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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Uniontown Cemetery  
other names/site number Green Cemetery; 177-2746; 14SH336

2. Location

street & number NW Douglas Road  not for publication  
city or town Willard  vicinity  
state Kansas code KS county Shawnee code 177 zip code 66046

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Patricia E. Baker* 3-30-10  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
State Historic Preservation Office, Kansas Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
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 determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet  
 determined not eligible for the National Register  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other,  
(explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Edson H. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action  
5.17.10

**Entered in  
The National Register  
of  
Historic Places**

Uniontown Cemetery  
Name of Property

Shawnee County, KS  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing

Noncontributing

_____	buildings
_____	sites
_____	structures
_____	objects
_____	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary: cemetery  
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Funerary: cemetery  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
walls \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

Uniontown<sup>1</sup> Cemetery (formerly known as Green Cemetery and now owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation) is located on a slight rise south of Willard, Kansas, on Northwest Douglas Road. Willard is located along the southern edge of the Kansas River as it passes through western Shawnee County. The graveled Douglas Road curves around the cemetery, which includes 1.21 acres with approximately twenty marked headstones and numerous unmarked graves. The cemetery sits east across the road from the 83-acre Green Wildlife Area. The present site of the Uniontown Cemetery, the Green Wildlife area, and the surrounding land surrounding them was once the site of Uniontown. North, east, and south of the cemetery is cultivated farmland.

The cemetery is a significant physical remnant of the short-lived settlement of Uniontown. The cemetery includes no designed driveways or landscape elements. Today, it features short mowed grass, a single tree near the center, and a wooded section at the along the road near the south end of the cemetery. There are three separate marked burial areas each enclosed with a dry-laid native stone wall. Two of these enclosed areas are family plots dating to the 1860s. The third area is located in the center of the cemetery and is marked by a circular stone wall that marks a mass grave of Potawatomi.<sup>2</sup> Historical records date this mass grave to a cholera outbreak in 1849 and 1850. There are scattered grave markers outside of the three enclosed sections, and these are primarily located along the south edge of the cemetery.

Today, the cemetery is owned and maintained by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

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<sup>1</sup> Historical accounts and maps provide alternative spellings that include both "Uniontown" and "Union Town." This document uses the more common usage of "Uniontown" unless directly quoting a source.

<sup>2</sup> Historical accounts and maps provided many variations of the word "Potawatomi." This document uses the preferred spelling of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation unless directly quoting a source.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social History \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1849-1960 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1849-1850 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**

N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- Previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Summary

Uniontown Cemetery is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, Criterion Consideration D, as a significant physical landscape remnant of the short-lived community of Uniontown, a pre-Civil War settlement that served as a trading post, pay station, and ferry crossing along the Kansas River. It reflects, in part, an important period in the early history of the area when thousands of immigrants passed through the Potawatomi reserve on their way west. The settlement, a place where Native American and Euro-American cultures converged, thrived for a short period between 1848 and 1852 and is noted in the historical record as an important river crossing and supply stop. The cholera epidemic of 1849 and 1850, coupled with the success of other area river towns like Topeka, spelled the settlement's eventual demise. Although the settlement existed only a few years, the cemetery evolved into a rural family cemetery.

### Elaboration

Uniontown was established by the federal government on the Potawatomi Indian reservation to serve as a trading post and pay station along the Kansas River.<sup>3</sup> Government traders Richard Cummins and Alfred Vaughan selected the site for the settlement in March of 1848, and fellow trader Thomas N. Stinson is credited with building the town's first house that same year.<sup>4</sup>

It was during this same year that the federal government relocated a group of Potawatomi to this area from present-day Linn and Miami counties. The Potawatomi are a Native American people of the upper Mississippi River region. As Euro-American settlement pushed westward into the homelands of Native Americans in the early nineteenth century, the federal government signed treaties with tribes and created reservations to which they would be relocated – many forcefully. Several hundred Potawatomi left Indiana on September 4, 1838, for present-day eastern Kansas. They occupied land in present-day Linn and Miami counties where they remained for eight years until they were again re-located to a reservation near the newly established Uniontown settlement north and west of present-day Topeka.

Descriptions of and references to Uniontown appear regularly in records of the late 1840s and 1850s. Because Uniontown was the site of a significant ferry crossing along the Kansas River, a trading post, and a pay station, many letters and journals of travelers and government agents reference this place. Early accounts

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<sup>3</sup> The reservation included a thirty-three-mile by thirty-three-mile area stretching from southeast of present-day Topeka to near present-day Wamego. See Figure 1.

<sup>4</sup> William Cutler, *History of the State of Kansas* (Chicago: A. T. Andreas Publishing Co., 1883). Accessed online at: [www.kancoll.org/books/cutler/index.html](http://www.kancoll.org/books/cutler/index.html). See also: No author, "Uniontown: A Kansas Portrait" Kansas Historical Society. Accessed online at: <http://www.kshs.org/portraits/uniontown.htm>.

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referencing Uniontown have been published in *Kansas Historical Quarterly* articles. One of the earliest references to Uniontown was noted in early 1848:

Early in March [1848], Agents R. W. Cummins and A. J. Vaughan chose a location for ‘the smith & traders for the Potawatomes.’ Vaughan, in a March 7 letter, reported: ‘I have accordingly stuck my stake and christened it union town...’; and Cummins wrote: ‘The point selected by us is on the south side of the Kansas [‘on high ground, near the river’]...& very nearly in the center of their [the Pottawatomes’ country...<sup>5</sup>

In April of 1849, westbound traveler William Kelly recorded the following description of Uniontown:

The trading post is a small hamlet, composed of some half-dozen shops, and a little straggling suburb of wigwams....one of the white traders having built what they call a skow, a large flat-bottomed boat, capable of carrying a wagon loaded, together with a team – a very unwieldy craft, propelled with long poles and clumsy oars, we chartered her for the occasion [of crossing] rather than run the risk of fording...<sup>6</sup>

One traveler, a “Yankee ‘49er” named Charles Robinson, passed through Uniontown in May of 1849 and mentioned a cemetery in his journal:<sup>7</sup>

The village is very pleasantly situated, and presented a neat and inviting appearance. A few graves near by were guarded by a railing, and within the enclosure was a cross, the fruits, doubtlessly, of the Catholic Mission [St. Mary’s] eight miles distant.

By 1850, Uniontown had reached its peak and consisted of some fifty buildings and about 300 permanent residents. It was an important location along the Oregon Trail as thousands of immigrants and travelers - in wagon trains and with livestock – passed through or stopped for repairs and supplies before crossing the river.

Immigrants moving west in the great migrations of the 19th century brought with them cholera, which spread to area residents. The disease had first appeared in Europe and the United States in the early nineteenth century. It was introduced to the “west” in 1832 when “immigrant ships destined for Canada carried the disease up the St. Lawrence River. From there, the cholera traveled down Lake Champlain and then west by canal boat from Albany to Buffalo. In a short time it reached troopers at Jefferson Barracks outside St.

<sup>5</sup> Louise Barry, ed., “Kansas Before 1854: A Revised Annals, 1848 – Part Seventeen,” In *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 31, No. 2, Summer 1965), 145.

<sup>6</sup> Louise Barry, ed., “Kansas Before 1854: A Revised Annals, 1849 – Part Eighteen,” In *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 31, No. 3, Autumn 1965), 258.

<sup>7</sup> Louise Barry, ed., “Charles Robinson – Yankee ‘49er: His Journey to California,” In *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 34, No. 2, Summer 1968), 185.

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Louis.”<sup>8</sup> Sporadic outbreaks occurred throughout the mid-1830s, and the disease virtually disappeared in the U.S. between the late 1830s and 1849. It reappeared in 1849 – the year gold was discovered in California – and spread quickly as many people traveled west. It resurfaced in 1851-1854, 1866-1867, and finally, in 1872.<sup>9</sup>

Situated along a leg of the Oregon Trail,<sup>10</sup> Uniontown residents were heavily exposed to cholera and, as a result, suffered heavily. Cholera devastated Uniontown in 1849 and 1850 took the lives of most residents. Many survivors fled. Written accounts of the outbreak and its effects on residents, travelers, and Native Americans come from travelers’ journals and from those who operated nearby religious missions. These accounts provide a timeline of the outbreak, which appears to have hit the central plains in the spring of 1849. In May, Forty-niners Jasper Hixson and David Dewolf noted in their journals the number of new graves alongside the path westward.<sup>11</sup> In June, Father Maurice Gaillard of St. Mary’s Mission specifically noted Uniontown and the cholera outbreak in his journal:<sup>12</sup>

[June 2, 1849] Father [Christian] Hoecken is called to Uniontown in order to care for four persons sick of cholera...[all died the day they became ill; and so did two others ‘far away’]

[June 3, 1849] There were four new victims of the cholera.

[June 4, 1849] Mrs. John Gallimore, wife of the Pottawatomies’ government physician, died at Union Town; and so did an Indian woman.

[June 5, 1849] Dr. John Gallimore became ill.

[June 6, 1849] Almost all have fled [Union Town].

June 12-13, 1849] The doctor [Gallimore] died.

It was during the time of the outbreak that the Uniontown served as a pay station where the Potawatomi received their annuity payments. As a result, the Potawatomi were hit especially hard by the cholera

<sup>8</sup> No author, “Cholera: A Kansas Portrait” Kansas Historical Society. Accessed online at: <http://www.kshs.org/portraits/cholera.htm>.

<sup>9</sup> Ramon Powers and James N. Leiker, “Cholera Among the Plains Indians: Perceptions, Causes, Consequences,” in *The Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (Autumn 1998), pp. 317-340. According to Powers and Leiker, “Although the unsanitary conditions of American cities permitted the disease to flourish, mortality from cholera (unlike the high mortality rates from smallpox) rarely exceeded 10 percent and claimed no more than 1 or 2 percent of the urban population.”

<sup>10</sup> For a map of the Oregon National Historic Trail, see this Internet link: [www.nps.gov/oreg/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/oreg/index.htm).

<sup>11</sup> Louise Barry, ed., “Kansas Before 1854: A Revised Annals, 1849 – Part Eighteen,” in *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 31, No. 3, Autumn 1965), 290-291.

<sup>12</sup> Louise Barry, ed., “Kansas Before 1854: A Revised Annals, 1849 – Part Eighteen,” in *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 31, No. 3, Autumn 1965), 308-309.

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outbreak. Missionary Jonathan Meeker noted in his journal on June 15, 1849, "the Cholera rages with great violence among the Pottawatomies and the Kansas."<sup>13</sup>

A cemetery had been established early in the community's development (likely 1848) as a final resting place for stricken travelers and residents. Victims of the cholera outbreak were buried in the cemetery including a mass grave of at least twenty-two Potawatomi. There are family burial plots – two marked by stone walls – that date to the circa 1860s. In all, there are twenty-six documented and identified individual graves with markers. This includes the graves of six members of the Bourassa family (described in more detail below) and those of the Green family. The last two burials took place in 1975 and 1997.

The settlement was largely abandoned in 1850, but was re-established in 1851. A post office was established there in March of 1851, with Robert Robitaille serving as the first postmaster. It was discontinued on December 16, 1852.<sup>14</sup> With the establishment of the Kansas Territory in 1854 and the growth of other river settlements such as Topeka, Uniontown's importance as a supply station and ferry crossing quickly diminished. The settlement was once again largely abandoned by the late 1850s.

From the mid-nineteenth century descriptions of Uniontown, the buildings were mostly temporary and built of locally harvested materials. Today, there are no extant buildings associated with the early settlement, and the exact location of the abandoned town site is not known. No archeological investigations, other than a walkover survey, have taken place to verify the specific location of the town site. The survey was conducted by the Kansas State Historical Society in 1985 and focused primarily on the area west of Douglas Road which was then being purchased by the State of Kansas for use as the Green Memorial Wildlife Area. The investigators documented the ruins of a house (now demolished) dating to 1877 and the nearby location of a grave marked by a fragmentary headstone dating to 1851. Walkover survey was also conducted east of Douglas Road in the cultivated field north, east, and south of the Uniontown Cemetery. No artifacts of any kind were located, though the investigators noted that surface visibility conditions were poor. Recent visits to the area have confirmed these observations. Based primarily on historical documents and the limited surface survey, the investigators concluded that the area along Northwest Douglas Road surrounding the cemetery likely contains the town site. It was recorded as archeological site 14SH336.<sup>15</sup>

Newspaper accounts from the mid-twentieth century note the Green family's long association with the area and their discoveries of old building foundations, pieces of old glass, coins, etc.<sup>16</sup> Their family has occupied land near the cemetery since the late nineteenth century,<sup>17</sup> and a few of their descendents are buried in the

<sup>13</sup> Ibid. 309.

<sup>14</sup> Louise Barry, ed., "Kansas Before 1854: A Revised Annals, 1851 – Part Twenty," In *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 32, No. 2, Summer 1966), 217-218.

<sup>15</sup> Archeological site files, Cultural Resources Division, Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS.

<sup>16</sup> "Uniontown Ruins Found," *Topeka Daily Capital*, 20 July 1958. See also: "Frontier Post Thrived Near Topeka," *Topeka Daily Capital*, 20 August 1961.

<sup>17</sup> According to Culter's *History of the State of Kansas*, Falobia [sic] (Philoba) Green remained on the old townsite after it was abandoned. She died in 1891 and is buried in Uniontown Cemetery.

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Uniontown Cemetery. With the abandonment of Uniontown and the long presence of the Green family, many have come to know the cemetery as the Green Cemetery. USGS maps and Internet map sites even label the cemetery as Green Cemetery.

### The Bourassa Family

The earliest marked stones in the cemetery include those of the Bourassa family. There are five grave markers within their small family plot dating between 1863 and 1872. The burials include the wife and three young children of Joseph Napoleon Bourassa (Ke Kan – 1810 – 1877), a half-French and half-Potawatomi interpreter. There is no record of his burial in this cemetery and the whereabouts of his remains are unknown. However, an article in the *St. Mary's Times* dated November 2, 1877 suggests that he died at his sister's residence (Mrs. Chilson) four miles north of nearby Rossville, but gives no details on a funeral or burial.

Mary (Nadeau) Bourassa was Joseph's second wife, and she preceded him in death by five years. She died January 30, 1872 at age 39 and is buried in Uniontown Cemetery. Their children that are also buried at Uniontown include: 1) Adamantinus Bourassa, who died April 21, 1872 at four months old; 2) Joseph D. Bourassa, who died October 20, 1869 at age 9; 3) and May T. L. Bourassa, who died August 9, 1863 at three months old. Joseph's son from his first marriage to Memtikosiwike, Joseph G. Bourassa, died March 5, 1864 at age 23 and is buried alongside the other Bourassas.

By the late 1840s, Joseph Napoleon Bourassa and his brother Jude were settled in this area. Joseph was well educated and had attended Carey Mission in Michigan, Hamilton College in New York, and then to Kentucky to study law. In 1843 he authored the Potawatomi dictionary and he went on to serve as a Potawatomi interpreter.<sup>18</sup> He is still held in high esteem by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is recognized

<sup>18</sup> The Potawatomi Dictionary 1843 is held in the collections of the National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Museum Support Center, Suitland, Maryland. The online catalog describes the dictionary as: "English-Potawatomi dictionary, with notes on pronunciation of "Po da wahd mih" language; also additional and repeated words; illustrative sentences; names of berries, trees, and plants; numerals; the Lord's prayer, etc. Attributed solely to Bourassa by Pilling, Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin 13, page 54. Original Bureau of American Ethnology catalog card indicates Gaillard (Maurice S. J. Rev.) as author; certainly the

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on their website as the dictionary's author.<sup>19</sup> At the time of his death in 1877, Joseph was employed by a Chicago company "for the purpose of investigating land titles in and around that city, of which formerly belonged to a portion of the Pottawatomies here, and what it was said was obtained [sic] through fraud."<sup>20</sup> Also well educated, Jude began operation of a gristmill along Mill Creek about four miles west of Uniontown in present-day Wabaunsee County.

### Summary

Uniontown Cemetery is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a significant physical remnant of the short-lived settlement of Uniontown. It reflects, in part, an important period in the early history of the area when thousands of immigrants passed through the Potawatomi reserve on their way west. The settlement, a place where Native American and Euro-American cultures converged, thrived for a short period between 1848 and 1852 and is noted in the historical record as an important river crossing and supply stop. The cholera epidemic of 1849 and 1850 coupled with the success of other river towns spelled the settlement's eventual demise. Although the town disappeared, the cemetery evolved into a rural family cemetery.

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<sup>19</sup> Citizen Potawatomi Nation website, "Language and Grammar." Accessed online: [www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/Grammar/default.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/Grammar/default.aspx)

<sup>20</sup> *St. Mary's (KS) Times*, 2 November 1877.

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Map of Eastern Kansas, 1856 (Jewett, J. P. & Company). Source: [Kansasmemory.org](http://Kansasmemory.org)

Photograph showing gravestones, Uniontown Cemetery, Shawnee County (1930-1939). Source:  
[Kansasmemory.org](http://Kansasmemory.org)

Photograph showing rock wall and trees, Uniontown Cemetery, Shawnee County (1930-1939). Source:  
[Kansasmemory.org](http://Kansasmemory.org)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** 1.21 acres

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## Additional Documentation

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#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

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## Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Attn. John Barrett, Jr. (Chairman)  
street & number 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive telephone 405-275-3121  
city or town Shawnee state OK zip code 74801

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Uniontown Cemetery  
Willard vicinity, Shawnee County, Kansas

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Uniontown Cemetery, also known as Green Cemetery, is located ½ mile south of Willard along NW Douglas Road in the NW ¼ S23 T11 R13 and occupies 1.21 acres.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The cemetery parcel documented within the boundaries of this nomination includes the land currently owned by Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The nominated property is historically known as both Uniontown Cemetery and Green Cemetery.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Name of Property:	Uniontown Cemetery
City or Vicinity:	NW Douglas Road, Willard vicinity
County:	Shawnee County
State:	KS
Location of Original Digital Files:	Kansas State Historic Preservation Office, Topeka
Number of Photographs:	6

- Photo #1: NW Douglas road (left) and Uniontown Cemetery (right), camera facing north  
Photograph by Sarah Martin 2-3-2010
- Photo #2: Green family plot (right), Potawatomi mass burial (center), Bourassa family plot (left), camera facing northeast / Photograph by Sarah Martin 2-3-2010
- Photo #3: Bourassa family plot (right) and Potawatomi mass burial (left), camera facing west  
Photograph by Sarah Martin 2-3-2010
- Photo #4: Mary Bourassa marker within Bourassa family plot, camera facing west / Photograph by Sarah Martin 2-3-2010
- Photo #5: Green family plot, camera facing west / Photograph by Sarah Martin 2-3-2010
- Photo #6: Bourassa family plot, camera facing east / Photograph by Rick Anderson 6-19-2009



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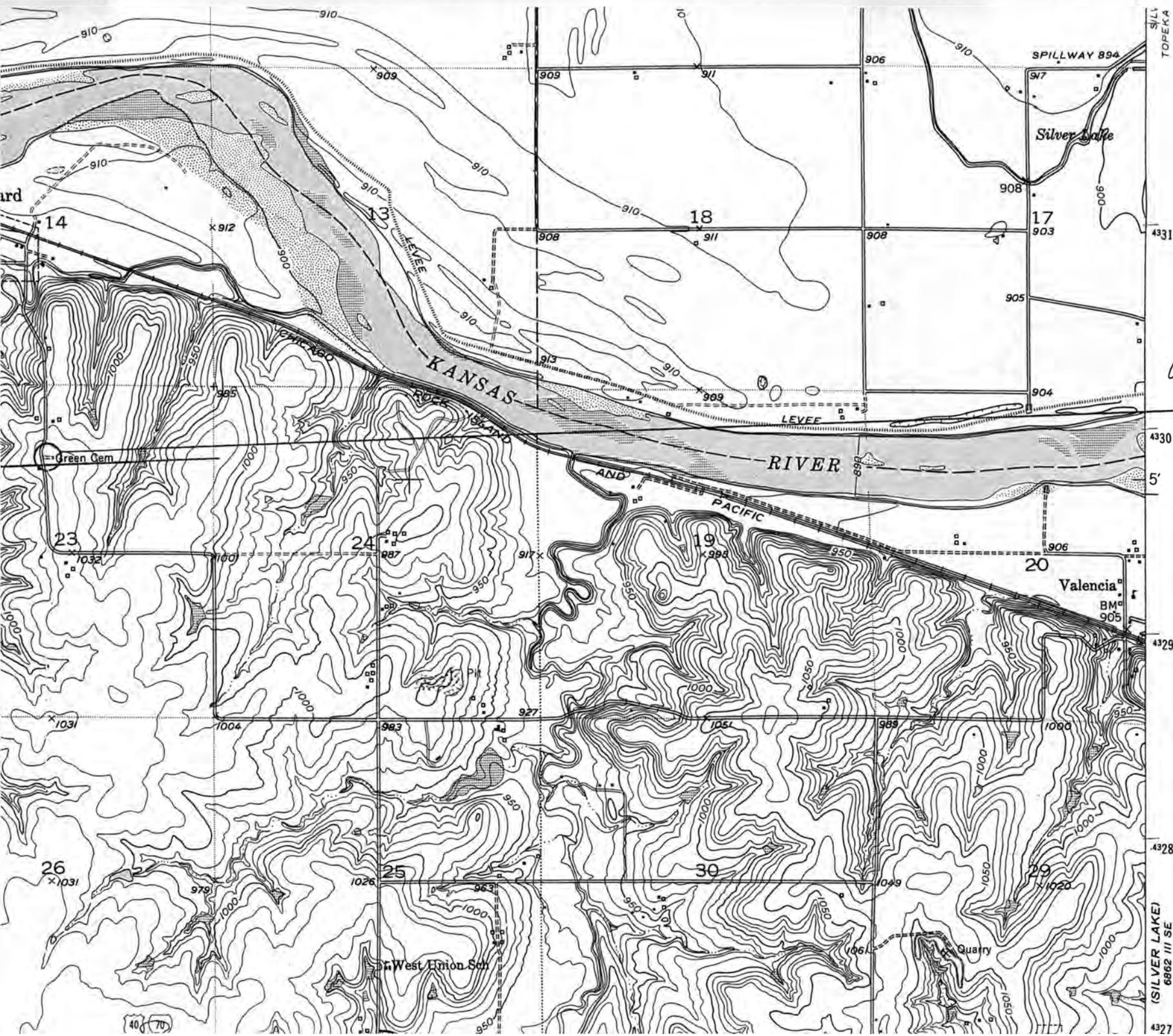
Uniontown Cemetery  
Willard vicinity, Shawnee County, Kansas

Figure 2: Uniontown Cemetery, Shawnee County (1930-1939). Source: Kansasmemory.org



Figure 3: Uniontown Cemetery, Shawnee County (1930-1939). Source: Kansasmemory.org





Uniontown Cemete  
Shawnee Co. Ks

Zone 15  
E 245900  
N 4330040

TOPEKA  
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4330  
5'  
4329  
4328  
4327  
(SILVER LAKE)  
6862 III SE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Uniontown Cemetery  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: KANSAS, Shawnee

DATE RECEIVED: 4/02/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/07/10  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/22/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/17/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000263

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 5-17-10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in  
The National Register  
of  
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.







MARY E.  
WIFE OF  
J. BOURASSA  
BORN  
MAY 13 1834  
DIED  
JAN 30 1892

J. BOURASSA  
BORN  
JAN. 30. 1872  
DIED  
APR. 28. 1877

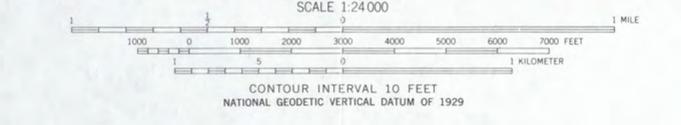
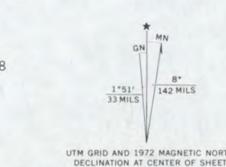






Uniontown Cemetery  
Shawnee Co. KS  
Zone 15  
E 245900  
N 4330040

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Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsch plotter and by plane-table surveys 1952. Aerial photographs taken 1948  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Kansas coordinate system, north zone  
Dotted land lines, by Bureau of Indian Affairs, indicate approximate locations  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue  
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Kansas agencies from aerial photographs taken 1972. This information not field checked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route
Interstate Route	

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
AND KANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

QUADRANGLE LOCATION  
WILLARD, KANSAS.  
39095-48-TF-024  
1952  
PHOTOREVISED 1972  
DMA 6862 III SW—SERIES V878

# KANSAS



Kansas Historical Society  
Cultural Resources Division

MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR

March 31, 2010

Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, N. W.  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor (MS 2280)  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the following National Register nominations (all new submissions):

- Uniontown Cemetery – Willard vicinity, Shawnee Co., Kansas
- Holyrood Santa Fe Depot – Holyrood, Ellsworth Co., Kansas

Additionally, enclosed is a copy of the Fall 2009 issue of *Kansas Preservation* newsletter that I would like to share with Linda McClelland. Could you please see that she receives it?

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I may be reached at 785-272-8681 ext. 216 or [smartin@kshs.org](mailto:smartin@kshs.org).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah J. Martin".

Sarah J. Martin  
National Register Coordinator

Enclosures



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

May 17, 2010

Notice to file:

This property has been automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This is due to the fact that the publication of our Federal Register Notice: "National Register of Historic Places: Pending Nominations and Other Actions" was delayed beyond our control to the point where the mandated 15 day public comment period ended after our required 45 day time frame to act on the nomination. The nomination is technically adequate and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation, and thus, automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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