

CH-181
Lee Graves
Newburg

1790s

This small plot contains the graves of several members of the Lee family, including Squire Richard Lee, builder of the Blenheim mansion and Commander of the North Potomac for thirty years.

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Newburg vic.
Public

C. 1789-1793

The Lee family cemetery is the only remaining evidence of the property's former association with the Lee family of Blenheim. The site is found on the property of the Mirant, formerly PEPCO, powerplant on the south side of the Harry W. Nice Bridge, overlooking the Potomac River. The Lee cemetery site is significant for its association with the Lee family of Maryland, one of the most prominent families in the area. Squire Richard Lee of Blenheim was the son of merchant Philip Lee, who once served as Naval Officer of the "North Potomac District". Philip Lee, the son of Col. Richard Lee the emigrant to Virginia, settled at Lee's Purchase in Charles County. Squire Richard Lee was the oldest son of Philip Lee and was educated in England before being admitted to Middle Temple as a member of the bar in May 1719. After returning to Maryland he served as Naval Officer for the Potomac River. He was president of the Governor's Council of Maryland for many years. Unlike his Virginia cousins Richard Henry Lee of Chantilly and Light Horse Harry Lee of Stratford Hall, Squire Richard Lee was a staunch Loyalist. The cemetery contains the graves of Richard Lee, his wife Grace R. Lee, and their daughter Alice Weems. Also buried here is Russell Lee, whose tomb describes him as "*the last fond hope of a respectable and a numerous and once extensive family*". Russell was likely a son or grandson of Richard and Grace Lee.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-181

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Lee Graves
other

2. Location

street and number 12620 Crain Highway not for publication
city, town Newburg X vicinity
county Charles

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mirant Mid-Atlantic LLC
street and number 1155 Perimeter Center West telephone Unknown
city, town Atlanta state GA zip code 20664

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 82 p. 10
city, town LaPlata liber 3101 folio 348

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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input 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>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

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

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

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The exact location of Blenheim has never been determined. Research conducted by J. Richard Rivoire in the 1970's and 80's suggests that this site was a significant distance north of the current site. Accordingly, Rivoire identifies this location as the site of Rosedale or Ferry Farm, a 1780 gambrel roof structure erected by Robert or John Laidler. (1)

ENDNOTES

(1) Rivoire, J. Richard. Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, MD. 1990. SMSC. Pg. 17.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input 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 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:

Specific dates	1789-1793	Architect/Builder	NA
Construction dates	1789-1793		

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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 of 343.68

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name 343.68

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Blenheim site and Lee cemetery is associated with Charles County property Tax Map 82, Parcel 10.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Survey

organization Charles County Property Tax Map

date 10/19/01

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city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

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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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Charles County, Maryland
county and state

Major Bibliographic References:

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Circuit Court Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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LEE GRAVES

Potomac River Bridge

4 tombstones

Transcribed February 6, 1939 by the Potomac River Bridge Company
(information from the Maryland Historical Society Library, Baltimore)

LEE

Grace R. Lee, wife of Rd. Lee lies here interred by the side
of her beloved husband, She died on the 16th day of October
1789 in the 77th year of her age, erected by her dutiful daughter
E.A. Lee

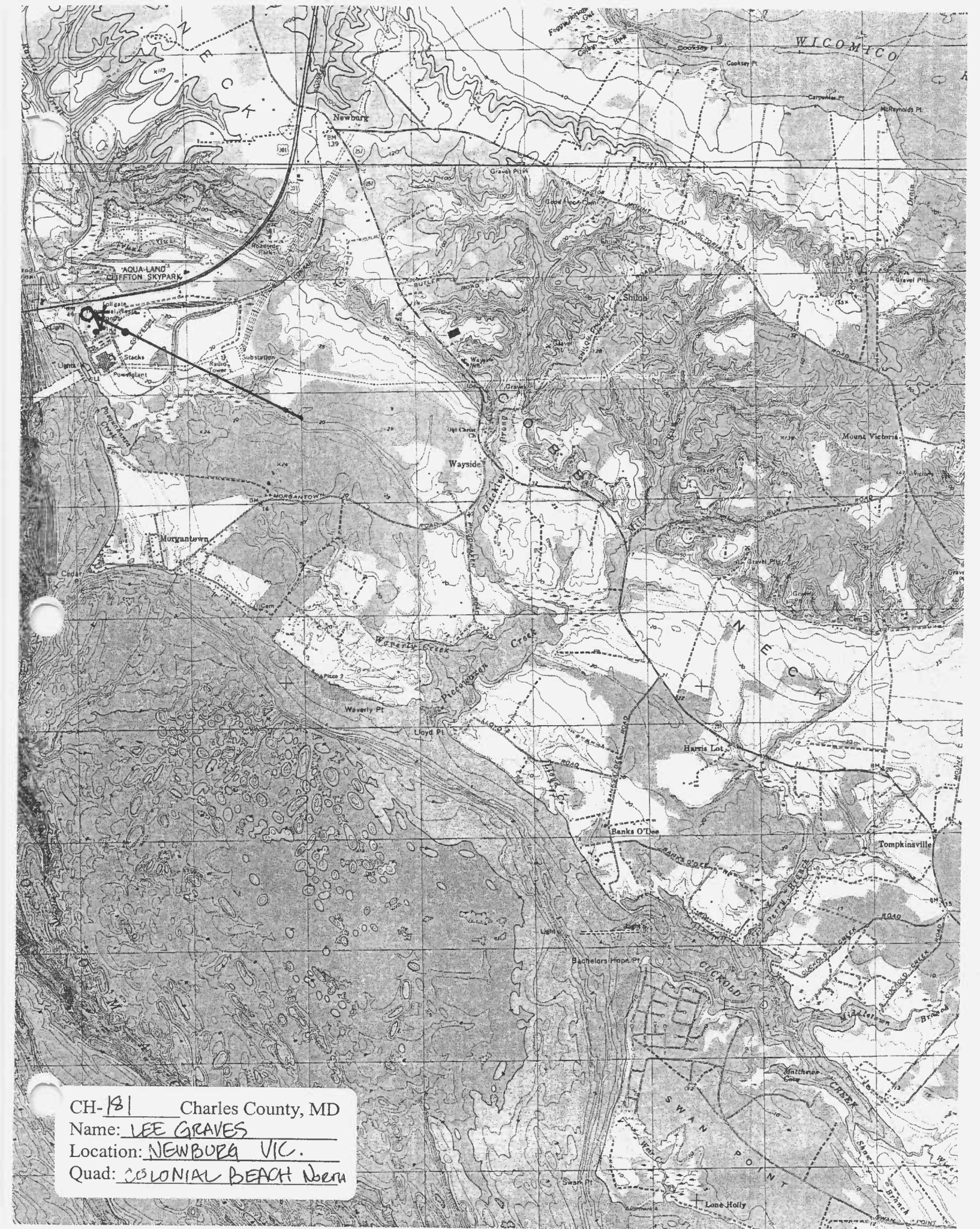
Richard Lee of Blenheim, Maryland died on the 26th day of ---- 1789
in the 81st year of his age. Richard Lee was the last President
of Maryland, erected by his daughter E.A. Lee

Here Lies intombed, the last fond hope of a respectable and a
numerous and once extensive family, Russel Lee who after a short
illness in consequence of a kick from a horse, departed this life
on the 4th September 1793, aged 17 years and 27 days

WEEMS

Alice Weems, daughter of Rd and Grace Lee, wife of John Weems
died on the 25th of July 1789, in the 40th year of her age
erected by her sister E.A. Lee

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 Name: LEE GRAVES
 Location: NEWBURG VIC.
 Quad: COLONIAL BEACH Nern



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~~BREATHING SITE, REEPOCENEDERS~~

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LEE FAMILY CEMETERY

This cemetery is owned by the Lee family
and is located on the corner of
Duff Street and
Main Street, in the town of
Lee, Massachusetts.

It was founded in 1800
and is now the resting place
of many of the Lee family.

It is a beautiful and
well-kept cemetery
and is a fine example
of a family cemetery.

It is a place of
peace and tranquility
and is a fine example
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~~BENNETT SITE (LEE) CEMETERY~~

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MEMORIAL STONE

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1811. 11. 1. 10. 11. 12.
The last good Hope of a happy after
life is *immortal* and *Christ's* *Heaven* *Love*

RICHARD L. L. L.

Who after a brief attack in Conscience
Of a kind from a noble, Departed this Air
On the 1st Sept. 1892.
Aged 47 Years and 17 Days

He was the only surviving son of
The late P. T. L. L., a son of
RICHARD L. L. L. of Blechington

"The time is *now*,
and a pain, the *time* *man*
embrace, *time*

After *fatal*, I have
I *reclaim* beyond the grave
see the *guardian* angels high
Wait to *wait* my soul on high!
So a *flood* of *far* red light,
Hail *no* more shall yield to night!
Tear *my* world, *fare* well!
JESU *call* with him to dwell,
With his *heavenly* presence blest
Death is *life*, and *labour* rest

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~~BERKHEIM SITE~~

~~LEE
NEWESTER~~

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RUSSELL LEE STONE

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