

*Don't let our history disappear.
Please help . . .*

It's our history . . . help preserve it.

Please complete this
survey and help
protect and preserve
Oregon's heritage cemeteries.



Photo: Mirra Meyer

*Salem
Pioneer Cemetery*



OREGON HISTORIC CEMETERY SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to locate and determine the condition of all cemeteries, mausoleums, memorial gardens, burial sites, etc. in Oregon which contain burials dated prior to February 14, 1909. The information you provide will help the Commission on Historic Cemeteries assist Oregonians in the restoration and maintenance of historic cemeteries statewide. Please feel free to copy this form and distribute it to others who have knowledge of historic cemeteries and gravesites in your area.

Answer questions to the best of your knowledge. If you don't know or aren't sure, skip the question.

Return completed forms to Commission on Historic Cemeteries, State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Parks and Recreation, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301-1266.

For information, call 503-986-0685, or Email Mirra.Meyer@state.or.us. Visit www.hcd.state.or.us.

Name on Cemetery Sign, if any:				Legal Name, if different:	
Other Known Names:					Primary County:
Physical Address, if any:			Nearest City/Town/Community:		Zip Code:
Directions from Nearest Community: (Indicate county road numbers, key landmarks, signage, distance from nearest road. etc.)					
Township:	Range:	Section:	1/4 Section:	Tax Lot #:	
Zoning Designation:			National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
Public Accessibility (select only one): <input type="checkbox"/> By permission only <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted Access <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible			Accessible by (select the primary access method): <input type="checkbox"/> Foot <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Not Accessible <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Year Cemetery Officially Established:	Does the Cemetery continue to accept burials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Earliest Known Burial Date:	Latest Known Burial Date:	
Has the Cemetery ever been relocated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Date:			Approximate Size of Cemetery:		Number of Acres:
General Condition of Cemetery of Gravesite: <input type="checkbox"/> Well Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Marginally Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown, easily identifiable <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown, not identifiable <input type="checkbox"/> Not identifiable as a burial site, but known to exist through traditional or other means (explain)					
Regarding Gravestones and Markers:					
Approximate number of gravestones or markers:			Are markers and stones in their original locations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
Give approximate number of gravestones and/or markers in each category. Inscriptions Readable: _____ Inscription Unreadable: _____ Intact and Standing: _____ Toppled: _____ Broken but Standing: _____ Fragments on Ground: _____ Damaged Surfaces: _____ Stones/Markers Missing: _____					
Any signs of Vandalism or Intentional Damage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure			Have repairs been attempted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure If yes, when?		
Repair Methods Used: <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesives <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Supports <input type="checkbox"/> Coatings <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Pins/Bolts <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					

Design Character of Cemetery:

Materials of which markers are made: Stone Marble Slate Granite Wood Metal Other (list)

Decorative Carvings and Sculptural Forms Found on Markers:

Angels Lambs Religious Symbols Draperies Urns Plant and Flower Symbols Architectural Forms
 Other (list)

Structures: Describe architectural features such as crypts or mausoleums, any distinctive elements such as ornamental fences, paved walkways, brickwork, decorative ironwork, sculptures, fountains, roads, boundary fences, buildings or signage.

Terrain: Level Hilly - Moderate Steep Other (describe)

Bounded by: Fence Wall Hedge Other (describe)

Landscaping: Describe any traditional landscaping, historic plants and shrubbery, exceptional trees, etc., the cemetery contains.

Does the cemetery provide habitat for native birds and other wildlife? Describe any native plants and the types of birds and other wildlife present.

History of Cemetery: (Attach additional pages, if desired)	
List any important individuals in state or local history buried there:	
Describe any significant ethnic or religious sections within the cemetery site:	
Was this cemetery associated with specific groups such as I.O.O.F., Masonic Lodge, etc.?	
Describe any unusual features or historic incidents of interest:	
What is the most urgent need for care of this cemetery, if any?	
Cemetery Contact Information:	
Cemetery Ownership Type: (select only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Family (list below) <input type="checkbox"/> Church (list below) <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge or Fraternal Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below)	Is the cemetery a trust or non-profit? <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit
Contact Person or Organization for Cemetery, if any:	This Contact is: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Contact for access permission
Address of Contact:	Phone Numbers: Personal: Business: Cell: Fax:
Additional Contact Information:	Email Address:
Name, Address and Phone Number of Person Completing this Form:	Date Completed:

We thank you for any and all information you can provide in this statewide effort to identify and evaluate the condition of Oregon's historic and pioneer era cemeteries.

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(Inside Image: Stearns Cemetery, courtesy of Southern Oregon Historical Society, #18110)