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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Webster Street & Rock Creek Church Road, N.W.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Washington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Walter E. Fauntroy

VICINITY OF

STATE

District of Columbia

CODE

11

COUNTY

District of Columbia

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rector, Wardens & Vestry of Rock Creek Parish

STREET & NUMBER

Webster Street & Rock Creek Church Road, N.W.

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Sixth and D Streets, N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

District of Columbia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

District of Columbia's Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

January 21, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Joint District of Columbia/National Capital Planning Commission
Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

District of Columbia

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery occupies lots 819 and 821 in Square 3319, lot 2 in Square 2207, and parcels 11/15, 11/16, 111/19, and 111/33. The tract is polygonal in shape, approximately 85 acres in extent. It abuts New Hampshire Avenue on the west, Webster Street on the south, Rock Creek Church Road on the southeast and North Capitol Street on the east. Buchanan Street, Allison Street, 3rd Street, Harewood Road and Hawaii Avenue dead end at the cemetery boundaries. Residential neighborhoods adjoin the cemetery on all sides except to the southeast where the U.S. Soldiers' Home is situated. The main entrance gate is opposite that of the Soldiers' Home, at the intersection of Webster Street and Rock Creek Church Road.

The cemetery is sited on high ground, its undulating terrain falling away to the north from the main entrance gate. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with its 18th century church yard, occupies a prominent knoll opposite the entrance gate toward the center of the cemetery. Rock Creek Cemetery is superimposed upon and around the old church yard. It was designed and laid out in the mid-nineteenth century in the fashionable picturesque rural cemetery manner introduced at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1831. With the church as a focal point, curving drives follow the contours of the land. Grassy slopes are landscaped with a wide variety of trees and shrubs. The many mature native trees include the ancient Glebe Oak, with a circumference of more than 17 feet. At a central low point at the base of a ravine behind the church, a spring fed lake has been built.

There is an interesting diversity of design in grave markers, monuments, mausoleums and sculpture reflecting the long history of the cemetery and the status and sensibilities of those buried within it. Sculpture and mausoleums are particularly effective when designed in relation to landscaping and to the design of the cemetery itself. The Velati and Leiter mausoleums and the Adams memorial, a Category II Landmark of the National Capital, listed in the National Register of Historic Places are notable in this respect.

Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery is surrounded by an iron picket fence except to the north where cyclone fence is substituted along the rear boundary of a residential area. The imposing iron entrance gate is echoed at the New Hampshire Avenue entrance. Secondary entrances on Allison and North Capitol Streets are of a simple picket design. The service areas of the cemetery--the parish hall, the superintendent's office, the watchman's house and the maintenance service area--are grouped together apart from the cemetery to the left of the main entrance gate. To the right of the gate is a fieldstone Gothic style building housing the cemetery office. Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery is well-endowed and meticulously maintained. It is open to the public.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1719 - Present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joint Committee on Landmarks has designated the Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery a Category II Landmark of importance, which contributes significantly to the cultural heritage and visual beauty of the District of Columbia. Although cemeteries are not ordinarily considered eligible for the National Register, the Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery meets the Criteria because it derives its primary significance from age, from the graves of persons of great importance in the history of the District of Columbia and the Nation and because the graves, many with notable memorial sculpture and architecture, are often the only visual and permanent record of the productive lives of these persons. Rock Creek Cemetery is the oldest public burial place within the District of Columbia and part of the church yard of the oldest church in the District, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a Category II Landmark of the National Capital listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It contains the graves of persons who made significant contributions to the District of Columbia throughout the full range of its history from Colonial times to the present. It is the site of many memorials of distinguished aesthetic quality including not only the Adams Memorial (Grief) by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and architect Stanford White of McKim, Mead and White, but also the Frederick Keep Monument (Journey of Life) by James Earle Fraser; the Kauffmann Monument by William Ordway Partridge; the Heurich Mausoleum by Louis Amateis; and the Fflouke Memorial (Rabboni) by Gutzon Borglum.

The following history was prepared by Ernest F. Henry, a member of the Board of Governors of the cemetery.

The old inscriptions on the early graves are few in number. Of those which currently are legible are the Thomas Gramphin family markers showing burials in 1775 and 1783; Lovering family in 1791; the I. M. White family in 1795 and 1801; David Steuger in 1802; Mary Tunnicliff in 1798; and numerous others in the early 1800's, all of which are clustered within about 100 yards of old St. Paul's Church. In this general area are located nine Revolutionary War heroes whose graves have been identified and suitably marked, including Captain Peter Faulkner; Sergeant John Hines; Lieutenant Thomas Boyd; Midshipman James L. Cathcart; Chaplain Abraham Baldwin; Colonel William Deakins; Colonel Thomas Deakins; 2nd Major, Maryland Militia, Samuel W. Magruder; and Sergeant Abram Swartwout.

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Next in local historical significance are the burial places and monuments of David Burnes, original landowner of much of downtown Washington; Anthony Holmead, owner and developer of much land in the upper portion of the city; 2 early Mayors, Colonel Peter Force and Matthew Emery; Governor Alexander Shepherd; and Samuel Harrison Smith, the founder and publisher of the first daily newspaper in Washington, The National Intelligencer. Other noted publishers who covered the local and national scene from the city's earliest days to the present time include Peter Force, aforementioned, The Journal; George Lemon, The National Tribune; Oliver Hudson Kelley, The Grange; Crosby S. Noyes, Frank B. Noyes, Theodore W. Noyes, Noyes Newbold, Newbold Noyes, Samuel H. Kauffmann, et al., of The Washington Evening Star; Francis Preston Blair, The Globe; and John Clagett Proctor, Editor-in-Chief of the 4 volume "Washington Past and Present" and Chronicler of the Columbia Historical Society. Another Washington based publication of more recent times and of international significance is the National Geographic Magazine represented by the graves of Gilbert Grosvenor and family.

Representing the judicial branch of the local and federal governments are Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone and Associate Justices Willis Van Devanter, Stephen J. Field and John Marshall Harlan, Sr., of the U.S. Supreme Court; Associate Justice Territorial Court, Utah, Charles B. Waite; Chief Judge Harry N. Clabaugh and Associate Judge Arthur MacArthur of the old D.C. Supreme Court; Chief Judge Alfred A. Wheat and Chief Judge David Andrew Pine of the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Judge James R. Kirkland of that court. Walter M. Bastian, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Circuit, is a recent addition to this list of distinguished jurists.

In the executive branch of the federal government, there are the graves of Francis Preston Blair (aforementioned) who was President Andrew Jackson's campaign manager; Montgomery Blair, U. S. Postmaster General; William Windom and Hugh McCullough both Secretary of the U.S. Treasury; Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce; Henry Adams, Thomas Nelson Page, Irwin Laughlin, Sumner Welles and Wilbur J. Carr, Undersecretaries of State; Carlton Bailey Hurst, Consul General, U. S., all high ranking U.S. Diplomats, many of whose present day colleagues are being buried in a special section of the cemetery known as the Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired Association area; George Maulsby, Medical Director, U.S. Navy; Charles D. Walcott, Geologist, long time Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Of local leaders in the city's growth in the fields of private enterprise there are George W. and Elisha Riggs, founders of the Riggs National Bank and its president for many years, Robert V. Fleming; E. J. Stellwagen, founder of the Union Trust Company; John B. Larner, founder of the Washington Loan and Trust Company; the Flather family in both banking and investments; William B. Hibbs, investment banker; Henry and Lester Lansburgh, Frank Jelleff, Julius Garfinckel, Abraham Lisner, Eli Sheetz, the Velati family, the Thomas Somerville family, the Gude family, etc., to mention a few among a host of merchants whose civic services were outstanding.

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The foregoing references to notable personalities are briefly amplified below in alphabetical order for checking the accuracy thereof and to further illustrate the historical signification of each such reference, as follows:

Henry Adams, Journalist, Author and Historian, Born in Boston in 1838, the son of Charles Francis Adams, American statesman and Minister to England 1861-1868. Grandson of John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United States; and great grandson of John Adams, our 2nd President. His principal works were the History of the United States, 1801-1817 and The Education of Henry Adams. His Washington home was just off the corner of 16th and H Streets, N.W. Next door lived his friend, John Hay, an assistant to Lincoln, and later Secretary of State under Presidents McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. A memorial was erected in 1891 in memory of Marion Hooper Adams, Henry Adams' wife, who died in 1885. The sculptor was the noted Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Although many titles have been ascribed to this memorial, including "Grief" - most fixed in the popular mind - the sculptor himself preferred to call it "The Peace of God that passeth understanding". The granite settings of the memorial, including the circular bench, were designed by the noted American architect, Stanford White. Henry Adams died in 1918. His will directed that no inscription be placed on the memorial, which serves as his gravesite as well as that of his wife.

Abraham Baldwin, Statesman and Signer of the Constitution, 1789. Born in Connecticut in 1754, he was educated at Yale University, and for a time served there as a tutor. During the Revolutionary War he was a chaplain in the Army. After the war he moved to Georgia, studied law, was admitted to the bar. His political life began as a member of the State Legislature, where he originated and put through a plan for the University of Georgia, Baldwin becoming its president. He was twice a delegate to the Continental Congress and was recognized as the ablest member of the Georgia delegation to the Constitutional Convention. He was a representative in Congress and was then sent to the Senate where he served as President of the U. S. Senate, 1801-02.

Frank W. Ballou. Distinguished author and scholar; many years Superintendent, D. C. Public Schools.

Ruth Baldwin Barlow. Buried in the Baldwin gravesite is Abraham Baldwin's sister, Ruth, who was the wife of Joel Barlow, American poet and diplomat.

Walter M. Bastian. Member of U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and previously a judge in the U. S. District (Trial) Court for the District of Columbia.

James Montgomery Beck, Assistant U. S. Attorney General, 1903, and U.S. Solicitor General, 1921-25. Member 70th, 71st, 72nd and 73rd U. S. House of Representatives. Probably the most distinguished lawyer ever to hold the position of Solicitor General.

Alexander Melville Bell and Wife, parents of Alexander Graham Bell.

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Emile Berliner, Inventor and Engineer. His inventions rivaled those of Thomas Edison in the field of electrical transmission including the gramophone and microphone. Also he developed the first successful helicopter.

Montgomery Blair and Family. Among the members of the family buried in this mausoleum are Francis Preston Blair, 1791-1876; his son, Montgomery Blair, 1812-1883; and his grandson, Gist Blair, 1860-1940. What was subsequently to become known as "Blair House" on Pennsylvania Avenue, diagonally opposite the White House, was built in 1824. In December 1836, Francis Preston Blair bought the house. Blair had come from Kentucky to establish a pro-administration newspaper for President Andrew Jackson - the Globe. From the newspaper, public printing contracts and astute investment, Francis Preston Blair became quite prosperous. He served as a member of Jackson's influential advisors, known as the "Kitchen Cabinet". In 1842 Blair bought a country place which he called "Silver Spring" - the seed of the present Maryland suburb of that name. His son, Montgomery Blair, became a lawyer. He acted as counsel for the plaintiff in the re-argument of the famous Dred Scott Case in 1856. From 1861-1864, he was Postmaster General in President Lincoln's Cabinet.

Mabel Thorpe Boardman. National Secretary of the American Red Cross; originator of its nursing service; supervisor of its trained volunteers; and largely responsible for raising the necessary contributions for erection of the beautiful headquarters building in Washington as a memorial to the women of the Civil War. She was the first woman to serve as a Commissioner of the District of Columbia. At the family gravesite directly under the Glebe Oak there is the well known Boardman Memorial with two bronze figures, entitled "Journey Through Life", finely executed by James Earle Fraser.

Lt. Thomas Boyd, served in Continental Army and was Adjutant of the famous 5th Maryland when mustered out. He was Justice of the Peace in Prince George's County, 1777-1797.

John Bradford, Planter of Prince George's County. On September 18, 1719, the Rev. John Fraiser (Rector of the mission in the East Branch Hundred, which eventually became St. Paul's, Rock Creek) held a meeting with the inhabitants of the Eastern Branch and Rock Creek Hundreds to select a site and contribute funds for a chapel. At the meeting 45 pounds in currency and 4,350 pounds of tobacco (then legal tender) were pledged. The most significant contribution was that of Col. John Bradford, who pledged 1,000 pounds of tobacco and 100 acres from his tract of land known as "Generosity" for a glebe. Col. Bradford died without executing a deed to the property given, and this legal step was finally taken in 1730 by Col. Bradford's son, John.

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Col. John Bradford at the time of his death in the spring of 1726 owned close to 15,000 acres of land in various parcels extending from near the Falls of the Potomac River to the Patuxent River. Col. Bradford was a cousin of Charles Carroll, the grandfather of Charles Carroll, the signer of the Declaration of Independence.

This is, of course, not a gravesite but a memorial erected in 1894 in honor of Col. John Bradford, our great benefactor. The stone for this Celtic cross came from the Kilkenny Quarries in Ireland.

David Burnes (1739-1799), an original proprietor of Washington. Congress in July 1790 passed the so-called Residence Act, establishing a permanent seat of government of the United States along the Potomac. David Burnes was one of 19 proprietors of the land that the President wished to acquire for the Federal City. Burnes, who had inherited his land from his father and grandfather, was a successful farmer of 527 acres embracing the heart of present-day Washington. Although Burnes was not exuberant about parting with his land, he signed the agreement of sale in March, 1791 and his is the first recorded deed in the District. Burnes is buried here with his wife, Ann, and his son, John.

Wilbur J. Carr, Diplomat, Undersecretary of State and U. S. Ambassador.

James L. Cathcart. Served in Revolutionary War as Midshipman, 1779-1782.

George Chipman, Career Diplomat.

Harry M. Clabaugh, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Previously he served in the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Maryland.

William S. and Charles I. Corby. These brothers were the founders and long time owners and operators of the Corby Baking Company, a Washington institution with a national reputation. Together they held eight United States and several foreign patents on bread making machinery. They introduced the revolutionary step of refrigeration to control the fermenting process; installed weighing and wrapping devices; and invented baking ovens with larger capacity and more efficient operation. Their scientific laboratory work made possible the establishment of gigantic plants and extensive enlargement of the baking industry throughout the United States.

DACOR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired) This organization has a large number of its members of Ambassadorial rank who have burial sites located within a special portion of Section 2 of Rock Creek Cemetery dedicated to their present and future use.

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Col. Thomas Deakins. Born 1739 - died 1804. In view of his name, age and title it is presumed he served in the Continental Army.

Col. William Deakins. Served in Maryland Militia 1775-1783; acted in 1791 as agent for President Washington in negotiations with David Burnes, Anthony Holmead and other landowners for purchase of land for establishment of the City of Washington. He was a Georgetown representative on the County Committee of Correspondence in 1774 under the terms of association with the Continental Congress.

Deoudes Family. This family plot is owned by the "Celery King" of downtown Washington and has erected a beautiful mausoleum for its use.

Matthew G. Emery. Washington's last Mayor prior to the territorial form of governorship.

Epiphany Parish. The old cemetery originally operated by this Episcopal parish was abandoned many years ago and the bodily remains were transferred to a special section of Rock Creek Cemetery.

Lord Charles Fairfax, 10th Baron of Cameron.

Lord John C. Fairfax, 11th Baron of Cameron.

Captain Peter Faulkner. Served in Continental Army, 1778-1800. Military Store-keeper U. S. Army, 1818-1820.

Charles Mather Ffoulke, Businessman and art patron. Born at Quakertown, Pennsylvania in 1841, he was engaged in the wool business for 10 years beginning in 1862. His success must have been considerable for in 1872 he devoted himself to the study of art and became the owner of valuable antique tapestry collections. In 1888, Ffoulke acquired the collection of Cardinal Barberini, nephew of Pope Urban VIII, founded in the 17th century. Some of these tapestries may be seen at Anderson House and Washington Cathedral. He died in 1909 and is buried here along with members of his family.

The memorial is a masterpiece of the American sculptor, Gutzon Borglum. The title "Rabboni" (Master) refers to the cry uttered by Mary Magdalene as she emerged from the empty tomb of Christ on that first Easter morning.

Stephen J. Field, Associate Justice, U. S. Supreme Court for 34 years and Chief Justice of Supreme Court of California for 6 years.

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Flather Family. This burial lot contains several members of the Flather family who were prominent local bankers and securities brokers for more than a century in association with the Riggs and Glover families.

Robert V. Fleming rose from runner to president of Riggs National Bank and became very influential in Washington City development. Also recognized as a national and international financial expert.

Colonel Peter Force, historian, editor, publisher and Mayor of Washington, he was a powerful factor in the city's early life. He published The National Journal, John Quincy Adams' political organ and his 9-volume series of "American Archives" covering the years 1774-76 contain all important national historical documents of that period. His personal collection of rare Americana now in the Library of Congress is a constant source of information for researchers and consists of some 60,000 items.

Julius Garfinckel, founder, owner and directing head of Julius Garfinckel & Co. for many years. He created a mercantile establishment of the highest quality which has become a national institution under his able leadership and which is a distinct contribution to Washington's business community.

Gilbert Grosvenor, editor, director and president of the National Geographic Magazine. Son-in-law of Alexander Graham Bell. Winner of many national and international awards in recognition of his many accomplishments.

Gruver and Kline Families. Together these families subdivided and developed with residential units many sections of the City of Washington, specializing in low and medium income housing.

Gude Family. There are 23 members of this prominent Washington family buried in various sections of the cemetery, including the founders of the floral and nursery business.

John Marshall Harlan, Sr. Associate Justice, U. S. Supreme Court and father of John Marshall Harlan, Jr., who also served later in that Court. The Harlan family included Miss Laura Harlan, one of the earliest and a very successful woman real estate broker specializing in high grade residential properties.

Robert Lee Haycock, Superintendent of D. C. School System. He began his teaching career as a graded school teacher and quickly became school principal and assistant superintendent of the D. C. Industrial Home School. After serving some years as supervising principal of the 3rd Division he was appointed assistant superintendent of the entire system and finally served as Superintendent until he retired. His brother William Hunter Haycock was assistant city Postmaster and is buried nearby.

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Christian Heurich, immigrant from Germany who brought with him only his skills as a brewmeister which he turned into a most successful Washington enterprise. With the wealth he amassed he built a number of the early apartment houses in the city and he built a magnificent mansion which is now preserved as the home of the Columbia Historical Society. Upon the disposition of his suburban farm in Prince George's County his beautiful mausoleum was removed to Rock Creek Cemetery.

John Hines (Johannes Heintz) participated in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. In 1773 he went to Germany and returned with 273 German immigrants with whom he brought in 40 stand of arms used later in the Revolutionary War in which he served in the 1st Maryland Brigade under Captain Henry Gaither. He was the father of Christian Hines the author of "Early Recollections of Washington City" which became the basis of much subsequent historical writing about the District of Columbia.

William Beale Hibbs, founder and guiding spirit of the banking and brokerage firm of W. B. Hibbs & Co. As a full member of the New York and Washington Stock Exchanges he handled many of the financial transactions involved in development of the city and was regarded as the chief figure in such affairs. His memorial mausoleum is an architectural gem.

William Hitt. Wealthy resident whose memorial is an excellent example of artistry.

Anthony Holmead. One of the principal landowners with whom President Washington negotiated in laying out the City. He was one of the signers of the 1791 agreement of assurances which substantially became the land-title basis of the District of Columbia. His land at 19th Street and Boundary Avenue (Florida) was the first publicly owned burial ground within the city boundaries. At the time Holmead's Cemetery was authorized by special act of the City Council, it was noted in the Washington Gazette issue of March 3, 1798 that the only other cemetery available for public use was at Rock Creek far out in the County of Washington. Later, about 1860, Holmead, his family and the remains of many other persons buried in Holmead's Cemetery were transferred to Rock Creek Cemetery.

Carlton Bailey Hurst, Consul General of the United States.

Stilson Hutchins. Founder and publisher of the Washington Post daily newspaper.

Charles Francis Jenkins. Inventor. Pioneer in television. His extensive biography in Radio's 100 Men of Science is captioned "Put pictures on the air". In 1893 he produced a device which was the forerunner of the motion picture projector. By 1932 he had developed wireless transmission of pictures and introduced the then far advanced new principle of mechanical scanners making possible present day television.

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Samuel H. Kauffmann. Co-owner and publisher of the Washington Star newspaper. The family burial site is embellished by a beautiful memorial by William Ordway Partridge in which a bronze figure of "Memory" is seated in a granite exedra, decorated with a bas-relief having as its subject Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man". On a semi-detached pedestal stands a classic bronze funeral urn.

Oliver Hudson Kelley. Founder of "The Grange" for the patrons of husbandry.

William Fitch Kelley. American Consul at Rome, Italy.

James R. Kirkland, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia; former Assistant U. S. Attorney; Vestryman for many years of Rock Creek Parish.

Henry and Lester Lansburgh. Founders, owners and managers of the large department store in downtown Washington known as Lansburgh & Bro. Together they won a high reputation in the local community not only for their business ability but also for their many philanthropic activities and other public services.

John B. Lerner. Banker and founder of Washington Loan & Trust Company.

Irwin Laughlin. Diplomat, Ambassador.

Levi Zeigler Leiter, Merchant. Born in 1834 in the little community of Leitersburg, Maryland in the Blue Ridge Mountains, he made his fortune as a successful Chicago merchant. In 1881 he sold out to his partner and the firm became the well-known Marshall Field & Co. Leiter made his Washington home at Dupont Circle. He died in 1904 and is buried here with his wife.

The sarcophagus is one of the most beautiful works of art in Rock Creek Cemetery and is made of Carrara marble. The sealed glass enclosure was installed in recent years to protect the stone. Of particular interest is the scene in bas relief depicting the Last Supper.

George Lemon. Founder and Publisher of the National Tribune, the political organ of the President Andrew Jackson.

The Lenthall - King - Stone Burial Site. Here and just to the west in an underground vault are buried member of three illustrious families which figured prominently in the early years of the establishment of our nation's capital, and indeed throughout most of the 19th century.

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a. John Lenthall (1762-1808) was Clerk of the Works of the U.S. Capitol after 1803, and closely associated with the architect, Benjamin Latrobe, appointed by President Jefferson. He was killed in 1808 when the archway leading to the old Supreme Court chamber, just below the old Senate chamber, collapsed. Ironically Lenthall had predicted just such a catastrophe. His wife, Jane King Lenthall, is buried here.

b. Nicholas King (1771-1812), Lenthall's brother-in-law, in the late 1790's was a surveyor employed by the first Federal City Commissioners. He also was the designer of Samuel Davidson's estate "Evermay" in Georgetown currently owned by the Peter Belins. In 1803 he was appointed Surveyor of the City of Washington by President Jefferson. Nicholas King was a member of the City Council. Instrumental in retaining L'Enfant's original city plans, King was also distinguished for compiling maps of the Louisiana Territory and prepared the maps based upon the Lewis and Clark Expedition. His wife, Margaretta Gantt, also is buried here.

c. Robert King, Jr. (1775-1851), Nicholas' brother compiled the second map of the City of Washington to be engraved - published in 1818, which defined all public lands. Robert served as the official City Surveyor, 1812-1813, and again from 1815 to 1817, and was principal draftsman in the General Land Office 1812-1831.

d. William J. Stone (1798-1865) married Elizabeth Jan Lenthall, the daughter of John Lenthall. Stone was an expert engraver, working largely for the Government, engraving maps and drawings on copperplate, and was commissioned in 1823 to engrave on copper a facsimile of the original Declaration of Independence. Stone retired in 1840, devoting himself to the arts - collecting rare books and taking up the study of sculpture.

e. Elizabeth J. Stone (1804-1892) was also a capable engraver - in 1828 she executed the only engraving of a map of Washington known to have been done by a woman. This was based on surveys made by her uncles, Nicholas and Robert King Jr.

Mrs. Stone had a devoted attachment to Rock Creek Church, presenting many memorial gifts during her lifetime, including stained glass windows, a pipe organ, Communion silver and an alms basin still in use.

She and her sister, Mary King Lenthall, who is also buried here, established the Lenthall Home in 1883, a forerunner of the present Episcopal Home.

f. Robert King Stone (1822-1872), son of Elizabeth J. and William J. Stone, a prominent Washington doctor, who served as Lincoln's family physician, is buried elsewhere in this cemetery.

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Lenthall Home. Old cemetery abandoned and all remains removed to Rock Creek Cemetery many years ago.

John C. Letts. Founder and proprietor of Local Sanitary Grocery Store chain.

Abram Lisner. Founder and sole proprietor of an early department store known as the Palais Royal which catered to the customers for the highest quality attire. He became quite wealthy and shared that wealth among numerous local charities, including the Lisner Home. The store was located at 11th and G Streets and was merged into Woodward & Lothrop's downtown store as its North Building.

Lovering Family. Burials in 1791.

Arthur MacArthur. Associate justice of the old Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and author of "MacArthur Reports" covering all of that court's decisions during his tenure. The judge and his wife are the grand' parents of General of the Armies Douglass MacArthur, whose parents, Douglass and Amelia MacArthur, are buried in a nearby grave site. (Sec. 6)

Samuel Magruder. Justice of the Peace; Lt. of Volunteers, French and Indian Wars; 2nd Major, Maryland Military in Revolutionary War; Inspector of Tobacco in Rock Creek Parish, Province of Maryland.

George Maulsby, Medical Director, U. S. Navy.

McCormick-Goodhart Family. Ancestors were early 1800 settlers in Prince George's County.

Hugh McCulloch. Comptroller of the Currency and Secretary of the U.S. Treasury.

Allison Naylor, Jr. Large landowner. Donor of Naylor Medal each year to winning high school cadet company.

Noyes Family. Crosby S. Noyes bought the Washington Star newspaper in 1867 and Theodore Noyes, Frank B. Noyes and Newbold Noyes carried on the publication for over 100 years.

Thomas Nelson Page. Author of many well known books and U.S. Ambassador to Italy during World War I.

John Frederick Parker. Captain, U.S. Navy. 2nd Governor American Samoa.

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David Andrew Pine. Judge, U.S. District Court for District of Columbia and U. S. Attorney for District of Columbia.

Presbyterian Home. Special area set aside for deceased members, including early graves transferred from an abandoned cemetery.

John Clagett Proctor. Historian; Chronicler of Columbia Historical Society; Editor-in-chief 4 volume "Washington - Past and Present".

George W. and Elisha Riggs. Co-founders of the Riggs National Bank of Washington which has had tremendous financial influence on the business and cultural life of the city for more than a century.

Daniel C. Roper. Secretary, U. S. Department of Commerce, during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Herbert J. and William E. Shannon. These brothers were outstanding leaders in the real estate development of the City of Washington and its suburbs. Herbert formed the firm of Shannon & Luchs which planned and built thousands of homes in the northwest section of the city, notably in Saul's Addition, Glover Park, Burleith and Foxhall, while William formed the firm of Middaugh & Shannon which planned and built Michigan Park, Woodley, Massachusetts Avenue Park and the suburban area of Bradley Hills.

Elie Sheetz, manufacturer of the nationally famous "Martha Washington" candy.

Alexander Shepherd. Last Governor of City of Washington. During his administration many of the muddy roadways of the city were paved with curbs, gutters and sidewalks and numerous other vital improvements were made.

Allan Arthur Sherlock. Many time decorated World War II hero who served in both Canadian and United States air forces.

Samuel Harrison Smith. Founder and publisher of the National Intelligencer, first published in 1800 and was the official organ of Presidents Jefferson, Madison and Monroe. Member of the first City Council of Washington in 1802.

Thomas Somerville. Founder and many years operator of a large wholesale plumbing supply business and brick making plant which provided much employment opportunities for local residents as well as quality materials for thousands of local structures.

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Sidney Augustus Staunton. Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.

Edward J. Stellwagen. Organized and served as president for many years of the Union Trust Company.

David Steuger. One of the early burials (1802).

Harlan Fiske Stone, Jurist. Born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire in 1872. Educated at Amherst and Columbia Law School. Member of New York City Bar. Dean of Columbia Law School, 1910-1924. March 1924 appointed by President Coolidge as Attorney General of the United States. In 1925 he was named Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Stone Chief Justice. He died in 1946 and is buried here with his wife.

Sgt. Abram Swartwout. Sergeant, Company D, 3rd Infantry.

Charles H. and Lida R. Tompkins. Both Charles and Lida Tompkins were distinguished civil engineers who together built over 500 large structures in the Washington area, including the American Red Cross Memorial Building; Dalecarlia Reservoir; National Security Agency complex; National Guard Armory; Central Intelligence Agency; Robert A. Taft Memorial; U. S. Capitol East Front extension; U. S. Courthouse for D. C.; White House East Wing and Tunnel; National Institute of Health; etc., and patentee of concrete distribution system which revolutionized large building construction techniques.

Mary Tunnecliff. Buried in 1798.

Willis Van Devanter. Associate Justice U. S. Supreme Court.

Serafino Velati. Original maker of the famous candy known as "Velati's Caramels". He and his family maintained this very successful local enterprise for many years and now are entombed in the beautiful lakeside mausoleum.

Charles B. Waite. Jurist. Appointed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862 as Associate Justice of the U. S. Territorial Court of Utah. His wife, Catharine Van Valkenburg was a lawyer, editor and publisher. She was active in all movements for advancement of her sex. In 1888 she was president of the Woman's International Bar Association.

Charles D. Walcott. Famous geologist and long time Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Benjamin H. Warder. Founder of company now known as McCormick Reaper Company. Bronze sarcophagus is an excellent work of art.

Sumner Welles. Diplomat, Undersecretary of State.

Alfred A. Wheat. Chief Judge, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He previously served as Acting Solicitor General of the United States under President Herbert Hoover.

Elinor White (buried 1798, age 89 years) and husband.

J. White (buried 1801)

William Windom. Member of U. S. Senate and House of Representatives and Secretary of the U. S. Treasury.

Stanton L. Wormley. Burial site owned by Dr. Wormley for use of his family, whose ancestors owned and operated the Wormley Hotel formerly located at 15th and H Streets, N. W. and frequented by all of the important visitors to the city as well as well-to-do residents. Dr. Wormley was Dean of Men and Acting President of Howard University prior to his retirement. He comes from a long line of educators, one of whom was Mary Wormley, a member of a small group of women who inaugurated a school for Negroes.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 84.209 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 819 and 821 in Square 3319, lot 2 in Square 2207, and parcels 11/15, 11/16, 11/19, 11/33. The tract is polygonal in shape. It abuts New Hampshire Avenue on the west, Webster Street on the south, Rock Creek Church Road on the southeast and North Capitol Street on the east.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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Tanya Beauchamp, Architectural Historian

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DATE

Planning Commission Historic Preservation Office

April 5, 1977

STREET & NUMBER National Capital Planning Commission

TELEPHONE

1325 G Street, N.W.

382-6605

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Washington

District of Columbia

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Department of Housing and Community
Development

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rock Creek Church Yard &
Churchyard

WASH., D.C.

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: _____

Action: ACCEPT _____

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification _____

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

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Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description _____

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
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- boundary selection

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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, District of Columbia

DATE RECEIVED: 2/17/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/03/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77001498

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: Y

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/24/2010 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional documentation establishes the national significance of Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery (in conjunction with the associated St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Adams Memorial).

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept additional documentation
REVIEWER Patrick Andrews DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 3/24/2010

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery
Washington, District of Columbia
April 1977
D.C./NCPC Historic Preservation Office
View of church from southeast. Boardman
memorial, "Journey Through Life"

by James Earle Fraser, in foreground
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Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery
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Tanya Beauchamp, Photographer
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Early graves in Rock Creek Church Yard

at west side of church
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STATE ARCHIVES
HENRY MARTIN
BORN MAY 1, 1861
DIED JULY 10, 1901

Rock Creek Church Yard and Cemetery
Washington, District of Columbia
April 1977
D.C./NCPC Historic Preservation Office
View of Cemetery looking north from

church. Warder Sarcophagus at left.
Photo No. 346

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View of Cemetery looking northeast

from rear of church
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View of Cemetery looking northeast

from south of church, Heurich Mausoleum
second from right
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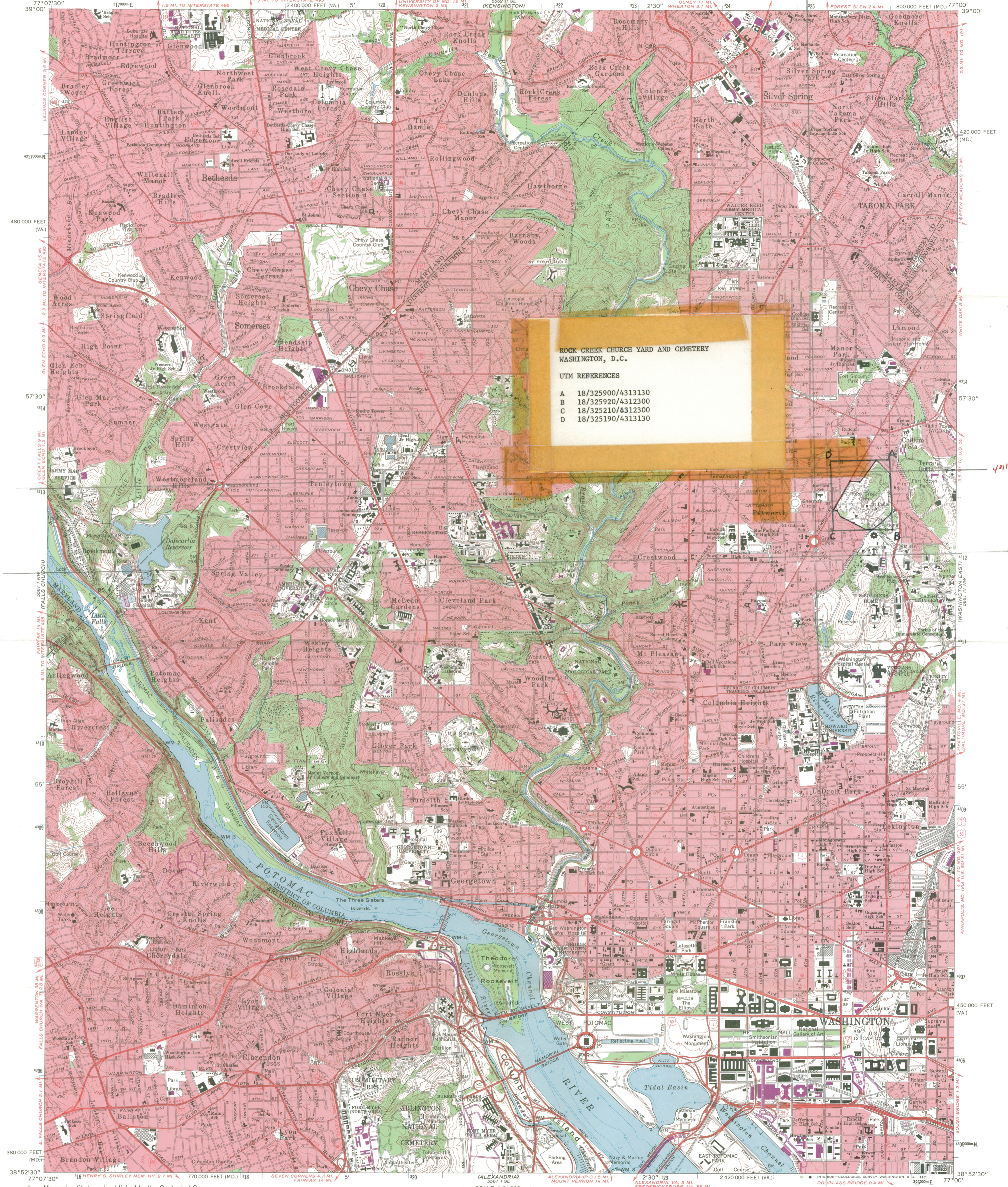


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View of Cemetery looking northwest

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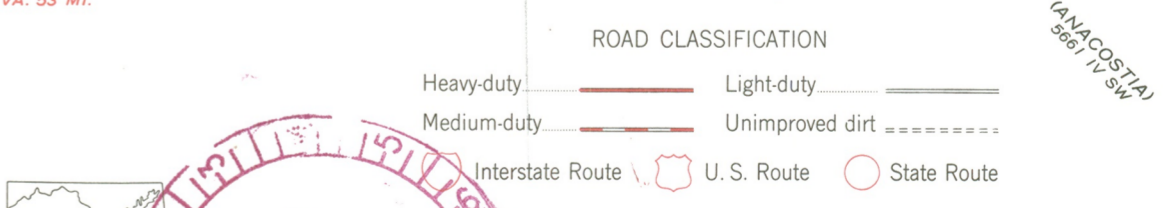
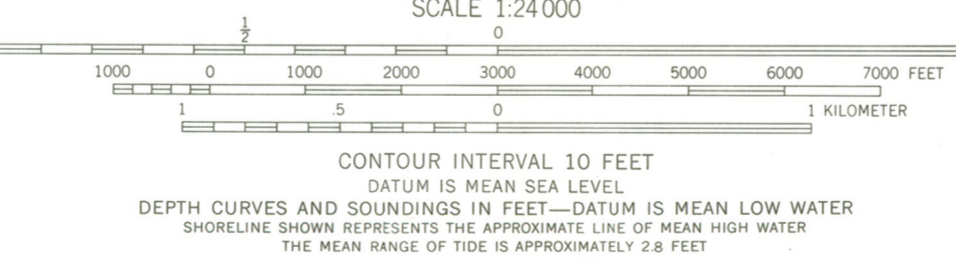
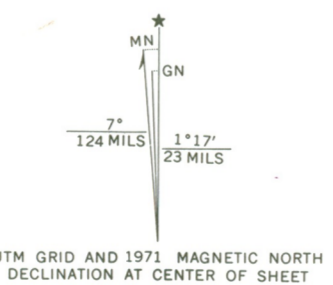


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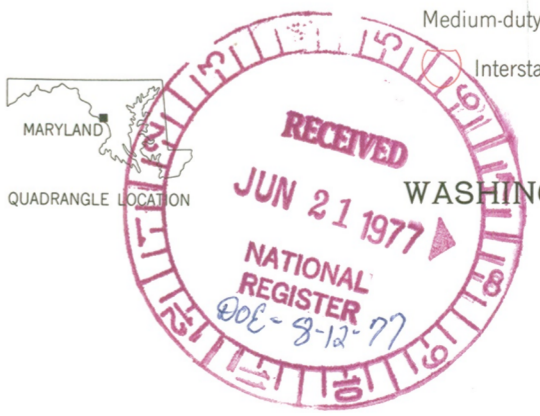
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