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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form VLR: 10/18/95

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 a d d i i i l entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form **10-900a**). Use a **typewriter**, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

NRHP: 2/26/96

| 1. Name of Property | | | |
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| historic name Staunton National Cemetery | | | |
| other nameslsite number Virginia Department of Historic Resources File No. 132-19 | | | |
| 2. Location | | | |
| street & number 901 Richmond Avenue not for publication N | 'A | | |
| city or town Staunton | | | |
| state Virginia code VA county Staunton (Indep. City) code 790 zip code 24401 | | | |
| 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 does not meet the National Register Criteria. 1 recommend that this property be considered significant patients at the property does not meet the National Register Criteria. 1 recommend that this property be considered significant patients. Signature of certifying official/Title patients does not meet the National Register criteria. 1 See writinuation sheet for additional comments. 2 State of Federal agency and bureau does not meet the National Register criteria. 1 See writinuation sheet for additional comments. 2 Date Virginia Department of Historic Resources State or Federal agency and bureau | | | |
| 4. National Park Service Certification | | | |
| I hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet. | | | |
| See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register | | | |
| removed from the National Register | | | |
| other, (explain:) | | | |
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| Name of Property | | County and State | | | |
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| 5. Classification | | | | | |
| Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) | Categor (Check on | y of Property y one box) | Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.) | | |
| □ private | | building(s) | Contributing | Noncontributing | |
| public-local | | district | 3 | 0 | buildings |
| public-State | !! | site | 1 | 0 | sites |
| public-Federal | | structure | 3 | 0 | structures |
| | | object | 2 | 0 | objects |
| | | | 9 | 0 | Total |
| Name of related multiple po (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a | roperty listic multiple propert | ng y listing.) | Number of contri in the National Ro | buting resources prev egister | riously listed |
| Civil War Era National Cemete | ries | | 0 | | |
| 6. Function or Use | | | <u> </u> | · | |
| Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Funerary: Cemetery | | | Current Function (Enter categories from i Funerary: Cemetery | nstructions) | |
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| 7. Description | | | | | |
| Architectural Classification |) | | Materials | | |
| (Enter categories from instructions) | | (Enter categories from i | • | | |
| Late Victorian: Second Empire | | foundation Stone, | concrete | | |
| | <u>.</u> | | walls Brick | | |
| | | | Metal: Tin. | Aluminum; Stone: Slat | e; Asbestos |
| | | | 1001 | | |
| | | | Stone: Mar | ble: Limestone: Metal: I | ron |

City of Staunton, Virginia

Staunton National Cemetery

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

| Staunton National Cemetery | | City of Staunton, Virginia | | |
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| Name of Property | | County and State | | |
| 8. S | tatement of Significance | | | |
| (Mark "x | Table National Register Criteria in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property nal Register listing.) | Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) Architecture | | |
| 22 A | Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. | Military | | |
| □ 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 | Period of Significance | | |
| | individual distinction. | - | | |
| □ D | Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, | 1866-1940 | | |
| ט ט | information important in prehistory or history. | | | |
| | a Considerations | Significant Dates | | |
| (IMBIR X | in all boxes that apply.) | 1866 | | |
| Proper | ty is: | | | |
| □ A | owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. | | | |
| □в | removed from its original location. | Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) | | |
| □с | a birthplace or grave. | N/A | | |
| ⊠ D | a cemetery. | Cultural Affiliation | | |
| | a comototy. | N/A | | |
| □ E | a reconstructed building, object or structure. | | | |
| □ F | a commemorative property. | | | |
| □ G | | Architect/Builder | | |
| | within the past 50 years. | Meigs, Montgomery C. | | |
| Marra | tive Statement of Significance | | | |
| | the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) | | | |
| 9. N | lajor Bibliographical References | | | |
| | graphy books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or mo | ore continuation sheets.) | | |
| | pus documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested | Primary location of additional data: ☐ State Historic Preservation Office ☐ Other State agency | | |
| _ | previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National | Federal agency Local government | | |
| | Register | ☐ University | | |
| | □ designated a National Historic Landmark □ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey | Other Name of repository | | |
| 1 | # | Department of Veterans Affairs | | |

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| Name of Property | County and State |
| 10. Geographical Data | |
| Acreage of Property 1.2 | |
| UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet) | |
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| Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) | ☐ See continuation sheet. |
| Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) | |
| 11. Form Prepared By | |
| name/titleTherese T. Sammartino, Staff Assistant, National Ce | metery System |
| organization Department of Veterans Affairs | date September 28, 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 | ng large acreage or numerous resources. |
| Photographs | |
| Representative black and white photographs of the p | 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 |

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Staunton National Cemetery is located at 901 Richmond Avenue, Staunton, Virginia, about 1 1/2 miles east of the Augusta County Courthouse. The site is nearly square in shape and is enclosed by a limestone wall, extending approximately 891 lineal feet. The main entrance, at the center of the south side, is protected by ornamental wrought-iron gates that are 14 feet wide and supported by stone piers. A driveway leads to the flagpole at the center of the grounds, where it intersects with another drive extending to the east and west walls.

The cemetery was established in 1866 and contains 5 burial sections. Graves were all originally marked with headboards that were later replaced with upright marble markers. As of August 31, 1995, there were 838 graves used for the interment of 976 casketed remains and 10 sites used for the interment of 13 cremated remains. The cemetery was officially closed in 1983. As of August 31, 1995, there were 4 gravesites available for the interment of casketed remains (all reserved) and 4 sites available for the interment of cremated remains.

The lodge was constructed circa 1871 from a design by Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs, and is Second Empire in style. It is an L-shaped stone and frame structure with a mansard roof clad with aluminum siding. The main portion is one and one-half stories with dormer windows projecting from the mansard roof. The first story is built of stone and contains the living room, dining room, cemetery office, and two additions. The first addition is the brick kitchen, constructed in 1930, and the second addition is a utility room covered with aluminum siding. Their roofs are covered with tin. The upper story, containing two bedrooms and a bath, was originally clad with slate shingles, but has since been replaced with aluminum siding. The lodge also contains a partial basement beneath the kitchen, which was constructed in 1934. In 1936, a frame enclosure was constructed over the area way at the kitchen addition to the lodge. There is a total of approximately 1,384 square feet of living space. The windows on the first story have six-over-six double-hung sash, while those on the upper story have two-over-two double-hung sash. The front porch was screened in 1939, and the kitchen porch was enclosed in 1952.

A brick utility building was constructed circa 1887, containing a kitchen, storeroom, tool room, and toilet. A brick addition and garage were constructed in 1932. Stepped brick parapets obscure the building's tin shed roof.

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The brick and concrete gasoline storage building, 8 feet 6 inches by 8 feet 6 inches, was constructed in 1940. It has a pyramidal slate roof. An in-ground pumphouse and well are located near the utility building.

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

United States
National Military Cemetery
Staunton
Established 1867
Interments
Known 232
Unknown 521

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, pumphouse/well

Objects: Flagpole, artillery monument

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Staunton 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.

Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign has long been regarded as one of the most brilliant in the history of modern warfare. After his outstanding performance at Bull Run, Jackson had been promoted to major general and assigned command in the Shenandoah Valley. Jackson knew the Valley intimately, had a small and mobile force, and possessed interior lines of communication. The Valley Campaign, as he conducted it, was a military chess game; his objective not so much to defeat the enemy as to distract, confuse, check and eventually checkmate them. Altogether, even with the forces of major generals Richard S. Ewell and Edward Johnson that were added to his command, Jackson only had some 18,000 men. On May 8, 1862, crossing over at Staunton, he surprised and defeated Major General John Charles Fremont at the Battle of McDowell, less than 40 miles from Staunton. Jackson's 10,000 men were attacked by about 6,000 from Fremont's command under Brigadier General Robert C. Schenck. Jackson buried the dead and rested his army, and then fell back into the Valley. He approached Front Royal from the south and, on May 23, took Major General Nathaniel P. Banks's troops (about 800 men) by surprise and captured them. Banks retreated to Winchester where Jackson struck and scattered his forces. By early June, the two Union armies of Fremont and Brigadier General James A. Shields, with a force of 11,000 and 8,500 respectively, were pursuing Jackson southward, each along one side of the Massanutten Range, potentially positioned for a pincer if they could join forces at the end of the mountainous divide. Jackson's plan was to keep Fremont and Shields apart, so that each could be dealt with individually by his army, which by this time had shrunk to 12,500. On June 8, Jackson parked most of Ewell's division astride the road to Port Republic near Cross Keys, southeast of Harrisonburg, to hold Fremont in check while he proceeded with his own troops four miles southeast, across the North River bridge to Port Republic. There he intended to meet and defeat Shields, then wheel back on Fremont with his combined force. The plan was well-conceived, even though it did not materialize quite the way Jackson thought it would. Fremont engaged Ewell in the terrifying artillery duel at Cross Keys on June 8. On the Confederate right, Brigadier General Isaac R. Trimble met an inept offensive with a surprise rebuff and countercharge. Fremont fell back, thus failing to join forces with Shields. Upon hearing of the success of Cross Keys, but plagued by an unanticipated incursion from Shields's advance forces as well as logistical problems while fording the rain-swollen South River,

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Jackson called for Ewell's troops to rejoin him. Trimble's brigade, the last of the Confederates to cross over the North River, destroyed a temporary bridge of wagons placed end to end and planked over, so that by the time Fremont's troops arrived, they were prevented from coming to the aid of Shields's struggling army. Although Trimble downplayed his slow, then speeded-up withdrawal, followed by his competent firing of the North River bridge, these actions contributed enormously to Jackson's success. At the last moment, Jackson decided to cancel his option to march back to Cross Keys to re-engage Fremont. As Monday, June 9, dawned at Cross Keys, only Trimble's three forward regiments faced the Union army, the bulk of Ewell's forces having decamped at four in the morning. To be the last to maintain the check was a consolation prize of sorts, an acknowledgment of gratitude from Jackson and Ewell for the autonomous gains of the day before. Trimble remained until 9 a.m., when he slowly retired to Port Republic.

The casualties resulting from the Battle of Cross Keys were 288 Confederates (41 killed, 232 wounded, 15 missing) and 684 Federals (114 killed, 443 wounded, 127 missing). These figures did not take into account soldiers who later died from their wounds.

The Battle of Port Republic on June 9 was fierce. Heavy casualties were inflicted on both sides as the lines of engagement wavered. The commanding Union artillery position overlooking the plain of battle was lost and retaken two times before it was captured by the Confederates and turned to their advantage. At length, the smaller Union fighting force under the command of Shields's subordinate, Brigadier General Erastus B. Tyler, who was overpowered and pursued in retreat northward toward the town of Conrad's Store (now called Elkton). The Battle of Port Republic had been a hard fight over ground that was repeatedly won and lost. Union casualties numbered more than 800; Confederate casualties were close to 1,000. After a few days' hesitation (fearing a renewed offensive by Fremont that did not materialize). Jackson allowed his victorious soldiers an extended respite until June 18, when General Robert E. Lee's Southern Command ordered him to march toward Richmond.

The Valley Campaign was over. From the date of Jackson's arrival at Staunton until the Battle of Port Republic, was 35 days. He marched from Staunton to McDowell, 40 miles; from McDowell to Front Royal, about 110; from Front Royal to Winchester, 20 miles; Winchester to Port Republic, 75 miles; a total of 245 miles, fighting in the meantime, 4 desperate battles, and winning them all. This campaign, above all others, made Jackson's name legendary.

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The Battle of Piedmont took place in Staunton on June 5, 1864. Union Major General David Hunter moved his forces toward Staunton, forcing the Confederate Military Department of Southwest Virginia to do battle at Piedmont. The Confederate forces, under Brigadier General W. E. "Grumble" Jones, were defeated. Jones was killed and Hunter's troops looted Staunton, which played a vital role in the Civil War as a supply depot for the Confederacy. The Confederates lost about 1,600 men, 1,000 of whom were taken as prisoners.

The Staunton National Cemetery was not established until 1866, two years after the Battle of Piedmont. The original interments in the new cemetery were of the remains of soldiers removed from the city cemetery at Staunton and from Cross Keys, Port Republic, Waynesboro, and other places nearby. There are 67 Union prisoners of war, 65 known and 2 unknown, interred in this cemetery.

Among those buried in the cemetery is Nicolae Dunca, born in 1837, in Transylvania, Romania, who came to the United States in December 1861. He enlisted in the Union Army in March 1862 and, due to his past military experience, was appointed captain of the 12th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Volunteers from New York. He was assigned as aide-de-camp to Major General John C. Fremont, whose army was operating in the Shenandoah Valley. Dunca was killed in action at the Battle of Cross Keys on June 8, 1862, and was still a Romanian citizen at the time of his death. He was buried at Perkey's Farm, Cross Keys, Virginia, and his remains were later transferred to the Staunton National Cemetery (Section B, Grave 292).

The cemetery contains 1.15 acres. The land was acquired from Nicholas K. Trout and wife et al by deed dated September 30, 1868, for the sum of \$900.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning in the southeast corner of the cemetery along Waynesborough-Richmond Road (U.S. Route 250), North 47 degrees West 208 feet to the New Hope Road then North 43 degrees East 230.5 feet to a corner, thence South 47 degrees East 227.3 feet, thence South 45 degrees 50 minutes West 230.8 feet to the point of beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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

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City of Staunton, Virginia VDHR File No. 132-19

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VIEW OF: Entry gate, view looking northeast

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VIEW OF: Entry gate plaque, right side

Perimeter wall, view looking

northeast

VIEW OF:

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VIEW OF: Close-up of perimeter wall

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VIEW OF: Flagpole, view looking north

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VIEW OF: Flagpole, view looking southwest

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VIEW OF: Artillery monument at flagpole

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VIEW OF: Lodge and perimeter wall, view

looking east

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VIEW OF: Lodge, south elevation

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VIEW OF: Lodge, south elevation

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VIEW OF: Lodge, north elevation

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VIEW OF: Lodge, view looking southwest

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VIEW OF: Utility building, east elevation

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VIEW OF: Utility building, west and north VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking east

elevations

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VIEW OF: Gasoline storage building

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VIEW OF: Pump house and well at south

cemetery wall

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VIEW OF: Headstone at grave of Nicolae

Dunca

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VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking northwest

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VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking toward west

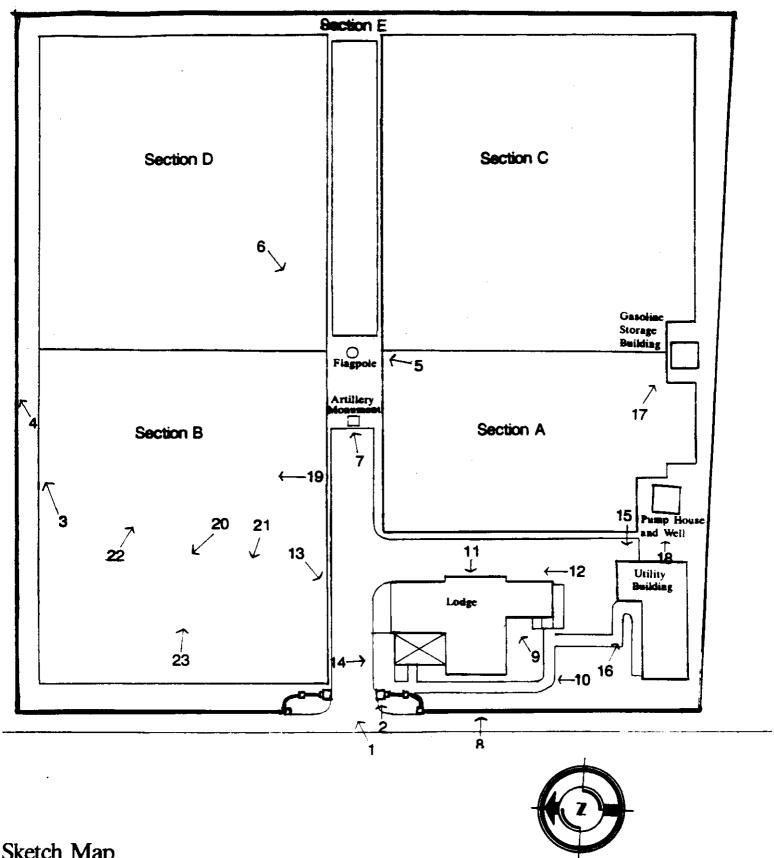
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VIEW OF: Cemetery, view looking southeast

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Sketch Map Staunton National Cemetery City of Staunton, Virginia

Note: Numbered arrows correspond to the views in the accompanying photographs

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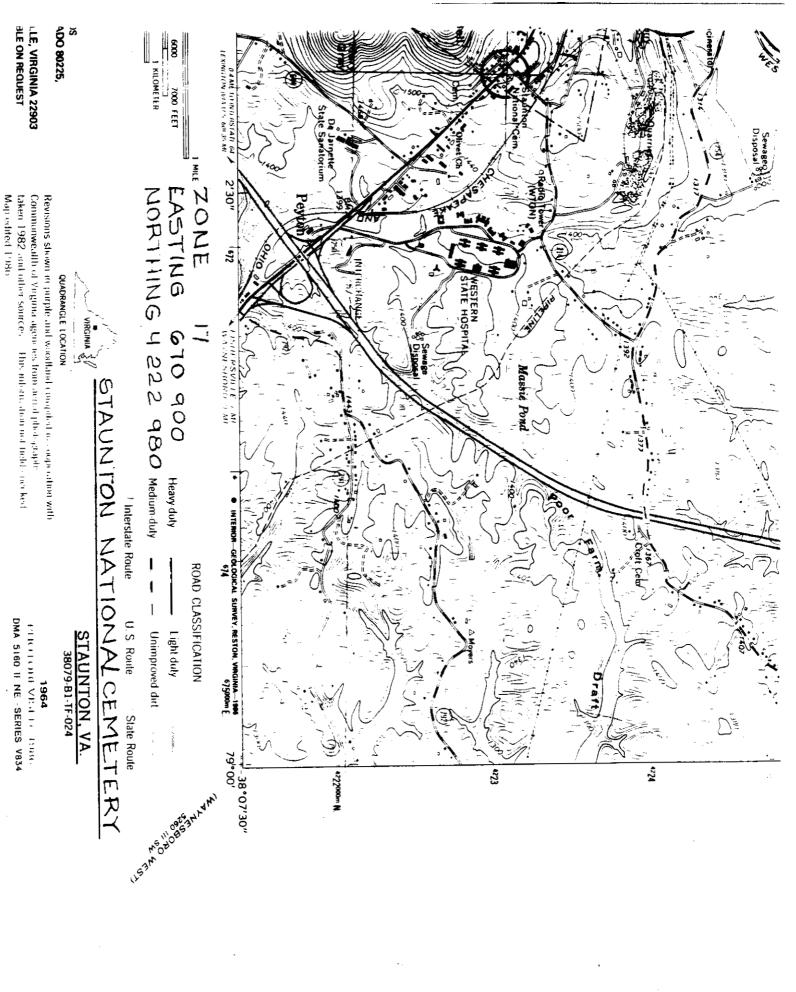
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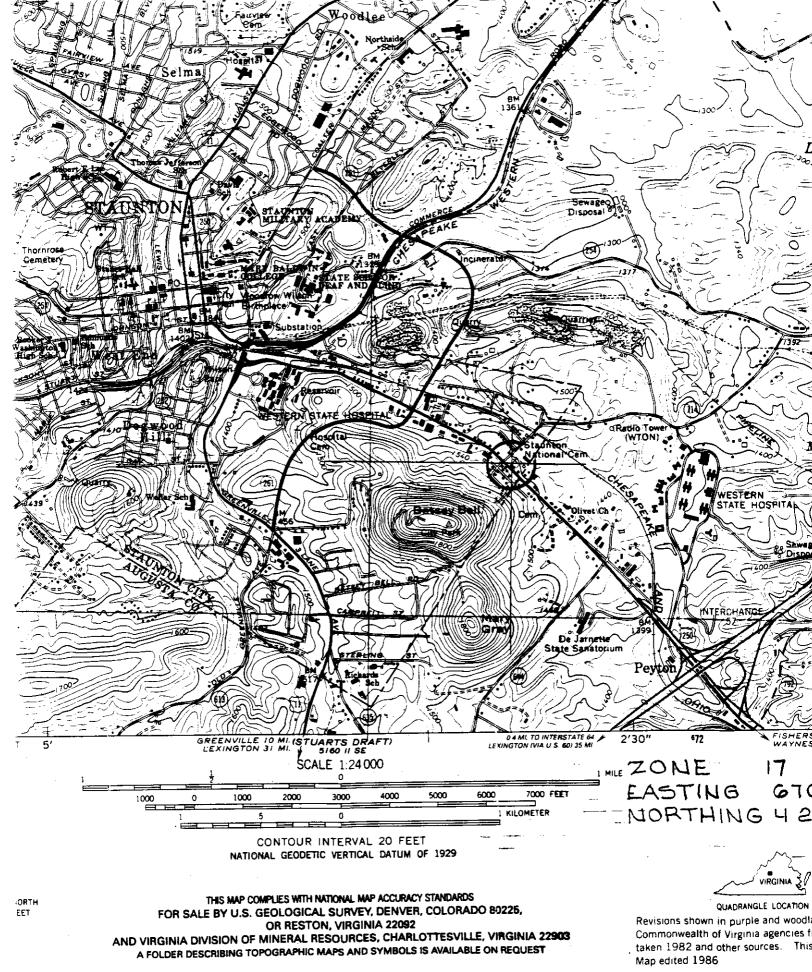
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Keeper of the National Register
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