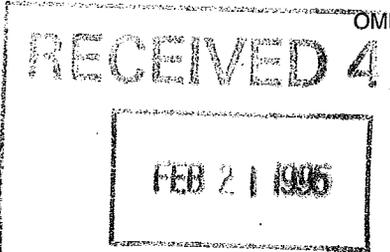


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Danville National Cemetery
other names/site number DHR File No. 108-57

2. Location

street & number 721 Lee Street N/A not for publication
city or town Danville N/A vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Danville (independent code 590 zip code 24541 city)

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Karen Rome Dupak, Federal Preservation Officer 2/10/95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Department of Veterans Affairs
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Julie G. Smith 2/10/95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper Patrick Andrews Date of Action 4/7/95

Danville National Cemetery
Name of Property

Danville (City), Virginia
County and State

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

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
1	0	sites
2	0	structures
2	0	objects
8	0	Total

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

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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

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th

Century Revivals: Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Stone, brick, stucco, wood

roof Asbestos

other Granite, marble, wrought iron, brick

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions of property significance.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions of property characteristics.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Military

Period of Significance

1866-1936

Significant Dates

1866

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, previously determined eligible, designated landmark, recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey, recorded by Historic American Engineering Record.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Danville National Cemetery
Name of Property

Danville (City), Virginia
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.5

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Therese T. Sammartino, Staff Assistant, National Cemetery System

organization Department of Veterans Affairs date November 10, 1994

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. telephone (202) 523-3895

city or town Washington, D.C. state _____ zip code 20420

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Department of Veterans Affairs

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. telephone _____

city or town Washington, D.C. state _____ zip code 20420

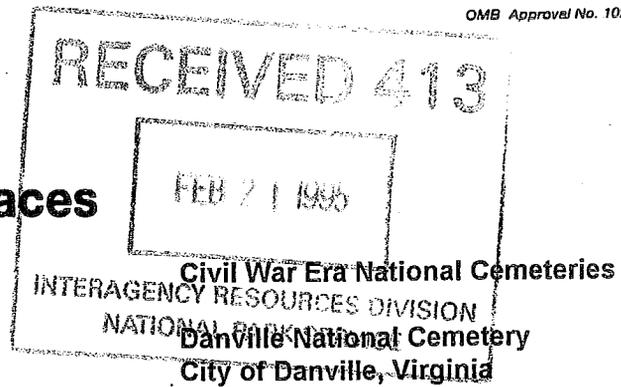
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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Danville National Cemetery is located at 721 Lee Street, within the corporate limits of the city of Danville, Virginia, one mile from the depot of the Richmond and Danville Railroad. The main entrance on Lee Street has 8-foot, 6-inch-wide wrought iron entry gates attached to concrete pillars, with a 3-foot-wide pedestrian gate on the side. The pedestrian gate is attached to a stone pier. The cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall (1,590 linear feet) approximately four feet high.

The cemetery was established in December 1866, and is of an oblong shape. It is divided into ten burial sections by numerous walks and drives intersecting one another at right angles. All graves are marked with upright marble headstones, except for four group burials, which are marked with flat marble markers.

There is one Lincoln's Gettysburg Address plaque and a bronze plaque mounted on an old cannon bearing the inscription "United States Military Cemetery, Danville, established August 14, 1867 - Interments 1314 - Known 1171 Unknown 143." The flagpole is located on a rise in the center where Sections B, C, F, and G meet.

The cemetery officially closed to new interments on October 23, 1970. A small number of interments still occur yearly, which include second interments in occupied graves, interments in reserved gravesites, or interments of cremated remains. As of September 30, 1994, there were 1 uncommitted and 20 reserved gravesites available as well as 26 sites available for the interment of cremated remains.

The original superintendent's lodge was constructed in the early 1870s and demolished in 1928, when the present lodge was built. It is a one and one-half-story brick and stucco structure, with a Swedish gambrel roof covered in asbestos shingles. All windows are double-hung sash with six-over-six lights. The roof has double dormers in the front and rear. The first floor contains a living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, 1/2 bath, and a small office. The one-half story above has three bedrooms and a full bath. The basement is unfinished, and there is a front porch.

In the rear of the lodge was a small brick outbuilding that was used as a tool shed, fuel house, etc. This building was demolished in May 1934, and a new 33' x 22', 671-square-foot, brick-and-concrete combination garage/tool house/comfort station constructed. The walls are brick, the foundation and floors are concrete, and the roof is asbestos shingles. In 1936, a 46-square-foot brick-and-concrete gasoline storage building was constructed.

There is a brick compost pit between the utility building and gasoline storage building, which was constructed in June 1949.

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Danville National Cemetery
City of Danville, Virginia

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Danville National Cemetery is significant under Criterion A and is an important component of the multiple property submission of Civil War Era National Cemeteries. It is significant because of its association with the Civil War.

The cemetery was established in 1866. Original interments were of the remains of Union soldiers who were prisoners of war and who died in the Confederate Prison at Danville. These prisoners were confined in seven tobacco warehouses situated in the city of Danville about 1/2 to 3/4 mile from the cemetery. The principal causes of death of these prisoners of war were pneumonia, chronic diarrhea, and a disease indicated as "scorbutus," somewhat like scurvy. Those who died at Danville as prisoners of war and interred in the national cemetery were, for the most part, privates, corporals, and sergeants. Many state regiments were represented: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, and various regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops. All available records show that there are 1,170 known and 143 unknown Civil War soldiers buried in this cemetery, the same as the number inscribed on the cannon monument.

There are four group burials in the cemetery, all located in Section K. They are:

Grave 1550 - Five (5) Engineers who died on January 8, 1945, and were originally buried in Pietramala, Italy. Their remains were reinterred in the Danville National Cemetery on March 10, 1949.

Stephen V. P. Bernhard	S SGT	Frank J. Maryzak	TEC 4
Everett E. Crain	CPL	James V. Young	SGT
Thomas M. Gormley	TEC 5		

Grave 1553 - Four (4) U.S. Army veterans, who died on December 11, 1944, one (1) who served with the 451st Bomb Squadron, 322 Bomb Group, and were originally buried in Selers-Melum, France. Their remains were reinterred in the Danville National Cemetery on April 21, 1949.

Romeo S. Farese	1ST LT	Curtis G. Johnson	S SGT
Robert A. Freiseis	T SGT	John A. Shackelford, Jr.	2ND LT

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Grave 1562 - Four (4) U.S. Army veterans, who died on June 17, 1945, and were originally buried in Honduras. Their remains were reinterred in the Danville National Cemetery on November 9, 1949.

Robert Crouch	PVT	Donald J. Lannan	PVT
Aloysius P. Kelly	CPL	Walter H. McDonnieal	TEC 4

Grave 1567 - Three (3) USAAF veterans, who died on August 15, 1944, and were originally buried in Bari, Italy. Their remains were reinterred in the Danville National Cemetery on June 24, 1949.

Sidney S. Levenson	2ND LT	Felix L. House	CPL
Oscar E. Cwienkala	CPL		

The cemetery, at first, comprised a little more than 2 1/2 acres of land, appraised in 1867 at \$350 per acre. At this price, it was transferred to the United States, in fee simple, on July 19, 1873, \$920.50 being paid for the entire tract. On the same date, a small parcel of land adjoining the original site on the east and south sides (about 4/5 acre) was purchased by the United States from the executor of N. D. Green, deceased, for the sum of \$280.

The present lodge is the second lodge on the site and replaced the lodge that was built in the 1870s and demolished in 1928.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Cemetery System Microfilm Records

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1 - 2.7 ACRES

Beginning on Lee Street at the Northeast corner of Greenhill Cemetery, thence N. 76 E. along said street four hundred and twenty nine (429) feet to a stone, thence S. 35 E. two hundred and eighty five (285) feet to a stone, thence S. 76 W. four hundred and twenty-nine (429) feet to a stone in boundary line of Greenhill Cemetery aforesaid, thence N. 35 W. two hundred and eighty five (285) feet to the beginning.

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PARCEL 2 - .8 ACRE

Beginning at a stone at corner of Lee Street and the road leading to "The Freedman's Cemetery" thence S. 1230' E two hundred and seventy five (275) feet to a rock, thence S. 76 W. seventy three (73) feet to a stone, thence N.35 W. two hundred and eighty five (285) to a stone on Lee Street thence N. 76 E. along the line of Lee Street one hundred and eighty (180) feet to the beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Cemetery System has used the existing boundaries of the cemetery.

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Danville National Cemetery
City of Danville, Virginia

All photographs are of:

DANVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY

City of Danville, Virginia

VDHR File No. 108-57

David Edge and Abe G. Stice, photographers

Dates of Photographs: May 19, 1994, and August 23, 1994

All negatives are stored with Technical Support Service (401B), National Cemetery System,
Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420

VIEW OF: Burial area, view looking southeast
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VIEW OF: Flagpole
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VIEW OF: Burial area, view looking north
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VIEW OF: Old cannon monument, view looking
eastward
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VIEW OF: Burial area and perimeter wall, view
looking southwest
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VIEW OF: Entrance gate, view looking south
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VIEW OF: Burial area and perimeter wall, view
looking southeast
NEG. NO. 8984-13
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VIEW OF: Utility building
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VIEW OF: Burial area, view looking south
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VIEW OF: Lodge, north elevation
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VIEW OF: Burial area, view looking east
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VIEW OF: Lodge, east elevation
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VIEW OF: Gasoline Storage Building
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VIEW OF: Lodge, west elevation

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VIEW OF: Tree dedicated to Medal of Honor
recipients, view looking northeast
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VIEW OF: Civil War headstone, view looking
south
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VIEW OF: Plaque designating tree dedicated to
Medal of Honor recipients
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VIEW OF: Brick compost pit, view looking east
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