

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
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\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Leetes Island Cemetery  
 Building Name (Historic) Leetes Island Cemetery  
 Street Address or Location Adjacent (north) to 1 Moose Hill Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Leetes Island Cemetery Association  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Cemetery  
 Historic Use: Cemetery

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Construction c. 1820 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                       |  |

### Structural System

- Wood Frame  Post & Beam  Balloon  Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Roof (Type)

- Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  Sawtooth  
 Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

- Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate  Asphalt Shingle  
 Built up  Tile  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Structural Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Exterior Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site  Moved  When? \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations?  Yes  No  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)****Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- Barn       Shed       Garage       Carriage House       Shop       Garden  
 Other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Surrounding Environment:**

- Open land       Woodland       Residential       Commercial       Industrial       Rural  
 High building density       Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This cemetery is located on .21 acre parcel off of Moose Hill Road, just north of the parcel for 1 Moose Hill Road. The cemetery sits far back from the road yet is still visible. A small stone wall is located on the east side of the road and is the entrance to the path that extends northeast to the cemetery. The property is a private cemetery and not open to the public. A wooden fence surrounds the burial ground. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior)

This small cemetery has mostly modest and low stones. The northeast stone wall along the perimeter has a row of stones leaning against the wall which are the oldest in this cemetery. Since the property is private, there is no access beyond the wood fence surrounding the burial ground and seeing common motifs in the earliest stones is not possible.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This cemetery was laid out around 1820 with the earliest stone from 1740. The gravestone of a young man, Simeon Leete, who had died in battle with the British during the American Revolution was moved from their original home on the Guilford Green to Leetes Island Cemetery around 1824. Simeon Leete's stone was moved again to Moose Hill Road, opposite of the cemetery entrance, to remind visitors of his sacrifice. The property is used for Leete family burial sites.

- Sources:

Hale Collection Cemetery Records obtained at <http://www.hale-collection.com/208-5-leetes-island-cemetery.htm>;  
Helander, Joel E., "Leete's Island Legacy", 1981; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=8744> on November 16, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 10/05/2015

View See Continuation Sheet Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/17/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.264348  
Longitude: -72.717653

**Threats to the building or site:**

- None known       Highways       Vandalism       Developers       Renewal       Private  
 Deterioration       Zoning       Other \_\_\_\_\_       Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET

North of 1 Moose Hill Road

**Surroundings Continued**

Trees line the perimeter of the property to the east, north and west. The topography is flat in this small cemetery with tombstones laid out in even rows oriented north to south in the rectangular property.



Looking northwest



Looking northeast



Looking north