

FORM E - BURIAL GROUNDS

Area

Form No.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

Town Stoneham

Address Pleasant and William ~~Streets~~

Name Old Burying Ground

Ownership:

☒ Public Town of Stoneham

☐ Private

DESCRIPTION:

Approximate number stones 150

Earliest death date 1728

Latest death date ca. 1850

Condition Fair to poor; slate grave-
stones show effects of weathering and some

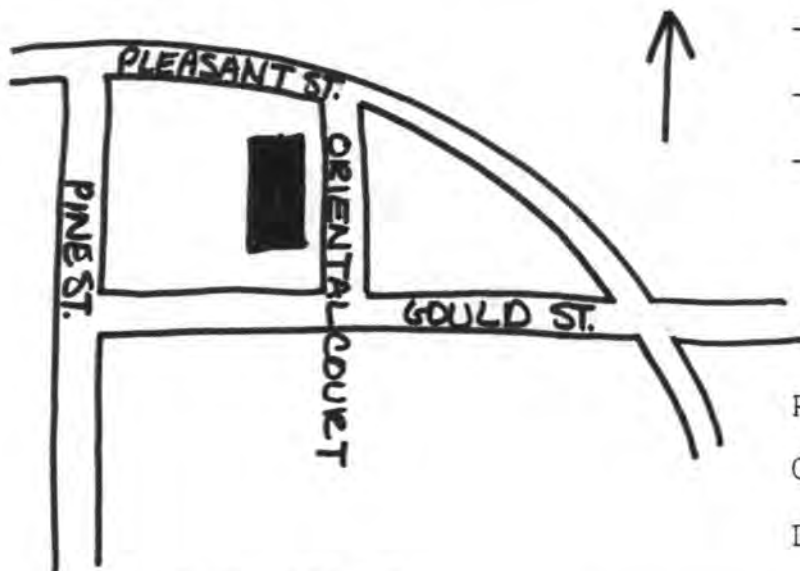
are badly deteriorated; inscription

legibility is fair on most stones;

approximately 1/4 of stones are leaning or
have fallen over.

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location
in relationship to nearest cross streets
and other buildings or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Assessor's Map #12-356
Acreage: $\pm$ one acre

(Staple additional sheets here)

Recorded by Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkin

Organization Landscape Research

Date 1979

UTM: Boston North Quad
19 327660 4705140

ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK (describe materials used, designs, motifs, symbols that are either common or unusual, known carvers).

Stoneham's Old Burying Ground consists of a relatively flat lot dotted with mature deciduous trees. Stones are generally of slate or marble and assume traditional arched or rectangular silhouettes. Artistic motifs include most popular 18th and early 19th century examples: winged death's heads, cherubs, urns, willows, etc. Several crypts are placed in the granite retaining wall which surrounds the cemetery.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (discuss religious affiliations, major period of use, importance within town).

Stoneham's Old Burying Ground possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship as well as significant associations with Stoneham's early 18th century origins. Located in Stoneham's original town center at the intersection of William, Spring and Summer Streets, the Old Burying Ground was purchased from John Hay on July 11, 1726 for 13^l 5s. It is the only extant component of Stoneham's original town center, which also included a church and school. In active use from 1728 through the mid-19th century, the Old Burying Ground includes the graves of most of Stoneham's early settlers. Thus, the Old Burying Ground meets criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received

2/26/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Metropolitan District Commission
Pumping HouseEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

52. Millard-Souther-Green House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

53. Oddfellows Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

54. Old Burying Ground

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/8455. Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten
Footer

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Paul A. Dwyer 4/13/84

56. Steele, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

57. South School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

58. Stoneham Firestation

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

59. Stoneham Public Library

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

60. Tay, Jesse, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Melvin Byers 4/13/84

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Burying Ground (Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. FEB 28 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-13-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Old Burying Ground
Stonchan M.R. Ma

9270

Town of Stoneham Assessor's Map P. 12 Lot 356 1"=200' present date 002



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295