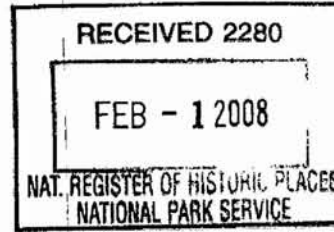


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



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 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 Pine Grove Cemetery

other names/site number First Meetinghouse Burying Ground

2. Location

street & number Tremaine Street and Main Street not for publication

city or town Leominster vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Worcester code 027 zip code 01453

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Brona Simon January 25, 2008  
Signature of certifying official/Title Brona Simon Date  
Massachusetts Historical Commission, 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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Edson H. Beall 3-12-08  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Pine Grove Cemetery  
Name of Property

Worcester, MA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
		building
1		sites
		structures
15	2	objects
16	2	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**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY: cemetery

RELIGION: church

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY: cemetery

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

walls granite blocks, fieldstone, chain-link

roof \_\_\_\_\_

other slate, marble, granite, brownstone  
bronze

**Narrative Description**

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

Pine Grove Cemetery

Name of Property

**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.)

Property is:

- A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more 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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Worcester, MA

County and State

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art

Community Planning and development

Landscape Architecture

Social History

**Period of Significance**

1742-1958

**Significant Dates**

1776, 1820s - expansion

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository:

Public Library, Historical Commission

Pine Grove Cemetery  
Name of Property

Worcester, MA  
County, State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** approx. 3 acres

**UTM References See continuation sheet.**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1. 19	273660	4712280
Zone	Easting	Northing
2. 19	273780	4712200
Zone	Easting	Northing

3. 19	273660	4712140
Zone	Easting	Northing
4.		
Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

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

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Kathleen Glastetter, Leominster Historical Commission with Philip Bergen and Betsy Friedberg, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date January 2008

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone 617-727-8470

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 Leominster

street & number 357 Main Street telephone 978-534-7583

city or town Leominster state MA zip code 01453

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## Pine Grove Cemetery

Established in 1742, Pine Grove Cemetery is the oldest of four cemeteries in the City of Leominster. It falls into the category of a town/city cemetery, established as a municipal burial ground next to Leominster's first meetinghouse, which at the time was center of town. Therefore this cemetery occupied a fairly central and important space within the community. Since it was closed to burial in 1937, Pine Grove Cemetery lost its primary function, that of a place of active burial

Pine Grove Cemetery is unique in that it has one of the heaviest concentration of Revolutionary War Veterans buried on its grounds. There are 94 known burials from the Revolutionary War, 4 from the Civil War and 30 from the War of 1812. It sits next to Carter Park, a military training ground for soldiers starting with the Indian Wars including those up to 1812.







ALFRED  
MAY  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
JAN 1775  
NOVEMBER 1775

JOHN  
MAY  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
JAN 1775  
NOVEMBER 1775

EDWARD  
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NOVEMBER 1775

JOSEPH  
JUNIOR  
WHITE  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
NOVEMBER 1775

OLIVER  
CARTER  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
JUNE 13 1834

SAMUEL  
HALE  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
JUNE 13 1834















