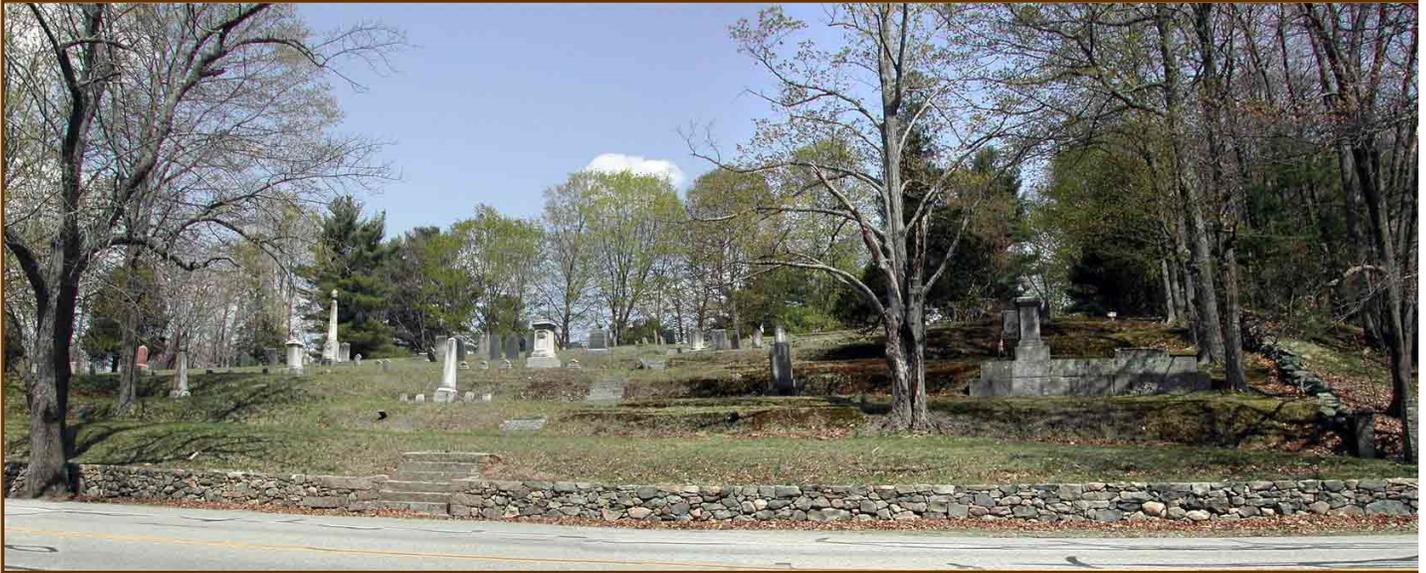


New South Cemetery

South Main Street



New South Cemetery, May 10, 2008

Form No.	806
Town	Sherborn
Address	South Main Street
Name	New South Cemetery
Ownership, 1981	Public
Approximate number stones	200-250
Earliest death date	1790
Latest death date	1920's
Condition	New South Cemetery's grounds are generally well maintained. The granite steps of its terraced slopes are in need of repair, replacement, and realignment. A small section of a ca. 1850's cast iron fence is still extant along its southern boundaries.
Recorded	July 1981

ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK

New South Cemetery's gravestones are situated on a terraced slope overlooking South Main Street. White limestone appears to be the most common material for gravestones. In addition, markers of slate, granite, and marble are also extant. The willow and urn motif is well represented within its boundaries. Also noteworthy are several Egyptian Revival Obelisks. An elegant neoclassical urn on a plinth, a memorial to Leland family members, is located on the second tier's southern portion. Mid to late 19th century markers and memorials with carved flowers and Gothicized lettering appear throughout the cemetery.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

New South Cemetery is one of three Sherborn cemeteries founded in the 1790's, the others being Plain and West Cemeteries. Land offered by Joseph Daniels for a burying ground was accepted by the town in 1790. Mrs. Hannah Ware who died with her newborn infant was the first to be placed in the New South Cemetery. Old families whose names appear through the cemetery include Lelands, Barbers, Bullards, Brecks, Gouldings, Clarks, and Holbrooks. This cemetery's main period of use appears to be 1790-1870, although a few 1910's and 1920's dates appear on the markers. Beginning in 1852, townspeople were buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery.

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