

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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. 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.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery

Other names/site number: Old Hill Cemetery; Arnold Cemetery; Old Hill-Arnold Cemetery

Name of related multiple property listing:

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

## 2. Location

Street & number: Reservoir and Arnold Streets

City or town: Weston State: West Virginia County: Lewis

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D

 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer    Nov 24, 2025
<b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____ West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office _____ <b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<b>Signature of commenting official:</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____
<b>Title :</b> _____	<b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

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Date of Action

**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



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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

N/A  
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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: N/A

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery is a small public cemetery occupying a 1.5-acre triangular slice of hillside overlooking the town of Weston. It contains several hundred graves primarily from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The picturesque site contains large trees, wrought iron fencing, and several private family plots. The grave markers display an assortment of traditional designs with various religious symbols. Despite some deterioration among many grave markers, the cemetery still retains integrity and easily conveys its historic significance as an important nineteenth century community burial ground.

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## Narrative Description

Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery is a small public burial ground in the south side of the Town of Weston. It occupies a roughly one-and-a-half-acre piece of hillside overlooking the town, facing north. The hill is surrounded by mixed commercial and residential neighborhoods, as well as the West Fork River. Just two blocks to the north of the cemetery are the Weston Downtown Historic District and the Weston Downtown Residential Historic District, both on the National Register.

The cemetery is located just south of Center Avenue as it intersects South Main Avenue. It is bounded by Reservoir Street to the north and west, Arnold Street to the east, and forested hill land to the south. Three private residences and several outbuildings associated with them line Reservoir Street across from the cemetery. The cemetery can be accessed from the rear at the end of Reservoir Street, or in the front from a set of concrete steps and metal guardrails at the intersection of Arnold and Reservoir Streets.

The cemetery boundary is roughly triangular, with an extended, squared southeast corner. The cemetery is partially enclosed with a historic wrought iron fence on the north and part of the east sides. The northeastern tip of the cemetery, at the intersection of Arnold and Reservoir streets, has a non-historic metal fence and archway installed in 2025. Also present at this northern entrance is a non-historic flagpole and two interpretive wayside markers describing the site's history.

Many trees are scattered throughout the cemetery grounds, as well as a few traditional cemetery plants such as yucca. Towards the center, within the Withers family plot, is a large yellow poplar tree. It is approximately 230 years old, with a height of 120 feet and circumference of 241 inches. It is listed on the West Virginia Big Tree Registry and believed to be one of the largest poplar trees in the state.<sup>1</sup>

There are at least 234 documented gravesites in the cemetery. The number of unmarked graves is unclear but may be in the hundreds. Several private family plots are present, enclosed by wrought iron fences. One is enclosed with a low concrete wall. All or most of the graves face northeast, looking downhill.

Surviving gravestones have designs and materials common to nineteenth and early twentieth century cemeteries. Most are made of either sandstone, limestone, marble, or granite. The monument forms present include tombstones; tab in sockets; die on bases; die, base, and caps; raised tops; pedestal tombs; obelisks; and government issued military markers. The most common gravestone symbols are crosses, followed by (in much smaller numbers) birds, lambs, hands pointed upwards, and foliage.

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<sup>1</sup> Karrington Harris, "Community preserves poplar tree in historic Arnold Old Hill Cemetery," WDTV, August 5, 2025, accessed September 11, 2025, <https://www.wdtv.com/2025/08/05/community-preserves-poplar-tree-historic-arnold-old-hill-cemetery/>.

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Figure 1 Grave markers utilizing crosses in their designs.

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### *Integrity*

A combination of neglect, weather, the shifting and settling hillside, possible vandalism, and old age have taken a toll on the cemetery. Most of the grave markers show signs of erosion or lichen growth. Many are leaning, sunken, or fallen over. Several older ones, primarily those made with sandstone, are cracking or flaking, in some cases obliterating their inscriptions. The wrought iron fences are rusted, and some have bent or warped. Volunteer efforts in recent years have worked on landscaping, as well as cleaning and repairing markers.

Despite some deterioration, the Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery retains all aspects of integrity – Location, Design, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association. The cemetery has never been moved. Despite nearby urban development, the site retains its forested, hillside appearance. Original materials and workmanship are evident in the presence of the historic grave markers and wrought iron fencing. All these aspects combined enable the site to retain the feel of a nineteenth century cemetery and maintain a clear association with early burial practices in Weston.



Figure 2 Example of deterioration on this sandstone marker for Mary A. Camp from 1838.

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## 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 the boxes that apply.)

- 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History  
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**Period of Significance**  
1820-1968

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**Significant Dates**

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**Significant Person**  
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Arnold Cemetery, also known as Old Hill Cemetery, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under *Criterion A: Social History* for its use as the early Weston community's first public burial ground. Established shortly after both Weston and Lewis County were founded, this hillside became the final resting place for many prominent locals, including business leaders and craftsmen; municipal, county, and state level officials; and their families. It also served as the burial ground for minority groups, namely Weston's Catholic and Black populations. The cemetery's location and the designs of its grave markers reflect nineteenth century burial practices in the region. The cemetery also meets *Criteria Consideration D: Cemeteries* on the basis of age, since it dates to the period of Weston's early development. The Period of Significance begins in 1820, the year the cemetery was created, and ends in 1968, the year of the last burial to occur in the cemetery more than fifty years ago (as of 2025).

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

*Brief History of Weston and Lewis County*

The Virginia state legislature established Lewis County in December 1816 from a portion of Harrison County. Its creation reflected population growth in the remote, mountainous, northwestern part of the state (today West Virginia). In the early nineteenth century, large counties in northwestern Virginia were divided up into smaller counties, so residents would have better access to county government services with county courthouses closer to them. Even after splitting from Harrison County, Lewis County was so large that six more counties were eventually carved out of it.<sup>2</sup>

In 1817, the county government purchased the 400-acre farm of Henry Flesher, along the West Fork River, to serve as the county seat due to its central location. The first Lewis County courthouse was constructed in 1820-1821 on the site of Thresher's grain threshing floor. The surrounding acreage was developed into a town to service the county seat. Upon its founding in 1817 the community was named Preston. In early 1819, following the establishment of Preston County, the state legislature renamed the town Fleshersville. Due to the apparent unpopularity of

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<sup>2</sup> Joy Gilchrist-Stalnaker, "Lewis County," e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia, March 15, 2024, accessed September 8, 2025, <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/entries/1313>.

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Henry Flesher among locals, the legislature renamed the town Weston in December of that same year.<sup>3</sup>

Weston grew steadily over the years. Initially its economy was tied to the political and legal operations of the county court, as well as subsistence agriculture elsewhere in Lewis County. The construction of the Staunton-Parkersburg and Weston & Gauley Bridge Turnpikes through Weston turned the town into an important local transportation hub. The opening of the state-operated Weston State Hospital prompted a significant economic boom for the town. The presence of the asylum created many jobs, generated new commerce, and brought a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to town. The development of a thriving glass industry in the late nineteenth century helped diversify Weston's economy and led to further growth. The population peaked at nearly 9,000 residents in 1950. Subsequent events such as deindustrialization and the closure of the asylum led to economic decline in the twentieth century's last decades. By 2020, Weston's population was just under 4,000.<sup>4</sup>

### *History of Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery*

In its early years, the town was governed by a group of trustees appointed by the state legislature. These included Henry McWhorter, Paulser Butcher, William Peterson, James M. Camp, and Robert W. Collins. As Weston began to take shape, its leaders worked to develop some of the services and infrastructure necessary for a new town. Among these was a public cemetery.<sup>5</sup>

Cemeteries are an essential component of any organized community. From a purely logistical point of view, they provided a way for people to appropriately dispose of their dead. From a cultural point of view, they served as a place for people to mourn, commemorate, and celebrate the lives of deceased loved ones. Throughout West Virginia and Appalachia in the early nineteenth century, people were typically buried in church graveyards or informal family cemeteries. Many were located on land less suitable for farming or building, such as hillsides. As towns and cities developed, more organized cemeteries emerged. Some were operated by fraternal organizations while others, such as Weston's, were publicly owned and operated by the applicable municipal government.<sup>6</sup>

On August 14, 1820, the town trustees acquired a one-acre slice of hillside from Daniel Stringer and Levi Maxwell for Weston's public cemetery. Early twentieth century historian Edward C. Smith described the establishment of the cemetery in his book *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia*:

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid.; William M. Adler, "Weston," e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia, March 25, 2024, accessed September 8, 2025, <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/entries/1100>; Kirsten Reneau, "Lewis Countians remember city's history as Weston prepares to celebrate 200 years," WV News, September 6, 2017, accessed September 8, 2025, [https://www.wvnews.com/westonnews/news/lewis-countians-remember-citys-history-as-weston-prepares-to-celebrate-200-years/article\\_bd9abd0c-da9c-5f10-9b10-083a6c8a3521.html](https://www.wvnews.com/westonnews/news/lewis-countians-remember-citys-history-as-weston-prepares-to-celebrate-200-years/article_bd9abd0c-da9c-5f10-9b10-083a6c8a3521.html).

<sup>4</sup> Adler, "Weston."

<sup>5</sup> Edward Conrad Smith, *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia* (Weston, WV: Self-published, 1920).

<sup>6</sup> Gerald Milnes, "Cemeteries," e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia, February 19, 2024, accessed September 11, 2025, <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/entries/997>.

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One of the first duties of the governing authorities of the town was to secure ground for a cemetery and the public buildings. The trustees of the town obtained from Stringer and Maxwell an acre of ground lying on the hillside at the head of Center street “for the purpose of a Publick Burying yard for the Burying of those who may die in Said Town and its vicinity and for the purpose of erecting thereon a publick meeting house and School house in Such manner as may hereafter be agreed on by the freeholders and house keepers resident in the said town.” This tract is known as the Arnold cemetery.<sup>7</sup>

Neither a town hall nor schoolhouse were ever constructed on the acquired lot; it was used solely as a cemetery. Classes and municipal meetings were held instead at the county courthouse, leading Smith to remark “The people of early Weston seem never to have suffered from too much government at the hands of the trustees.”<sup>8</sup>

The public cemetery seemed not to have a name in its early years. Some referred to it simply as the Weston Cemetery. Eventually locals began calling it the Old Hill Cemetery. Later, perhaps around the late nineteenth century, a lawyer named William E. Arnold (1817-1890) donated some adjacent land to expand the cemetery. In his honor, the burial ground was then dubbed Arnold Cemetery.<sup>9</sup>

The first documented person buried in the cemetery was Nancy Simpson, who died on December 6, 1820. Hundreds more followed over the years. Many of the people interred here in the cemetery’s first several decades were early prominent citizens in Weston, those chiefly responsible for the community’s initial development. This included municipal, county, and state level politicians; civil servants, businessmen, lawyers, military veterans, clergy, farmers, and skilled craftsmen – as well as their spouses and children. Several wealthier families, such as the Withers, Maxwells, and Arnolds, had their own private plots, enclosed by wrought iron fences.



Figure 3 Grave of Alexander Scott Withers, in the Withers Family plot.

The most well-known person buried at the cemetery was farmer and local civic leader Alexander Scott Withers (1792-1865). He is most famous for writing *Chronicles of Border Warfare*, which was published in 1831. His book provided a detailed history of the violent encounters between

<sup>7</sup> Smith, *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia*, 179.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> “Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery,” the Historical Marker Database, accessed August 8, 2025, <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=197777>.

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indigenous people and white settlers in present-day West Virginia during the second half of the eighteenth century. Withers was also believed to be the largest enslaver in Lewis County, holding 10-12 Black people in bondage.<sup>10</sup>

Other early prominent locals interred at the cemetery included the following:

- Major Thomas Bland, Virginia State Senator and owner of a Weston tavern
- Daniel Stringer, owner of Weston's first grist mill
- Levi Maxwell, justice of the peace and builder of one of Weston's first homes
- Benjamin Owen, editor and publisher of the *Weston Sentinel* newspaper
- Alexander and Conrad Kester, Weston's first two gunsmiths
- Rev. Jonathan Holt, the first Methodist minister in Weston
- Rev. John Talbott, a popular Methodist Episcopal minister
- Weeden Hoffman, justice of the peace and early business owner
- David Bare, a tailor
- Gibson J. Butcher, head clerk for the Circuit and Lewis County courts
- Thomas Smith Morris, a noted carpenter
- Allen Simpson, a justice of the peace and shoemaker

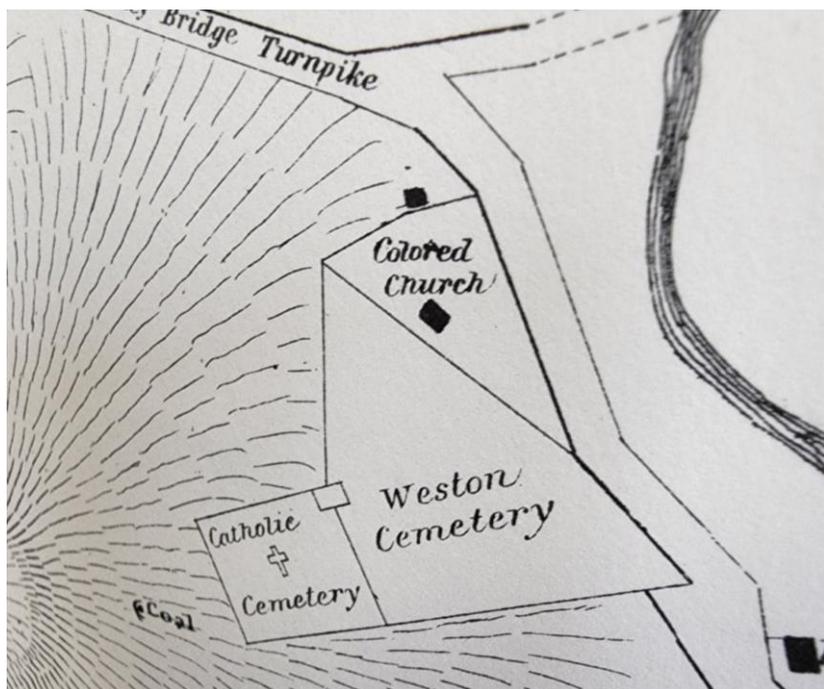


Figure 4 This 1879 O. W. Gray & Son Map depicts the cemetery with its Catholic section, and an adjacent Black church.

The first white residents in Lewis County, like in much of West Virginia, were mostly settlers of Scotch-Irish, English, and German descent. By the mid-nineteenth century, new waves of German and Irish Catholic immigrants had added to the local population. It was customary in that era for Catholics to be buried in their own separate cemetery or cemetery section, and at some point, such a space was consecrated at Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery. A map of Weston from 1879 labels the cemetery's square southeast corner as the "Catholic Cemetery (Figure 4)."<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Harold Malcom Forbes, "Alexander Scott Withers," e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia, February 16, 2024, accessed September 19, 2025, <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/entries/1275>.

<sup>11</sup> "Gray's New Map of Weston, Lewis Co., West Virginia," O. W. Gray & Son, Philadelphia, PA, 1879; "Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery," Historical Marker Database, August 29, 2022, accessed September 9, 2025, <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=197777>.

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The presence of Irish Catholic graves is reflected in their tombstones at Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery, some of which indicate their ethnic or religious heritage. The tombstone for Mary, John, and Paul Bergin for example notes that they were “Natives of Ireland Parish of Ardee Co. Queens.” At least two markers have engravings of a rosary cross and the Latin inscription “sancta virgo virginum ora pro nobis,” translating to “Holy virgin of virgins, pray for us.”



*Figure 5 Catholic grave marker with a Latin inscription*

Evidence also suggests that African Americans were buried at Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery. After the Civil War, a small but visible Black community formed in Weston; by 1880, the Black population was around 180. Weston’s Black community had a presence in the cemetery’s vicinity by the 1870s. Newspaper accounts indicate that a Black church was constructed adjacent to the cemetery’s northern boundary sometime in or after 1872, and a school opened in the same building in 1879. The 1879 map of Weston also identifies a “Colored Church” next to the cemetery (Figure 4).<sup>12</sup> After 1882, Black children attended classes in the newly constructed Weston Colored School on Center Street; soon afterwards, the church/school building next to the cemetery closed and was later demolished.<sup>13</sup>

No documentation has yet been uncovered pointing to a designated Black burial ground anywhere in Weston. Oral tradition holds, however, that the Catholic church allowed Black residents to be buried in portions of their section at Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery. In an oral

<sup>12</sup> *Weston Democrat*, June 17, 1872; *Weston Democrat*, November 8, 1879; “Gray’s New Map of Weston.”

<sup>13</sup> Ruth Cox, interview with Jamie Billman, August 17, 2022.

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history interview, Black Weston native Ruth Cox recalled visiting graves in one part of the cemetery as a young child. “I do know a lot of Blacks were buried up there . . . my dad had a baby sister that was buried up there,” she said.<sup>14</sup> Cox noted that most of the Black graves were unmarked or had temporary markers that deteriorated. In 2022, a Ground Penetrating Radar study conducted by Youngstown State University and AmeriCorps West Virginia identified a swath of unmarked graves in that rear part of the cemetery.<sup>15</sup>

Though unconfirmed, local oral traditions also suggest that lynching victim Edgar Jones may have been buried in this unmarked Black section. Jones, a Black man, was accused of stabbing Michael Tierney, a white man, to death at Weston’s Commercial Hotel on July 4, 1892. Two days later, a lynch mob formed, broke into the county jail, and seized Jones. They proceeded to hang him from the West Second Street Bridge and then riddled his body with bullets. A crowd later assembled on the bridge and posed for a photograph, with Jones’ body still dangling underneath. Copies were sold as souvenirs. It was the first and only documented lynching in Weston’s history.<sup>16</sup>

Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery was the predominant burial ground for Weston residents during the town’s first half century. By the 1870s, however, space was becoming a matter of concern in the small cemetery. Complaints also emerged regarding poor conditions at the site. The *Weston Democrat* published a strong condemnation of the cemetery’s situation in December 1870:

On Sunday last our attention was called to the miserable condition of the Protestant cemetery at this place. In many cases the marks of the places where persons have been buried are entirely obliterated, and the whole ground is a mass of tangled weeds and brushwood. We are informed that in several instances the grave-diggers have come upon the remains of persons formerly interred in the spot where they were making a new excavation. This is a shocking state of affairs, and calls loudly upon our Town authorities and the individuals who have friends buried there, to see that the cemetery is placed in at least decent order. As it now stands, the cemetery is a disgrace to our community.<sup>17</sup>

An alternative public burial ground, Machpelah Cemetery, was formally established in 1883, “the earlier burying grounds being no longer sufficient,” according to Edward C. Smith.<sup>18</sup> Machpelah was located on the other end of Weston, along Main Avenue between Oak Street and Holland Avenue. Despite its official creation in 1883, burials had occurred at the site dating back

<sup>14</sup> Cox, interview with Billman.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid.; Jamie Billman, e-mail with Cody Straley, September 8, 2025; Jamie Billman, “Ground Penetrating Radar Helps Document African American Graves,” Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, August 29, 2022, accessed September 9, 2025, <https://www.pawv.org/preserve-wv-stories/ground-penetrating-radar-helps-document-african-american-graves>.

<sup>16</sup> “Lynched by a Mob,” *Wheeling Daily Intelligencer*, July 6, 1892; Cox, interview with Billman; Joy Gilchrist-Stalnaker and Bradley R. Oldaker, *Images of America: Lewis County* (Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2010).

<sup>17</sup> “The Cemetery,” *Weston Democrat*, December 14, 1870.

<sup>18</sup> Smith, *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia*, 375.

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to at least 1837. Machpelah Cemetery is substantially larger than Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery, with nearly 4,000 documented gravesites.<sup>19</sup>

Burials continued to occur at Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery through the twentieth century, but with decreasing frequency. They grew more sporadic after the 1920s, and the last burial to occur within the Period of Significance was for Dora C. McWhorter Shaw in 1968. Only five documented burials have occurred in the cemetery since then. The last known interment, for Susan M. Smith, was in 1996.<sup>20</sup>

*Criterion A: Social History*

The Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery is significant under *Criterion A: Social History* for its strong association with Weston’s formative years. It was intentionally planned and created early in the town’s history to provide a critical social service – the burial of deceased residents. Many of Weston’s earliest civic and business leaders were buried here. Also interred at the site, in a separate section, were Irish Catholic and Black residents, illustrating how different segments of the community utilized the burial ground. The designs of these graves – the unmarked Black graves, the religious symbols and inscriptions on Catholic gravestones, and the enclosed private family plots in the main section – provide information about the socioeconomic classes and values held by the Weston community members buried here.

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<sup>19</sup> Smith, *A History of Lewis County, West Virginia*; “Machpelah Cemetery,” Find A Grave, accessed September 8, 2025, <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/306483/machpelah-cemetery>.

<sup>20</sup> “Old Arnold Cemetery,” Find A Grave, accessed September 8, 2025, <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1978973/old-arnold-cemetery>.

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**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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** 1.56

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

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**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Zone: 17N | Easting: 545966 | Northing: 4320838 |
| 2. Zone: 17N | Easting: 545860 | Northing: 4320796 |
| 3. Zone: 17N | Easting: 545914 | Northing: 4320764 |
| 4. Zone: 17N | Easting: 545896 | Northing: 4320733 |
| 5. Zone: 17N | Easting: 545930 | Northing: 4320714 |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The original boundaries of the cemetery were described in Lewis County Deed Book B, Page 85, “Stringer & Maxwell to Trustees of Weston,” dated 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820. The current legal description of the property is given as “LOT 430X125X115X225X195X210 CEMETERY” in tax records. The nomination boundary is depicted in Figure 7.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary encompasses the cemetery in its known entirety and does not include any additional resources.

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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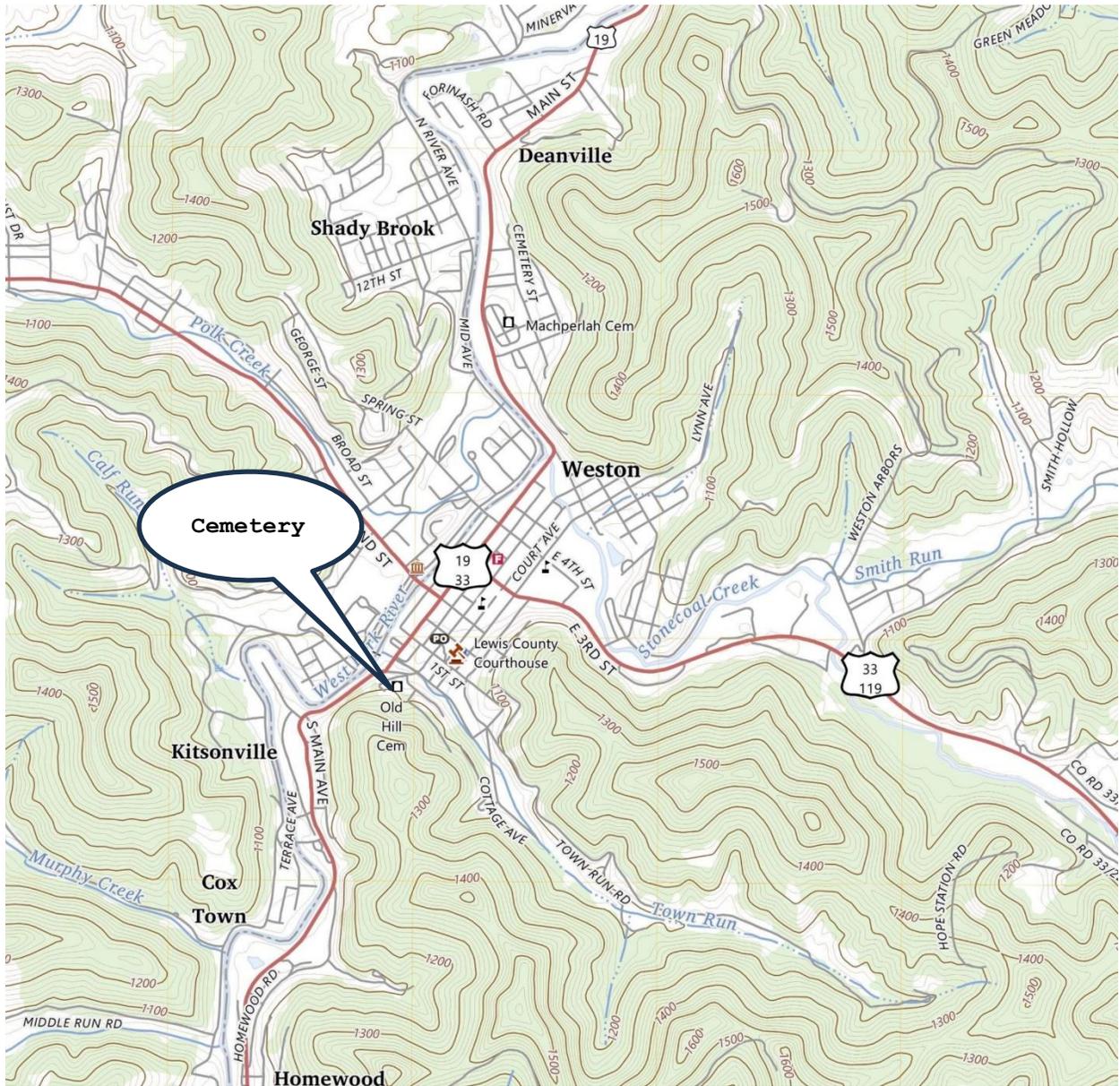


Figure 6 USGS Map, Weston Quadrangle, 7.5-Minute Series, 2023



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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Arnold – Old Hill Cemetery

City or Vicinity: Weston

County: Lewis

State: West Virginia

Photographer: Cody Straley

Date Photographed: August 26, 2025

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 9. Front entrance of cemetery, southwest elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0001
- 2 of 9. Yellow poplar tree in center of cemetery, south elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0002
- 3 of 9. View of cemetery center, north elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0003
- 4 of 9. Marble tombstones, south elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0004
- 5 of 9. Enclosed plot in rear of cemetery, southwest elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0005
- 6 of 9. Marble tombstones in rear of cemetery, south elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0006
- 7 of 9. Graves in Catholic section, southeast elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0007

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- 8 of 9. Arnold family burial plot, southeast elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0008
- 9 of 9. Damaged sandstone markers near center, southwest elevation  
WV\_LewisCo\_ArnoldOldHillCemetery\_0009

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*Photo 1 Front entrance of cemetery, southwest elevation*



*Photo 2 Yellow poplar tree in center of cemetery, south elevation*

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*Photo 3 View of cemetery center, north elevation*

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*Photo 4 Marble tombstones, south elevation*

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*Photo 5 Enclosed plot in rear of cemetery, southwest elevation*



*Photo 6 Marble tombstones in rear of cemetery, south elevation*

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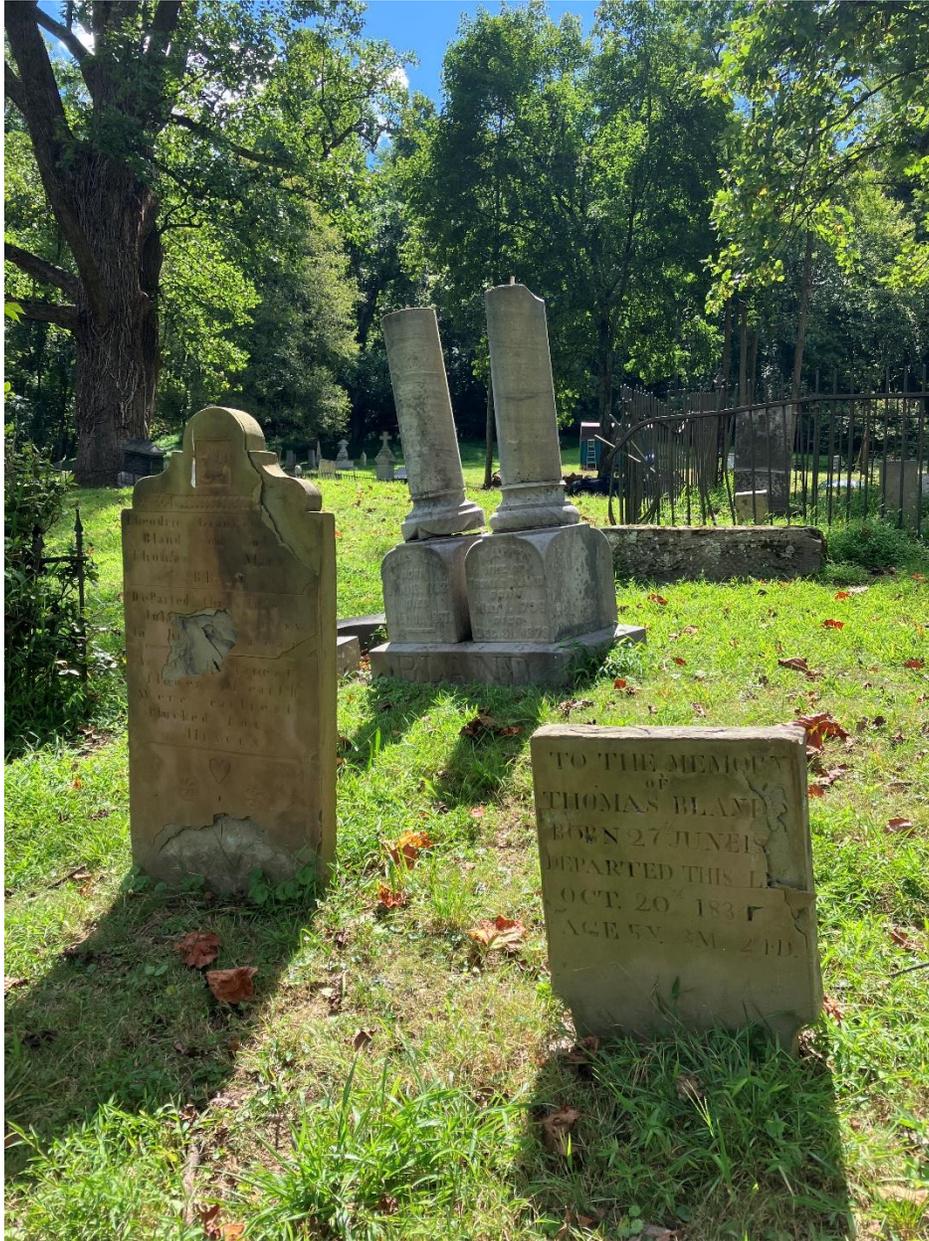
*Photo 7 Graves in Catholic section, southeast elevation*



*Photo 8 Arnold family burial plot, southeast elevation*

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*Photo 9 Damaged sandstone markers near center, southwest elevation*