

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) West Side Cemetery
Building Name (Historic) West Side Cemetery
Street Address or Location Three Mile Course
Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
Owner(s) West Side 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 Public Cemetery

Style of building N/A 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:

Located on a 4.12 acre parcel, this cemetery is located at the beginning of Three Mile Course on the east side in between 1238 Boston Post Road and 42 Three Mile Course. The West River is adjacent to the northeast side, residences to the southwest and a commercial plaza to the north. The Guilford Green is almost a mile to the southeast. There are evergreen trees located throughout the cemetery and some lining the west perimeter. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Laid out in 1818, the West Side Cemetery has many different types of gravesites and tombstones. Some of the motifs displayed are death's heads, winged cherubs, open bibles, willow trees, urns, and doves. There are several obelisks and crosses among the large monument type stones. There is also a family plot on the east side with a large stone sarcophagus for a couple (dated 1816 and 1847) surrounded by a stone wall with a staircase. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The nearby Guilford Green was the original and earliest burial ground for the town. The last burial was made there in 1818. This cemetery, established the same year when many of the markers from the Green were transferred there, was originally created under the name of "Proprietors of the Burying Ground in Guilford", sometimes referred to as "Riverside" and later known as West Side, because it was on the west side of the borough. Some of the family plots include members of the Chittenden, Baldwin, Kimberly, and Graves families, among many others.

- Sources:

Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at http://www.guilfordgis.com/temp_pdf/19-propcard.pdf on November 22, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 08/17/2015

View Assorted- See Continuation Sheet Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/22/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.287157

Longitude: -72.692453

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Three Mile Course

Buildings and Surroundings Continued

A road goes around the rectangular parcel with an entrance on the southwest side and an exit on the northeast side of Three Mile Course. The southeast end of the cemetery, located farthest away from the entrance/exit is a newer section and the topography drops off with a few step like features in the landscape with gravesites on each level. On the east side, the land drops off just past the gravesites into the river valley. The rows are fairly straight and laid out north to south, facing east or west. The entrance and exit has a stone wall and pillars on the northwest perimeter adjacent to the road.

Notable Features Continued

Many of the oldest stones are leaning up against a metal railing in the middle of the property and are covered in lichen. The newer stones are on the south and west sides.



Looking northwest towards entrance

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Three Mile Course



Looking northwest



Looking southeast

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Three Mile Course



Looking north towards exit



Examples of motifs