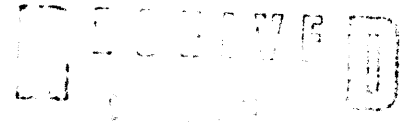


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NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Forest Cemetery Entrance
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number North 9th Street at J Avenue East not for publication
city, town Oskaloosa vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Mahaska code 123 zip code 52577

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Architectural & Historical Resources of Oskaloosa, IA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 11/9/91
State Historical Society of Iowa
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

[Signature] National Register 12/13/91

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/Cemetery Entrance

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/Cemetery Entrance

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Early 20th Century

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Granite

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Forest Cemetery Entrance is a wall of grey Barre granite that stretches across the 9th Street entrance to the cemetery, and has openings for automobiles and pedestrians. The automobile entrance is 31' wide and is flanked by two massive granite pillars (9' high by 3' square) which carry the name of the cemetery, "Forest". Extending to the west, the wall continues for about 17' before allowing a 5' opening for a sidewalk. It then continues approximately 12' before ending. To the east of the automobile entrance, the wall has a slightly different configuration. The 5' wide sidewalk entrance is immediately to the east of the granite pillar, and then the wall extends approximately 12' to the east before ending. When this gateway was constructed, the McAuley Chapel was located just inside the cemetery grounds, on the east side of the drive. Wetherell had designed the chapel as well, and planned for the gate to adjoin the chapel wall. The grey granite has a rusticated surface, producing an interesting play of light and shade. At each end, the stone wall meets an iron fence that runs along the south side of the cemetery. The fence is not directly attached to the wall, and was not part of Wetherell's design. At the automobile entrance, large iron gates are open, swinging to the north, so they are not visible from the outside of the cemetery. These gates measure 6' tall at the outside edge, 5'6" at the inside edge, and are 9' wide. They obviously are not meant to close, as two 9' gates will not secure a 31' opening. Like the iron fence, the gates were not part of Wetherell's design. Both iron elements were probably constructed at the same time as the wall however.

The granite entrance is visible for some distance as you approach on 9th street. It is an impressive entry into the cemetery. The area around the entrance has changed somewhat over the years. The McAuley Memorial Chapel is non-extant, as is the Forest Abbey Mausoleum. The brick drive that was completed at the same time as the gate, though not part of Wetherell's design, is still in place. Sanborn maps show floral green houses across J Avenue to the southeast. Though green houses are still located on this corner, they appear to be new ones.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from Instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1915

1915

Cultural Affiliation
N.A.

Significant Person
N.A.

Architect/Builder
Wetherell, Frank E. (Archit)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Forest Cemetery Entrance is significant under Criterion C because it illustrates the broad range of Wetherell's design activities (as noted in the "Works of Frank E. Wetherell: 1892-1931" context), and it meets the exemption under criteria consideration D because it is a good example a free standing structure with a strong sense of design.

While most of Wetherell's projects involved houses or buildings, he did design a number of structures as well. In Des Moines he was actively involved in civic improvement projects, including the beautification of the Des Moines River banks through a series of walls and walks, and planning new thoroughfares to ease traffic congestion. Probably his best known structure in Oskaloosa is the bandstand in the center of City Park (NRHP). In addition, he drew plans for both a sarcophagus and mausoleum for the Sheppard family to be placed in Forest Cemetery, and his firm was responsible for planning the high school stadium, including the track and bleachers, as well as the brick ticket offices at the main entrances.

The Forest Cemetery Entrance was constructed in 1915. This entrance to Forest Cemetery demonstrates his aesthetic principals through the use of rusticated stone. There is a variety of shapes and sizes used in the gateway which adds visual interest. The gateway could easily be the entrance to a city park or private estate.

The cemetery association president, W.R. Lacey, toured a number of southern and eastern states, visiting cemeteries that were thought to be of exceptional quality. Many had adopted the massive stonework idea at the entrance, but he noted "the work of Forest Cemetery is more beautiful and sightly" than any place he visited.

The Forest Cemetery Entrance meets the integrity requirements set up in the Multiple Property Document for Wetherell related works.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Oskaloosa Weekly Herald, 22 April 1915, p.7, c.2.

Tracings in the files of Wetherell & Ericsson, Des Moines, IA.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point in the center of the cemetery drive where it intersects with the right of way on the N side of J Ave E, thence W along right of way approx. 50' to a point 12" beyond the west end of the granite wall, thence N approx. 5' to a point 12" beyond the north side of the wall, thence E approx. 88' to a point 12" beyond the east end of said wall, thence S to the right of way on the N side of J Ave E, thence W along right of way to point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

This is the area traditionally associated with this structure.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

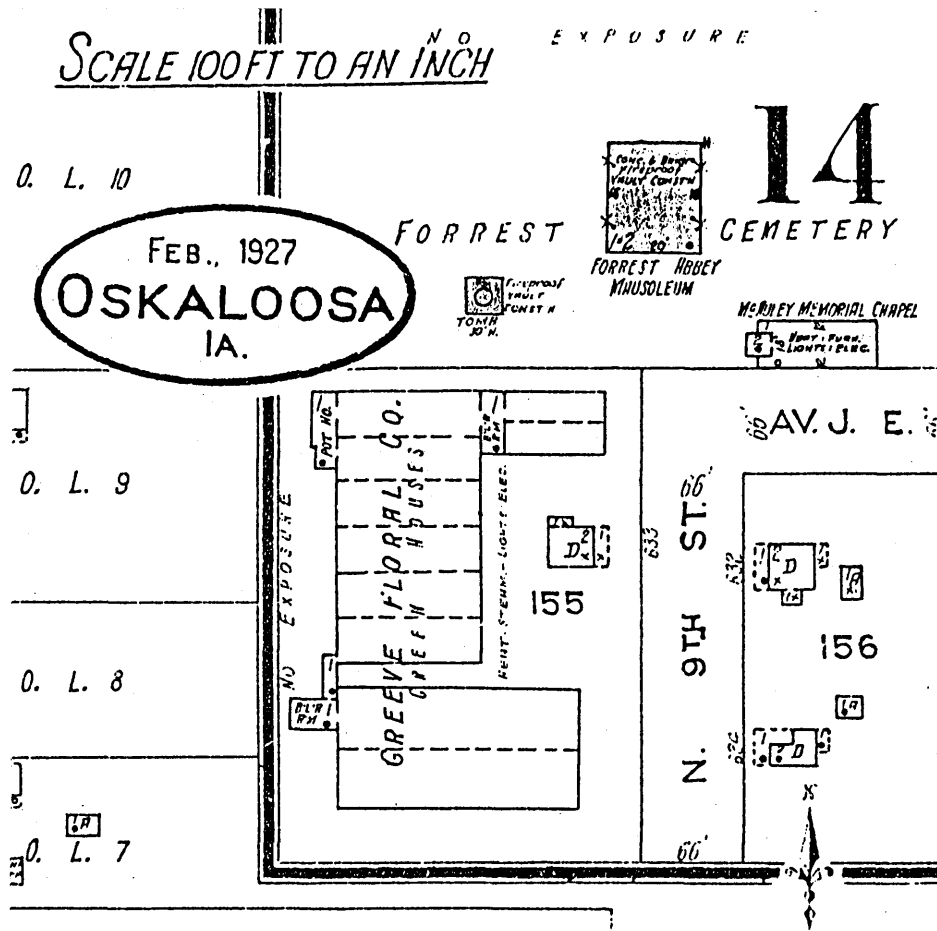
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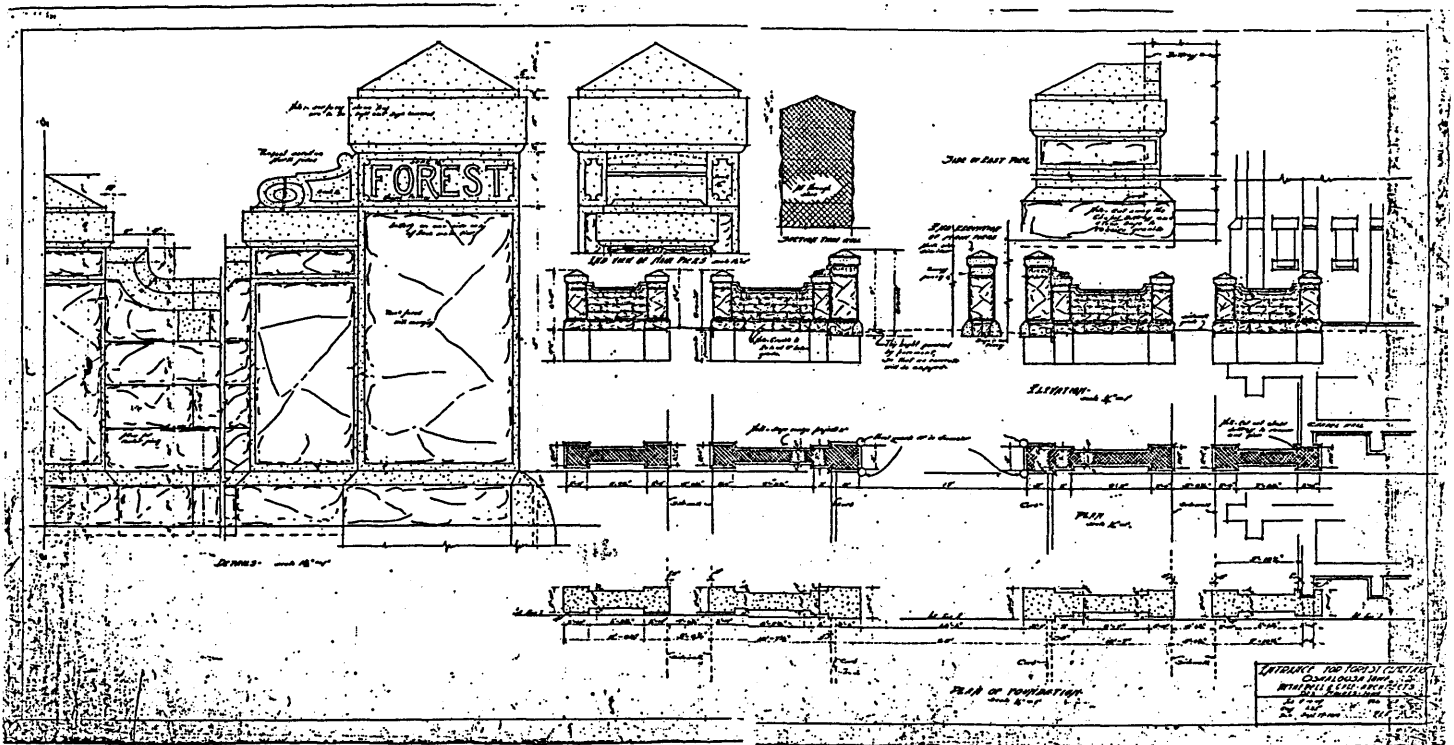
1927 Sanborn map shows non-extant mausoleum and chapel, but does not show granite entrance which adjoined the chapel. The green houses have been replaced by new ones on the same lot.

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One sheet of drawings for the Forest Cemetery Entrance.

(Frank E. Wetherell, 1914)