

## 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) Nut Plains Cemetery  
Building Name (Historic) Nut Plains Cemetery  
Street Address or Location Nut Plains Road  
Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
Owner(s) Nut Plains Cemetery ☒ 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 Public Cemetery

Style of building \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Construction 1818 (Helander)

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

☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding  
☐ Fieldstone ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone ☐ Aluminum Siding  
☐ Concrete (Type \_\_\_\_\_) ☐ Cut Stone (Type \_\_\_\_\_) ☐ 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

## 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 a 1.23 acre parcel on the east side of Nut Plains Road, just north of the intersection of Nut Plains Road and Goose Lane and just south of the intersection of Nut Plains with Dohm Avenue. It is in a woodland area with scattered residences around it. Evergreen trees are located around the perimeter with some in the middle of the cemetery. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Laid out in 1818, the stones in Nut Plains Cemetery are quite simple, low, and modest with only a few motifs visible. There are a couple of winged cherubs, willow trees, and urns displayed on some stones. There are also a few taller obelisks. Many of the oldest stones are in poor condition with lichen growing on them or crumbling stone, especially ones located around the trees. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Nathan Johnson sold part of his land, 40 rods on the southwest corner of his homelot, to 24 proprietors of the "burying yard" on April 2, 1818. Nut Plains Cemetery has many well known names from Guilford's past including members of the Evarts, Griswold, Parmelee, Davis, Hall, and Parker families. Two of the oldest stones are Ebenezer Hotchkin (1794, See Photo) and his wife Jerusha. They were moved from the Guilford Green when there were no longer burials done there and all the stones were dispersed around town. The rows of spruce and evergreen trees were planted by Nelson G. Hall. Around 1910, the cemetery was expanded on the north end and then again around 1970 on the south end.

- Sources:

Helander, Joel E., "Guilford Long Ago", 1970, p. 52; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at [http://www.guilfordgis.com/temp\\_pdf/67-propcard.pdf](http://www.guilfordgis.com/temp_pdf/67-propcard.pdf) on November 22, 2015; Smith, Ralph D., "History of Guilford from its First Settlement in 1639," Albany: J. Munsell Printer, 1877.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 06/27/2015

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

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/17/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.312385

Longitude: -72.677184

### Threats to the building or site:

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

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### CONTINUATION SHEET

### Nut Plains Road

#### **Buildings and Surroundings Continued**

A one lane dirt road forms a "U" shape with an entrance on the north end and exit on the south. The topography of the cemetery is a gently sloping hill that goes down from the road towards the east. A stone wall lines the west perimeter adjacent to Nut Plains Road. The middle section of stones, on the inside of the road, has the older stones and they are set up in rows mostly facing west. On either side of the road, the stones are not set up in strict rows.

#### **Notable Features Continued**

The expanded area on the north side has a lot of empty space while the south expansion is filled in.



Looking southeast



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CONTINUATION SHEET

Nut Plains Road



Looking north



Looking north



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CONTINUATION SHEET

Nut Plains Road



Looking northeast



Examples of motifs