

# 801

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

1. Town So. Chelmsford

Location Garrison Road & Parkerville R

Religious affiliation None (formerly Baptist) Name Heart Pond Cemetery

Owner Town of Chelmsford Condition: Well kept up Neglected  
(if neglected, explain how)

Who has further information about burial ground?

Miss Eleanor Parkhurst

(Address) 51 Acton Rd. Chelmsford

What type information: lot plans inscriptions  
gravestone descriptions other History

Approx. number gravestones 350

Also knows who has other information. Earliest death date 1776

Most recent death date current

2. HISTORY OF BURIAL GROUND

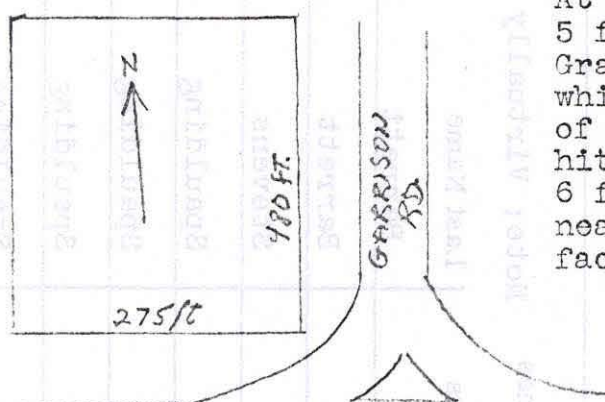
In 1774, this burying ground was given to the Town by Dr. John Betty. In 1792 the Town built a wall around it, and this was repaired in 1836. In 1813 John Adams was allowed to build a tomb here. The burying ground was enlarged in 1852 and again in 1870 and 1892. In 1874 the receiving tomb was built.

The wife & two children of Dr. Jonas Marshall of South Chelmsford died in December 1776 of smallpox contracted from a passing soldier who spent the night at his home. That house is the present Barrett-Byam museum of the Chelmsford Historical Society. Their graves are the oldest in this burying ground.

source: Waters, History of Chelmsford

3. MONUMENTS-Overall condition: upright fallen (approx. no.) 0 inscription legibility good

4. MAP: Footage from street 5 ft. to 14 ft.



At road junction, Garrison Road is barely 5 feet from the fence corner. Grave yard surrounded by white wooden fence which is generally 10 to 14 feet from edge of pavement. However there are granite hitching posts outside the fence and within 6 feet of the pavement. These are located near the center portion of both sides which face the roads, but not near the corner.

Name of Recorder William H. Drury Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission Date 9-15-72

For MHC use: USGS Form # \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. INDIVIDUAL STONES

## A. Architectural or Sculptural Monuments

Family Name	Date of Monument	Type	Sculptor/Artist	P

## B. Pre-1830 Stones

Note: Virtually all these stones have a "weeping willow" design.  
Death Stone

Key Words	Status	Last Name	First Name	Sex	Date	Age	Shape	Design	Condition	P
stimo	Mrs	Barrett	Elizabeth	F	Jan 24, 1820	82	F		good	
eimo	Mr	Barrett	Joel	M	6-5-1805	67	F		good	
imo	Mr	Stevens	Amson	M	4-11-1817	48	F		good	
---	---	Spaulding	Ira	M	9-13-1829	56	A		good	
imo	---	Spaulding	Asa	M	2-14-1796	1	F		good	
imo	---	Spaulding	Elijah	M	10-14-1798	15	C		good	
imo	Mrs.	Spaulding	Mary	F	12-20-1820	64	F		good	
imo	---	Proctor	Rufus	M	10-18-1800	1	F		good	



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---	Mr	Chamberlain	John	M	9-23-1828	30	F		good	
imo	Mrs	Simonds	Elizabeth	F	9-28-1829	21	F		good	
sttmo	Ens.	Pelsue	William	M	10-2-1808	35	F		good	
---	---	Bancroft	Isaac	M	5-17-1827	0	A		good	
imo	Mrs	Bancroft	Mary	F	1-3-1825	28	F		good	
imo	---	Proctor	Hosea	M	3-6-1796	19	C	?	good	
imo	Mr	Heywood	Joseph	M	9-1-1805	45	F		good	
imo	Mr	Heywood	James	M	11-6-1791	66	E	13	good	
imo	Mrs	Heywood	Sarah	F	3-3-1802	75	F		good	
eimo	Mrs	Marshall	Mary	F	12-17-1776	38	C	odd	good	
hltbo	---	Marshall	Sibyl	F	12-16-1776	1	E	odd	good	
hltbo	---	Marshall	John	M	12-25-1776	0	E	odd	good	
imo	---	McIntire	Nathanial	M	11-12-1829	18	F		good	
imo	Mrs	Proctor	Mary	F	11-6-1795	63	F		good	
eimo	Mr	Proctor	Samual	M	10-5-1799	73	F		good	
imo	---	Vose	Elizabeth	F	3-23-1820	30	F		good	
---	---	Vose	Rufus	M	12-11-1817	1	F		good	

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imo	Mr	Adams	John	M	1-22-1824	37	F		good	
imo	Miss	Adams	Lucy	F	10-13-1808	15	F		good	
---	Lieutenant	Adams	Samuel	M	9-3-1816	62	B		good	
imo	---	Adames	Sally	F	8-5-1793	1	E		good	
imo	Mr	Adams	Robert	M	9-19-1798	47	F		good	
sttmo	Mrs	Adams	Sarah	F	1-5-1808	84	F		good	
eimo	Mr	Adams	John	M	3-15-1791	71	E	13	good	
---	---	Hutchins	Solomon	M	2-28-1813	1	F		good	
imo	Mrs	Hutchins	Marcy	F	5-3-1796	85	C	odd	good	
imo	Widow	Hutchins	Anna	F	6-8-1819	86	F		good	
imo	Mr	Hutchins	Thomas	M	10-15-1807	78	F		good	
imo	Widow	Spaulding	Hannah	F	7-17-1814	83	F		good	
eimo	Mr	Spaulding	John	M	10-12-1805	80	F		good	
imo	Mrs.	Spaulding	Lucy	F	3-20-1802	40	F		good	
imo	2 children	Spaulding	Elijah Hannah	M F	7-29-1800 10-28-1801	0 1	F		good	
---	---	Spaulding	Mary Ann	F	11-10-1821	10	F		good	
imo	Mr	Spaulding	Henry	M	4-25-1827	63	F		good	
imo	Mr	Adams	Benjamin	M	9-26-1826	82	F		good	
imo	Mrs	Brown	Lucy	F	8-17-1814	36	F		good	
imo	---	Chamberlin	Lucy Elizabeth	F	1-7-1827	0	F		good	



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
CHELMSFORD

Property Address  
PARKERVILLE RD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

	801
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## Heart Pond Cemetery      Corrections

The correct spelling of this burying ground and the pond for which it is named, is HEART, rather than Hart. Wilkes Allen, in his History of Chelmsford, published in 1820, pg. 39:

“The only pond in town, is Heart Pond, which is a very pleasant basin of water of a few miles in circumference, much frequented, formerly, by those who were fond of angling. It lies in the south west corner of town, and in form resembles a heart.”

The earliest graves in Heart Pond Cemetery are not those of the Marshall family, contrary to beliefs held until a few years ago, when a new record was located in a book now, 2005, held by the Unitarian Society of Chelmsford.

### A Book of Records of the Church of Christ in Chelmsford

Memorandum by the Rev. Ebenezer Bridge, in his handwriting, located at the rear of the book:

“There was a new burying place began in the year 1774 – near the Baptist meeting place, South End – By the burial of a child of one Elisha Rich a Baptist teacher, as well as a blacksmith by trade - & who was ( ) after, ordained, viz: 5<sup>th</sup> October 1774.

Dec. : 26 Infant child of Thos Hutchins

However, I did not look upon myself as called to keep a record of the burial in the burying place, so I left off early.”

The Baptists in South Chelmsford had broken ties with the established town church in the center of Chelmsford, of which the Rev. Bridge was the minister.

Cemetery Information of Varied Importance

HEART POND CEMETERY:

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Town Order Books 1843 - 1860

Orders by Selectmen to Joseph Manning, Town Treasurer

February 24, 1854

No. 35

Pay to Mr. Solomon E. Byam, or order \$21.00

Being for building a wall around the South Burying ground in Chelmsford

FOREFATHERS' CEMETERY:

The earliest marked grave is that of Grace Livermore, wife of John, but until just recently it has been not known who she was or why she happened to be buried here.

Livermore Family of America, by Walter Eliot Thiving, 1902

"Grace Livermore, his wife, was an obstetrician, and was sometimes summoned to court as a witness in cases where she had acted professionally. She died January 14, 1690, in Chelmsford..... buried near the gate. Her will, dated December 19, 1690, proved June 16, 1691, mentioned her son and daughter, Abraham and Martha\* of Chelmsford, where she died; also son John Coolidge; grandson James Townsend; her sons John, Nathaniel and Samuel, but not Daniel."

According to a descendant, Bennie Larj, Grace Sherman was the wife of John Livermore, who died in Watertown, Massachusetts in 1684.

Lowell Courier-Citizen

July 24, 1916

The hedge about Forefathers' cemetery is receiving a much needed pruning. The cemetery property is under the conscientious care of J. Roland Parkhurst, who has had charge of the grounds for the past ten years. He is deeply interested in the work and knows the old cemetery by heart. The Pine Ridge cemetery is also under his care, and he is able to tell the exact location of the 100 or more unmarked graves to be found there.

\* Chamberlain





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