

CITY CEMETERY LANDMARK DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATION

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CITY CEMETERY LANDMARK TIMELINE

Resolution
70 (a) to initiate
8 (a) landmark
8 (b) designation

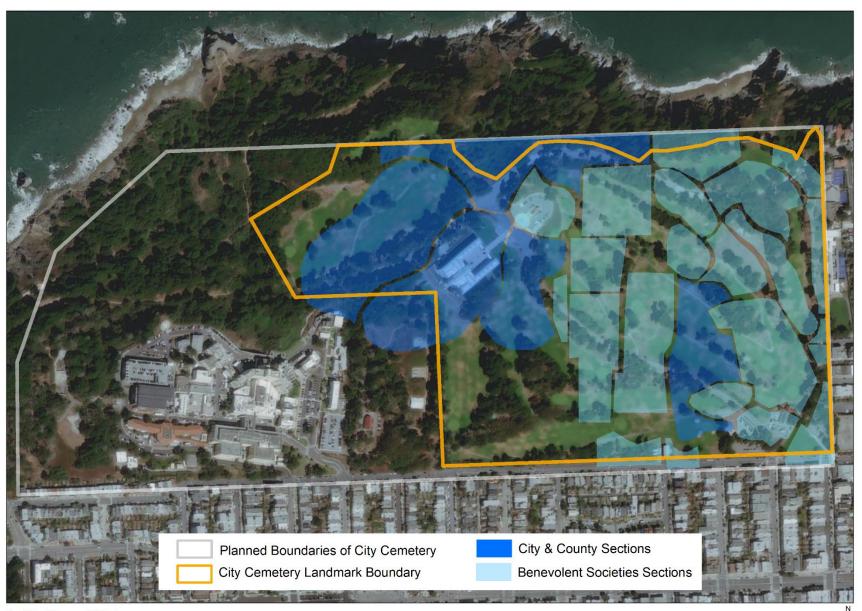
Land Use
Committee
& BOS
approved
resolution

Mayor signed the initiation resolution

LOCATION MAP



HISTORICAL CONTEXT



120 240 480 Fe

SIGNIFICANCE OF CITY CEMETERY

Period of Significance:

1868 - 1909

Significance Criteria	Statement of Significance
Criteria 1:	Early incarnation of social safety nets related to burial of the dead
Event	Shifting attitudes regarding cemeteries in urban spaces in the 19 th and early 20 th centuries
Criteria 2: Design/ Construction	Extant cemetery structures embody distinctive architectural characteristics of late 19th century funerary design
Criteria 3: Information Potential	Buried remnants yield information important to the city's history

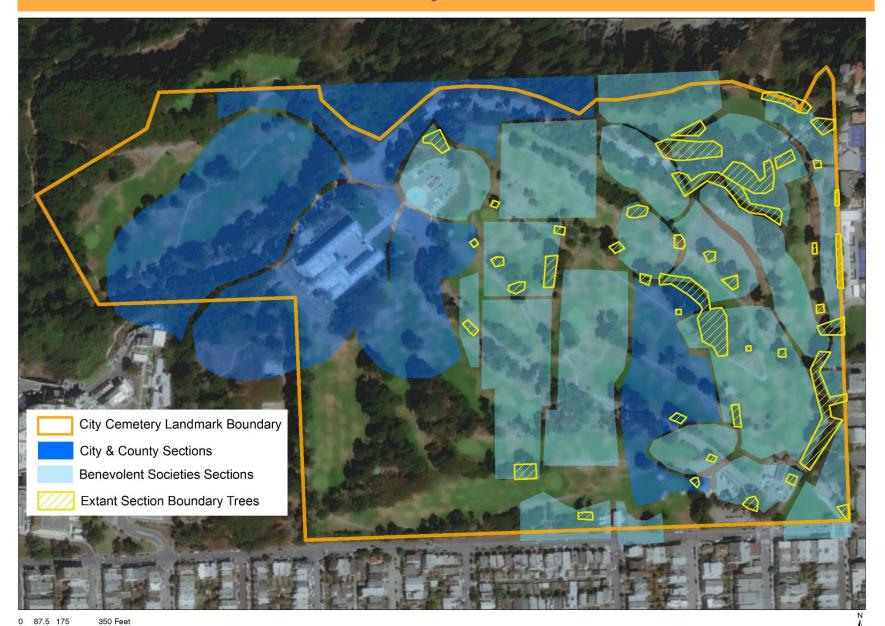
CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

Topography and setting



Looking northwest at City Cemetery from Geary Bouvard and 32nd Ave in 1900 (SFPL)

Trees associated with cemetery section boundaries



Cemetery operational infrastructure



87.5 175 350 Fee

Standing and visible mortuary structures



Standing structures: Kong Chow monument





Alex Ryder 2018

SF Chamber of Commerce 1914

Standing structure: Seamen's obelisk





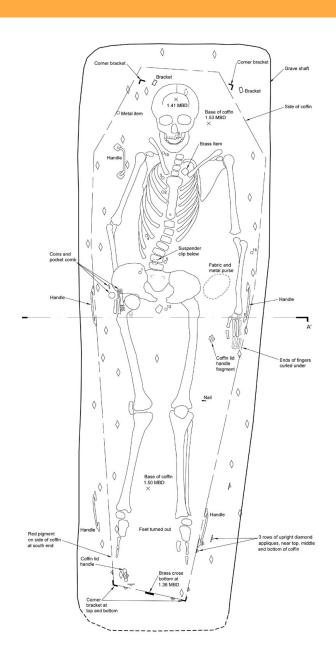
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Exhumation pits



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Human remains



Mortuary furniture and grave goods





Tombstone fragment







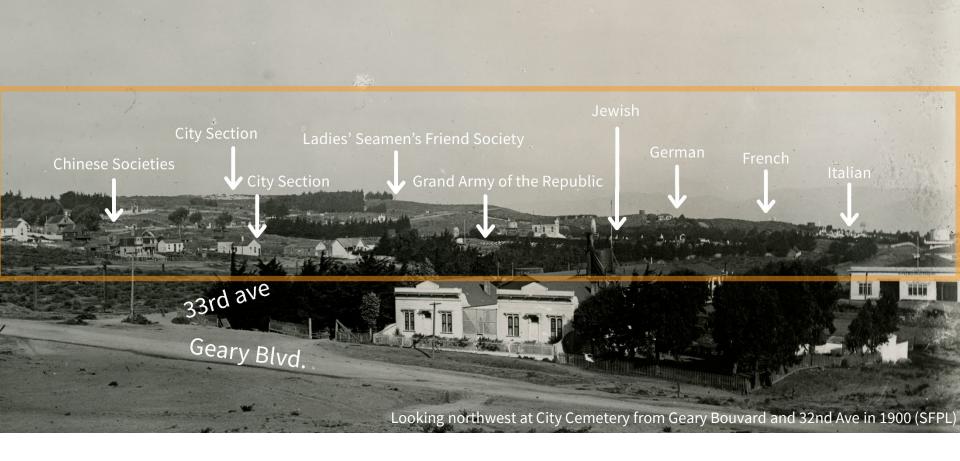




Chinese name brick

Coffin Hardware

Rosary



THANK YOU

