

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	GRN.803
Historic Name:	Main Road Cemetery
Common Name:	
Address:	786 Main Rd
City/Town:	Granville
Village/Neighborhood:	Granville Center
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Burial Ground
Significance:	Art; Landscape Architecture
Area(s):	GRN.C: Granville Center
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	



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FORM E - BURIAL GROUND

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



Granville

786 Main Road

Main Road Cemetery

ip: x Public

 Private

Approximate number of stones 200

Earliest death date 1742

Latest death date 1970

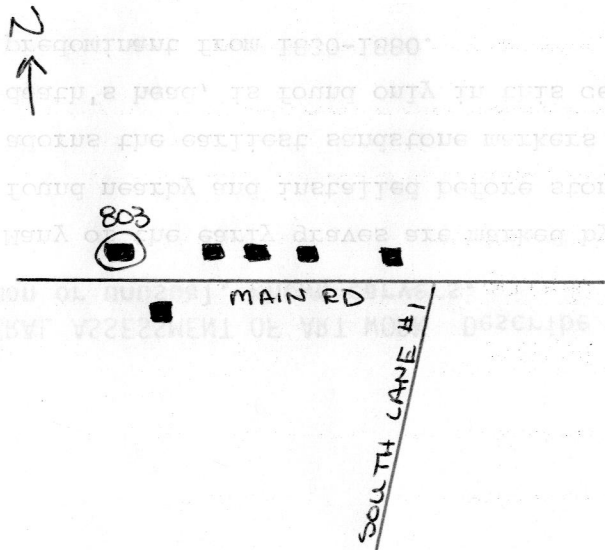
Landscape Architect (if known)

Condition Good

Acreage 1 acre

Setting Village

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE West Granville

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Joanne Keim - PVPC

Organization Granville Historic Commission

Date August 1987

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK Describe materials used, designs, motifs, symbols that are either common or unusual, known carvers.

Many of the early graves are marked by plain stones which are not dressed, perhaps found nearby and installed before stonecutters came to the area. The death's head adorns the earliest sandstone markers (1740's-1790's). An unusual motif, the smiling death's head, is found only in this cemetery. Obelisks, of sandstone and granite, are predominant from 1830-1880.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain religious affiliations, major period of use and evaluate historical importance of burial ground within the community.

This was the first cemetery in Granville, in use as a "burying yard" as early as 1742. For 45 years, it was the only cemetery in Granville and was used as a final resting place for any resident of the town regardless of religious affiliations.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Wilson - History of Granville, pgs. 280-281

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1. Town Granville

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Location Rte 57

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Name _____

Condition: Well kept up
(if neglected, explain how)

Neglected

l ground?

Approx. number gravestones _____

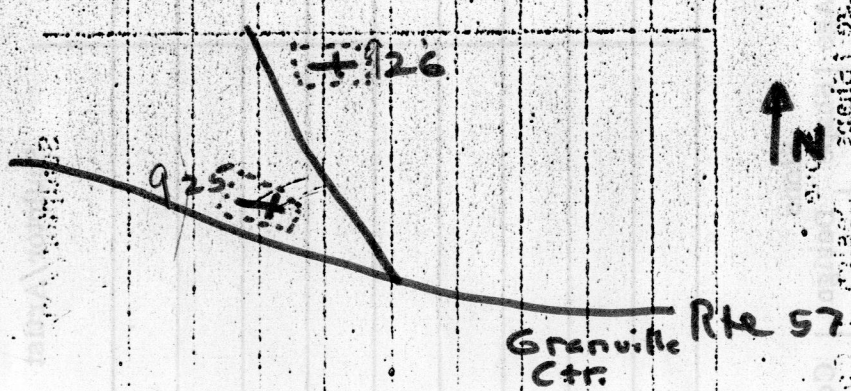
Earliest death date _____

Most recent death date _____

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) _____ inscription legibility _____

4. MAP: Footage from street _____



Name of Recorder _____ Organization _____ Date _____

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