

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION

List additional descriptions or information on separate pages, if necessary.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: _____ Also known as: _____

County: _____

Person completing this form: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Affiliation with cemetery: _____

LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: _____ City: _____

Directions to cemetery from nearest town, include distances: _____

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number: _____

Optional: Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public Private

Name of individual, political entity, organization, or religious institution associated with cemetery: _____

Address, City, ZIP: _____

Association meeting dates, if applicable: _____

DEED REFERENCE

If known, provide deed information (volume, page, signing date) for deeds that **reference** the cemetery. Provide copies.

OWNERSHIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO CEMETERY

(Indicate on the cemetery map the location of each owner’s property. If there are more than four owners, please continue on a separate sheet of paper).

Owner No. 1: _____

Address, City, ZIP: _____

Owner No. 2: _____

Address, City, ZIP: _____

Owner No. 3: _____

Address, City, ZIP: _____

Owner No. 4: _____

Address, City, ZIP: _____

EXISTING HISTORICAL MARKERS AND GRAVE MARKERS

Provide title and date of each THC historical marker within the cemetery.

Provide title and date of nearby THC historical markers, if any:

SURROUNDING LAND USE (check all that apply)

- Urban setting Suburban setting Rural setting Transitional Game preserve
- Industrial Level Sloped Encroachment Other: _____

CEMETERY ACCESS (check all that apply)

- Direct access to public road Public access Private property

Limitations to access: _____

Primary access: Walk Drive Distance from nearest road: _____
(Name of road) (distance)

IDENTIFIABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (check all that apply)

- African American Asian European Hispanic Jewish Middle Eastern Native American
- Other: _____

Language on stones: _____

Other cultural information: _____

IDENTIFIABLE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE (check all that apply)

- Catholic Islamic Jewish Protestant Other: _____

Source: _____

LANDSCAPING

Identify the following and note whether the plants are cultural (planted deliberately) or natural growth, if known.

Trees: _____ Cultural Natural _____ Cultural Natural
_____ Cultural Natural _____ Cultural Natural

Shrubs: _____ Cultural Natural _____ Cultural Natural
_____ Cultural Natural _____ Cultural Natural

Groundcover: _____ Cultural Natural _____ Cultural Natural
_____ Cultural Natural _____ Cultural Natural

PERIMETER

Partially fenced Fully fenced No fence Cultivated fields Trimmed grass Roads
 Vacant land Body of water Other: _____

Rough dimensions: _____ x _____ **feet** Estimated acreage: _____ Irregular shape

PERIMETER FENCE (if applicable)

Barbed/woven wire Brick Cast/wrought iron Chain link Resin/synthetic Stone
 Trees Hedgerow Wood Other: _____

AGE AND CONTEXT

Approximate number of graves: _____ Dates of burials: Oldest _____ Most recent _____

Is the cemetery still active? Yes No

Unmarked graves Marked graves, no dates Dated graves Associated cultural context existing
(neighborhood, community, church, etc.) Name: _____

Original geographic context removed (small cemetery now in road right-of-way, parking lot, etc.)
 Subsequent community established around cemetery site Relocated from original site

Source: _____

Burial records exist Gravestones have been inventoried
 Printed inventory available/location: _____

CEMETERY CONDITION

Evidence of cemetery above ground Graves not readily visible Grave depressions Maintained
 Overgrown No obvious evidence of maintenance Select sections maintained
 Trash/dumping ground Tilted/leaning stones Fallen stones Missing features Vandalized
 Evidence of gravestone repairs

GRAVESTONE MATERIALS

Cast iron Ceramic photographs Concrete Fieldstone Funeral company marker
 Granite Limestone Marble Resin/plastic Sandstone Steel Structural glass
 Wood Tile Zinc Other: _____

CEMETERY FEATURE OVERVIEW

Cemetery sign: Yes No

Location? at the cemetery on the road on gate on fence on post

Text: _____

Entry gate: Yes No

Gate or arch manufacturer: _____

Fenced plots: Family; number: _____ Individual graves; number: _____

Interior fence materials: Barbed wire Brick Cast/wrought iron Chain link
 Combination Woven wire Stone Wood Other: _____

Curbing: Cut stone Concrete Brick Other: _____

Grave decoration: Shells Gravel Scraped earth Floral Other: _____

Interior roads: Dirt Brick Gravel Paved Cobblestone Grass Other: _____

Walkways and paths: Dirt Brick Gravel Paved Stone Grass Other: _____

Terracing/retaining walls: Yes No

Segregated burials: Family Race Religion Fraternal order Nationality Pauper
 Babies Institutional Other: _____

Cemetery features: Benches Flagpole Folk decorations Fountains Grave houses
 Grave shrines Grave slabs Handcrafted/local castings Cairns Mausoleums/vaults
 Obelisks Original statuary Outhouse Tabernacle Structures Unique stone carving
 Urns Well Other: _____
 Signed statuary; name: _____
 Signed gravestones; name: _____

VETERANS GRAVESTONES

American Revolution War of 1812 Texas Revolution Mexican War Civil War
 Indian Wars Spanish American War World War I World War II Korean War
 Vietnam War Gulf War Afghanistan Iraq Other: _____

