

Survey Number DA-7

Owner Tulip Cemetery Association

Property Name Tulip Cemetery

Mr. Kenneth Lee, Caretaker
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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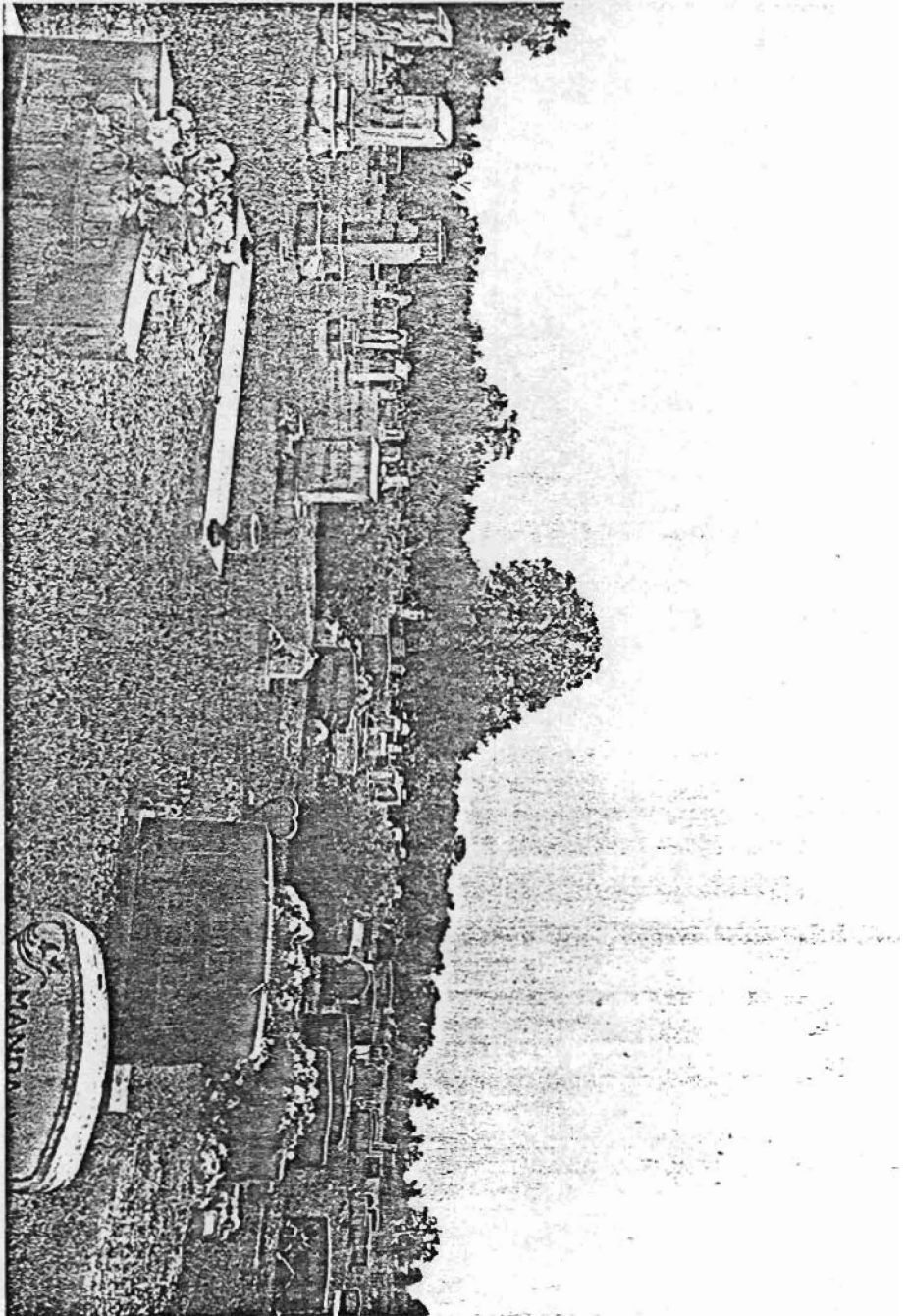
Quadrangle Name: Tulip

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UTM Reference: A 15 531660/3770660
B 15 531650/3770590
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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.



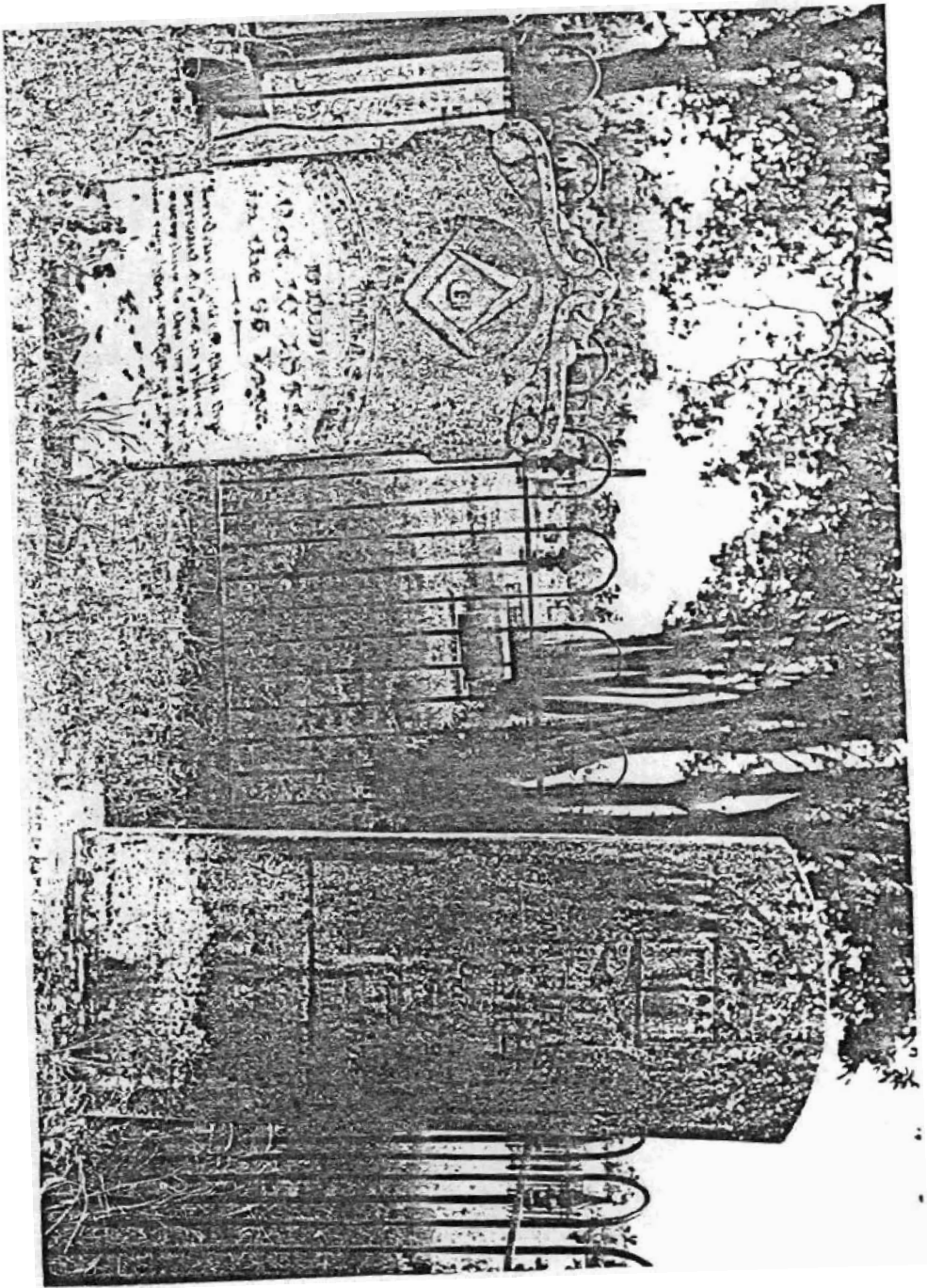
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