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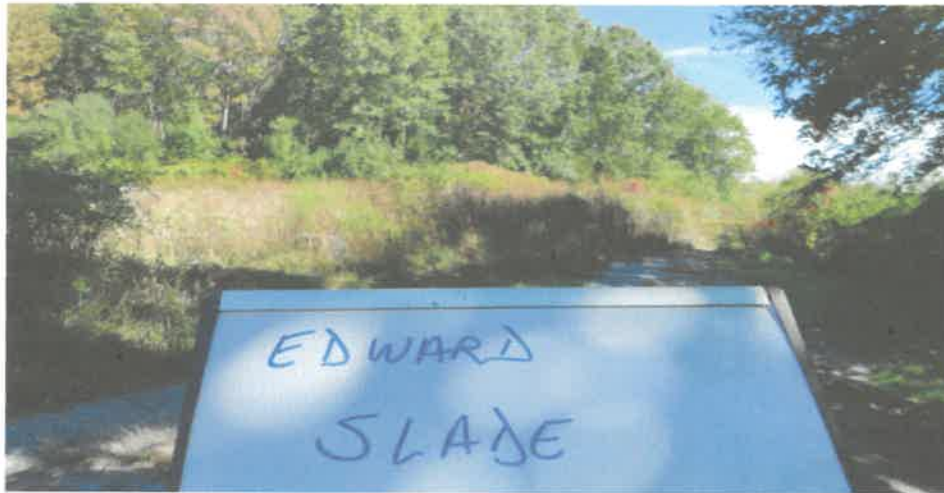
## Edward Slade Cemetery

### Location:

This cemetery was described in 1975 as follows: "East end of Old North St, just off Elm St. Rough field stone walls encompass an area approximately 100' square. Cemetery is located on a little knoll approached by a winding path from North St and overlooking the present reservoir. Two marble headstones evidently that of Mary Ann Slade and Edward Slade, her husband." The previous survey done in 1937 by Harvey described the cemetery as being "North of North St. ¼ mile E. of Elm". At the time of the 1937 survey, the reservoir had not yet been build, and what we now know as "Old North St", was the original North St. As of 2014, "North St" was a diverted around the reservoir after its construction.

### Condition:

As of 9/2014, an attempt was made to reach the cemetery through the gate and overgrown path at the dead end of Old North St. There was significant weed and poison ivy growth in the area about 6ft high, and the cemetery could not be reached or located. The knoll was visible and covered with trees, and appeared to be the likely area from the description. Searching on the satellite image of the area on Google Maps, the outline of the cemetery stone wall is visible in the wooded knoll area this observer identified as the possible location. **Please see attached historical research re: Edward Slade.**



# Cemetery Reconnaissance Inspection Checklist



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Name of Cemetery: "EDWARD SLADE" (MACRIS SOM. 820)

Location: BETWEEN OLD NORTH ST and North St, Knoll overlooking Reservoir  
 State: MA Site No.:

UTM Coordinates: Datum: Zone: E: N:

Date: 9/2014 Photographs: Yes

Maintenance Item	Standard	Sat	Unsat	Remarks
1. Grounds	Grass is cut, no rubbish or debris on the ground. Good landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	weeds > 6' tall, Poison Ivy, dense unable to reach cemetery
2. Roads	Paved with no potholes and no flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dead End, pot holes
3. Burial Sites	No sinking burial sites. Old flowers and other items disposed of properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown, could not reach
4. Monuments	Intact, not broken or in need of repair/replacement. In proper position.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown, could not reach
5. Plaques or Other Features	Clean and maintained with no broken items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown, could not reach
6. Structures or Buildings	Clean and maintained, good general housekeeping. No structural deficiencies. Roof and gutter good condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
7. Safety	No hazardous conditions such as uneven sidewalks or fire conditions. No monument threats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poison Ivy, ticks, mud
8. Drainage	Proper maintenance of culverts, downspouts, grates and good site drainage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	on Knoll, but could not visualize
9. Utilities	Has water and electricity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
10. ADA	Meets ADA requirements for bathrooms, parking, access routes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
11. Other	General observations regarding monuments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

12. Overall Condition of Site  
 Standard: Excellent site had no discrepancies. It was clean and well maintained with the monuments in overall good condition. Good site has minor discrepancies, however, it was clean and well maintained. Fair site required repairs and/or maintenance. Abandoned site requires extensive preservation efforts.

E  G  F  A  Remarks: Appears abandoned, could not access site

Priorities: High Priority  
 attempt again when foliage down

Slade family

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Edward Slade is  
the same

THE "EDWARDSLADE" HOUSE

The land on which our house stands was first owned by Capt. Matthew Fuller in 1677. Capt. Fuller received the land as his portion of the Shawomet Purchase. He was an aide to then Gov. Josiah Winslow. Gov. Winslow was the third generation of his family in succession to be governor of Plymouth colony and the grandson of the first white man to set foot on Shawomet Lands.

Capt. Fuller owned Lots One, Two and Three of the portion of the Shawomet Purchase known as the Out Lot. This was a total of about 90 acres of land whose modern boarders would be Buffington Street on the North, the Prospect Street curve before the Friends Meeting House on the South, Prospect Street on the East and the Swansea boundary line on the West.

Lot One, beginning at the Prospect Street curve near the Friends Meeting House was 14 1/2 acres: Lot Two, which went as far North as present-day Luther Avenue was 20 1/2 acres: and Lot Three, the site of our home, stretched from present-day Luther Avenue on the South to Buffington Street on the North and contained 55 acres.

In 1693 these three lots were the property of a Thomas Hinkley. We were not able to learn much in our research about Hinkley. We were not able to determine how or when Hinkley obtained ownership of the land from Capt. Fuller.

We do know Hinkley owned the land at that time because we find a transfer of ownership of Lots One, Two and Three from Thomas Hinkley to Peleg Sherman in 1693.

The deed from Hinkley to Peleg Sherman makes no mention of housing anywhere on the entire 55 acre tract. Since it was the custom to mention housing or dwellings in land transfers, we would have to presume that there were still no houses on this portion of the Out Lot in 1693.

In 1703, Peleg Sherman transferred ownership of Lot Two and Lot Three, a total of about 75 1/2 acres bounded on the north by Buffington Street, to his son, Benjamin Sherman. This deed does mention housing. However, it does not indicate where the housing was located on the 75 1/2 acres - whether it was on Lot Two or Lot Three.

Later land transfers will indicate that the house, mentioned by Peleg in the transfer of land to his son Benjamin, was somewhere on Lot Two or the southern portion of Lot Three and therefor could not be our home.

In 1713, Benjamin Sherman sold Lot One, Lot Two and Lot Three, the 90 acre tract, to John Pearse. This transfer of ownership also mentions housing. But we still have to presume the house was in Lot two or the southern portion of Lot three because of what we will show in the next transaction.

In 1722, John Pearse sold to Edward Slade 47 acres of the original 55 acres of Lot Three. The northern boundary of this purchase was Buffington Street. There is no mention of housing when Edward Slade bought the land.

John Pearse sold to a James Lutner, in 1725. Lot One, Lot Two and the remaining 8 acres of Lot Three.

In 1723, William Slade, father of Edward Slade, willed to Edward, two lots of land North of Buffington Street and adjoining the land, according to the will, "where Edward now dwells"

This is the first mention of a house or dwelling on the northermost 27 acres of the original 55 acres of Lot Three of the Out Lot and the first mention we could find of the existence of our home.

Since Edward acquired the land in 1722 from John Pearse, we would have to date our house somewhere between 1722 and 1723. We decided to sin on the side of conservatism and use the date 1724 as a certain date for the completion of the home of Edward Slade.

Edward Slade was married three times. By his second wife, he had a son, Samuel.

Edward Slade b. 1694 d 1755  
Edward Slade jr b 11/11/1728

Samuel Slade inherited our house and land and willed it to his son Robert, in 1817.

Robert willed the house and land, with the exact boundaries of our present property (107 rods, more or less, with a house and with mention of our stone wall and its exact dimensions), to his son Henry.

Robert's will stipulates that Henry's mother could continue to use the house as long as she remained a widow. The widow Slade was also given a promise of a continued supply of firewood and the use of the well. The well, although not now in use, is still to be found aside our house in the front yard.

In 1823, Henry Slade and his wife, Elizabeth sold the home and property to James Luther. Again in this transaction the exact boundaries of our property and our home and outbuildings are mentioned.

Hart's history states on page 85 that the Weaver property, including the homestead of James Luther was purchased in 1843 by Obediah Gardner, whose Bakery and home in Fall River had been destroyed by the Great Fire.

This is not true. There are no transactions listed in the registry. We have pictures of the Gardners in the house in the 1800's. Also in the town tax books, the Gardners did not pay a real estate tax even though they lived here. We believe the Obediah Gardner family rented the house for about 26 years.

In 1868, Fidelia Luther, widow of James Luther, gave public notice of an auction of the property.

On Jan 5, 1869, Hannah Gardner, wife of Obediah, purchased our home and land and three other pieces of property at the auction for \$3,550.

In June of 1877, records show that the mortgage was paid off and recorded.

In 1914, Chester Borden received one half the our present home and land from Charles Gardner, son of Obediah and Hannah. This was in Payment of a gambling debt, according to James Borden, Chester's son. At that time, Chester Borden and his family moved into the house.

In 1926, Chester Borden bought the other half of the property from Jeremiah Gardner and obtained a clear title to our land and house.

Following the death of Chester Borden, the house was purchased by Henry and Ruth Curt. Ruth is the granddaughter of Chester Borden.

In 1975 we bought the house from the Curts.

In the 253 years, from 1722-1975, the families that have lived in our home are the Slades, Luthers, Gardners, Bordens, Curts, and Sullivans.

From 1722-1823 it was inhabited by Slades - a total of 103 years.

From 1823-1843 it was the homestead of James Luther - a period of 20 years.

From 1843-1914, a period of 71 years, the Gardners lived here.

The Bordens occupied the house for 54 years, from 1914-1968.


The Curts lived here for seven years, from 1968-1975.

The Sullivans have been in the house for two years.

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President's note:

I'm sure the fervent wish of the membership of the Somerset Historical Society is that in the distant future, someone, continuing this research, will be able to write into the records, that the present nice owners, the "Sullivans", lived a long, happy life in this beautiful old house.

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## Suggested Edit

Find a Grave contributor, [Marilyn](#) has made the following suggested edits.

**[Edward Slade](#)** (136769991)

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**Suggested edit:** EDWARD SLADE, for many years a prominent resident of Somerset, Mass., died on Thursday last, aged 91 years. During early life Mr. Slade was a shipbuilder, but for the last fifty years he has devoted his attention to agriculture. He represented the town of Somerset in the Legislature for nine years, and was a colleague of Daniel Webster. He has also held other local offices of trust, being Selectman for some seventeen years. He leaves three children, one of whom, Avery P. Slade, Esq; is a member of the State Board of Agriculture. One daughter is the wife of the Rev. R. Edmunds of the Kneeland Street Christian Church, and another is the wife of the Rev. M J. Talbot, D. D., of the Providence M. E. Conference.

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