

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Pilot Grove

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER SW of Williamsburg
T79N R11 W, Sec. 24

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN Williamsburg

VICINITY OF

First

STATE Iowa

CODE

COUNTY Iowa

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER cemetery

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Cemetery area: Iowa County Grove area: Kelting Family, c/o Lillian

STREET & NUMBER 303 Highland Drive Kelting

CITY, TOWN Marengo

VICINITY OF Iowa City

STATE Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

GOOD

RUINS

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pilot Grove is situated between the North English River and Old Man's Creek in Iowa County. Its elevation is approximately 890 feet, above treeless prairie which has long been under cultivation. This heavily wooded knoll features hickory, oak and walnut trees, with patches of virgin prairie covered with bluestem, gramma, switch and Indian gresses, as well as a variety of native prairie wildflowers. The adjacent cemetery is about four acres, well-kept, with many kings of headstones from the mid-19th century to the present.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1840's+, 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This wooded knoll, rising from the long stretches of prairie which surround it, was known from the early 1840's as a landmark for pioneers going west across Iowa. During the early years of settlement (1840's-1860's) there was no timber in the area except this grove, which could be seen for many miles. For those who settled in the region, Pilot Grove was also a guidepost, giving a sense of direction and distance to and from the county seat at Marengo. The township in which the grove is located was the last to be organized in Iowa County, and its name (Pilot) was taken from the grove, pointing up the importance of the landmark to area settlers.

A further indication of the Grove's place in the inhabitants' esteem was the location of the first cemetery in Pilot Township there in 1867. Pilot Grove Union Graveyard was organized and laid out that year, with a donation of four acres at the edge of the Grove. Many of the earliest graves were moved from their original sites on scattered farmsteads for reburial in this non-denominational pioneer cemetery.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Iowa County, Iowa. Des Moines, 1881.
Dinwiddie, James C. History of Iowa County, I. Chicago: S.J. Clarke, 1915.
Iowa County Plat Book. Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals, Distributor, 1975.
Marengo Pioneer-Republican. 6 April 1976, pp. 1-2.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	57,638,0	4,608,99,0	B	1,5	57,639,0	4,608,84,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,5	57,619,0	4,608,84,0	D	1,5	57,618,0	4,608,98,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lillian Kelting

ORGANIZATION

DATE

August 1976

STREET & NUMBER

303 Highland Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian H. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

11/2/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rottig

DATE

11/17/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

DATE

11.16.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER