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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000050

Date Listed: 2/16/96

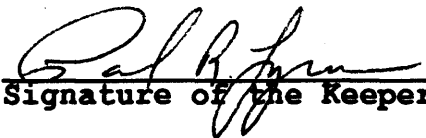
Bothell Pioneer Cemetery  
Property Name

King  
County

WA  
State

Bothell MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

2/16/96  
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

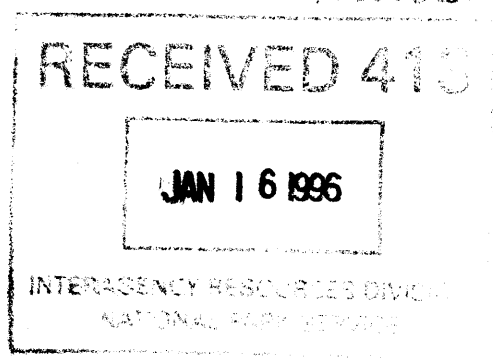
Criteria Consideration D is appropriate for this property.  
(This clarifies a discrepancy detected between the narrative text and the boxes checked on the nomination cover page.)

This information was confirmed with Lauren McCroskey of the WA SHPO.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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# 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 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 Bothell Pioneer Cemetery  
other names/site number n/a

### 2. Location

street & number NE and SE corners of intersection of 108th Ave NE and NE 180th St  not for publication  
city or town Bothell  vicinity  
state Washington code WA county King code 033 zip code 98011

### 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.)

*Mary Thompson* ACTING SUPO 11.8.95  
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary Thompson, State Historic Preservation Officer  
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.)

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Signature of commenting or other official 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:)

*Paul B. Lynn* 2/16/96  
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*Paul B. Lynn* 2/16/96  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

| Ownership of Property                            | Category of Property                     | No. of Resources within Property |                                     |
|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  |  | contributing                     | noncontributing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> private                 | <input type="checkbox"/> building(s)     |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> buildings  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district        |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> sites      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site | <u>1</u>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal          | <input type="checkbox"/> structure       |                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> objects    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> object          | <u>1</u>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Total      |

Name of related multiple property listing:  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:

Historic Resources of Bothell, Washington

N/A

**6. Functions or Use**

Historic Functions

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

(Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY/cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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FUNERARY/cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

No style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation N/A  
walls N/A  
roof N/A  
other STONE/marble  
STONE/marble

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

See continuation sheets 1 through 6, attached.

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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 represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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.)

Exploration/Settlement

Art

\_\_\_\_\_

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Period of Significance

1889 - 1945

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1889, 1900

1902

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

Multiple

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheets 1 through 3, attached.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Approx. 5 acres

UTM References

|   |            |                    |                      |   |            |                    |                    |
|---|------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | <u>1/0</u> | <u>5/6/0/4/0/0</u> | <u>5/2/8/9/6/0/0</u> | 3 | <u>/ /</u> | <u>/ / / / / /</u> | <u>/ / / / / /</u> |
|   | Zone       | Easting            | Northing             |   | Zone       | Easting            | Northing           |
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\_\_\_ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)  
See attached continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)  
See attached continuation sheet.

**11. Form Prepared By**

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 organization City of Bothell date 8/1/90 and Updated 9/15/95  
 street & number 18305 101st Ave NE telephone (206)486-8152  
 city or town Bothell state WA zip code 98011

**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 Bothell  
 street & number 18305 101st Ave NE telephone (206)486-3256  
 city or town Bothell state WA zip code 98011

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INTERAGENCY SOURCES DIVISION  
Name of Property Bothell Pioneer Cemetery  
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The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is a rare, pastoral open space in the extremely fast growing community of Bothell, Washington. Bothell is approximately 18 miles northeast of the center of Seattle, Washington. Originally located outside the Bothell city limits, the approximately five-acre Cemetery is located on a hillside less than a mile east of Bothell's central business district. The Cemetery site was chosen, perhaps, for its location on NE 180th Street, the old Julius Lang County Road #7 to Redmond, Washington, and for its hillside location overlooking the Sammamish River to the south and the Bothell townsite to the west.

When the City of Bothell was first settled in the late 1880s, the entire area was completely logged. Pictures from that time show many hundreds of tree stumps and no tree line on the horizon. Secondary growth which then began to develop constituted the typical type of vegetation to be found in the area, including blackberry and other shrubs which presently surround the Cemetery on its north, east and south sides.

Individual plantings of decorative trees occurred in the interior of the cemetery which still remain and a line of firs along the north side of the roadway which divides the cemetery into north and south sides was established early in this century according to the oral testimony of surviving residents from that time. Firs of varying ages have grown together to form an impressive line of trees which have in the past and continue today to serve as a landmark for the Cemetery.

The surrounding vegetation has matured over time and has been left to grow in its natural state. This vegetation also serves as a buffer from newer surrounding residential development and preserves the feeling of open space and isolation it must have originally embodied. The Cemetery has escaped the practice of "beautification" or "improvement" with regard to vegetation (and other features as well) and it retains its authentic historic character.

The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is bordered on the west by 108th Avenue NE and on the north, south, and east by existing residential properties. Residential properties to the east are currently being considered for development as a joint university and community college campus. NE 180th Street bisects the Cemetery and is rimmed on the north by a line of fir trees as it cuts through the Cemetery. The south side of the street is defined by a low rock retaining wall and a substantial hedge of ferns, privet, and junipers. One gravel lane curves through the north side of the Cemetery and connects between NE 180th Street and 108th Ave NE. The west entrance to the lane is cut into the hillside and retained by stone walls. The south entrance to the lane is level with NE 180th Street.

Predominant features of the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery include east-west grave orientation, a well-defined plan in an unstructured lawn-type setting, old plantings of cedar and fir trees and statuary and monuments representative of the late 19th and early 20th century. The first official plat (1902), characterized by a utilitarian grid and one efficient lane, survives largely intact. Heavy perimeter plantings and undergrowth mitigate the effect of adjacent residential development while the Cemetery is planted with cedar and fir trees. Holly bushes and flowering shrubs are also abundant. In the summer, the Cemetery lawn becomes a meadow of yellow wild flowers.

Late 19th and early 20th century graves are rather evenly distributed throughout the Cemetery. It appears, however, that the ridge along the north side of the Cemetery was considered a choice site. It is here that a concentration of characteristically 19th century plots is located. They are family plots individually delineated by low masonry and pebble walls and characterized by granite and marble obelisks and headstones decorated with shallowly etched religious and natural symbols. Here and elsewhere in the Cemetery there are examples of "scraped earth" graves.

The most common historic grave marker in the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is an obelisk form usually etched with shallow designs as described above. Some are engraved. Many of the historic markers rest on masonry bases that have been scored in a harlequin pattern. In most cases, the obelisk marks a family plot. Common symbols from nature that are used to represent life and eternal life include ivy and oak leaves and lilies. Christian symbols predominate and include crosses and open Bibles. Bible verses are quoted liberally.

The Cemetery includes a notable collection of markers representative of children's burials from 1889 to the present. These include diminutive adult-like markers of the 19th century and Victorian markers symbolic of childhood innocence. Additionally, the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery has several tree and log-shaped stone markers indicative of the community's logging heritage.

Some of the markers in the Cemetery are in need of repair and most need a sensitive cleaning, but the historic markers, walls, and landscape features that characterize the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery are intact. While an average of 12 burials a year have continued to the present, they have not significantly impacted the historic identity of the Cemetery because of the 20th century preference for flat, unobtrusive headstones. Thus, the Cemetery retains the essential features of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association that define its historic integrity.

Beginning on the next continuation sheet is a listing of the earliest settlers and other persons significant and of outstanding importance in Bothell's past and who are buried in the Cemetery. Included are brief notations regarding their contribution to the community.

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## EARLY SETTLERS BURIED IN THE BOTHELL PIONEER CEMETERY

### First Settlers:

George R. Wilson, 1841-1916  
arrived in 1870 with Columbus Greenleaf  
donated south portion of Cemetery in 1889 (first half acre)

Mattias Bargquist, 1848-1908  
arrived in 1870s, seventh settler to homestead along the Sammamish River  
wife Annie Johnson, 1858-1937, lived on original homestead until death  
daughter Matilda, 1897-1971, married Joseph Blyth, ?-1967

August Bartelson, no dates on stone  
arrived in 1884, first Danish settler  
began the Bartelson School on his homestead and in 1897 was taken into the Bothell School District

John Blyth, 1840-1901, Blyth Park named for him  
arrived in 1872, purchased the area now known as the Wayne Golf Course from William Kinney  
farm was the location of the first railroad station in Bothell (a boxcar)  
married sister of Mattias Bargquist, Christina, 1851-1933  
son, Joseph, 1894-1967, married Matilda Bargquist, 1897-1971

### Other Early Settlers:

Arthur R. Bailey, 1878-1953, mill worker  
arrival in Bothell unknown  
wife Nellie, ?-1969  
children: Arthur, 1903-1944, member of city council; John, ?-1933; 3 other children not here

Charles V. Beardslee, no dates on stone  
as secretary of the Oddfellows platted Cemetery in 1902  
taught in the North Creek School  
began the Bothell Cornet Band, incorporated in 1902  
founded (with others) Bothell State Bank in 1908  
wife Mollie Keener, 1875-1942  
children: Fred, ?-1965 (ashes); Floyd, 1894-1925; 5 other children not here

Olaf Beckstrom, 1812-1895, father of Andrew Beckstrom  
Andrew Beckstrom married Augusta Nelson,  
children: John (not here) was the first birth recorded in Bothell

Oliver Bosley, 1841-1913  
arrived in 1888, early logger  
wife Rosanna Mason, 1838-1923  
children: 3 not here; grandson Edward, 1895-1897

Albert Bothell, son of David C. and Mary Ann, logger and mill worker  
arrived in 1889  
wife Arabella, 1872-1945, knew the Chinook language and communicated with Indians when few others could  
children: Ruth, ?-1924; Clyde, 2 yrs old, no dates; Ora May, 3 mos old, no dates; 4 children not here

George Bothell, 1847-1922, son of David C. and Mary Ann, Civil War Veteran  
arrived in 1888  
town's first mayor, very active with wife in community affairs  
wife Alice, 1853-1926, and five children not buried here

John Bothell, 1845-1900, son of David C. and Mary Ann, logger  
arrived with Bothell family in 1885  
wife, Ruth Campbell, 1846-1924

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David C. Bothell, 1820-1905, Civil War Veteran  
arrived with wife, Mary Ann (1823-1908), in 1885  
platted town in 1888, town named after Bothell family by Gerhard Ericksen, Postmaster  
children: David, 1852-1929; Rachel, 1858-1921, married John Keener; Mary Ann, 1850-1931, married Robert Campbell;  
Albert, 1869-1908, married Arabella (seven children of Albert and Arabella not here and Ruth, ?-1924; George, 1847-1922,  
town's 1st Mayor, married Alice and their five children not here); John, 1845-1900; Clarissa, not here

Charles C. Burrows, 1854-1906  
arrived in 1902 with son Augustus P. (not here)  
purchased first Bothell newspaper, Independent

Robert Campbell, 1839-191, Civil War Veteran  
arrived in 1888, blacksmith to loggers  
married Mary Ann Bothell, 1850-1931, daughter of David C. and Mary Ann  
children: Mary Jane (Jennie?), 1866-1957, married Albert Oliver (their children were Mima, 1873-1949, married William  
Hannon and Oliver, 1875-1925) plus five children not here

William R. Campbell, 1861-1941  
arrived 1900  
wife and four children not here

Dr. Reuben Chase, 1842-1908  
arrived in 1889, town's first doctor  
1st wife, Lydia Fuller, not here (two children not here and third, William F., 1878-1933)  
2nd wife, Alice M. Ervay, not here (two children not here and third, Lewis, ?-1932)

Rev. Alfred Crumley, 1844-1909, Civil War Veteran  
arrived in 1892 as Methodist Church first resident pastor  
wife, Margaret J., 1857-1933 and daughter Eunice (not here)

George Dawson, ?-1937  
arrived in 1888  
1st wife, Lizzie Carmichael, not here (son Earl, dates on stone unreadable, arrived in 1904 from Flint, Michigan)  
2nd wife, Annie Kilmer, not here

Walter Donahue, 1857-1912  
arrived in 1889  
wife, Minnie J., 1858-1933

Eugene L. Dutton, 1853-1936  
wife, Margaret Frost, 1850-1933  
children: Christine, 1899-1965; Daniel, ?-1920; Grace, 1888-1898; Lora, ?-1926; Lyman, ?-1893; Claude, 1894-1988

Daniel J. Dygert, ?-1925  
arrived in 1898, early lumber family  
wife, Mary Nancy Boyer, 1858-1910

Marinus Ellefson, 1863-1953, logger, mill worker, shoemaker  
arrived in late 1880s, bought part of Charles Ericksen homestead  
wife, Hannah, 1867-1952

Norman W. Ellis, ?-1926, last surviving member of Grand Army of the Republic, Bothell chapter  
Civil War Veteran  
arrived late 1890s-early 1900s

Gerhard Ericksen, 1860-1920  
arrived in 1883  
as postmaster named the town after the Bothell family  
wife, Dorothea K. Love, 1861-1935  
children: George, 1889-1940; Martha, 1893-1904; eight others not here (of 10 children only five reached adulthood)

Manuel M. Ervay, 1842-1923  
arrived with railroad in 1889  
wife, Harriet Ann, 1849-1925  
son, Charles M., 1889-1930

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John D. Flemley, no dates on grave  
arrived in 1885, brother of Mary Ann Bothell (Mrs. David C.)

Waite G. Graham, 1856-1935  
arrived in 1892, on town council, early logger  
wife, Abbie Brown, 1863-1942  
children: I.B. Graham, logger and Bothell Mayor, not here

Charlie E. Green, 1861-1941  
founded Green Ford Company in 1919  
wife, Fannie, 1862-1944

William A. Hannon, 1853-1930  
arrived in 1889, logger/carpenter, Bothell Mayor  
wife, Mima Campbell, 1873-1949, daughter of Robert Campbell and Mary Ann Bothell  
two children, not here

Bertil Hansen, 1863-1945  
arrived in 1907, farmer  
wife, Lena, 1866-1948, relative of August Bartelson  
children: Hans, 1893-1917; Alma A., ?-1985; Lloyd, ?-1973; plus 4 children not here

S.E. Hitsman, first Marshall in Bothell, 1862-1948  
wife, Bertha W., 1871-1947  
son, Willie D., 1889-1907

John Keener, 1847-1919, Civil War Veteran  
arrived in 1885  
wife, Rachel Bothell, 1858-1921 (daughter of David C. and Mary Ann)  
children: Mollie (Beardslee), 1875-1942; plus 2 children not here

Frederick Krasse, 1839-1911  
arrived in 1902  
wife, Ida, 1844-1939  
son, William F., 1872-1941

George Linz, 1864-1951  
bavarian shoemaker  
wife, Annie Hansen, 1876-1953  
children: Thelma, born/died September 1, 1905; Lester, 1908-1909; Orrin, 1894-1912; 2 others not here

May Belle Lufkin, 1883-1889  
Freddie Lufkin, 1880-1889  
first burials in Cemetery in first 1/2 acre (south side) of Cemetery donated by George Wilson

Charles A. Lunn, logger, mill worker, railroad worker, road supervisor  
arrived in 1892  
wife, Ida Carlson  
children: Carl August, 1908-1974 (wife, Mary, 1902-1978); plus 5 children not here

J. Lin Maybee, 1877-1899, arrived with railroad in 1889  
son, George P. Maybee, 1898-1979

Albert G. Ness, 1867-1953, fisherman, mill worker and owner, brickyard worker  
wife, Augusta Peterson, 1866-1959  
children: Elsworth, ?-1969; Pearl, 1903-1978

Floyd Olin, 1860-1910, carpenter and builder

Albert Oliver, 1860-1929  
arrived in 1898, mill worker and railroad worker  
wife, Jennie (Mary Jane), 1866-1957, daughter of Robert Campbell (6 children, not here)

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Ole G. Ormbrek, 1833-1909  
wife, Anne, 1846-1913  
children: George, 1881-1895; Rena, 1883-1898

Peter Person, 1843-1921, family later changed name to Pearson  
arrived in 1883 with Beckstrom, Quartman and Gust Johnson  
wife and children not here

Robert Renchy, 1841-1926  
arrived late 1880s, railroad worker  
wife, Elizabeth, 1847-1943

John C. Rhea, 1836-1913, arrived in Bothell mid-1890s  
wife, Elizabeth J., 1837-1908  
children: Lawrence L., 1864-1919; daughter (first name unknown) Rhea Reder (not here), married Sam Reder

Alvin Rodgers, 1865-1917  
arrived 1888, railroad worker

Elmer J. Ross, 1861-1926  
arrived in 1883, owned 1st car to cross Snoqualmie Pass under own power  
established stage service from Bothell to Seattle  
1st wife, May Weedon, ?-1885  
2nd wife, Della, 1860-1925 (several children not here)

Alice Seaton, 1889-1980  
hailed mail 1914-1918 for sick husband (George), only woman to do so  
daughter of H.A. Simonds (Simonds Road in Moorlands area, Bothell's first high school teacher, ashes may be in Cemetery next to wife, Elizabeth G. Simonds, 1861-1915 (ashes))

Ebin Severance, 1858-19??  
arrived in 1900, teamster  
wife, Bessie, 1863-1938  
children: Roy, 1884-1954; Orinda Severance Smith, 1890-1926

James H. Snudten, 1873-1941  
arrived in late 1880s with railroad  
wife, Marrietta, 1873-1946  
daughter, Etta P., 1901-1909

William Preston Stickney, 1866-1953, mill owner  
wife, Amelia M. Otto, 1869-1947  
children: Allan Ethan, Rev., 1894-1939; Guy Charles, 1897-1980; Amy Eunice, 1901-1983 (ashes); Donald Benjamin, no dates; Clarence Otto, 1911-1983 (ashes); plus 3 children not here

William N. Wilson, 1854-1919  
arrived in 1889  
wife, Hannah Owens, 1853-1918  
children: Charles O., Mayor of Bothell, not here, plus six others not here

Andrew Wissinger, 1842-1907  
arrived in 1885, farmer  
wife, Laura Ellen Dixon, 1851-1914  
children: Lida, 1st marriage to William Misner (their children: George, 1894-1920; Alta, 1903-1920; Roy, not here) and 2nd marriage to James Douglas Jones, 1864-1916 (their children: Lloyd, 1913-1914; five others not here)

Odie Woodring, 1885-1918  
arrived in 1915, storekeeper  
wife, Ardelia, 1882-1954

? Young, arrived with son Reuben in early 1880s  
Reuben, 1880-1945, operated Bothell's first light plant in 1912  
wife of Reuben, Della Bothell, daughter of John Bothell, granddaughter of David C. and Mary Ann  
(3 children not here)

Charles Zilske, no dates on grave, mill worker/strawberry gardener  
arrived in 1889

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## Period of Significance:

The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is still an active cemetery. The period of significance, 1889 to 1945, was selected due to the 50 year criteria. Burials today are restricted to the original platted blocks and are carefully monitored to insure no loss of historic integrity.

## CRITERION B:

The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is of singular local significance because of its association with the first white settlers who pushed into this heavily forested area and began the process of carving out a home. No other associative properties are known to have survived. The most important family of all, the Bothells, is well represented in the Cemetery although no other sites remain in the area which are representative of the family's domestic or business presence. That so much of the physical reminders of these early settlers' presence is lacking is due to major fires in 19808 and 1911 and to the impact of 20th century development, especially the exceptionally rapid growth of the last 25 years.

George Wilson provided the first half acre of the Cemetery in order to bury two children in 1889. Mr. Wilson had donated the rest of the land by 1900 and he officially platted the Cemetery in 1902. Interestingly, George Wilson had sold his interest in the Cemetery to the Odd Fellows Lodge for \$250 in August of 1900. A transaction notarized in August of 1902 legalized the transfer of the Cemetery to the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Knights of the Maccabees. That deed contained a clause stipulating that the Cemetery would become the property of the school board should the Odd Fellows and Knights of Maccabees ever cease to exist. (Both the Odd Fellows and the Northshore School District executed quit claim deeds in 1992, transferring legal ownership to the City of Bothell.) George Wilson, David Bothell's son George, William Johnston, and David Bothell's brother-in-law John Felmley (all except Johnston are buried in the Cemetery) served as the first trustees of the Cemetery Association. It was originally Wilson's land on which the town of Bothell was platted in 1888 although David C. Bothell filed the plat.

David C. Bothell platted the town of Bothell in 1889. He and his direct descendants worked hard to see Bothell grow and prosper. No other associative properties, however, are known to exist today as physical reminders of the Bothell family presence. It is clear that the City of Bothell owes its very existence to these early settlers who laid out the town, incorporated it, lived and did business within it, and finally passed from it, leaving their mortal remains and their cultural heritage well ensconced. See Section 7 for a listing of these and other early settlers now residing in the Cemetery.

## Criterion C:

The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is also significant because it embodies distinctive aesthetic principles and social ideals characteristic of late 19th and early 20th century funerary design and construction. Its plan, landscaping, plot delineation, grave markers, statuary, and memorial inscriptions clearly express the evolution of burial practices in the United States in general as well as provide specific information about the formation and development of the community of Bothell, Washington. Since a roll call of Bothell's earliest settlers (see section 7), most of whom were German and Scandinavian, can be found in the Cemetery, the site accordingly yields valuable information about the ethnic makeup of pioneer Bothell; immigration patterns of settlers; and religious, social, and aesthetic ideas of the early community. In many cases, the gravestones reveal places as well as dates of birth and even marriage. The Cemetery is also rich in information regarding military service which in turn offers information about immigration patterns and political persuasions. Gravestones in the Cemetery commemorate service to both the Confederate States and the United States during the Civil War and to the U.S. during the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean Conflict. Additionally, the Cemetery records membership in numerous home guards and fraternal and civic organizations including the Grand Army of the Republic (organized in 1902), Women of Woodcraft, the National Guard, and, of course, the Odd Fellows.

Founded during a time of transition in American attitudes about cemeteries, the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery incorporates characteristics of the rural or garden type cemetery which dominated 19th century thought about burial but predominantly illustrates the transition to lawn-type burial grounds which occurred at the turn-of-the-century. Additionally, the cemetery exhibits certain characteristics associated specifically with the historic trades of the Pacific Northwest.

Rural cemetery regulations encouraged lot owners to embellish their individual lots. This is, perhaps, attributable to the European preference for individually delineated graves. Stone and pebble copings and retaining walls delineate many of the older pioneer plots on the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery. Examples, most of which rime the north side of the cemetery, include the Wilson, Erickson, Wiley, and Bartelson plots. Some of the older plots in the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery are also scraped of grass or paved in the 19th century tradition. This characteristic, too, is of European origin and related to the idea that vegetation covering a grave was somehow unsanitary. Additionally, the graves in the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery have the typical 19th century east-west orientation.

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By 1900, however, cemeteries, including Bothell's, were beginning to reflect social ideals of the turn-of-the-century. Cemetery publications began to espouse egalitarian regulations which would restrict monuments, fences, and other embellishments which "bespoke of selfish and exclusive possessive individualism." Thus, the growing trend to eliminate markers, headstones, and monuments made way for lawn-type cemeteries where simple markers and plaques float unconfined on a broad lawn.

At this writing, it is generally believed that all of the original records of the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery were destroyed in a fire about 1960. Thus, it is impossible to tell if the trustees of the Cemetery drafted regulations that discouraged delineation of individual plots and other 19th century practices. However, the first known plat of the Cemetery dated in 1902, clearly reflects the transition to a well-defined plan. It is a utilitarian grid served by one efficient lane. It is interesting to note that this trend coincided with growing concern about cemetery maintenance. As one writer in a cemetery managers' publication described it "the lawn cemetery stemmed from a marriage of aesthetic ideals and the gospel of efficiency".

The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery also expresses late 19th and early 20th century statuary and memorial preferences containing marble and granite markers embellished with a variety of religious and natural symbols. Christian symbols including crosses and open Bibles are the predominant religious theme while symbols from nature of life and eternal life include oak and ivy leaves and lilies. Of particular note, the Cemetery has a graphic collection of children's markers from the solemn diminutive adult-type markers of the town's pioneer days to the distinctive forms of the Victorian period rich in symbols of childhood innocence. In fact, according to one source, the first two burials in the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery were children, Maybelle and Frederick Lufkin, who died in 1889.

19th century children's graves were usually marked by small, plain rectangular headstones as illustrated by the simple headstones of the Bailey and Wiley infants and the more embellished stones of the Bartelson children. By about 1900, however, children's gravestones had become symbols of Victorian attitudes about childhood innocence. Markers were typically more soft-edged and embellished with lambs, doves, flowers, angels, and sleeping babies. Several variations of the lamb motif dating from about 1900 until 1920 survive in the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery including one particularly fine example where the lamb rests on a rusticated scored stone which is draped in a scroll. The scroll contains information about the child and is embellished with ivy. Typically, these early 20th century markers bear inscriptions such as "a little time on earth he spent, till God for him his angels sent" and "gone but not forgotten". Several contemporary markers carry the theme to the present including one which is engraved with symbols, presumably of the child's interests including cars, trucks, a Cub's baseball cap, and coins dated the year of the child's death (1980).

Modern infill burials in the Cemetery do not overpower the overall historic appearance of the cemetery since most newer grave sites have used markers flush with the ground in keeping with more modern practice. The historic markers remain and are clearly visible as one looks around the Cemetery from almost any vantage point.

The modern burials which occurred outside of the original blocks are confined primarily to the northern edge and the southwest corner of the Cemetery and their numbers represent less than one-quarter of the total number of burial or sold plots in the Cemetery. They do not significantly detract from nor do they overwhelm the originally platted blocks of the Cemetery. The practice of creating these new plots outside of the originally platted blocks has been stopped since the City of Bothell took over ownership and management of the Cemetery.

The major vista historically present for the Cemetery is to the west with the other three sides buffered with heavy vegetation from surrounding residential development. The sloping topography of the site, its greater elevation in relation to surrounding land, and the lack of mid- or high-rise development within the City of Bothell below and adjacent to the Cemetery itself have prevented the loss of this vista and preserved the quiet, rural ambience of the cemetery itself. One can still seem to see forever on a clear day.

### Criteria Consideration C

Although a cemetery and thus not ordinarily considered eligible for National Register listing, the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery qualifies for listing because of its direct associations with individuals of transcending importance to the formation and development of the town and for whom no other associative properties are known to exist. The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery is a repository of local history and cultural artifacts unavailable elsewhere in the community.

Bothell's business district suffered major fires in both 1908 and 1911. Because of this and because of its rapid growth during the last 25 years, the community has lost most of its historic identity. For instance, there are no known properties other than the Cemetery which are associated with, for example, George R. Wilson, Bothell's founder and donor of the Cemetery, and the other "first settlers" as listed in section 7 of this nomination. Other significant examples include David C. Bothell and his wife Mary Ann, their son George Bothell (a Bothell mayor), and other members of the Bothell family, their homes and stores long gone. In fact, a roll call of Bothell's earliest settlers, most of whom were German and Scandinavian, can be found in the Cemetery. Accordingly, the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery yields valuable information about the ethnic makeup, immigration patterns, mortality and life expectancy rates, military and civic service, and religious, social, and aesthetic ideas of early Bothell.

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## Criteria Consideration D

The Bothell Pioneer Cemetery derives its significance, in part, from distinctive design features which are characteristic of late 19th and early 20th century cemeteries. These features include its location outside the original city limits, the east-west grave orientation, generous plantings of cedar and fir trees, examples of "scraped earth" graves, a well-defined plan in an unstructured lawn type setting and representative statuary and monuments of the period. Of particular interest is the collection of children's grave markers representing children's memorials from the late 19th and early 20th century to the present. The Cemetery also exhibits features specifically associated with the pioneer trades of the Pacific Northwest including log shaped markers and nautical symbols.

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## Verbal Boundary Description

NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of T26 R5E S8. Commencing at the southwest corner and running north twenty-three rods and six inches thence east forty rods thence south twenty-three rods and six inches thence west forty rods to place of origin.

## Boundary Justification

These boundaries correspond to the legally recorded boundary lines of the property. See attached map.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS:

Bothell Pioneer Cemetery

108th Avenue NE at NE 180th Street

Bothell, WA 98011

Photographer: M. Sullivan

August, 1995

Location of negatives: Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

1. NE 180th Street as it bisects Cemetery. Camera facing SE.
2. Cemetery lane entrance off 108th Ave. NE. Camera facing E.
3. George R. Wilson marker. Camera facing W.
4. Example of scraped-earth plot. Camera facing E.
5. Early 20th century marker. Notice log shape with lilies at base. Camera facing W.
6. Late 19th century marker. Camera facing W.
7. Ornate late 19th-early 20th century marker. Camera facing SW.
8. Typical Cemetery view. Late 19th and early 20th century obelisk showing patterned base. Adjacent family members markers record military service. Camera facing E.
9. Typical marker.
10. typical marker. Camera facing E.
11. Typical marker.
12. Bartelson plot showing two late 19th century children's headstones (behind obelisk). Camera facing W.
13. c.1900 children's marker. Camera facing W.
14. c.1900 children's marker (#13). Camera facing NE.
15. Typical early 20th century children's marker. Camera facing W.
16. Oval early 20th century children's marker. Notice pebble wall. Camera facing NW.
17. Contemporary children's marker. Camera facing W.