

# Petersburg National Battlefield VirtualCache Program

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## Site 19: Poplar Grove National Cemetery - Cannon

N 37° 09.610  
W 077° 25.698



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This thirty-two pounder Columbiad cannon was one of four installed symmetrically around the cemetery flagpole in 1869. Gun monuments such as these were a standard feature in national cemeteries in Virginia. The large cemeteries such as Poplar Grove and Richmond had four while smaller national cemeteries such as Cold Harbor and Seven Pines received one.

Though hard to read, the shield on the cannon has the burial tally and the name of the cemetery on it.

**Visit Instructions:** Two pictures are required for this Virtual Cache. Please take a close up picture of the artillery. Take a second with the artillery in the distance and capture as much of the surroundings as possible.