

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative terms on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Maplewood Cemetery

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Pleasant Street not for publication

city or town Marlborough vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 01752

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director 8/13/2004
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Cara H. Metz, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal Agency and bureau Date

4. National Park Service Certification

- I, hereby certify that this property is:
- ☒ entered in the National Register
 - ☐ see continuation sheet
 - ☐ determined eligible for the National Register
 - ☐ see continuation sheet
 - ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
 - ☐ removed from the National Register
 - ☐ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson Ball 9/29/04

Maplewood Cemetery
Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA
County and State

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

☐ building(s)
☐ district
☒ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

3
3
6

Non contributing

buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(enter N/A if property is not part of a multiple property listing)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary: Cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary: Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Brick
Asphalt

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

See continuation sheets.

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Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA

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7. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Maplewood Cemetery, the eighth established in Marlborough, is a well-preserved burial ground that reflects the 19th and early 20th century history of the community. As the burial place of several thousand of the town's citizens over more than 170 years, it also retains strong historical associations. The landscaped setting and diverse burial monuments all evoke Marlborough's 19th century history.

The 15-acre cemetery is located west of the downtown area off Pleasant Street near the junction with Berlin Road. The intersection of Routes I-495 and I-290 lies about a mile and a half to the northwest. Maplewood is surrounded on all sides by a predominantly 20th century residential neighborhood, with houses visible from many sections of the cemetery. The entire perimeter of the cemetery (except a small section at the northeast corner) is enclosed by a 3' mortared **fieldstone wall** (photo #1) that was built in the 19th century. There are two main entrances, both on Pleasant Street, with a small secondary entrance at the southern edge of the cemetery near the receiving tomb which leads onto Maplewood Avenue.

The character of the cemetery is created by its spatial organization, circulation, topography, vegetation, funerary monuments, and receiving tomb which collectively create a park-like landscape setting. Maplewood was established in sections. The oldest section is in central portion of the cemetery and has the highest concentration of curbed lots and elaborate monuments. The western section (near Pleasant Street) was developed next, and the newest areas are in the eastern and northeastern sections. Two small lots along Pleasant Street at the southwest corner of the cemetery were added in the early 20th century and are now integrated into the cemetery.

The **receiving tomb** (photo #2), built around 1880, lies at the southern edge of the cemetery near the intersection of Laurel Avenue and Cypress Avenue. It is a small well-preserved rectangular brick building approximately 15' x 20' with a steeply-pitched asphalt roof with parapet ends. The entrance, centered on the north façade, has a projecting gabled roof supported on a pair of square granite piers. There is a band of hammered copper trim at the gable ends. The receiving tomb is no longer actively used. There is a **foundation** immediately to the south of it that may have been the site of the former hearse house. The Maplewood receiving tomb is almost identical to the one at Rocklawn Cemetery, although the Rocklawn tomb retains its original slate roof.

Maplewood Cemetery is laid out in a roughly rectilinear pattern defined by blocks of family lots interspersed with an extensive **network of roads** that run either north/south or east/west. This rectilinear approach was characteristic of late 19th century burial grounds that valued efficiency, while in earlier rural cemeteries curvilinear roads would have been preferred for their picturesque effect. The lots are typically about 16-20' on a side and are arranged in rows with each lot separated from its neighbor by a narrow path. Other relatively new sections are those at the northern section of the cemetery (lots 1001-1142) and at the eastern (740-810), both of which were laid out by 1923. The southeastern corner (where title block is on the map) was laid out after 1923.

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Topography is another important characteristic of Maplewood. The land rises slightly to the east from Pleasant Street, reaching a high point near the center of the cemetery and then drops off gradually toward the eastern edge. In addition to this large-scale topography, there is also terracing in some of the older and steeper sections, creating a distinctive pattern of burial lots that are clearly visible in the landscape.

Vegetation consists of several remnant rows of trees, including beeches along the Pleasant Street frontage and maples along the main entrance at Laurel Avenue. There are also a few scattered trees that appear to be fragments of earlier plantings, as well as some volunteers. There is little ornamental or shrub planting except for that associated with some of the newer lots. An overgrown area at the northeast corner of the cemetery appears as a rough circle on the 1923 map that may have been a former pond that has been filled in.

Maplewood is fortunate to have some remnant lot enclosures. The **Bigelow lot** (photo #3) has an ornate **cast iron fence** and there are eleven curbed lots (photo #4), most set on the crest of the hill and containing tall marble monuments in classical forms such as eight sided fluted columns. There are also numerous Gothic monuments and several in the art deco style. There is one zinc monument. About one quarter of the headstones and monuments are marble, the remainder are primarily granite.

While most of Maplewood is less ornamental than Marlborough's earlier cemeteries, it has strong associations with the 19th century history of the community and its themes of immigration, population growth and the machine age. It is also where the Daughters of the American Revolution chose to place their Civil War monument with a statue of a Civil War soldier (photo #5), surrounded by a series of graves bearing the US shield.

The burying ground is generally well maintained, but like most municipal cemeteries, has suffered loss and destruction of gravestones over time. Marbles have particularly suffered, with several toppled and broken and many eroded, most of which have been preserved in place. A number of the marbles have a brownish biological growth that is not evident in Marlborough's other cemeteries.

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Maplewood Cemetery

Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA

County and State

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.☐ D Property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply) N/A

Property is:

☐ A owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes☐ B removed from its original location☐ C a birthplace or grave☒ D a cemetery☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure☐ F a commemorative property☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art

Community Planning and Development

Social History

Period of Significance 1830s - 1954**Significant Dates** 1864**Significant Person:**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation**Architects/Builders (see continuation sheet)****Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

See continuation sheets

9. Major Bibliographic References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

See continuation sheets

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #

Primary location of additional data

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☒ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of Repository: Library and Hist. Commission

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Maplewood Cemetery qualifies for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C, with significance at the local level. The site may also have archaeological significance associated with unmarked graves and buried headstones. The period of significance extends from the 1830s to 1954. The site possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

The cemetery qualifies for listing under Criterion A due to its strong association with the 19th century history of Marlborough. It was the eighth burial ground established in the community and contains the graves of several thousand residents, including families with a long association to the community as well as new immigrants. The cemetery, which has both a Civil War monument and a Spanish American War monument, also reflects Marlborough's pride in its veterans, many of whom are buried here.

Maplewood Cemetery meets Criterion C as a municipal burial ground that reflects late 19th century design of cemeteries and funerary monuments. It contains design features derived from the rural cemetery movement, but also reflects the more pragmatic approach to cemetery design that developed later in the 19th century, with straight roads, smaller lots, and more machine-made monuments, increasingly of granite rather than marble.

The cemetery meets Criteria Consideration D because it has served as a burial ground from the 19th century to the 20th. It includes the graves of many prominent residents of Marlborough and contains information that is not readily available elsewhere. The 1830s beginning date for the period of significance corresponds with the reported establishment of the cemetery. The 1954 termination date reflects National Register policy that properties with ongoing significance use a 50-year cut-off date unless events of unusual significance have occurred within the past 50 years.

Marlborough, located approximately 28 miles west of Boston and 16 miles east of Worcester, was incorporated as a town in 1660. The small frontier community developed slowly at first because of conflicts associated with King Philip's War. After 1676 Marlborough grew steadily, reaching a population of 1,287 by 1765. Through the 18th century it remained primarily an agricultural community. The upland topography was particularly well-suited to raising cattle, grain, and apples. Agriculture continued to be the major occupation in the rural areas of town through the 19th century. However after 1830 Marlborough developed a thriving shoe industry, which transformed it into one of the manufacturing capitals of New England. The rapidly growing industry brought need for additional labor, which resulted in an influx of immigrants, initially Irish, followed by French Canadians, and later by Italians, Greeks, and Eastern European Jews. The town's population grew from 2,500 in 1836 to 13,609 in 1900. By 1890 the increasingly complex infrastructure necessitated the reorganization of the government and Marlborough became a city. In the 20th century, Marlborough has continued to grow, reaching a population of 31,800 by 1990, and has become a diversified residential, high-technological, and business city.

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Initially Marlborough's funerary needs were served by two burial grounds located near the center of town, Spring Hill Cemetery (1675) at the eastern edge of town and Old Common Cemetery (1706) at the western edge. As the population grew more dispersed, residents of the outlying areas established informal family and neighborhood burial grounds. These included Wilson Cemetery (1764); Brigham Cemetery (1793); Chipman Cemetery (1813); Robin Hill Cemetery (1817); Weeks Cemetery (1837); and Maplewood Cemetery (1830s). After 1855 all neighborhood cemeteries were transferred to municipal ownership and new burial areas established at Chipman (now known as Rocklawn Cemetery) and at Maplewood, which served as Marlborough's primary cemetery during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 1956 Evergreen Cemetery was established adjacent to Wilson, and continues to serve as the city's primary burial ground today. There are also two large late 19th century Catholic cemeteries, St. Mary's and Immaculate Conception, located adjacent to Brigham Cemetery.

Marlborough historian Charles Hudson, writing in 1862, summarized the status of the town's cemeteries at that time and described each.

Cemeteries are becoming objects of attention in most of our towns; and their condition is being regarded as a sort of test of civilizations, in the best sense of that term. The gloom which has been spread over the resting-place of the departed, and the forbidding appearance of our churchyards, are giving place to a more rational feeling and a better taste. The increasing light of the Son of Righteousness has, in a good degree, dispelled the darkness of the tomb, and chased away the unearthly specters, which were supposed to visit nightly the sepulchers of the dead. Christians of all denominations are beginning to regard the burial-places of their friends, as peaceful shades to which they can profitably resort to muse in sweet melancholy upon the uncertainty of human life, and to call up anew the dear remembrance of departed friends. Such views and feelings have created a disposition to beautify and adorn the ground where the dead are reposing...

There is also a cemetery near the house of Mr. Abel Bingham, commenced about twenty years ago, containing nearly two acres. It is situated in a retired spot, has several handsome marble monuments, and is well laid out. The cemetery is kept in a neat condition, and when the trees are grown, will make a pleasant retreat where amid the beauties of nature, the living can hold communion with the departed, undisturbed by the hum of business, or the presence of the passing multitude.

(Hudson, pages 236-239)

The two older municipal cemeteries (Spring Hill and Old Common) reflect their Colonial origins, with predominantly slate headstones laid out in irregular rows and a few later monuments. Although they are referred to as cemeteries today, both could best be characterized as burying grounds, with no formal design and few embellishments. The four smaller neighborhood cemeteries (Brigham, Robin Hill, Weeks, and Wilson) reflect the transition from unadorned

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burial grounds to cemeteries, with spatial organization based on family lots rather than individual graves; stones that display more sentimental imagery and iconography; and embellishments such as roads and plantings. Rocklawn Cemetery is a fuller expression of the rural cemetery style, with all burials in family lots and a well-defined system of roads and paths.

Maplewood Cemetery was reportedly established in the 1830s as a small neighborhood cemetery, although little information is available about its early history. When Hudson described it in 1862 (see above) it was still only two acres, with newly planted trees, and was set some distance back from the street. In 1864 the town purchased land, which probably included the old burying ground as well as some additional acreage, from Abel Brigham for \$1,093.75 and expended \$203.93 on labor and materials there.

Around this time the population of Marlborough increased significantly, due in large measure to the influx of immigrants who came to work in the growing local industries. In 1865 the town clerk's records revealed that of the children born in town, 86 had parents from the US; 121 had parents born in Ireland; 41 had parents born in Canada; 1 had parents born in Scotland; and 20 had mixed parents. This pattern continued through the latter part of the 19th century although as time went on there were more mixed parents. While many of the immigrants were buried in Marlborough's two Catholic cemeteries, others were buried at Maplewood, including many Greeks interred along the astern edge.

Expenses for Marlborough's burying grounds, especially Maplewood, remained high through the latter part of the 19th century. Annual reports recorded regular expenditures that included labor, wall, fence, tress in 1878; iron posts and gate in 1879; as well as surveying and a plan, posts at entrance, pump, and gravel. The annual reports also recorded steady sale of lots. Additional land for enlargement of Maplewood Cemetery was purchased from Elbridge and S.H. Howe in 1883, with money spent the following years for labor, stakes, whitewashing the fence, introduction of pipe and water, new gate, rebuilding stonework at the front of the cemetery, and hearse house repairs.

Maplewood Cemetery is a good example of a well-preserved late 19th century municipal cemetery that retains integrity in its spatial organization, topography, vegetation, circulation system and monumentation. Burials have continued through the 20th century, but Maplewood is not generally considered an active cemetery.

Old Common Cemetery is already listed on the National register as part of the Marlborough Center Historic District (NRDIS 8/19/1998). The six other municipal cemeteries established before 1900 are being nominated concurrently. There are no plans to nominate Evergreen Cemetery, established in 1956.

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Maps

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Maplewood Cemetery
Name of Property

Middlesex County, MA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property

15 acres

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19	288940	4692180	3. 19	288680	4691880
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
2. 19	289000	4692000	4. 19	288780	4692040
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing

p See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Describe why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Shary Page Berg, preservation consultant, with Betsy Friedberg, NR Director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date August, 2004

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items (check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name City of Marlborough

street and number City Hall, 140 Main Street telephone 508-460-3715

city or town Marlborough state MA zip code 01752

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses three parcels (assessors map 55, parcels 228-230) that include the entire 15-acre cemetery. The northern portion of the cemetery appears on assessors map 42 but does not have a separate parcel number associated with that map.

Boundary Justification

Maplewood Cemetery is located on the east side of Pleasant Street near the intersection with Berlin Road in the western portion of Marlborough. It includes a 14-acre parcel (55-230) that encompasses early land acquisition at the cemetery and two smaller parcels (55-228/229) that were probably acquired in the 1920s.

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12. LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Date: May 2002

Photographer: Shary Page Berg

1. View of front wall and beech trees looking east from Pleasant Street.
2. View of receiving tomb, looking southeast with Hazleton monument
3. View of Bigelow lot with iron fence, view towards the northwest
4. Curbed lots along Primrose Avenue, view towards the southeast
5. Civil War monument in northeastern corner, view towards the east

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**Maplewood Cemetery
Marlborough (Middlesex), MA
National Register Data Sheet**

Historic Name	Description/Materials	Date	Status	Type
Maplewood Cemetery		1830s-	SI	C
Perimeter Wall	Mortared fieldstone	19 th century	ST	C
Receiving Tomb	Brick, asphalt shingled roof	1880s	ST	C
Foundation, former hearse house		19 th century	SI	C
Road network	asphalt, gravel	19 th century	ST	C
Bigelow lot	cast iron fence	19 th century	SI	C

TOTALS: 3 contributing sites, 3 contributing structures 6 total elements



1923 Map by City Engineer.

Pleasant Street is at the top. The oldest section of the cemetery is in the middle with top and bottom sections added later.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Maplewood Cemetery

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Nantucket

DATE RECEIVED: 8/16/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/16/04
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/01/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/29/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04001082

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/29/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA

Photo 1 - Front wall & beech trees



Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA

Photo 2 - Reclining Tomb



Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA

Photo 3- Bigelow lot



Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA

Photo 4 - Corbed lots, Primrose Ave



FRANKLIN D. ROBERTSON
1830 - 1890
BORN IN MASS.
DIED IN MASS.
WAS A MEMBER OF
THE G. A. R.

POST 18 G.A.R.

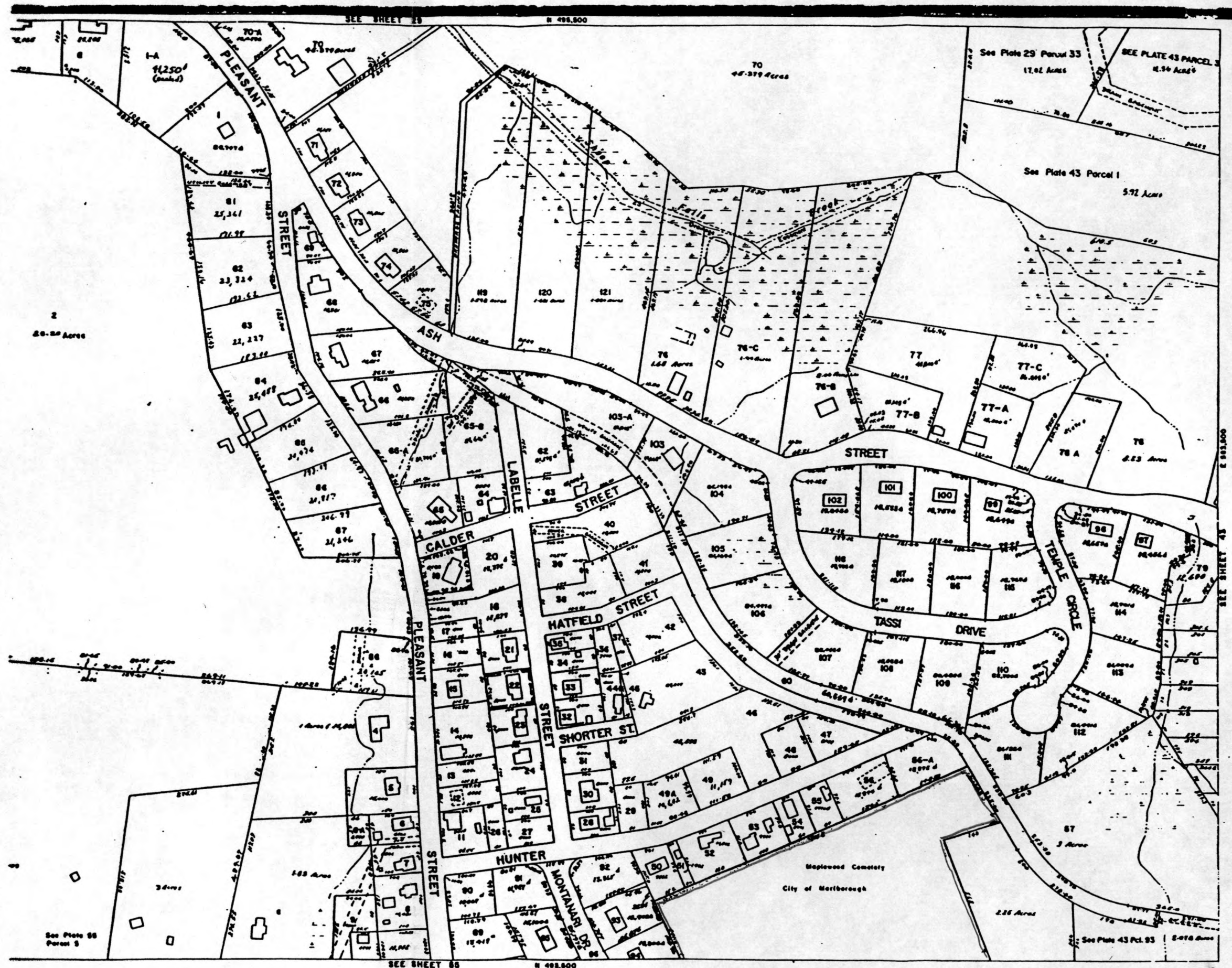
Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex County, MA



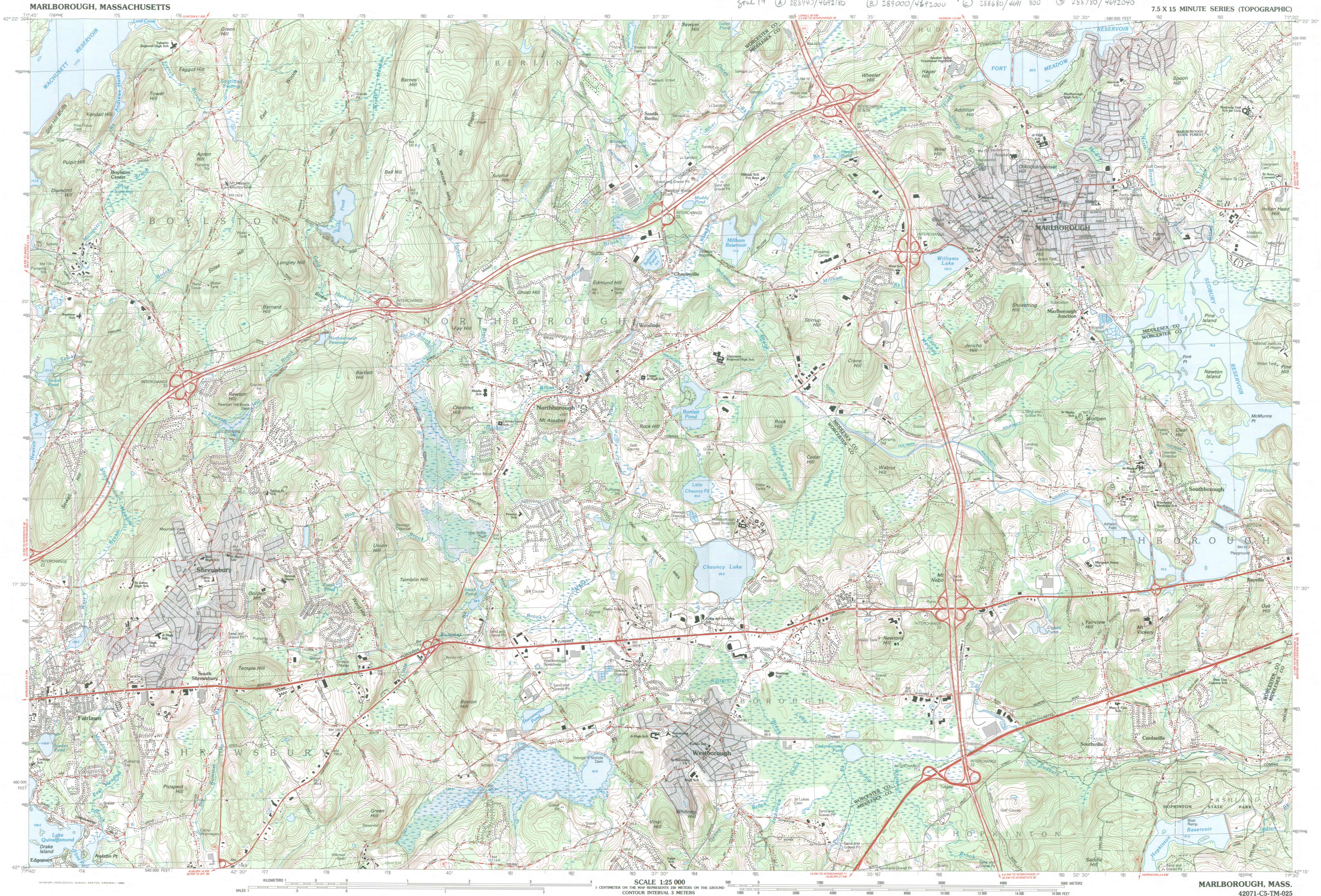
Photo 5 - Civil War Monument



Naplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex, Co, MA
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Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex Co., MA
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Marlborough
MASSACHUSETTS
1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1983

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey

Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1980. Field checked 1982. Map edited 1983

Supersedes Shrewsbury and Marlborough 1:25,000-scale maps dated 1969

Projection and 1000-meter grid, zone 19: Universal Transverse Mercator. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone. 1927 North American Datum. To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 6 meters south and 40 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM	ADJOINING MAPS		
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2	6.5615		6	7	8
4	13.124				
6	19.685				
8	26.247				
10	32.809				
To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808					
To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048					
UTM grid convergence (GN) and magnetic declination (MD) at center of map Diagram is approximate					

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Topographic Map Symbols

Primary highway, hard surface	
Secondary highway, hard surface	
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	
Unimproved road, trail	
Route marker: Interstate, U. S. State	
Railroad: standard gauge; narrow gauge	
Bridge: drawbridge	
Footbridge; overpass; underpass	
Built-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	
House; barn; church; school; large structure	
Boundary:	
National, with monument	
State	
County, parish	
Civil township, precinct, district	
Incorporated city, village, town	
National or State reservation, small park	
Land grant with monument; land section line	
U. S. public lands survey: range, township, section	
Range, township, section line: location approximate	
Fence or field line	
Power transmission line, located tower	
Dam; dam with lock	
Cemetery; grave	
Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument	
Wellhead; water well; spring	
Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave	
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	
Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	
Distorted surface: dry; new; low; sand	
Bathymetric contours: index; intermediate	
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp	
Land subject to controlled inundation; woodland	
Scrub; mangrove	
Orchard; vineyard	

A pamphlet describing topographic maps is available on request



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission



August 13, 2004

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Maplewood Cemetery, Pleasant Street, Marlborough (Middlesex), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Five letters of support have been received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Shary Page Berg, consultant
Gary Brown, Lynn Faust, Marlborough Historical Commission
Dennis Hunt, Mayor, City of Marlborough
Alfred Lima, Marlborough Planning Director



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May 7, 2004

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Dear Ms. Friedberg,

The City of Marlborough participated in the Cemetery Initiative that the Department of Environmental Management conducted. Because of that project, the City next pursued a grant to have these cemeteries listed in the National Register. I have received notice that at its June 9, 2004 meeting, the Massachusetts Historical Commission will be reviewing the City of Marlborough's Request to have seven (7) historic cemeteries included in the National Register Listing. I would like to express my support for this project.

Cemeteries have always served as one of the community's most valuable resources. It would seem in this day and age that cemeteries have lost much of their significance. But further exploration would dispute that. From the people who come from all over the country to research their family trees, realizing that their ancestors settled this community and helped it to grow and prosper and while some stayed and continued their role in this community, others moved on to settle throughout the rest of the country; to the schoolchildren who learn a respect and awareness of history from their tours and research in these cemeteries; to the veterans who visit frequently to pay their respects to the country's heroes; to the neighborhood residents and the community at large who walk through the cemeteries pausing to reflect at various headstones, sometimes cleaning around a site, but taking the few moments to reflect on the peace and stillness that gives them a brief respite from the hustle and stress of their lives, these cemeteries have an impact.

The City of Marlborough has begun a pro-active role in the preservation of its cultural and historical assets through acquiring open space parcels and developing preservation and maintenance plans for its resources.

Several Boy Scouts have done or will be doing a status inventory of individual cemeteries for their Eagle Scout projects. Each Boy Scout chooses a cemetery and they inventory each headstone – inscriptions, condition of stone, composition of stone – and also make general notes on the cemetery grounds. Since time can have such a devastating effect on the headstones, the City and its Cemetery Division will be able to take this inventory and use it to address the most urgent needs.

The cemeteries in Marlborough reach out to many people – those who come to trace their roots and learn about their families, the schoolchildren, the veterans and the community at large. They provide a real sense of history in Marlborough.



Betsy Friedberg

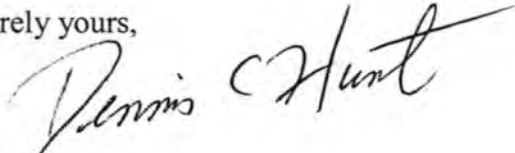
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The City of Marlborough takes great pride in its cemeteries and the history reflected there. Listing these cemeteries is another way of expressing our pride while providing a part that is often required for grants that we might seek to help in the special maintenance and repairs at the cemeteries.

I thank you for this opportunity and hope that you will approve this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis C. Hunt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dennis C. Hunt
Mayor



CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 11, 2004

Betsy Friedberg
Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Dear Ms. Friedberg,

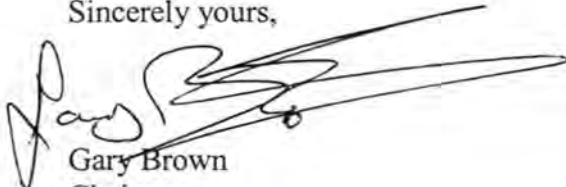
We in Marlborough are fortunate to have our historic cemeteries and burial grounds in a wonderful state of preservation. Some of the stones date from the late 1600s and early 1700s and look as if they had been carved recently.

The grave markers bear the names of many of our founding fathers and veterans of the Revolutionary, Civil and all other wars. They are a written history of this community.

Those citizens who visit our historic burial grounds for the first time are invariably impressed. It is fun to take groups through them and point out who, what, where and why they are important. You can see the various motifs of the carvers. We who appreciate our history are very proud of these cemeteries. We who take the time to honor our fallen veterans are pleased that our City government throughout our history has cared for these hallowed grounds.

I fully support the efforts to have our historic cemeteries placed on the National Register. This will help many others to be grateful for their existence.

Sincerely yours,



Gary Brown
Chairman



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Director



May 13, 2004

Betsy Friedberg
Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Dear Ms. Friedberg:

I wish to convey my strong support for the nomination of seven historic cemeteries in the City of Marlborough to the National Register of Historic Places. The elevation of these cemeteries to the Register will assist in implementing the city's planning objectives.

One of the action items in the 2002 Marlborough Master Plan is to advance the preservation of the city's historic cemeteries through the development of preservation plans and the pursuing of National Register designation. The City was awarded a technical assistance grant from the Department of Environmental Management to develop a framework for the preservation of these sites, and this initiative has assisted in guiding the City's maintenance of these cemeteries.

Clearly, the preservation of Marlborough's historic cemeteries will advance other goals of the master plan, including the preservation of the community's character and its quality of life. The nomination of these sites to the National Register will advance the preservation of these important historic resources.

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Lima,
Director of Planning and Community Development

Marlborough Historical Society, Inc.

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Betsy Friedberg
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125



Dear Ms. Friedberg:

On behalf of the Marlborough Historical Society I would like to express my support for the listing on the National Register of Historic Places the seven historically significant cemeteries in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Marlborough being among this nation's earliest incorporated townships (1660), its rich history was built by the very men and women who lay to rest in our honored cemeteries. The recognition they deserve warrants such a listing in our National Registry.

Not only for the expressed purpose of recognition of the cemeteries and those who are buried there, however, do I support such an effort. Rather, I feel that a listing on the National Register of Historic Places fosters within a given town or city a greater awareness of and appreciation for other historic preservation efforts and projects. To me, it is an often-needed catalyst to better, more thoughtful decision making.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilcox
Curator

C: Gary Brown, Chairman, Marlborough Historical Commission



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May 25, 2004

Betsy Friedberg
Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Dear Ms. Friedberg,

I am pleased to offer my support to the City of Marlborough request to have its 7 cemeteries listed on the National Register.

As the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, it is my responsibility to see that these historic resources are properly maintained. With the ever-increasing demands on municipal budgets, it is a challenge to meet this standard with the limited funds we are annually given to do so. I am extremely proud of the fact that these cemeteries are in remarkable condition in spite of our limited maintenance resources and we hope to continue meeting our charge in that regard.

Listing in the National Register symbolizes the City of Marlborough's commitment to its historic resources. As part of this commitment the City continually researches ways to gain additional funding for special projects for these cemeteries. As an example, funds from the grant used to prepare this application, also allowed us to prepare mini-preservation and maintenance plans for the cemeteries. The purpose of these plans is to provide efficient cost-effective guidance to the community for the care of its historic cemeteries.

There are few greater opportunities for reflection than a walk through an historic burial ground as you ponder the names, dates and inscriptions on the stones and what life was like when these people lived in our community.

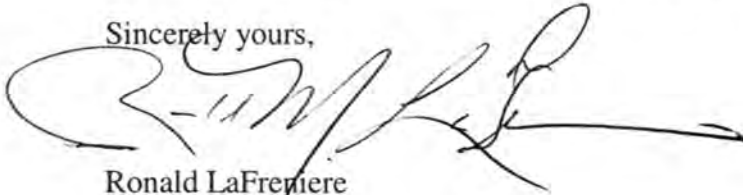
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As the custodian of these sites, I have a great responsibility to not only the current residents but also to those people who lived here helping our community grow and prosper and are now buried in our cemeteries. What better way to show honor and respect than to have these cemeteries listed on the National Register

I appreciate this opportunity to offer my support to this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald LaFreniere', written over a horizontal line.

Ronald LaFreniere
Commissioner