



2011 HALS Challenge

Celebrating Cultural Landscapes of Diversity

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 to document our country's dynamic landscapes. Much progress has been made in identifying cultural landscapes but more is needed to document these designed and vernacular places. For the 2011 HALS Challenge, we pose an initiative to document historic landscapes that reflect ethnic heritage. Each state is hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS *short format history* to increase awareness of the role of various cultural groups in shaping the American landscape.

*Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2011.**

The diversity of the landscapes of America reflects the diversity of our people. Campuses, cemeteries, gardens, neighborhoods, parks, plazas, ranches, villages, etc. all can represent a unique cultural landscape identity.

HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and template may be downloaded from the HALS website: www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm

Rewards - There will be many benefits for accepting this challenge and completing a HALS Short Format History.

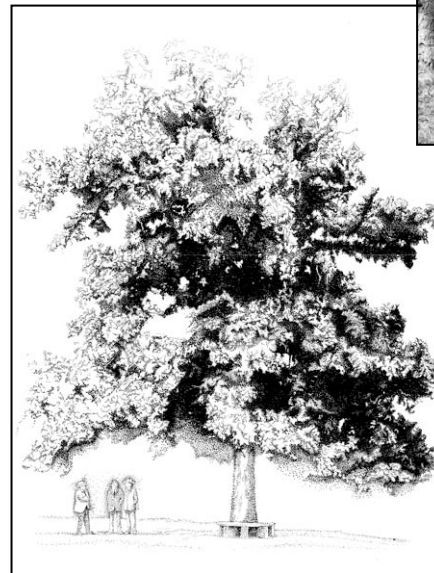
- An excuse for enjoying a day of exploration
- Personal satisfaction for doing your part
- Valuable publicity for yourself and your firm
- Increase credentials for HALS contracts



China Camp State Park HALS CA-13



Mount Zion Cemetery / Female Union Band Cemetery HALS DC-15



Creek Nation Council Oak Park HALS OK-1



Rancho Higuera State Park HALS CA-10