

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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

Town: Methuen ✓

Address: Corner East & Arlington Streets

Name: Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery ✓

Ownership:

Public Town of Methuen

Private

DESCRIPTION:

Approximate number stones 250

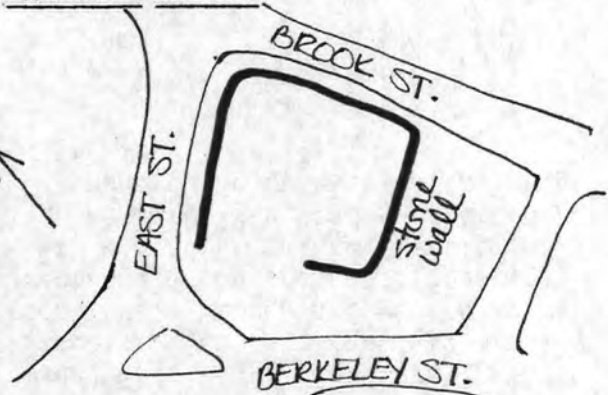
Earliest death date 1728

Latest death date late 19th century

Condition The cemetery is in generally good condition with few broken or over turned stones.

SKETCH MAP

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



Block 96, Lot 44: 2.4 acres
UTM Reference - Lawrence Quad.
19/322650/4732380

Assessor's Map not Available

Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd

Date May 1978/June 1983

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

Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery includes 2.4 acres at the intersection of East and Brook Streets. The plot consists of slightly rolling grassed terrain dotted with mature conifers. Stones are generally made of slate or marble and assume traditional rectangular or arched silhouettes; all face west. Artistic motifs include most popular 18th and 19th century examples: winged death's heads, Cherubs, urns, and willows, etc. In the late 19th century, Edward F. Searles constructed a tomb for his uncle and surrounded the cemetery with a high granite wall.

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

In 1728, the Town of Methuen voted to lay out a cemetery adjacent to the newly established Congregational meetinghouse. This original town center, at East and Brook Streets, is southeast of the present Center, known as Meetinghouse Hill. In the 18th century, the area gradually assumed the name of Daddy Frye's Hill after Jeremiah Frye who operated a nearby tavern.

In the late 19th century, Methuen millionaire Edward F. Searles built a Chapel-like tomb as a memorial to his uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. Artemas W. Stearns. At that time the high granite wall surrounding most of the cemetery was also built.

Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. It is historically significant as the major extant feature associated with Methuen's early town center, and for its associations with the Searles family and thus, meets criteria A and B of the National Register of Historic Places.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Cover _____ *OK*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Barker, Stephen, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. Buswell, J. E., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. Dolan, Terence, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. Double-arch Sandstone Bridge | | Keeper | <u><i>Thomas W. Paul</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. Emerson House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. Emerson, Capt. Oliver,
Homestead | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. Emmons, G. B., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. First Baptist Church | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. Hardy, Urias, House | | Keeper | <u><i>Thomas W. Paul</i> 1/20/84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |

Substantive Review

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Daddy Frye's Hill 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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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 date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

13. Other

- Maps
 Photographs
 Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

MEETING HOUSE HILL

SO NAMED BECAUSE ON THIS SITE
WAS BRECTED

THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE 1728-1796

THE SECOND MEETING HOUSE 1796-1832

HERE LIE BURIED THE FOUNDERS OF

THE TOWN OF METHUEN

AND THE FIRST MINISTER,

REV. CHRISTOPHER SARGENT

Daddy Foye's Hill Cemetery
Methuen MA, Ma

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Daddy Froy's Hill Cemetery
Wethersfield, Conn.

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Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery
Methuen, MRA, Ma

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Daddy Frye's Hill Cemetery
Methuen M.R.A. M.

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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