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New Market African-American Cemetery

circa 1853

New Market

public

The New Market African American Cemetery, approximately 1 1/3 acres in size, is on the north side of North Alley between Strawberry Alley and Prospect Street in historic New Market. The cemetery holds the graves of two African American Civil War soldiers in addition to approximately seventy grave markers located along north-south lines, facing east or west. Many markers apparently are missing, however. Historically, a church was located on the lot, but it has since been demolished; no above-ground remains are visible. This lot was also the site of a Freedman's Bureau school, in operation from November 1868 to May 1870.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic New Market African-American Cemetery

other _____

2. Location

street and number North Alley, between Strawberry Alley and Prospect Street _____ not for publication

city, town New Market _____ vicinity

county Frederick County

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

name Town of New Market

street and number P.O. Box 27 telephone _____

city, town New Market state MD zip code 21774

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse liber 2102 folio 397

city, town Westminster tax map 801 tax parcel 3844 tax ID number 09-293736

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 at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u> _____ sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

New Market African American Cemetery, approximately 1 1/3 acres in size, is on the north side of North Alley between Strawberry Alley and Prospect Street in historic New Market. Its other three sides are surrounded by trees, beyond which are houses. Approximately seventy grave markers are located along north-south lines, facing east or west, although many markers apparently are missing. Historically, a church and a school were located on the lot, but they both have been demolished; no above-ground remains are visible.

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 type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" 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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	circa 1853	Architect/Builder	N/A
Construction dates	N/A		
Evaluation for:			
<input type="checkbox"/> National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Register	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The New Market African American Cemetery is located on a plot of land on which an African American church and a Freedmen's Bureau-era school also once stood. A deed for land for an African American Methodist Episcopal church was executed in 1853, and the 1858 Isaac Bond map of Frederick County shows a "Ch ME Colored" in New Market on this site. The 1877 *Atlas of Frederick County* shows a colored church and school on the property. No structure is currently standing in the cemetery.

The Freedmen's Bureau school was in operation from November 1868 to May 1870. Trustees included Charles Locks, Ephraim Gathar, Greenbery Chane, Thomas Coats, and George Dorsey.¹ From November 1868 through February 1870, James Russell taught the school, which had an average attendance fluctuating between 9 and 45. He repeatedly told the Freedmen's Bureau that the town's public sentiment about 'colored schools' was gradually improving, reporting in February 1870 that the "majority seems well disposed towards Colored Schools," and commented on the fact that "the pupils show considerable eagerness to acquire knowledge and several walk five miles to school." After May 1870, Phenia Chrisfield was the teacher, and instead of the Freedmen's Association of Baltimore, the school was supported by the Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia. In that month, the average attendance was 18.² No records exist for the school after this time. Among those buried in the cemetery are two United States Colored Troops soldiers. John Williams, born around 1829 in Frederick, was the slave of Harry Dorsey. He enrolled in the 19th Regiment, Company E, on January 1, 1864, along with Robert Williams, possibly his brother, who joined the 7th Regiment, Company H.³ He was promoted to Corporal on January 8, 1866, and mustered out on January 15, 1867.⁴ According to the Slave Claims

¹ Trustees of New Market School to R.M. Janney, March 23, 1868, National Archives, M1906, Roll 6, Screen No. 0752-0753

² Extant Teachers' Monthly School Reports; M1056, Rolls 13-23; *The Freedmen's Bureau Schools of Washington and Frederick Counties, Md.*; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

³ Adjutant General, Civil War Muster Rolls 1860-1867, U.S. Colored Troops (MSA S936-49), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD; Record of Slave Claims Commissions, 1864-66 (Maryland), Record Group 94, Entry 348, National Archives, Washington, DC.

⁴ U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865, <http://www.ancestry.com/>.

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Commission, his owner Dorsey was a known rebel, meaning that Williams might have enlisted without Dorsey's knowledge. However, Dorsey received compensation for both of his former slaves on November 16, 1865. By 1890, Williams was blind in his left eye.⁵

Thomas Peach, the other soldier buried in the cemetery, belonged to the 41st Regiment, Company A. As of the 1850 census, when he was 11, Thomas Peach was a free mulatto living in New Market with a white family (Samuel L. Bunton, 35, farmer; Ruth Bunton, 25; Charles Bunton, 2; Catherine Bunton, 1; and Clarence Bunton, 11 months).⁶ In 1860, he is listed as a 22-year-old mulatto blacksmith living with a white family (J. G. House, 51, blacksmith; Sallie L. House, 58; Frances House, 18, and Marcellus House, 13).⁷ He enrolled on April 5, 1865, and mustered out at Brownsville, Texas, on either December 10, 1865, or March 2, 1868 (available records provide conflicting dates but since he married in New Market in 1867, the 1865 date is probably the correct date for his mustering out).⁸ He married Jemima Luckett on May 28, 1867, lived in New Market, and had four children.⁹ By 1870, when he was listed as a 30-year-old black farm laborer, he had married and set up an independent household (Mima Peach, 20, washing; Mary Peach, 2; Martha Peach, 1; Vannie Luckett, 60 keeping house; and Alice Sewell, 9).¹⁰ The 1880 Census lists him as a 37-year-old blacksmith living with his family (Jermima Peach, 32; Mary E. Peach, 12; Martha Peach, 11; Fannie Peach, 7; Oliver Peach, 3; and Sarah Peach, 11 months). The oldest two daughters had attended school that year, but Thomas and his wife could not read or write.¹¹ Peach died on March 2, 1888. The record of Jemima's death reveals that she received an \$8 monthly pension beginning on July 26, 1890, to support herself and two daughters. She never remarried.¹²

⁵ *United States Federal Census Records*: 1890, New Market, Frederick County, Maryland.

⁶ *United States Federal Census Records*: 1850, New Market, Frederick County, Maryland.

⁷ *United States Federal Census Records*: 1860, New Market, Frederick County, Maryland.

⁸ USCT Service and Pension Records, NARA (DC): widow application 446531, certification 291408, minor application 715032.

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¹⁰ *United States Federal Census Records*: 1870, New Market, Frederick County, Maryland.

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9. Major Bibliographical References Inventory No. F-5-164

"The Freedmen's Bureau Schools of Washington and Frederick Counties, Md.," compiled by Brewer Kathleen Thompson, Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, vol. 2, appendix C; Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group 105, Extant Teacher's Monthly School Reports, National Archives, microfilm M1056, Rolls 13-23.

Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group 105, Registered Letters Received, January-September 1870, Bureau of the Superintendent of Education for the District of Columbia, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872, National Archives, microfilm M1096, Roll 6.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1.37 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>1.37 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Walkersville</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title			
organization	The Catoctin Center for Regional Studies	date	09/04/2009
street & number	7932 Opossumtown Pike	telephone	301-624-2773
city or town	Frederick	state	MD

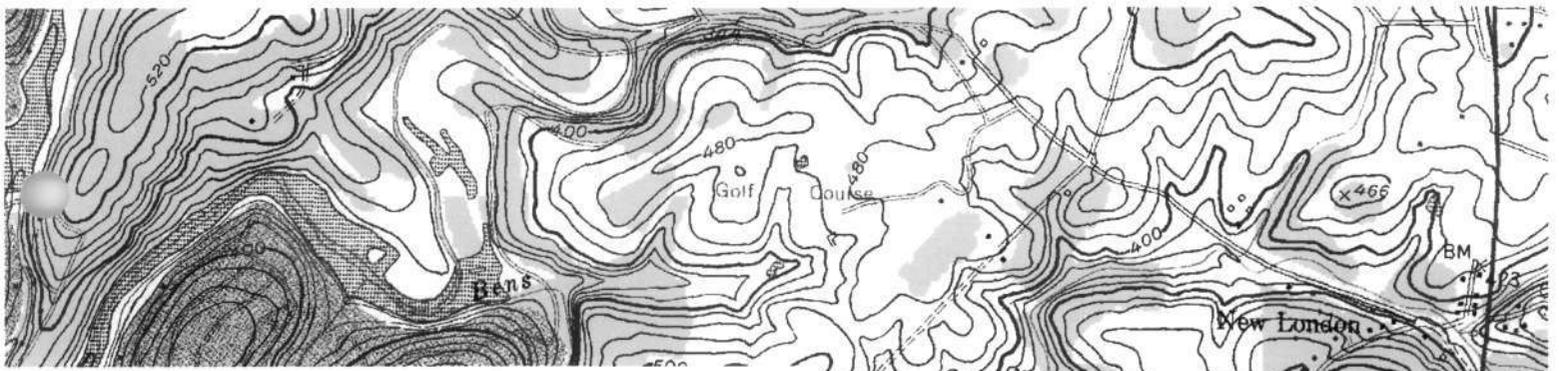
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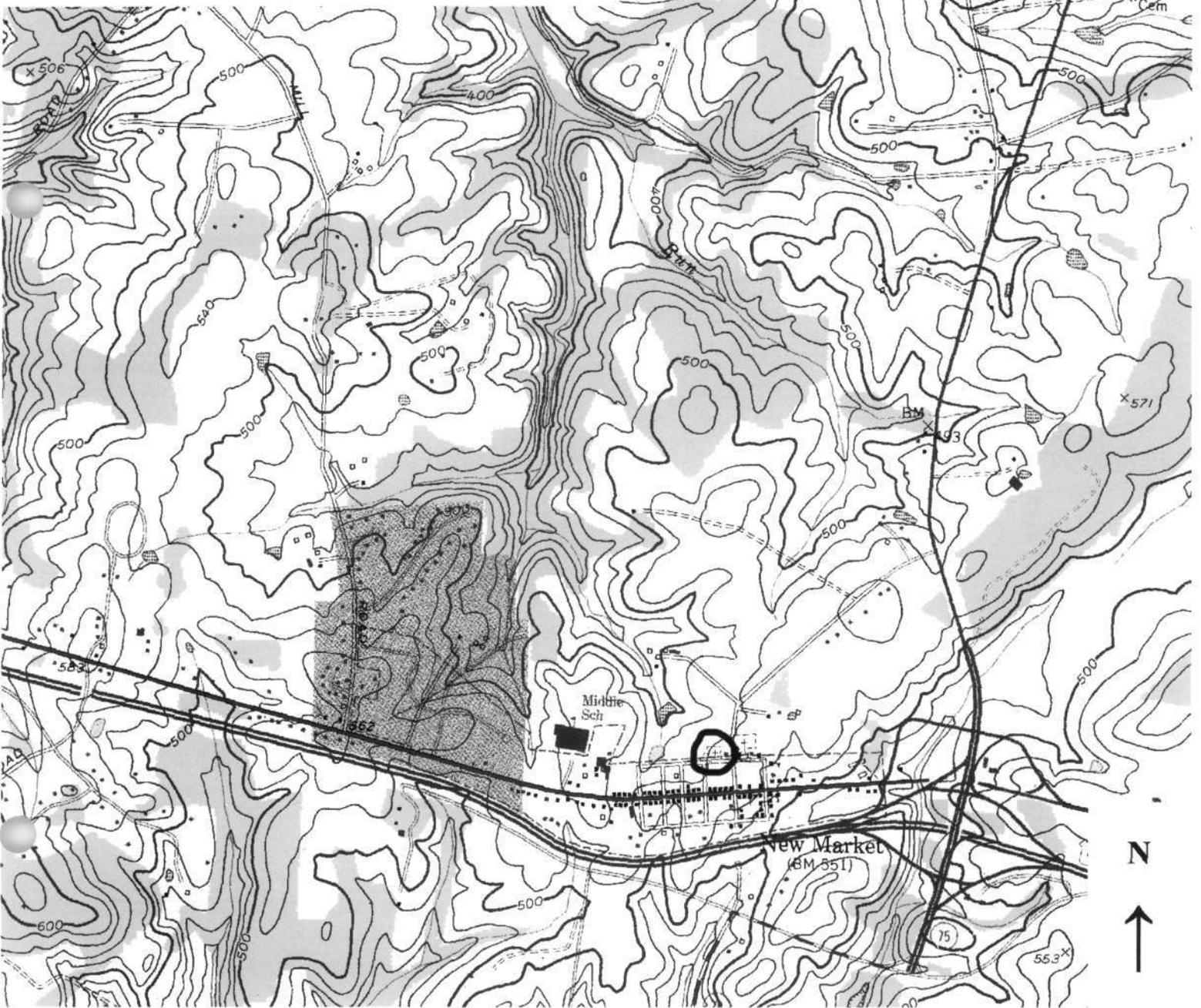
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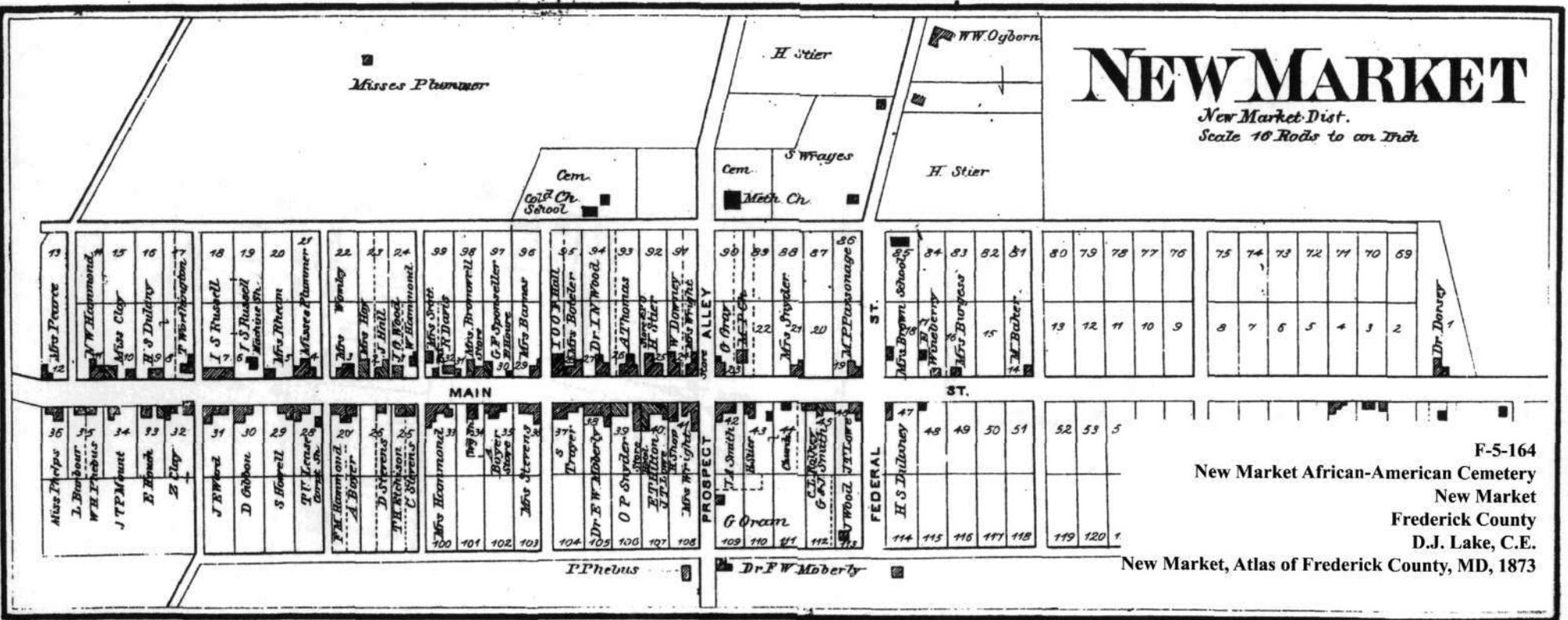


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New Market African-American Cemetery
New Market
Frederick County
U.S.G.S. Map, Walkersville, MD
1:24000 Scale



NEW MARKET

New Market Dist.
Scale 16 Rods to an Inch



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New Market
Frederick County
D.J. Lake, C.E.
New Market, Atlas of Frederick County, MD, 1873

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New Market African-American Cemetery
New Market
Frederick County
D.J. Lake, C.E.
Detail of New Market,
Atlas of Frederick County, MD, 1873

Cem.
Cold Ch.
School

Cem

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New Market African-American Cemetery, North Alley, New

Paula Reed

Market Fred. Co., MD

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NW view

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New Market African-American Cemetery, North Alley, New

Market Fred. Co., MD

Paula Reed

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MDSHPO

NE views

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New Market African-American Cemetery, North Alley

New Market, Fred Co. MD

Paula Reed

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MDSHPO

NW view

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New Market African American Cemetery, North Alley, New

Paula Reed

Market Fred. Co., MD

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MDSHPO

USCT market, E. view

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MR. WILLIAMS
SERV.
1870-1931

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New Market African-American cemetery, North Alley,

Paula Reed

New Market Fred. Co. MD

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MDSHPO

US CT marker

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New Market African-American Cemetery, North Alley,
Paula Reed
New Market Fred. Co., MD

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SE view

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New Market African-American Cemetery, North Alley, New

Paula Reed
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Market, Fred. Co., MD

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US CT marker

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