LOUISIANA REGISTER OF HISTORIC CEMETERIES
HISTORIC CEMETERY NOMINATION QUESTIONS

This form is intended to help you collect data for a new historic cemetery nomination or to update information for cemeteries already listed. The cemetery nomination form is *only* available on the LRHC website. **Printed applications are not accepted.**
(Not all information is required; include as much as possible)

SITE INFO

Historic Cemetery Name: _____

Alternative Cemetery Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____
Please provide nearest street/road and, if available, include the street number

City: _____ **Parish**: _____

Within city limits? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

Be prepared to indicate an approximate cemetery boundary on the map provided on the online nomination form

Accessible from public right-of-way? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

Cemetery classification:

____ Religious	____ Association	____ Fraternal	____ I don't know
____ Commercial	____ Community	____ Military	____ Other
____ Municipal	____ Family Burial Ground	____ Burial Site for Enslaved	

Does the cemetery have a sign? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know
If so, what does the sign say and where is it located?

Is a main entry gate present? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know
If so, list the gate manufacturer (if available)

What year was the cemetery established? _____
Leave blank if unknown or enter approximate date and select "circa" below if exact year is unknown

Is the cemetery over 50 years old? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

Did the last burial occur before 1900? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

Scan to visit the LRHC website

CEMETERY FEATURES

Date of oldest marked burial: _____ **Date of most recent burial**: _____

Is the cemetery still active? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

If historic markers are present, what are their titles and dates? (Note: Historic markers are cast metal or other marker denoting the history of the site or significant burial)

Number of graves: **Total**: _____ **Marked**: _____ **Unmarked (estimate)**: _____

Does a burial list exist? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know
Where does the burial list exist?

Threats to cemetery: (erosion, heavily overgrown vegetation, encroachment by development/road, subsidence/sea level rise, etc):

Primary access:
____ Walkway/gate (pedestrian access only)
____ Drive (designated road/avenue for regular vehicular traffic inside cemetery boundary

Distance from nearest road: (actual or approximate distance) _____

If the cemetery is associated with a church, synagogue, temple, mosque, or other religious institution, what is its name? _____

Evidence of segregation or grouping by:
____ Race/ethnicity ____ Family ____ Occupation ____ None
____ Religion ____ Military ____ Fraternal Organization ____ Other

Is the cemetery racially segregated?
____ Yes, majority Black or African American ____ No
____ Yes, majority White ____ I don't know
____ Yes, majority another racial group ____ Other
____ Yes, separate sections for different races

Condition: (select all that apply)
____ Maintained ____ Partially maintained ____ Trash/dumping ground ____ Other
____ Not maintained ____ Neglected/overgrown ____ Evidence of vandalism

Approximate size:
_____ 0-1 acres _____ 1-5 acres
_____ 5-10 acres _____ 10+ acres

Setting:
_____ Rural _____ Small town
_____ Suburban _____ Urban

Perimeters present? (fence type, wall, vegetation, road(s), vacant land, buildings, other, none)

Orientation of graves:

____ East-West
____ North-South
____ Toward central monument
____ Toward a river
____ Toward a road
____ Other

Marker type: (select all that are present; scan QR code to view visual glossary of marker types)

____ Above-ground tomb
____ Box tomb
____ Column
____ Comb grave
____ Coping/curbing/cradles
____ Foot stone
____ Headstone
____ Ledger stone
____ Obelisk
____ Rock cairn
____ Statuary
____ Tablet stone
____ Grave house
____ Other

Gravestone marker materials: (granite, marble, wood, brick, etc.; scan QR code to view visual glossary of marker materials)

Veterans gravestones: (select all that apply)

____ American Revolutionary War
____ War of 1812
____ Civil War (Union)
____ Civil War (Confederate)
____ Spanish American War
____ WWI
____ WWII
____ Korean War
____ Vietnam War
____ Persian Gulf War
____ War in Afghanistan
____ Iraq War
____ Other

Marker designs: (select all that are present; scan QR code to view visual glossary of symbols)

____ All-seeing eye
____ Anchor
____ Angel
____ Bible
____ Cross
____ Draped urn
____ Flower motifs
____ Hands
____ Heart
____ Lamb
____ Masonic
____ Menorah
____ Sleeping child
____ Star/Star of David
____ Weeping willow
____ Other

Grave articles: (select all that are present; scan QR code to view visual glossary of grave articles)

____ Bedsteads
____ Bottles
____ Ceramic objects
____ Clocks
____ Coins
____ Dolls/toys
____ Flowers
____ Flower pots/vases
____ foil-covered brick
____ Jars
____ Lamps
____ Light bulbs
____ Marbles
____ Medicine bottles
____ Pinwheels
____ Milk jugs/plastic bottles
____ Plates
____ Seashells
____ Stones
____ None
____ Other

Landscape features: (select all that are present; scan QR code to view visual glossary of landscape features)

____ Casual and unplanned
____ Designed plantings
____ Designed drives and walks
____ Designed fencing and walls
____ Informal/picturesque
____ Terracing/contouring
____ Grouping of trees in field
____ Other

Ornamental plantings/historic vegetation? (please describe; scan QR code to view visual glossary of ornamental plantings)

Additional information?

Was the cemetery relocated from original site? _____ Yes _____ No _____ I don't know

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Why is this cemetery of historical significance?

____ Important person(s) buried on site
____ Stone carver
____ Monument manufacturer
____ Landscape designer/architect
____ Military significance
____ Unique burial practices
____ Historic event
____ Significant broad patterns in history
____ Significant church
____ Significant family
____ Other

LINKS

If the cemetery is listed on any of these websites, please include the link on your digital nomination form:

Cemetery website
Find a Grave (findagrave.com)
USGenWeb (usgwarchives.net)
Louisiana Cemeteries (la-cemeteries.com)
Billion Graves (billiongraves.com)

National Register of Historic Places listing (if applicable)
Additional web links

ADDITIONAL

- Narrative - brief history of cemetery (bio/genealogical information; relevant history of church or community nearby; include citations)
- Burial listings accepted
- 1-5 Photographs (with date and name of photographer, if known; historic photos allowed if in the public domain)
- Map of the cemetery (if available)

APPLICANT/OWNER

- Name of owner of property/cemetery association (if known)
- Contact information for owner (address, phone number, email, website)
- Association meeting dates (if applicable)
- Name of caretaker (if known)
- Contact information for caretaker (address, phone number, email)
- ***Name of person applying for historic designation (required)**
- ***Email address for person applying for historic designation (required)**
- Phone number for person applying for historic designation
- Address for person applying for historic designation
- Does applicant have a connection with persons buried at cemetery?