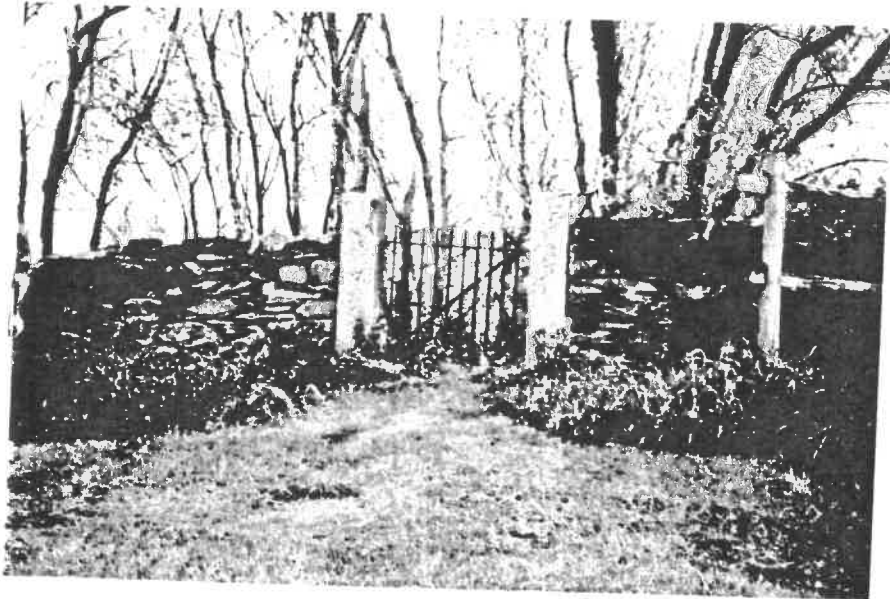


#7

Area	Form N
	325

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Somerset, Mass.

Whetstone Hill

Slade/Wilbur

Ownership:

Public

Private

DESCRIPTION:

Approximate number stones 18

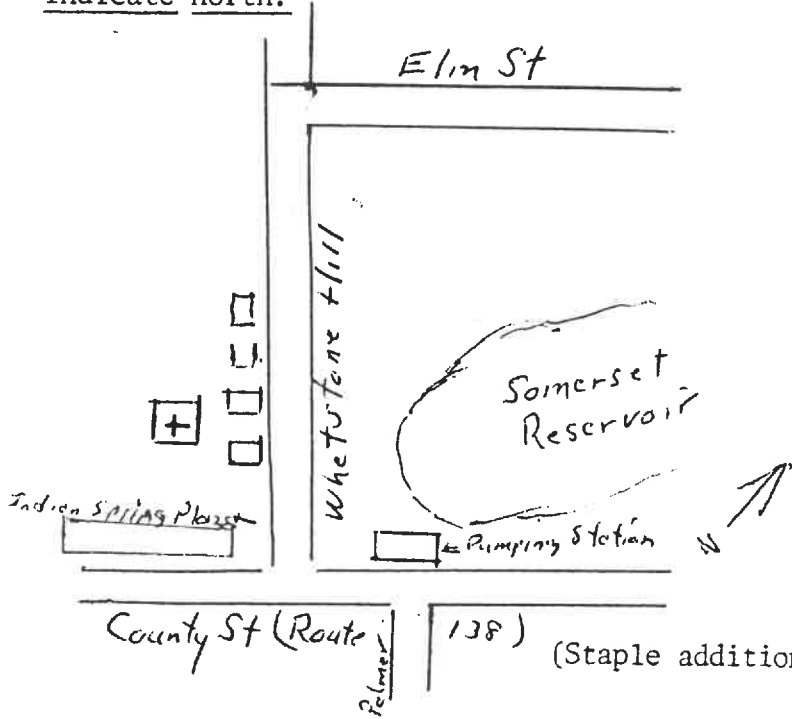
Oldest death date 1810

Most recent death date 1863

Condition Heavily covered with brush,
weeds, fallen timber, briars, poison ivy.
No headstones standing. Rock walls and
iron gate in good condition. Some paint
cans tossed in a corner. Uncared for.
Area approx. 50' x 80'.

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relationship to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Recorded by James Bradbury

Organization Somerset Historical Commission

Date 13 May 1983

County St (Route 138) (Staple additional sheets here)

ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK (describe materials used, designs, motifs, symbols that are either common or unusual, known carvers).

Jagged slate protruding slightly above ground constitute most of the headstone count. One standing stone of white sandstone has no motif. A small 12" diameter round white marble stone lying in brush bore the inscription "Lizzie and Jaime". Standing stone and fallen stones rectangular in shape with no motifs and no makers names discernible.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (discuss religious affiliations, major period of use, importance within town).

FORM E - BURIAL GROUNDS

#8

Area	Form No
	811

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Somerset

County Street at Bourn Avenue

Bourn

ship:

Public

Private

DESCRIPTION:

Approximate number stones 47

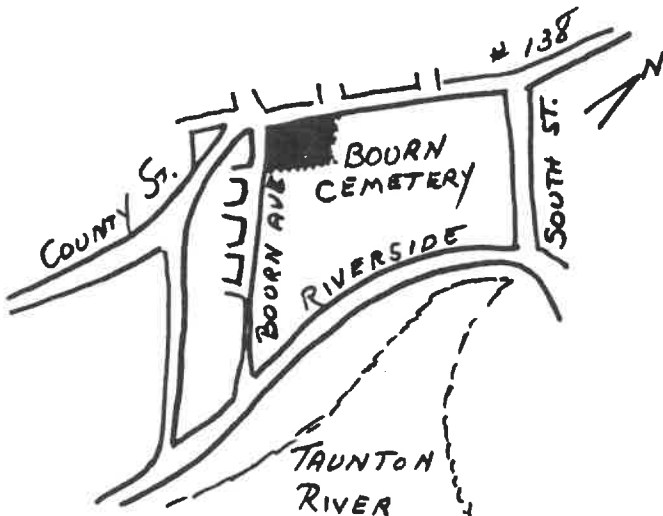
Oldest death date 1810

Most recent death date 1907

Condition stone walls around 150' x
150' area in good condition, as are
markers. Brush is cut, ground cover
easy to walk on.

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location
 in relationship to nearest cross streets
 and other buildings or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Louise B. Simcock

Organization Somerset Historical Comm.

Date April 20, 1983

ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK (describe materials used, designs, motifs, symbols that are either common or unusual, known carvers).

most markers are white marble, some of gray or red slate.

Col. Samuel Bourn's marker is of slate with rounded

top:



Entrance to cemetery is through granite arch. Pillars are one foot square about six feet high, with arch above adding another four feet. Bourn is on arch.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (discuss religious affiliations, major period of use, importance within town).

Col. Samuel Bourn, died 1810, earliest marker
Bourn, Blaisdell, Collins families buried here.
Middle eighteenth hundreds major period of use.

Bowers Cemetery (MACRIS SOM.809)




Location:

SW corner of South and Riverside Ave. Bounded by field stone wall, 80'x80'. A large granite block in the north wall has a carved date of the cemetery, and the reverse side of the block has a metal plaque with the names of the nine Bowers children and years of Benanuel, George, Jonathan, Mary, Henry, David, Jerathmael. Families include: Chace 1834, Clarke 1781, Harris, Palmer 1803, Bowers, James Harris 1839, Col. Philip Bowers 1822, Mary, wife of Philip Bowers 1827. In 1975, white marble headstones were evident along with rough gray slabs.

Condition:

Grounds clear, headstones down. In 1997, an ornate stone in memory of a Scottish teen who drowned in the Taunton River was standing, carved with weeping willows at the crest. It was located near the east wall, facing the river, midway across the cemetery, about 40' across, and about 10' from the east wall. By 2000, the stone had fallen over, and was broken in several large pieces. As of 2014, the stone is broken, possibly beyond repair in too many pieces, having been run over by lawn mowers. Perimeter of the cemetery has a border garden maintained by the Somerset Garden Club. MACRIS SOM.809, oldest documented marker documented at the time of MACRIS was 1750. In 2014, it is 1787.



Stone Inscription	Stone Image	Condition/Description
<p>“In Memory of William Les....Native of Scotland who was unfortunately drowned.....23d.....1801... Stone erected by John....”</p>		<p>Slate marker was erect in 1997, but has since been knocked over and broken in several pieces. May be beyond repair, but further assessment of pieces beneath weeds may reveal additional pieces. Currently about 40' across cemetery near east wall, about 10' from the east wall.</p>
<p>“Rebekah Chace who died Feb 28 1834 in her 74th year”</p>		<p>Slate marker, good condition, would benefit from cleaning. Currently standing about 15' SW of the William Les... marker</p>
<p>“In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth wife of Mr. Silas Charles(? Or Chace) she died Nov 23 1787 aged 47 years”</p>		<p>Engraving very worn, can barely be read, could benefit from cleaning to confirm inscription. Top of marker has artwork of face with wings on either side, primitive appearing. Currently standing about 15'WSW of the Rebekah Chace marker</p>

Inscription	Image	Condition Description
<p>Jesse Chace</p>		<p>Back NW corner, first marker standing in a cluster of two, needs cleaning, poor condition</p>
<p>Mrs Chace, died 1822 at 60th or 69th year of her age</p>		<p>Back NW corner, to the right of Jesse Chace, needs cleaning as it is difficult to read, needs confirmation of inscription</p>
<p>Joseph Palmer Died Feb 12, 1803</p>		<p>Marker is standing alone along the north wall in approx the 3rd row, well worn, nearly impossible to read.</p>

Bowers (Grid)

South St

NE			RIVER	SIDE		AVE				SE
	GATE									
					WILL	IAM				
						LES				
						REBE	KAH			
							CHAC	E		
							ELIZA	BETH		
							Wife	of	Silas	
	Joseph	Palmer								
		1803								
							James	Col P		Mary
							Harris	Bowers		Bowers
		Jesse	Mrs							
NW		Chace	Chace							SW

Not drawn to scale

Cemetery Reconnaissance Inspection Checklist



Chicora Foundation, Inc.
 PO Box 8664
 Columbia, SC 29202
 803-787-6910

Name of Cemetery: *BOWERS*

(SW)
 Location: *Corner Riverside/South*

State: *MA* Site No.:

UTM Coordinates: Datum: Zone: E: N:

Date: *10/6/2014* Photographs: *D. Goodwin*

Maintenance Item	Standard	Sat	Unsat	Remarks
1. Grounds	Grass is cut, no rubbish or debris on the ground. Good landscaping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Roads	Paved with no potholes and no flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Burial Sites	No sinking burial sites. Old flowers and other items disposed of properly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Monuments	Intact, not broken or in need of repair/replacement. In proper position.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>One fallen (slab), broken, in urgent need of repair</i>
5. Plaques or Other Features	Clean and maintained with no broken items	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Structures or Buildings	Clean and maintained, good general housekeeping. No structural deficiencies. Roof and gutter good condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>N/A</i>
7. Safety	No hazardous conditions such as uneven sidewalks or fire conditions. No monument threats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>N/A</i>
8. Drainage	Proper maintenance of culverts, downspouts, grates and good site drainage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>N/A</i>
9. Utilities	Has water and electricity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>N/A</i>
10. ADA	Meets ADA requirements for bathrooms, parking, access routes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>None</i>
11. Other	General observations regarding monuments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Previous repairs w/ metal frames</i>

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.

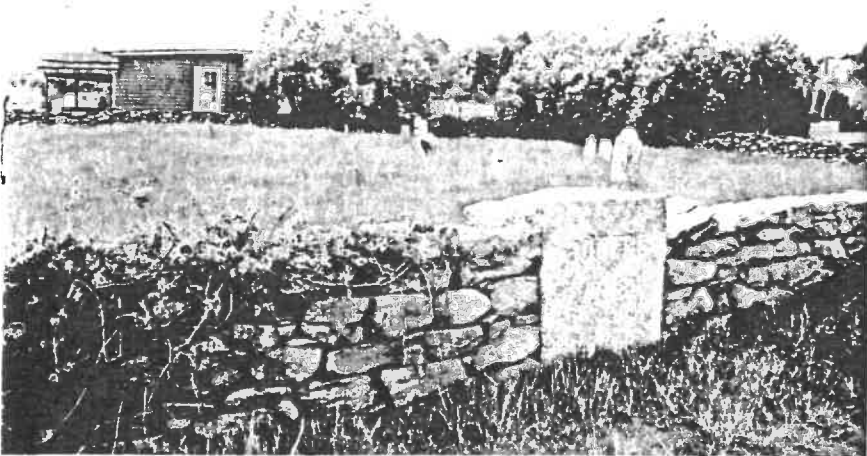
E G F A Remarks:
Minor issues, one monument needs urgent repair; others would benefit from cleaning

Priorities: *William Us.... monument @ gate fallen + shattered*

#9

Area	Form No
	803 76

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Somerset
 Address corner Riverside Ave. & South

Bowers

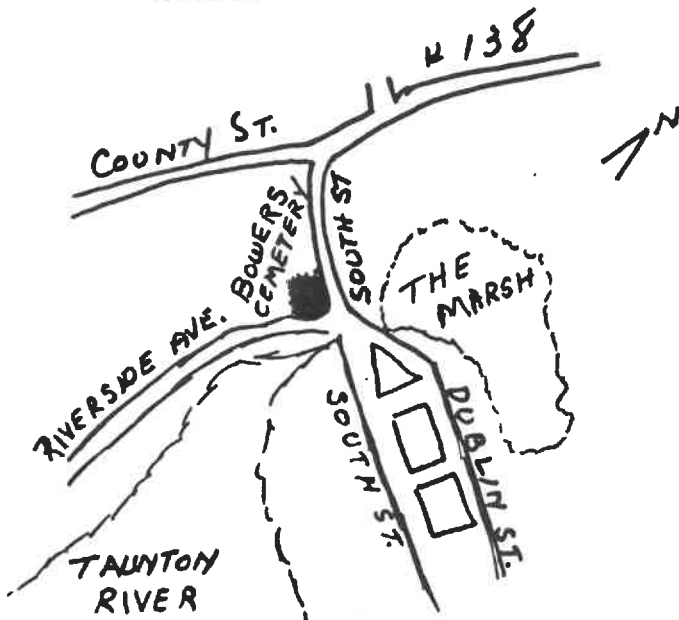
Ownership:
 Public
 Private

DESCRIPTION:
 Approximate number stones 47
 Oldest death date 1750
 Newest death date 1839

Condition 80' x 80' enclosed by
field stonewall, in good condition
well kept, grass mowed. Stone
markers which were broken, have
been repaired.
47 count includes 12 field stone
markers, just six inches above
ground.

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location
 in relationship to nearest cross streets
 and other buildings or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Louise B. Simcock
 Organization Somerset Historical Commission
 Date 20 April 1983

(Staple additional sheets here)

ASSESSMENT OF ART WORK (describe materials used, designs, motifs, symbols that are either common or unusual, known carvers).

Most of the markers are gray slate, some have inscription on back, "designer S. Tingley and Son"

Granite bolder in north stonewall has bronze plaque which reads:

Jonathan Bowers

Born 1673 - Died 1750

children

Benanuel	Henry
George	David
Benjamin	Jerathmael
Jonathan	Mary

Elizabeth

on obverse, inscribed in the boulder is "Bowers" 1708

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (discuss religious affiliations, major period of use, importance within town).

Bowers family known for its shipyard ^{AND SHIPPING} Jerathmael like his brothers, prospered in Somerset's new commerce and it is said was first to realize the possibilities of shipping livestock to the West Indies. He was elected first moderator of the new Somerset in 1799. In fact, Somerset was named as a compliment to his wife, Mary Sherburne ~~and~~ who had lived in Boston on Somerset Square.

Markers note: In memory of Col. Philip Bowers, June 1822 who died in his 42nd year. (broken, now repaired with wooden slats)

William Lees, native of Scotland, unfortunately, drown 1801. Erected by John Holahan.

Major period of use early eighteen hundreds.