

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	GRN.802
<b>Historic Name:</b>	West Granville Cemetery
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	Main Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Granville
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	West Granville
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1770
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Burial Ground
<b>Significance:</b>	Landscape Architecture; Religion
<b>Area(s):</b>	GRN.B: West Granville GRN.G: West Granville Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (11/05/1991)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	



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FORM E - BURIAL GROUND

USGS W. Granville  
Sec B

NO. 11511 GRN. 802

AREA	FORM NO.
B 15	802

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Granville

1520

Main Road

West Granville Cemetery

Ship: x Public

Private

ESTIMATION

Estimated number of stones 300

Earliest death date 1770

Latest death date Still in use 1987

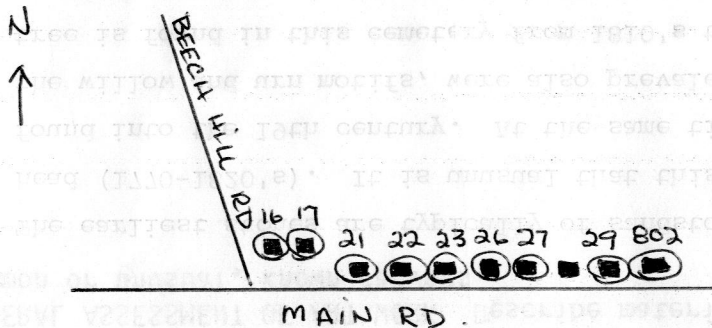
Landscape Architect (if known)

Condition Good

Acreage 1 acre

Setting Rural/Suburban

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.

The earliest stones are typically of sandstone either unadorned or carved with the death's head (1770-1820's). It is unusual that this medieval design would continue to be found into the 19th century. At the same time, more classical ornamentation, such as the willow and urn motifs, were also prevalent. An uncommon carving, the broken willow tree is found in this cemetery from 1810's to the 1830's. Obelisks of sandstone and granite are also prevalent from 1840-1890.

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

On March 27, 1787 Ezra Baldwin conveyed one acre of land to Middle Parish of Granville for £6. The deed specifies the land is to be used as a cemetery. Additional parcels were acquired in 1876, and 1884. In 1906, the West Granville Cemetery Association was formed for all matters relating to the cemetery. In 1825 the Town voted to purchase two hearses, one for East Parish and one for West Parish (which was the former Middle Parish).

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