

7/14/85

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-8

Owner Princeton Cemetery Association

Property Name Princeton Cemetery

Mrs. Thelma Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer

Address Route 2, Box P47

Location Princeton vic.

Carthage, AR 71725

Significant Date/s 1849 - present

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Princeton Cemetery is located southeast of the town of Princeton. Surveyed and plotted in 1846, Princeton was Dallas County's first seat of government. Extremely prominent among Dallas County's early towns, Princeton lost its economic and social prominence soon after the Civil War. Although the town remained the county seat until 1908, Princeton's most prominent period was the pre-Civil War era.

The Cemetery contains the graves of Princeton's first settlers who played important roles in the formation of the county and the founding of and early development of the town. These individuals include Presley Watts, first Magistrate, Joseph Gray, surveyor of the town, George W. Mallett, sheriff in 1850, and "Saine" Allison Ramsay, skilled builder of the first courthouse. Other than the George W. Mallett House the Princeton Cemetery is the only resource associated with pre-Civil War Princeton and of those many settlers who were important to its development.

Acreage: 3

Quadrangle Name: Princeton East

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: A 15 535450/3759430

B 15 535430/3759290

C 15 535310/3759290

D 15 535320/3759440

Verbal Boundary Description:

Part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34, T8S R15W.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Princeton Cemetery (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83

Action: ACCEPT

☒ RETURN 10/28/83

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

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- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

X Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide which part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 34, T8S R15W is being nominated.

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Melanie Byers* Date *10/28/83* Phone: _____

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Dallas County Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Garrison Place

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

12. Goodgame, Capt., House

Entered in the
National Register

Attest

for
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

13. Hampton Springs Cemetery
(Black Section)Entered in the
National Register

Attest

for
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

14. Knight, Ed, House

Entered in the
National Register

Attest

for
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

15. Koonce Building

Substantive Review

Attest

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 10/28/83

16. Mallett, George W., House

Entered in the
National Register

Attest

for
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

17. Mt. Carmel Methodist Church

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National Register

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Keeper

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18. Mt. Zion Methodist Church

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Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

19. Old Fordyce Post Office

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20. Princeton Cemetery

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for
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 3/27/84

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Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

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Princeton Cemetery
Don Brown, photographer
June 8, 1982
Negative on file at the AHPP
View from the Northwest



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View from the East



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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000025