

Survey No. AA857

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DORSETT CEMETERY

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 3843 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE ROAD \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE \_\_\_ vicinity of 4th congressional district

state MARYLAND county ANNE ARUNDEL CO.

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
___ building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational ___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: CEMETERY

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name MRS GEORGE MACKEY

street & number 3843 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE ROAD telephone no.:

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE MD state and zip code 21035

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 946

street & number SOUTH STREET folio 253

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD 21401

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input 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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The cemetery is located in woods approximately 2,000 feet south of Queen Anne Bridge Road at the western edge of the Mackey property. It is extremely overgrown. Five headstones and one broken stone from a vault were located. The entire cemetery is enclosed with a wrought-iron fence. It is 54 feet by 41 feet. The gate has stylized clover design with "Dorsett" in the middle. The fence consists of 16 small spikes between larger posts with a stylized urn top. The headstones are oriented to the east, and are all made of marble. Numbers 1-3 are in one row, and 4 and 5 are to the east of them.

The following is a description of the markers and their inscriptions:

1. Headstone is two feet high and 18 inches wide. The rounded top section has a bas relief of a willow tree in the center, an urn on a pedestal on the right side, and an ark-of-the-covenant type design on the left. The stone is in excellent condition. The inscription is:

""In Memory of  
Harriet Dorsett,  
Wife of Thos. J. Dorsett.  
Born Sept. 7, 1807,  
Died March 4, 1898.  
"Blessed are the dead who die in the  
Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they  
rest from their labours.""

The footstone has a rounded top and is one foot wide and four inches high. The inscription is the initials, "H.D."

2. The headstone is the same design as #1 above. It is two feet, two inches high and 18 inches wide. The inscription is:

""In Memory of  
Thomas J. Dorsett  
Who died  
April 7, 1847,  
Aged 42 Years.  
"Let me die the Death of the  
righteous & let my last end  
be like his."

Nos. 23 Chap. 10 verse."

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	DAVIDSONVILLE SURVEY TEAM		
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organization	DAVIDSONVILLE AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION	date	04/13/85
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street & number	1521 THEMES DRIVE	telephone	798-6145
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city or town	DAVIDSONVILLE	state	MD 21035
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The footstone has a rounded top and is ten inches high and one foot wide. It is inscribed with the initials, "T.J.D."

3. The headstone is rounded with a willow tree in the center. Following the contour of the top are the words, "In Memory of." The inscription below is as follows:

"William B. Dorsett  
Died Sept. 14, 1856,  
In the 21<sup>st</sup> Year  
of his age.  
"Passed from death into life.""

The top of the footstone is rounded, and along the top edge are the initials, "W.B.D." It is one foot wide and 13 inches high.

4. The top of the headstone is rounded with the words, "In Memory of," following the contour of the top. In the center was a design, but it has deteriorated beyond recognition. The inscription is as follows:

"John D. Dorsett  
who died  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 1850  
Aged 3 yrs 6 mos  
& 25 days.  
Lovely & inter-  
esting in Life  
he has gone to  
that Savior  
who declared  
that of such is  
the Kingdom  
of heaven"

The headstone is two feet high and one foot wide. The footstone is 18 inches high and 6½ inches wide. It has the initials, "J.D.D." inscribed on it. It was found outside the fenced area.

5. The headstone is rounded with what appears to have been a rose relief in the center. The headstone is 16 inches high and 13 inches wide. The inscription is:

""In Memory of  
Arthur  
Infant son of  
T.J. & Mary E. Dorsett  
Who  
Departed this life  
August 5<sup>th</sup> 1857,  
Aged  
8 months & 21 days.""

No footstone was found.

6. Seven pieces of a large marker were found and pieced together, but all the pieces were not located. It was 34 inches wide. Only thirty-six inches of the length were located. It has double-beveled edges. The following is part of the inscription:

""...and Francis Hawkins [Dorsett]  
...[s] on T.J. and H Dorsett

....Hawkins Dorsett ...27 Nov. ...mos & 8 days.	Amelia Jane Dorsett departed this Life 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep. 1830 aged 8 yrs 3 mo & 11 day
...ldren and ...to me... Amen."	forbid them not. such is the Kingdom Math. 19 C. IIV.""

Nearby, evidence of a brick vault was found.

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Infant son of  
T.J. & Mary E. Dorsett  
Who  
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August 5th 1857,  
Aged  
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...[s] on T.J. and H Dorsett

<i>departs this 1892</i>	<p>....Hawkins Dorsett ...27 Nov. ...mos &amp; 8 days.</p>	<p>Amelia Jane Dorsett departed this Life 23rd Sep. 1830 aged 8 yrs 3 mo &amp; 11 day</p>
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<i>Suffer little ch...ldren and to come 33</i>	<p>U.N. to me... Amen." for</p>	<p>forbid them not. such is the Kingdom Math. 19 C. IIV.""</p>
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Nearby, evidence of a brick vault was found.

*Pencilled parts were stones  
uncovered 4 Months later  
When someone cleared cemetery.*