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Cheat Neck vicinity
Monongalia County
West Virginia

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USGS Lake Lynn, PA-WV Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
17.598820.4392550

Significance: The cemetery at the Norris is the final resting place for many members of the Norris and Baker families, two prominent families within Monongalia County, West Virginia. The contributions that these families made to the immediate area and to Monongalia County are detailed in HABS No. WV-298.

Description: The cemetery is located on a grassy knoll approximately 500 feet south of the house. The landscape is open and slopes westward toward heavy brush. A few small trees are interspersed with the markers. The cemetery measures approximately 74' on the east side, 90' on the north side, 68' on the west side, and 86' on the south side. It presently contains 82 markers; however, it appears that other graves were at one time present, but the markers have either broken off or are now missing. The markers are constructed of sandstone, marble, limestone, or granite. They vary in shape from rectangular markers, to discoids, and large Victorian columns. A few footstones for headstones are also present.

Because of their size, shape, and material are similar, it appears that the sandstone markers were fabricated by the same artisan. These markers date from 1810 to 1830. The names represented in the cemetery are: Adams, Baker, Bowers, Brooks, Costolo, Farrett, Hamel, Jenkins, Norris, Pearl, Sheets, Simons, and Triplett.

The cemetery in general is in very good condition. The grass is kept trimmed while the stones vary in their condition. Some of the stones have been broken or removed. Some of the markers are completely missing or leaning against other markers in the cemetery. Other stones have eroded or have sugared making it impossible to read their engravings. The majority of the stones are in very good condition.

History: The cemetery dates to 1810 and has been used continuously since that time. Although several of the stones are similar to one another, the name of any artisan is unknown. Plans for the Mon-Fayette Transportation Project demonstrate that the proposed road will be constructed through the property of the Norris Farm. However, none of the buildings on the property will be physically removed.

Sources: Dixon, Stuart Paul, Margaret Anne Bishop, and Philip E. Pendleton. *Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report-Volume 2. Mon/Fayette Transportation Project.* Mechanicsburg, PA: KCI Technologies, Inc., 1993.

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