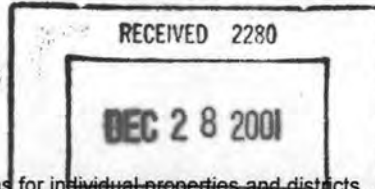


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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each 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 items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old Burying Ground

other names/site number First Town Cemetery

2. Location

street & number King Street (Routes 2A and 110) near White Street not for publication

city or town Littleton vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 01460

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.)

Brona Simon DSHPO December 26, 2001
Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date
Massachusetts Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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 H. Beall 2/5/02

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Name of Property

Middlesex County, Massachusetts
County and State

5. 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

5

13

18

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)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Stone: slate, granite, marble

Narrative Description

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

See continuation sheets.

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7. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Littleton's Old Burying Ground is a tranquil oasis in an increasingly suburban community. An evocative remnant of the early history of the town, it is an excellent example of a small, well-preserved, municipal burial ground that retains strong historical associations and an outstanding collection of burial markers. It is also the burial place of many of the town's notable early citizens. The burying ground is a small cohesive unit that is treated as a single site for the purposes of this nomination. There are approximately 400 recorded burials dating from 1717 to 1909, which are represented by 4 monuments, approximately 340 burial markers, and over 50 footstones.

The burying ground is prominently located one block west of the town common and main business district on the north side of King Street (Routes 110 and 2A) just west of White Street. The immediate area includes some 19th century farmhouses and their associated outbuildings, including the adjacent properties along King Street. There is also some commercial development along King Street and industrial development to the north and east, including a one-story, concrete-block building that abuts the burial ground on the east. Interstate route 495 is less than one-half mile to the north.

The burying ground is a long, narrow, 1.25-acre site that extends north from King Street where the major entrance is located. It is organized in a traditional rectilinear pattern with earlier graves generally towards the front (south), and more recent ones towards the rear (north). Graves are generally aligned more or less east/west in irregular rows. The burying ground is in two distinct sections. The southern section (near King Street) is relatively level and unvegetated with burial markers on either side of a central dirt path. The northern section is hillier and wooded with no distinct circulation system. There is a little-used secondary entrance on White Street at the northeastern corner.

The relatively level topography associated with the southern section is typical of early New England burial grounds. The hillier northern section is partially a function of existing site topography but also illustrates 19th century efforts to use topography to enhance the character of the site. Among the distinctive topographic features are two man-made mounds. A low earthen mound about five feet high, surmounted by a granite obelisk (the Rogers monument) is located near the center of the burying ground, dividing the northern and southern sections. Towards the

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northern edge of the site, the topography rises slightly, culminating in a second, higher mound (possibly a mound tomb) surmounted by a low marble marker (Russell, Kidder, Dix *et al*). Beyond this, the slope drops off steeply to the north, as it does towards White Street to the northeast.

The southern half of the site is generally open turf with few trees, although this is a relatively new condition as there was until recently a double row of large pines running through the center of this area. These were removed in 1999 because they were deteriorating and causing serious damage to the burial markers. There are a few scattered trees in the southern section, including several red cedars and volunteer maples as well as a few shrubs, primarily at the edges. The north central section is moderately wooded with a large number of mature white pines. These were not removed because they are still in good condition and are not damaging burial markers. The steeply sloping northern and northeastern edges are heavily wooded with a variety of volunteer species. Two lindens have recently been planted along King Street in front of the burying ground.

One of the most visible and distinctive features of the burial ground is the 100-foot-long gray **granite chink wall** (ca. 1748; NR#1, photo #2) with a granite cap which forms the southern edge of the burying ground along King Street. Massive rough-cut blocks form the vertical front face of the wall while the back is buttressed and made up of much smaller chinked stones. Double **wrought iron gates** (ca. 1900; NR#2) located at the center of the wall form the main entrance to the burying ground. The gates are of a simple picket design with a decorative pineapple on the right gate (the left one is missing). The gates can be opened to provide vehicular access with a clearance of about nine feet when necessary, but the primary pedestrian access is through a narrow opening to the right of the gates. Low piled local **fieldstone walls** (circa 1748; NR#3) of typical New England farm construction form the east and west boundaries of the property, with a chain link fence along the northern edge. There is a fairly elaborate **cast iron pedestrian gate** with three granite posts on either side (late 19th cent; NR#4) at the rear entrance along White Street opposite Hillside Road. It appears to be little used.

While the gravestones are mostly laid out in irregular rows, there are also ten enclosed family lots, most of which date to the mid-19th century or later. These are primarily located in the

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northern section of the burying ground but there are a few in the southern section as well. One of the most distinctive and prominently located is the **Robbins/Sawyer lot** (19th cent; NR #5) to the right of the main entrance. This raised lot is enclosed by large granite blocks and includes a range of memorial types, including a slate, several small marbles, and a polished pink granite obelisk. Also in the southern section but to the west of the main entrance is the **Breck lot** (19th cent; NR#6), which is enclosed by six granite posts about four feet tall. Granite posts can also be found around the Rogers lot near the center of the burying ground and several lots at the north end of the burial ground, including the mounded **Kidder, Dix, Russell lot** (19th cent; NR#11). The posts range in height from 8" to 4' tall. Most show evidence of chains which no longer exist.

The section near the White Street entrance, the last in the burying ground to be developed, includes three enclosed family lots. The **Wright/Smith lot** (ca. 1900; NR#7) was enclosed by eight cast iron posts, six of which remain, and a chain that is no longer extant. The adjacent **Read/Stevens lot** (ca. 1900, NR#8) is marked at the corners by low granite posts. The third enclosed lot in this area is the raised lot of the Johnson family (ca. 1900; NR #9), which is enclosed by low granite blocks. It is one of two raised granite-enclosed lots in the burying ground. Also located in this area is the **Lucy Mead tomb** (1821; NR#10), an earth-covered structure with granite facade.

While the vast majority of the burial markers are slate headstones, there are also a small number of distinctive monuments that reflect a later period of cemetery development. These are scattered throughout the burying ground. One of the most visually prominent is the **Daniel Rogers monument** (ca. 1782; NR#12, photo #1), a simple granite obelisk about 12 feet tall. Sited on a low mound near the center of the burying ground, it commemorates the town's second minister, who served the community for 52 years. Adjacent to it is the **Rogers table tomb** (early 19th cent; NR#12), which records the births and deaths of several generations of the Rogers family. This inscribed slate platform set on concrete support legs is the only table tomb in the burial ground.

Other noteworthy monuments include the **Robbins Sawyer monument** (late 19th cent; NR#13), a tall polished pink granite obelisk located in the Robbins Sawyer lot, and the nearby

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Blanchard monument (1900; NR#14), a gray granite obelisk that commemorates Revolutionary War veterans Calvin and Luther Blanchard. Near the King Street entrance is the **Benjamin Shattuck monument** (mid 19th cent; NR#15), a low marble column about four feet tall, which commemorates the town's first minister.

One of the most distinctive features of the burying ground is an outstanding collection of burial markers dating from 1723 to 1909. These are about equally divided between the 18th and the 19th centuries (see attached chart). Over 90% are dark gray slates. Most of the slates have the rounded tympanums typically associated with gravestones of this period, and many display highly skilled carvings, some of which can be attributed to well-known stone carvers such as the Park, Lamson, Stevens, and Worster families. The two most common motifs are winged deaths heads and willows and urns. There are also a few angels, some portrait stones, and a few geometric patterns. There are also many extant footstones, most of which have been relocated adjacent to the headstones to facilitate maintenance.

One of the earliest burial markers is that of **Thomas Chamberlin** (d.1723; NR#16; Photo #3). Located in the southern section of the burying ground, it is a small gray slate marker with a stylized winged death's head surmounted by a rosette in the tympanum. Foliate borders frame the text. The inscription, typical of this period, reads:

Here Lyes ye Body
of Mr. THOMAS
CHAMBERLIN;
Who Decd. Decmbr
ye 11th 1723.
in ye 34th Year
of His Age.

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Another common early motif, often accompanied by an abstract portrait in the tympanum, is a six-petaled flower. This is found in several dozen stones throughout the burial ground, including that of **Captain Joseph Bulkeley** (d.1748; NR#18; Photo#4), whose inscription reads:

HERE LIES BURIED
YE BODY OF CAPT
JOSEPH BULKELEY
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
SPTEMBER YE 24th
A.D. 1748
IN YE 79th YEAR
OF HIS AGE

Stones bearing this motif range through much of the 18th century, indicating that this style may have been the work of more than one individual. Like many of the early burial markers, these stones are noteworthy for their skilled carving and well-articulated lettering.

Most of the 19th century stones are also slate. Some retain the rounded tympanum while others are simple rectangles. Many feature the urn and willow motif and delicate carving associated with the mid-19th century. The headstone of **Lucretia Tuttle** (d. 1852; Photo #5) is typical with its two-dimensional carving, geometric borders, and architectural motifs used along with the willow and urn. The inscription expresses the hope and sentimentality characteristic of that period, as well as changing ideas of death and burial.

Miss
LUCRETIA TUTTLE
Daur. of William &
Mary Tuttle.
Died July 10, 1852.
Aet. 60.
"Blessed are the pure in heart for
they shall see God."

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There are also several dozen marble stones, scattered throughout the burial ground. Most date to the latter part of the 19th century and are of fairly simple design. All show signs of serious weathering.

The burying ground is generally well maintained, but like most properties of this type, has suffered loss of gravestones over time. Several fallen stones have been preserved in place.

Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American sites are recorded within the cemetery or in the general area, sites may be present. Environmental characteristics of the parcel indicate the presence of locational criteria (slope, soil drainage, distance to wetlands) that are favorable indicators for many types of prehistoric sites. The cemetery is located on a well-drained, relatively level terrace within 1,000 feet of a stream that flows northerly to Beaver Brook. The area lies within the Merrimack River drainage. The Concord River drainage lies a few miles to the east of the cemetery. Both the Merrimack River and its Concord River tributary are documented corridors of ancient Native American settlement. In spite of the above information, the potential for recovering intact ancient Native American resources on the property is low. Impacts to the relatively small (1.25 acre) burial ground from 400 recorded burials would adversely effect the integrity of any ancient Native American resources located on the property.

There is a high potential for locating historic archaeological resources within the boundaries of the cemetery. Burial records and existing burial markers indicate unmarked graves are common within the cemetery. Further documentary research combined with archaeological survey and testing can help identify the locations of unmarked graves and reaffirm the associations between existing gravestones and actual graves. A total of 400 burials are recorded for the period spanning 1717-1909, yet only 340 burial markers and 50 footstones have been identified. Multiple burials identified by a single stone are also possible. Unmarked graves may follow the pattern of existing graves with earlier graves located in the front or southern portion of the cemetery and more recent burials to the rear or north. Variations in this pattern may also exist based on the socio-economic status of individuals and their identity or lack thereof. Existing graves are located in irregular rows following a more or less east/west alignment. Family lots are also present. Unmarked graves may be aligned in a similar fashion to known graves in both public and family areas. Individual graves may include skeletal remains in addition to clothing and other personal items interred with each individual. Funerary objects, including coffin remains and

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artifacts associated with the initial internment(s) and later memorials, may also be present with individuals or groups of graves. A grave shaft, discernable in the soil stratigraphy, should be present with individual and multiple internments. Archaeological testing may also identify head and foot stones that are overgrown and presently not visible on the surface. Documentary research combined with archaeological survey and testing may help locate structural evidence from sheds and other outbuildings associated with the cemetery's operation and maintenance during its history. Post molds related to fences and gates may also be present around boundaries for the cemetery and around subdivisions within the cemetery bounds.

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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)

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

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more 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
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

Primary location of additional data

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

Name of Repository: Littleton Cemetery
Commission & Littleton Historical Society

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art

Community Planning and Development

Social History

Period of Significance 1721 - 1909

Significant Dates 1721

Significant Person:

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architects/Builders

N/A

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8. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Summary Statement

The Old Burying Ground is a historically significant and highly visible property located on King Street, one block west of the town common. The site possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association; and meets National Register Criteria A and C on the local level with a period of significance extending from 1721 to 1909. The site may also have archaeological significance associated with unmarked graves and buried headstones.

The Old Burying Ground meets Criterion A due to its strong associations with the early settlement and history of Littleton. It was the only municipal burying ground in active use for the town's first century and contains the graves of over 400 of the town's early citizens, represented by approximately 340 burial markers. It is a well-preserved example of a Colonial New England burial ground that also illustrates evolving ideas of death and commemoration through the 19th century. Nineteen Revolutionary War veterans and sixteen Pre-Revolutionary War veterans are reportedly buried here. The burying ground and nearby town common are constant elements around which the town center has developed. The burying ground, one of the town's oldest surviving cultural resources, powerfully evokes the early history of the community.

The Old Burying Ground meets Criterion C as a well-preserved early graveyard that illustrates the evolving funerary styles of Littleton and its larger New England context. Most of the gravestones are made of dark gray slate, and many assume the typical shape of shouldered main block headed by round-arched tympanum. Common early motifs include naturalistic large-eyed heads in the tympana and foliate borders. Some of the burial markers have been attributed to well-known early stone carvers such as the Park, Lamson, Stevens, and Worster families. Later stones display well-carved willow and urn motifs, often in association with classical or architectural features. There are also a smaller number of late 19th century monuments and a few marble gravestones. The dry-laid stone wall along King Street is notable for its skilled craftsmanship.

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The Old Burying Ground meets Criteria Consideration D because it contains graves of persons of transcendent importance to the early settlement and development of Littleton, as well as because of its age, its distinctive gravestone design, and the unusually skilled carving of many of the gravestones.

Historical Background

Once the town of Littleton was incorporated in 1714, the community set about creating the necessary municipal institutions, including a burying ground. There was reportedly an earlier burial ground on the Nashoba Plantation, but its location is unknown and the burying ground on King Street is generally considered the first town cemetery. Unlike many communities, Littleton chose not to locate its burial ground adjacent to the meetinghouse (which was located on what is now Maple Street at the common), but rather a short distance away.

There is little record of the early appearance of the burial ground, but initially it was probably an open field with a few graves marked by scattered slate headstones. The grave markers from this period, such as that of Thomas Chamberlin described in Section 7, were relatively simple in style and most displayed the winged deaths head typical of the period. Inscriptions generally read, "Here lies buried, ye body of . . ." Some of the early burial markers faced west towards the darkness of the setting sun, while later burials faced east, reflecting a hope for future resurrection. Throughout the Colonial Period, most New England graveyards remained untended, avoided by the living except when there was a funeral. Most were larger by the end of the Colonial Period, but burial practices remained much as they had been a century earlier. One of the earliest recorded improvements in Littleton was a town vote of September 9, 1748, to fence the burying ground. The current dry-laid stone wall along King Street and the fieldstone perimeter wall may date to this period or may be later replacements.

Due to the small population, which was 918 at the time of the Revolutionary War, there were relatively few burials during the 18th century. Among the notable early interments were many of the town's settlers. There were reportedly 16 pre-Revolutionary War Veterans and 19 Revolutionary War veterans. At least one of the veterans, Luther Blanchard, the first man shot at the Battle of the Old North Bridge, does not appear on an 1895 record of burials and is probably actually buried in Acton. Distinguished persons buried here include the Reverend

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Benjamin Shattuck (d. 1763), the town's first minister, and the Reverend Daniel Rogers (d. 1782), the town's second minister, who served the community for 52 years. The importance that Rogers held within the community is reflected by the prominence of his monument and the quote on the adjacent table tomb, "A learned and faithful Minister is God's delight."

Littleton remained a small agricultural community through the first part of the 19th century with a population of only 947 by 1830. The advent of the railroad in 1844-5 brought a period of rapid growth followed by civic improvements. The mid-19th century was also a period of changing attitudes about death and burial, reflecting a cautious optimism that became evident in the iconography of gravestones, which began to feature willows and urns. The inscriptions changed as well. Sentiments such as "Dedicated to the memory of . . ." implied a permanent legacy even though the body was departed. During this period many burial grounds became more orderly, with gravestones in rows rather than scattered as they had been earlier.

During the latter part of the 19th century, several trends influenced the development of burial grounds in New England. One was the improved granite quarrying and cutting technology that made granite more readily available, as evidenced by the two granite-curbed enclosures and the obelisks. The latter part of the 19th century was also a time of civic improvements and beautification in Littleton. In 1862 the Tree Association was formed with a mission of planting street trees in public ways. An article in the Littleton Historical Society Proceedings attributes the first double row of white pines in the burying ground to this group, which was only active until 1871. There was probably a replacement planting some time in the 20th century. In the late 19th century, several Littleton families followed changing cemetery fashions by creating enclosed family lots or erecting large sculptural monuments.

A second municipal cemetery, Westlawn, was established in 1809 but was not heavily used until the old burying ground filled up towards the end of the 19th century. By 1900 Westlawn had become the town's main cemetery. It remains in active use today.

Concern for the appearance of the town became a focus in 1904 with the formation of the Improvement Society. The iron gates at the cemetery entrance date to around this time, reportedly a donation from George Cheyne Shattuck, a descendant of the town's first minister. In preparation for the community's bicentennial in 1914, the town approved an expenditure of

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\$50 for footstone restoration. There are also several postcards dating to this period that show the cemetery much as it is today, although at that time there was a double row of mature white pines down the center of the burial ground.

In 1939, an appropriation was made for tree removal and monument repair, necessitated by a major hurricane in the fall of 1938. The national bicentennial in 1976 prompted another round of improvements, followed by ongoing efforts to preserve and restore the cemetery.

Recently, there have been many efforts to preserve and maintain Littleton's older burial ground, which are reflected in the current well-maintained appearance of the site. Since 1991 stone conservation workshops have been held periodically to increase public awareness and to repair damaged stones. In 1999 the burying ground was included in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management's Historic Cemeteries Initiative, which prepared a conceptual master plan and made prioritized recommendations for improvements, many of which have already been implemented. The burial ground is in good condition overall and further improvements are planned.

Archaeological Significance

Historic archaeological resources described above have the potential to provide additional documentation on one of the few surviving components associated with the early settlement and history of Littleton and the Nashoba Plantation. Potential cultural resources identified at the cemetery can provide detailed information on the social, cultural and economic characteristics representative of Littleton's population spanning three centuries of the town's development, including many of the town's early settlers. Historical and archaeological resources may also clarify any relationship between the King Street Cemetery and a reportedly earlier burial ground on the Nashoba Plantation. Additional documentary research combined with archaeological survey and testing may help define overall cemetery boundaries and its internal social groupings. Discrepancies between the number of recorded burials and burial markers indicate current boundaries may not be representative of actual burial patterns. Recorded burials may also omit some graves based on socio-economic status of individuals. Unknown persons, paupers, and other indigent persons may have intentionally been buried outside the actual cemetery boundary. Artifact distributions may also be present associated with funerary or

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memorial services for specific individuals at their time of death or individuals and groups at later dates. Artifact distributions may contribute important information relating to the mortuary customs of specific social and ethnic groups in the community and changes in those customs over time.

Much of the above information can be obtained through unobtrusive archaeological research. That is, information can be obtained by mapping artifact concentrations and the locations of features such as grave shafts and post molds without disturbing actual skeletal remains. Social, cultural, and economic information relating to 18th and 19th century Littleton settlement can be obtained in this manner, however, more detailed studies can be implemented through the actual excavation of burials and their analysis. Osteological studies of individuals interred at the burial ground have the potential to offer a wealth of information relating to the overall physical appearance of the town's first settlers, their occupations, nutrition, pathologies, and cause of death. This information can also be used to determine the actual number of individuals interred at the burial ground. The overall context of the grave, including material culture remains, can provide information on burial practices, religious beliefs, economic status, family structure, and numerous other topics relating to the individual and the overall settlement.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property

1.25 acres

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

2. Easting Northing 4. Easting Northing
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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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)

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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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)

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street & number 7 New Estate Road

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city or town Littleton

state MA

zip code 01460

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Boundary Description

The burying ground is prominently located one block west of the town common on the north side of King Street (Routes 2A and 110) in Littleton Center. The southern boundary of the burying ground extends roughly 100 feet along King Street, where the main entrance is located. From the southernmost corner of the burying ground, the narrow parcel extends northwest approximately 430 feet before turning east for approximately 150 feet towards White Street where there is a little used

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secondary entrance. There is approximately 105 feet of frontage along White Street, after which the boundary jogs southwest for about 20 feet before heading southeast for roughly 280 feet where it meets King Street near the corner of White Street. The burying ground is Parcel #6 on Town of Littleton Property Map U-9 (copy attached).

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses a single parcel that includes the entire burial ground developed between 1721 and 1909.

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2	View from southeastern corner of cemetery at King Street with chinked granite wall in the foreground.	3/2000	Shary Berg
3	Burial marker of Thomas Chamberlin (d. 1723), one of the earliest in the burying ground.	3/2000	Shary Berg
4	Burial marker of Joseph Bulkeley (d. 1748) showing the distinctive six petaled flowers and elaborate scrollwork that appear on many of the 18th century markers.	3/2000	Shary Berg
5	View just inside King Street wall (shown at far right) with slate Lucretia Tuttle (d. 1852) marker at right and marble Mary Gardner (d. 1856) marker at left.	3/2000	Shary Berg

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Key Words	Title	Last Name	First Name	Sex	Birth Date	Death Date	Age	Carvers (if known)	S
Here Lyes the/Body, of		Applin	Sarah	F		1717	25		
Here Lyes ye Body/of	Mr.	Chamberlin	Thomas	M		1723	34		
Here lyes ye body of		Wood	Sarah	F		1723	13		
Here lyes ye Body/of	Mr.	Farr	John	M		1724	43		
Here Lies ye/Body Of		Wheeler	Phinias	M		1726	3		
Likewise five children . . .		Jewett	Aquila	M		1729	1		
Here Lies/Buried ye body/Of	Mrs.	Dauis	Mary	F		1730	22		
Here lyes ye/Body of	Mr.	Wood	Jeremiah	M		1730	52		
Here Lies/Buried ye Body/Of	Mrs.	Hunt	Dorithy	F		1731	33		
Here lyes Buried ye/Body of	Mrs.	Robbins	Hannah	F		1731	47	Caleb Lamson	
Here Lies/Buried/ The/Body of	Mrs.	Buttrick	Elisabeth	F		1734	36		
Here Lies/Buried ye body/Of		Wheeler	John	M		1734	15		
Here lies ye/body of		Wheeler	Samuel	M		1734	19		
Here Lies/the body of		Worster	Mary	F		1734	?		
Here lies ye/Body Of		Lawrence	Mary	F		1736	5		
Here Lies/Buried The Body/Of		Sawyer	Elizebeth	F		1736	17		
Here lies buried/ye body of		Wood	Jeremiah	M		1736	14		
Here lies ye/Body of		Worster	Marcy	F		1736	3		
Here Lies/Buried ye Body/Of		Hartwell	Jonathan	M		1737	16		
Here lies buried/ye body of	Mr.	Meriam	John	M		1737	42	Jonathan Worster	
Here lies ye/Body of		Meriam	Silas	M		1737	6		
Here Lies Buried/ye body Of	Mrs.	Rogers	Mary	F		1737	25		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body Of		Shattuck	Moses	M		1737	4	Jonathan Worster	
Here lies Buried/Ye body of	Mr.	Davis	Samuel	M		1739	67		
Here Lies Buried/ye body of	Capt.	Hunt	Samuel	M		1739	43		
Here lies Buried/ye Body Of	Mrs.	Warrin	Ruth & child	F		1739	49		
Here lies Buried/ye body of		Dudley	Abigail	F		1740	6		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body Of		Dummer	Elizabeth	F		1740	2		
		Harwood	Daniel	M		1740	1		
Here lies the Body/of		Harwood	Mary	F		1740	2		
Memento mori/Here lies the /Body of	Mr.	Harwood	Peter	M		1740	69	William Park	
		Jewett	Jean	F		1740	Infant		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body Of		Rogers	Daniel	M		1740	Infant		
Here Lies ye/Body of		Warrin	Joseph	M		1740	11		
		Wood	Dorithy	F		1740	Infant		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mrs.	Harwood	Mary	F		1742	70	William Park	
Here Lies buried/The Body of	Mrs.	Hoar	Esther	F		1744	50		
		Jewett	Thomas	M		1744	Infant		
Here Lies Buried/ye body Of		Shattuck	Jonathan	M		1744	16		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body of	Mrs.	Whitney	Lydia	F		1744	59		
Here lies buried/ye Body of		Blanchard	John	M		1745	26		
Here lies buried/Ye Body of		Dauis	Elias	M		1746	4		
		Jewett	Rebecca	F		1746	9		
		Jewett	Samuel	M		1746	14		
Here Lies Buried/ye body of		Rogers	Daniel	M		1746	1		
Here lies ye/Body of		Wood	Sarah	F		1746	2		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body Of	Capt.	Bulkeley	Joseph	M		1748	79		
Here Lies Buried/ye body of	Mrs.	Hartwell	Sarah	F		1748	50		
Here lie buried/ye Body of	Lieut.	Meriam	John	M		1748	83		
Here Lies Buried/The Body of		Fletcher	Samuel	M		1749	19		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body of		Goldsmith	Thomas	M		1749	12	Jonathan Worster	
Here lies Buried/ye Body of	Mrs.	Tenney	Sarah	F		1749	51		
		Russell	Isaac	M		1750	Infant		
Here Lies Buried/The Body of	Mr.	Buttrick	Joseph	M		1751	62		
Here Lies Buried/The Body of		Dudley	Cornet	M		1751	45		
			Samuel						
Here lies Buried/ye Body of		Fletcher	Rebekah	F		1751	1		
Here Lies Buried/The Body of	Mrs.	Reed	Abigail	F		1751	52	Jonathan Worster	

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Here Lies Buried/ye Body of		Fletcher	Margaret	F		1752	7		
Here Lies Buried/ye body of		Fletcher	Sampson	M		1752	3		
Here Lies Buried/The body of	Mrs.	Lawrance	Trypheuny	F		1752			
Here Lies Buried/ye body of	Mrs.	Wood	Dorothy	F		1752	64		
Here Lies Buried/ye Body of		Rogers	Sarah	F		1753	4		
Here Lies Buried/The body of	Deac	Wood	John	M		1753	70		
Here Lies Buried/the Body of	Capt.	Fox	John	M		1754	48		
Here Lies Buried/the Body of	Major	Lawrance	Elezer	M		1754	80		
Here lies Buried/ye Body of		Rogers	John	M		1754	1		
In Memory of		Russell	Abigail	F		1754	1		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Remains of	Mrs.	Russell	Mercy	F		1754	52		
Here Lies Buried/The body of	Mrs.	Rogers	Sarah	F		1755	83	Moses Worster	
Memento mori/Here lies the Body of		Goldsmith	Richard	M		1756	51		
Here lies/the Body of		Hunt	Samuel Junr.	M		1756	1		
Here lies Buried/the body of		Lawrance	Jsaac	M		1756	25		
Here lies Buried/The Body of	Mrs.	Sawyer	Mary	F		1757	67		
Here lies Buried/the body of	Mr.	Wood	John	M		1758	40		
Here Lies Buried/The Body of		Fletcher	Phebe	F		1759	16		
Memento mori/Interred Here Lye the/Remains of	Lieut.	Raymond	Paul	M		1759	65		
Here Lies Buried/The body of	Mrs.	Rogers	Elizabeth	F		1759	42	Moses Worster	
Here Lies Buried/The Body of	Mr.	Taylor	Oliver	M		1759	45	Moses Worster	
Here Lies Buried/The Body of	Capt.	Whitney	Salmon	M		1759	47		
Here Lies buried/The Body of	Mrs.	Wood	Sarah	F		1759	73		
Memento mori/Here lies the Body of	Mrs.	Goldsmith	Hannah	F		1760	56		
Memento mori, here lyes the Body of	Capt.	Baker	Joseph	M		1761	66		
Memento mori/Here lyes the Body of	Mrs.	Lawrance	Mary	F		1761	82		
Memento mori/Here lies the Body of	Mrs.	Stearns	Betty	F		1762	25		
Here lies the/body of	Deacon	Taylor	Caleb	M		1762	73	Park Shop	
Sacred/to the Memory of	Mrs.	Warren	Eunice	F		1762	27		
Memento mori/Here lies the/body of	Mrs.	Hartwell	Hannah	F		1763	73	William Park	
Memento mori/Interred Here lie the/Remains of	Mr.	Hartwell	Peter	M		1763	39		
Here lies/the Body of		Reed	Jonathan	M		1763	8		
Here/lies the Body/of		Reed	Rhoda	F		1763	3		
Here lies/the Body of		Reed	Thaddeus	M		1763	5		
Here sleeps/until the resurrection morn,	Rev.	Shattuck	Benjamin	M	1684	1763	79		
Here lies/the Body of		Meriam	Daniel	M		1764	3		
Here lies/the Body of		Meriam	Moley	F		1764	5		
memento mori/Here lies the/body of		Meriam	Sarah	F		1764	14		
Memento mori/Here lyes the body of	Mrs.	Wheeler	Elizabeth	F		1764		William Park	
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of		Whiting	Leonard	M		1764	2		
Here lies the body of	Mr.	Wheeler	Edward	M		1765	67	William Park	
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mrs.	Wood	Lydia	F		1765	54		
Memento mori/here lies the Body of		Cogswell	Elizabeth	F		1766	30		
Here/lies the Body /of		Dole	Eunice	F		1766	Infant		
Here /lies the Body/of		Goldsmith	Sarah	F		1766	2		
Here lies the Body of	Mrs.	Baker	Rebekah	F		1767	44		
Here lies/the body of		Davis	Samuel	M		1767	3		

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Here lies/the Body of		Lawrance	Jabez	M		1767	7		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mr.	Wood	Jeremiah	M		1767	22		
Memento mori/Here lies the /body of	Mrs.	Brooks	Ruth	F		1768	23		
Memento mori/Here lies the body/of		Fox	Jonathan	M		1768	17	William Park	
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of		Harris	Nancy	F		1768	2		
Memento mori	Mr.	Longley	Jonathan	M		1768	41		
Memento mori/Here lies Buried the/Body of	Mrs.	Tuttle	Martha	F		1768	56		
Also . .		Warren	Benjamin	M		1769	1		
Memento mori/Here lies ye Body/of	Mr.	Hartwell	Jonathan	M		1770	84		
Memento mori/Here lies Buried/the Body of	Mrs.	Hoar	Sarah	F		1770	74		
Here/lies ye Body/of		Meriam	Mary	F		1770	3		
Memento mori/Here lies ye Body/of	Mrs.	Reed	Abigail	F		1770	67	John or Thomas Park	
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of		Taylor	Mary	F		1770	90		
Memento mori/Erected/In Memory of	Mr.	Warren	Oliver	M		1770	36		
Here lies/the body of		Dix	Samuel Kimball	M		1771	Infant		
Memento mori/Here lies ye body/of	Mrs.	Jewett	Hannah	F		1771	65		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Remains of	Mr.	King	Richard	M		1771	69		
Here lies ye body of	Mr.	Sawyer	John	M		1771	91	Moses Worster	
Memento mori/Here lies the/Remain of		Hoar	Oliver	M		1772	18		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mrs.	Tuttle	Mary	F		1772	32	John or Thomas Park	
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mrs.	Whitney	Elizabeth	F		1772	73		
In memory of		Jewett	Ahimaaz	M		1773	Infant		
Memento mori/Here lies the Body/of		Whetcomb	Cornet	M		1773	71		
Memento mori/Here lies i.e. body of	Mrs.	Whetcomb	Ephraim Susannah	F		1773	22		
Here lies/a son of	Mr.	Tuttle	Samuel	M		1774	Infant		
Memento mori/Here lies Buried/the Body of	Deacon	Hoar	Benjamin	M		1775	82		
Memento mori/Here lies Buried/the Body of	Mrs.	Jewett	Mary	F		1775	59		
Memento Mori/Here lies the/Body of		Cogswell	Mary	F		1776	15		
Memento mori/Here lies ye Body of	Dr.	Dole	Enoch	M		1776	33		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mrs.	Hartwell	Bethiah	F		1776	54		
Here lies ye body of	Mr.	Tenny	Samuel	M		1776	78		
Memento mori/In Memory of	Mrs.	Wild	Naomi + 2 [unrelated?] infants	F		1776	32		
Here lies the/Body of		Cogswell	Jeremiah	M		1777	14		
In memory of		Lawrance	Mettrildy	F		1777	Infant		
Memento mori/In memory of	Mrs.	Rand	Mary	F		1777	68		
Here lies the/Body of		Tuttle	Joseph	M		1777	2		

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		Tuttle	Lucy	F	1776	1777	Infant		
Here lies ye body of		Gilbert	Isaac	M		1778	3		
In Memory of	Lieut.	Hartwell	Jonathan	M		1778	86		
Here lies ye body of		Lawrance	Abraham	M		1778	3		
In memory of		Lawrance	Betty	F		1778	2		
Here lies ye body of		Lawrance	Edmon	M		1778	6		
Also . . .		Tuttle	Mehitable	F	1775	1778			
Memento mori/In Memory of	Lieut.	Whitney	Moses	M		1778	88		
Here lies buried the body of	Mrs.	Rogers	Elizabeth	F		1779	74		
Here lies ye body of	Mrs.	Tenny	Sarah	F		1779	40		
Memento mori/In Memory of	Miss	Richardson	Eunice	F		1780	32		
In/Memory of	Mrs.	Sanderson	Mary	F		1780	61		
Memento mori/Here lies Buried/the body of	Lieut.	Tuttle	Samuel	M		1780	72		
Memento mori/ Here lies the Body of	Mr.	Chase	Nathan	M		1781	80		
memento mori/Here lies Buri'd ye/Body of	Miss	Harding	Mary	F		1781	9		
In Memory of	Capt.	Russell	John	M		1781	76		
Memento mori/Erected/In memory of	Mr.	Stone	Isaac	M		1781	46		
Here lies buried the body of	Revd.	Rogers	Daniel	M		1782	77		
Here lies buried the body of	Mrs.	Rogers	Mary	F		1782	26		
In memory of	Mr.	White	Charles	M		1783	63		
Here lies ye body of		Wood	Amariah	M		1783	Infant		
Here lies ye body of		Wood	Amariah ye 2d	M		1784	Infant		
In/Memory of	Mrs.	Dutton	Rebecca	F		1785	59		
Erected/In Memory of	Mrs.	Meriam	Sarah	F		1785	59		
		Tuttle	son	M	1785	1785	Infant		
	Widow	Green	Mary	F		1786	80		
In/Memory of	Mrs.	Harwood	Mary	F		1787	79		
In Memory of	Mrs.	Haskell	Anna	F		1787	69		
In/Memory of		Kimball	Lucy	F		1787	Infant		
Here lies ye body of	Mr.	Tenny	Oliver	M		1787	51		
Memento mori/Erected/In memory of	Mrs.	Tuttle	Mary	F		1787	30		
Memento mori/ Erected/In memory of	Mr.	Jewett	Jonathan	M		1789	26		
Memento mori/Erected/in Memory of	Deacon	Lawrance	Jonathan	M		1789	86		
My glass is run/Interr'd Here,/Is the Remains/of/	Esqr.	Reed	Isaac	M		1789	35	John Park	
Here lies the body of		Reed	Mary	F		1789	Infant	John Park?	
In memory of	Miss	Warren	Susanna	F		1789	20		
In/Memory of	Mr.	Wood	Ebenezer	M		1789	64		
Memento mori/Here lies the/Body of	Mr.	Bridges	John	M		1790	76		
Memento mori/Here lies/the Body of	Mrs.	Bridges	Sarah	F		1790	79		
In memory of	Mrs.	Dutton	Abigail	F		1790	60		
	Widow	Eades	Sarah	F		1790	83		
Memento mori/In Memory of	Deacn.	Hartwell	Josiah	M		1790	74		
Memento mori/Erected/In memory of	Capt.	Lawrance	David	M		1790	85		
Sacred/To the Memory of		Reed	Jonathan, Esq.	M		1790	61		
In Memory of		Reed	William	M		1790	5		
Memento mori/Erected/In memory of	Lieut	Whitcombe	Jonathan	M		1790	72		

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In memory/of		Hartwell	Josiah	M		1791	14		
Memento mori/Erected/In memory of		Lawrance	Hannah	F		1791	67		
Memento mori/In memory of	Mr.	Reed	Peter	M		1791	90	Park Shop	
Memento mori/In memory of	Mr.	Taylor	Jedidiah	M		1791	36	John or Thomas Park	
In/Memory of	Capt.	Harwood	Joseph	M		1792	84		
Erected/In Memory of	Mrs.	Lawrence	Sarah	F		1792	39		
. . . And in Memory/of	Capt.	Morton	Dimond	M		1792	49		
Memento mori/In memory of	Mrs.	Wood	Lydia	F		1792	67		
In memory of	Mr.	Baker	William	M		1793	73		
Erected/in memory of	Mr.	Jewett	Ezra	M		1793	83		
In/memory of	Mrs.	Meriam	Martha	F		1793	60		
This Stone /Erected to the Memory/of	Mr.	Morton	Joseph	M		1793	81		
In memory of . . . Friends & Physicians could not save . . .	Mr.	Tenney	John	M		1793	24		
In Memory of	Mrs.	Wheeler	Mary	F		1793	62		
Erected/In memory of	Deacon	Patch	Jonathan	M		1794	68		
In memory of	Mr.	Tyng	Paoli Pitt	M		1794	25		
In Memory of	Mr.	Wheeler	Jonathan	M		1795	66		
Sacred/to the memory of		Wilson	William	M		1795	15		
Erected/In Memory of	Mr.	Wood	Samuel	M		1795	74		
Erected/In Memory of	Miss	Whitcomb	Ruth	F		1796	28		
In/Memory of	Deacon	Taylor	Elias	M		1797	76		
Here lies the body of	Mrs.	Tuttle	Submit	F		1797	55		
Erected/to the memory of		Bowers	Samuel	M		1798	35		
In Memory of	Esqr.	Prentice	William	M		1798	71		
			Henry						
. . . wife/of Daniel Rogers Esq.	Mrs.	Rogers	Hannah	F		1798	42		
In Memory of	Mr.	Sanderson	Moses	M		1798	77		
Sacred/To the memory of	Mrs.	Hartwell	Elizabeth	F		1799	?		
In memory of		Kimball	Augustus	M		1799	1		
In memory of		Patch	Lucy	F		1799	3		
In memory of		Wheeler	Elizabeth	F		1799	Infant		
Sacred/To the memory of	Mr.	Blanchard	Calvin	M		1800	46		
In memory of 3 children. . .		Heartwell	Elijah	M		1800	6		
		Heartwell	Lydia	F		1800	3		
		Heartwell	Joseph	M		1800	1		
Sacred/to the memory of	Mrs.	Wheeler	Anna	F		1800	34		
Erected/In memory of	Mrs.	Wood	Abigail	F		1800	74		
In Memory of		Reed	Polly	F		1801	10		
In Memory of	Mrs.	Dutton	Sarah	F		1802	79		
In/memory of	Mrs.	Reed	Sarah	F		1803	72		
	Esq.	Rogers	Daniel	M		1803	51		
In memory of	Mr.	Burnam	Job	M		1804	63		
. . . Son of Mr. Job & Mrs. Abigail Burnam		Burnam	Nichols	M		1804	16		
		Dix	Thomas R.	M		1804	6		
In Memory of		Newell	Andrew	M		1804	3		
In memory of	Mrs.	Patch	Hannah	F		1804	76		
		Russell	Submit	F		1804	43		
In memory of	Mr.	Whitcomb	Daniel	M		1804	57		
	Miss	Burnam	Mary	F		1805	21		
		Proctor	Sarah	F		1805	6		
			Russell						
Erected/In/Memory of	Mrs.	Rogers	Sarah B.	F		1805	29		
		Russell	Abigail	F		1805	75		
		Tenny	Huldah	F		1805	79		
In memory of	Mrs.	Whitcomb	Lydia	F		1805	49		
		Kidder	Thomas R.	M		1806	24		

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In/memory of	Lieut.	Reed	Samuel	M		1806	68		
In Memory	Mr.	Dutton	James	M		1807	86		
In Memory of	Mrs.	Longley	Anna	F		1807	79		
Erected/In Memory of	Mr.	Whitcomb	Oliver	M		1807	86		
In memory of		Wood	Amasy	M		1807	Infant		
In/Memory of	Mr.	Wood	John	M		1807	27		
In memory of	Mrs.	Burnam	Patty	F		1808	29		
		Proctor	Elizabeth	F		1808	22		
			Taylor						
In/Memory of	Mrs.	Taylor	Elizabeth	F		1808	82		
In memory of	Mr.	Burnam	Nathaniel	M		1809	28		
Erected/to/the memory of	Doctor	Hartwell	Thomas	M		1809	48		
In Memory of	Mrs.	Tuttle	Mary	F		1809	53		
My beloved Mother		Baker	Elizabeth	F		1810	33		
. . . daur or Mr. Braddock/and Mrs. Sarah		Jacobs	Sophia	F		1810	2		
In Memory of		Manning	Mary	F		1810	1		
			Harwood						
In memory of		Wellington	Elisha Jr.	M		1810	2		
Sacred/To/the memory of	Mrs.	Wright	Elener	F		1810	77		
		Fletcher	Samuel	M		1812	3		
In Memory of	Mrs.	Foster	Phebe	F		1812	50		
		Kidder	Abigail	F		1812	55		
	Mrs.	Proctor	Rebekah	F		1812	79		
M.S./Sacred/to the memory of	Mrs.	Shipley	Mary	F		1812	41		
In memory of	Mrs.	Symmes	Lydia	F		1812	50		
In/Memory of	Mrs.	Cobleigh	Anna	F		1813	46		
In/Memory of	Mr.	Cobleigh	Nathaniel	M		1813	50		
In/memory of	Mrs.	Fletcher	Lydia	F		1813	32		
In/memory of		Goodwin	Jonathan Dix	M		1813	7		
Erected/in memory of	Deac.	Kimball	Daniel	M		1813	62		
In/Memory of	Mrs.	Patch	Jane	F		1813	58		
In/memory of	Mrs.	Smith	Candace	F		1813	22		
In memory of		Hartwell	Martha	F		1814	1		
. . . son of/Mr. John & Mrs. Sally Millen		Millen	William	M		1814	1		
J.S./Sacred/to the memory of	Mr.	Shipley	Jonathan	M		1814	47		
Sacred/to the memory of	Mr.	Tenney	Cheney	M		1814	74		
In memory of	Mrs.	Thresher	Sarah	F		1814	34		
In memory of two Sons,		Fletcher	Ancil	M		1815	8		
In/memory of	Ens.	Fletcher	Samuel	M		1815	36		
		Fletcher	Unnamed			1815	Infant		
		Tuttle	Sampson,	M		1815	77		
			Esq.						
		Fletcher	Augustus W.	M	1816	1817	1		
In memory of		Bridge	Jeremiah	M		1818	2		
In memory of		Hartwell	Nathan H.	M		1818	2		
In/memory of	Mr.	Hartwell	Thomas	M		1818	22		
			Haywood						
. . . Mother/Memory keeps her ever with us		Johnson	Nathan K.	M		1818	2		
. . . his wife		Wright	Mary	F		1818	51		
Erected/In memory of	Capt.	Harwood	Joseph	M		1819	77		
		Proctor	Nathaniel	M		1819	57		
In/Memory of	Mr.	Rogers	Eri	M		1819	47		
In/memory of	Mrs.	Fletcher	Sally	F		1820	25		
In/Memory of	Mr.	Proctor	Simeon	M		1820	91		
	Mrs.	Mead	Lucy	F		1821	31		
. . . Daughter of Henry & Lovey		Willard	Sarah Adams	F	1814	1821			
	Capt.	Breck	Joseph	M		1822	51		

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In/memory of	Capt.	Kidder	Francis	M		1822	70		
Sacred/to the memory of	Mrs.	Reed	Catharine	F		1822	58		
	Mrs.	Tuttle	Rebekah	F		1823	44		
		Russeli	John	M		1824	98		
Erected/In memory of	Capt.	Nye	Allen	M		1825	61		
In/Memory of	Miss	Reed	Rhoda	F		1825	61		
Sacred/To the Memory of	Miss	Stearns	Abigail	F		1825	70		
		Stevens	Mary A.E.	F		1825	Infant		
In memory of	Dea.	Wood	John	M		1826	78		
In memory of	Dea.	Lawrence	David	M		1827	65		
		Stevens	Joseph	M		1827	Infant		
			Samuel						
In memory of	Mr.	Tuttle	William	M		1831	86		
... son of Augustus & Elizabeth Wright ...		Wright	Rufus A.	M		1831	9		
Erected/In memory of	Mrs.	Nye	Rebekah	F		1833	60		
		Willard	Joseph	M	1808	1833	25		
			Henry						
Dear Parents, weep not for me ...		Stevens	Mary Jane	F		1834	6		
		Stevens	Joseph	M		1835	Infant		
			Henry						
In memory of	Mrs.	Blanchard	Abigail	F		1836	79		
In memory of	Mrs.	Wood	Lucy	F		1836	84		
In memory of	Mr.	Wheeler	Thomas	M		1837	77		
		Wright	Augustus	M		1837	42		
		Breck	George S	M		1838	19		
		Breck	Lucy Ann	F		1838	25		
In memory of	Widow	Hartwell	Lucy	F		1839	86		
In memory of	Ms.	Harwood	Thankfull	F		1839	85		
		Proctor	Sarah	F		1839	51		
			Roberts						
	Mrs.	Hartwell	Sally	F		1841	52		
		Russell	Thomas	M		1841	87		
		Breck	Amelia	F		1843	26		
			Josephine						
		Breck	Henry E.	M		1843	20		
		Dix	Sarah	F		1845	75		
		Elliot	John E.	M	1844	1845	1		
		Smith	Nelson C.	M		1845	Infant		
		Tenney	Elizabeth	F		1845	76		
Mother ...wife of/Thomas S. Tuttle		Tuttle	Sarah S.	F		1846	53		
	Miss	Rogers	Hannah	F		1847	37		
	Mrs.	Tewksbury	Ann H.	F		1847	30		
		Kimball	Benjamin Jr.	M		1848	25		
... Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, ...		Read	Edward A.	M		1849	62		
		Robbins	Mary W.	F		1849	35		
		Stevens	Josephine E.	F		1849	12		
... A Revolutionary Soldier ...		Wright	Peter	M		1850	90	D. Nichols	
		Hartwell	Amy Frances	F		1851	1		
		Hartwell	George H.	M		1851	28		
		Hartwell	Martha	F		1851	Infant		
			Maria						
		Pratt	Elias	M		1851	76		
... It is well.		Smith	Henry A.	M		1851	4		
		Elliot	Jacob G.	M	1812	1852	40		
In memory of	Mrs.	Lawrence	Martha	F		1852	92		
... Daur. of William &/Mary Tuttle	Miss	Tuttle	Lucretia	F		1852	60		
... Then shall the dust return. ...	Mr.	Burnham	Daniel	M		1853	81		
... daughter of/Wm B. & Abby		Golding	Abby C.	F		1853	Infant		

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Erected/to the memory/of		Hartwell	Nathan	M		1853	66		
		Read	Mary	F	1774	1853			
		Smith	Lizzie H	F		1853	Infant		
... daughter of/George W. &/Atlanta A.		Tuttle	Emma A.	F		1853	1		
		Proctor	Abigail Ann	F		1854	44		
		Pratt	Sally	F		1855	76		
		Proctor	Mercy	F		1855	89		
... wife of/Eri Rogers		Rogers	Hannah	F		1855	77		
... wife of/Joseph W. Smith		Gardner	Mary	F		1856	31		
		Burnham	Caroline A.	F		1857	Infant		
		Breck	Robert	M		1858	46		
... wife of/Daniel Burnham ...		Burnham	Asenath	F		1858	80		
Erected/to the memory of		Read	Samuel	M	1774	1860	86		
		Smith	Emma W.	F		1861	4		
		Smith	Frank N.	M		1861	2		
We shall meet again		Smith	Lucy M.	F		1861	37		
	Dea.	Dix	Benjamin	M		1863	96		
		Hartwell	Lawrence	M		1863	1		
		Hartwell	Nathan	M		1863	42		
			Haywood						
		Hartwell	Anna M.	F		1864	4		
	Mrs.	Read	Betsey	F		1865	87		
		Stevens	Eliza R.	F		1867	64		
... He taketh the lambs		Johnson	Jonney O.	M		1869	1		
... Sweet babe forever blest		Johnson	Harry O.	M		1871	Infant		
		Sawyer	Angelia W.	F		1871	26		
		Breck	Lucy	F		1873	88		
... wife of/Edward A. ...		Reed	Catherine	F		1873	86		
... wife of/Augustus ...		Wright	Elizabeth	F		1873	72		
... Life is the torrid day ...		Willard	Mary H.	F		1877	75		
Our Babe/Infant son of ...		Sawyer		M		1878	Infant		
		Elliot	Daniel M.M.	M	1842	1882	40		
Father ...		Tuttle	Thomas S.	M	1796	1882	86		
		Pratt	Clarrissa K.	F	1809	1884	75		
In memory of		Baker	Amos	M	1798	1886	88	P.S.'s sons (Stevens Shop)	
		Robbins	Nehemiah B.	M		1886	76		
In memory of		Baker	Matilda	F	1806	1893	87	P.S.'s sons (Stevens Shop)	
		Elliot	Betsey T.	F	1820	1893	73		
		Johnson	Martha P.	F		1893	63		
... Father/Gone but not forgotten		Johnson	Nathan K.	M		1896	69		
This tomb built:/By ... 1803	Messrs	Dix	Benjamin	M		?			
		Foster	Charles	M		?	Infant		
		Foster	Maryann	F		?	Infant		
		Foster	Sally	F		?	Infant		
This tomb built:/By ... 1803	Messrs	Kidder	Francis	M		?			
Tomb built 1822		Kimball	James	M		?			
Tomb built 1822		Kimball	John	M		?			
Tomb built 1822		Kimball	Benjamin	M		?			
Tomb built 1822		Mead	Abraham	M		?			
This tomb built:/By ... 1803	Messrs	Russell	John	M		?			
This tomb built:/By ... 1803	Messrs	Russell	Thomas	M		?			
[footstone only in 1895]		Watson	Abraham	M		?			

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Note: The information contained in this chart was compiled from the *Proceedings of the Littleton Historical Society*, 1894-6 to provide information on genealogy and inscriptions at the Old Burying Ground. Information on carvers is based on research by Fannin/Lehner Preservation Consultants, working in collaboration with gravestone expert Laurel Gabel of Pittsford, NY. A current stone by stone inventory has not yet been completed but the Littleton Cemetery Commission and Littleton Historical Society hope to undertake this work soon.

February 2001

Old Burying Ground

Littleton, Massachusetts
National Register District Data Sheet

February 2001

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MHC #	NR Photo#	NR Map#	Location	Historic Name	Date	Architectural Style	Status Type	C B	N C B
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None	2	1	Along King Street	Front Wall (chinked gray granite with granite cap)	circa 1748	N/A	Contrib. Object		
None		2	King Street	Wrought Iron Entrance Gates (simple pickets with pineapple on right side top, left pineapple missing)	circa 1900	N/A	Contrib. Object		
None		3	Perimeters	Fieldstone Perimeter Walls (low piled local stone)	circa 1748	N/A	Contrib. Object		
None		4	White Street	Cast Iron Pedestrian Gates with Granite Posts	late 19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Object		
None		5	Near King Street	Robbins/Sawyer Lot (raised lot enclosed by granite curb)	late 19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Site		
None		6	Near King Street	Breck Lot (family lot in southern section of burial ground marked by granite corner posts)	mid 19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Site		
None		7	Near White Street	Wright Smith Lot (family lot enclosed by cast iron posts)	late 19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Site		
None		8	Near White Street	Read/Stevens Lot (raised lot enclosed by low granite posts)	late 19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Site		
None		9	Near White Street	Johnson Lot (raised lot enclosed by granite blocks)	late 19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Site		

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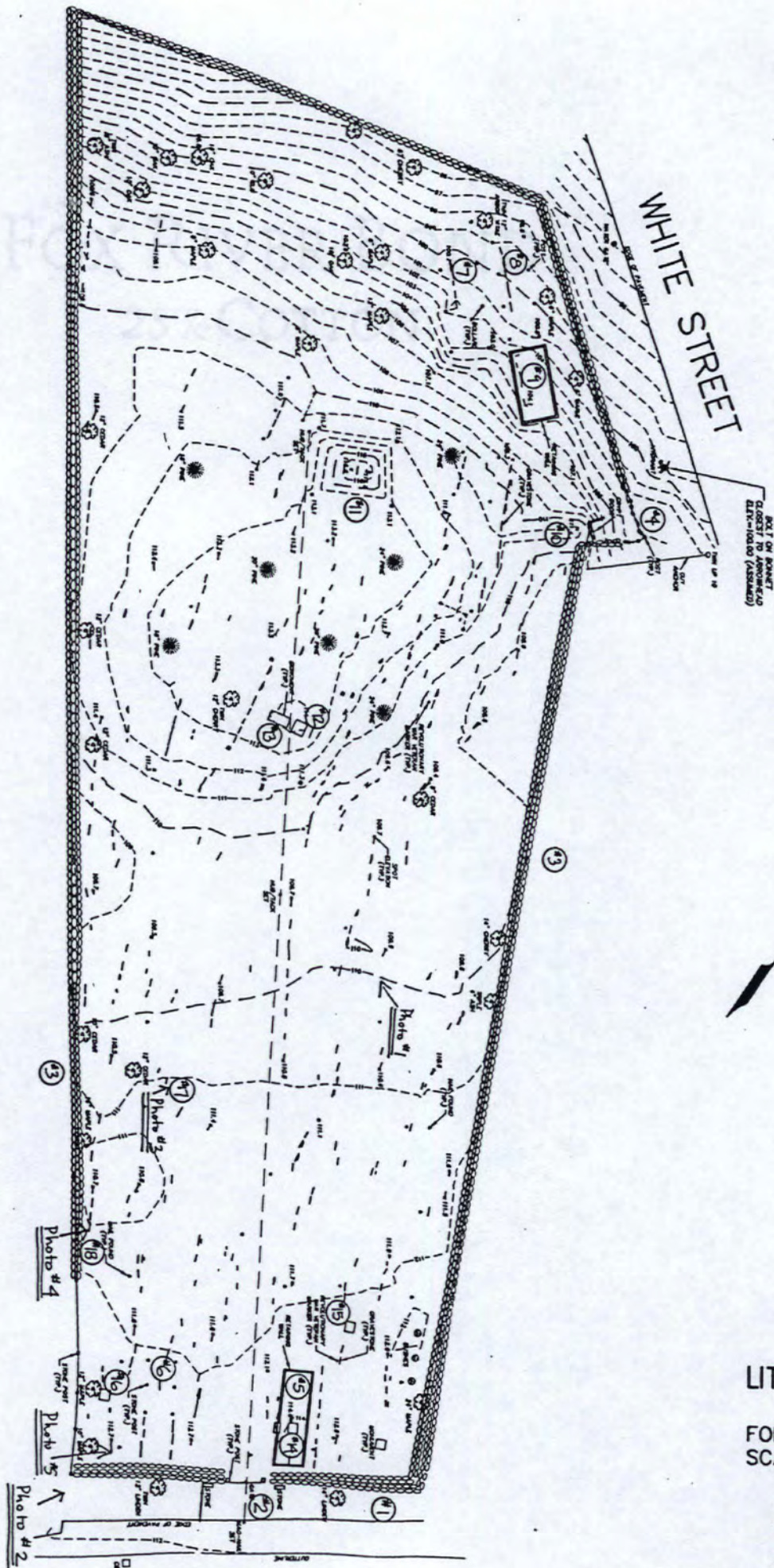
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None		10	Near White Street	Lucy Mead Tomb (earth covered, partially submerged)	early 19 th cent	N/A	Contrib. Object
None		11	Near King Street	Kidder/Dix/Russell Mound Tomb (marble slab on mound)	19th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Object
None	1	12	Central mound	Daniel Rogers Monument (gray granite obelisk)	circa 1782	N/A	Contrib. Object
None		13	Central mound	Rogers Table Tomb (slate on concrete support legs)	early 19 th cent.	N/A	Contrib. Object
None		14		Robbins Sawyer Monument (polished pink granite obelisk)	circa 1900	N/A	Contrib. Object
None		15	Near King Street	Blanchard Monument (polished gray granite obelisk)	circa 1900	N/A	Contrib. Object
None		16	Near King Street	Benjamin Shattuck Monument (d. 1763, low marble column)	circa 1763	N/A	Contrib. Object
None	3	17	South end	Thomas Chamberlin burial marker (d 1723, slate) One of the earliest burial markers	circa 1723	N/A	Contrib. Object
None	4	18	Near King Street	Joseph Bulkeley burial marker (d. 1748, slate) Typical example of six-pointed flower design	circa 1748	N/A	Contrib. Object

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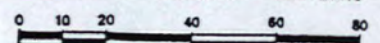
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TOPOGRAPHIC WORKSHEET
 IN
 LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETT
 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY)

FOR: TOWN OF LITTLETON
 SCALE: 1"=20' MARCH 17, 20

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KING STREET ROUTES 2A & 110

Old Burying Ground
Littleton
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INTERSTATE

ROUTE 495

WHITE STREET

Residential 10

Industrial B

Industrial A

Industrial B

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3B

HILLSIDE ROAD

KING STREET

ROUTES 2A & 110

GREAT ROAD

ROUTE 118

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Zoning as Shown
PROPERTY MAP
LITTLETON, MASS.
JANUARY 1, 1997
SCALE: 1"=100'

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Old Burying Ground
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 12/28/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/02
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/27/02 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/12/02
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01001560

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 2/5/02 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

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REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



VIEW OF S.E. SECTION
LOOKING NW TOWARDS ROGERS OBELISK, WOODED SECTION BEYOND

Photo #1
Old Burning Ground
Middlesex Co., N.Y.



VIEW FROM SE CORNER @ KING ST.

W. CHINKED GRANITE WALL IN FOREGROUND

Photo #2
Old Burning Ground
Middlesex Co. MA



Here Lyes y Body
of M^r THOMAS
CHAMBERLIN;
Who Dec^d Decm^{br}
yth 1743
in yth 34 Year
of His Age. m'

BURIAL MARKER OF THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN

(1723) ONE OF THE OLDEST IN THE BURYING GROUND.

Photo #3
Old Burying Ground
Middlesex Co. MA



HERE LIES BURIED
& BODY OF CAP
JOSEPH BULKELEY
WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE
SEPTEMBER 24
A.D. 1748
IN 79th YEAR
OF HIS AGE

JOSEPH BULKLEY (d. 1748)
MARKER, SHOWING DISTINCTIVE
SCROLLWORK.

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Photo #4
Old Burying Ground
Middlesex Co., MA

UNDECEASED

WILLIAM J. REED

DIED

MARCH 11, 1874

AGE 70 YEARS

WILLIAM J. REED

WILLIAM J. REED

MARY GARDNER
WIFE OF

JOSEPH W. SMITH

died June 3, 1856

aged 31 yrs.

*In death was she delivered
And found the rest of her
And both her husband and her
And her husband and her*

MISS
LUCRETIA TUTTLE

Daughter of William &
Mary Tuttle.

died July 10, 1852

Age 60

*We will meet you here for
they shall see you*

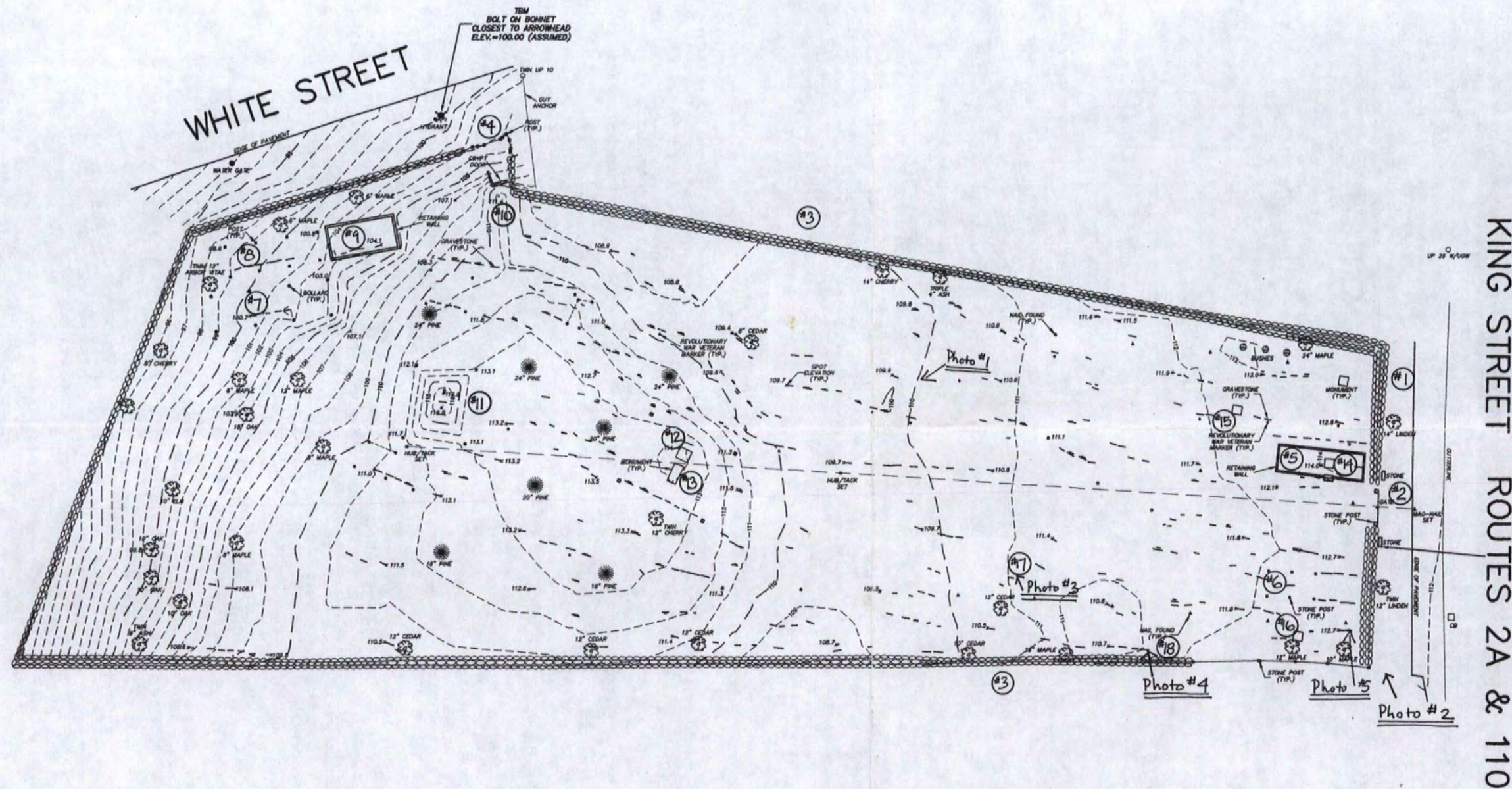
INSIDE KING ST. WALL

WITH LUCRETIA TUTTLE, MARY GARDNER MARKERS

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Photo #5

Old Burying Ground
Huddleson Co., MA



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OLD BURYING GROUND
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OLD BURYING GROUND 42071-E3-TM-025
LITTLETON (MIDDLESEX) MA

Billerica

MASSACHUSETTS

1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map

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- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

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

December 26, 2001

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Old Burying Ground, Littleton (Middlesex Co.), 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.

Two letters of support have been received.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Pamela Campbell, Littleton Historical Commission
Karen D. McNamara, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Shary Page Berg, Preservation Consultant
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Littleton, Mass. 01460

July 12, 2001

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

ATT: Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Dear Ms. Friedberg

The Littleton Historical Commission is 100% behind the nomination of The Old Burying Ground to the State and National Historical Registers.

At least one of our Commissioners will be at the September 12th meeting.



Charles A. Howe
Chairman - LHC

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Dear Ms. Friedberg,

It is our understanding that the Old Burying Ground, Littleton, Ma. is scheduled for consideration by the State Review Board for National Register nomination. The Littleton Historical Society totally endorses this nomination.

The Old Burying Ground is an integral part of the early history of Littleton. Buildings deteriorate with age, landscape is altered with time but seldom do the stone monuments of an old cemetery fall victim to progress, except by vandalism. We are very fortunate in Littleton to have this 16th century sacred ground located in the heart of our community. It's a peaceful place with the gravesites of our earliest settlers, French and Indian War and Revolutionary War veterans, town ministers, leaders of our town, and even an interesting ghost story association.

The Littleton Historical Commission has done much to preserve, restore and beautify this sacred ground. Under the direction of Walter Higgins not only have funds been applied for and received to accomplish this work, but community awareness articles about the cemetery and documentation of the graves have brought new interest in this historic jewel.

Littleton was first named Nashoba Plantation in 1654, the 6th Praying Indian town in Massachusetts Bay Colony, later named Nashoba in 1714 and incorporated as Littleton in 1715. Our history is early and long and carved in stone for all to see in this wonderful cemetery.

We are grateful to the Littleton Historical Commission for the effort put into this historically significant cemetery and fully endorse National Register recognition at long last for this sacred ground.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Bradbury

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