



Historic Property Report

Historic Name: Riverside Memorial Park Cinerarium

Property ID: 706410

Location



Address: N Government Way, Spokane, Washington, USA

GeographicAreas: Spokane, Spokane County, T25R42E14, SPOKANE NW Quadrangle

Information

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1910	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Number of stories: N/A

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Funerary	Funerary - Mortuary

Historic Context: Architecture

Photos



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SRS-27d.JPG



SRS-27c.JPG



SRS-27b.JPG



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Inventory Details - 7/16/2016

Common name: Riverside Memorial Park Cinerarium
Date recorded: 7/16/2016
Field Recorder: Stephen Emerson
Field Site number: SRS-27
SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Stone
Form Type	Utilitarian
Roof Type	Gable - Front
Roof Material	Wood - Shake
Cladding	Stone - Rubble
Structural System	Masonry - Stone
Plan	Rectangle

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): No

Significance narrative: A cinerarium is a building where cremated remains are kept. Such buildings are also known as mausoleums. The other mausoleums at the cemeteries along Government Way are much larger. This one is probably the oldest, as well as the smallest and least ornamental. Nonetheless, it appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as an intact example of basalt rubble building construction, and under Criterion A, as a contributing feature of Riverside Memorial Park, one of Spokane's oldest and most prominent cemeteries.



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Physical description: This is a simple rectangular building with a gabled roof. The exterior walls are constructed of mortared basalt rubble, randomly coursed with the mortar quite visible. The roof is covered with wood shakes and has a clay tile roof ridge. The eaves are wide and unenclosed, revealing no exposed rafter ends or purlins. There are three thick wood panel doors, on three sides, and two window openings that are covered. All fenestration is protected by iron bars.

Bibliography: Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.