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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Seven Pines National Cemetery

other names/site number Virginia Department of Historic Resources File No. 43-755

2. Location

street & number 400 East Williamsburg Road  not for publication N/A

city or town Sandston  vicinity N/A

state Virginia code VA county Henrico code 087 zip code 23150

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Karen Somerville 6/14/95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Federal Preservation Officer Date  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Julie D. Smith 8/25/95  
Signature of commenting or other official/Title VA DEPT. OF HISTORIC RESOURCES Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is	Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register		
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.		
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register		
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.		
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register		
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register		
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain):		

Seven Pines National Cemetery  
Name of Property

Henrico County, Virginia  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
1	0	sites
2	0	structures
2	0	objects
8	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Civil War Era National Cemeteries

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary: Cemetery

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary: Cemetery

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Second Empire

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone, concrete

walls Brick

roof Metal: Tin; Stone: Slate; Asbestos

other Stone: Marble; Metal: Iron; Brick

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Military

**Period of Significance**

1866-1936

**Significant Dates**

1866

1874

1876

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Meigs, Montgomery C.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

Department of Veterans Affairs

Seven Pines National Cemetery  
Name of Property

Henrico County, Virginia  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 1.9

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Therese T. Sammartino, Staff Assistant, National Cemetery System

organization Department of Veterans Affairs date June 13, 1995

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. telephone (202) 565-4895

city or town Washington, D.C. state      zip code 20420

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Department of Veterans Affairs

street & number 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. telephone     

city or town Washington, D.C. state      zip code 20420

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**Seven Pines National Cemetery  
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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

The Seven Pines National Cemetery is located at 400 East Williamsburg Road, Sandston, Virginia, approximately eight miles southeast of Richmond. It can be reached by U.S. Highway No. 60 and Virginia State Highway No. 156. The cemetery is nearly square in shape and is enclosed by a brick wall, extending approximately 1,011 lineal feet, constructed in 1876. The main entry is located at the center of the south side, while a second pedestrian entry is near the lodge at the southeast corner of the grounds. Both were constructed in 1876 and are protected by wrought-iron gates, supported by stone piers. A third gate, 11 feet wide, constructed in 1934, gives access to the utility building. In the center of the cemetery is a circle 32 feet in diameter, upon which a flagpole has been erected.

The cemetery was established on June 27, 1866, and comprises approximately 1.9 acres. The graves were originally marked by headboards, painted white and properly lettered. The boards were later replaced with upright marble markers. Remains were removed from Savage's Station and from farm yards and fields within a four-mile area surrounding the cemetery. As of January 31, 1995, there were 1,130 graves used for the interment of 1,780 casketed remains and 7 sites used for the interment of 11 cremated remains. Of the 1,791 total interments, 1,244 are unknown Civil War soldiers.

The cemetery was officially closed on July 24, 1964; however, interments in occupied graves, as well as interments of cremated remains, continue. As of January 31, 1995, there were no gravesites available for the interment of casketed remains, but there were 5 sites available for cremated remains.

The lodge was constructed in 1874 to replace the frame lodge built when the cemetery was established. It was constructed from a design by Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs and is Second Empire in style. It is an L-shaped brick and stone structure with a tin and slate mansard roof. The main portion is one and one-half stories with dormer windows projecting from the mansard roof. The first floor contains a living room, dining room, kitchen and office. The upper story contains two bedrooms and a bath. The lodge also contains a basement. There is a total of 1,501 square feet of living space. The windows on the first story are six over six double-hung sash, while the upper-story windows have glass louvers. In 1936, an enclosed porch was constructed to the rear of the lodge.

A brick and concrete utility building with comfort station, 33 feet 4 inches by 22 feet 3 inches, was constructed in 1934 northeast of the lodge. Its roof is clad with asbestos shingles.

A brick and concrete gasoline storage building was constructed in 1936 near the northeast corner of the cemetery. Its roof is clad with asbestos shingles.

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

There is a monument near the flagpole, 7 feet 6 inches in height, made of an original cast iron seacoast artillery tube, secured by a concrete base. The inscription on the cast bronze plaque affixed to the monument reads as follows:

United States  
National Military Cemetery  
Seven Pines  
Established June 27th, 1866  
Interments 1357  
Known 150  
Unknown 1207

Records regarding this monument focus on its size and the inscription on the bronze plaque affixed to the monument. No information is available as to the name of the manufacturer.

The numbers shown for contributing resources within the property reflect the following:

**Buildings:** Lodge, utility building, gasoline storage building

**Sites:** Cemetery

**Structures:** Gate, perimeter wall

**Objects:** Flagpole, seacoast artillery monument

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**NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Seven Pines National Cemetery is significant under Criteria A and C, and is an important component of the multiple property submission of Civil War Era National Cemeteries. It is significant under Criterion A because of its association with the Civil War and under Criterion C because the lodge represents a distinctive prototypical design by Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs, who was acclaimed as a master architect of civil works projects for the Quartermaster Corps.

The grounds occupy a portion of a battlefield of great significance to the Civil War. Here was fought the Battle of Fair Oaks, better known as the Battle of Seven Pines, from whence the national cemetery derives its name. Great heroism was exemplified by both sides--the one to capture and the other to defend the capital of the Confederacy at Richmond. This capital city was regarded as the symbol of the South, and throughout the conflict, Federal armies made repeated attempts to capture it.

One of the first attempts was made by Major General George B. McClellan when, in the spring of 1862, with the Army of the Potomac, he began his march on the Confederate capital. By the end of May, he was within a few miles of Richmond with his advanced line established at the junction of the Nine Mile Road and the Williamsburg Road. On the morning of May 31, General Joseph E. Johnston, who was in command of the defense of Richmond, attacked McClellan's forces on this front and thus the Battle of Seven Pines began. For two days, the battle was bitterly contested and both sides lost heavily. The battle plan had been sound, but the attack was badly bungled. Directed by vague verbal orders instead of explicit written ones, whole brigades got lost, took the wrong roads, and generally got in each other's way. Nine of the twenty-three attacking brigades never actually got into the fight at all. Towards nightfall, Johnston was severely wounded in the chest and borne from the field. The command then fell to Major General Gustavus W. Smith. Fighting ceased with darkness. Early the next morning, June 1, Smith renewed the attack. The Confederates later withdrew and the battle was over before noon. That afternoon, President Jefferson Davis appointed his chief military advisor, General Robert E. Lee, as commander of the Southern forces. Although the battle itself was indecisive, the casualties were heavy on both sides. The Confederates lost 6,184 in killed, wounded, and missing; the Federals 5,031.

The cemetery derived its name from its proximity to the intersection of Nine Mile Road and Williamsburg Road, which was known as Seven Pines.

The cemetery was established on June 27, 1866, and comprises 1.9 acres. The ground was appropriated by the United States in May 1866. The original site contained some 1.3 acres of land and was formerly owned by Richard Hilliard, who by deed dated April 24, 1867, conveyed the same to the United States in fee simple for the sum of \$134.33. By deed dated May 1, 1873, from Richard Hilliard, and by deed dated September 8, 1875, from James Kelly, additional strips of land were conveyed to the United States at a total cost of \$46.

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Begin at Station 2163 plus 52 on the centerline of the Virginia State Highway's Survey of Route 60; from which a 3/4-inch iron pipe witness driven flush with the ground bears N. 190 degrees 06 minutes East, 18.6 feet distant, and the SE corner of the brick wall of Seven Pines National Cemetery bears N. 4 degrees 50 minutes East, 24.3 feet distant; thence N. 71 degrees 11 minutes west, 303.0 feet along the tangent centerline of the highway to Station 2166 plus 55 on the tangent, this point being the intersection of the tangent centerlines of Route 60 and the Nine Mile Road, from which the SW corner of the brick cemetery wall bears N. 69 degrees 20 minutes East, 35.5 feet; thence N. 17 degrees, 09 minutes East, along the tangent centerline of the Nine Mile Road 270.0 feet to a point from which the NW corner of the brick wall of the Seven Pines National Cemetery bears S. 70 degrees 54 minutes East, 35.5 feet, and an iron pipe witness driven flush with the ground bears S. 70 degrees 54 minutes East, 18.1 feet distant; thence S. 70 degrees 54 minutes East, 311.7 feet to an iron pipe driven flush with the ground for the NE corner of the cemetery property from which the NE corner of the existing brick wall of Seven Pines National Cemetery bears N. 70 degrees 54 minutes West, a distance of 6 feet, thence S. 19 degrees 06 minutes West, along the property line of the Seven Pines National Cemetery parallel to the existing cemetery wall and at 6-foot distance therefrom, 269.0 feet to the point of beginning.

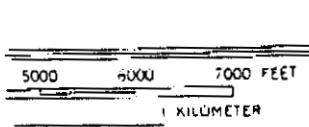
**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The National Cemetery System has used the existing boundaries of the cemetery.





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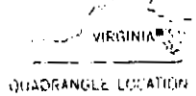
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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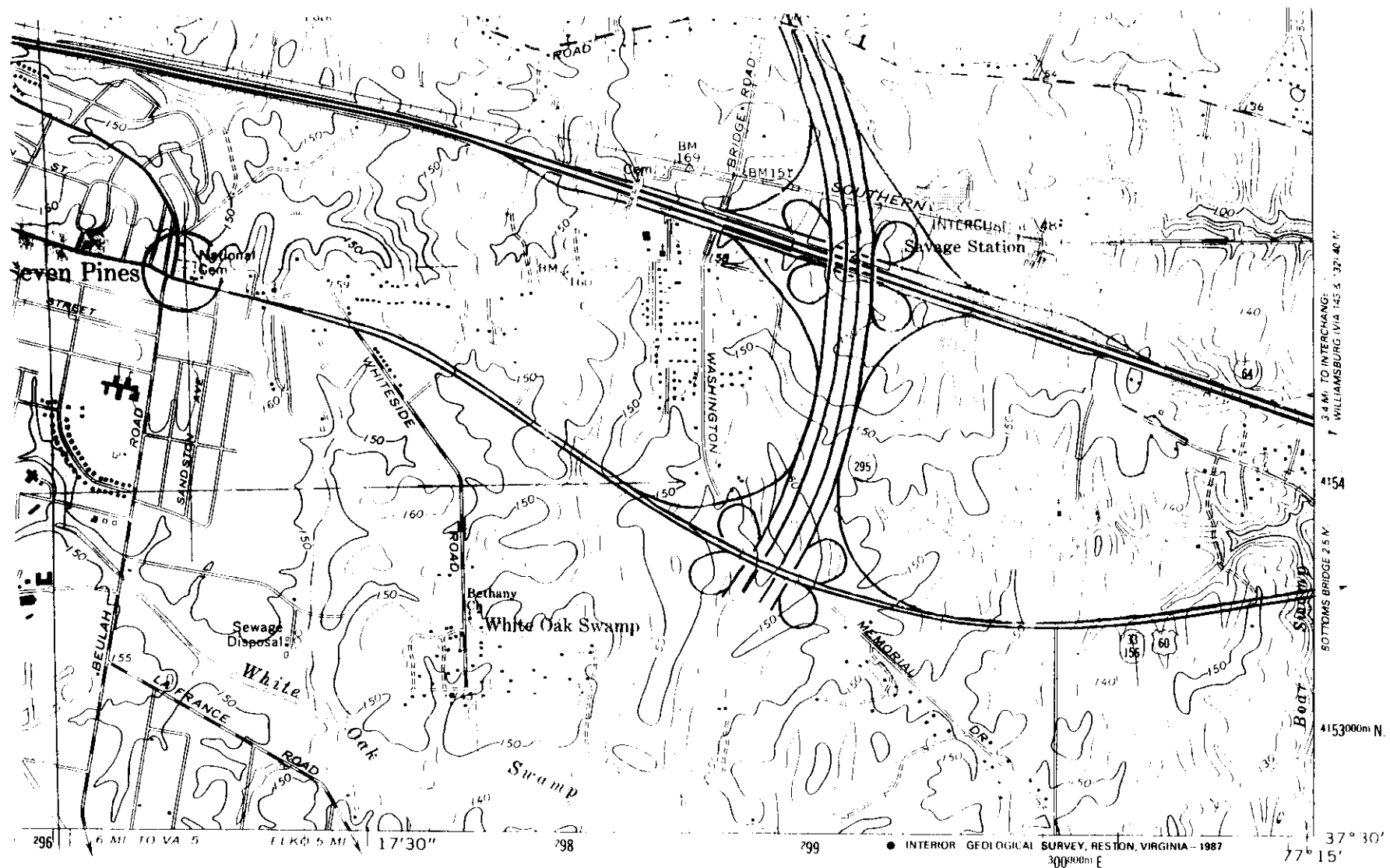
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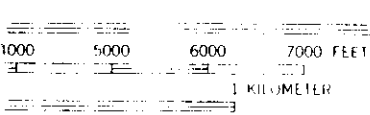
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