

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: DeBerry Farm Cemetery Survey Number: G- IV-A-239

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  No  Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The DeBerry Farm Cemetery, associated with the adjacent DeBerry Farm (MHT # G-IV-A-238), relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the area. Toward the end of this period, a writer described Oakland as a commercial town surrounded by rich farming and grazing land. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the early twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center and continued its growth during this period. Most of the visible gravestones in the DeBerry Cemetery date to the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. According to an inscription on the most prominent obelisk within the surrounding fence, this cemetery was remodeled in 1931.

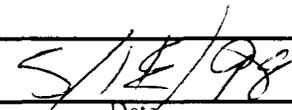
Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

 5/12/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

DeBerry Farm Cemetery  
G-IV-A-239  
West side, MD 219, near DeBerry Lane  
Oakland Vicinity  
1880 - 1906  
Private

This is a largely overgrown hilltop cemetery which stands near the DeBerry farm complex and about 75 feet east-southeast of Route 219. The cemetery consists of three sections: a rectangular front area encircled by a wire fence, a smaller rectangular area beyond the first section surrounded by a concrete and steel pipe fence, and a third, less well-defined and much more overgrown rectangular area to the rear which is also enclosed with a wire fence. The entire cemetery contains nine visible stones and several more depressions, possibly indicating additional graves. Most of the legible gravestones date from the 1880s, 1890s, and early 1900s, and most are still intact and have not been toppled or vandalized.

The DeBerry Farm Cemetery, associated with the adjacent DeBerry Farm (MHT # G-IV-A-238), relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Most of the visible gravestones in the cemetery date to the late 1800s and early 1900s. According to an inscription on the most prominent obelisk within the surrounding fence, this cemetery was remodeled in 1931.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic

other DeBerry Farm Cemetery

### 2. Location

street & number West side MD 219, near DeBerry Lane \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Gary F. DeBerry and Carolyn M. Pelton

street & number 201 DeBerry Lane telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 72-17-49

city, town Oakland liber and folio 672/850

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

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" 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.

This is a largely overgrown hilltop cemetery which stands near the DeBerry farm complex. It is located approximately 75 feet east-southeast of Route 219. The entire cemetery, which measures roughly 30 feet wide, is rectangular in plan and consists of three sections: a rectangular front area encircled by a wire fence, a smaller rectangular area beyond the first section surrounded by a concrete and steel pipe fence, and a third, less well-defined and much more overgrown rectangular area to the rear which is also enclosed with a wire fence.

A tall white obelisk stands near the center of the front section. The obelisk is inscribed with the following: "The construction and remodeling of this cemetery has been accomplished through the efforts of Paul Gatti from Torino, Italy June 24, 1931." Several large trees dominate this area. Although only one sunken gravestone is visible here, there are four noticeable depressions suggesting the presence of additional graves.

The middle and most prominent portion of the cemetery contains seven visible stones and seven depressions within a rectangular fenced area. These stones include the following: an arch-topped tablet for John Bunyan Brant, d. 1887; an illegible tablet with chamfered edges and a double plinth base; a square-topped stone on a beveled plinth base for Mattie Kathryn Conn, 1863-1890; a scroll-topped tablet on a double plinth base for Georgena C. Sterne Savage, 1861-1893; a square tablet decorated with a heart-shaped motif and resting on a square plinth base for Viola Conn, 1886-1893; a square-topped tablet decorated at one corner with a carved floral motif and resting on a square plinth base for Cora Mae Conn Chambers, 1882-1906; and a square-topped tablet for Hannah Kight, d. 1880. The fence which surrounds this central section of the cemetery is constructed of concrete posts and sills and steel pipe rails.

The southeasternmost portion of the cemetery is heavily overgrown. At least two more gravestones, both of which are illegible, and three more depressions, possibly indicating additional graves, are located in this area. A large tree shades the center of this section. Although this cemetery is heavily overgrown, most of the stones are still intact and have not been toppled or vandalized.

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input 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 checked="" 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** 1880 - 1906      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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).

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:	Western Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930
Historic Period Theme(s):	Religion
Resource Type:	
Category:	Site
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Cemetery
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 100.09 acres  
Acreage surveyed 100.09 acres  
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 49, Map 72, Grid 17

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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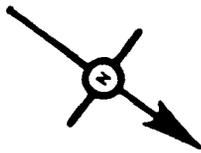
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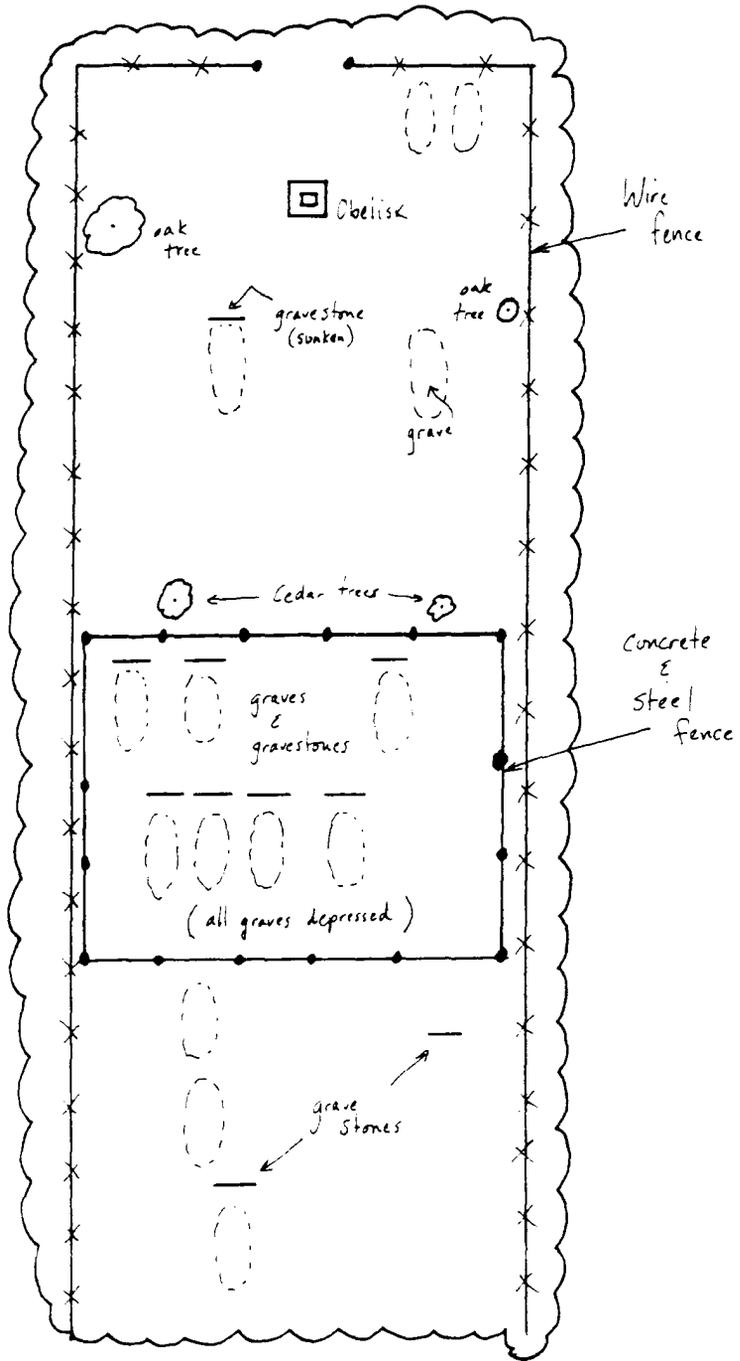
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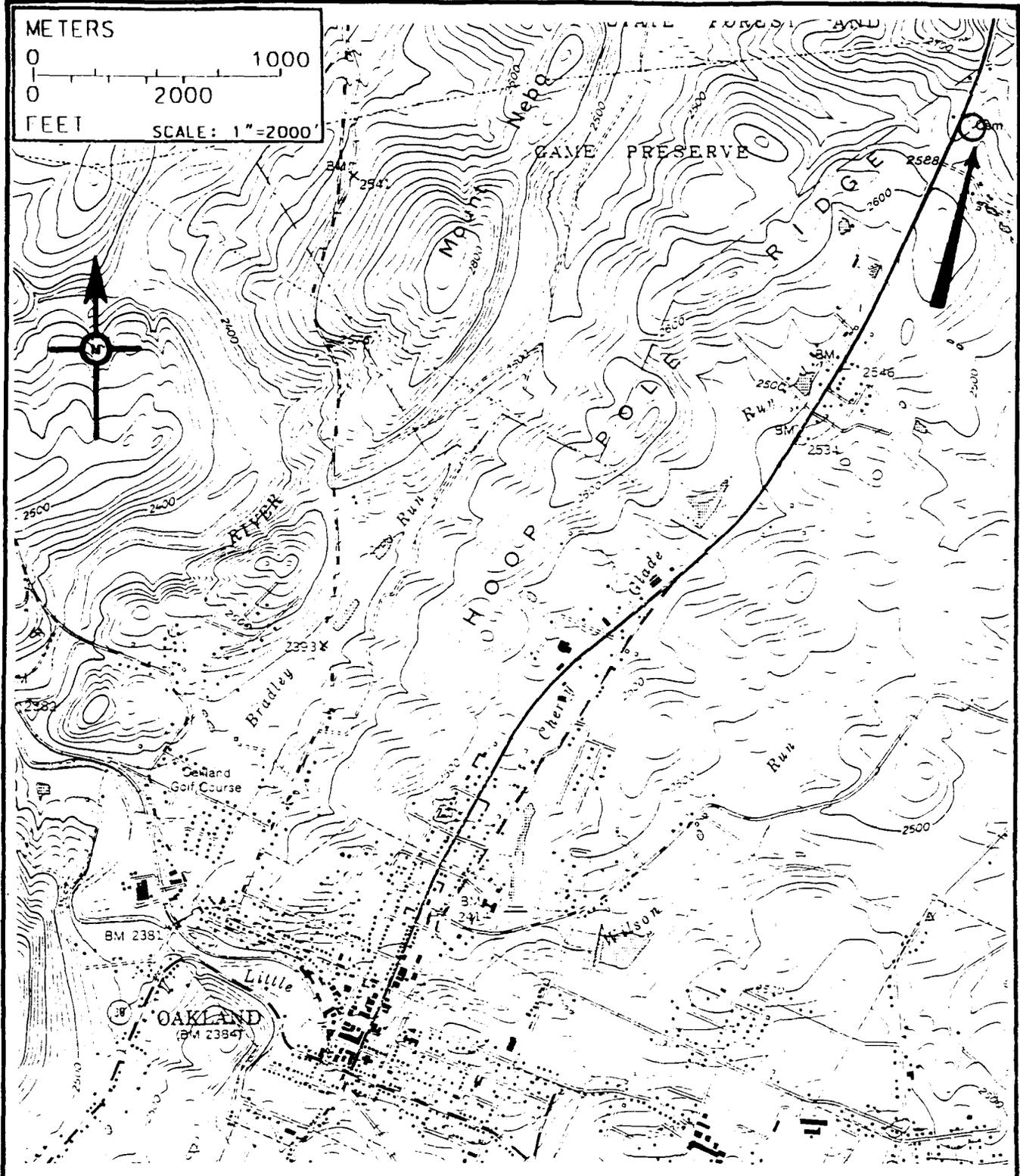
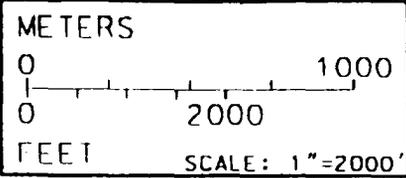
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### Resource Sketch Map

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DeBerry Farm Cemetery  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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DeBerry Farm Cemetery

Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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