

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08

Resolution of Recognition

Old City Cemetery Committee

WHEREAS, in 1986 the Old City Cemetery Committee was organized by a group of concerned citizens appalled by the ravages of vandalism that toppled and marred many of the headstones and monuments in Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery, established in 1849 on 10 acres of land donated by Captain John Sutter, listed as California Historical Landmark Number 566 in 1957; and,

WHEREAS, as the City Cemetery is the final resting place of pioneers, immigrants, their families and descendants, including Johann August Sutter, Jr., Mark Hopkins, Edwin Bryant Crocker and his wife Margaret Crocker, over 600 victims of Sacramento's 1850 cholera epidemic, fraternal associations, Donner Party survivors and military veterans, and three California governors, totaling over 25,000 people; and,

WHEREAS, in 1987 the Old City Cemetery Committee became a standing committee of Sacramento County Historical Society, and worked to undertake maintenance, repair, and refurbishment of the facility in order to restore, beautify, preserve and protect the Cemetery while maintaining access to the facility and providing educational services to all visitors, becoming an independently organized nonprofit in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, these efforts to educate the public have included photographic documentation of records, artifacts and monuments, books and tour pamphlets, guided tours, classes and exhibitions on rose gardening, and the enormously popular October Lantern Tours; and,

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the City of Sacramento, the Historic City Cemetery was nominated and listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance for its association with nineteenth century cemetery landscape design, with the lives of cemetery patron Margaret Crocker and many other historically significant individuals, and with the social history and community planning of pioneer era California; and,

WHEREAS, today the Old City Cemetery Committee continues its mission to ensure the continued stewardship of the Cemetery, including tours, horticulture, restoration and education efforts, in conjunction with the City of Sacramento's Convention and Cultural Services Department; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the Old City Cemetery Committee for its continuing efforts to beautify, preserve and protect the Old City Cemetery; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the Old City Cemetery Committee.

October 30, 2015

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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