

General Cemetery Survey Form
Georgia Historic Cemetery Preservation

Survey Date _____ Surveyor's Name _____
Contact Information/Affiliation _____

Current Cemetery Name _____
Historic Cemetery Name _____

Address or location related to nearby town/landmarks _____

City _____ County _____

GIS Information _____

Owner _____

Owner's Address _____

Owner's Contact Information _____

Type of ownership

___ private-profit ___ private-nonprofit ___ private-unspecified ___ city ___ church
___ county ___ state ___ federal other _____

Accessibility to public

___ unrestricted ___ restricted (private property) ___ by car ___ by foot

Description

Type of cemetery (check all that apply)
___ community ___ family ___ military ___ municipal ___ national ___ religious
___ other, explain _____

Design/style/layout

___ informal ___ formal ___ churchyard ___ family plot
___ paupers/potters field ___ rural ___ lawn park ___ memorial park

Current status

___ actively accepting new burials ___ maintained but not accepting new burials
___ not maintained

Overall evaluation of conditions of grounds

___ excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ poor

Specific problems

___ overgrown vines ___ overgrown grass ___ overgrown shrubs ___ unpruned trees
___ fences, wall deterioration ___ walkway/road erosion ___ other _____

Context

urban rural residential commercial industrial

Approximate size of cemetery: _____ x _____ ft., _____ acres

GPS coordinates _____

Boundaries

fence (material) _____

wall (material) _____

gates (material) _____

gates (inscriptions) _____

hedge/trees (type) _____

other _____

none _____

Condition of boundaries _____

Topographic features

flat moderate hills steep terrain intermittent stream stream

river pond lake unimproved road light duty road walkway

power lines rail lines forest marsh swamp

Ethnic group(s) interred [if can be determined]

Caucasian African American Native American Asian Hispanic

other, explain _____

Further information _____

Grave groupings (check all that apply)

family fraternal order religious ethnic heritage military slave

child indigents/paupers/unidentified persons

other, explain: _____

Plot enclosures (check all that apply; indicate total number of each if appropriate)

curbing/coping, material _____

railing/fence, material (design elements?) _____

hedge or plantings, type _____

wall, material _____

other (description) _____

Gravestones

Approximate number of markers (fifty years or over in age) _____

Approximate number of markers (less than fifty years in age) _____

Approximate number of burials _____

Evidence of unmarked burials _____

Number of markers with burial dates from 1700s _____ 1800s _____ 1900s _____

Age: earliest date: _____ most recent date _____

Gravestone materials (check all that apply and circle the most prevalent material):

granite marble fieldstone sandstone limestone wood

concrete/cement white bronze/zinc slate iron (cast/wrought)

___ other, explain _____

Note: If other methods of marking graves are present such as foot stones, earth mounding, broken pottery, flowers, other memorials beyond markers, please describe:

Orientation of markers (N-none/very few, S-some, M-most, A-all)

East/West _____ North/South _____

other

(explain) _____

Decorative carvings on the markers. List most common. _____

Names of stone carvers (specify name, town, company if available) _____

Condition of markers (give approximate number)

___ inscriptions illegible ___ inscriptions legible ___ no inscription ___ sunken/tilted stones

___ fragments/pieces on the ground ___ broken but standing ___ dirt/organic growth/staining

___ damaged surface/chipped/cracked

Describe any other conditions or types of damage observed _____

Identify previous restoration efforts (metal supports, cement or epoxy-type repairs, etc.) _____

Identify conditions endangering the cemetery or grave sites

Identify other decorative items, such as urns or statues, and describe condition _____

Identify structures (mausoleums, chapels, columbaria, etc.) _____

Describe walkways and roadways if any _____

General description of vegetation _____

Historical background

Year established (use circa if actual date is not documented) _____

Ownership history _____

Has the cemetery been listed in an existing cemetery survey? ___ No ___ Yes. If yes, give name, date, and bibliographic or website reference _____

List individuals of local, state or national importance buried in the cemetery: _____

List any historical incidents: _____

List distinctive monuments, architectural features or sculptures and explain their historical significance: _____

Is this cemetery the successor to another located else where? If so explain _____

Are the markers in their original locations or rearranged? _____

Additional information: _____

Significance of this site to local, state, or national history: _____