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To: Mr Jake Thomas
Historic Preservation Officer

From: Geraldine Van Notric (H) 243-9737
Hillgrove Cemetery Board Member

Subject: Nomination of Hillgrove Cemetery for recognition as a Historic Site in King County.

Using criteria for designation under Section 4 of Ordinance No. 4828

I believe that Hillgrove Cemetery should be a King County Historic Site.

Section 4

1. Hillgrove Cemetery Association was formed in 1923, although the first burial was 1900.

2. Under (d) I believe it will yield information important to the history of the area.

Section 4

3. (d) It is a cemetery that has graves of persons directly responsible for the economic development of the Highline area and there is no other appropriate site that can be a source for the ethnic, historic tombstone architectural design, military veterans, and general genealogical information that is available in Hillgrove.

Designation of Hillgrove as a King County Historic Site will provide protection for the cemetery and recognition by the community of the importance that the pioneer families buried there played in the development of the Highline area.

HILLGROVE CEMETERY

Location: 200th street and 16th Ave. So.
(Southwest of Sea-Tac Int. Airport)

Legal Description: 042204 9025
Hill Grove Cemetery Assn.
Dunbar, Grant
405 Clark Ave.
Kent, Wn. 98031

Size: .92 Ac. (190 x 210)

The nomination of Hillgrove Cemetery as a King County Historic Site should not assume that the site is in need of repair or that it is a way to seek King County funds.

The Cemetery was recently provided with a rockery front on 200th street, it has been fenced on three sides by the Port of Seattle, an existing fence is on the front, above the rockery. It is trimmed and mowed by the Association and interested groups, such as the Telephone Pioneer Group, and although experiencing vandalism is a constant threat for cemeteries there has been less, now that there has been publicity and people who are caring for the site.

A proposal is in to the Port of Seattle for a small parking area on the west side of the cemetery, on their land, so that direct access will be foot and access by car will be through a gate, by permission only.

A marker that it is a Historic Site would make it so much more attractive and worthy of the communities attention.

Veterans in Hillgrove Cemetery

Everett E. Elsey
Washington
Cpl. 39 Inf. 4 Div.
World War I
March 24, 1891 June 15, 1948

*related David or John
settled in 1894*

William H. Pennington
Illinois
Pvt. Company E 39th Reg. Inf.
Civil War
Enlisted: March 15, 1864 Discharged: Dec. 6, 1865

Roy W. Dunbar
Washington
361st Infantry Band - 91st Div.
World War I
Oct. 9, 1895 May 13, 1970

William McLain Ferguson
Washington
Flc. U.S.N. U.S.S. Wyoming
World War I
Took part in surrender of German High Seas Fleet Nov. 21, 1918
July 22, 1895 May 19, 1936

* Captn. Sidney B. Vrooman (Civil War)

* E.S. Clayborn

* Alex J. Carmichel

* Gerald Reeploeg

* Edwin Campbell

* Jasper A. Commons (Civil War)

* Robert Pennington

* David S. Elsey (Civil War)

settler ?

Chris Reeploeg
Germany
Imperial German Army under Wilhelm I
Died: June 15, 1948

* Still to be confirmed by Veterans Administration Service Officer.

Economic Factors Relating to the Families in the Hillgrove Cemetery

1. Port on the Puget Sound.

The "D" boats made their landing at the dock on the Sound at Des Moines, with cargo and passengers for the valley, Riverton, Orillia, Kent and Auburn.

2. The lumber and shingle mills.

The Elsey mill that not only made lumber and shingles, but finished wood products, such as butter keepers.

The Markwell's who provided cord wood to the boats.

3. Community Service

The "Daddy" Draper home for disadvantaged youth that taught the children to play musical instruments and toured the state.

Harold Coffin and R.A. Ellington who were on the original board that set up Hillgrove, were involved in the beginning of the Angle Lake Presbyterian Church.

4. Farms and-green houses, raising animals

The Utz family who came here for a better education for the 5 children, and settled near Normandy Park.

The produce went to the Pike Place market on wagon.

5. Fishing

"Fisherman Charlie Knutson who traded salmon for fresh baked goods, and told tales of the escape from 13 pulchritudinous South Seas Island wives after being shipwrecked. The community thought so much of Charlie they buried him and erected his marker, in Hillgrove.

6. Business

Myrtle Elsey who had the first beauty shop in the area, the Ellingtons who started the transportation system, Gudrun Vigfusson who had the first laundry and was from Iceland.

7. Resort and Camps

Des Moines became a place a summer homes and summer bible camps run by the families.

8. Ethnic origins

The families came from middle Europe, the Scandinavian countries and even Iceland. They brought the skills from the forests of Wisconsin to work the mills and lumber camps. They became the businessmen and women that stabilized the area.

9. Homesteads

The Vrooman and Kindling families homesteaded what is now the Sea-Tac Airport and Hwy 99 around the Angle Lake area. The Elsey family in the Five-Corners area (1st Ave. So.&160th) The Utz family at Normandy Park. The Ellington's at Evergreen (Des Moines Way&190th).

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TO: Parties of Record

RE: Consideration of Preliminary Determination for Nominating the _____
Hillgrove Cemetery to the King County Landmarks Register.

A meeting to consider the nomination of the Hillgrove Cemetery
is scheduled by the King County Landmarks Commission on July 8, 1982 at 11:00 a.m.
The meeting will be in Room 400 King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle.

Location:

The subject property is located at Southside of 200th Street, east of Des Moines Way,
200th Street and 16th Avenue South. Tax lot number: 042204-9025 (0.92 acres).

Owners:

Hillgrove Cemetery Board (see attached)

Upon a preliminary determination of significance, the certificate of appropriateness procedures set out in Section 8 of Ordinance 4828 will apply. Upon a preliminary determination of significance, no significant feature may be changed without first obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from the Commission, whether or not a building or other permit is required. A copy of Section 8 is included herewith.

If a positive preliminary determination is made, a public hearing will be set to approve or deny designation of the site.

Dated this 28 day of June, 1982.



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NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

TO: Parties of Record
RE: Landmarks Commission File No. 0813-07R
Hillgrove Cemetery

A. Preliminary Determination

The Landmarks Commission made a positive preliminary determination of significance for the above-referenced property on July 8, 1982.

1. The boundaries of the proposed determination include the .92 acres located on 200th Street South, between 15th and 16th Streets.

2. Legal Description

3. Criteria Applied

The preliminary determination was made based on the likelihood of the site's meeting criteria 1b. The cemetery contains the graves of settlers important to the development of the Highline area.

B. Statement of Section 8 Requirements

While proceedings pursuant to this ordinance are pending, or six (6) months from the date of this notice, whichever is shorter, and thereafter, if the designation is approved by the Commission, the certificate of appropriateness procedures set out in Section 8 of Ordinance 4828, a copy of which is enclosed, shall apply to the described site, whether or not a building or other permit is required.

C. Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing

A public hearing is set for August 12, 1982 from 11.00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the King County Executive Conference Room, 400 King County Courthouse, Seattle, WA 98104.

D.

All proceedings to review the action of the Commission at the hearing on approval of designation will be based on the record made at such hearing. No further right to present evidence on the issue of designation is afforded pursuant to this ordinance.

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TO: Parties of Record
RE: Final Designation Report File No.
DATE: August 20, 1982

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The Landmarks Commission made a positive determination of significance for the above referenced property: as a community landmark on August 12, 1982.

1. A. Boundaries

200th Street South, between 15th and 16th Streets
210 feet along 200th Street South and 100 feet deep.

B. Legal Description

N/A

C. Owner

Hillgrove Cemetery Association

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RECORDS & ELECTIONS
KING COUNTY

2. Significant Features

The cemetery plots, gravestones, property and entrance, including trees and landscape features.

3. Criteria Applied

Section 4 (lb.). The cemetery contains the graves of settlers and pioneers important to the development of the Highline area.

4. Statement of Section 8 Requirements

No significant feature may be changed, whether or not a building or other permit is required, without first obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance 4828. A copy of Section 8 provisions is attached.

Section 8 does not apply to community landmarks.

5. Preliminary Report

The Landmarks Commission made a positive preliminary determination of significance on July 8, 1982. The preliminary determination report was issued on July 12, 1982.

6. Public Hearing

August 12, 1982. Melani Draper, Hillgrove Cemetery Association testified.

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