

CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY – LANDSCAPES * OLMSTED PROJECT COVER SHEET

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State Historic Preservation Office, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

PROPERTY NAME (Current/Historic) Olmsted Tomb, North Cemetery / Olmsted Family Burial Vault		
COUNTY Hartford	TOWN/CITY Hartford	VILLAGE
JOB NUMBER Primary: 02933 Related Job Numbers:		
Landscape Type <input type="checkbox"/> Park, Parkway, Recreation Area, Scenic Reservation <input type="checkbox"/> City/Regional Plan, Improvement Project <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision, Suburban Community <input type="checkbox"/> College/School Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Residential Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Public Building <input type="checkbox"/> Private Estate / Homestead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery / Burial Lot / Memorial / Monument <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Commercial / Industrial Building <input type="checkbox"/> Country Club / Resort, Hotel, Club <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Church <input type="checkbox"/> Arboretum, Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition, Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous		
DATE OF ORIGINAL PROJECT: 1907 SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS: 1957-1959		

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DESIGNER(S) (primary)

- Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.
- John Charles Olmsted
- Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.
- Other firm member(s): ENGLE Y
- Other notes:

Other Designers (prior to or following Olmsted project):

Repositories consulted with source materials

- Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Olmsted Archives (online albums)
- Library of Congress
- Olmsted Online (OlmstedOnline.org)
- National Archives and Record Administration
- Connecticut State Library
- Hartford History Center
- Other: Connecticut Olmsted Legacy Trail

Observations regarding features characteristic of Olmsted firm design

Surviving features resulting from Olmsted firm's design work is primarily associated with the re-etching of names on the front of the mausoleum and general maintenance at the site through the 1959 with the interment of Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.

Simple, unpretentious burial mausoleum/tomb where multiple Olmsted family members and generations are interred. Monument etchings were updated and re-etched after Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.'s death in 1957.

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	COUNTY Hartford	TOWN/CITY Hartford	VILLAGE											
	STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 1821 Main Street													
	OWNER(S) <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRIBAL <input type="checkbox"/> EASEMENT City of Hartford													
	LAT/LONG COORDINATES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Center Point <input type="checkbox"/> Polygon 41.779025, -72.677457													
	PARCEL INFORMATION Acres: Less than 1 PID(s): MBLU(s): 621001002													
	USE (Present) Cemetery		(Historic) Cemetery											
	SURVEY TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance-Level <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive-Level													
	D E S C R I P T I O N	LANDSCAPE TYPE (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designed <input type="checkbox"/> Vernacular <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Ethnographic <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Linear <input type="checkbox"/> System/Multi-Site <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Park- Active Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Park-Passive Recreation or Commemorative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other – specify: Burial ground												
		DATE OR PERIOD (Include source of date) 1907-1967 (Olmsted Research Guide Online)												
DESIGNERS (Entities that created, designed, constructed, or shaped the landscape) Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects, Olmsted Associates, Inc.														
DESIGN SCOPE (For designed landscapes, explain what work was commissioned) The family burial vault was extant when Frederick Law Olmsted’s ashes were moved there from Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1907. The vault was restored and inscriptions added in 1959														
LOCATION OF DRAWINGS/IMAGES/SOURCE MATERIAL Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site; Library of Congress – Olmsted Associates Records														
VISUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (Check boxes for the qualities that are key features of this landscape. If attaching descriptive narrative, consider these categories.) <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Layout & Spatial Relationships</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Water Features</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Circulation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Drainage</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Topography</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Buildings/Structures/Objects</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Plantings/Vegetation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Space</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Views & Vistas</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Inscriptions on tomb</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Design Style:</td> </tr> </table>			<input type="checkbox"/> Layout & Spatial Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Features	<input type="checkbox"/> Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/> Topography	<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings/Structures/Objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Plantings/Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Views & Vistas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Inscriptions on tomb	<input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Style:
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C O N D I T I O N	EXISTING CONDITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognizable <input type="checkbox"/> Not Extant/Not Recognizable Changes: Loss of large ("7 foot") Copper Beech specimen tree on the southeast corner		
	POTENTIAL THREATS <input type="checkbox"/> None Known <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Onsite Development <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent Development <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Overuse <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental – specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other – specify: _____		
E N V I R O N M E N T	SETTING (One sentence description) Simple, stone vault with angled metal doors accessing a vault in the ground. Earth mounded at sides, rear		
	VEGETATION <input type="checkbox"/> Maintained Open Land <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Open Land <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland/Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specimen Plants <input type="checkbox"/> Other – specify: _____		
	SLOPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level/Nearly Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Steep Slope Elevation (ASML): 80'		
	CONNECTICUT PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROVINCE (Eco-Region) <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Highlands <input type="checkbox"/> Western Uplands <input type="checkbox"/> Western Coastal Slope <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Coastal Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Uplands		
	Soil Description: Soils consist of moderately well-drained Bancroft silt loam.		
H I S T O R Y	SUMMARY (Provide a brief overview in this space. More detailed narrative can be attached.) The Olmsted family vault was in existence at the time of Frederick Law Olmsted's death in 1903. His ashes were moved to the cemetery after initial burial in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. The tomb was restored and new inscriptions added in 1959, following the death of Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., in 1957.		
	NATIONAL REGISTER RECOMMENDATION Entered by: Lucy Lawliss <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Eligible (Criterion <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Not Evaluated Explanation: The tomb falls within the Old North Cemetery, a National Register-listed property; the tomb landscape does not retain sufficient integrity to contribute		
	NR Listed: <input type="checkbox"/> District-Contributing <input type="checkbox"/> District-Non-Contributing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Documentation		
R E P O R T E D B Y	NAME Lucy Lawliss	ORGANIZATION Red Bridge Group	DATE December 2021
	ADDRESS 2100 Green Street, San Francisco, CA 94123		
	PHOTOGRAPHER Lucy Lawliss	DATE September 17, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permission to use photographs (public domain)
	SURVEY METHOD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Visit/In-Person Walkover <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-through/Windshield <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Review Only		

ATTACHMENTS (Include the following items in the PDF)

- Location Map Site Map Photographs with captions Historic Images (if applicable)
 Narrative Description of Property Historical Narrative of Property References

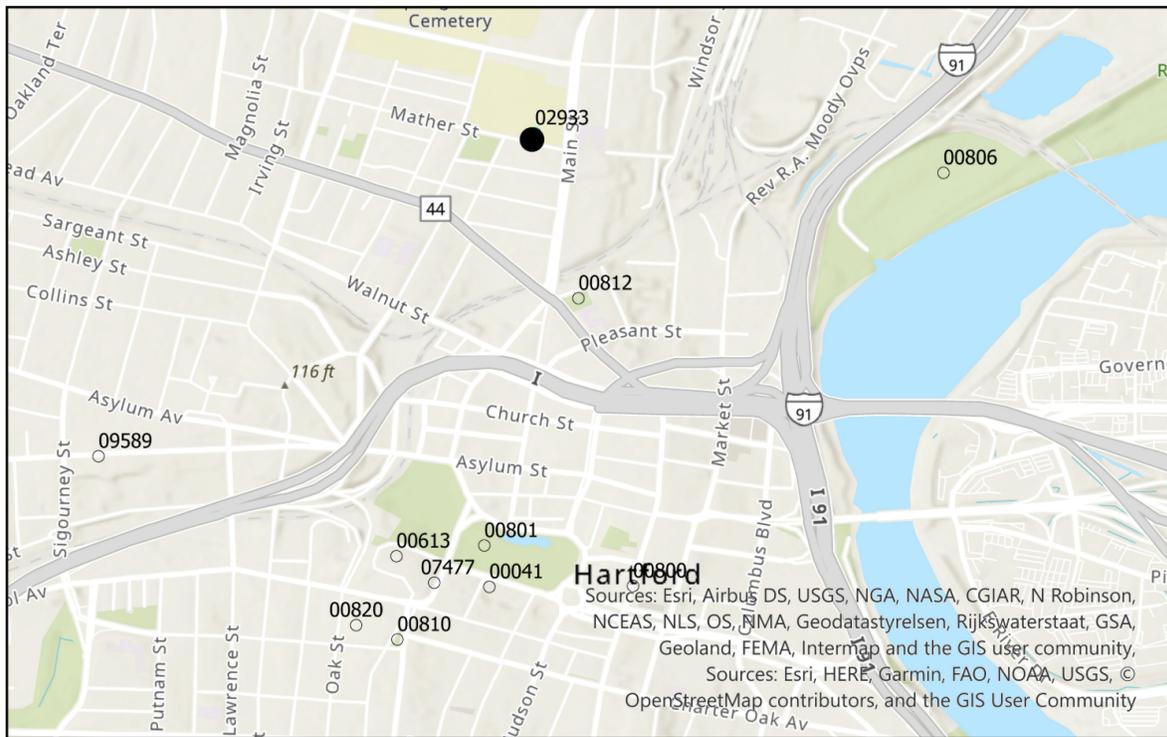
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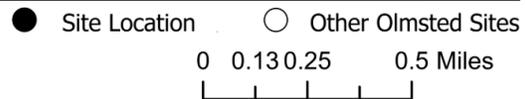
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

A National Register of Historic Places nomination exists for the Old North Cemetery and the Olmsted Tomb is described. The correspondence beginning in 1907 and drawings from the late 1950s, the work of the Olmsted Brothers seems limited to moving Frederick Law Olmsted’s ashes from Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA, to the family vault at Old North Cemetery. Presumably after Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.’s death in 1957 there is a general “restoration” (term used in the correspondence) and a re-engraving of the family members present in the vault. An early version of the revised lettering includes Jr., but in the end, he was interred in another location as was John Charles.

GRAPHICS

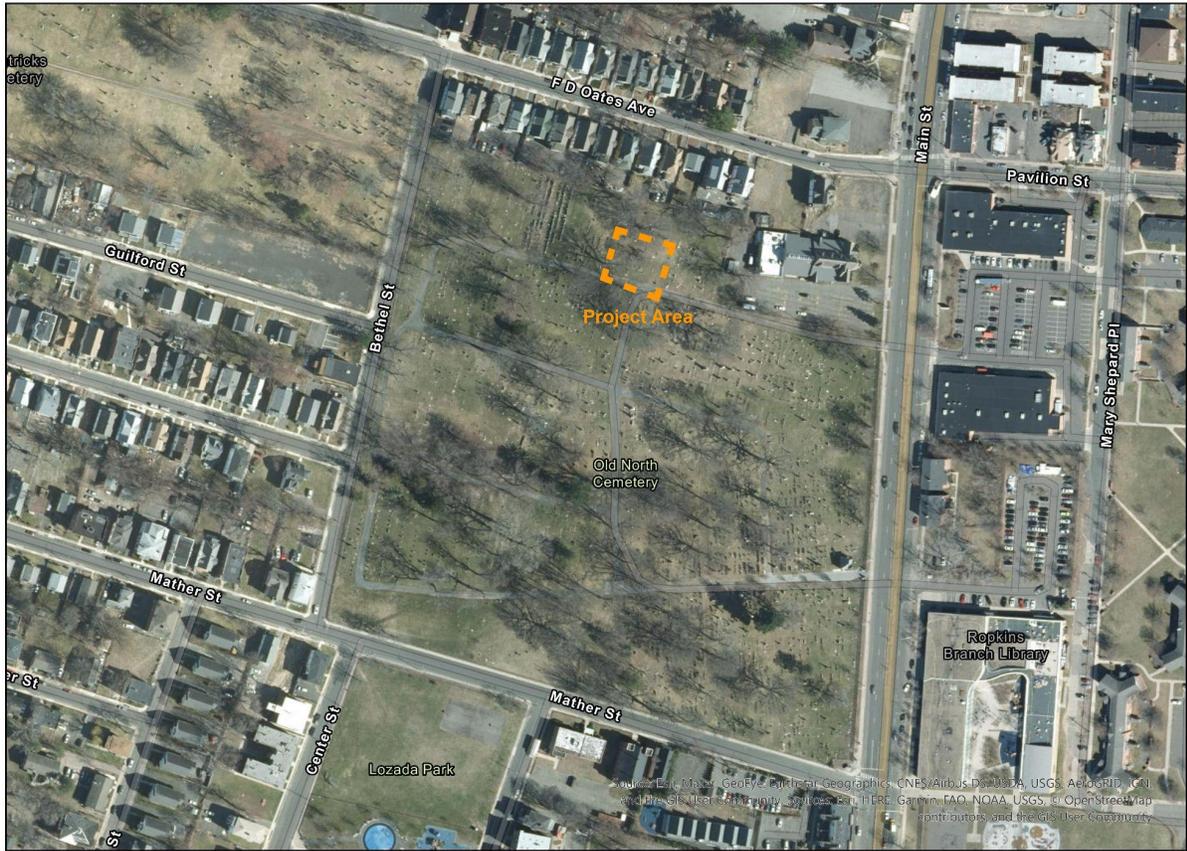


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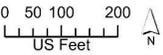


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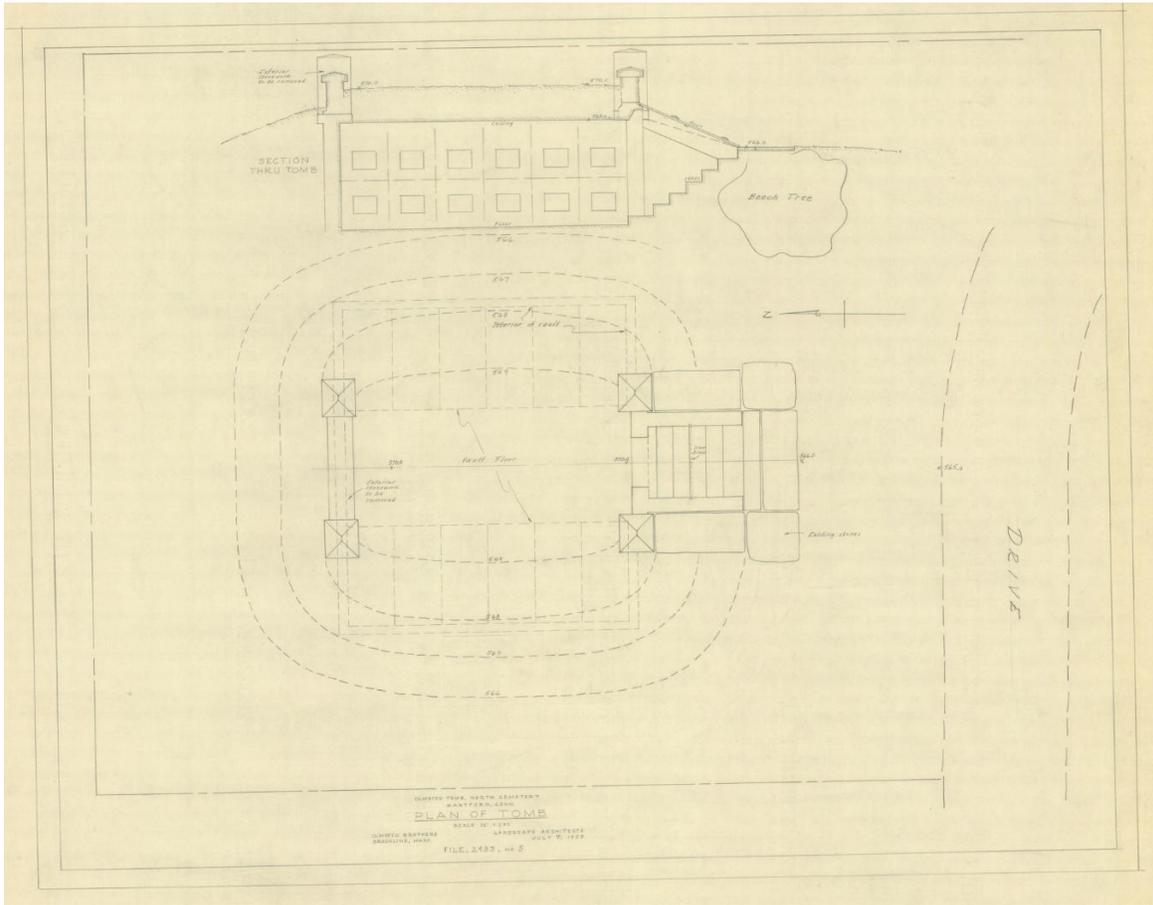
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Plan of Tomb, Olmsted Tomb, North Cemetery, Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects, 1958. (Source: courtesy Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site)



Photograph of the tomb from the southeast, 1958. (Source: courtesy Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site)



View of face of Olmsted vault at Old North Cemetery, Hartford. (Photograph taken by the authors in 2021)



View of the side of the Olmsted vault.