

MORRILL ROAD CEMETERY

The MORRILL ROAD CEMETERY is located in and near the southeasterly corner of Lot 61, Div. 2 and on the westerly side of the Morrill Road about 650 feet northwesterly of the junction with the Canaan Hill Road. The cemetery is at the northernmost corner of an otherwise triangular parcel of land now owned by George Wallace. His deed, recorded in Book 51, page 394, mentions the cemetery but doesn't give dimensions of it. The Cemetery is shown on the Tax Map and also on a plan of the land of Richard and Gretchen Bean dated Oct. 6, 1983 by F.W. Cowan but, being outside the surveyed parcel, doesn't have any measurements.

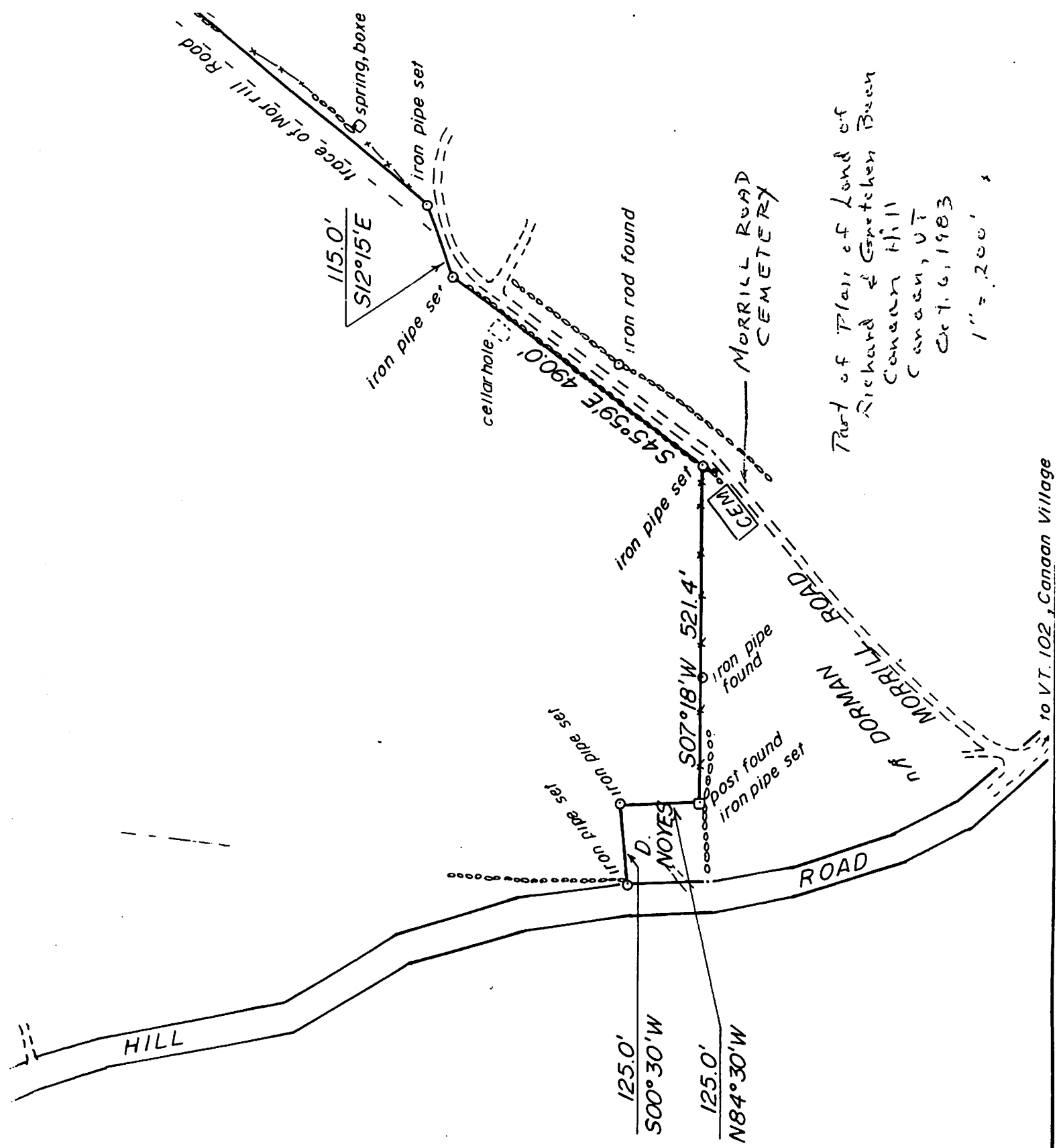
The cemetery appears to be very small, perhaps 30 feet by 40 feet, and of very early origin. It had lacked any care or maintenance for years until a few hours of unskilled work was put in during the 1960's. At that time, some trees were removed, the underbrush cleared, and repairs were made to the stone wall around it. Unfortunately, some of the rough uncut headstones and markers were used to repair the walls and for some steps used to get over the walls.

There is only one stone surviving with legible inscriptions. This is the marker for: "Hannah Weeks, daughter of Samuel and Abigail Weeks; died Jan. 10, 1835".

People who have studied this cemetery believe that there were 35 to 40 burials here, with many graves older than that of Hannah Weeks. However, the Weeks were among the earliest settlers in this part of Canaan. A Samuel Weeks of Gilmanton, NH purchased Lots 62, 72, and 73, all just north and west of this cemetery on May 26, 1803.

As in most of the Canaan Cemeteries, the origin of this burying ground plot is unknown and it has been taken over by the town under the provisions of Title 18, Sec. 5321, although no record of this action has been located.

A copy of the corner of the Bean plan and of the Tax Map are included as showing this cemetery.



Part of Plan of Land of
 Richard & Genetechen Bush
 Canaan Hill
 Canaan, VT
 Oct. 6, 1903
 1" = 200'

