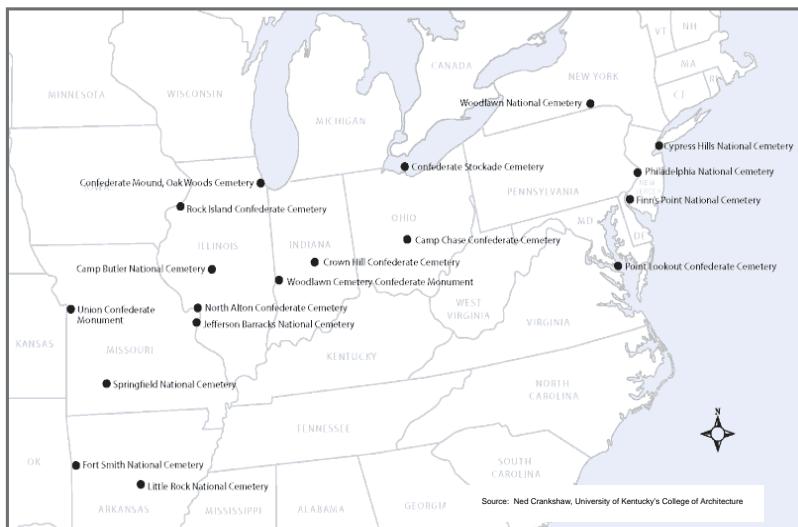


Confederate Cemetery Resource Study

The majority of the National Cemetery Administration's (NCA) more than 131 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots are historic, created during and shortly after the Civil War (1861-65). Although the federal government established national cemeteries to provide honorable burials for Union soldiers who died in



the war, it was also responsible for burial sites that contained the remains of thousands of Confederate dead. Beginning in 2008, NCA contracted with a cultural-resource management firm to study nine Confederate cemeteries and nine national cemeteries that contain the largest number of Confederate interments. Most of these are associated with Union prisoner-of-war (POW) camps in the North.

Beginning in 1906, the congressionally-chartered Commission for Marking the Graves of Confederate Dead began documenting former POW camp cemeteries and marking the graves.

Because official records were limited, at some locations this was achieved with a single, large monument; such as Point Lookout, Finn's Point and North Alton. Elsewhere, including Camp Chase and Woodlawn, individual headstones were erected.

Prior to this investigation, NCA lacked consolidated primary research and historical analysis about these sites. The results of this project may be used to guide NCA policy about marking graves and installing interpretive signage; and assist with the preservation of NCA historic landscapes and structures. This project complies with Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.

The Confederate Historic Resource Study is slated to be published in early 2015, and an electronic version will be available online. Interpretive signs will be installed in all 18 sites during 2014.

Study cemeteries include:

- Arkansas: Fort Smith National Cemetery, Fort Smith
Little Rock National Cemetery, Little Rock
- Illinois: Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield
Confederate Mound, Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago
North Alton Confederate Cemetery, Alton
Rock Island Confederate Cemetery, Rock Island
- Indiana: Crown Hill Confederate Cemetery, Indianapolis
Woodlawn Cemetery Confederate Monument, Terre Haute
- Maryland: Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery, St. Mary's Co.
- Missouri: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis
Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield (*bottom right*)
Union Confederate Monument, Kansas City
- New Jersey: Finn's Point National Cemetery, Salem (*top right*)
- New York: Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn
Woodlawn National Cemetery, Elmira
- Ohio: Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, Columbus
Confederate Stockade Cemetery, Johnsons Island, Sandusky
- Pennsylvania: Philadelphia National Cemetery, Philadelphia

