

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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

1. Name of Property

historic name Weeks Cemetery

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Corner of Sudbury Street and Concord Road N/A not for publication

city or town Marlborough N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 01752

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director

7/15/04

Signature of certifying official/Title Cara H. Metz, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

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

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal Agency and bureau

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ see continuation sheet
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ see continuation sheet
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Elsa H. Beall 9/10/04

Weeks Cemetery
Name of Property

Middlesex County, Massachusetts
County and State

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1
1
7
9

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)

N/A

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

Weeks Cemetery is a small, well-preserved municipal burial ground that retains strong historical associations and distinctive burial markers associated with residents of the surrounding neighborhood. There are four family monuments and approximately 114 headstones that record burials that occurred between 1837 and 2000, with over two-thirds of the burials dating to the 19th century. It is likely that there are also additional unmarked graves.

The cemetery lies in the northeast corner of Marlborough and is surrounded by 20th century suburban residences. It retains a strong sense of place, reinforced by the second growth vegetation around the perimeter, which obscures much of the adjacent development even in winter. Marlborough Center lies about 3 miles southwest of the burial ground.

The cemetery is a compact rectangular .72-acre site located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Concord Road and Sudbury Street. It is enclosed by a fieldstone **perimeter wall** consistent with the earlier agricultural heritage of the area. There are two entrances to the cemetery, one on Concord Road and one on Sudbury Street, which lead to a faint track that forms a rough T shape. While the cemetery is accessible to vehicles, it appears that there is little use.

There are no formal plantings in the cemetery but several large (and overmature) maples are a visually dominant feature. A narrow band of woods, located southeast of the cemetery, provides an important visual buffer from the adjacent modern land uses. The topography is at a low point near the intersection of the two roads and rises slightly towards the corner furthest from the intersection. There is evidence of terracing used to create level lots in some of the steeper sections in the northern part of the cemetery.

The spatial organization of the cemetery is created by a system of 34 family burial lots (only two of which have been added since 1934) and two individual graves laid out in rough rows parallel to Sudbury Street. The oldest and most compactly grouped lots are closest to Sudbury Street, while the lots further back are spaced more distantly from each other. The delineation of the lots is enhanced by the fact that many are slightly raised above the surrounding area, perhaps indicating former curbing. The edges of the Smith and Witt lots (both in the row closest to Sudbury Street) are also marked by granite corner posts, which further delineate their boundaries. All monuments and headstones face southeast towards Sudbury Street.

The family monuments, headstones, and one footstone display a range of funerary styles that were popular from the mid-19th century through the late 20th century and clearly illustrate evolving funerary styles during this period. Even the four family monuments are fairly simple and unpretentious. There are two marble monuments (an **obelisk** in the Willard Parmenter lot and a **pillar** in the Witt lot) both about 4' tall, and two polished **granite pillars** (one in the Hayden lot and one in another of the Parmenter lots).

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There are 17 slate headstones, most of which have a rounded tympanum on a shouldered main block, and all of which display the willow and urn motif common during the mid-19th century. The 64 marble headstones are the most visible type of burial marker and display a range of styles frequently used from the mid to late-19th century. Most are 3-4' tall and are fairly simple in shape, except for those of children, which are typically smaller. Many feature the name of the deceased in a recessed panel with raised lettering, a style also found in other burial grounds in Marlborough. Several display Gothic motifs, sometimes in association with ferns and floral designs, while others depict an index finger pointing towards heaven. There are also 33 flat or low granite and bronze headstones, most of which are associated with 20th century burials. Because they are small in size and low to the ground they are less visible than the older upright stones.

There are three marble headstones for which carver signatures are visible. "D. Nichols" signed the simple marble headstone of **Capt. Silas Newton** (1780-1849). "Crosby, Marlboro" signed the marble headstone of **Francis Weeks** (d. 1868, age 77) which features a finger pointing up towards heaven. One of the most unusual is the marble headstone of "**Sara**" located in one of the Parmenter lots, which was carved by "GF Witherell, Lowell." It features a recessed oval with two clasped hands (one male and one female) carved in deep relief. Unlike many of the others, which are common motifs, this one appears to have been custom designed. It features the inscription "Divided on earth, united in heaven. Not dead but gone before." Only Sara's first name is provided, there is no last name, birth date or death date.

The earliest burials are those of Mary Sophia Clapp (d. 1837, age 1 year, 11 months, 13 days) and her brother George Washington Clapp (d. 1837, 4 months). Both are buried in the Clapp family lot located in the first row along Sudbury Street which also contains the graves of their siblings Lucy S. (d. 1839, age 3 months), Sarah M. (d. 1841, age 3 months) and Horatio (d. 1851, age illegible), as well as their parents Charles and Sophia Clapp (whose death dates are not indicated). The parents graves are marked by two simple marble headstones, with the epitaphs "At rest" for Charles and "Her children rise up and call her blessed" for Sophia. There are smaller marble and slate headstones for the children. This pattern of parents buried with multiple children who died in at a young age is also found in the Hunt, Moore, Smith and Weeks lots.

The cemetery also displays a tradition of military service. Two Civil War veterans are buried here. There is no headstone for Forrest E. Day but the 1934 map indicates that he was buried in the Willard Parmenter lot. The marble headstone of Luman G. Fairbanks indicates that he was "member of Co. II, 16th Regt. of Mass Vols., killed at Gettysburg, Pa, July 2, 1863, age 20." Henry J. White (1891-1956) served in World War I. John R. Musgrave (1905-1971) served in World War II.

The family best represented in Weeks Cemetery are the Parmenters, who occupy six of the family lots. The oldest of these is that of Willard Parmenter (d. 1856, age 53) and his wife Olive Ann (d. 1846, age 35) whose lot is marked by a 4' marble obelisk on a granite base. The Parmenters are also among the families that have continued

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to use the Weeks Cemetery. The marble headstones of Marcus M. Parmenter (1839-1900) and his wife Mary Abbie Parmenter (1844-1913) in another of the Parmenter lots are joined by their son Francis C. (1868-1929) whose grave is also marked by a marble headstone, as well as by seven low polished granite headstones for descendants, the most recent of whom was buried in 2000. The only other families represented by more than one lot are the Newtons and the Wheelers.

The burying ground is generally well maintained, but like most municipal cemeteries, has suffered deterioration of gravestones over time, particularly the marbles. There are several toppled headstones, which have been preserved in place. Other than the Parmenter family and the two new lots, there have been few post-1950 burials.

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County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

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

☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

☐ D Property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history,

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

☐ A owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes

☐ B removed from its original location

☐ C a birthplace or grave

☒ D a cemetery

☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure

☐ F a commemorative property

☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

See continuation sheets

9. Major Bibliographic References

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

See continuation sheets

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art

Community Planning and Development

Social History

Period of Significance 1837 - 1954

Significant Dates (see continuation sheet)

Significant Person:

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architects/Builders (see continuation sheet)

Primary location of additional data

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

Name of Repository: Library and Hist. Commission

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Weeks Cemetery, Marlborough, MA qualifies for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C, with significance at the local level. The site may also have archaeological significance associated with unmarked graves and buried headstones. The period of significance extends from 1837 to 1954. The site possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The cemetery qualifies for listing under Criterion A due to its strong association with the history of Marlborough, particularly the 19th century farming neighborhood in the northeast corner of the community. It was one of several neighborhood burial grounds established in the early 19th century that came under municipal jurisdiction after 1855 and is one of nine municipal cemeteries in Marlborough. It contains the graves of two Civil War veterans, one World War I veteran, and one World War II veteran. The cemetery also documents the 19th century social structure of the community, including the high rate of infant mortality. Like Robin Hill Cemetery it is remote from the central part of Marlborough and is one of the few older burying grounds in Marlborough to remain in active use today.

Weeks Cemetery meets Criterion C as a small 19th century burial ground that reflects the evolving design of cemeteries and funerary monuments in New England. It embodies the 19th century transition from burial ground to cemetery and is an early example of the use of family lots. The monumentation illustrates the transition from slate to marble to granite headstones, and displays a range of motifs and carving styles. The epitaphs expressively convey family relationships, religious beliefs, and attitudes towards death.

The cemetery meets Criteria Exception D because it has served continuously as a neighborhood burying ground in Marlborough from 1837 to the present, with most burials occurring in the 19th century. It includes the graves of over 100 residents of Marlborough and contains information that is not readily available elsewhere. The 1837 beginning date for the period of significance corresponds with the first documented burial, that of two of the Clapp children. The 1954 termination date reflects National Register policy that properties with ongoing significance use a 50-year cut-off date unless events of unusual significance have occurred within the past 50 years.

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

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By 1890 the increasingly complex infrastructure necessitated the reorganization of the government and Marlborough became a city. In the 20th century, Marlborough has continued to grow, reaching a population of 31,800 by 1990, and has become a diversified residential, high-technology, and business city.

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

Marlborough historian Charles Hudson, writing in 1862, summarized the status of the town's cemeteries at that time and described each. His cursory remarks about Weeks indicate that then it was considered a small cemetery distant from the center of the community.

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

There is also a small yard near the old Weeks place, commenced about thirty years ago.

(Hudson, History of the Town of Marlborough, page 236-239)

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

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embellishments. The four smaller neighborhood cemeteries (Brigham, Robin Hill, Weeks, and Wilson) reflect the transition from unadorned burial grounds to cemeteries, with spatial organization based on family lots rather than individual graves; stones that display more sentimental imagery and iconography; and embellishments such as roads and plantings. Maplewood Cemetery began during the 1830s as a neighborhood cemetery but was greatly enlarged during the 1860s and displays the transition to the late 19th century style with smaller lots, machine-made monuments, and greater ethnic diversity. Evergreen Cemetery reflects late-20th century burial styles and ideas.

Weeks Cemetery began as a small neighborhood burial ground and its early history is not well-documented. It was named for the Weeks family who lived nearby. It is likely that the first burials occurred without much thought to the arrangement of the graves and that lots were added over time as they were needed. The layout of the cemetery was documented by City Engineer Francis Granger in 1934 (see attached map) and has changed little since that time. Municipal records indicate that there were few expenditures at Weeks other than for an occasional mowing.

Weeks Cemetery was the seventh of the nine municipal burial grounds to be established in Marlborough and at .72 acre, it is the smallest of Marlborough's municipal cemeteries and one of the simplest in design. It retains 19th century vernacular character in its spatial organization, topography, vegetation, circulation system and monumentation. There have been no known additions or deletions of land. A few residents of the neighborhood have been buried here since the 1950s, primarily in existing family lots, but Weeks is not generally considered an active cemetery.

Old Common Cemetery is already listed on the National Register as part of the Marlborough Center Historic District (NRDIS 08/19/1998). The seven other municipal cemeteries established before 1900 are being nominated concurrently. There are no plans to nominate Evergreen Cemetery, which has largely been developed after 1950.

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Weeks Cemetery
Name of Property

Middlesex County, Massachusetts
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property

Less than one acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19	294320	4694020	3.			
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2.			4.			
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	

p See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 2004

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city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

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

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

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

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

Property Owner

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

name City of Marlborough

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

city or town Marlborough state MA zip code 01752

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Weeks Cemetery is a rectangular parcel bounded on the west by Sudbury Street; on the north by Concord Road; on the east by a single family residence; and on the south by a wooded area, with residences further to the south.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses a single parcel (assessors map 10, parcel 11) that includes the entire .72-acre cemetery established in the 19th century.

12. LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

<i>NR Photo #</i>	<i>Location/Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Photo by</i>
1	View of cemetery looking southwest from corner of Sudbury Street and Concord Road.	2/2002	Shary Berg
2	Clapp family lot containing the oldest burials (1737) in foreground with granite Parmenter monument in background. Note raised topography of burial lots.	2/2002	Shary Berg
3	Headstones of Francis and Hannah Weeks. This style, with name in recessed panel, was common throughout Marlborough's 19 th century burial grounds.	2/2002	Shary Berg
4	View near Sudbury Street with Newton lot in foreground and Parmenter marble obelisk beyond. Note subtle variations in topography to create raised lots.	2/2002	Shary Berg

Weeks Cemetery

**Marlborough (Middlesex County), Massachusetts
National Register District Data Sheet**

2004

MHC #	Photo#	Map#	HistoricName	Description/Materials	Date	Status	Type
		1	Perimeter wall	fieldstone	19 th century	C	ST
			Weeks Cemetery		1837-	C	SI
			Parmenter obelisk	marble	mid 19 th century	C	O
			Witt pillar	marble		C	O
			Hayden pillar	granite		C	O
			Parmenter pillar	granite		C	O
			Nichols (carver) headstone	marble	1849	C	O
			Crosby (carver) headstone	marble	1868	C	O
			G.F. Witherell (carver) headstone	marble		C	O

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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 Weeks Cemetery
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 7/27/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/09/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04000934

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/10/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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

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



Weeks Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA

Photo #1



Weeks Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA

Photo #2



FRANCIS WEEKS

DIED

Jan 4, 1868

Aged 71

HANNAH WEEKS

Wife of

FRANCIS WEEKS

Died Aug 16, 1868

Aged 65

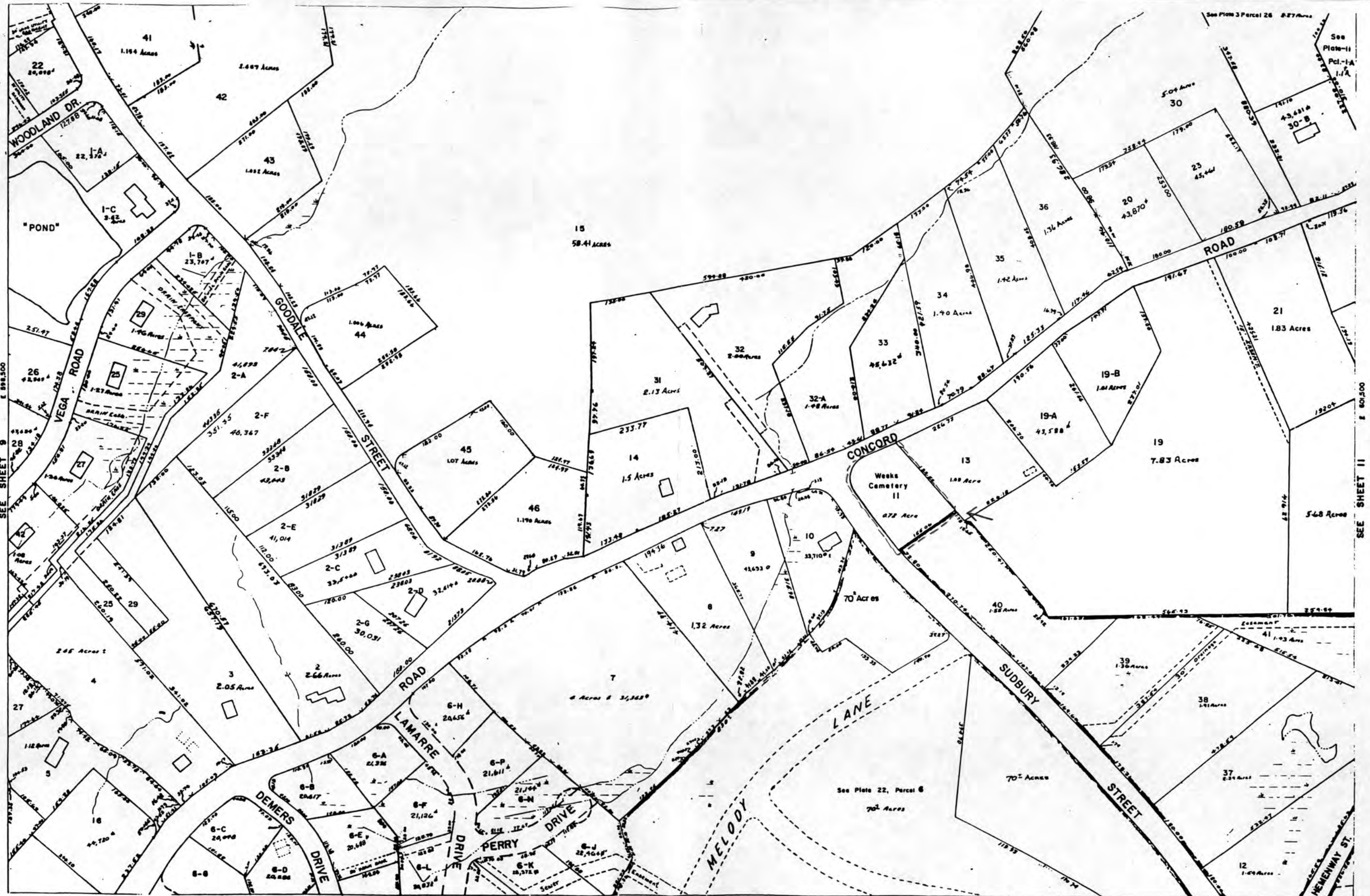
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photo #3



Weeks Cemetery, Marlborough, Middlesex Co, MA

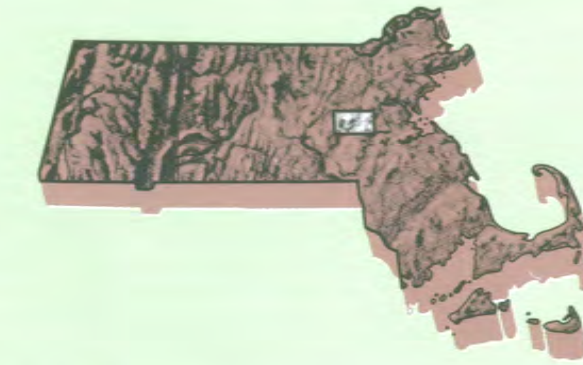
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Framingham
MASSACHUSETTS

1:25 000-scale *metric*
topographic map



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



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Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1978 and 1981. Field checked 1979 and 1982. Map edited 1982. Supersedes Framingham 1979 and Natick 1970

1:25,000-scale maps

Projection and 1000-meter grid, zone 19

Universal Transverse Mercator
10,000-foot grid ticks: Massachusetts coordinate system,

mainland zone
1927 North American Datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983,

move the projection lines 6 meters south and 41 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

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

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM		ADJOINING MAPS	
Meters	Feet			1	2
1	3.2808				
2	6.5617			4	5
3	9.8425				
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6	19.6850				
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10	32.8084				
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To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048		Diagram is approximate			

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Topographic Map Symbols

- Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road; trail
Route marker: Interstate: U.S.; State
Railroad: standard gauge; narrow gauge
Bridge, drawbridge
Footbridge; overpass
Built-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown
House; barn; church; school; large structure
Boundary
National, with monument
State
County, parish
Civil township, precinct, district
Incorporated city, village, town
Unincorporated community
National or State reservation; small park
Land grant with monument; land square corner
U.S. public lands survey: range, township; section
Range, township; section line: township approximate
Fence or field line
Power transmission line, located tower
Dam; dam with lock
Canary; grave
Campground; picnic area; U.S. location monument
Windmill; water wheel; spring
Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave
Central location marker
Cultural status: spot elevation
Area: intermediate; supplementary; depression
Distorted surface: strip mine, lava; sand
Bathymetric contour: index; intermediate
Perennial lake and stream
Intermittent lake and stream
Rapid, large and small; falls, large and small
Submerged marsh; swamp
Land subject to controlled inundation; location
Sandy, mangrove
Orchard; vineyard



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

July 23, 2004

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



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Weeks Cemetery, Marlborough (Middlesex), MA

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

Five letters of support have been received.

Sincerely,

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

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

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



CITY OF MARLBOROUGH

MAYOR DENNIS C. HUNT

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May 7, 2004

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

Dear Ms. Friedberg,

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

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

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

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

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

Betsy Friedberg

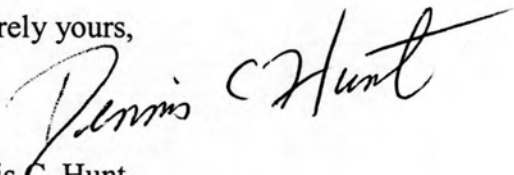
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The City of Marlborough takes great pride in its cemeteries and the history reflected there. Listing these cemeteries is another way of expressing our pride while providing a part that is often required for grants that we might seek to help in the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

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis C. Hunt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Dennis C. Hunt
Mayor



CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 11, 2004

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

Dear Ms. Friedberg,

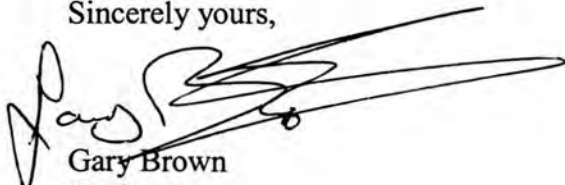
We in Marlborough are fortunate to have our historic cemeteries and burial grounds in a wonderful state of preservation. Some of the stones date from the late 1600s and early 1700s and look as if they had been carved recently.

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,



Gary Brown
Chairman



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MASS. HIST. COMM
ALFRED J. LIMA,
Director

May 13, 2004

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

Dear Ms. Friedberg:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Lima,
Director of Planning and Community Development

Marlborough Historical Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 513

Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752-0513



Peter Rice Homestead - 377 Elm Street

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

Dear Ms. Friedberg:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Richard Wilcox
Curator

C: Gary Brown, Chairman, Marlborough Historical Commission



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May 25, 2004

Betsy Friedberg
Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Dear Ms. Friedberg,

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

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

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

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

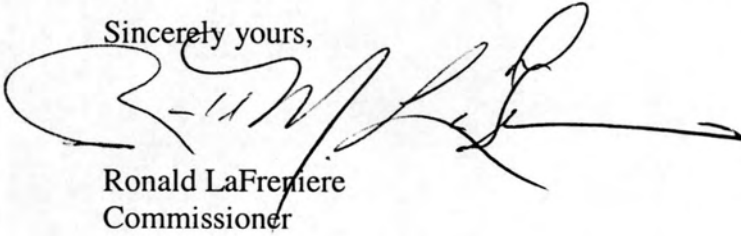
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As the custodian of these sites, I have a great responsibility to not only the current residents but also to those people who lived here helping our community grow and prosper and are now buried in our cemeteries. What better way to show honor and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

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald LaFreniere', with a large, stylized initial 'R' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald LaFreniere
Commissioner