

# Kansas Historical Society

## Initial Determination of Eligibility (IDOE)

### Supplemental Guide for Cemeteries in Kansas

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This supplemental guide is intended to assist the submitter in filling out a Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KRHI) record relating to cemeteries. Additional information about cemeteries (as opposed to buildings), helps the SHPO staff make an initial determination of eligibility. **This is not a nomination form.** If you have questions about this guide, contact us at 785-272-8681 ext. 240.

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#### **Kansas Historic Resources Inventory – <https://khri.kansasgis.org/>**

When create a new record or updating an existing record, include the following information, to the best of your knowledge, in the sections listed below:

##### Historic Function Remarks:

- Include if there are public, private, or restricted burials.
- How was the cemetery established?
- Was the land purchased / donated at once or in pieces?
- Was the land intended for burials originally?
- Who did this cemetery serve? A private family, a community, the general public?

##### Present Function Remarks:

- Is the cemetery still in use?

##### Physical Description/Remarks:

- What are the organizational features of the cemetery?
- Are stones arranged in rows or by family plots?
- Are there roadways or paths?
- Are there buildings, monuments, or mausoleums?
- Are there gates, walls, or fencing around the cemetery?
- How has the property changed or developed over time?
- How many burials are there? Are they marked / unmarked?
- Has the cemetery expanded?

##### Date Notes:

- Include the dates (if known) of the first and last burials.

##### General remarks:

- Are multiple groups of people buried there (i.e., there is a military plot within a larger interment area or a potter's field)?
- Who has owned and maintained the cemetery over time?

##### Images / Documents:

- Upload general images of the cemetery as well as images of any significant elements.
- Include a sketch map of the cemetery and its layout.