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Site No. 11

Photo No. 14

Name: State Cemetery

Address: 901 Navasota Street

Present Owner: The State of Texas

Original Use: Cemetery

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Austin East,

Texas, 1:24,000, 1966 Photorevised 1973 Historic Name: State Cemetery of Texas

Date: 1851-

Legal: The south half of lot 5, Division B, [bounded by a cemetery access road on the north, Comal Street on the east, East 7th Street on the south, and Navasota Street on the west]

Acreage: ± 9 acres

Current Use: Cemetery

UTM Reference: 14/622540/3348660

Architectural Description:

Physical Condition: Excellent

Date(s) of Alteration: Not applicable

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Through the untiring efforts of Louis W. Kemp, a state official, the remains of over 100 prominent persons were reinterred here after 1930. Since 1951, those eligible for burial have included designated state officials, Confederate veterans, and certain other famous citizens.

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A large number of noteworthy historical figures were buried in the State Cemetery prior to the 1920s. After 1925, Texan historian and author Louis Kemp initiated a drive to bring the significance of the Cemetery to the attention of the general public and to reinter prominent Texans who were lying in abandoned cemeteries and unmarked graves throughout the State. As a result of Kemp's efforts, and those of Dan Moody, governor of Texas from 1927 to 1931, the remains of more than 100 important historic figures were reburied in the Cemetery. In the Centennial year of 1936, 50 men and 26 women were brought to Austin and reinterred.

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A large number of important historic figures are buried in the State Cemetery or are represented there in the form of funerary art which they executed to commemorate specific individuals. Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," is buried in the Cemetery as are Johanna Troutman (reinterred 1913), designer of the Flag of the Lone Star; W. A. A. "Big Foot" Wallace (buried <u>ca.</u> 1900), famous Texas Ranger; Ashbel Smith (buried 1886), instrumental in founding The University of Texas; and Governor Francis Lubbock (buried 1905). Work by famous artists includes pieces by Pompeo Coppini, a native of Italy whose work also stands on the grounds of the State Capitol, The University of Texas at Austin, Baylor University in Waco, and the

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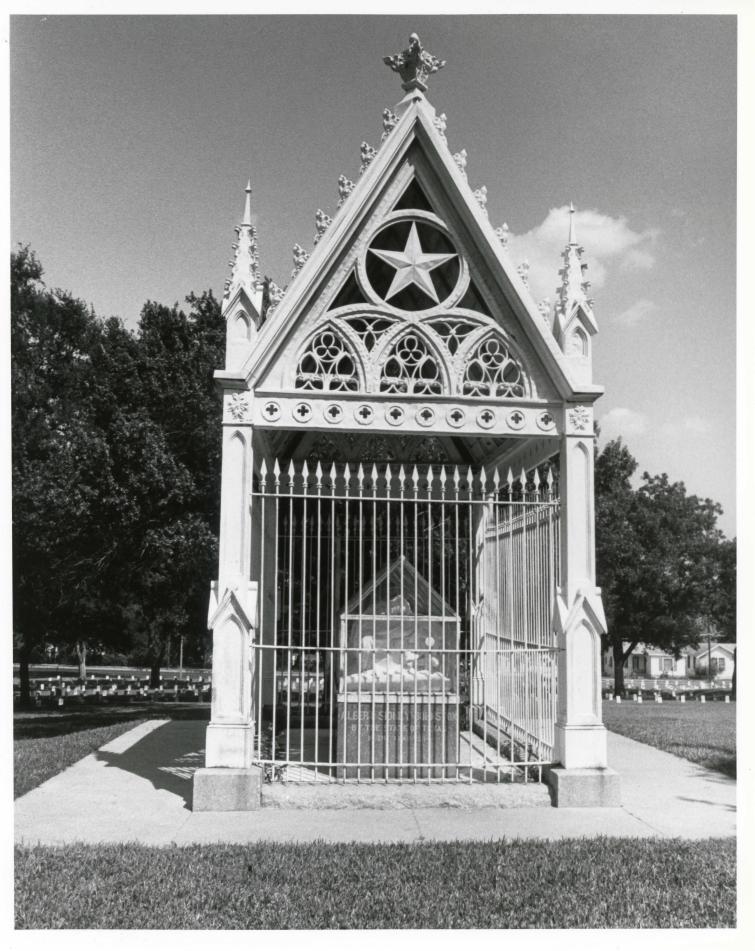
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Site No. 11, State Cemetery, 901 Navasota Street Photo by Joe Freeman, 1984, neg. with Texas Historical Commission, Austin

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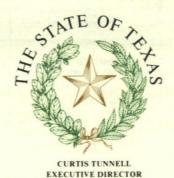
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Dear Carol:

Enclosed please find the revisions for the East Austin Multiple Resource Area, as per your recommendations of October 3, 1985 [432 (413)]. Please note that the G.P. Briones House is no longer included, and that property #141 of the Swedish Hill Historic District has been classed non-contributing. We have also made appropriate changes for the State Cemetery of Texas and the Administration Building of Huston-Tillotson College.

Thanking you very much for your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

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