

FREEDMANS CEMETERY

– Established prior to 1864 –

This four acre plot first appeared on an 1877 map of the City by F. W. Beers. However, it was not until 1892 that the City acquired the plot. According to L. Beatrice W. Hairston in *A Brief History of Danville, VA 1728–1954*, the land had been owned by the Green family, who used that area for a



burying ground, but without keeping records of the burials. Moses Green gave the land to the City, which did not keep records of burials there either. Most of the marked graves show burials in the 1880s and 1890s, but the dates of marked graves range from 1875 to 1954.

Without records, it is impossible to determine how many people were buried in Freedman's Cemetery. Additionally, some initially buried in Freedmans may have been reinterred elsewhere. Originally, over 100 graves had markers of some type, but less than thirty are standing now.