



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
SURVEY FORM

File no.	76-54
Negative no(s).	4898

Historic name	Leary Cemetery	Common name	
County/Town/City	Prince William County		
Street address or route number	c2 mi. South of Joplin off S.R. 619		
USGS Quad	Joplin	Date or period	
Original owner	Thomas Chapman	Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Original use			
Present owner	U.S. Government	Source of name	
Present owner address	c/o U.S. Marine Corps Quantico, Va.	Source of date	
Present use	Cemetery	Stories	
Acreage	-1 Acre	Foundation and wall const'n	
		Roof type	

State condition of structure and environs Good.

State potential threats to structure
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? . yes ___ no ___

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.)

Cemetery, located along the unimproved road leading to the demolished Missouri Mill, consists of about 15 graves (13 marked, 2 unmarked) enclosed by a 4-foot high, rectangular, brick wall built by the U.S. Marines and reached by a turnstyle opening in the north wall.

Cemetery is still in use, but no new burials allowed without U.S.M.C. permission.

Interior inspected?

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

The grave of Thomas Chapman (1769-1827) is the earliest burial in this cemetery. Chapman operated the Missouri Mills, a gristmill and sawmill, located a few hundred yards southwest of this cemetery. Other burials here were members of the Able, Cato, Haley, and Leary families. Learys also operated the mill, but the Purcells, who owned it in 1900, were probably the last operators of the mill.

The miller's house was located either about 100 yards west of the Leary Cemetery (according to R. Leu), or on a hill just northeast of the cemetery (E. R. CONNER from JOHN LEARY). When Leu visited the site in 1972, he found stone chimneys and foundations in the former location, which he believed were the miller's house foundations; but E. R. Conner, who visited the site with John Leary, a descendant of the miller, indicated that the latter site on a hill northeast of the cemetery was the location of the miller's house, and that the ruins of the house had been cleared by the U.S. Marines.

Sources and bibliography
Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

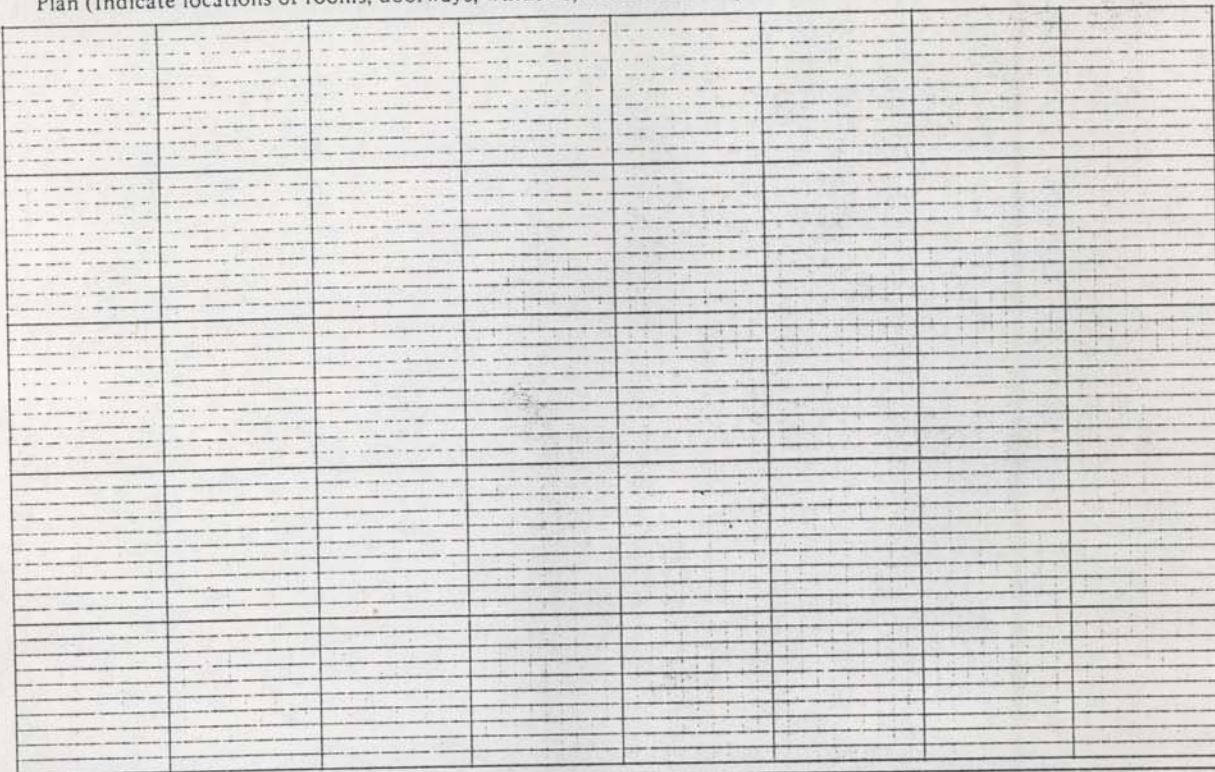
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Mill is said to appear on Civil War maps.

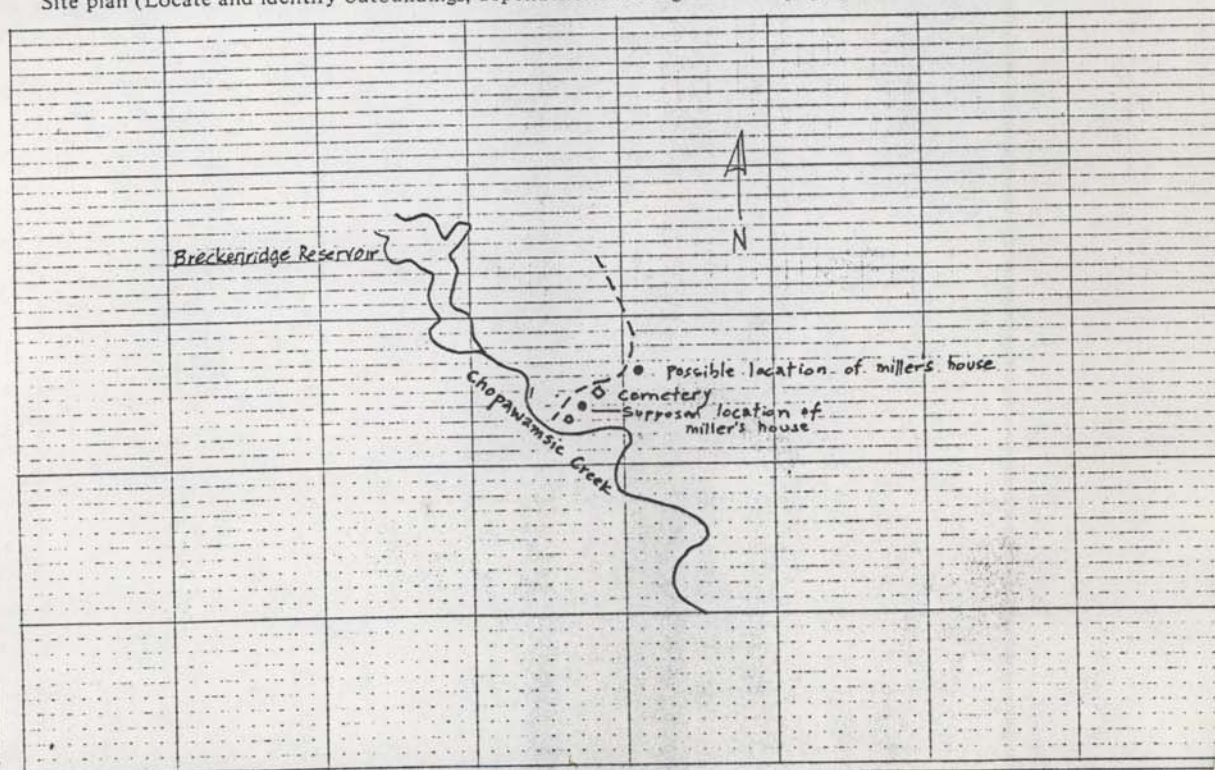
Names and addresses of persons interviewed E. R. Conner, III, Manassas Museum.

Not interviewed but informed: John Leary, 601 Freeland Rd., Freeland, Md. 21053

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

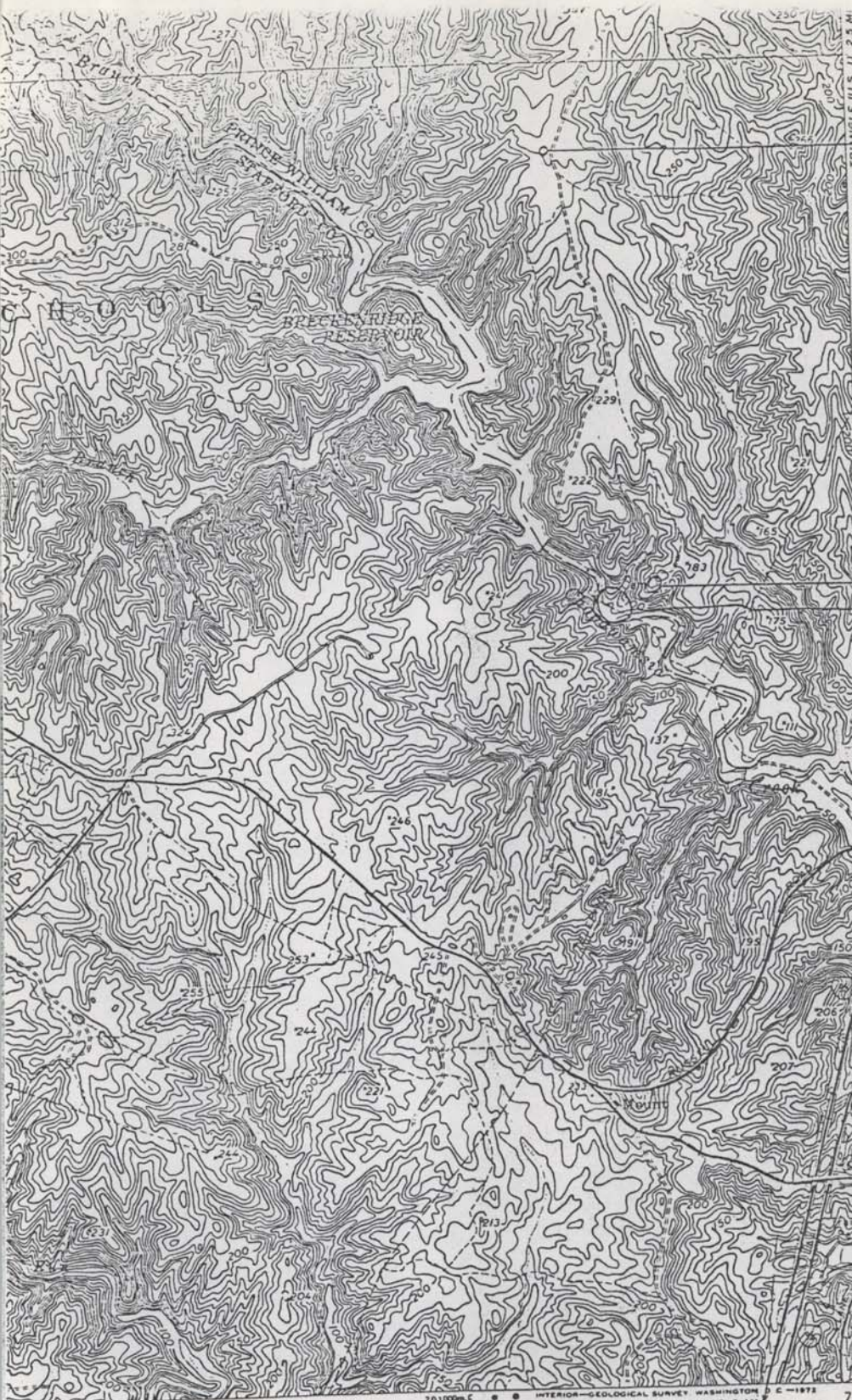


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder Frances Jones, Architectural
Historian - Surveyor, NVPDC

Date NOV 1979

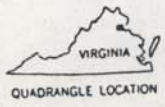


Belfair Mills
Site 89-80
Williams-Howard
Cemetery 76-57

Leary Cemetery
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Missouri Hill Site
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TRIANGLE 3.2 MI.
ALEXANDRIA 29 MI.
TRIANGLE 3.7 MI.
WOODBRIDGE 13 MI.

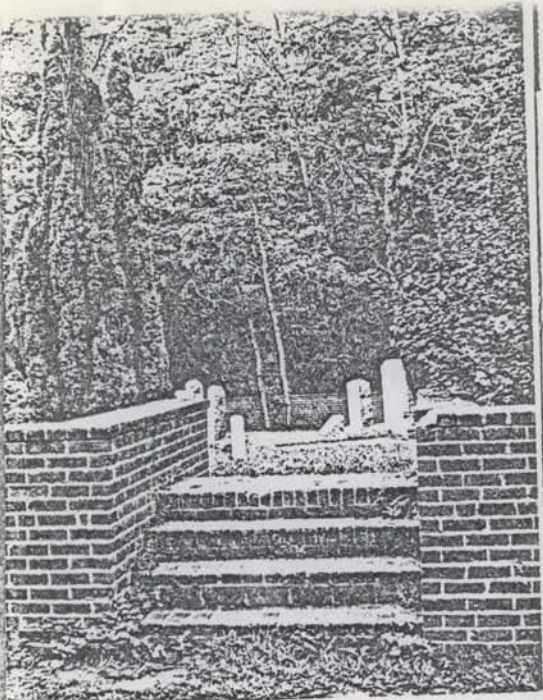
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Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
○ Interstate Route ○ U.S. Route ○ State Route

JOPLIN, VA.
SW 1/4 QUANTICO 15' QUADRANGLE
N3830—W7722.5/7.5
1966
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5561 III SW—SERIES V834

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Name _____

Town LEARY CEMETERY

County PRINCE WILLIAM

Photographer Len

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