

**Dent Family Cemetery**  
**CH-682**  
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**Public**

**1840-1867**

The Dent Family Cemetery is located on the western boundary of Gilbert Run Park. Most stones are carved of limestone and include only initials. The majority date to the mid-19th century and are characterized by either an ornately carved crest or a simple rounded crest. The Dent Family Cemetery is indicative of the burial customs of Charles County citizens during the mid-19th century. Common elements found here include its location on high ground overlooking a creek bed, and typical tablets with little to no ornamentation. The Dents were a prominent family in the area.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-682

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dent Family Cemetery  
other

### 2. Location

street and number Gilbert Run Park  not for publication  
city, town Dentsville  vicinity  
county Charles

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

name Charles County Commissioners  
street and number 200 Baltimore Street telephone 301-645-0550  
city, town LaPlata state MD zip code 20646

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 57 p.7  
city, town LaPlata liber unkno folio

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered                 |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dent Family Cemetery is located on the western boundary of Gilbert Run Park. More specifically, the site can be found at the crest of a wooded hill next to a cleared field overlooking Gilbert Run Lake. A mid-20th century gambrel roof barn stands nearby. The cemetery includes 7 visible stones. Most stones are carved of limestone and include only initials. The majority date to the mid-19th century and are characterized by either an ornately carved crest or a simple rounded crest. Many have been broken, turned over or disrupted by overgrowth and vermin. A very large mangled and overgrown cedar stands at the site.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1840-1867	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1840-1867		

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Dent Family Cemetery is indicative of the burial customs of Charles County citizens during the mid-19th century. Common elements found here include its location on high ground overlooking a creek bed, and typical tablets with little to no ornamentation. The Dents were a prominent family in the area. Nearby Dentsville, a 19th century crossroads, village was named for this family who had extensive landholdings in the immediate area. Nearby Dent's Palace (CH-40) is also associated with the Dent family.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 173.18

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Dent Family Cemetery is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 52, Grid 2, Parcel 7.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept.

date 4/24/01

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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## DENT AND LAWSON GRAVES AT "DENTS INHERITANCE"

Left on Route 232, Dentsville  
One mile, third driveway on right, behind house 2/10 mile  
overlooking Gilbert Run Lake  
6 tombstones  
Transcribed by Margaret Langley

## DENT

In memory of B. Cecelia, daughter of Jos. O. and Drucilla C.  
Dent died July 6, 1860, aged 1 yr., 11 mos. and 6 days, Little  
Cecelia thou hast left us, we thy loss most deeply feel, but tis  
God that has bereft us, he cann all our sorrows heal

In memory of Benjamin F. Dent died Mar. 21, 1858, aged 19 yrs  
and 9 mos.

In memory of Cecelia, wife of Jos. C. Dent, born Oct. 2nd 1839,  
died Aug. 14, 1850 Oh lead me to that Savior fly, whost arm alone  
can save, then shall my hopes ascend on high and triumph o'er the grave

In memory of James C. Dent who died January 10th 1841 aged 28 yrs,  
5 months leaving a loving wife, child, an aged father, brothers  
and sisters to mourn their loss, Christ took him, he thought best

To the memory of Theophilus Dent, son of Gideon Dent, born Oct. 22,  
1778, died Nov. 15, 1867, aged 89 yrs. and 24 days leaving a host  
of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, may he rest in peace

## LAWSON

In memory of Martha, consort of John B.L. Lawson who departed this  
life Sept. 24th 1840, aged 70 yrs. and 27 days, may she rest in peace



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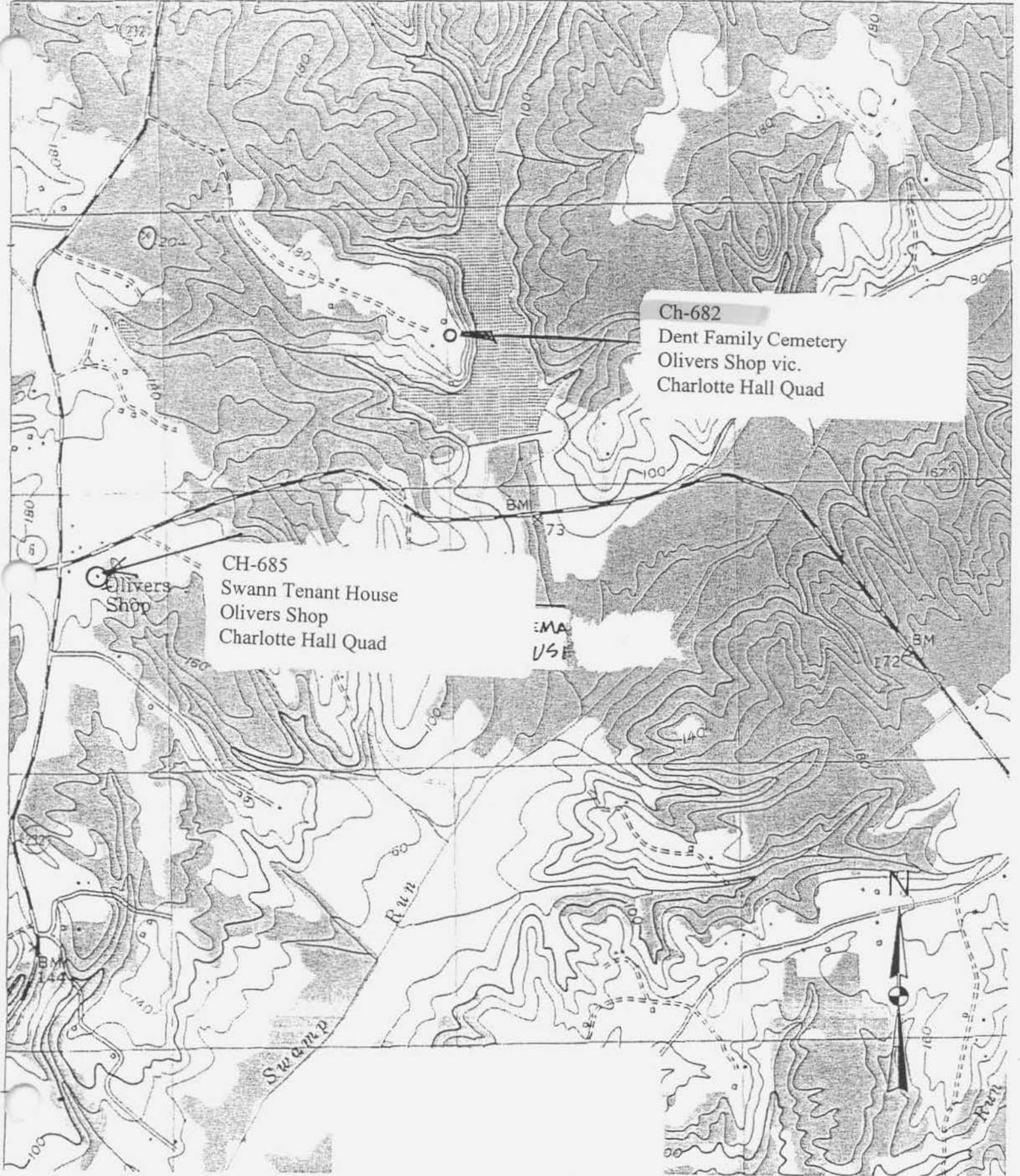
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