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CEMETERY RESEARCH

Researching your ancestor's grave is a great way to gather valuable information about them. Although vital records or primary records are best, there is always something that you can learn by visiting or locating your ancestor's graves. Years ago cemetery research required traveling many miles, navigating through muddy fields or overgrown bushes hoping to find their graves. Thankfully, today we have four great websites you can turn to before leaving the house. These resources often provide a wealth of information about an ancestor, including birth and death dates, full legal names, names of spouse or children, locations lived, and more.





BillionGraves is the world's largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data. BillionGraves, which can be accessed on a desktop and through the mobile app, is dedicated to photographing and transcribing information from gravestones in cemeteries around the world. You can also access the BillionGraves index online at <u>FamilySearch</u>.org



Find a Grave is a free resource dedicated to documenting and preserving headstones from around the world. Thanks to thousands of volunteers who photograph and upload the information you can take advantage of their findings. Perhaps consider being a volunteer yourself by taking photos of headstones in cemeteries in your area.



This website contains 25+ million cemetery records, transcripts, and burial registers, from tens of thousands of cemeteries across the world, all contributed by genealogists, cemeteries, government agencies, and private organizations.



Names In Stone operates differently than most cemetery websites. It allows the visitor to search an alphabetical listing of multiple cemeteries and view the actual grave location on an interactive up to date map. This allows you to see maps showing grave groupings that help piece together family relationships.



With your FamilySearch account, you'll be able to see a worldwide view of your family's graves. Just click on the photo below and then sign in to your account.

Cemeteries are like a giant library of stories

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