

# Town of Bristol - Cemetery Survey



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# Cemetery Survey

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- Methods
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- Recommendations
- Discussion and Q&A Session





# Project Goals and Purpose of Study

- Three Steps of cemetery preservation:



1. Documentation



2. State and National Register Evaluation

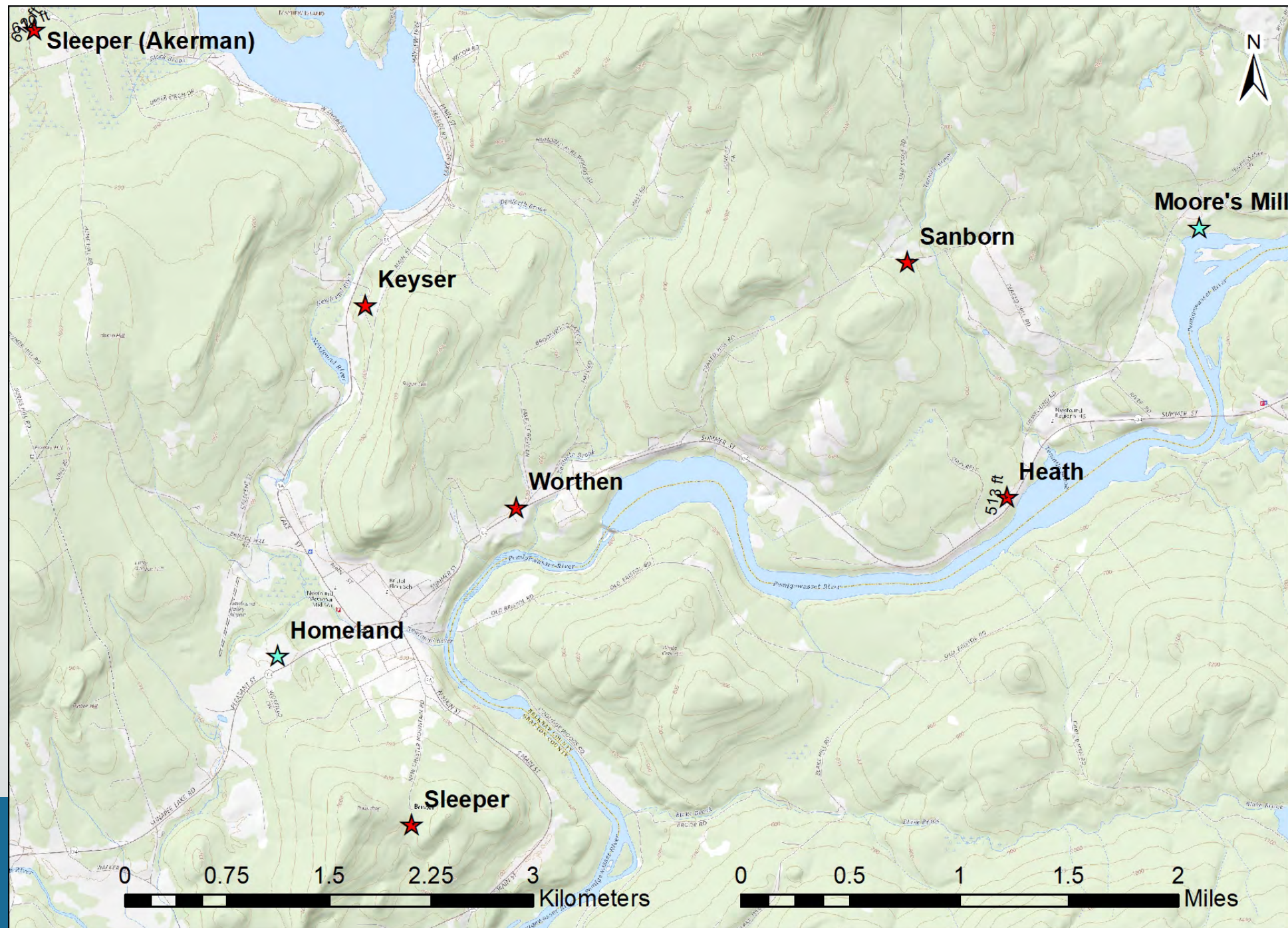


3. Preservation Plan





# 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



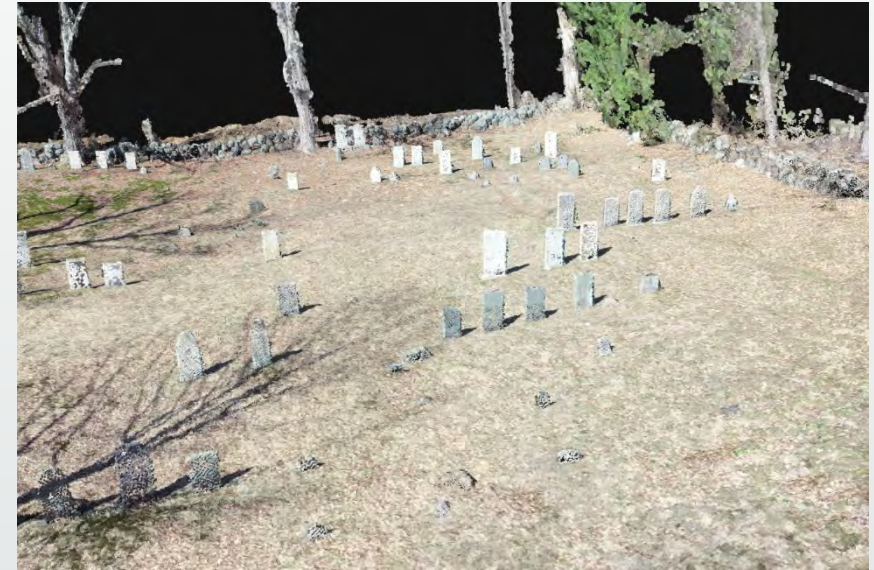
Condition of Individual Markers







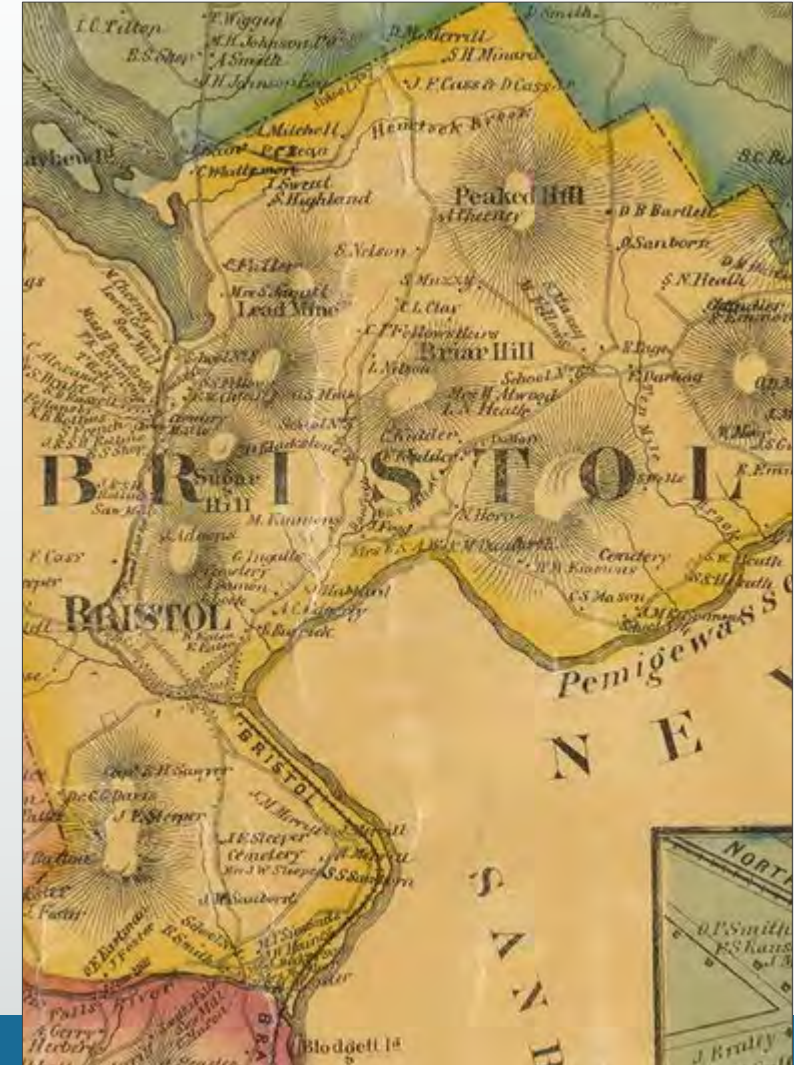
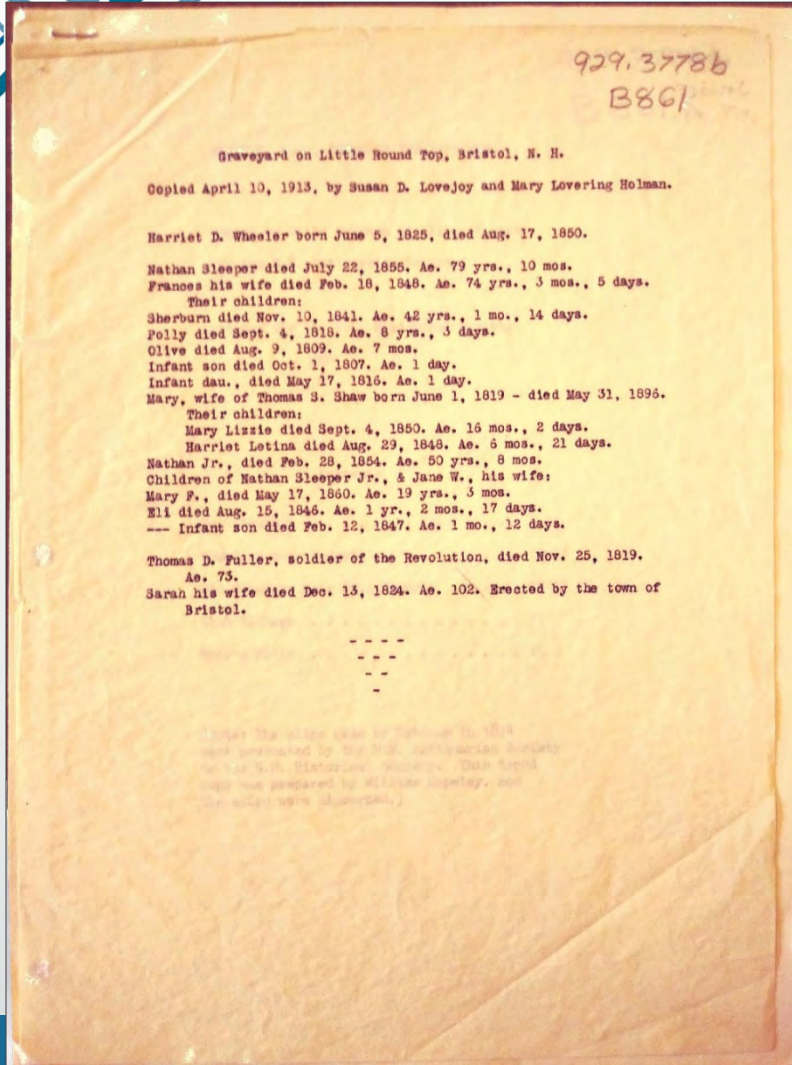
# Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)



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# 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

For Office Use Only:

State Plane Feet (NAD83):

#### 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

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NHDHR INVENTORY #

### 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

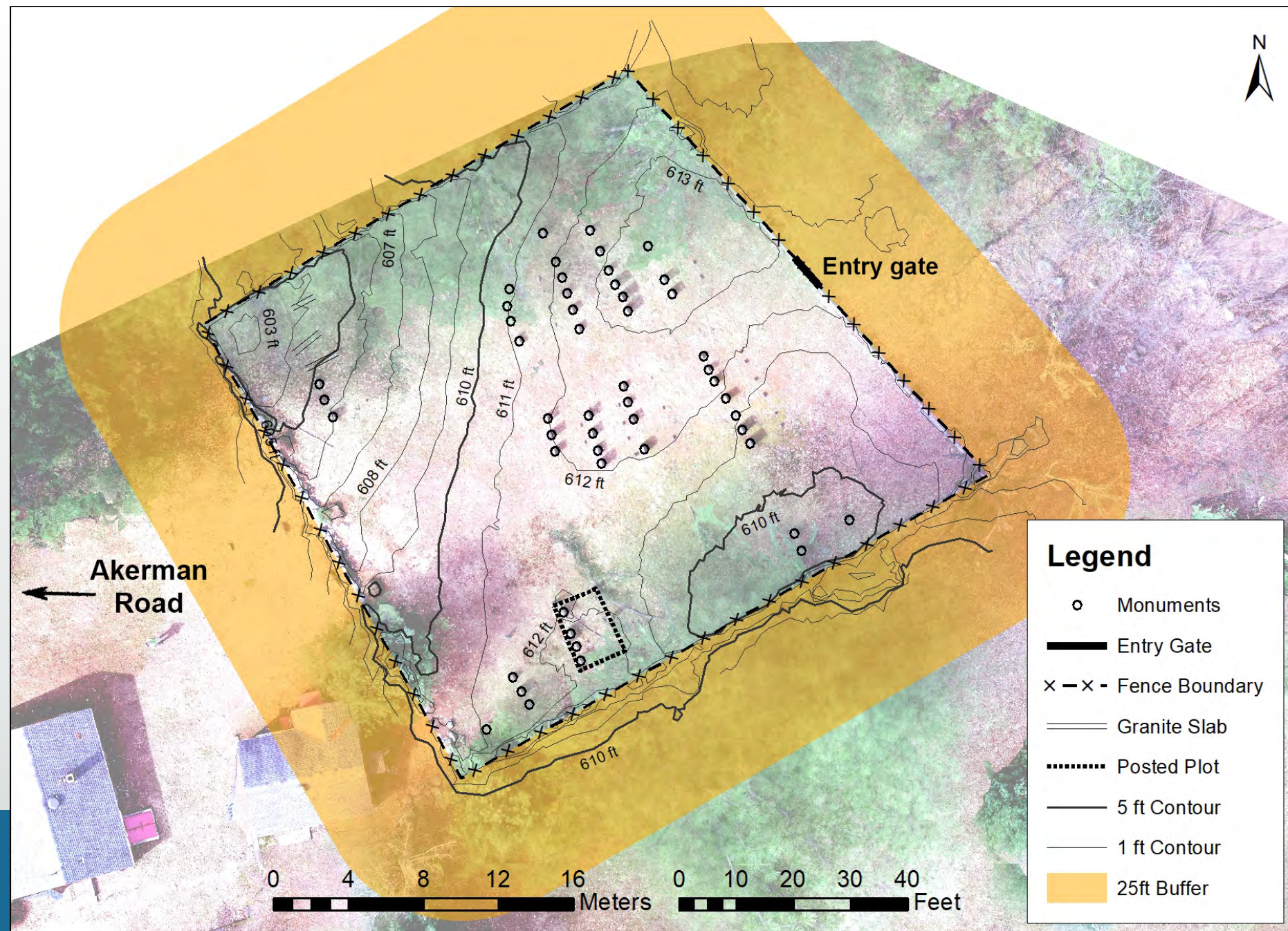
7. Setting Rural, located along Summer St. (Rt. 104), mixed forest cover
8. Outbuildings (mausoleums, chapels, columbaria, etc.) None
9. Landscape Features Stone walls
10. Terrain (Check all that apply)  
☐ Flat ☐ Moderate hills ☒ Steep terrain ☐ Intermittent stream  
☐ Stream ☐ River ☐ Pond Lake ☐ Unimproved 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

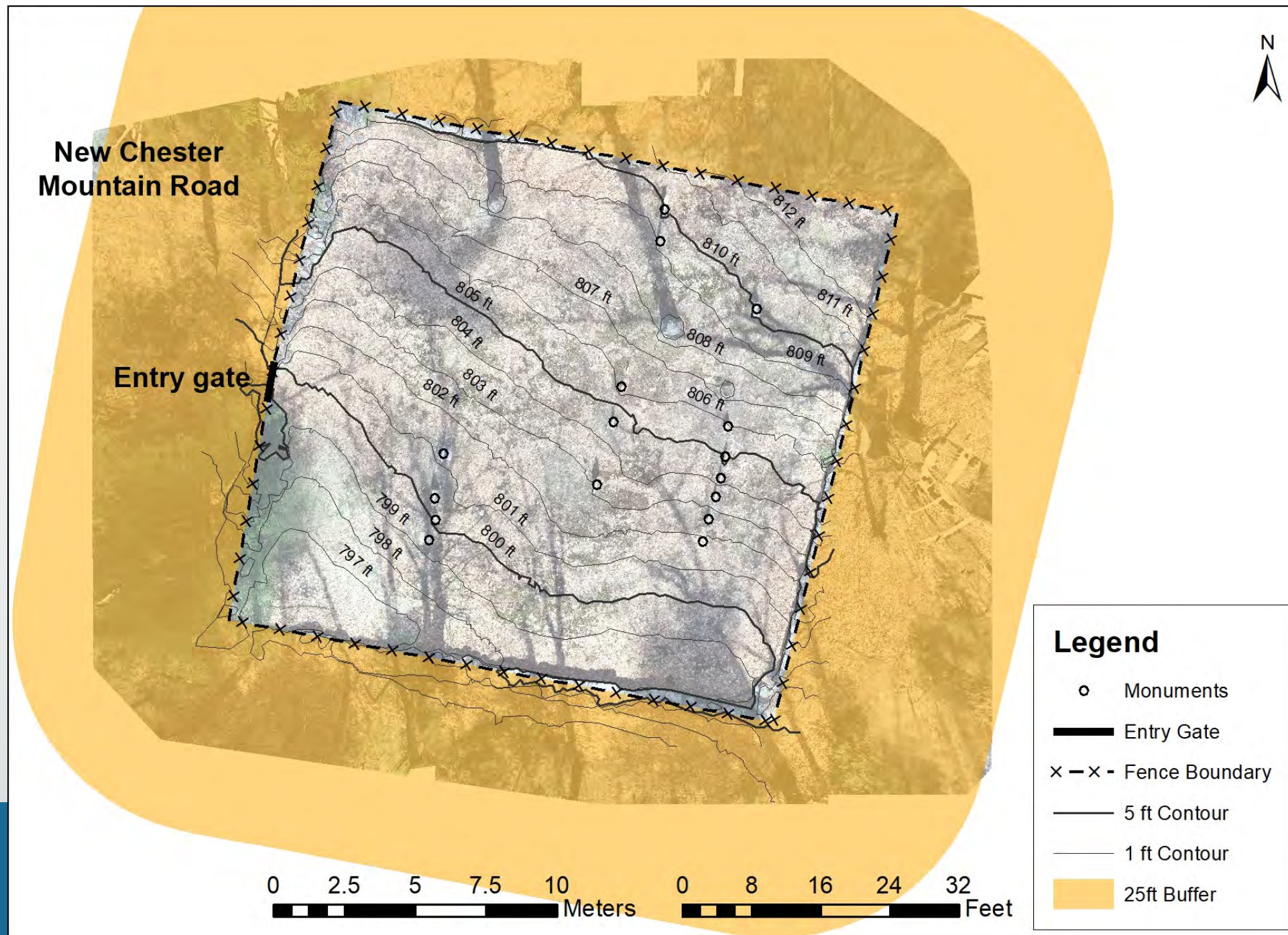






# Sleeper

ca. 1807-1860  
Min # of burials: 16







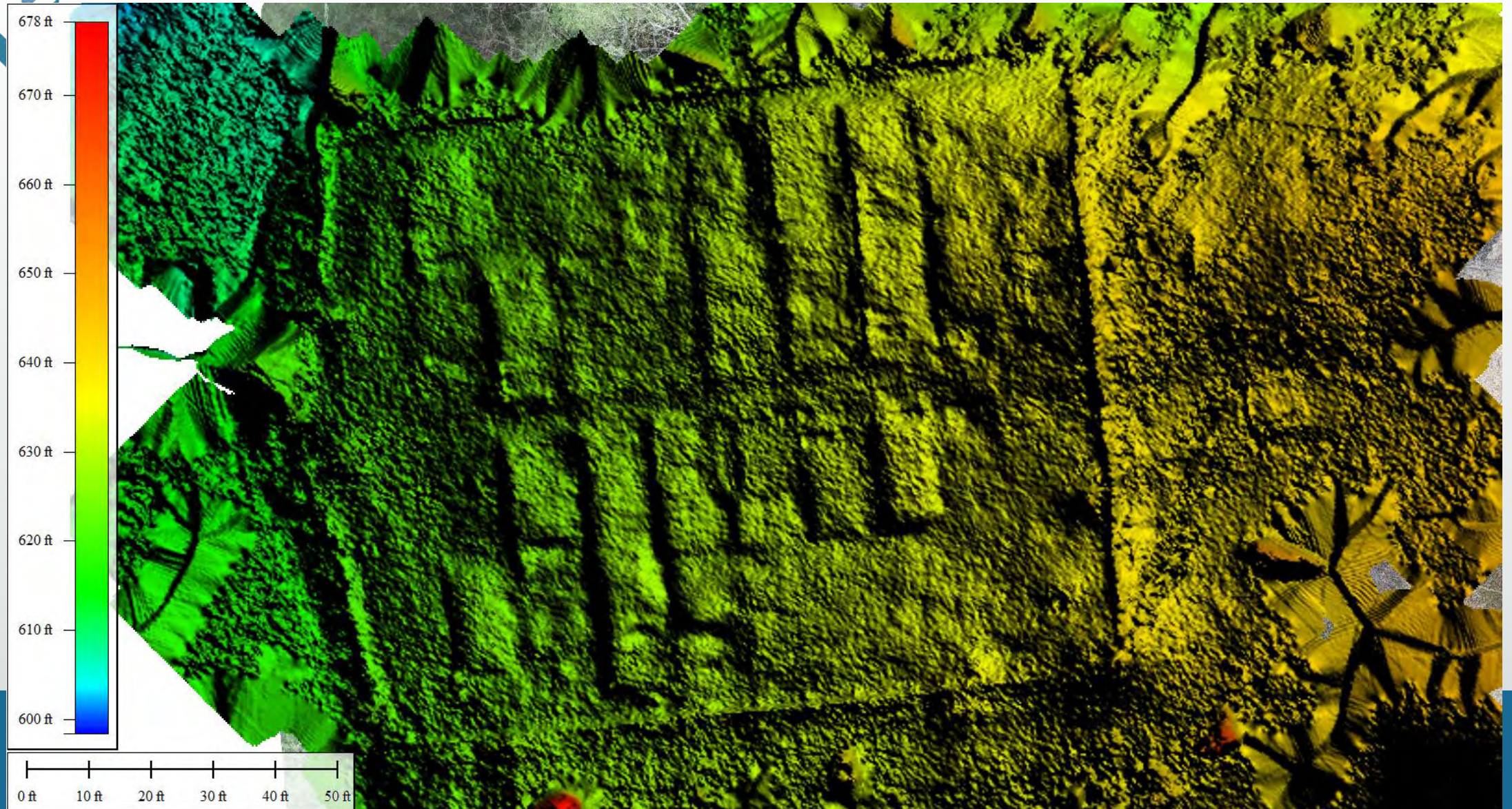
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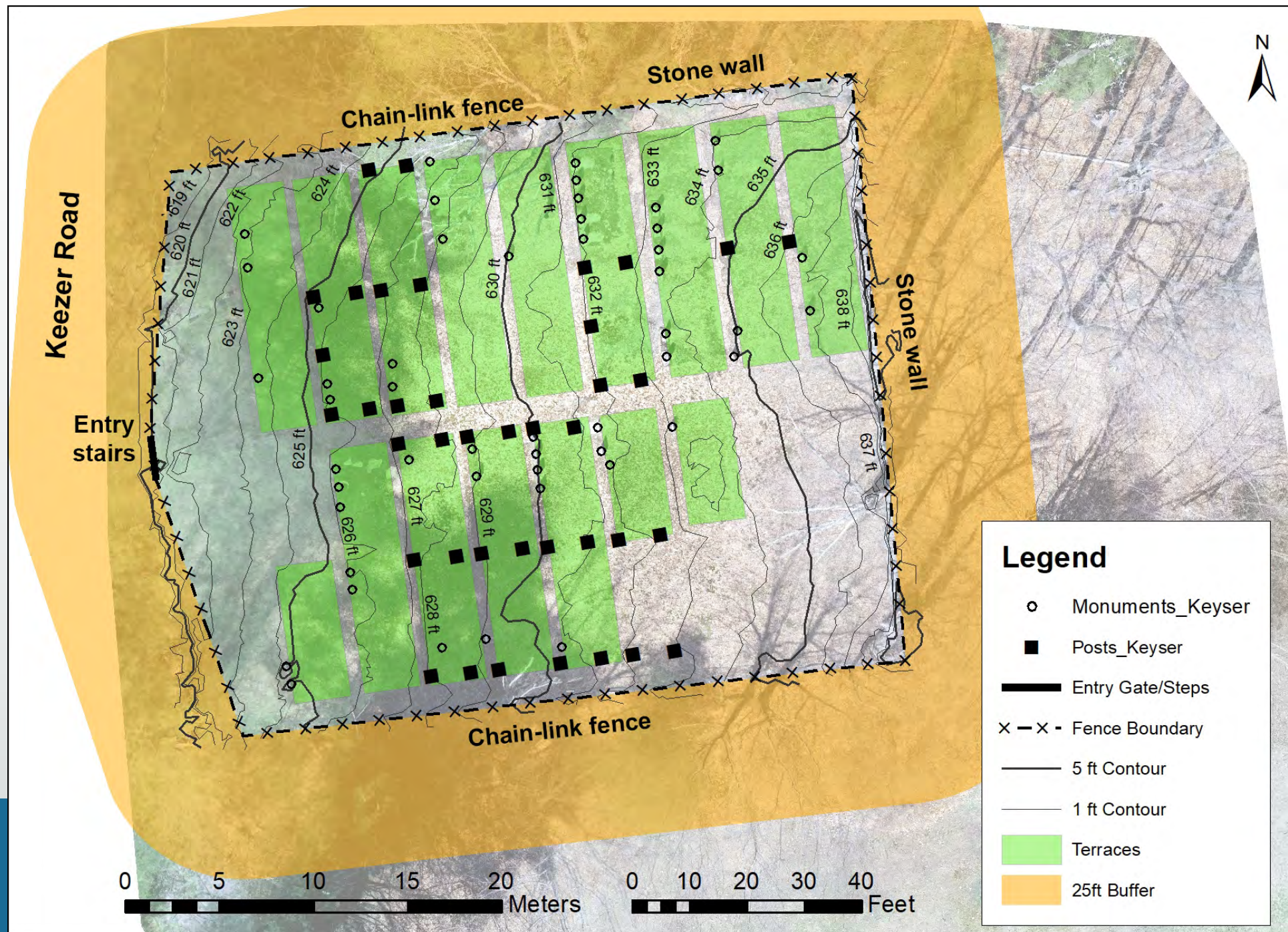


# Keyser

ca. 1828-1928

Min # of markers: 50

Min # of  
markers (1874): 65

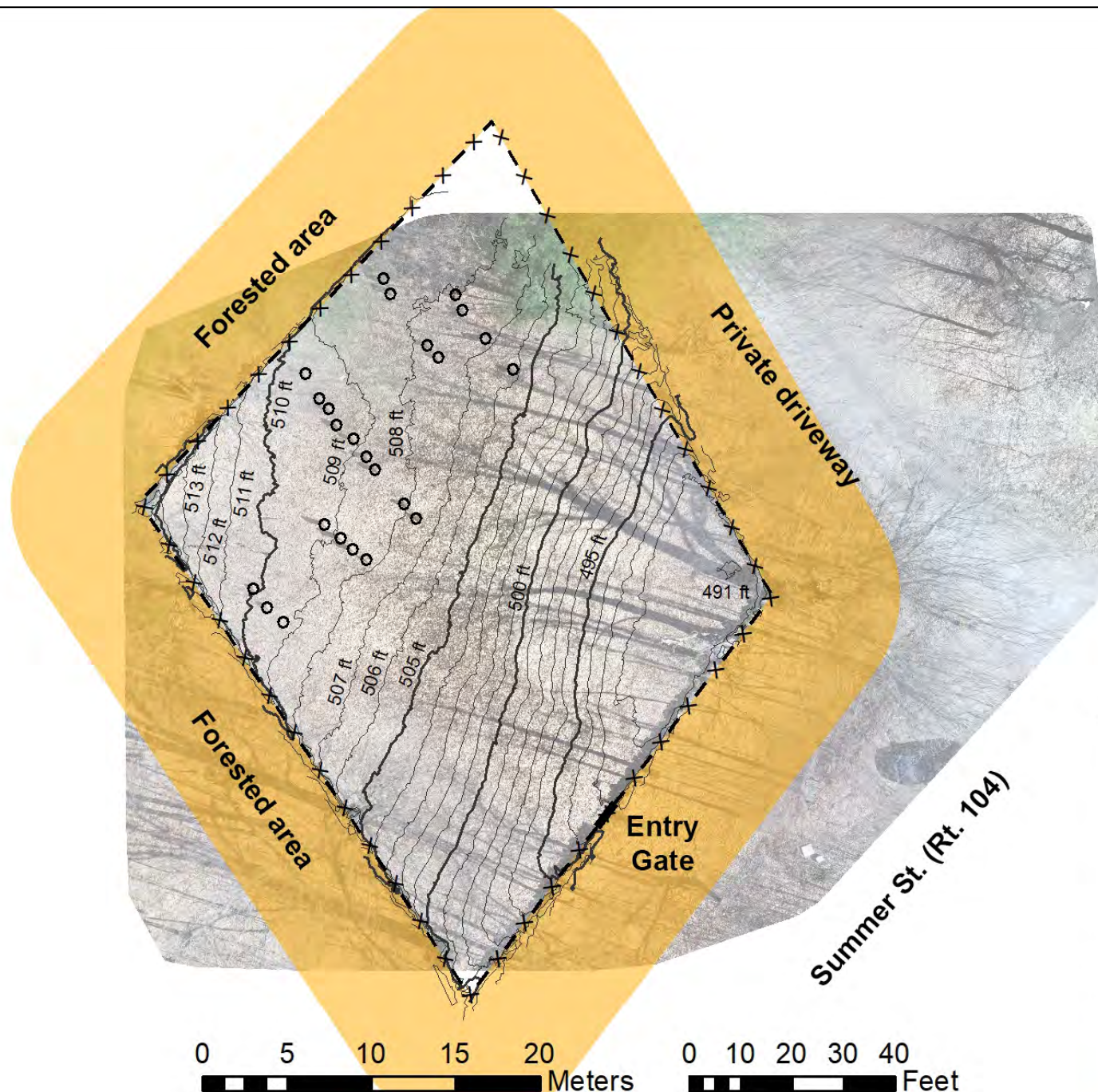






# Heath

ca. 1828-1965  
Min # of markers: 24



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0 10 20 30 40 Feet

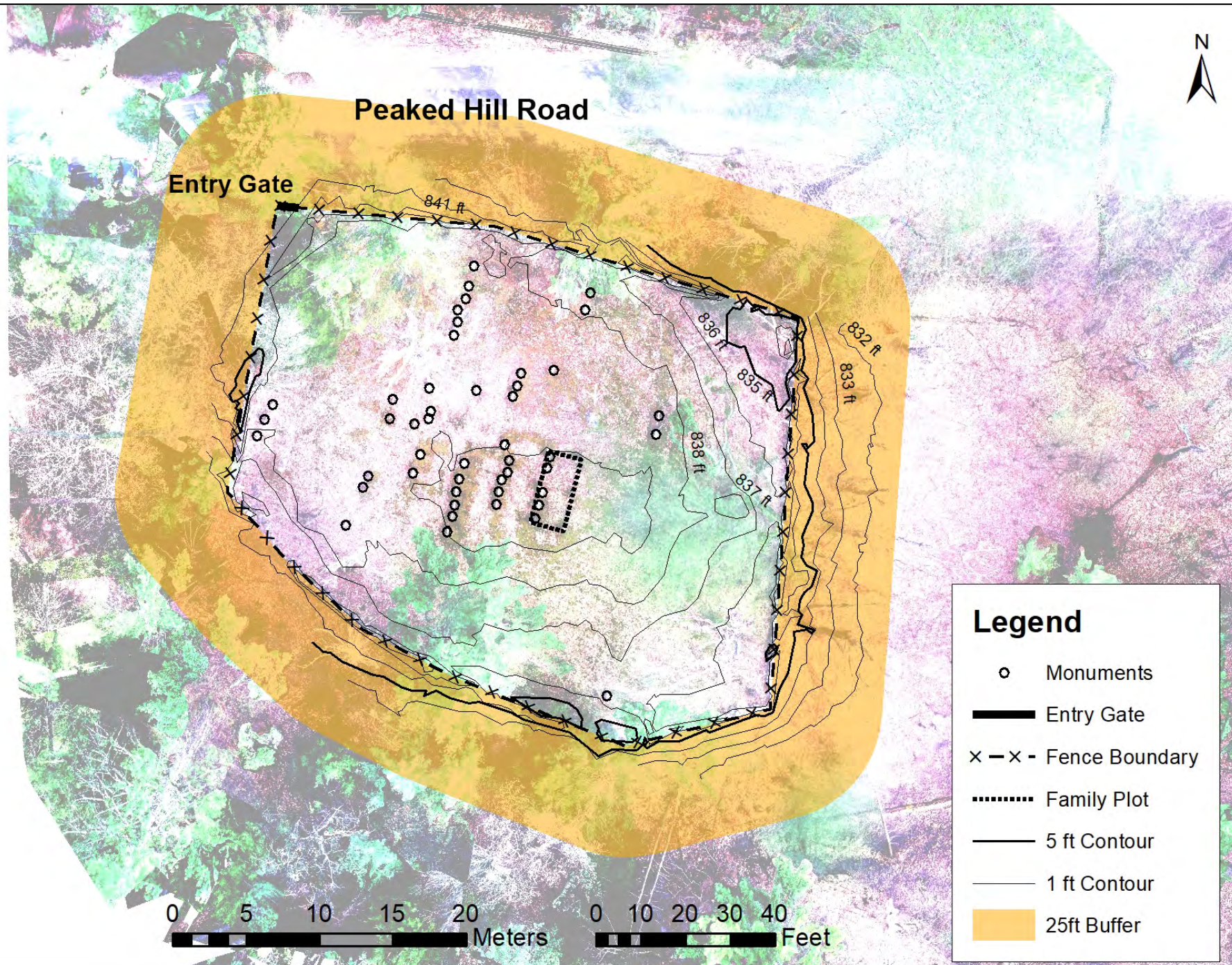
## Legend

- Monuments
- Entry Gate
- x - x - Fence Boundary
- 5 ft Contour
- 1 ft Contour
- 25ft Buffer





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

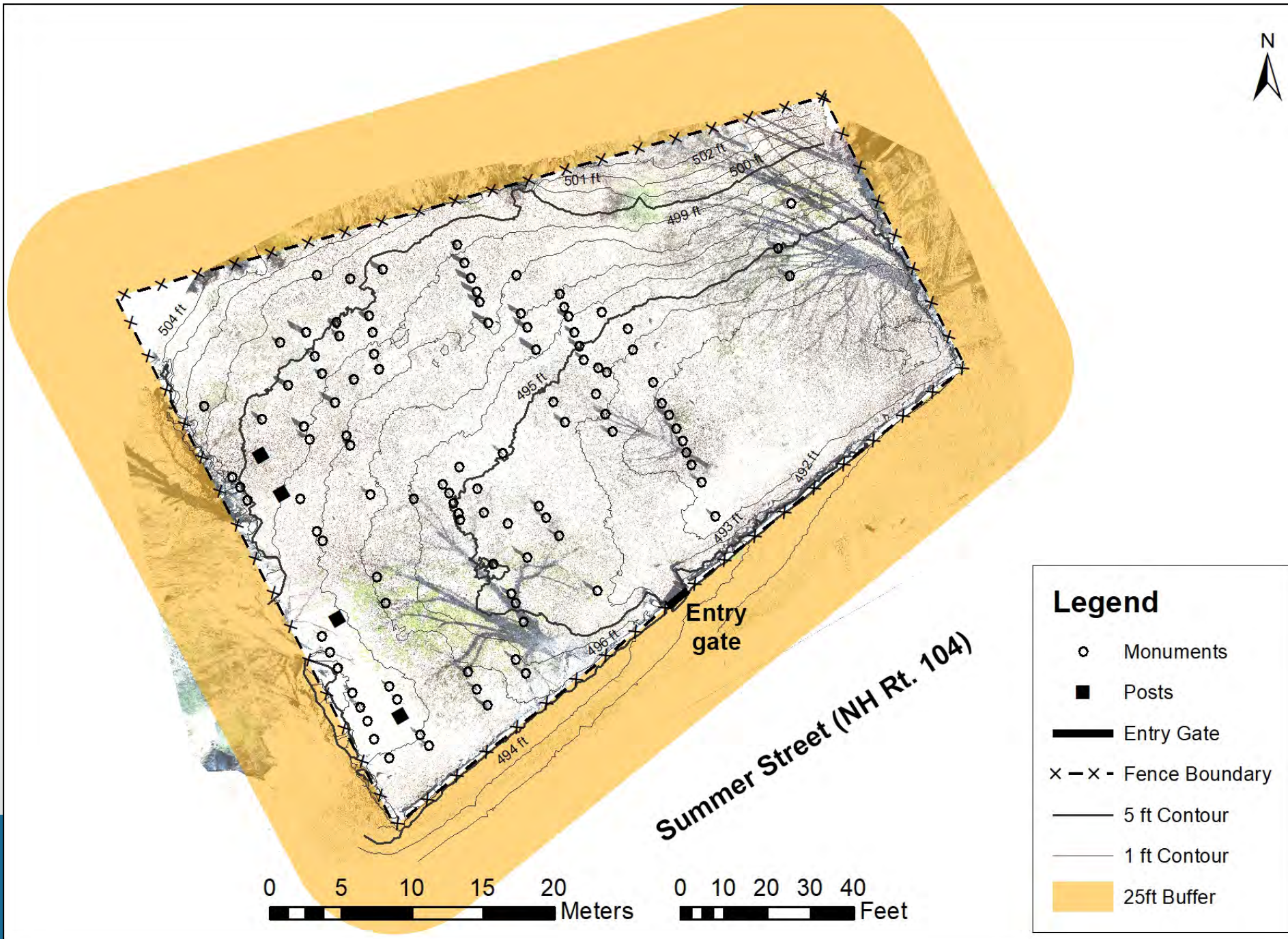






# Worthen

ca. 1823-1967  
Min # of markers: 106







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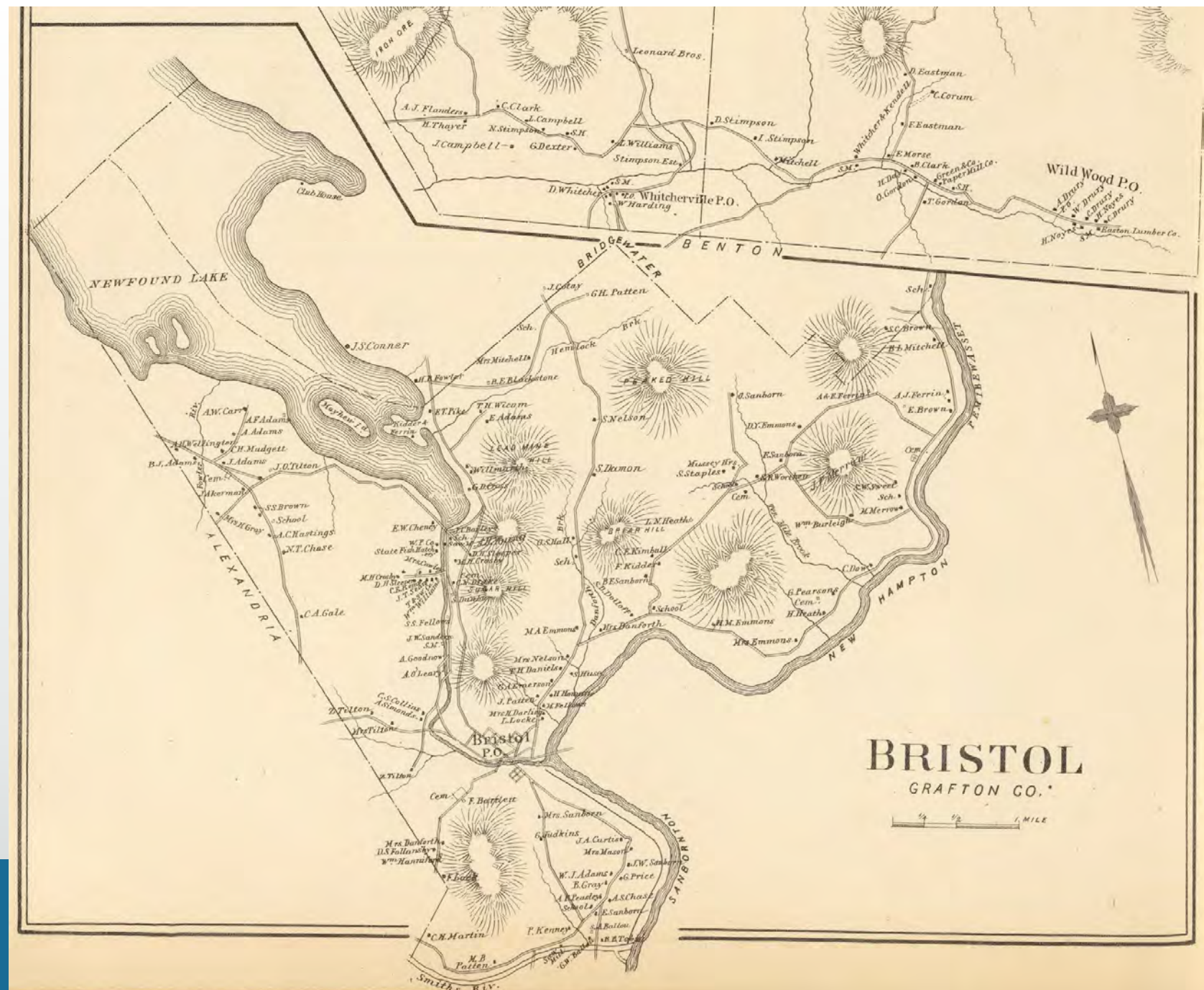








Hurd, 1892







## 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



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