

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SWN.814
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Christ Church Cemetery
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	Main St Behind Christ Church
<b>City/Town:</b>	Swansea
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Gardner's Neck;
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	C 1841
<b>Use(s):</b>	Burial Ground;
<b>Significance:</b>	Religion;
<b>Area(s):</b>	SWN.D
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (02/16/1990); Nat'l Register MRA (02/16/1990);
<b>Building Materials:</b>	
<b>Demolished</b>	No



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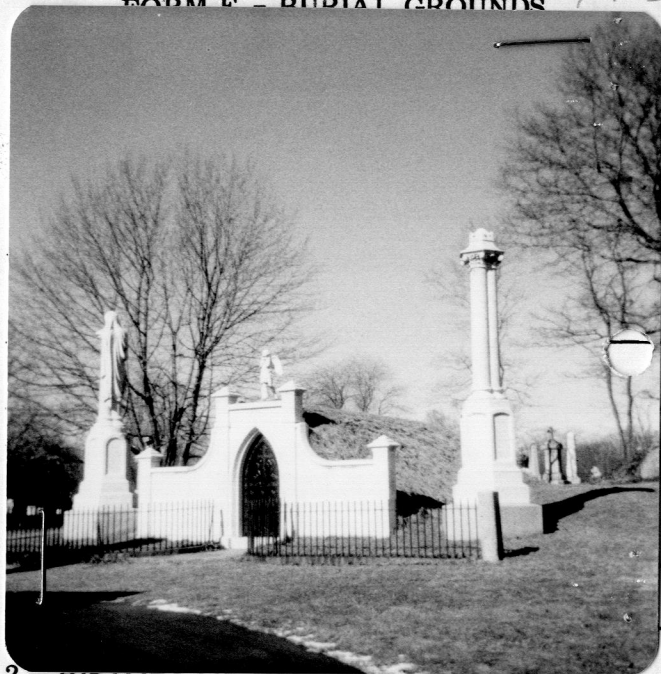
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1. Town SWANSEA  
 REAR OF CHRIST CHURCH, MAIN STREET  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name CHRIST CHURCH CEMETERY  
 Condition: Well kept up Neglected  
 (if neglected, explain how) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Approx. number gravestones 200-300  
 Earliest death date APR. 16, 1841  
 Most recent death date 1978

## 2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

THIS GRAVEYARD WAS LAID OUT BY CHRIST CHURCH IN 1847. HOWEVER THERE ARE EARLIER GRAVESTONES, SHOWING PEOPLE WERE REINTERRED THERE AFTER THE OPENING. ALSO THE STEVENS FAMILY, BENEFACTORS OF THE TOWN, ARE BURIED IN A CRYPT. FRANK STEVENS AND JAMES BIRCH WERE PIONEERS IN THE STAGECOACH AND FREIGHTING BUSINESS AND PROSPERED IN CALIFORNIA IN 1849.

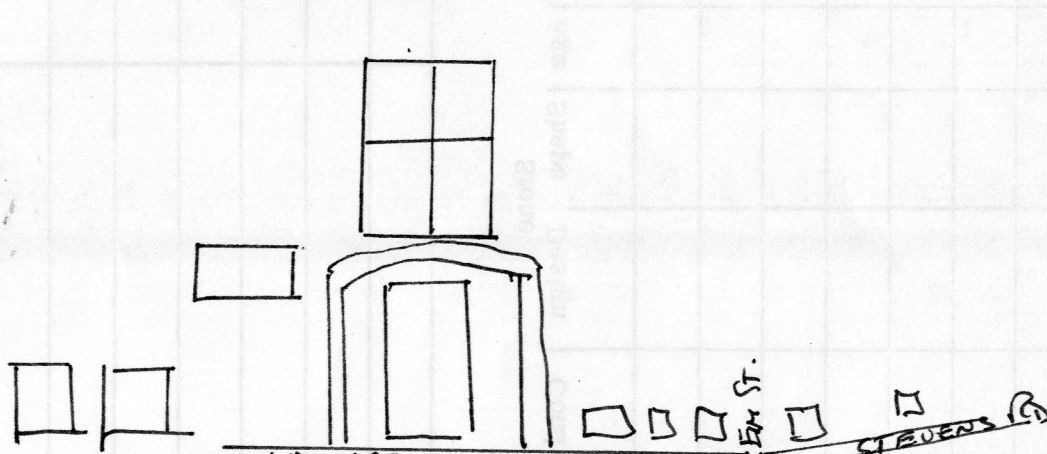
3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) \_\_\_\_\_ inscription legibility \_\_\_\_\_

4. MAP: Footage from street 300

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### B. Pre-1830 Stones

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