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Inventory No:	MID.812
Historic Name:	Purchade Cemetery
Common Name:	Alden Cemetery
Address:	Plymouth St
City/Town:	Middleborough
Village/Neighborhood:	Purchade;
Local No:	807;
Year Constructed:	
Use(s):	Burial Ground;
Significance:	Archaeology, Prehistoric; Art; Religion;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	
Demolished	No



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FORM E - BURIAL GROUNDS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Town Middleborough, Mass. USGS - BRIDGE 14
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MID.812
 Location Plymouth St.
 Name Purchade Cemetery (Alden)
 Condition: Well kept up Neglected
 (if neglected, explain how)

 Approx. number gravestones 250
 Earliest death date 1728
 Most recent death date still in use

Religious affiliation Non-denominational
 Owner Purchade Cemetery Committee
 Who has further information about burial ground?
Mrs. Joseph Teeling, Sec., Treas.
 (Address) 383 Cherry St. Bridgewater, Mass.

What type information: lot plans inscriptions
gravestone descriptions other
Cemetery records/ Middleboro Library

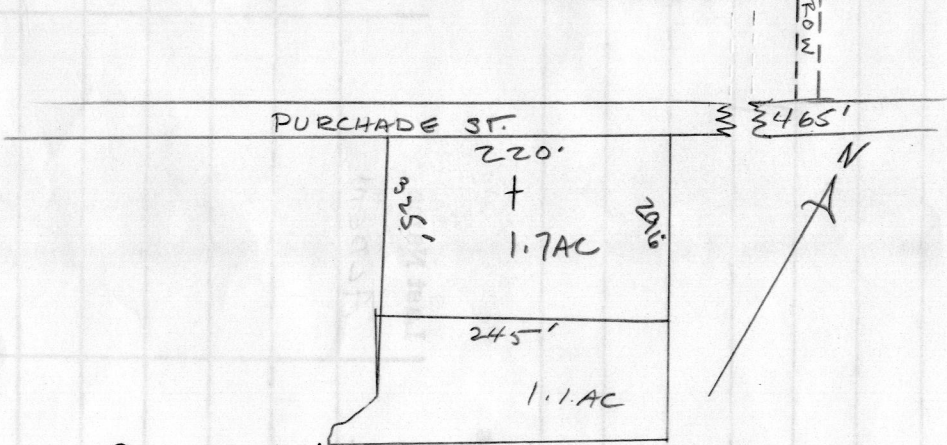
2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

"This cemetery was probably an old Indian burial ground. Many Indian remains have been found there. It was enlarged by a gift from Obadiah Sampson." History of Middleborough I Weston, 1906

"On Plymouth Street near Titicut is what is known as the Purchade Cemetery so-called because of its proximity to Purchade St. It is also known as the Alden Cemetery. Tradition says it was originally an Indian burial place. The earliest burial was that of Hepzibah Allen who died November 28, 1728. The only Hepzibah who seems to appear in the Middleborough records is one who is a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Allen born the 9th of August 1722 at Middleborough." Middleborough Antiquarian, Townsend 1978

3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) 12 Good inscription legibility

4. MAP: Footage from street 20'



Name of Recorder Janet Griffith Organization Midd. Hist. Comm Date 3/18/85

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