

32. MODESTO CEMETERY 1001 Scenic Drive (1855)



Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution: October 21, 1996
Designated by City Council: December 3, 1996

Historic Significance: Originally called the Modesto Citizens Cemetery, this has been the area's historic burial ground since the 1850s. It was later part of the Lincoln land grant. An 11-acre plot, it is the burial site of many of the county's first settlers. Modesto was founded in 1870 and the cemetery property was laid out in 1872, when it was named Modesto Citizens Cemetery.

An interesting aspect of this cemetery is that it contains 70 Civil War veterans' graves - including one Confederate veteran. The Sheriff's Department maintained the graves in the cemetery from 1964 to 1975.