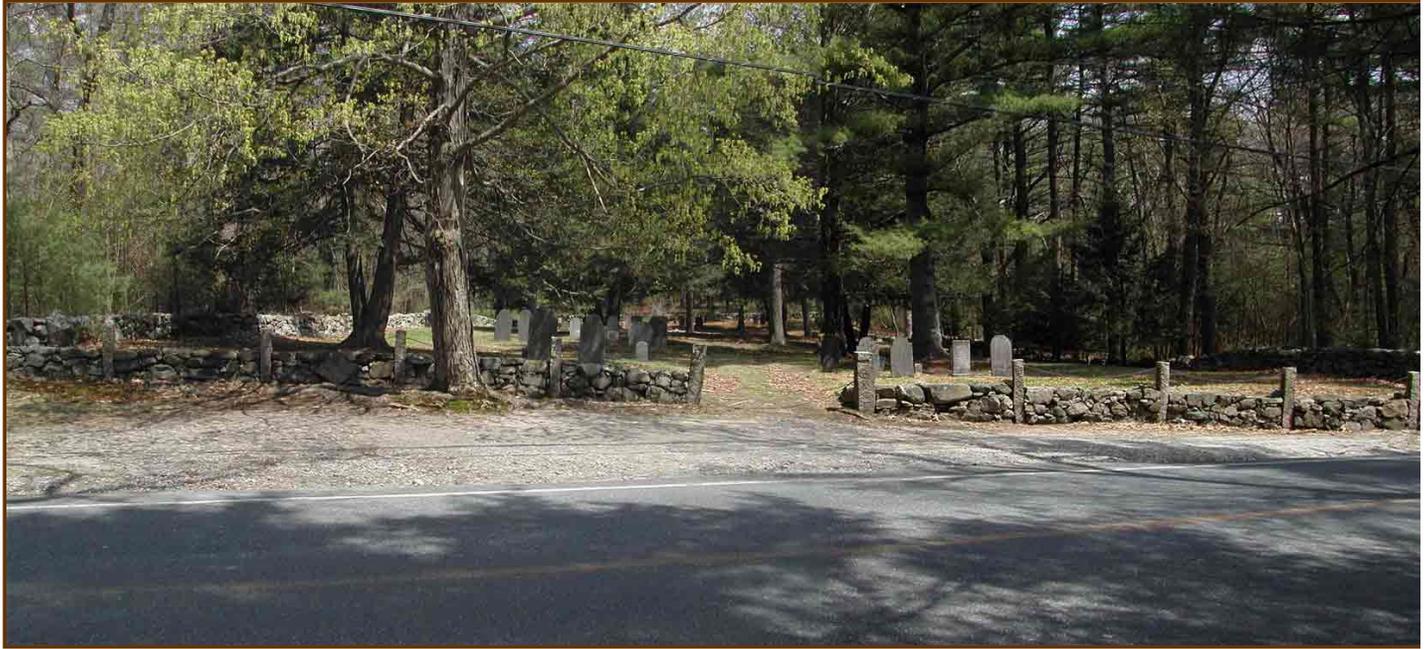


Farm Cemetery

Farm Road



Farm Cemetery, May 10, 2008

Form No.	801
Town	Sherborn
Address	Farm Road
Name	Farm Cemetery
Ownership, 1981	Public
Approximate number stones	50
Earliest death date	1688
Latest death date	1945
Condition	This cemetery is well maintained, with the exception of litter near the main entrance. About 50 years ago it was enclosed with a substantial stone buildings wall consisting of granite blocks and posts.
Recorded	June-July 1981

ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK

Slate, round headed stones are the predominant material and shape in this burying ground. Although early winged skulls and human heads appear within - this long rectangular lot is in the willow and urn motif which predominates on the stones. Family names which appear with the greatest frequency are Bigelow, Kingsbury, Clark, Morse, Mann and Lane.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Founded in 1688, the Farm Cemetery is the second oldest cemetery - a reminder that the southeastern portion of Sherborn was the first area of English settlement. It was initially a Morse Family burial ground. William Bigelow, an early 19th century Sherborn historian noted that "a number of the ancient graves are covered in their whole length with rough stones, which is said to distinguish those which contain the remains of persons who died of the small pox." In 1905 John P. Brainard noted that "many (stones) were simple field stones, used as markers and without any inscription - much space in the center and right of the ground is without any headstones, though the contour of the surface would indicate many graves." In 1887, H. L. Morse, Administrator of the Lemuel (initial?) Morse Estate, made a gift to the Town of the Farm Cemetery.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DATA



Farm Cemetery, undated photo