Becket Center Cemetery

55 Y.M.C.A. Road

42⁰ 17'04.52"N   73⁰ 03'56.52"W   elevation 1585 feet

The **Becket Center Cemetery** was established in 1757 as the first burying ground in the township. The land on the slope west of the [Colonial Training Ground](#) was chosen; more than sixty years later it would be located behind the building of the [First Congregational Church](#) of Becket. The cemetery contains the oldest memorials and tributes to the town's steadfast founders. Fifteen-year-old, Luke Viets, who had been accidently shot for a deer on October 21, 1757, is buried here. The land size increased several times through the years. In 1791, "four or five rods less than ½ acre" on the south side was bought for $200 from Col. Billy Messenger." He was a Revolutionary War soldier who owned a tavern next to the cemetery. He is buried in the cemetery; which has a good well-built stonewall constructed in 1791. In 1884, "one acre and four rods of land" was bought from Henry A. Jennings, and a stone wall laid around it by Samuel Bennett and Willard Geer. In 1956, the town purchased approximately three acres which were added on the southeast side.

Bronze markers were placed on the graves of twenty-one Revolutionary War Soldiers on July 4, 1976, by Peace Party, D.A.R.

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