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Inventory No: GRN.805
Historic Name: Old Westfield Cemetery
Common Name:
Address: 375 Old Westfield Rd
City/Town: Granville
Village/Neighborhood:
Local No:
Year Constructed:
Architect(s):
Architectural Style(s):
Use(s): Burial Ground
Significance: Landscape Architecture
Area(s):
Designation(s):
Building Materials(s):



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FORM E - BURIAL GROUND

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



Granville

375 Old Westfield Road

Old Westfield Cemetery

Ownership: x Public
 Private

DESCRIPTION

Approximate number of stones 75 - 100

Earliest death date August 30, 1831

Latest death date 1890

Landscape Architect (if known)

Condition Good

Acreage Less than 1 acre

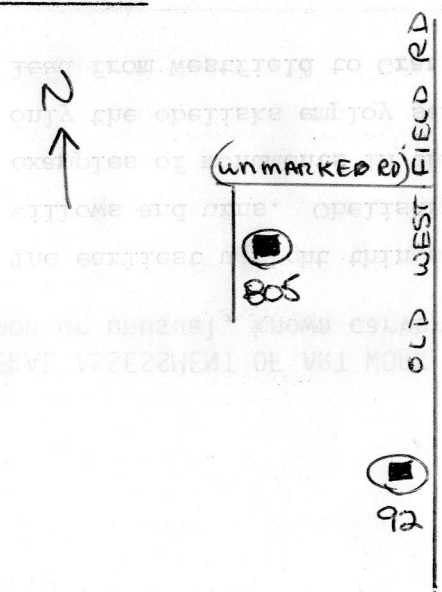
Setting Rural

Recorded by Joanne Keim - PVPC

Organization Granville Historic Commission

Date August 1987

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 Southwick

SCALE 1:25,000

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 upright thin stones, dating to the 1830's, are ornamented with weeping willows and urns. Obelisks begin appearing about 1865 and are among the latest examples of monuments in the 1890's. The upright stones are all composed of granite, only the obelisks employ sandstone. This cemetery is found on an old road which once led from Westfield to Granville Center.

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

Rather than having a religious affiliation this cemetery appears to have been created by private arrangement in 1831 with families who all lived in the northeast part of Granville. Only the families of the original grantees, who paid \$5 each, could be buried there. The 22 owners agreed to build and repair the cemetery fence as part of their covenant. Its major period of use dates between 1831 and 1900.

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Hampden County Registry of Deeds - Bk. 88/67
Wilson - History of Granville, p. 286

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