



VIRGINIA
DIVISION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS
SURVEY FORM

File No. 70-49
Negative no(s). 8822

Historic name		Common name	
County/Town/City Prince William		Abel Cemetery	
Street address or route number U.S.M.C. Base			
USGS Quad	Quantico	Date or period	20th C.
Original owner	Abel Family	Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Original use	Cemetery		
Present owner	U. S. M. C.	Source of name	Grave Markers
Present owner address	Quantico Marine Corps Base	Source of date	Grave Markers
	Quantico, VA	Stories)
Present use	Cemetery	Foundation and wall const'n)
Acreage		Roof type)
State condition of structure and environs		good	
		none	
State potential threats to structure			
Note any archaeological interest			
Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)			
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Interior inspected?			
N/A			
Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)			
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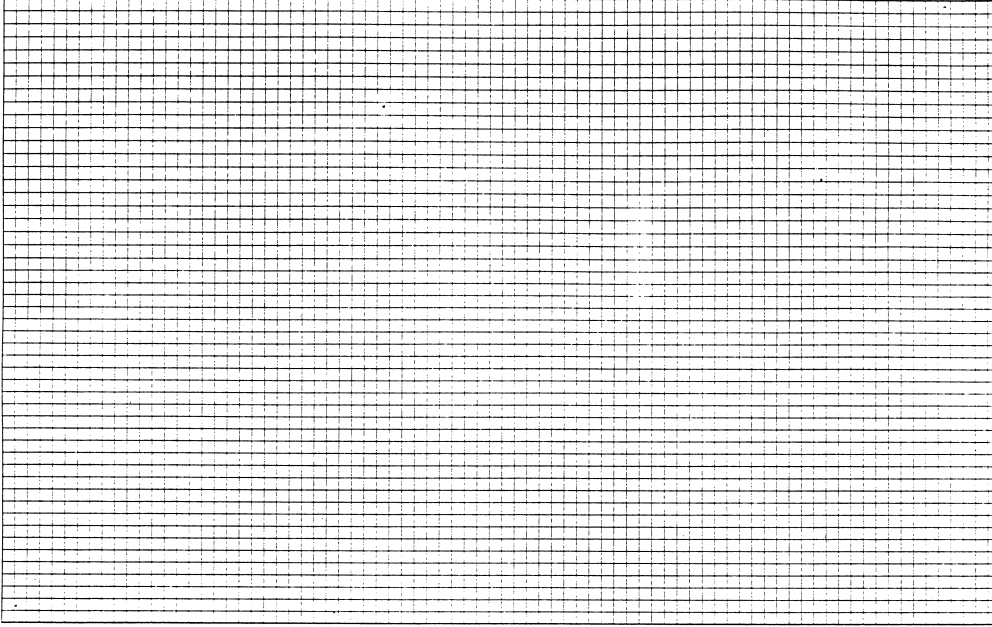
Sources and bibliography
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

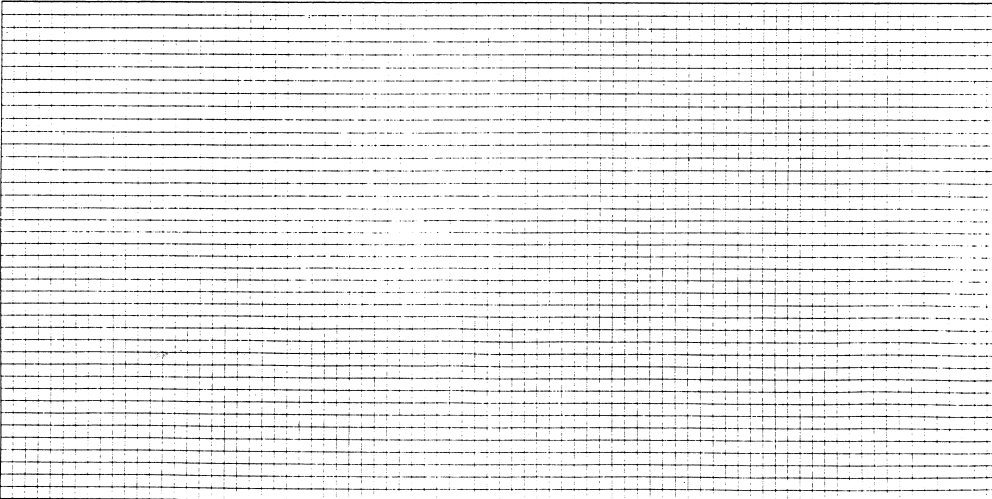
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Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials;
give location.)

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder Bill Polhill, Frazier Assoc.
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Date 6/87



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File no. 76-44
Negative no(s). 222

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County/Town/City	Abel Cemetery
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USGS Quad Quantico	Date or period 20th c.
Original owner - Abel Family	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use - cemetery	Source of name - Grave markers
Present owner - U.S. M.C.	Source of date - " "
Present owner address Quantico Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA.	Stories
Present use - cemetery	Foundation and wall const'n N/A
Acres - ?	Roof type
State condition of structure and environs good	
State potential threats to structure - none	
Note any archaeological interest - ?	
Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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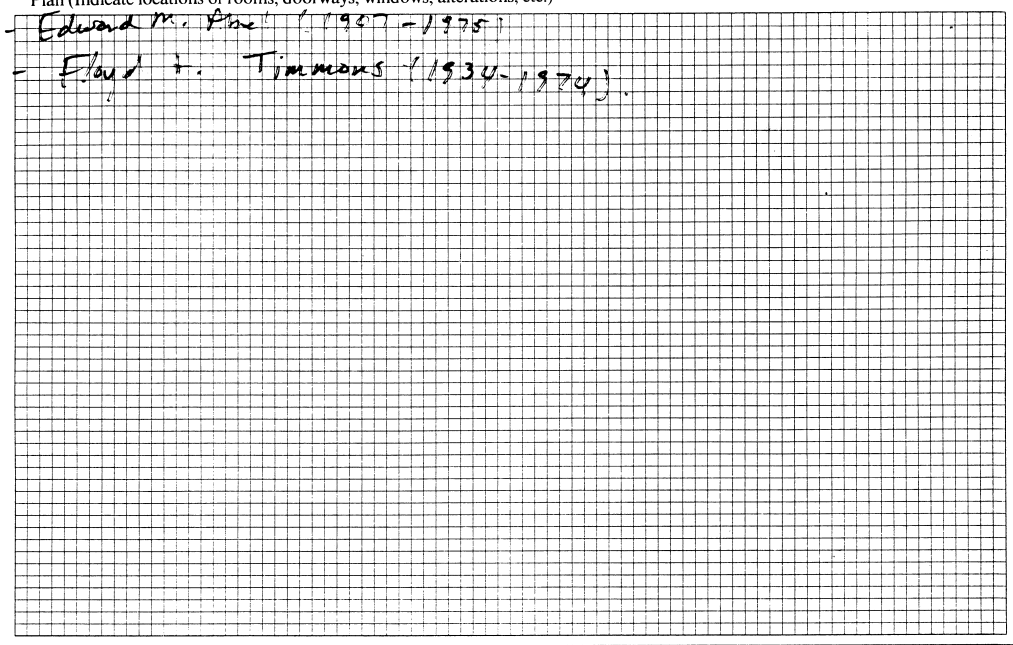
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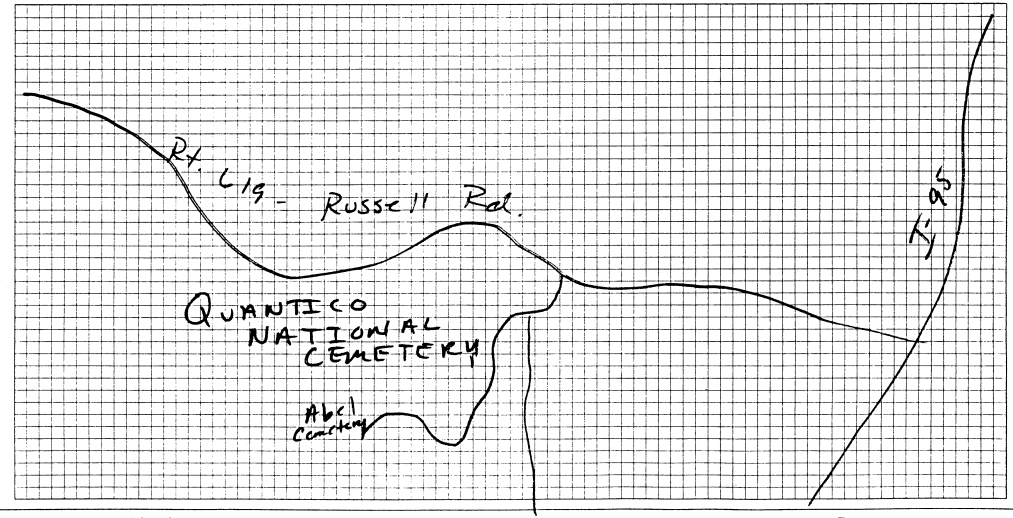
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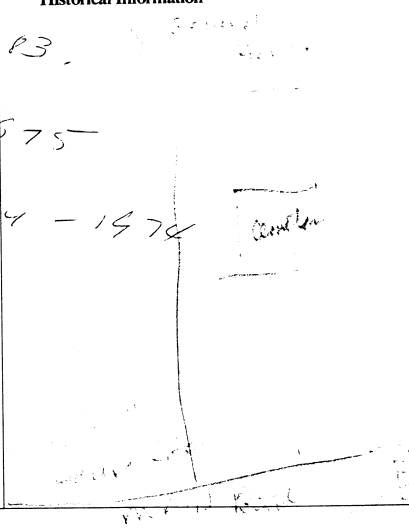
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Primary Sources	Interviews Name Address Phone Date
Published Sources 2 House - Sites one at transition entry road + immediately beyond cemetery	Name Address Phone Date
Plan and Massing (Note original features, additions, and alterations)	
Drawing of Plan 20th c. Allen Family Plot - 4th Div. Nat'l Cem. - John H. Allen + Amanda A. (1832-1916) (1829-1912) son. - Maurice J. Allen (1874-1942) - Mary J. Allen (1877-1953) Harvey M. + Kathleen K. (1951-1983) (1917- son Billy (Wm.) C. Anderson - 1947-1965 Milton Wayne Reely - 1926-1968 Clyde E. Anderson + Amanda (1918-1981) (1909-1974) Preston Z. + Virginia E. Anderson (1920-)	
Sketch of Site Plan William M. Spruon - 1914-1983 Edward M. Allen - 1907-1975 Fitzgerald Timmons 1934 - 1974	Historical Information 

Abel Cemetery
- part of Quantico Nat'l Cemetery
off Rt-619 Joplin Rd



Date 6/87 File No. 76-49

Name Abel Cemetery

Town Quantico Marine Corps Base

County Prince William County

Photographer Bill Polhill

Contents 1 Exterior



30 August 1971

Dear Junius,

Enclosed maps of Quantico area with cemetery sites indicated. I have quite thoroughly searched for the grave site mentioned by Mr. Barr. There is one rumored site that I have not been able to locate it is also near a dam I will research this area after frost and the leaves have fallen.

Additional information from Mr. Barr would be helpful in pinpointing this grave:

- (1) the marine's name
- (2) what program was he involved in, officers candidate program or platoon leaders program, Junior, Senior, Basic schools,
- (3) the date and the particular dam, was the site near Camp Goetze or Camp Upsnur/ was it near Breckenridge Reservoir, Lunga Reservoir, Dalton Pond, Upsnur Pond, E-6 pond -

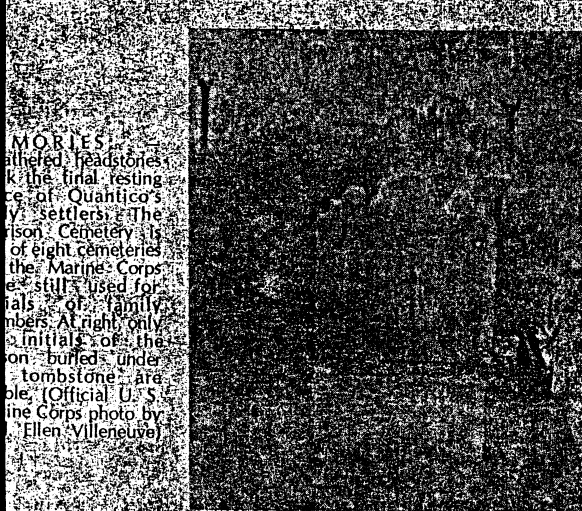
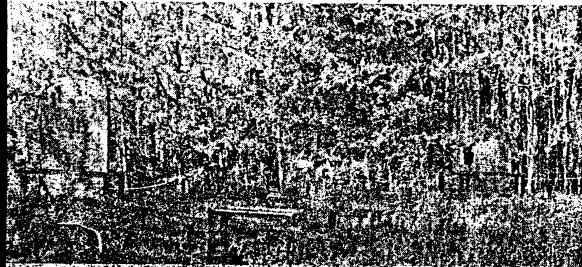
The answer to any of these queries would help in the search.

The following information was noted at the various cemeteries: the oldest are listed. Many of the stones have weathered so that the inscriptions have disappeared. There are over 400 graves at the cemeteries on the Quantico Reservation.

Lane Cemetery - Nokesville sheet - Mary O. Lane Born 1751 - died 1812 *Ashburn*
Leary Cemetery - Joplin sheet - Thomas Chapman 1769-1829 *Mo. Mills*
Williams/Loward Cemetery - Joplin Sheet - James Howard 1831-1911
Harrison Cemetery - Quantico sheet John Nelson Tolson 1796-1851
Thomas Harrison (date obliterated) according to George Harrison Sanford King, Genealogist from Fredericksburg, this Harrison is from the Harrisons of "Berkley". *on P.W. Forest Park?*
Triangle Cemetery - Quantico sheet, Henly Graves 1784 -1865
John R. Wright 1766 -1807
Cedar Run Cemetery - Somerville sheet - James Tolson 1795 - 1865
Elizabeth Fairfax Datts Tolson granddaughter of Lord Fairfax 1843 - 1902, Elizabeth Hafford 1791 -1822, Elias Hore 1788-1820
Walter Hore 1780-1858, Dant W. Ford 1765 - 1853, Theodosia Ford 1752 -1829, Enoch O. Rear 1762-1850, Elder John Clark 1804 -1882
Sarah Alexander 1776 - 1847, John Arrington 1796 -1873
Able Cemetery - recent vintage - Quantico sheet ~~Somerville sheet~~
Carver Cemetery Somerville sheet, current use, not old
R-5 Cemetery - Somerville sheet, many graves, all weathered, names obliterated. *with post*
Bridwell/Holmes Cemetery, Somerville sheet, Mary Hl Holmes 1817-1906
Bridwell Cemetery - Somerville sheet, Issac Bridwell 1813 - 1867
Lowe Cemetery - Rosa Lee Lowe 1862 - 1927 Somerville sheet. -

Please have Bob Swisher send me some Prince William maps.

map from Belknap Church
Best regards,
[Signature]



MORLES. Weathered headstones mark the final resting place of Quantico's early settlers. The Garrison Cemetery is one of eight cemeteries the Marine Corps still uses for burials of family members. At right, only initials of the person buried under tombstone are visible. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo by Ellen Villeneuve)

Weathered headstones chronicle Quantico's past

By LCPL ELLEN VILLENEUVE

Weathered headstones, many with the names and dates eroded by time, are one visual reminder of Quantico's early settlers.

Following the Civil War, farmers began a struggle to make the land now occupied by the Marine Corps base a better place to live. The land was dotted with large plantations, small farms, churches, schools, stores, and small towns. Along with the settlers came eight major graveyards, not counting many private family plots.

In 1942, as a result of the Navy's petition to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, legal possession of approximately 50,000 acres west of U.S. 1 was awarded the government.

The land was owned by individual families, said Herbert Gibson, Development and Education Command facilities planner. "But they had agreed to sell. The families moved out of state, some bought land in other counties, while others moved just outside the base borders."

The land, along with the graveyards and family plots, became a government property. The Marine Corps assumed responsibility for the upkeep of the land, and the graveyards.

"Some of the land where the grave sites were located was needed for impact areas for artillery and small arms," said Gibson. "Approximately 50 cemeteries had to be relocated."

Before moving the graves, the Marine Corps made intense searches through next-of-kin contacts and advertisements in local newspapers for the relatives of those buried in these sites. The remains in these sites had to be reinterred in another area.

For those remains not claimed, the government interred them in two cemeteries during 1942-43.

Gibson, a 30-year-old civilian employee at Cedar Run Cemetery, located near Camp Upshur, said Carver Cemetery, located by Va. 812, are the only two cemeteries established by the government. The other 30 cemeteries on base were all established by churches and families centuries ago, he added.

Although the Facilities Department maintains the 32 cemeteries, only eight are still used for occasional burials. The remaining cemeteries have been left to Mother Nature.

For the eight active cemeteries, the Facilities Department keeps the grass mowed and the fences repaired. All of the gravesites

are located in the Guadalcanal Area except the Buck-Keys cemetery, located east of U.S. 1 in Chamberlain Village.

Only members of the settling families are allowed to use these active graveyards for burial.

"Families must first request permission from us to perform a burial," said Gibson. "We maintain records of burials."

While these cemeteries are still active, the others remain silent and peaceful deep in MCDEC's woodlands. The only visitors are occasional hikers, hunters or animals.

In order to keep track of each cemetery, they have been named after the people buried there or after the location of the cemetery.

The Cedar Run cemetery is named after the Cedar Run Creek, which meanders silently by the Herndon, Harrison, and Abel cemeteries. All are named after the families who owned the land and are buried in the grave sites.

And, Shiloh and Hearts Delight cemeteries are named after the churches they are near.

More grave relocations may take place in the future. The Abel cemetery is within the newly consecrated Veteran's Administration cemetery and will henceforth come under the jurisdiction of that department.

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not in M.C. photo