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 for information and an example of how to use this form. Blank lines in the form permit the writer to check appropriate boxes or enter the information requested. 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. 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: Richmond National Cemetery
   other names/site number: Virginia Department of Historic Resources File No. 43-126

2. Location
   street & number: 1701 Williamsburg Road
   city or town: Richmond
   state: Virginia, code: VA, county: Henrico, code: 087, zip code: 23231

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] designation 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] does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [x] nationally, [ ] statewide, [ ] locally. ( [ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
   [Signature of certifying official/Title: (June 21, 1995)]
   Department of Veterans Affairs
   State or Federal agency and bureau

   In my opinion, the property [x] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. ( [ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
   [Signature of commenting or other official/Title: (8/25/95)]
   VA DEPT. OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
   State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification
   I hereby certify that this property is: [x] 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 Keeper: Patrick Andrews] [Date of Action: 10/26/95]
5. **Classification**

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

Civil War Era National Cemeteries

6. **Function or Use**

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7. **Description**

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<td>other Stone: Marble, granite, sandstone; Metal, iron</td>
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**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.)

☐ 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 boxes that apply.)

Property is:

☐ 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 commemorating property.

☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Military

Period of Significance

1866–1936

Significant Dates

1866
1870
1890

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Meigs, Montgomery C.

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):

☐ 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

Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository

Department of Veterans Affairs
Richmond National Cemetery
Name of Property

Henrico County, Virginia
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 9.7

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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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 June 19, 1995

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
telephone (202) 565-4895

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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 the SHPO or FPO.)

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the 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 Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A 16-foot octagonal iron gazebo, Chinese Chippendale in style, was constructed circa 1890 in the northeast segment of the cemetery at the intersection of Sections 13-A, 14-A, 21-A, and 22-A. It was built to be used as a rostrum. The gazebo was removed in 1952, leaving only a concrete base and floor.

The old tool house was demolished in 1934, and a new combination brick and concrete utility building with comfort station, 33 feet 4 inches, by 22 feet 3 inches, was constructed to the rear and south of the lodge. The roof shingles are an asbestos composition.

A brick and concrete gasoline storage building, 8 feet 5 inches by 8 feet, was constructed in 1936 between the utility building and the northwest perimeter wall. The roof shingles are an asbestos composition.

There are four monuments located in the area of the flagpole circle, each 7 feet 6 inches in height and made of an original cast-iron seacoast artillery tube, secured by a concrete base. The inscription on the cast-bronze plaque affixed to one of the monuments reads as follows:

United States
National Military Cemetery
Richmond
Established September 1st, 1866
Interments 6,529
Known 838
Unknown 5,691

Records regarding these monuments focus on size and the inscription on the bronze plaque affixed to the one monument. No information is available as to the name of the manufacturer.

The numbers shown for contributing resources within the property reflect the following:

**Buildings:** Lodge, utility building, gasoline storage building

**Sites:** Cemetery

**Structures:** Gate, perimeter wall, rostrum base

**Objects:** Flagpole, four artillery monuments
NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Richmond National Cemetery is significant under Criteria A and C, and is an important component of the multiple property submission of Civil War Era National Cemeteries. It is significant under Criterion A because of its association with the Civil War and under Criterion C, because the lodge represents a distinctive prototypical design by Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs, who was acclaimed as a master architect of civil works projects for the Quartermaster Corps.

The cemetery is located within the area of fortification lines established for the defense of the capital city of the Confederacy. The cemetery was established in 1866 and comprises 9.74 acres. Reinterments included 3,200 bodies, mostly unknown, removed from Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia; 210 (115 known) from the cemetery of the Belle Isle Confederate Prison in Richmond; 12 deceased prisoners of war from a trench at the Rocketts Landing; 388 (all known but 18) from Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond; and remains from the Cold Harbor and Seven Pines battlefields, as well as from locations in Chesterfield and Hanover Counties. Some seventy different locations within a maximum distance of 25 miles of the cemetery site were searched in order that Union dead might be accorded honored burial in a national cemetery.

One unknown Confederate soldier was reinterred in the cemetery on April 7, 1978. An employee of a local radio station was relic hunting near the banks of Beaverdam Creek in Hanover County and discovered the remains. There were several Minie balls, and the hunter had presumed that four had struck the soldier. There were buttons and a belt buckle among the items that had triggered the alarm on his metal detector. The remains were found under a foot of dirt roughly 80 feet from the creek. A knife, pewter bayonet scabbard, and canteen were also among items that led to verification by Mr. Les Jensen of the Museum of the Confederacy that the soldier was indeed a Confederate.

By deed dated July 29, 1867, the first tract of land, consisting of 3± acres, was purchased from Mr. William Slater for $900. A parcel containing 5 acres was purchased for $1,500 by deed dated July 10, 1868, from Mr. William L. Williams and Ms. Ann B. Brown. By deed dated June 23, 1906, a parcel consisting of 1.74 acres was purchased from Mr. George Geffert for $1,392.

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National Cemetery System Microfilm Records
Department of Veterans Affairs Historic Preservation Office
Report of the Inspector of the National Cemeteries of the United States, 1869
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Richmond National Cemetery is located at the intersection of Government Road and Route 60 (Williamsburg Road). It is 1/2 mile west of the intersection of Charles City Road with Route 60. It is located on the south side of Route 60. The boundary is defined by the stone wall which is 671 feet east to west on the south side of Route 60. At the northwest corner the west boundary is 634 feet; to the southwest corner, the south boundary is 672 feet; to the southeast boundary, the eastern boundary is 639 feet.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Cemetery System has used the existing boundaries of the cemetery.
All photographs are of:

RICHMOND NATIONAL CEMETERY
Henrico County, Virginia
VDHR File No. 43-126
Mr. James Brownie and Ms. Billie Crenshaw, photographers

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: Cemetery, view looking southeast showing one artillery monument and base of
original rostrum
NEG. NO. 13067-13
PHOTO 1 of 18

VIEW OF: North elevation of lodge, showing kitchen addition
NEG. NO. 13067-11
PHOTO 6 of 18

VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking north toward Williamsburg Road
NEG. NO. 13067-5
PHOTO 2 of 18

VIEW OF: South elevation of lodge and utility building
NEG. NO. 13067-7
PHOTO 7 of 18

VIEW OF: Entry drive, view looking south toward flagpole
NEG. NO. 13067-4
PHOTO 3 of 18

VIEW OF: West elevation of utility building and lodge kitchen addition
NEG. NO. 13067-9
PHOTO 8 of 18

VIEW OF: East elevation of lodge and utility building
NEG. NO. 13067-3
PHOTO 4 of 18

VIEW OF: Southwest elevation of utility building
NEG. NO. 13067-8
PHOTO 9 of 18

VIEW OF: One artillery monument, west side of flagpole
NEG. NO. 13067-14
PHOTO 5 of 18

VIEW OF: South elevation of lodge and utility building
NEG. NO. 13067-6
PHOTO 10 of 18
VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking northeast showing entry fence to the left
NEG. NO. 13067-12
PHOTO 11 of 18

VIEW OF: Artillery monument at flagpole
NEG. NO. 16021-16
PHOTO 15 of 18

VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking southeast with foundation of original rostrum in view
NEG. NO. 16021-21
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VIEW OF: Close up of artillery monument at flagpole
NEG. NO. 16021-18
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VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking east from flagpole
NEG. NO. 16021-20
PHOTO 13 of 18

VIEW OF: Four artillery monuments, view looking southeast toward flagpole
NEG. NO. 16021-24A
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VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking northeast from flagpole
NEG. NO. 16021-17
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VIEW OF: Gasoline storage building, view looking northwest
NEG. NO. 16977-0
PHOTO 18 of 18
Sketch Map
Richmond National Cemetery
Henrico County, Virginia

Note: Numbered triangles correspond to the views in the accompanying photographs
September 25, 1995

Mr. Patrick Andrus
National Register of Historic Places
Interagency Resources Division
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Dear Mr. Andrus:

On September 1, 1995, I forwarded to your office the nomination of the Richmond National Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, to the National Register. I noticed that in Section 8, page 3, there is a typographical error, in that I placed a period after Criterion C in the third line of the Narrative Statement of Significance.

Enclosed is a corrected page which I would appreciate you incorporating into the original nomination. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Therese T. Sammartino
Staff Assistant
Technical Support Service

Enclosure
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 95001183            Date Listed: 10/26/95

Richmond National Cemetery            Henrico            VA
Property Name:                          County:            State:

Civil War Era National Cemeteries MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper              Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The Period of Significance is amended to begin in 1867, the year in which the land was purchased for the cemetery. The Federal Preservation Office for the Department of Veterans Affairs concurs in this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)