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EARTH SEARCH, INC.  
ST. LOUIS NO. 2 CEMETERY SURVEY DOCUMENTATION

**Introduction**

In June 2013, Earth Search, Inc. (ESI) undertook a damage documentation survey of the tombs in St. Louis No. 1 and No. 2 Cemeteries under contract to United States Risk Management, L.L.C. (USRM). Prior to the commencement of any construction, demolition or site disturbance at Iberville, the City of New Orleans and Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) have consented in a programmatic agreement (PA) to establish, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a Vibration Tolerance and Monitoring Program to safeguard the buildings on site, St. Louis No. 1 and No.2 Cemeteries, as well as other historic properties being retained within the area of potential effect from inadvertent damage from vibration due to ground disturbing activities. The PA also committed the City and HANO to perform extensive documentation of the existing cemeteries for the record.

**Methodology**

USRM, in a collaborative effort with the assistance and oversight of ESI, performed an extensive survey of the current existing conditions of 100 % percent of total tombs in both cemeteries of concern. Documentation was carried out through photo documentation and written descriptions on forms that were later converted into Excel tables with corresponding photo reports. Methodology utilized in this survey consisted of a modified/shortened version of that used by the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at the University of Pennsylvania for their survey of St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 conducted in 2002. The system used to number the tombs of St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 consists of that created by the University of Pennsylvania. A map of the layout for St Louis Cemetery No. 1 is attached in **Appendix P**. The numbering system used to document the tombs in St. Louis No. 2 was devised by US Risk Management and consisted of dividing each of the three blocks into rows, and starting each row at the west side of the block with plot number 1. For example, the first tomb of Block 2, Row 1 was assigned the number 2-1-1(Block2-Row1-Plot1). A map of St Louis Cemetery No. 2 is attached in **Appendix Q**. Damage types recorded for each tomb consisted of a variety of damages including plaster cracks, missing tablets and roof crumbling to name a few. All survey and photograph documentation are listed as an appendix by date surveyed.