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1. Distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships shall not be altered.
2. Intact or repairable historic materials shall be repaired rather than replaced.
3. It should be recognized that the cemetery is a physical record of its time, place and use. Measures to preserve historic materials and features shall be physically and visually compatible, identifiable upon close inspection, and fully documented through photographs, drawings, and written descriptions.
4. Past alterations to the cemetery that have acquired historic significance shall also be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive characteristics of the cemetery, including materials, finishes, and design, shall be preserved.
6. New materials used in the repair or replacement of distinctive features shall match the old in composition, design, color, and texture.
7. Any chemical or physical treatment shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. No treatment should result in damage to historic materials.
8. Archeological resources, including graves, shall be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures should be undertaken.