

**OREGON COMMISSION ON HISTORIC CEMETERIES
HISTORIC CEMETERY SURVEY FORM**

Name on Cemetery Sign, if any: None		Legal Name, if different: None	
Other Known Names: Neely Gravesite			Primary County: Josephine
Physical Address, if any: Schoolhouse Creek Road, Grants Pass, OR 97526		Nearest City/Town/Community: Merlin, OR	Zip Code: 97532
Directions from Nearest Community: (Indicate county road numbers, key landmarks, signage, distance from nearest road, etc.) From Grants Pass, N on I-5 to Merlin Exit, left to Monument Drive, right 3.5 miles to Schoolhouse Creek Road. Turn right, site is on left in front of Tiffie Countertops.			
Township: 35	Range: 06	Section: 11b	¼ Section: Tax Lot #: 1400-94
Zoning Designation: RR-5		National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Public Accessibility (select only one): <input type="checkbox"/> By permission only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted Access <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccessible		Accessible by (select the primary access method): <input type="checkbox"/> Foot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Not Accessible <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Year Cemetery Officially Established: c 1877	Does the Cemetery continue to accept burials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Earliest Known Burial Date: 1877	Latest Known Burial Date 1882
Has the Cemetery ever been relocated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Date:		Approximate Size of Cemetery: 0.02 acres	Number of Acres: 0.02
General Condition of Cemetery of Gravesite: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Marginally Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown, easily identifiable <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown, not identifiable <input type="checkbox"/> Not identifiable as a burial site, but known to exist through traditional or other means (explain) Maintained nicely by property owner.			

Regarding Gravestones and Markers:			
Approximate number of gravestones or markers: 3 (one is double-marker)		Are markers and stones in their original locations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Give approximate number of gravestones and/or markers in each category.			
Inscriptions Readable: 4	Inscriptions Unreadable: _____	Intact and Standing: 3	Toppled: _____
Broken but Standing: _____	Fragments on Ground: _____	Damaged Surfaces: _____	Stones/Markers Missing: _____
Any signs of Vandalism or Intentional Damage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure		Have repairs been attempted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure If yes, when?	
Repair Methods Used: <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesives <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Supports <input type="checkbox"/> Coatings <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Pins/Bolts <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			

Design Character of Cemetery:			
Materials of which markers are made: <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marble <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Granite <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list)			
Decorative Carvings and Sculptural Forms Found on Markers: <input type="checkbox"/> Angels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lambs <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Symbols <input type="checkbox"/> Draperies <input type="checkbox"/> Urns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plant and Flower Symbols <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Forms <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list)			

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Design Character of Cemetery: (cont.)

Structures: Describe architectural features such as crypts or mausoleums, any distinctive elements such as ornamental fences, paved walkways, brickwork, decorative ironwork, sculptures, fountains, roads, boundary fences, buildings or signage.
None

Terrain: Level Hilly - Moderate Steep Other (describe)

Bounded by: Fence Wall Hedge Other (describe)

Actually at the edge of the parking area for Tiffie's Countertops. The parking area was sited with the markers in mind.

Landscaping: Describe any traditional landscaping, historic plants and shrubbery, exceptional trees, etc., the cemetery contains.
None except a few natural wildflowers. Caretakers keep the weeds down.

Does the cemetery provide habitat for native birds and other wildlife? Describe any native plants and the types of birds and other wildlife present.

No - too small.

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History of Cemetery: (Attach additional pages, if desired)	
List any important individuals in state or local history buried there: Four children of early pioneer Neely family.	
Describe any significant ethnic or religious sections within the cemetery site: None	
Was this cemetery associated with specific groups such as I.O.O.F., Masonic Lodge, etc.? No	
Describe any unusual features or historic incidents of interest: Three of the children died in October 1882; we assume due to diphtheria or typhoid epidemic.	
What is the most urgent need for care of this cemetery, if any? Protection. A developer wishes to widen Schoolhouse Creek Road to 60 feet, which will destroy this family gravesite, the one almost directly across the road (see Trimble gravesite survey), or both.	

Cemetery Contact Information:	
Cemetery Ownership Type: (select only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Family (list below) <input type="checkbox"/> Church (list below) <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge or Fraternal Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below)	
Is the cemetery a trust or non-profit? <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit	
Contact Person or Organization for Cemetery, if any: Jean Boling	This Contact is: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Contact for access permission
Address of Contact: 214 NW Booth Street Grants Pass OR 97526	Phone Numbers: Personal: 541-660-3191 Business: 541-479-1505 Cell: Fax: 541-476-6221
Additional Contact Information: Contact is the Historic Sites Director, Josephine County Historical Society. Property owners are Harold Tiffie, Jr. and Diane Tiffie. They caretake the plot, but may or may not become particularly involved in fighting this road widening project.	Email Address: jeanboling@charter.net
Name, Address and Phone Number of Person Completing this Form: Jean Boling 214 NW Booth Street Grants Pass, OR 97526	Date Completed: 03/17/2008