

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	MID.819
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Middleboro Pauper Cemetery
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	Wood St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Middleborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	820A;
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1832
<b>Use(s):</b>	Burial Ground;
<b>Significance:</b>	Community Planning; Religion;
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials:</b>	
<b>Demolished</b>	No

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

Religious affiliation none

Owner Town of Middleboro

Who has further information about burial ground?  
Town Clerk

(Address) Middleboro Town Hall

What type information: lot plans inscriptions  
gravestone descriptions other

There is a composition notebook which is kept in the Town Clerks' vault. It contains the names and dates of death of the paupers.

1. Town Middleborough, Mass.

Location Wood St.

Name Middleboro Pauper Cemetery

Condition: Well kept up Neglected  
(if neglected, explain how)

Trees have been allowed to grow up over the graves that are surrounded by a stone wall.

Approx. number gravestones 40

Earliest death date 1832

Most recent death date 1919

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

The History of Middleborough (Weston, 1906) indicates that the cemetery was first used in 1831, and contained about 30 graves with rough stones.

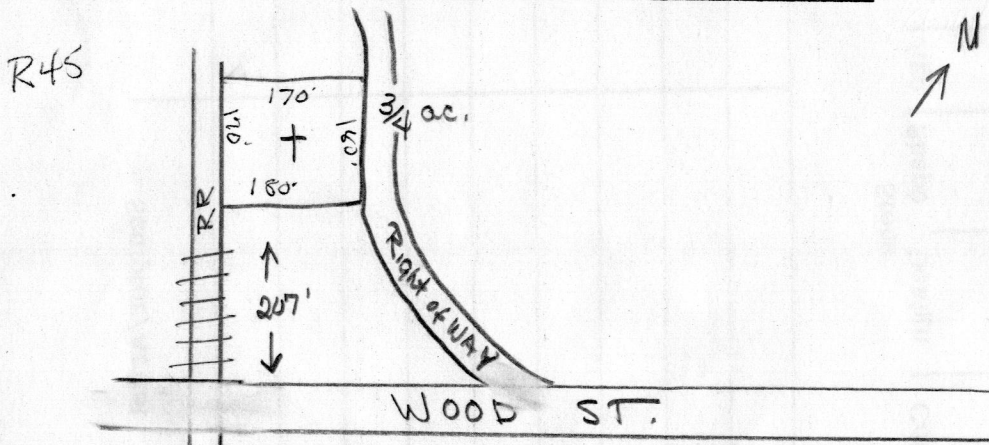
The Notebook

Even though the records start in 1829, the first name of a State Pauper is that of Sephien? Thomson who died 24 July 1832. Of the 22 names listed on the first page, only 3 are recorded in the Town Hall, 1 of which is a Bible record.

The right of way for this cemetery was given to the Town in 1855 for \$10.00 by Sophronia and Priscilla Wood, daughters of Daniel and by the daughter of Ichabod Wood.

3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) none inscription legibility

4. MAP: Footage from street 207'



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