

HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION

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

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: _____ Also known as: _____
 County: _____
 Type: Single grave Cemetery
 Person completing this form: _____
 Address: _____
 City, state, zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
 Affiliation with cemetery: _____

LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: _____ City: _____
 Distance and direction to nearest road: _____

Directions to cemetery from nearest town: _____
 Optional: UTM Zone: _____ Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public Private
 Name of individual, political entity, organization, or religious institution associated with cemetery, or whose land surrounds cemetery: _____
 Address, city, zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
 Association meeting dates, if applicable: _____
 Contact person, sexton or caretaker: _____
 Address, city, zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

DEED REFERENCE

If known, provide deed information (volume, page, signing date) as to the ownership of the land from which the cemetery was set aside.

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:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Owner No. 2:

Address, city, zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Owner No. 3:

Address, city, zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Owner No. 4:

Address, city, zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

EXISTING HISTORICAL 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
- Level Sloped Encroachment

CEMETERY ACCESS (check all that apply)

- Direct access to public road Public access Private property

Limitations to access:

Cemetery sign:

Gate:

Primary access: Walk Drive Distance from nearest road:

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

Terracing/Retaining walls

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

Trees: Cultural Natural Cultural Natural Cultural Natural
Shrubs: Cultural Natural Cultural Natural Cultural Natural
Groundcover: Cultural Natural Cultural Natural Cultural Natural

PERIMETER

Partially fenced Fully fenced Cultivated fields Trimmed grass Roads
 Vacant land Buildings Body of water Other
Rough dimensions: x feet. Estimated acreage: Irregular shape

PERIMETER FENCE

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

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

GRAVESTONE MATERIALS

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

CEMETERY FEATURE OVERVIEW

Entry: Entry gate/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
Segregated burials: Family Race Religion Fraternal order Nationality Pauper
 Babies Institutional
Cemetery features: Benches Flagpole Folk decorations Fountains Grave houses
 Grave shrines Grave slabs Homemade/Local castings Cairns Mausoleums/Vaults Obelisks
 Original statuary Outhouse Tabernacle Structures Unique stone carving Urns Well
 Other

Signed statuary

Signed gravestones

VETERANS GRAVESTONES

- War of 1812 Texas Revolution Mexican War Civil War Indian Wars
 Spanish American War World War I World War II Korean War
 Vietnam War Other

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Provide a brief history of the cemetery with bibliographic references. Use additional pages if needed.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- Current black and white photographs (and historic photographs if available); color prints will not be accepted except as supplements to a core set of black and white photographs.
 Map as described in instructions.
 Site plan as described in instructions.
 Processing fee of \$25 (non-refundable)

APPROVAL BY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The form must be approved by the appropriate county historical commission before forwarding to the THC.

Printed name of CHC chair: _____

Signature of CHC chair _____ Date _____

Address, city, zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Submit Historic Texas Cemetery designation applications or related requests to:

**History Programs Division, Texas Historical Commission
PO Box 12276, Austin TX 78711-2276**

Phone: 512/463-5853. Fax: 512/475-3122

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**TEXAS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

The State Agency for Historic Preservation