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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 Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church (Boundary Increase)
other names/site number VDHR file no. 035-0420 (church); 035-5029 and 035-0420-0001 (cemetery)

2. Location

street & number Walker's Creek Valley Road (State Route 42) N/A not for publication
city or town Pearisburg X vicinity
state Virginia code VA county Giles code 071 zip code 24134

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] _____
Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date 12/5/15

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
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.)

Signature of commenting or other official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
___ entered in the National Register. Signature of the Keeper _____
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the National Register. Date of Action _____
___ removed from the National Register.
___ other (explain): _____

Name of Property
State**5. Classification****Ownership of Property Category of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply) (Check only one box)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
1	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	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**

N/A

6. Function or Use**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Subcategory
FUNERARY	cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Subcategory
FUNERARY	cemetery

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	N/A
walls	N/A
roof	N/A
other	Stone

Narrative Description

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

Name of Property
State

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the 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 a 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 fifty years.

Period of Significance

1911-1955

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

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

Primary location of additional data:

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

____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Name of repository:

Name of Property
State**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property approximately 1 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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2			4		

 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	J. Daniel Pezzoni		
organization	Landmark Preservation Associates	date	September 23, 2005
street & number	6 Houston St.	telephone	(540) 464-5315
city or town	Lexington	state	VA
		zip code	24450

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	Walker's Creek Cemetery, Inc. Contact: W. Ernest Miller		
street & number	369 Walker's Creek Valley Road	telephone	(540) 921-2622
city or town	Pearisburg	state	Virginia
		zip code	24134

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Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church (Boundary Increase)
Giles County, Virginia

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Walker's Creek Cemetery, the sole resource added in the Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church Boundary Increase, contains a range of memorial types and styles typical of the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Low rectangular monuments of gray Georgia granite predominate, most carved with sedate floral patterns and geometric borders. A few white marble monuments date to early in the cemetery's development. The most impressive of these is that of Civil War veteran Andrew Johnston Bane (1842-1911), carved with high-relief acanthus leaves at the corners. Next to it stands the black granite monument of Nannie E. Bane (1855-1917), distinguished by a pedimented cap and Art Nouveau floral carvings. Decorative motifs are conventional and include lambs (for the graves of infants and children), Masonic emblems, and a caduceus. Although the cemetery remains in use, the majority of monuments appear to be over fifty years old. The cemetery occupies a terrace above Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church at the foot of a wooded hillside, and has views of the Big Walker Creek Valley. A group of tall Norway spruce planted in 1947 clusters near the entrance at the northeast corner. The cemetery is enclosed by a modern chain link fence and has the manicured lawn appearance of most twentieth century cemeteries. The church and cemetery are separated by about seventy-five yards at their closest points.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Walker's Creek Cemetery, the sole resource added in the Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church Boundary Increase, is eligible for listing as a contributing resource associated with the 1898 Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church, which was listed under Criterion C in the area of architecture in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. The cemetery originated in 1911 with the burial of Andrew Johnston Bane on what was then a meadow on his farm. Bane was a member of Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife Nannie Allen Bane had donated a tenth-acre of their farm for the construction of the church in 1897. In 1915 Nannie Bane donated one acre for the establishment of the cemetery to the Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church. Since then the cemetery has developed as the principal burial ground for the surrounding Big Walker Creek Valley. The Norway spruces near the entrance were planted in 1947 soon after the reorganization of the church's Woman's Auxiliary in 1945. The church deeded the cemetery to the Walker's Creek Cemetery, Inc., in 1994, placing the church and cemetery in separate ownership.

The cemetery stewards seek designation to encourage present and future appreciation of the historical and design characteristics of the cemetery and to encourage its preservation. The stewards would have included the cemetery with the nomination for the adjacent Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church had they been more aware of their options.

Bibliography

Miller, Ernie. "Highlights of Walker's Creek Cemetery, Inc." Report, 2005.

Pezzoni, J. Daniel, and W. Ernest Miller. "Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church." National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 2003.

Verbal Boundary Description

The area to be added corresponds to Giles County tax map Section 74 parcel 11A.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries correspond to the one-acre area established as the cemetery in 1915.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Subject: Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church (Boundary Increase)

Location: Giles Co., Va.

Photographer: J. Daniel Pezzoni

Photo date: May 2005

Original negative #22141 archived at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, Va.

Description of view: Cemetery. View looking northeast.

Photograph number appears at beginning of entry

2. Subject: Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church (Boundary Increase)

Location: Giles Co., Va.

Photographer: J. Daniel Pezzoni

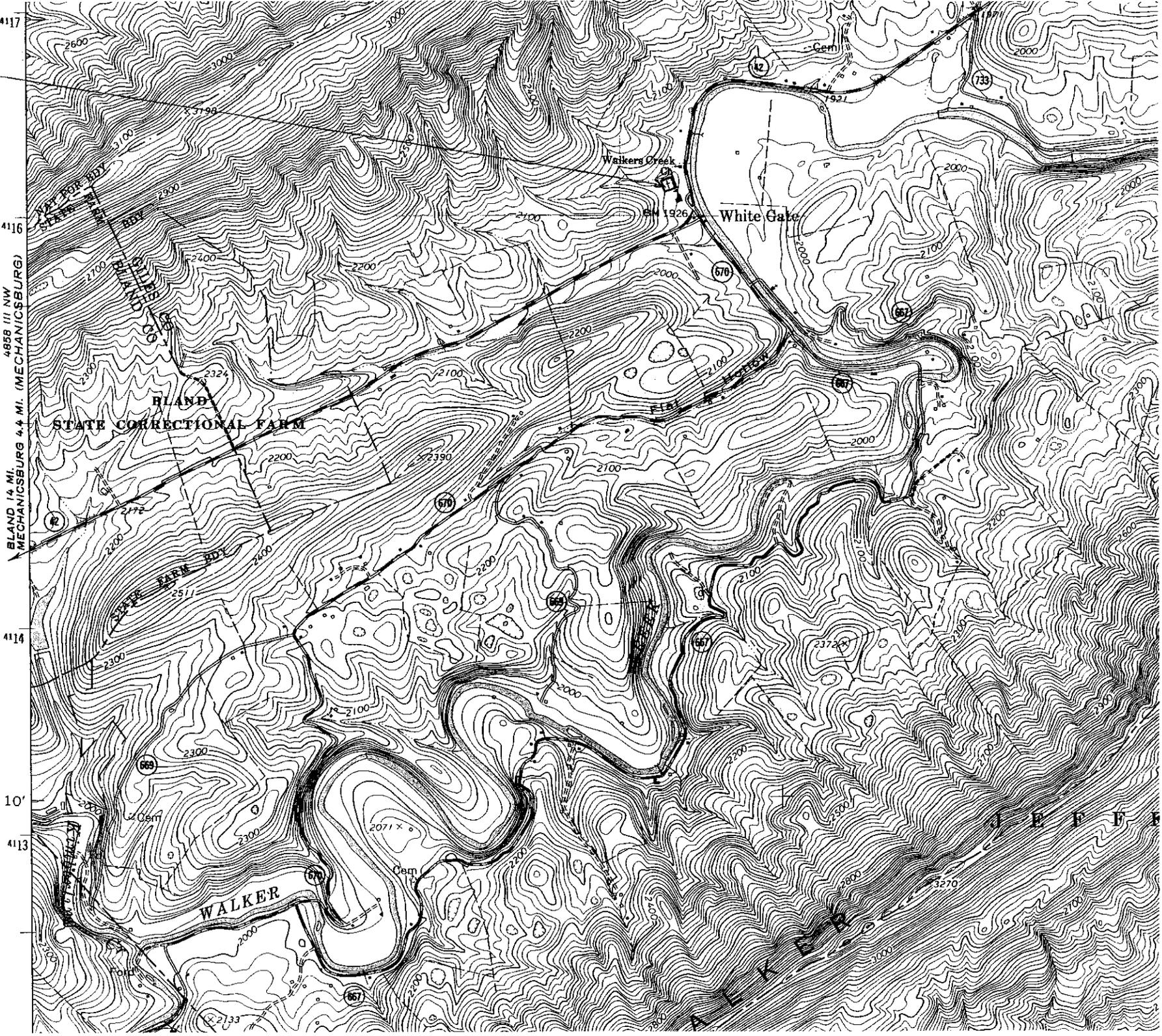
Photo date: May 2005

Original negative archived at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, Va.

Description of view: Cemetery. View looking southwest.

Photograph number appears at beginning of entry

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Giles Co., Va.
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