

Appendix 1: Site Inventory Form

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (November 2005)

State Inventory No. **85-00564** New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) _____
 Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
 National Register Status:(any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE
 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____
 Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Cemetery
 other names/site number Ames Municipal Cemetery

2. Location

street & number 301 and 310 East 9th Street
 city or town Ames, Iowa 50010 vicinity, county Story
 Legal Description:(If Rural) Township Name Washington Township No. 83 Range No. 24 Section 2 Quarter of Quarter NE
 (If Urban) Subdivision _____ Block(s) _____ Lot(s) _____

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	_____ buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	_____ Total
		approx. <u>200</u>
		approx. <u>201</u>

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).
 Title Historic Resources Evaluation: Ames Municipal Cemetery Historical Architectural Data Base Number _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>07A: Cemetery</u>	<u>07A: Cemetery</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>N/A</u>	<u>foundation</u> _____
_____	<u>walls (visible material)</u> _____
_____	<u>roof</u> _____
_____	<u>other</u> _____

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	A Property is associated with significant events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

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Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Significant Dates

Construction date
1878 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1890, 1901, 1917, 1929, 1963

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect
A. N. Carpenter
Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1			2		
3			4		

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____
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See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.

Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
 - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
 - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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Description

The Ames Municipal Cemetery is located on the eastern edge of Ames on a bluff overlooking the Skunk River Valley. It is bounded by East 13th Street to the north, Maxwell Avenue and Crawford Avenue to the west, East 7th Street to the south, and a steep slope to the east that levels into agricultural fields. The cemetery is approximately three city blocks long running north to south and approximately two city blocks wide.

The oldest part of the cemetery is located south of East 9th Street and was designed by A. N. Carpenter in 1878. The oldest burials in the cemetery are located in the southeast corner of this section and date from the mid-nineteenth century. Unmarked charity burials are located at the southeast corner of the property and infant burials are located at the south end of the property. The majority of burials in this portion of the cemetery are marked with traditional Victorian style, limestone headstones. They are often ornamented with intricate carvings and embellishments common to the time period. Most are in fair to good condition and add to integrity of place and time associated with this portion of the cemetery. Some original stones have been replaced with modern monuments but at least in this area, those are the exception. The only mausoleum in the cemetery stands in this section and belongs to the Greeley Family. It is located immediately south of East 9th Street in the original portion of the cemetery. It is a rectangular, granite structure that is oriented to the east. It has Tuscan style columnation at the entrance and three steps leading up to the door. The architrave, frieze, and cornice are quite plain and the entire structure appears to be capped with a monolithic piece of granite. There are fixed windows on the north and south facades.

Paved, primary roads divide the property into approximately 25 sections. Sections in the south third of the property tend to be relatively flat while those in the central and northern sections tend to be slightly rounded. Because of this, individual plots located closer to roads tend to be spaced further apart due to greater change in grade, while those in the middle of sections are placed closer together due to less variation in grade. In general, plots are oriented towards the nearest north-south road. The cemetery is also characterized by its display of mature trees and shrubs that have greatest concentration in the northern third and along the eastern edge of the property.

Structures within the cemetery include a poured concrete wall situated at the northern edge of the property along East 13th Street, five buildings for storing lawn care and interment equipment at the southwest corner of the property, and a cemetery office located immediately south of East 9th Street. The storage buildings are non-descript, metal utility buildings with garage door openings and driveways for parking vehicles. The cemetery office is a small, single-story, building that is oriented to the east. The building is clad in limestone blocks and has a flat roof likely clad in rolled asphalt. A parapet wall capped in finished limestone runs the perimeter of the roof. There is a single-door entrance located in the east façade that is surrounded by a fluted portal. The original door appears to have been replaced with a modern vinyl one, although the wooden frame and transom light are still extant. There are two, wood-framed, double-hung, four-over-one windows on the north and south facades of the building. Each window has a stone sill. Across the street from the cemetery office there are several donated memorials including a flagpole, a sundial, a platform from the Ames Patriotic Council, and a Veteran's memorial headstone. Other unique features in the cemetery include a cut stone monument denoting the Garden of Memories, and a multiple burials, cremation remains monument. None of these features are included in the oldest portion of the cemetery, and all date to the early to mid-twentieth century.

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Significance

William C. Page evaluated the cemetery in 1992 during the citywide Reconnaissance Historical and Architectural Resources of Ames, Iowa study. At that time, Page suggested the cemetery, as a whole was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a designed historic landscape. However, in 1992 Page noted, survey and evaluation of designed historic landscapes was just beginning. Today, the cemetery can be more thoroughly evaluated as the National Park Service has since published a bulletin on evaluating these special properties.

According to Page's associated property types completed during the 1992 survey, the Ames Municipal Cemetery is eligible for the National Register for its association with his historic context on the "Dream of Arcadia, 1859-1943." In this description, Page asserted the cemetery was an outstanding example of the late nineteenth century, professionally designed rural cemetery, reminiscent of landscape design styles of the period that attempted to make beautiful parks available to the public. Page was on the right track in 1992, but according to current standards for the evaluation of cemeteries and the evaluation of designed historic landscapes, the entirety of the cemetery is not eligible for the National Register, only a small portion in the southeast corner.

The first thirteen rows in the southeast corner of the cemetery (from east to west, south of 9th Street) are the only portion of the cemetery that can be linked to 19th century landscape architect A.N. Carpenter. It appears as though this portion stands today as it did in Carpenter's original landscape design for the cemetery. The rows (comprised of largely period monuments) are arranged according to Carpenter's plan, and the roads, trees and other features in this area also retain good integrity to the original plotting. Beyond this corner, however, the cemetery's character does not match that of the southeast corner. Land in these areas was added in pieces, platted, and replatted and redesigned again in the 1960s in an attempt to make the cemetery appear to be a cohesive landscape. These redesigns took into account the natural landscape of the property, adding winding, curvy roads, changing the alignment of the burial plots and stones to work with the rolling hills, and accounting for changing fashions in burial monuments. These changes, however, did not keep to the original, grid-like patterns of the earliest plot. Therefore, the southeast corner of the cemetery is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a designed historic landscape historic district and the remainder of the cemetery is not eligible for the National Register as it does not represent a cohesive era, the work of a master landscape architect or contain any architecturally or artistically significant features. This portion of the cemetery, however, is still protected under Iowa's cemetery laws.

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See associated report, *Historic Resources Evaluation: Ames Municipal Cemetery, 2012*

Story County Assessor Website

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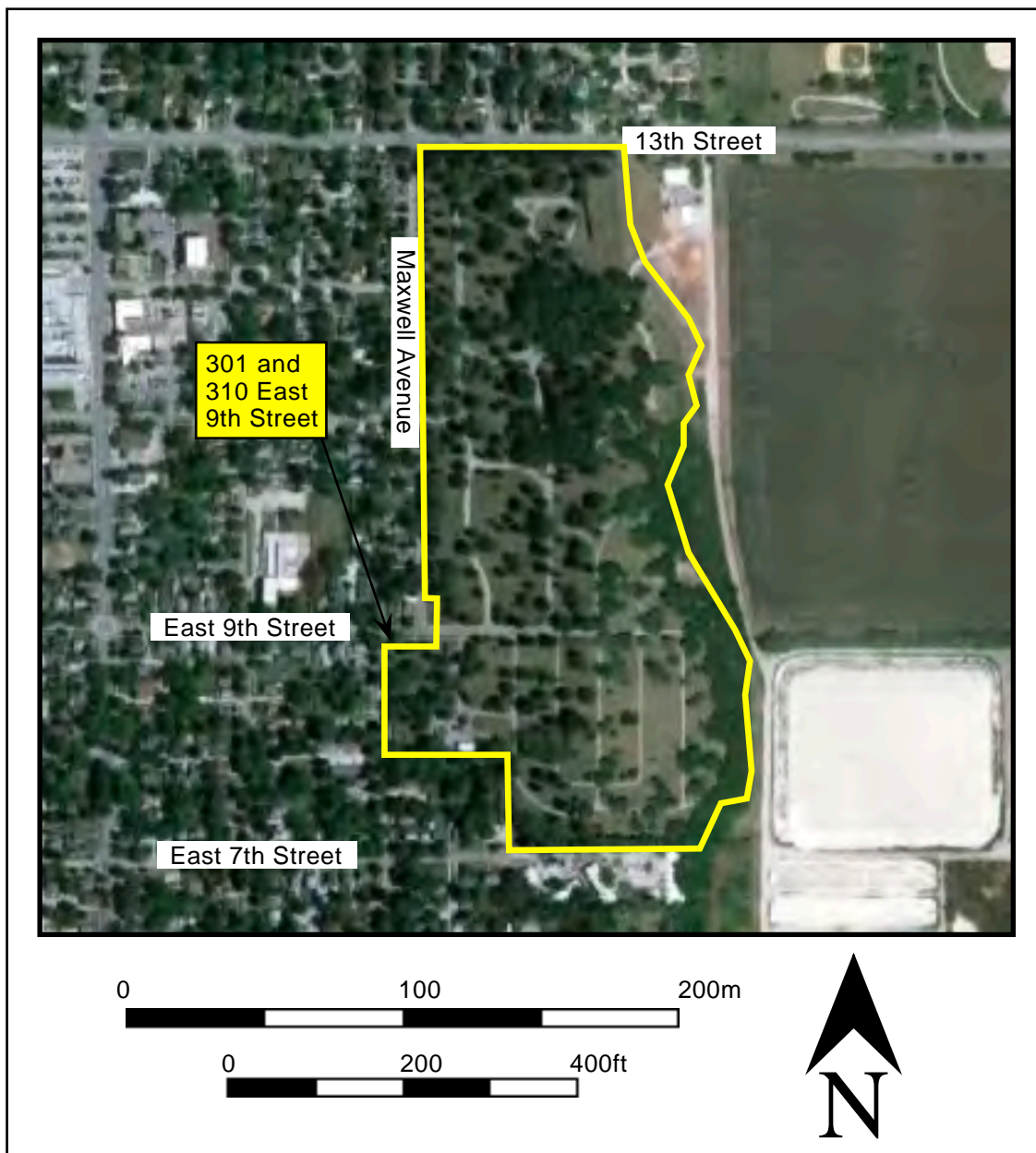
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Location of Property (Highlighted in Yellow)

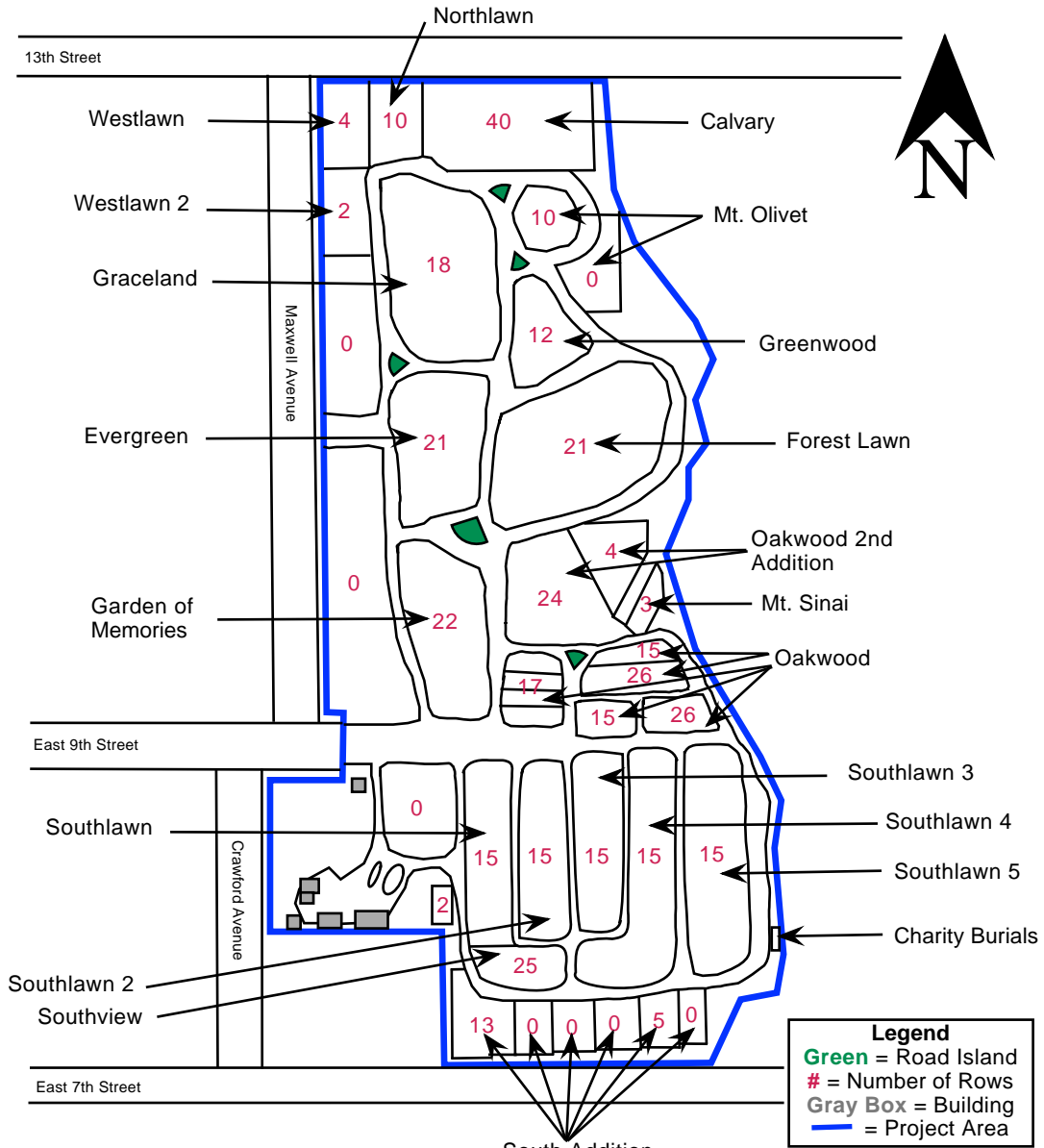
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Layout of Property (North is to the Top)

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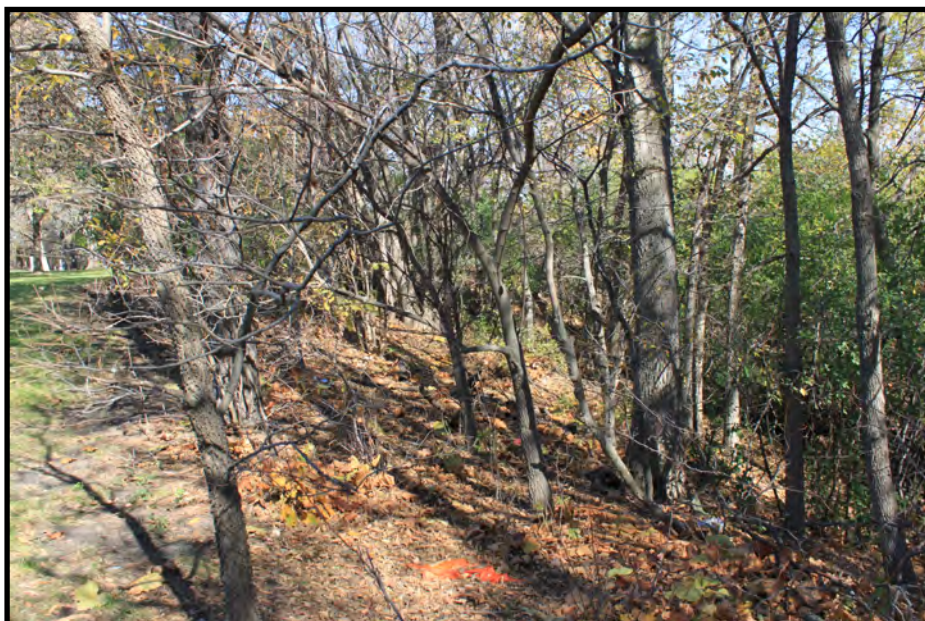
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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Push Pile Near Charity Burials, view to the northeast



Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Woods Behind Charity Burials, view to the north

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Oldest Burials, view to the north



Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Southlawn 5 (oldest burials), view to the south

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Southlawn 4 (Greeley Mausoleum),
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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Access Roads, view to the northeast

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Mt. Olivet Memorial, view to the east



Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, 13th Street Wall, view to the west

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Multi-Memorial Block, view to the south



Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Garden of Memories, view to the east

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Flag Pole, view to the west



Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Sundial, view to the north

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Memorial, view to the southeast



Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Ames Patriotic Council, view to the southeast

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Coverage of Ames Municipal Cemetery, Garages and Break Room, view to the west