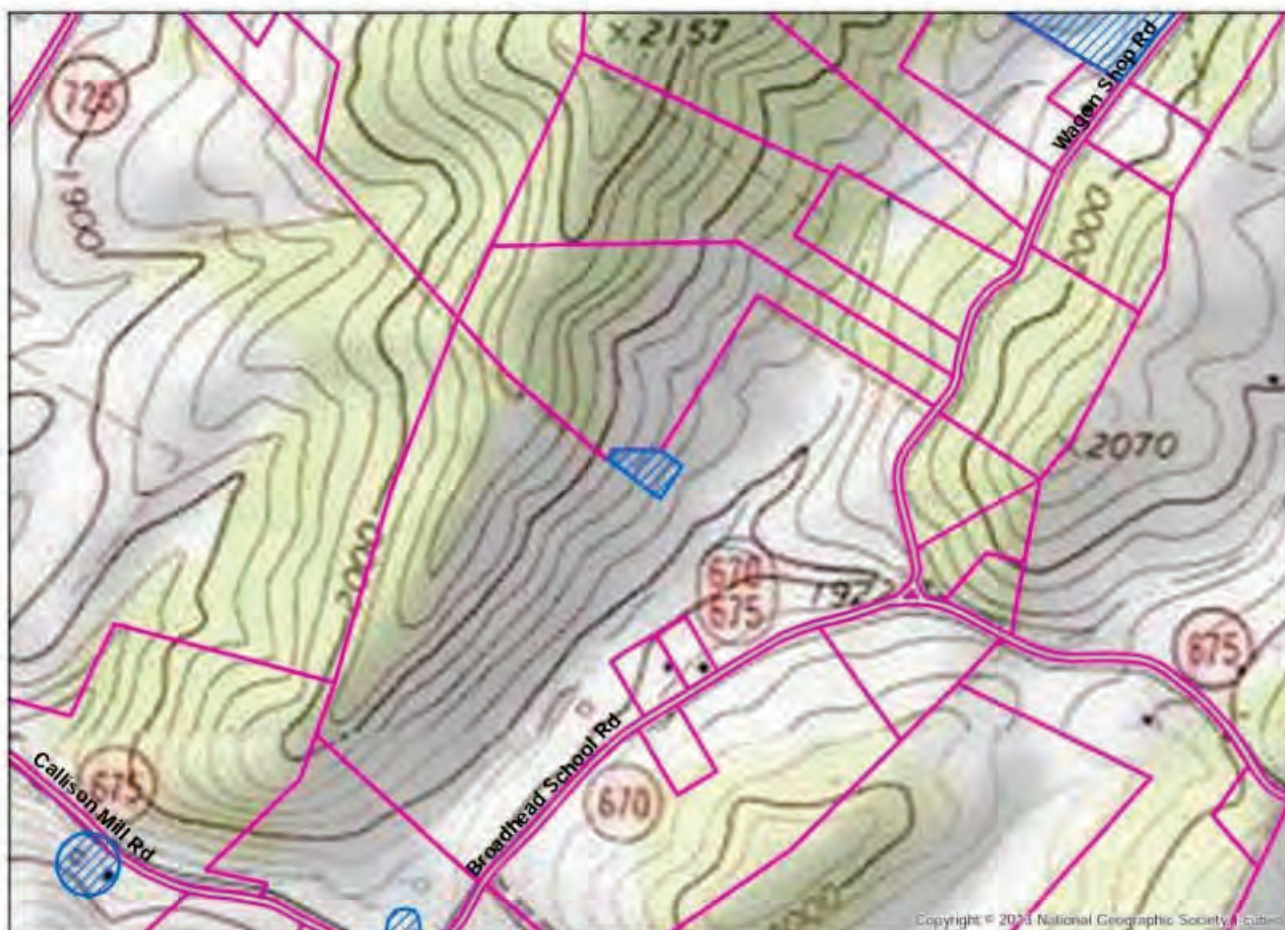
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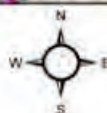
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Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery
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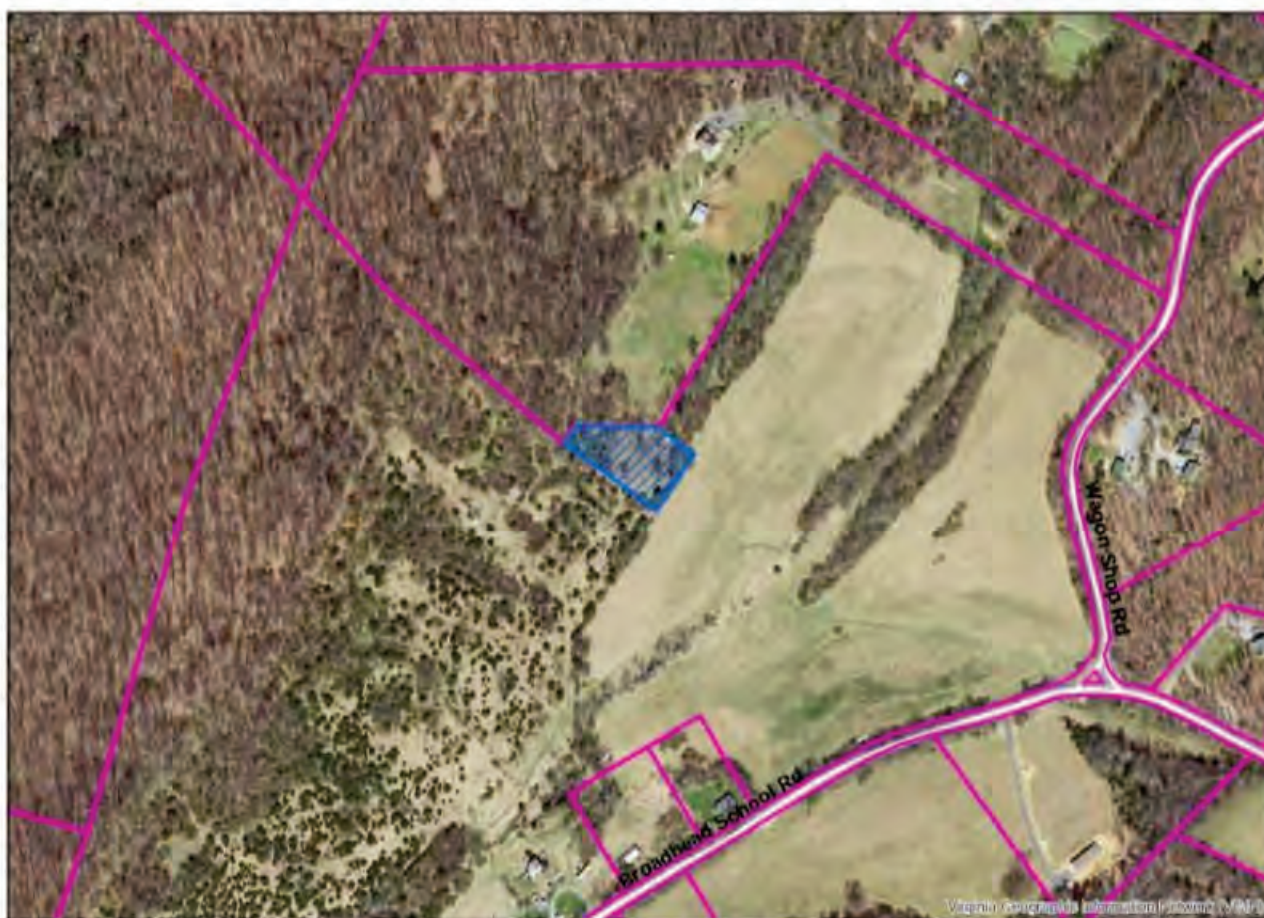
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Approximate Boundary
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Greenville USGS Quad

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Addendum Page to the Summary Paragraph:
Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery
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1870 Executor's sale advertisement¹ for the
land on which the cemetery is located.

Intention of the executor to set-aside
land occupied by the cemetery.

Auction Sales.

EXECUTOR'S SALE of Real and Personal Estate.—I will offer at public sale on **THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF NOV.** next, at the late residence of John Hanger, deceased, about 5 miles West of Greenville, in Augusta county, Va., a tract of land on which the said John Hanger formerly resided. There are two small, comfortable dwelling houses, kitchen and out-houses, good barn and granary. It is not known the precise number of acres cleared or in timber, but there is a fair portion of each, and some fine timbered land. The cleared land is in a fine state of cultivation. It is not deemed necessary to state further particulars concerning the lands, as persons wishing to purchase, and not knowing the lands, would of course want to view the premises for themselves before purchasing, which they can have an opportunity of doing by calling on Wm. H. Hanger or E. Beacham, who are living on the land, or to the undersigned in Greenville. The plantation contains by a recent survey, 142½ acres, adjoining the lands of the heirs of John Armstrong, Hanger, Cameron and others. There has been about one-fourth of an acre laid off for the purpose of attaching it to a burial ground on said tract, with the privilege of a road to the same through said tract which I will sell separately. The remainder I will sell all together or divide as may suit purchasers.

I will also offer at the same time and place two head of horses—one a very valuable mare—one two horse wagon, some wheat, corn and oats and a lot of hay.

Terms for the land will be, one-third in hand, and the residue equally divided into two annual payments, the purchaser giving bond with approved security, and the deed retained as ultimate security.

Terms for the personal property—A credit of six months will be given on all sums over \$10; all sums of \$10, and under, cash.

Possession of the land can be had on the day of sale, and a portion of the dwelling house that is not occupied by E. Beacham, and also a portion of the barn, stable and granary; but the portion E. Beacham occupies cannot be had until the 1st day of March next, and he will be entitled to use timber for fire wood during said time, and William H. Hanger will hold possession of the house he now occupies until the first day of March next, and will be entitled to firewood until that time. Full possession of all will be given on the first day of March, 1871.

ISAAC NEWTON,

Executor of John Hanger, dec'd.

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¹ Newspapers.com, Staunton Spectator, Staunton, Virginia. 1 November 1870. Page 2

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Newspaper Article Describing the Area Surrounding the Cemetery in 1878.¹

West from Greenville and four miles from it, there is a sequestered valley, which claims notice. From the fact that the first settlers of this valley were Germans, it got the name of Dutch Hollow. A portion of it, the westerly, is a long and picturesque glen. Although the lands here are not equal in fertility to most of the lands of Augusta county; yet I am told that the poorest of these bring \$20 per acre, while the best will command \$50 per acre. There is a beautiful spring of clear limestone water on the lands of Mr. John R. Hanger, gushing from a grotto, which I have seldom seen equaled. Near this are Liberty Mills. A Methodist church, Mt. Moriah, is in this pretty valley. Middlebrook and New Port are at no great distance. Elliott's Knob is about fifteen miles distant. A party of pleasure-seekers will set out for Elliott's Knob very shortly.

¹ Newspapers.com. Staunton Spectator, Staunton, Virginia. 6 August 1878. Page 3.

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Section number 8 Page 5-1**Addendum Page to the Summary Paragraph:****Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery****Augusta County, Virginia****Newspaper Obituary Referencing the Area of Dutch Hollow dated 1938.¹****A. K. SWORTZEL**

Mrs. Jouette Madison received a telegram Saturday notifying her of the death in Akron, O., of her grandfather, Augusta K. Swortzel, a son of Susan and Henry Swortzel. He was born Jan. 1, 1860, at Middlebrook.

Mr. Swortzel was of German descent, his grandfather coming here from Germany and settling in what is known as the "Old Dutch" hollow, where he became a very prosperous farmer.

Mr. Swortzel was a member of the Penecostal church and a man of noble character. In 1877 he married Lou S. Lankford. Early in life he was a machinist for the Bodley wagon works, of Staunton. Later he moved to Akron, O., where he was connected with the National Standard Wire Co., serving in the capacity of machine foreman.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Cook, of Akron, O., and Mrs. Pearl Hall, of Staunton; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a nephew, Osher Swortzel, and a niece, Mrs. Lula Hemp, both of Middlebrook.

Funeral services were held from the McGowan funeral home Monday at two o'clock by the Rev. Mr. McKenney, pastor of his church.

¹ Newspapers.com. The Daily News Leader. Staunton, Virginia. 14 June 1938. Page 2.



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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery

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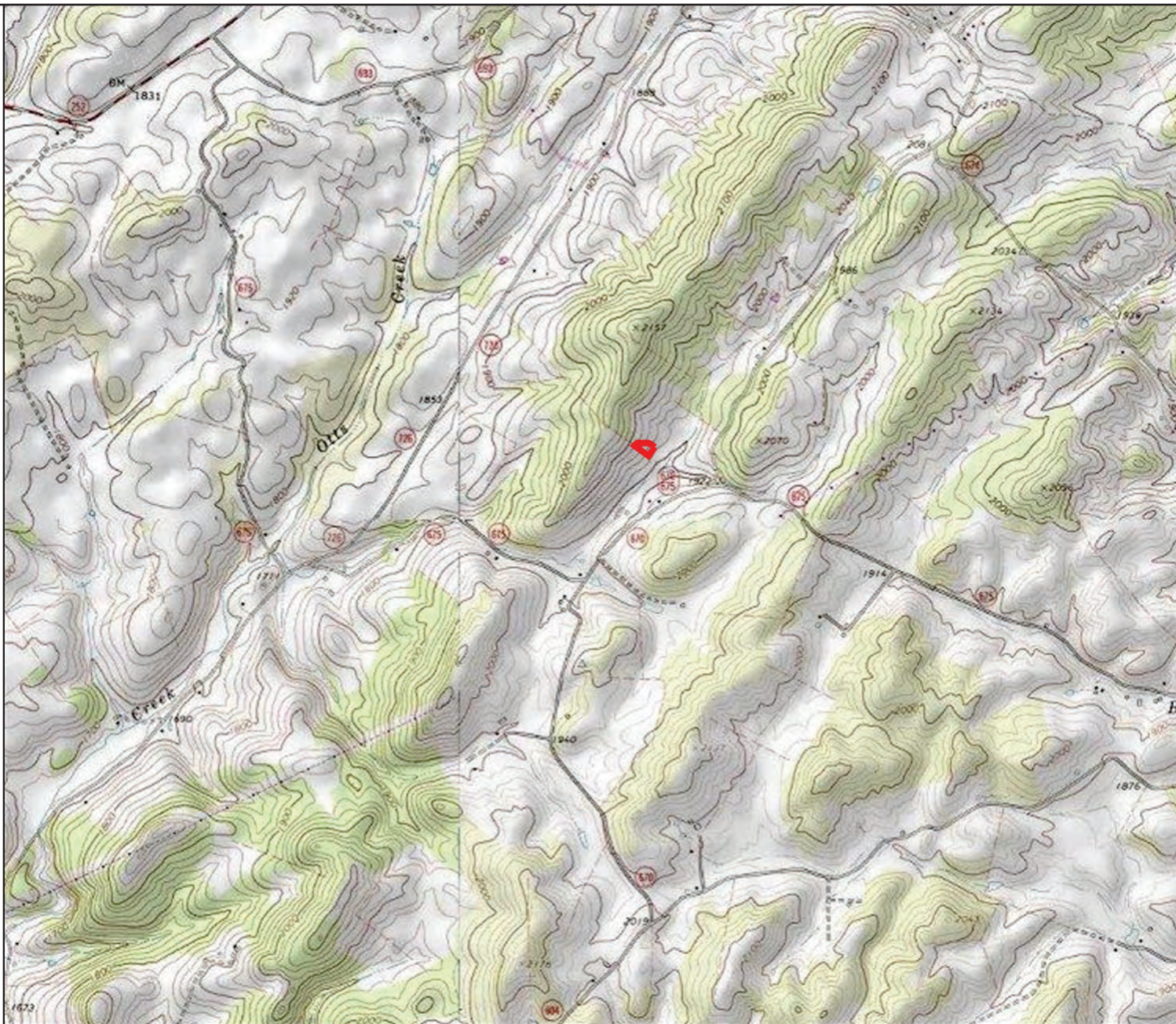
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AERIAL VIEW - VICINITY
Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery
Augusta County, VA
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 **Nominated Boundary**



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ROAD MAP

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Augusta County, VA

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LOCATION MAP

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LOCATION COORDINATES

Latitude: 38.003211

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 **Nominated Boundary**



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AERIAL VIEW

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 Nominated Boundary



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Legend

 County Boundaries

SKETCH MAP

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery

Augusta County, VA

DHR No. 007-6089

 Nominated Boundary



Feet

0 20 40 60 80

1:1,128 / 1"=94 Feet



Contributing Site

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Photo Key – Upper Section

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery Augusta County, Virginia
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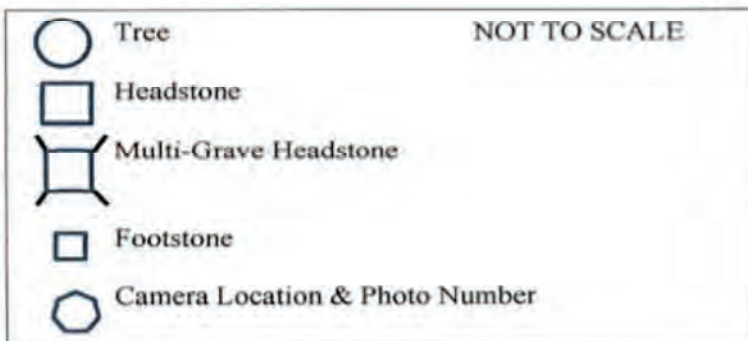
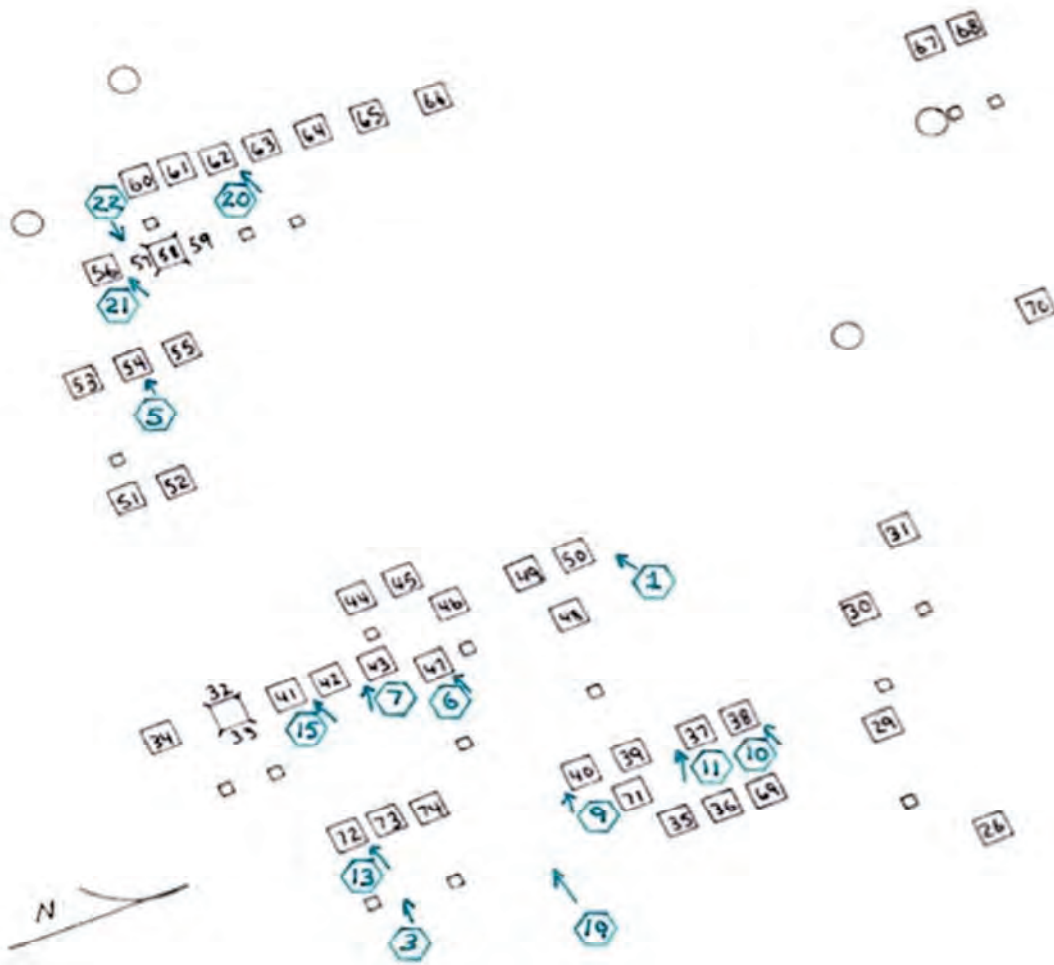
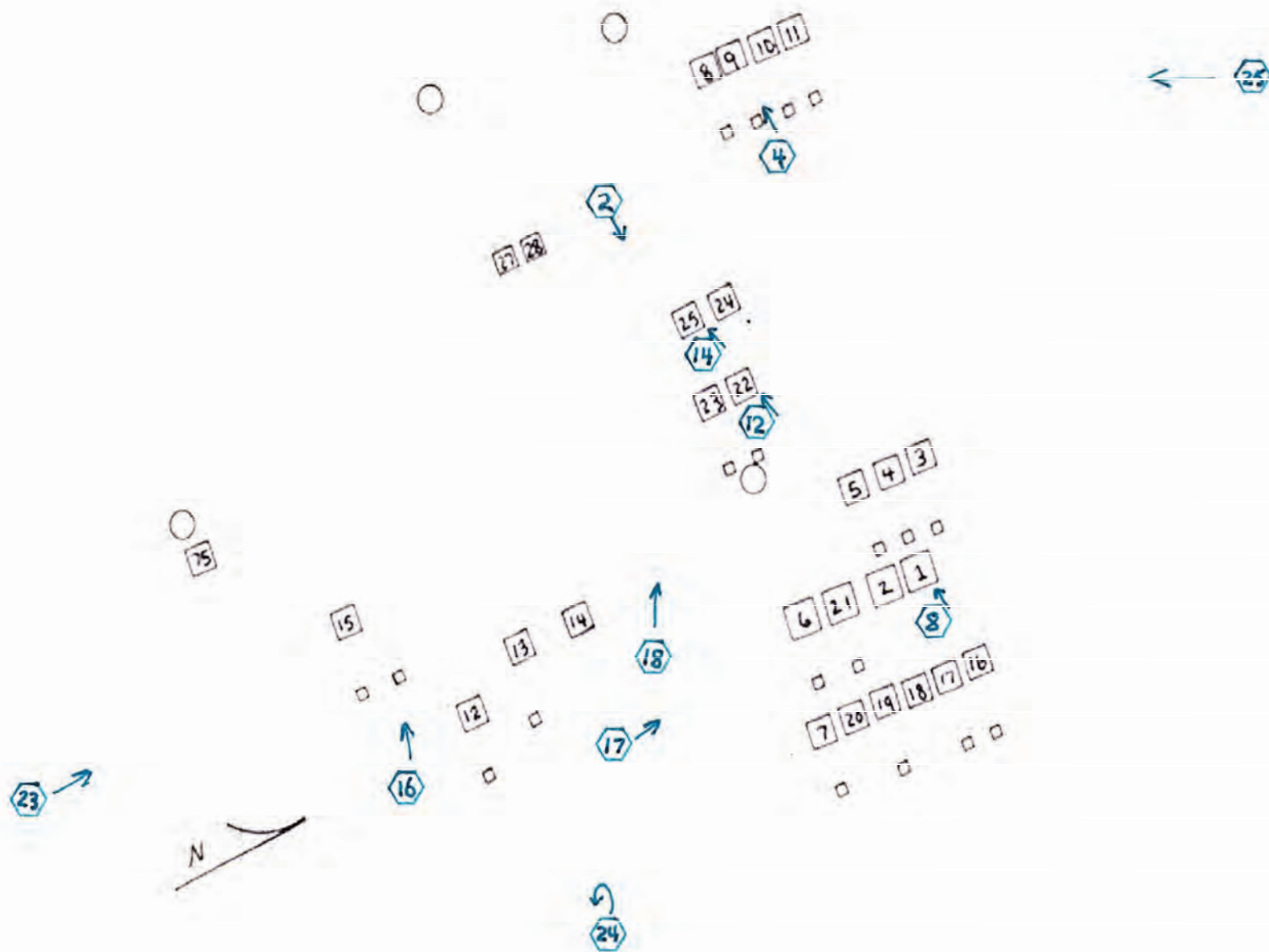


Photo Key – Lower Section

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	Tree	NOT TO SCALE
	Headstone	
	Footstone	
	Camera Location & Photo Number	