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Inventory No:	SWN.800
Historic Name:	South Gardner Cemetery
Common Name:	
Address:	Old Gardners Neck Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Ocean Grove; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	C 1696
Use(s):	Burial Ground;
Significance:	Religion;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	
Demolished	No



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1. Town SWANSEA

Location Old Gardner's Neck Road

Name South Gardner Cemetery

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

Approx. number gravestones 77

Earliest death date 1696

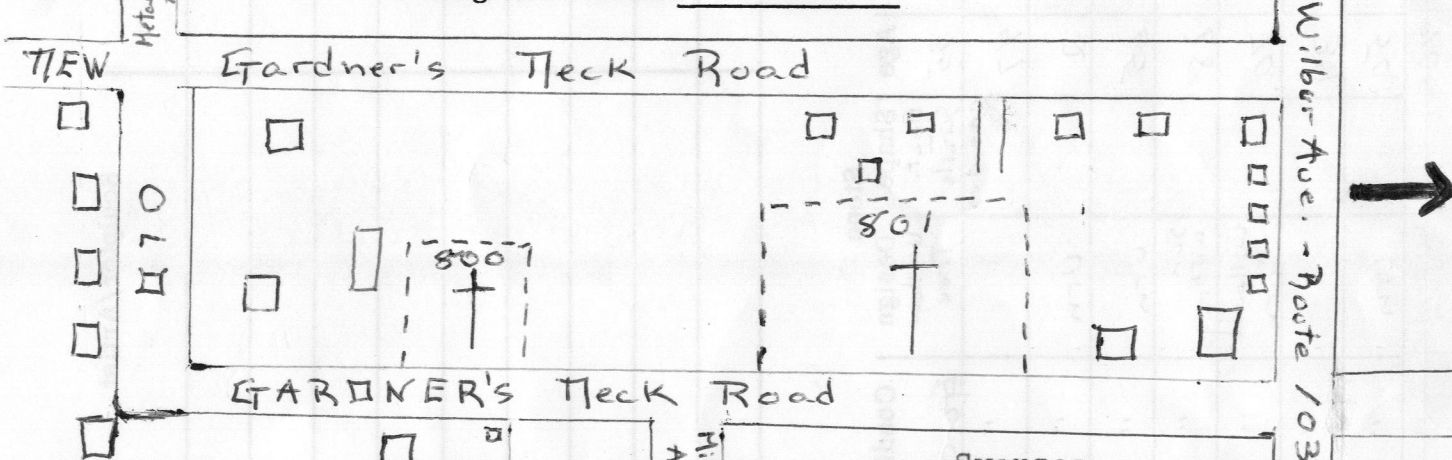
Most recent death date 1896

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

The South Gardner Cemetery is across the street from the site of the home of the first Samuel Gardner who settled on Gardner's Neck in 1693. He established the cemetery and his is the earliest death date there-1696. When his son, Samuel, divided Gardner's Neck between his two sons, Samuel and Peleg, provision was made that Peleg and his family who inherited the lower half of the Neck should have the privilege of being buried in this cemetery although it was on his brother Samuel's property. The original stones marking the graves of Peleg and his wife Hannah have been replaced. Plain stones in the southwest corner are said to mark the graves of slaves of the Gardner family. The stones for Samuel of the first generation and his wife, Elizabeth, have been replaced. Stones for Gardners of the second generation are either missing or undecipherable.

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

4. MAP: Footage from street 6 feet



Name of Recorder Calvin L. Gardner

Swansea
Organization Historical Soc. Date 5/11/78

For MHC use: USGS

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5. INDIVIDUAL STONES

A. Architectural or Sculptural Monuments

Family Name	Date of Monument	Type	Sculptor/Artist	Photo

B. Pre-1830 Stones

Key Words	Status	Last Name	First Name	Sex	Death Date	Age	Stone Shape	Design	Condition	Photo
	IV Generation husband of Avis Gardner IV Generation	Gardner,	Israel	M.	1783	35	Rect. Scrolls on sides	Tree	Good	
	Son of Capt. Henry IV Gen.	Shearman	Preserved	M.	1801	47			"	
	Wife of Elder Philip Slade	Gardner	William	M.	1809	2		Urn	"	
Sacred to the memory of		Slade	Elizabeth	F.	1810	65		Urn	"	
	Wife of Samuel (IV)	Gardner	Elizabeth	F.	1816	68		Sun with rays	"	
	husband of Elizabeth	Gardner	Samuel	M.	1822	70		Willow + urn	"	
	Son of Elizabeth + Samuel	Gardner	Israel	M.	1827	39			"	
	husband of Anna	Gardner	Peleg	M.	1821	50		Urn	"	Xb-6
Sacred to the memory of	husband of Lydia	Gardner	Peleg	M.	1814	70		Willow + urn	"	b-5
In memory of	wife of Peleg	Gardner	Lydia	F.	1826	79			"	X b-4

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Peleg Gardner - 1814.
May 1978.



Peleg Gardner - 1821.
May 1978.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file
 Copies: Inventory form
 Town file(w/corresp.)
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 NR director _____

Community: Swampscott

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 12 Aug 09

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 26 Aug 09, 2 Sep 09

Type: ☒ Individual ☐ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Swampscott Cemetery/Andrews Chapel Inventory Form: SWA/800,17

Address: Essex Street

Requested by: Louis Gallo for LHC

Action: ☐ Honor ☐ ITC ☐ Grant ☐ R & C

Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review:

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

DISTRICTS

☒ Eligible
☐ Eligible, also in district
☐ Eligible only in district
☐ Ineligible
☐ More information needed

☐ Eligible
☐ Ineligible
☐ More information needed

CRITERIA: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

LEVEL: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Phil Bergen

65-acre town cemetery allegedly used in 18th century (part of Lynn). Only town cemetery in Swampscott. 1923 Gothic Andrews Memorial Chapel. Variety of monuments, gates, burial sites.

Questions: are there any actual 18th century tablets? Modern burials only confined to new section of cemetery or scattered? Interior photos of chapel? Were there land additions to cemetery, or was this intact from beginning? Carver identification? Current photos made larger, original prints?

More information needed.

9.2.09 MSt site visit... Cemetery is eligible, only on the older (western) side. Questions remain about landscape architect, development of land and road pattern, addition of land (if possible), carvers, alleged 18th century stones, and location of earlier Swampscott burials