

St. Augustine National Cemetery, National Register of Historic Places Nomination

St. Augustine,
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In 1881, a site associated with a sixteenth century Franciscan monastery, eighteenth century English barracks and nineteenth century American military installation became part of the National Cemetery system. Despite its rich history of multiple Colonial-era owners, burials had only started around 1828, after the United States had gained control of Florida and installed a military presence in St. Augustine. The tropical climate and associated diseases did not treat kindly many of the newly arrived soldiers,

thus driving the need for a post cemetery. After the Civil War and the development of the National Cemetery, the post cemetery became a national cemetery, partially due to the rise in popularity of Florida as a seasonal retreat spurred the growth of St. Augustine.

In 2016, the St. Augustine National Cemetery was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. To develop the nomination, historians conducted archival research at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., the Research Library at the St. Augustine Historical Society, and at the St. Francis Barracks. Change over time at the site, as illustrated via historic maps from the first wave of Spanish occupation until present day, were of particular importance. Newspaper articles from various St. Augustine publications also provided information regarding the site, particularly the transfer of the remains of soldiers buried at other military cemeteries in Florida to the St. Augustine facility. Photodocumentation of site, including the notable pyramids for Dade's Massacre and the WPA-era lodge, were completed by architectural historians that exceed the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards.

The full NRHP nomination is available online here:
<https://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/places/pdfs/16000271.pdf>

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