

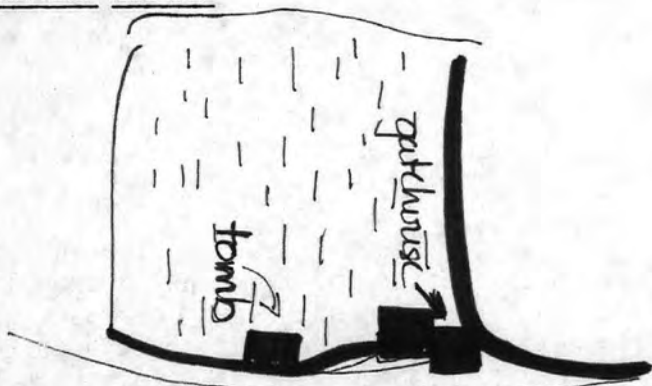
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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

Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

#### SKETCH MAP

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



Block 10, Lot 12: 1.6 acres  
UTM Reference - Lawrence Quad. 1:25000  
19/321320/4732640

Assessor's Map not Available

Town Methuen

Address Lawrence Street ✓

Name Lawrence Street Cemetery ✓

Ownership:

X Public Town of Methuen

     Private

#### DESCRIPTION:

Approximate number stones 200

Earliest death date 1832

Latest death date early 20th century

Condition the cemetery is in generally

good condition with few broken or over

turned stones. This is perhaps due to its

highly visible location near the town center

and adjacent to St. Monica's School

Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research

Date May 1978/June 1983

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

The Lawrence Street Cemetery consists of a 1.6 acre grassy, relatively flat lot dotted with mature conifers. Stones are generally made of slate or marble and assumes traditional rectangular or arched silhouettes. The earliest stones are carved with willow motifs while some of the later ones have sentimental Victorian inscriptions. The Tenny tomb, gatehouse, and wall are constructed of rough faced, coursed granite with French Medieval design influences as was his estate.

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

In 1832, the town of Methuen purchased land for a new cemetery. Located just southeast of the Spicket River Falls and the Medford-Andover Turnpike (1804-06), its establishment represented the town center's shift from Meetinghouse Hill to present day Gaunt Square.

Later in the 19th century, Edward F. Searles, whose estate stood across the street, constructed an eight foot high granite wall around the north and west sides of the cemetery. At that time (1891), he also constructed a granite gatehouse and a tomb for his wife.

The Lawrence Street Cemetery possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship as well as important associations with the growth and establishment of present day Methuen Center. It is also noted for its associations with the Searles family. It meets criteria A and B of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Methuen Multiple Resource Area  
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. House at 50 Pelham Street Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

22. House at 526 Prospect Street Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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23. House at 9 Park Street Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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24. Johnson House Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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25. Lawrence Street Cemetery Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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26. Methuen Water Works Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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27. Morse, Moses, House Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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28. Nevins Memorial Library Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

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29. Nevins, Henry C., Home for  
Aged and Incurables Entered in the  
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

30. Pleasant-High Historic  
District Substantive Reviewfor Keeper Rene van Duzend 6/20/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Lawrence Street Cemetery (Methuen MRA)  
Essex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/20/84  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership<br>Public Acquisition | Status<br>Accessible | Present Use |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

| Condition                          |                                       | Check one                          | Check one                              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> moved         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |                                    | date _____                             |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Lawrence St. Cemetery  
Methen, MA, Ma

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Lawrence St. Cemetery  
Metairie, LA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284