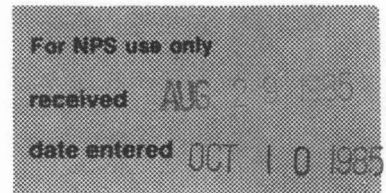


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1. Name: Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum
2. Location: Oakwood Cemetery, off Monroe St. due west of foot of W. Henry Street, Saline, MI.
3. Classification: building, private, occupied, unrestricted, mausoleum
4. Property Owner: City of Saline
100 N. Harris
Saline, MI 48176
5. Location of Legal Description: laid out as cemetery with original Village Plat, plat maps at Saline City Hall.

7. Description

Condition: good; unaltered; original

The rectangular, one-story Vernacular fieldstone mausoleum, with its terraced east and west facades and monitor roof articulated by small rectangular windows, sits in the Oakwood Cemetery (at the corner of Monroe and E. Michigan) along an entrance road from Monroe Street, due west of the foot of W. Henry Street (photo #40). The pink, grey, and black fieldstones of the 30 x 45 foot structure are joined by grey cement mortar. The building's roof is covered with red tiles. Small stained glass windows, the inscription "In Hope" carved in a sandstone block below a heart-shaped stone, three square metal accent plates, and metal doors articulate the Henry Street facade. Stained glass windows and metal accents also highlight the west facade. The edges of the main east (Henry Street) facade and the entrance are emphasized by projecting stones. The mausoleum interior contains space for 88 to 100 burials.

8. Significance: period--1900-
area of significance--architecture
specific date--1914-15, builder/contractor--O.J. McBride Co.

The Board of Cemetery Trustee's report to the Village Council in 1914 describes their intention to have built "a sanitary and modern place of burial, for 80 to 100 people, a beautiful little chapel which can be used for funerals, not only for compartment owners in the Mausoleum, but also for other funerals in stormy or inclement weather" (February 28, 1914, Village Council Minutes). The unusual fieldstone mausoleum was built "by the O.J. McBride Company for the Washtenaw

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Mausoleum Company, under contract with the Village of Saline. The work of construction was under the superintendency of Dr. J.B. Wallace [superintendent of the Board of Cemetery Trustees], by appointment of the Village Council" (J.B. Wallace, n.d., n.p.). A Village Council minutes entry dated March 8, 1915, reports that the Mausoleum is almost completed. The building's dual use as a chapel and crypt accounts for its somewhat large size. The Oakwood Cemetery, in which the structure stands, includes land set aside for burial use by Orange Risdon during his original platting of Saline.

Although Village records contain no further information on either the contractor (who was not local) or the Washtenaw Mausoleum Company, a phone interview with Larry Arnett--of the Arnett Cemetery Monuments Company of Ann Arbor, the oldest monument firm in the county--revealed that an identical mausoleum located in Ann Arbor's Bethlehem Cemetery was recently torn down. Arnett suggests that the Washtenaw Mausoleum Company was probably one of many franchises found across the nation during the 'Teens and Twenties. The City would donate the land, and the franchise would provide the plan and sell crypt rights to the City, or directly to subscribers. The Washtenaw Mausoleum Company never registered with the State, a fact which tends to corroborate the franchise hypothesis.

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(see General Bibliography section for full citation)

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Walsh, Rita, 1979 draft of the Saline Multiple Resource Nomination.

10. Geographical Data

acreage: less than one

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Quadrangle: Saline, scale 1: 24,000

UTM References: 17/269930/4671500

Verbal boundary description: a 75 x 75 foot tract of land, in which the mausoleum structure is centered, whose eastern edge is located 175 feet from the western edge of Monroe Street, directly in line with W. Henry Street. The Saline Village Council Minutes for March 8, 1915, describe the building's location as lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block F.

Justification: This includes the tract on which the mausoleum stands, but excludes adjacent areas containing individual monuments.

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Thematic Group

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Name Saline MRA
State Washtenaw County, MICHIGAN

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Annin, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

2. East Michigan Avenue
Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

3. Forbes, Jortin, House

Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

4. Guthard, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

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5. Lutz, George R., House

Entered in the
National Register

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6. Miller--Walker House

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National Register

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Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

7. North Ann Arbor Street
Historic District

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 10/10/85

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8. Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum

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National Register

✓ Keeper

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Attest

9. Saline First Presbyterian
Church

Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

10. Sturm, Louis, House

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National Register

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Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

85003047

Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum (Saline MRA)
Washtenaw County
MICHIGAN

Working No. AUG 29 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-3-87
Date Due: 9/26/85 - 10/13/85
Action: ACCEPT 10-10-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- 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

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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PHOTO: OAKWOOD CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM



1912

1912

#41

55/13

a. Saline Multiple Resource Nom.
(Mausoleum)

b. Saline, Washtenaw Co., MI

c. L. Sommers

d. fall, 1984

e. Mich. Bureau of History
208 N. Capitol
Lansing, MI

f. facing NW

g. photo #40 of 40

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000333