

# Town of Bristol - Cemetery Survey



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# Cemetery Survey

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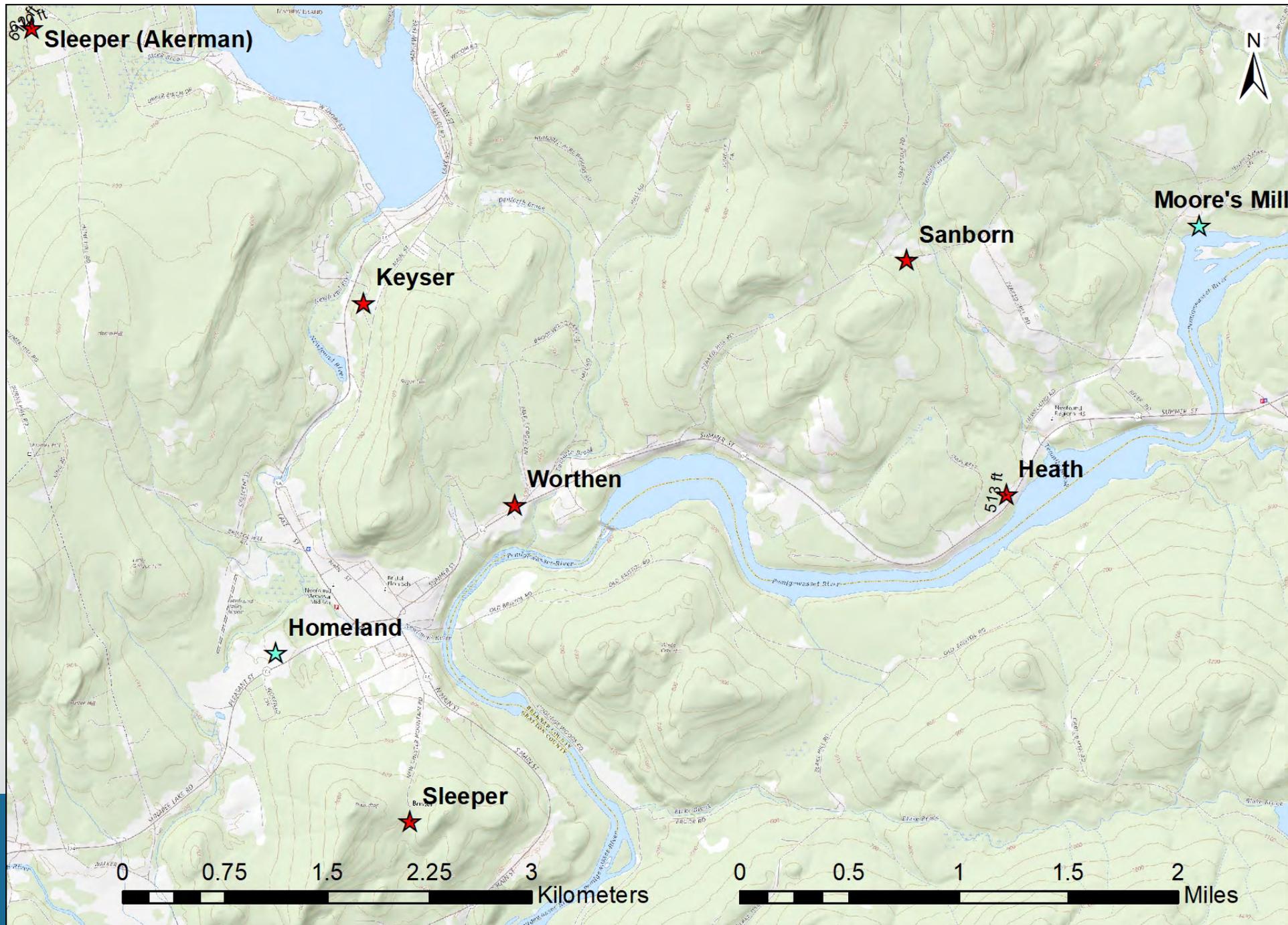
# Project Goals and Purpose of Study

- Three Steps of cemetery preservation:
  - ✓ 1. Documentation
  - ✗ 2. State and National Register Evaluation
  - ✗ 3. Preservation Plan





# Cemetery Locations





# Survey Methods

- Field survey
  - Baseline documentation (# of markers, size of area, fence or wall material, etc.)
  - Conditions assessment (e.g., vegetation encroachment, marker conditions)
  - Identification of archaeological sensitivity
  - Walkover and digital photography
  - Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) survey
- Historical Background
- Reporting - NHDHR Inventory Forms, GIS data
- Recommendations





# Photography

Akerman



Heath



Keyser



Sanborn



Sleeper



Worthen





# Conditions Assessments



Condition of Fences and Vegetation



Condition of Individual Markers

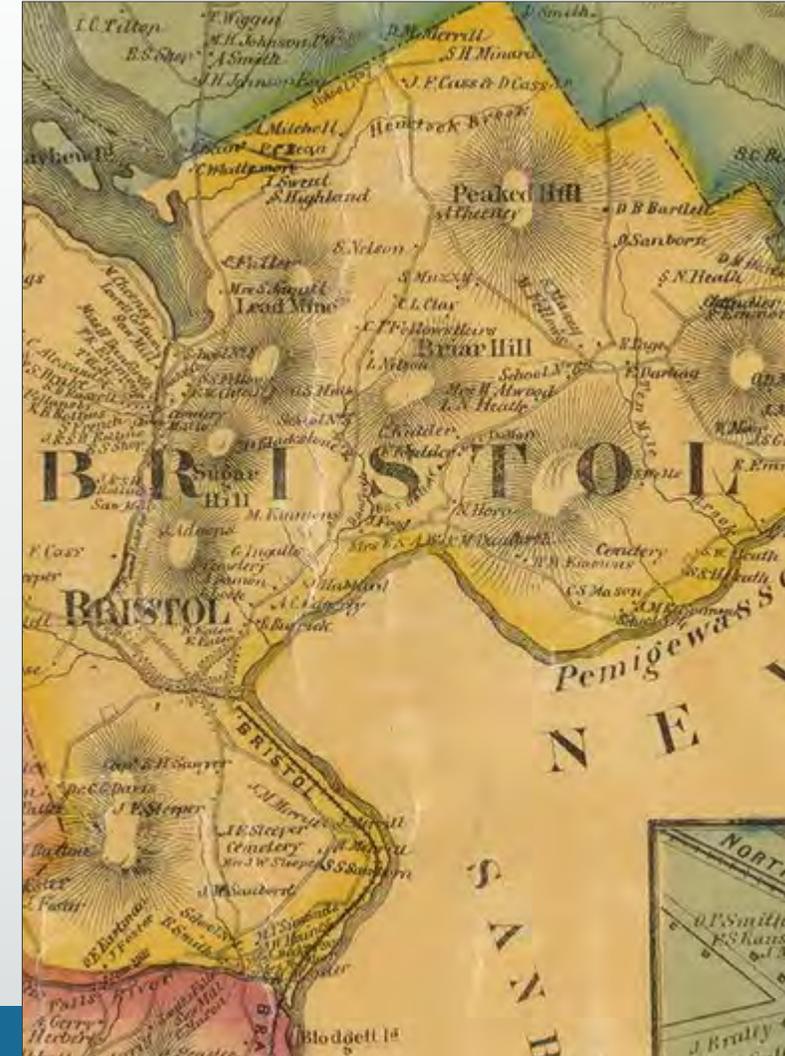
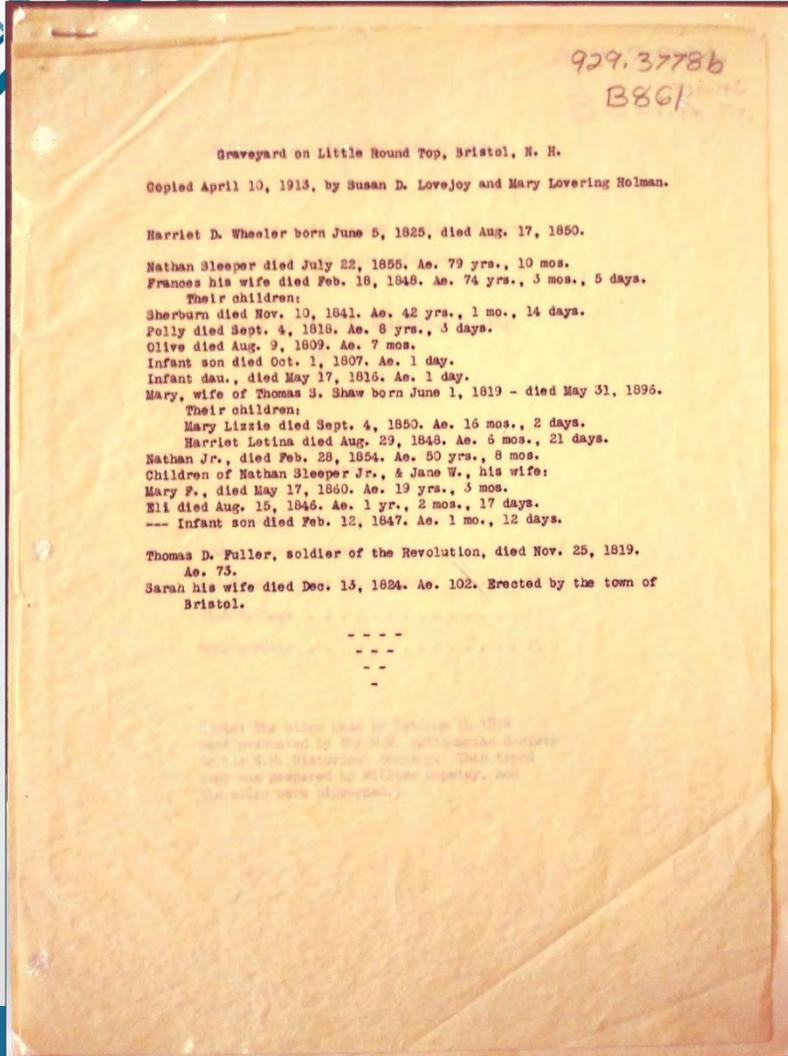




# Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)



# Background Research





# Reporting: NHDHR Inventory Form

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**BURIAL GROUND AND CEMETERY INVENTORY FORM**

**NHDHR INVENTORY #**

## Part I

### Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name Heath Cemetery
2. Street and number Summer St.
3. City or town Town of Bristol
4. County Grafton
5. Current owner Town of Bristol

Public:  Municipality  County  State  Federal

Private:  Family  Church Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fraternal  Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Current use(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Actively accepting new burials  Maintained, but not accepting new burials  
 Not maintained

7. Public accessibility  
 Unrestricted  Restricted  By foot  By car

For permission to visit, contact \_\_\_\_\_

8. Tax map/parcel # 221-025

### Form prepared by

1. Name Stefan Claesson
2. Organization Nearview LLC
3. Contact Information (email preferred) stefan@nearview.net
4. Date of survey May 3, 2019

### Maps

- Attach a USGS topographic map with the cemetery/burial ground identified.
- Attach a sketch map of the cemetery/burial ground (include a north arrow and scale, if appropriate)

### Photographs

Attach photographs of the cemetery/burial ground. Digital photographs are acceptable. All photographs must be clear, crisp and focused. Representative photographs of the cemetery/burial ground are fine. Please do not include photographs of every headstone/monument.

### Please return completed forms to:

New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources  
19 Pillsbury Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

*For Office Use Only:*

*State Plane Feet (NAD83):*

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## Part II

### Historical Information

1. Date established c. 1828
2. Source Ketchum, Silas (1874)
3. Date of first burial 1828
4. Date of last burial 1965
5. Date of abandonment 1965
6. Affiliation None

### Site Features

7. Setting Rural, located along Summer St. (Rt. 104), mixed forest cover
8. Outbuildings (mausoleums, chapels, columbaria, etc.) None
9. Landscape Features Stone walls

#### 10. Terrain (Check all that apply)

- Flat  Moderate hills  Steep terrain  Intermittent stream  
 Stream  River  Pond Lake  Unimproved road  Light duty road  
 Walkway  Power lines  Rail lines  Forest  Marsh  
 Swamp  Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 11. Design/style/layout

- Informal  Formal  Churchyard  Family Plot  
 Paupers/Potters Field  Rural  Lawn Park  Memorial Park

#### 12. Bounded by (Check all that apply)

- Fence (material) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wall (material) Stone, single wall  
 Gates (material) Iron gate, cut granite posts  
 Hedge/trees (type) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (explain) Sign post, galvanized pole, alloy plaque, black and white vinyl lettering "HEATH CEMETERY"  
 None

#### 13. Site Condition

- Maintained  Poorly maintained  Overgrown, easily identifiable  
 Overgrown, unidentifiable  
 Unidentifiable, but known to exist through tradition or other means (provide source) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 14. Headstone material(s) (Check all that apply)

- Slate  Marble  Granite  Sandstone  Fieldstone  
 Limestone  Concrete/cement  Bronze/zinc  Iron (cast/wrought)  
 Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 15. Acreage 0.26

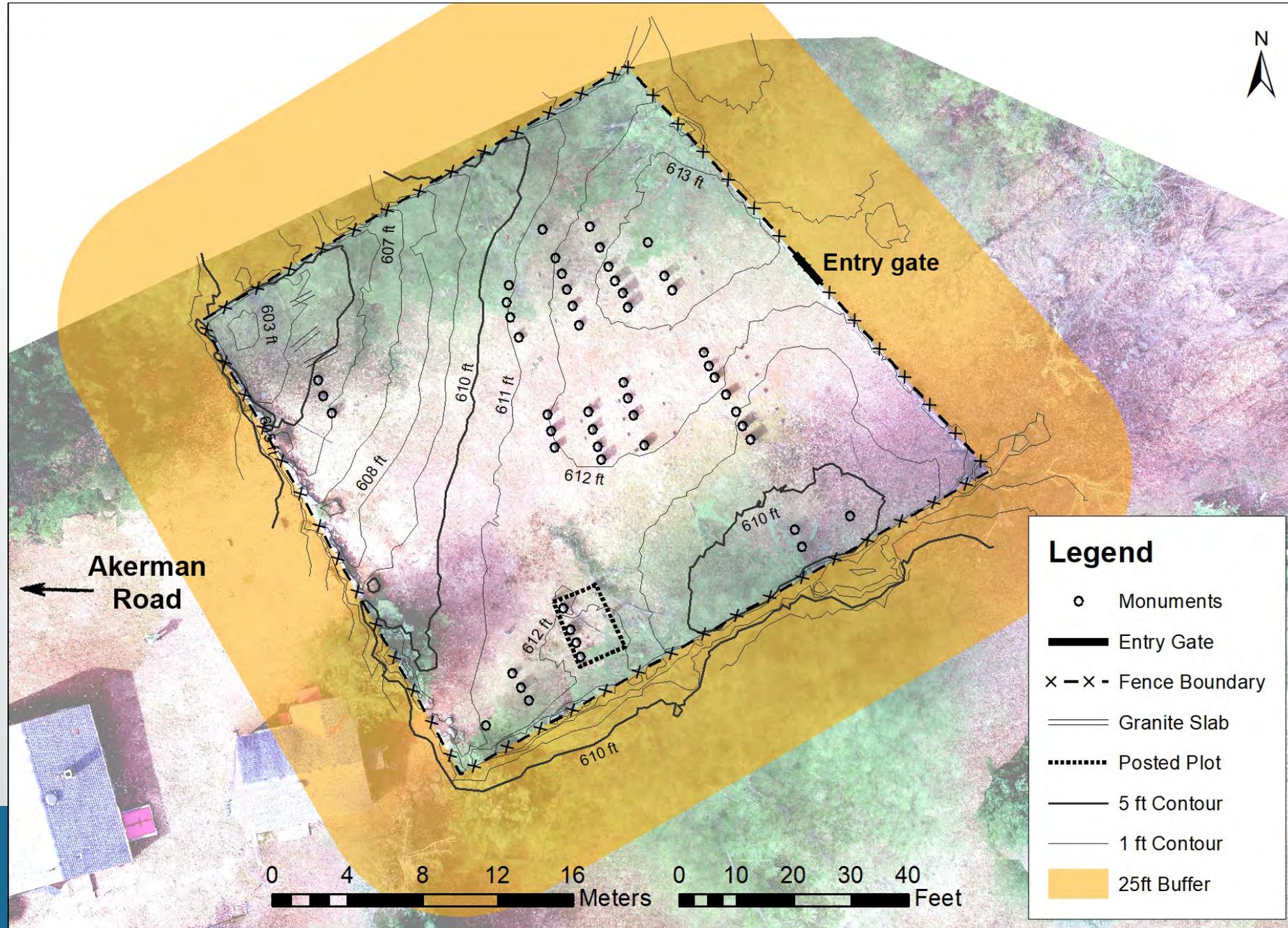
#### 16. Known or estimated size of cemetery/burial ground 0.24

#### 17. Known or estimated number of burials Minimum # of burials: 25



# Sleeper (Akerman)

ca. 1825-1869  
Min # of burials: 51





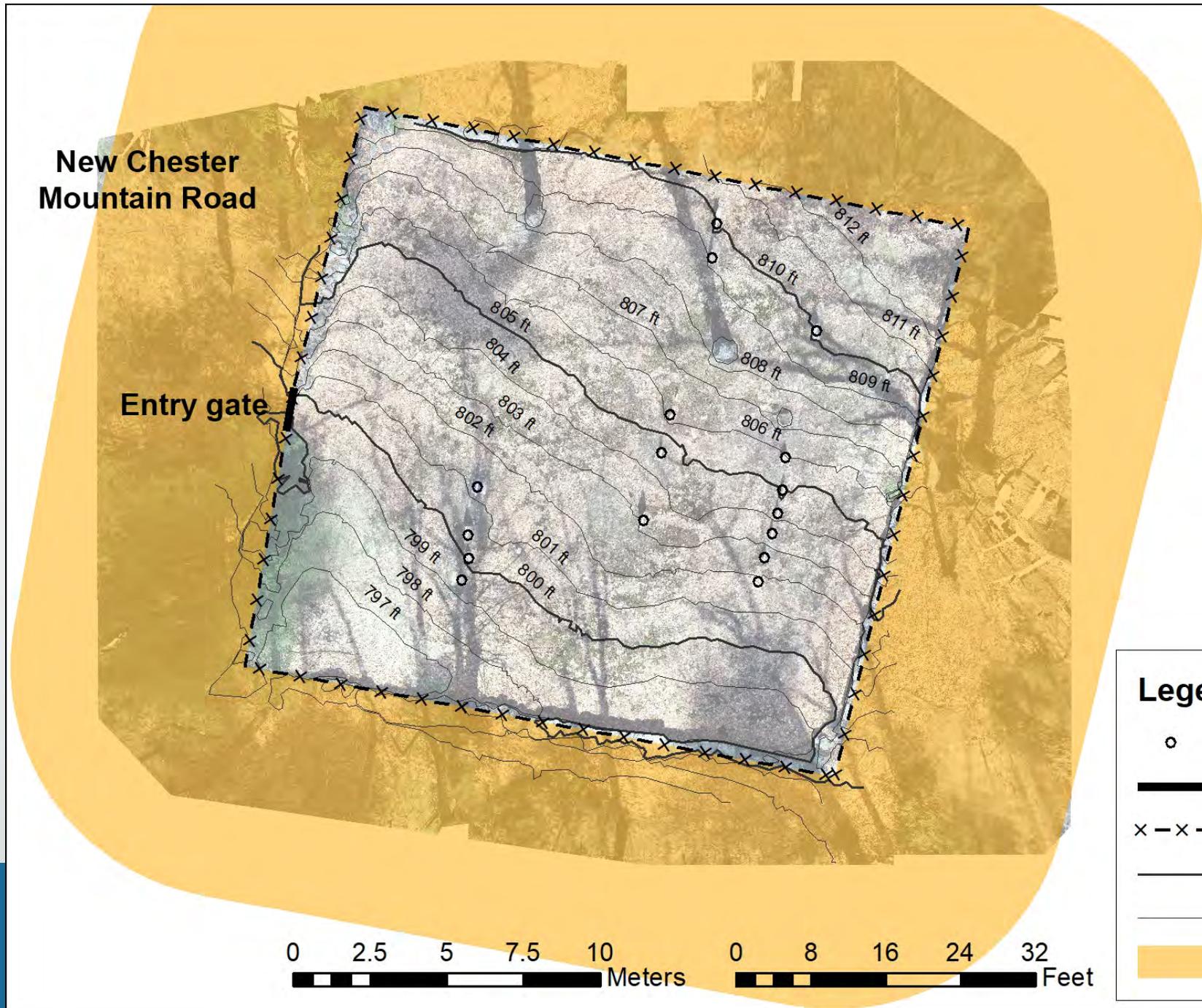
New Chester Mountain Road

Entry gate

# Sleeper

ca. 1807-1860

Min # of burials: 16



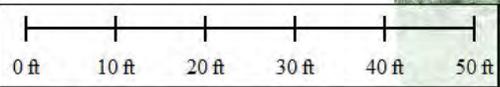
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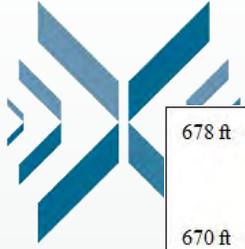
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- █ Entry Gate
- × - × - Fence Boundary
- 5 ft Contour
- 1 ft Contour
- 25ft Buffer



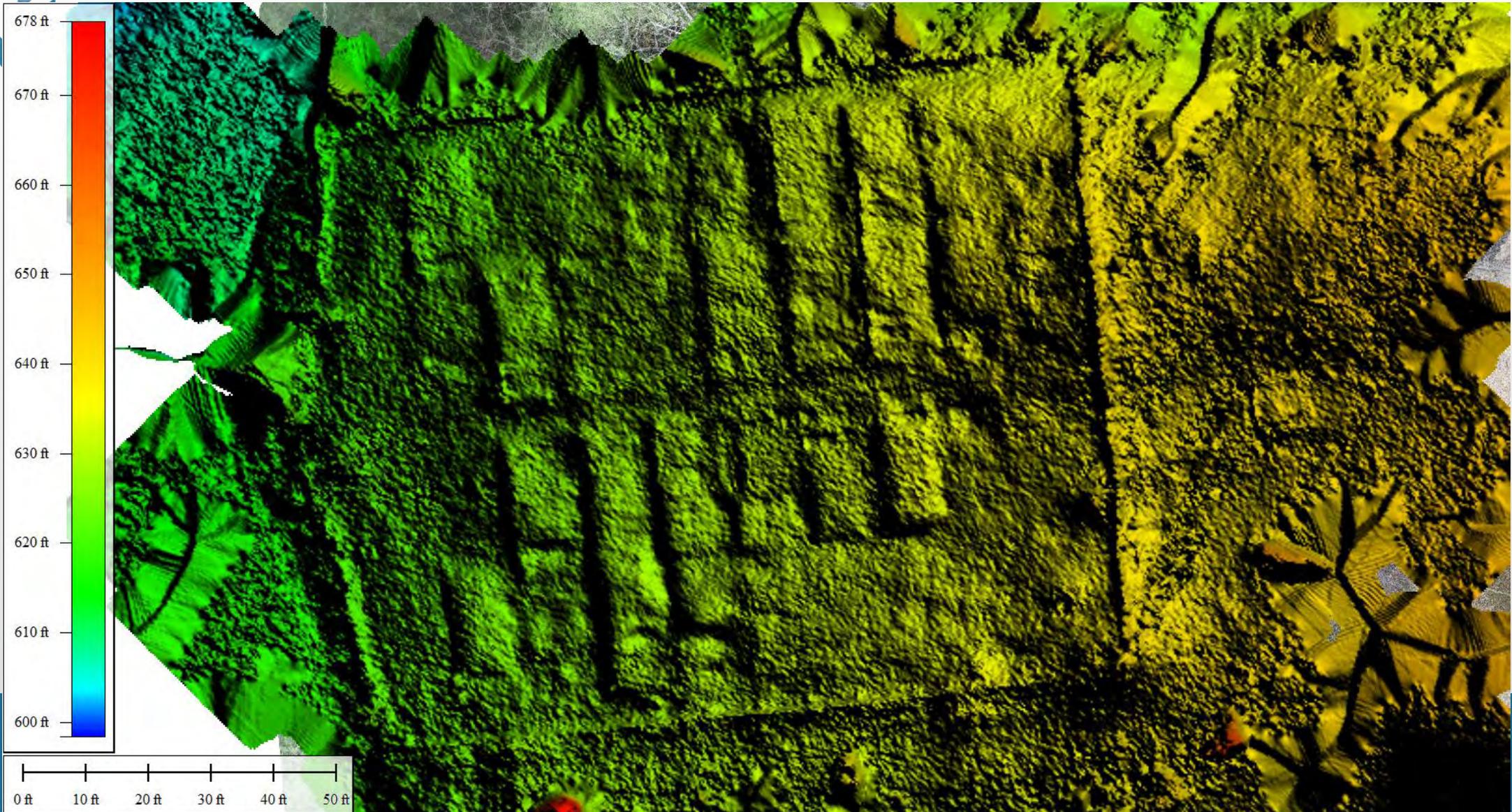


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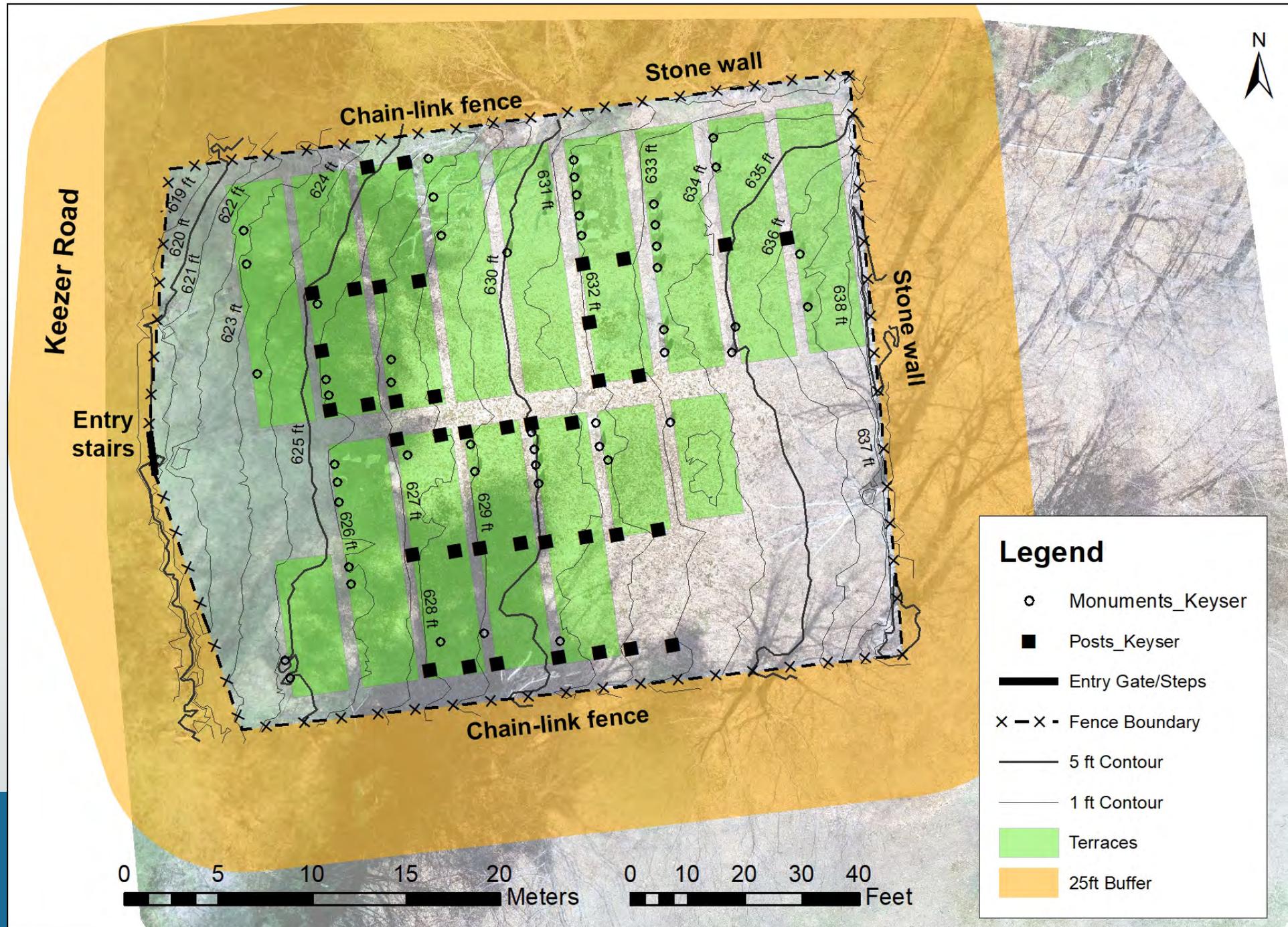


# Keyser

ca. 1828-1928

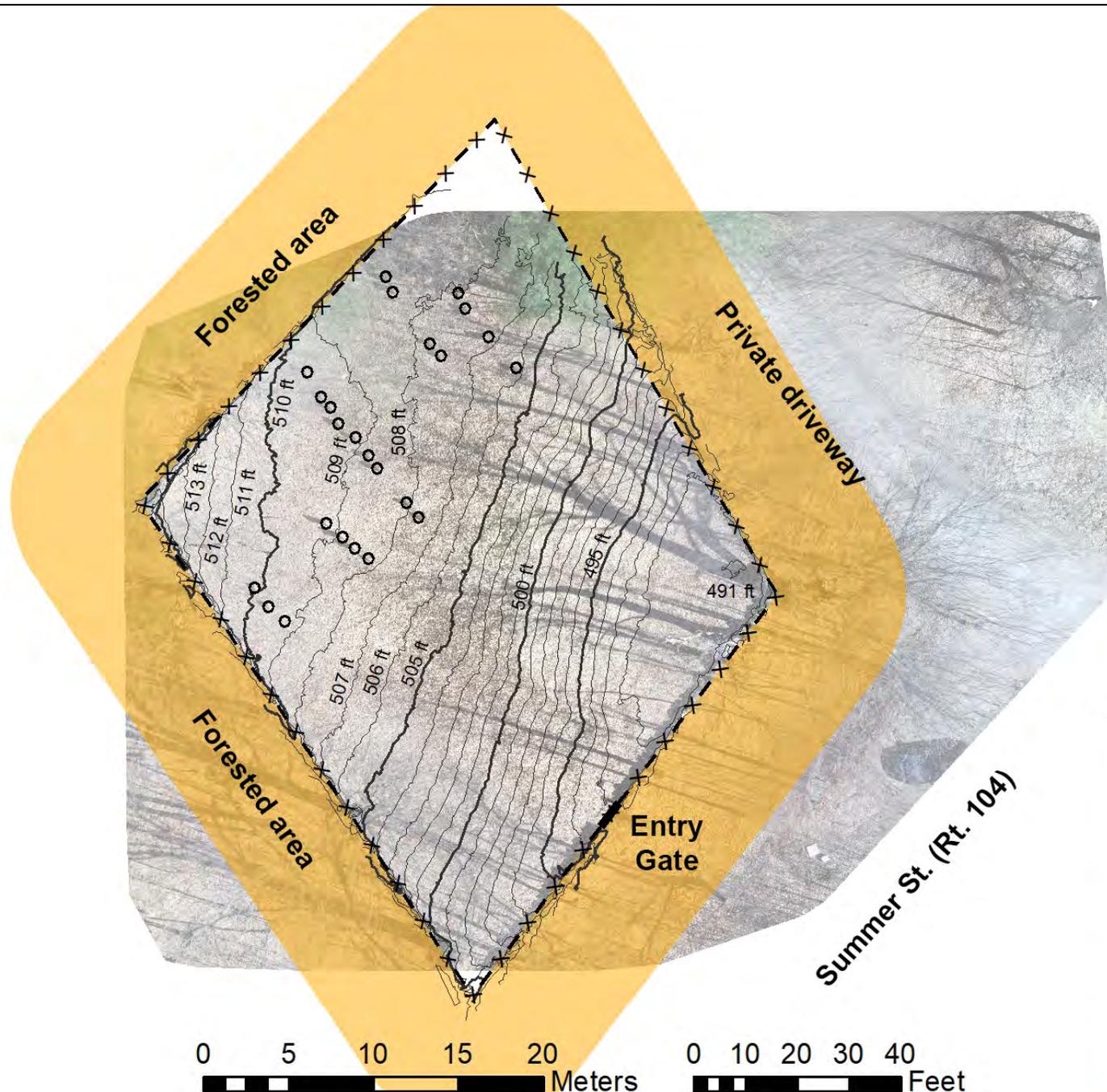
Min # of markers: 50

Min # of markers (1874): 65





**Heath**  
ca. 1828-1965  
Min # of markers: 24



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Meters

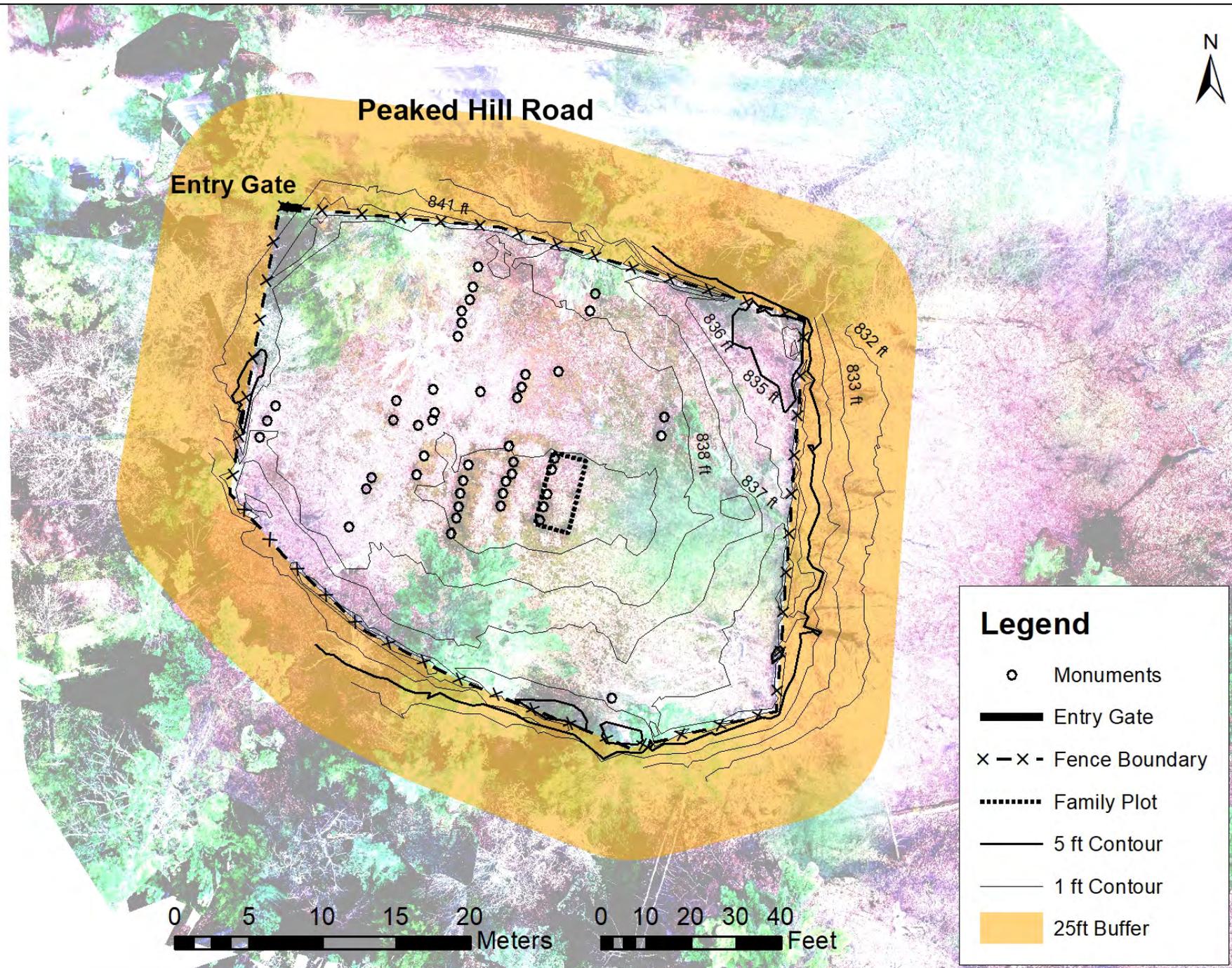
0 10 20 30 40  
Feet

### Legend

- Monuments
- Entry Gate
- x - x - Fence Boundary
- 5 ft Contour
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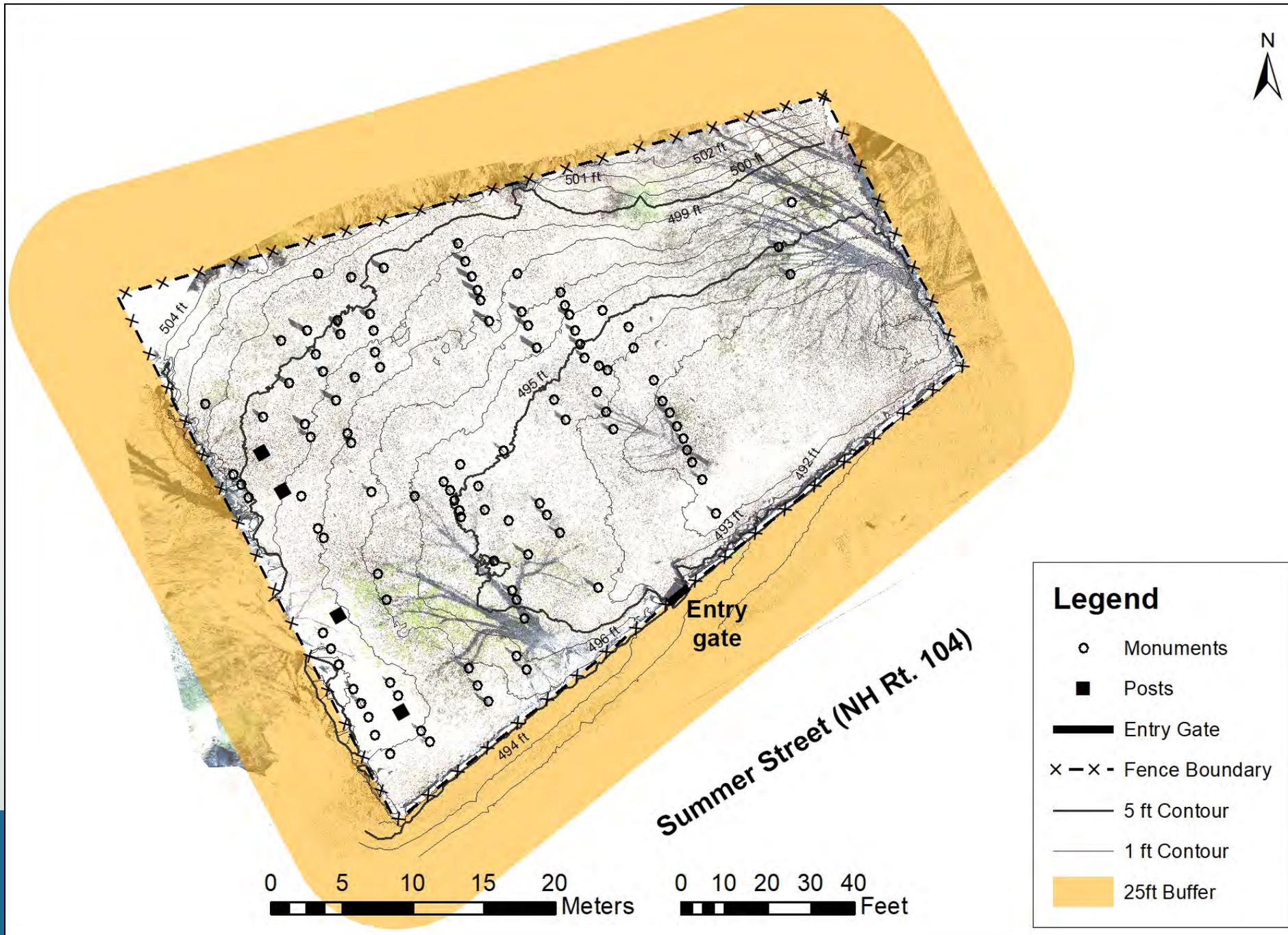


**Sanborn**  
ca. 1825-2006  
Min # of markers: 47



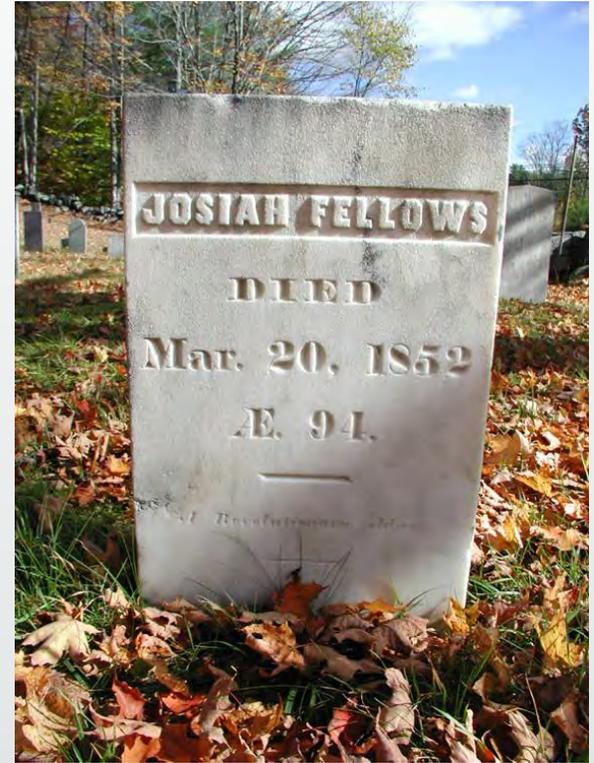


**Worthen**  
ca. 1823-1967  
Min # of markers: 106





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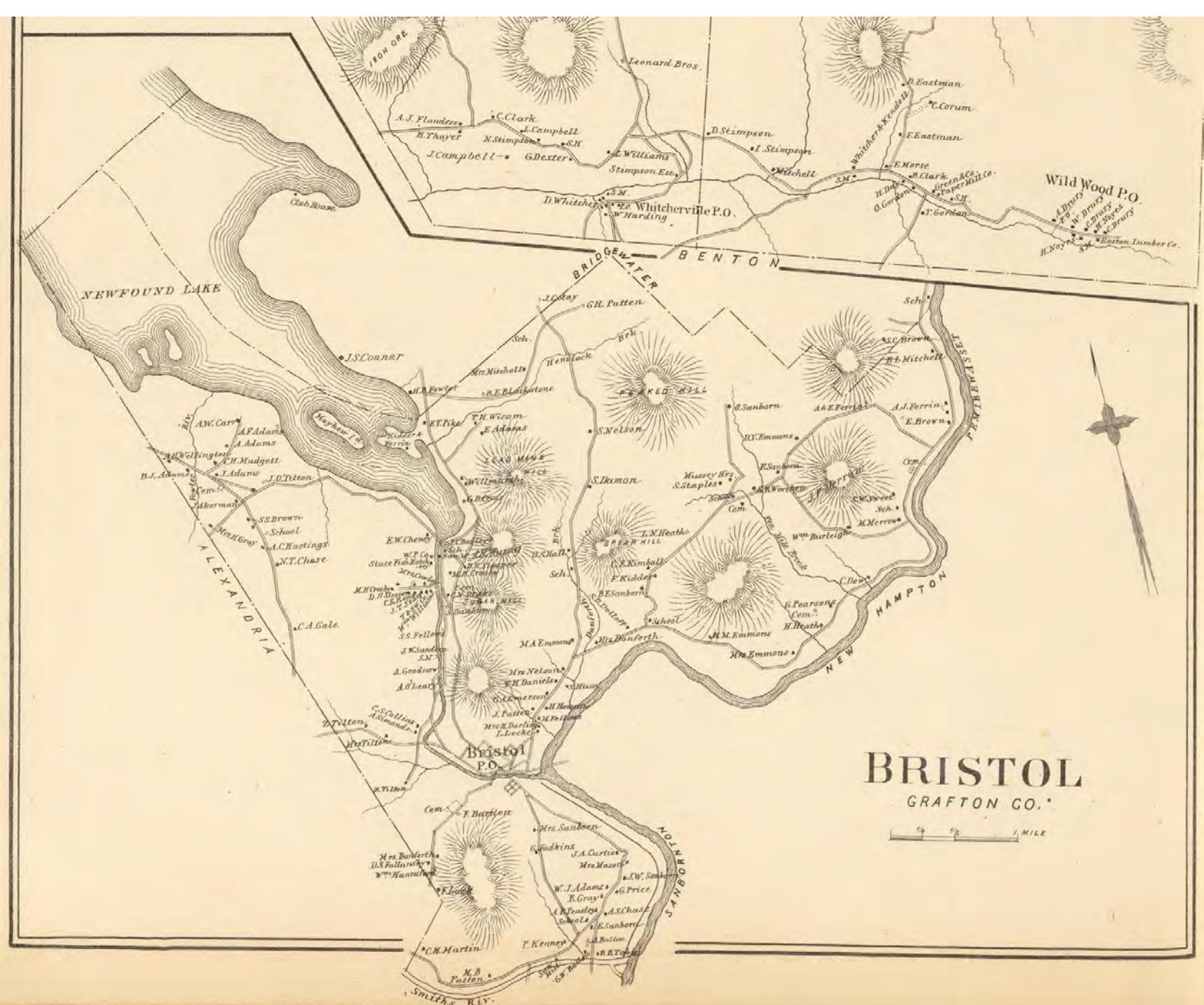


Walling, 1860





Hurd, 1892





## Recommendations

- Education and Outreach (signage, school projects)
- Build GIS and Comprehensive Inventory of Markers
- Locate and document Moore's Mill Cemetery
- Documentation of Homeland Cemetery
- Discuss eligibility of cemeteries for listing on State or National Register with NHDHR
- Develop Preservation Plan (append to Town Master Plan)





# Recommendations - Signage





## Discussion and Q&A

