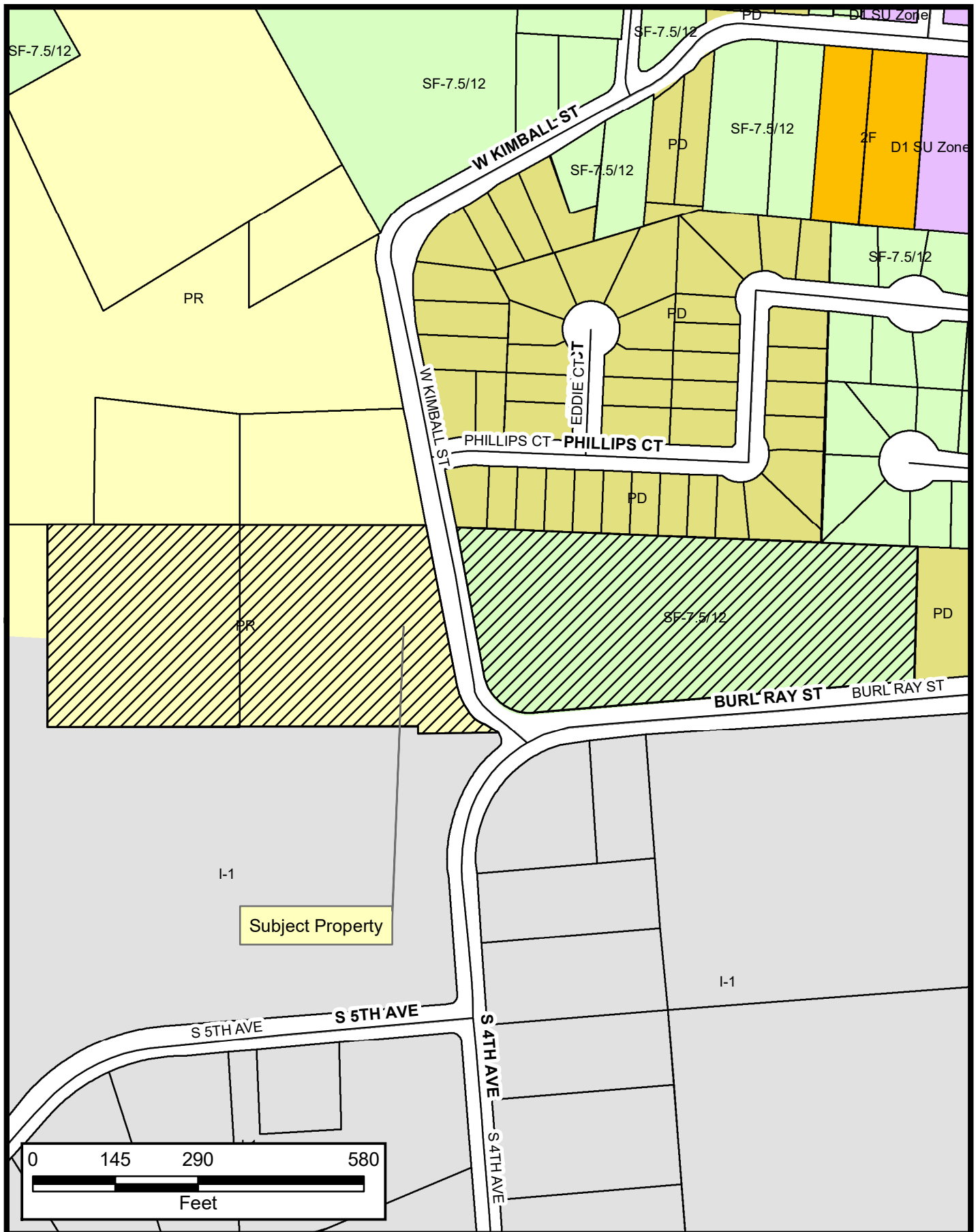




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Mansfield Cemetery, c. 1868

750 West Kimball Street

The Mansfield Cemetery incorporates the Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery and the Black Cemetery. Ralph Man deeded the land for the 2.75 acre Cumberland section in 1874 to the Mansfield congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but the land was first used for internment in 1868, when Julia Alice Boisseau Man, wife of Ralph Man and sister-in-law of Julian Feild, Mansfield's co-founders, was buried.

Inventories in 1950 and 1980 recorded 819 grave markers, but there also are a large number of unmarked graves. A number of Civil War, World War I and World War II veterans are buried here and the influenza outbreak at the end of World War I added many Mansfield residents to the cemetery.

Many of Mansfield's early settlers and community leaders are buried in the Cumberland section, including Ralph Man. Many local families buried in the cemetery are known to have close affiliation including the Bratton, Davis, Pyles and Blessing families.

Furniture merchants Duff and T. E. Blessing succeeded their uncle Andrew Bratton as undertakers and Ernie Blessing managed the Blessing Funeral Home until his retirement in the late 1950s. Markers are typically granite, limestone and marble.



Photograph of the Mansfield Cemetery

The Mansfield Cemetery, together with the adjacent Mansfield Community Cemetery, is one of the most important historic resources in Mansfield, that serves as a directory of early residents, reflects the ethnic diversity and unique population of the area and contributes to the narrative of Mansfield's history.

The Cemetery is an officially recognized historic resource of the City of Mansfield.