

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DALLAS COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Survey Number DA-7

Owner Tulip Cemetery Association

Property Name Tulip Cemetery

Mr. Kenneth Lee, Cartaker

OFF AR 9

Address Route 2

Location Tulip

Carthage, AR 71725

Significant Date/s 1842 - present

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Tulip Cemetery is located just southwest of early settlement of Tulip. This rectangular cemetery sits just behind the Tulip Methodist Church on a high spot in the slightly rolling landscape. Enclosed by a wire fence with an arched stone entrance in the east end, the cemetery contains approximately four hundred graves oriented east-west. The earliest grave is that of thirty year old Elizabeth Marshall who died in 1847. Other graves are those of settlers who were born in the late 18th century, including Kesiah Reid 1767-1858. The earliest granite and limestone markers which range from slabs laid flat on the ground to tablets and obelisks ornamented with urns, crosses, and willows, often tell from what county and state the deceased had come. Among those buried in the cemetery are six Civil War veterans whose plain tablet markers are inscribed with the letters CSA. Soon after the turn of the century, modern commercial markers of granite and marble became popular and are scattered throughout the cemetery.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tulip Cemetery is significant in its association with the early settlement of the Tulip area. Tulip is located in a rich farming area in the northcentral section of Dallas County. The pioneers, who settled the community based primarily on a plantation/slave economy, developed Tulip as a place of significant economic, social, and educational prosperity in the 1840's and 1850's. The antebellum period proved to be Tulip's most important one. The impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction devastated the plantation/slave economy which would not be supplanted by another system during those periods. Tulip was, however, Dallas County's most important of earliest communities and its settlers were not only the earliest and most prominent in the area but in the county. Tulip's resources for this most important era are the few pre-Civil War outbuildings on the Butler-Matthews Homestead and Tulip Cemetery. Tulip's Cemetery contains the only resources associated with pioneers such as the Overton's, Smith's and Reids. The cemetery well represents those who are buried therein. Many of the oldest graves are marked with large rectangular slabs laid on the ground. Unusual in Arkansas, this form indicates early settlement as it is a custom of grave marking brought by those of the late 18th and early 19th centuries from the east. In Tulip Cemetery, a grave marked in this manner, is that of Kesiah Reid, 1767-1858, who came to Tulip from North Carolina in the 1840's. Tulip Cemetery is significant to the history of Dallas County as the only resource associated with those early settlers who developed Tulip.

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Acreage: 2.71

Quadrangle Name: Tulip

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM Reference: A 15 531660/3770660
B 15 531650/3770590
C 15 531500/3770580
D 15 531510/3770660

Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the point where Dallas Post and Tulip Road crosses the line between sections 29 and 32, T7S R15W and running north $9\frac{1}{2}$ poles, thence west 50 poles, thence south $9\frac{1}{2}$ poles, and east along the section line 50 poles to the point of beginning.

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

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9/14/83

date entered

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

21. Princeton Methodist Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

22. Rock Island Railway Depot

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

Attest

23. Russell, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

Attest

24. Sardis Methodist Church

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

Attest

25. Smith, Jessie B., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

Attest

26. Thomas Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 3/27/84

Attest

27. Tulip Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 10/28/83

Attest

28. Wynne House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/28/83

Attest

29. Charlotte Street Historic
DistrictEntered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melvyn Byers 9/14/87

Attest

30.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Tulip Cemetery (Dallas County MRA)
Dallas County
ARKANSAS

Working No. SEP 14 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 10/13/83 - 10/29/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10/28/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

The Tulip Cemetery is locally significant for the historical associations it represents in the tombstones of the County's early pioneers, which are the only remaining resources that directly relate to their lives.

Recom./Criteria Accept A
Reviewer Bushong
Discipline Historian
Date 10/26/83
_____ 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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 _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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



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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