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Inventory No:	SWN.842
Historic Name:	Slade Cemetery
Common Name:	
Address:	Brayton St Btn Brayton and Prospect Sts
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	HA-19;
Year Constructed:	
Use(s):	Abandoned or Vacant; Burial Ground;
Significance:	Archaeology, Historic; Community Planning; Religion;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	
Demolished	No



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FORM E - BURIAL GROUND

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Fall River

842

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Sketch Map

see attached map

Town Swansea

Place (neighborhood or village) 8

Address or Location Between Brayton and Prospect streets.

Name: Slade Cemetery

Ownership ☐ Public ☒ Private

Approximate Number of Stones 2

Earliest Death Date Unknown

Latest Death Date Unknown

Landscape Architect _____

Condition deteriorated

Acreage Less than one acre

Setting Currently rural and wooded. Cemetery is located north of an operational electrical easment.

Recorded by Anna Graves

Organization PAL

Date (month/day/year) 4/19/2004

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BURIAL GROUND FORM

Community:

Address:

VISUAL/DESIGN ASSESSMENT

The Slade Cemetery is located within the boundaries of a large agricultural archaeological site. The cemetery is not specifically delineated but is contained within three stone walls of what appears to be a yard area associated with the house and barn. The cemetery is located north of an operational electrical easement. Only two unmarked slate stones are visible within the cemetery area.

The area is wooded and partially overgrown with briars, poison ivy and small trees. Some ornamental trees (cedar) and grassy areas were noted all around the associated farmstead and likely represent yard areas.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Slade Cemetery consists of two unmarked slate headstones, located within the remains of a large agricultural complex. The agricultural complex consists of a large collapsed barn foundation, a house foundation, several (3-5) outbuilding foundations, a stone lined well, and stone lined roadway/bar ways.

The gravestones are located approximately 30-ft to the northwest of the cellar hole. No standing fence or other means of demarcation was noted around the two gravestones, and it is possible that more than two people are buried in this area. The proximity of the gravestones to the possible house foundation is unusual and may indicate that the cellar hole is not actually a house but another type of structure associated with the agricultural complex.

Historic map research in the area indicates that the agricultural complex was constructed sometime prior to 1871 (Beers 1871). A small road, house and outbuilding are shown under the name "F. Slade." An 1895 map shows a small road on the eastern side of a large, slightly L-shaped house and three outbuildings in the vicinity of the site, belonging to "F. & A. Slade" (Everts & Richards 1895). Other historic maps of Swansea and Somerset do not show any structures at the site location.

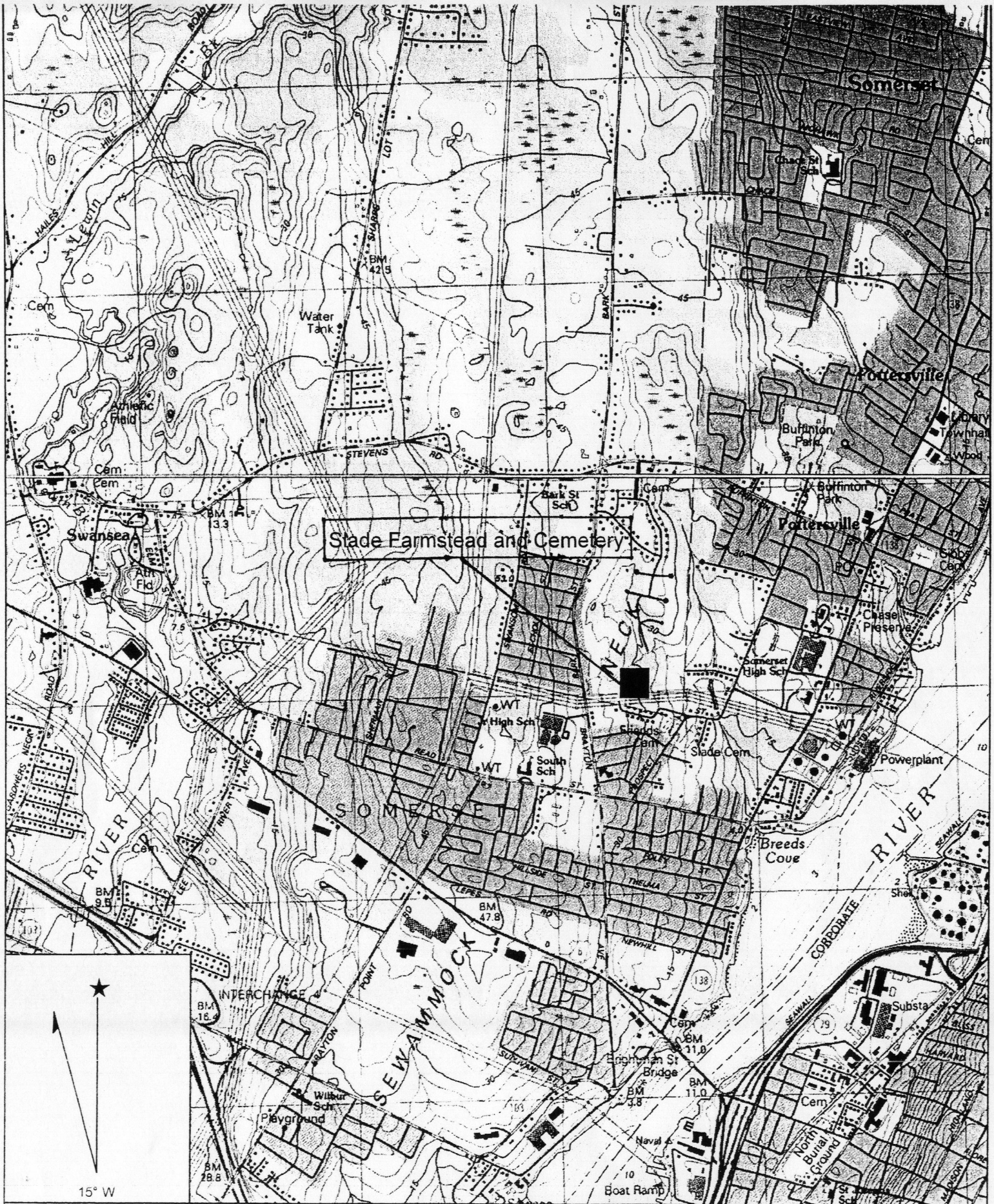
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Name: FALL RIVER
 Date: 4/16/2004
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 19 319793 E 4623682 N
 Caption: Location of the Slade Farmstead and Cemetery, Swansea,
 Massachusetts

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