

15A. SOURCE (GOOGLE MAPS, GPS, ETC.): **GOOGLE MAPS** (see Appendix 1)

CEMETERY DESCRIPTION

16. CEMETERY TYPE:

PUBLIC

MUNICIPAL STATE FEDERAL MILITARY TRIBAL

PRIVATE

FAMILY CHURCH (REPORT NAME/DENOMINATION) FRATERNAL/ORGANIZATION (REPORT NAME) OTHER

UNKNOWN/ABANDONED

16A. DETAILS OR EXPLANATIONS:

17. CURRENT STATUS:

WELL MAINTAINED AND PRESERVED

MARGINALLY MAINTAINED

NOT MAINTAINED

OVERGROWN, BUT EASILY IDENTIFIABLE

OVERGROWN, NOT EASILY IDENTIFIABLE

NOT IDENTIFIABLE AS A BURIAL SITE (OR KNOWN TO EXIST BY ORAL TRADITION)

CEMETERY FEATURES INFORMATION
Please complete the attached Marker Description Form and submit with application.

18. NUMBER OF MARKED GRAVES: **None** 19. POSSIBLE NUMBER OF UNMARKED GRAVES: **14**. Appendix 2- is a cemetery map prepared by John Clauser in 1995 that identifies: 14 graves, presumably by analyzing ground depressions, plus a granite slab that summarizes Elisha Battle’s accomplishments (put there in 1935 by George Gordon Battle who upon his death in 1949 established a trust for the maintenance of the 2 Battle family cemeteries). See Appendix 3 for photo of granite slab.

20. KNOWN YEARS OR PERIOD OF USE: **This is the earliest Battle family cemetery in NC. As the family grew & prospered, a house, called Old Town Plantation was built on the Battle property about ½ mile east on the south side of NC 97. A 2nd cemetery, called Old Town Cemetery was established adjacent to that house and it became, & still is, an active Battle family cemetery.**

21. DATE OF EARLIEST MARKER: **Unknown but Elisha Battle died in 1799 & was buried there. Within the family it has always been known as Elisha Battle Cemetery.** 22. DATE OF MOST RECENT MARKER: **None**

23. BURIALS IN THIS CEMETERY ARE:

MARKED WITH GRAVESTONES, MONUMENTS, WALLS, FENCES, CRYPTS, MAUSOLEUMS, OR OTHER VISIBLE FUNERARY ARCHITECTURE **See # 24**

UNMARKED ONLY, DEPRESSIONS PRESENT OR POSSIBLY MARKED BY UNINSCRIBED FIELD STONES, PLANTS, SHELLS, OR ARTIFACTS **See # 24A**

BOTH MARKED AND UNMARKED

24. ARE THERE UNUSUAL OR SIGNIFICANT MARKERS PRESENT? **See # 18.** YES NO

- 24A. IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE: - A cement post/pipe fence (dimensions: 90' X 100') around the cemetery. (See Appendix 4 for photo of fence).

25. TO WHICH CULTURE WERE PEOPLE BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY MOST OFTEN AFFILIATED? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

AFRICAN AMERICAN EURO AMERICAN NATIVE AMERICAN UNKNOWN

OTHER (DESCRIBE):

25A. HOW HAS THE ABOVE BEEN DETERMINED (EX. DOCUMENTS, ARTIFACTS, ORAL TRADITION)?
By family documents including a Battle book of family genealogy "THE BATTLE BOOK Updated, The James Smith Battle Family" by George Hackney Eatman (2001)

26. ARE ARTIFACT PRESENT ON OR NEAR BURIALS OR WITHIN THE CEMETERY'S GROUNDS?

YES NO UNKNOWN

26A. DESCRIBE, INCLUDING LOCATION OR PROXIMITY TO OTHER CEMETERY ELEMENTS:

27. IS THE CEMETERY ENCLOSED? YES NO

27A. TYPE AND MATERIAL OF ENCLOSURE:

FENCE (MATERIAL TYPE): See # 24

HEDGE (WHICH SPECIES):

OTHER (EXPLAIN):

28. ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OR STRUCTURES WITHIN THIS CEMETERY?

YES NO

28A. DESCRIBE: Cemetery is identified by a large oak tree located inside the cemetery (see Appendix 5).

THREATS

29. ARE THERE ACTIVITIES OR NATURAL FORCES THAT THREATEN THE STABILITY OF THE SITE OR MIGHT IMPACT THE BURIALS? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.)

DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES VANDALISM ANIMALS/GRAZING

FARMING OPERATIONS INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS EROSION NEGLECT NONE

KNOWN OTHER (DESCRIBE):

29A. EXPLAIN: Cemetery is in the middle of an actively farmed field; farm machinery has been the primary reason for fence damage. See Appendix 6 for current condition of fence.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CEMETERY OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

EXPLAIN HERE: It, along with the nearby Old Town Cemetery, have been active cemeteries for over 220 years, capturing the historical record of the Battle family & with it, an important part of history of eastern NC.

Other Cemetery Number:

NC OSA STAFF USE: State Site Number:31 ED324

Please email or mail completed form, map and any photographic attachments to:

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Cemetery Site File Form Submission Checklist

Required

- Completed form
- Site location coordinates
- Map

Strongly encouraged

- Planview map of cemetery layout
- Marker description form
- Photographs

Warmly welcomed

- Site histories
- Genealogical narratives

Need help?

Refer to the North Carolina Citizen Site Form Instructions for instructions and tips.

Still can't find your answer?

Contact OSA! Melissa.timo@ncdcr.gov or 919-814-6562

