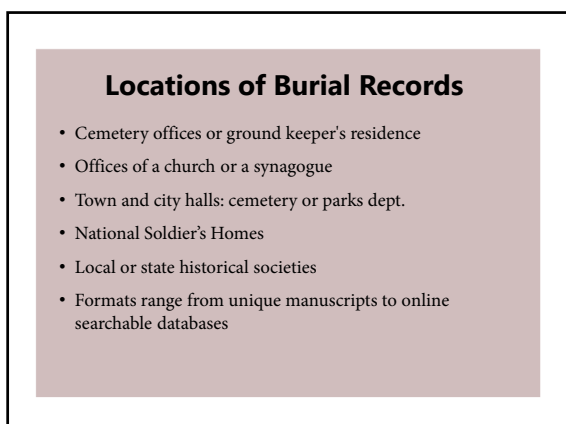




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1850-1851 United Jewish Cemetery Association, Cincinnati, OH

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Burial Permits

- Issued from a city or town clerk to have a body buried in a community a death did not occur.
- Often used to travel with the coffin if it is being shipped over state lines.
- Generally these records are not microfilmed, and are occasionally bound with death records

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Burial Permit, Leavenworth, Kansas

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Typical Burial Registers

- Details may include the following:
 - Name of deceased or family
 - Date of death
 - Date of burial
 - Ages
 - Cause of death
 - Burial plot details. Including costs and size of lot.

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1899 Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsdale, Michigan (FamilySearch)

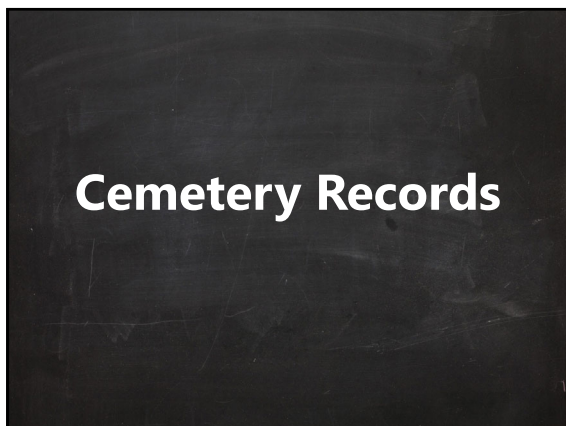
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1	Engelbert, Mrs. E. B.	71	Perforations of bow	2 Apr. 30
2	Blake, Mary W.	74	Diphtheria	2 8 30
3	Holmes, Geo. W.	31	Myocardial infarction	3 May 12
4	Holmes, Geo. W.	19	Infarction of myocardium	3 May 30
5	Holmes, Geo. W.	33	Infarction of myocardium	4 May 30
6	James, George	20	Infarction of myocardium	3 1 78
7	Wiley, Will. L.	20	Infarction of myocardium	3 1 78
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1901 - National Home for Disabled Volunteers

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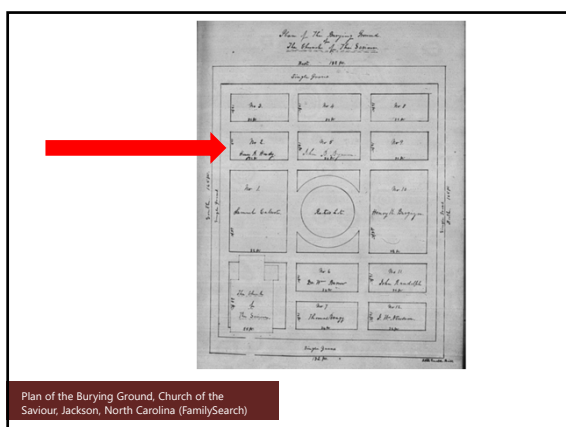


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Church Cemeteries and Graveyards

- The church may oversee their own private graveyard or private cemetery.
- Burial records can include:
 - Internment records
 - Lot sales/transfers
 - Maps of the burying ground

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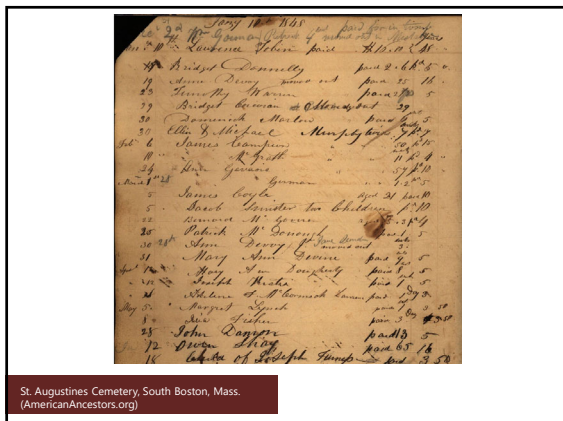


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Cemetery Rules and Regulations

- ✓ When are the Cemetery gates open?
- ✓ Is photography allowed?
- ✓ Grave Rubbings?




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Check List before your visit

- ✓ Location of Cemetery in the 21st Century
- ✓ Have the gravestones or cemetery records been transcribed?
- ✓ Cemetery Office hours
- ✓ Existence of plot card(s) or location of grave(s)
- ✓ Request a cemetery map or find an online version showing sections for larger cemeteries

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From Rolodex to a Guide Book



- 1987 – Rolodex on my desk at the Mass. State Archives
- 2002 – First edition produced
- 2009 – Second edition produced
- 2018 – Third edition produced
- 2019 – E-book Edition produced

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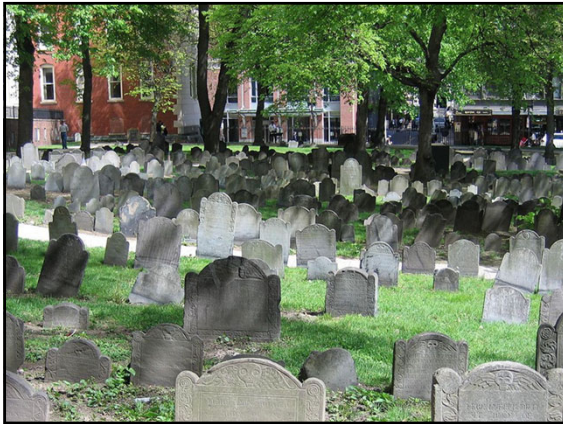
Why use this Guide?

BURLINGTON (1799) from Woburn	← Year town was incorporated ← Name of "parent" town(s)
Town Hall 29 Center St. Burlington, Mass. 01803 Tel: 781-270-1660	← Address and phone number of town or city hall and of town cemetery department, if any
Old Burial Ground, aka Precinct Burying Ground (1736) Bedford and Center Sts.	← Name of cemetery in alphabetical order, with alternate name(s), if any, followed by year of consecration or first burial or date on oldest stone
+ [G.R. 1] <i>Vital Records of Burlington, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1850</i> (1915).	← Location of cemetery. Address and phone number of cemetery record repository is given if applicable.
+ NEHGS [Miss/A/333] and [Miss/A/350].	← List of pertinent published books or articles that contain transcriptions of gravestones in that cemetery. G.R. = gravestone record. Bracketed numbers in NEHGS references are call numbers.

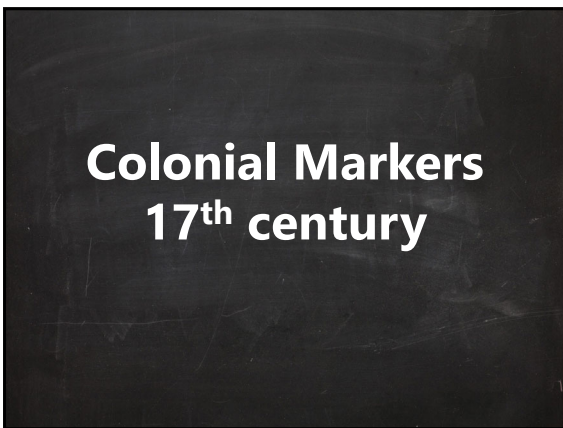
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Gravestones

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Location

- Puritan Burying Ground
 - Away from the meeting house
 - Body did not need to rest in sacred ground
- Church graveyards
 - Next to church building
 - Sacred ground
- Family property



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Early Gravestone Markers



- Simple wooden cross or board
- Field stone
- Local slate, sandstone, limestone, soapstone
 - Easy to quarry and carve
 - Durability varied by type of stone
- Headstone at the head of the deceased

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Earliest dated 17th century stone from New England

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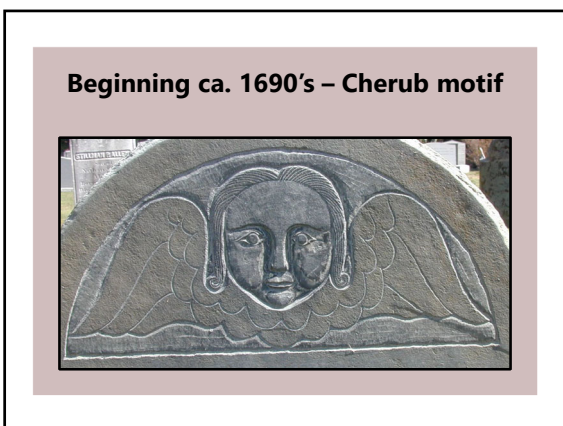
Early Style Grave marker – Death Head with Wings



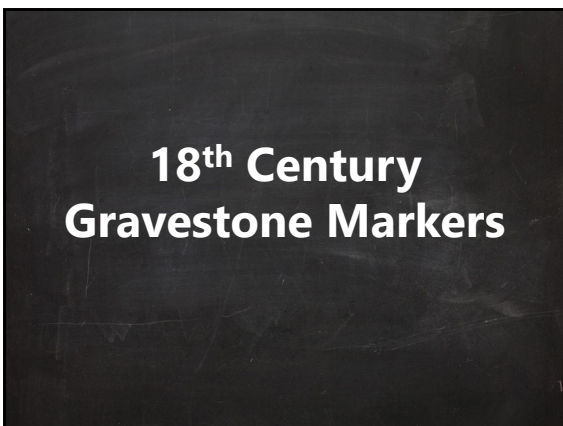

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Description

- Gravestone markers became taller in size
- Typically made from slate or sandstone locally quarried
- New shapes appeared
 - Plain rectangle
 - Three part with shoulders modified




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Damaged to Slate Gravestone

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Cherub or Death Head Portrait Stones

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Typical Early Text

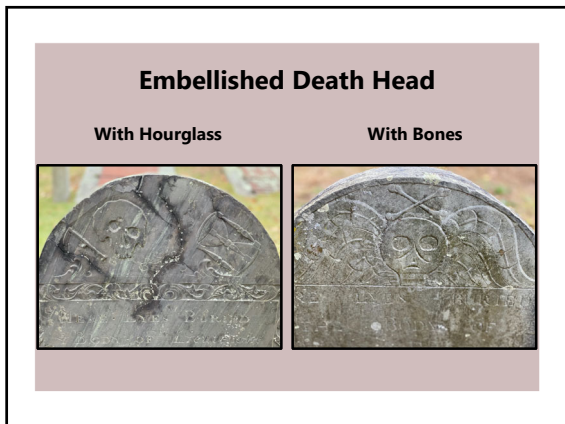
<p>Admonition</p> <p><i>Remember me as you pass by, As you are now, so once was I, As I am now, so you will be, Prepare for death and follow me.</i></p>	<p>Just the Facts</p> <p>Here lies y^e body of M^r Humphrey Atherton who died Feb^r y^e 2ⁿ 1748 in y^e 77th year of his life</p>
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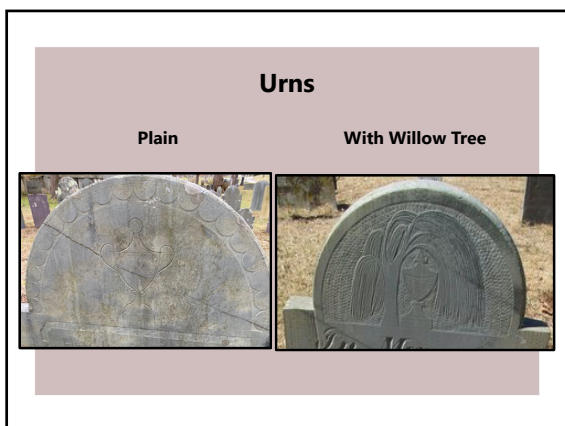
Inscriptions for the Living

<p>Mrs Mary Monk the wife of Mr. Eliphalet Monk she died May 19th 1784 in the 21st year of her age <i>The gayest youth fairest face Must lie at rest In this dark place</i></p>	
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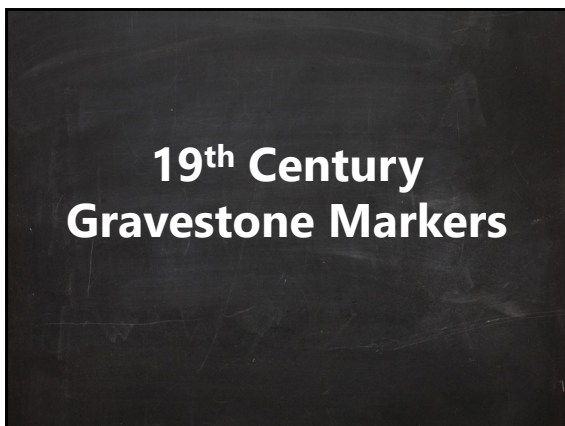
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Location




- Burying grounds replaced by cemeteries, a planned burial ground
- Rural cemetery movement, e.g. Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1831 and Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, N.Y., 1840.

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Description

- Markers began to be more varied: taller, different materials
- Marble and granite becomes very popular
- Late 19th century began see to stouter stones, layered stones
- Egyptian archeological influence including obelisks
- Less full dates more names and years on the stone.
- Central family monuments



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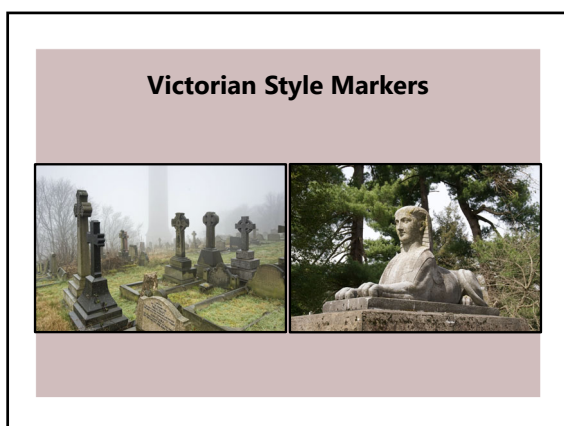



Marble and Limestone Gravestone

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19th Century Symbols



- Sleeping Child – an infant or child death
- Broken Columns – a life cut short
- Clasped hands – fidelity
- Anchor – for seamen
- Dove – resurrection, innocence, peace
- Ivy – fidelity and immortality
- Oak leaves – strength, honor, steadfastness

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Lilies and Drapery

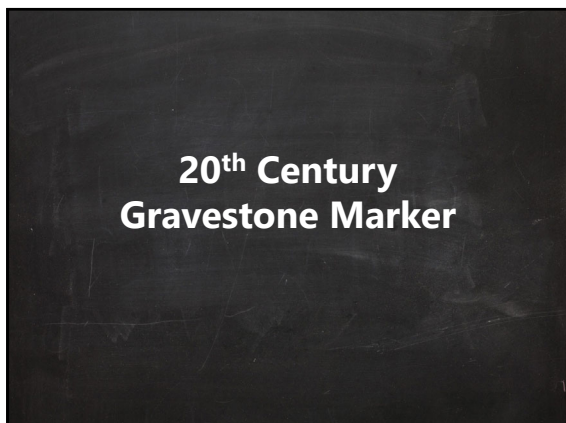


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Cast Iron Gravestones


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Description

- Granite becomes predominant stone
- Markers stocky and solid
- Can include photographs attached or engravings in color

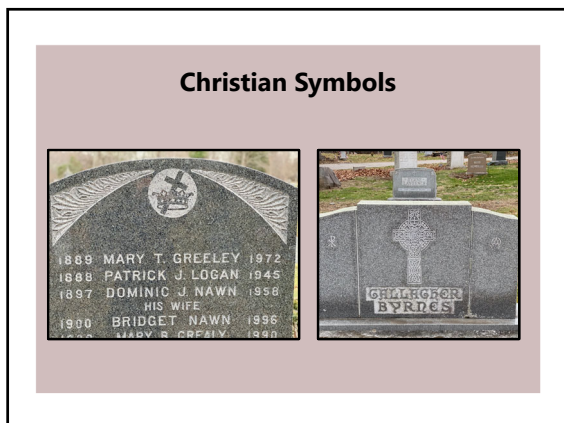


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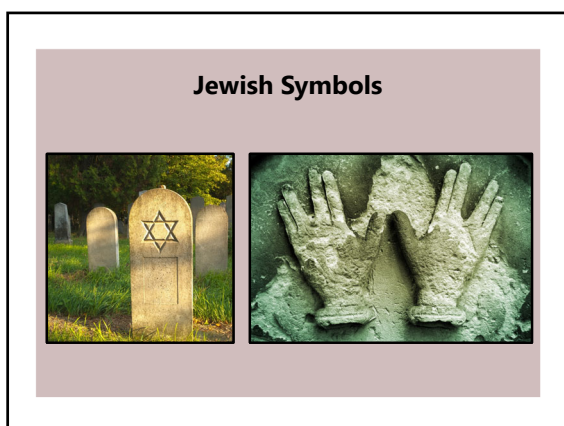
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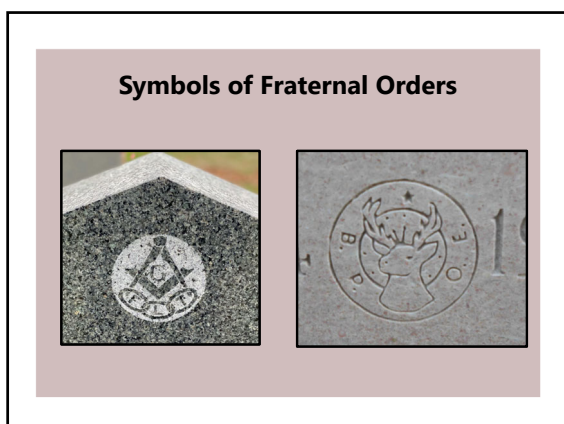

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Military Headstone



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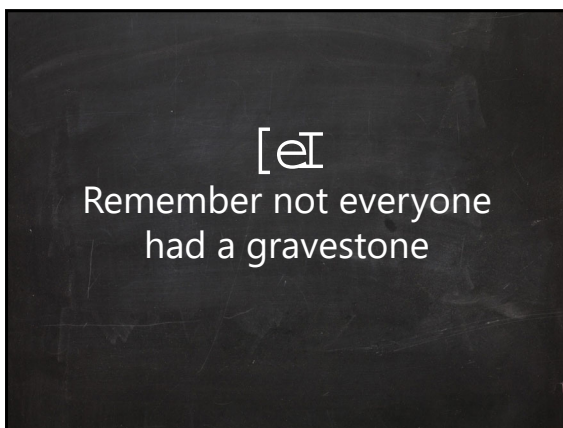
Summary

- 17th century grave markers used locally available stone and usually bore a Death Head carving at the top
- 18th century markers began to use marble and branched out to other symbols such as the urn and willow tree
- 19th century markers were elaborate and multi-layered
- 20th century markers often use granite and tend to be stockier
- The symbols that appear on markers tell a story about the deceased's beliefs and community

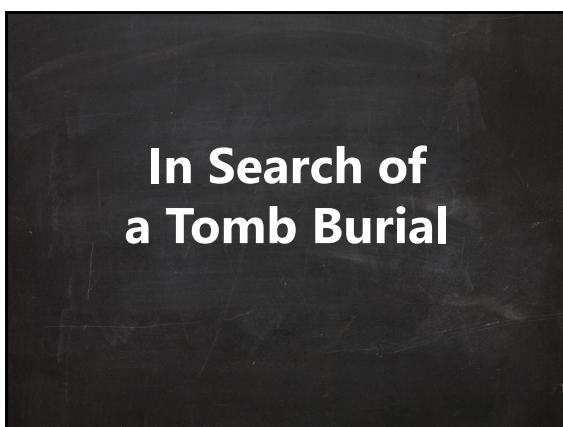
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In Search of a Tomb Burial

- Burial records on the local level may reveal the tomb number.
- The names engraved on a tomb do not always reflect all those buried within the tomb.
- Sometimes tombs will have multiple names engraved on it, as well as when the tomb was constructed or purchased above the door
- Tombs were bought and sold like real estate

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DEATHS registered in the city of Boston									
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for the year 1911									
City.									
AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME & ADDRESS OF DECEASED	SEX	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	RELIGION	EDUCATION
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8	1911	October 10	William A. Williams	97	10-13	Home	St. Ann	Protestant	High School Graduate
9	11	11	Alfred J. Brown	74	11-1	"	"	"	High School Graduate
10	11	11	Henry K. Green	76	11-1	"	"	"	High School Graduate
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Watson	Oliver & Virginia	September	Conn.	2 children
"	Thomas & Miriamah	September	Conn.	"
"	James & Margaret	transferred	W. Va.	21 children
Hampton 150	Wm. & Ann	Old age	W. Va.	4 children
Watson	Wm. & Mary	Old age	Conn.	2 children
"	Thomas & Mary	Old age	Conn.	2 children
"	Henry & Mary	September	Conn.	2 children
"	Thomas & "	October	Conn.	2 children
"	William & Margaret	May, Conn.	Conn.	2 children
Watson	John & Catharine	Long Conn.	"	"
"	Sam'l & Hannah	May, Conn.	Conn.	2 children
"	Sam'l & Hannah	Conn.	Conn.	2 children
Hampton 150	Thomas & Mary	Conn.	Conn.	2 children
Watson	David & Hannah	transferred	Conn.	2 children
Watson	Charles F. & Catharine W.	September	Conn.	2 children
Watson	David & Hannah	September	Conn.	2 children
Watson	John & Ann B.	Conn.	Conn.	2 children
"	William & Sarah	Conn.	Conn.	2 children
"	Edward & Sarah C.	Conn.	Conn.	2 children

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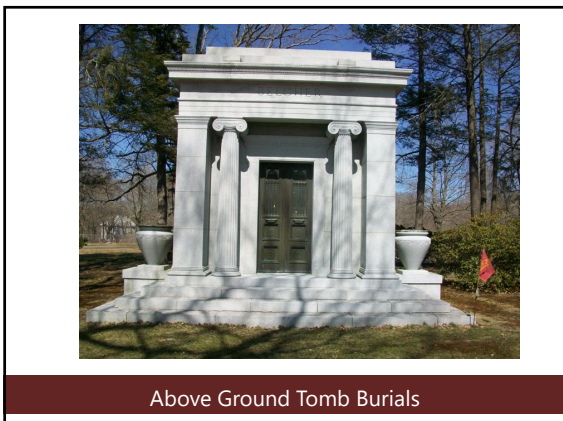
Urban tomb of multiple unrelated burials

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19th century family tomb

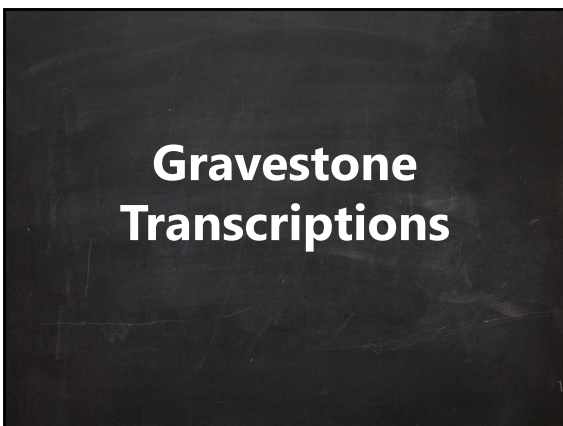
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Cemetery Transcription Examples

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BOSWORTH CEMETERY
REHOBOTH, MASS.

This cemetery is located on the east side of the road leading north from the Hornbine Church and less than a half mile from it. Part of the lot is well cared for, but the rest is utterly neglected.

Bosworth, Deacon Daniel	Died Mar. 12, 1834 Aged 67 years.
Bosworth, Elizabeth	Wife of Dea. Daniel Bosworth Died July 31, 1851 Aged 86 years
Bosworth, Elizabeth	Wife of Dea. Lloyd E. Bosworth Died Sept. 27, 1856 Aged 62 years.

Typed abstract of gravestone information arranged alphabetical

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Cemetery Transcription Examples

Name	Age	Date of Death	Lot No.	Remarks
Alice Dolliver	48-#-#	May 17, 1855	622	Old
Edyna Jesselyn	20-#-#	" 20, "	583	"
Horatio L. Crowles	44-9-#	" 25, "	114	Grown
William Swan	58-#-#	" 26, "	351	Old
Arminta Griffin	#-8-11	June 1, "	69	"
Hayes	Stillborn	" 2, "	69	"
Nathaniel Cavis	66-#-#	" 3, "	34,	"

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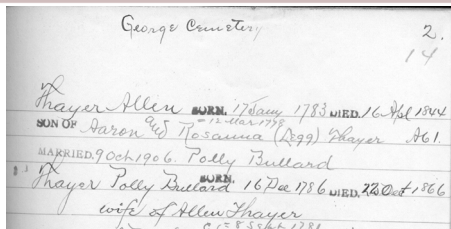
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Handwritten abstracts arranged by cemetery rows

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Abstract with additional genealogical research on each individual

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one (Nellie G. - Wife - - - - 1869 - 1932
stone (Clarence W. Cortis - son - 1896 - 1928
(Frances Grace Cortis - - - 1922 - 1932
Steiman (Henry H. Steiman - - - - 1863 - 1942

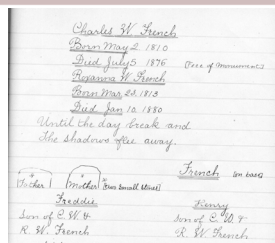
HEWITT
Emma L. Hewitt - - - - - 1873 - 1932

ALDRICH
G.A.R. Post No 176
one (Duane R. Aldrich - - - - 1848 - 1913
stone (His Wife
(William M. - - - - - 1849 - 1928
(Infant son - - - - - 1874 - --
(Jennie B. - - - - - 1863 - 1884
(Norman J. - - - - - 1883 - 1884
(Hubert J. - - - - - 1886 - 1893(?)
(Harry G. - - - - - 1885 - 1889
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Typed abstracts in cemetery row order.
With abbreviated gravestone data?

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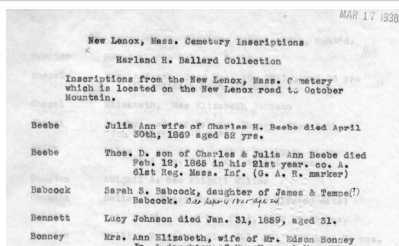
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Verbatim transcription with stone
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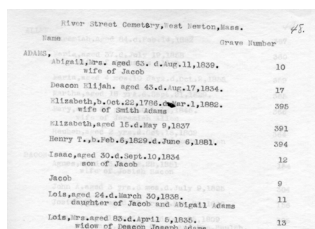
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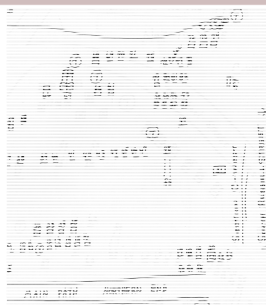
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Inscription abstract arranged alphabetically and each gravestone is assigned a number

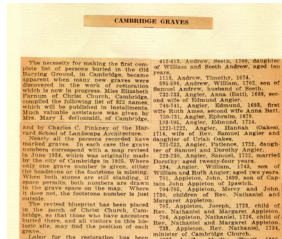
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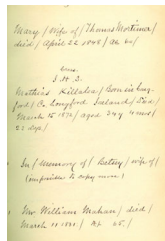
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Newspaper column transcriptions

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Verbatim transcription with line breaks

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**Are you ready to
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Verbatim Transcriptions

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Preserving the exact gravestone inscription



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**MAJ. GEORGE W. DUTTON**

1836 - 1925.

HIS WIFE

SARAH E. BELCHER

1837-1906.

GEORGE W. DUTTON

1858-1859.

HIS WIFE

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1860-1949

GAGE

DUTTON

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Transcribing Older Gravestones



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DEBORAH / wife of / **Benjamin Gannett,** / died / April 29, 1827, / aged 68 years. [Stone condition: Slate Gravestone, with a carved Weeping Willow tree within a circle].

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Town and County Local Histories

*19th century town
 history chapter on
 gravestones in the
 town cemetery*

256 HISTORY OF DUNSTABLE. [1873]

OUR MOTHER.
 CATHERINE B., widow of the late John Cummings, d. Sept. 23, 1839,
 aged 78 yrs. and 8 mos.

Mother, on earth we loved thee well,
 We love thy memory still,
 For thou art now a saint in heaven,
 And freed from every ill.

Sacred to the memory of JOHN CUMMINGS, who d. Janr. 30, 1845, aged
 63.

He lived desired and died lamented.

SARAH, w. of John French, born July 19, 1781; d. Oct. 20, 1862.
 JOHN FRENCH, born March 17, 1778; d. Apr. 16, 1861.
 JOHAN TAYLOR, d. July 24, 1848, aged 81 yrs.

Here sleeps our father in the silent dust,
 By all our sorrows, all our love, unmoved,
 Sleeps till the solemn summons of the just
 Bids him awake to meet the God he loved.

ELIZABETH, dau. of Eleazer and Rebecca Miller, d. Aug. 18, 1831, aged
 9 mos.

GEORGIANA C. DAVIS, d. Aug. 8, 1860, aged 16 yrs. and 7 mos.

The flower is of earth,
 But the perfume is from heaven.

ISAAC CHANEY, d. March 26, 1866, aged 51 yrs.
 SUSANNAH, w. of Isaac Chaney, d. May 7, 1847, aged 41.

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Published Cemetery Abstracts

- Listed Alphabetically
- Dates abbreviated
- Each gravestone has been assigned a number

Crowell, Lathan A.	3-23-1841			
Crowell, Lathan A.	8-18-1870 (1844)	w Samuel S.		806g
Crowell, Mary F.	12-22-1790 1750	w John		801
Crowell, Mary F.	12-17-1842			806g
Crowell, Michael G.	2-4-1846 (1812)	w Ebenezer		807a
Crowell, Samuel	12-6-1882 (1800)	b Sarah S.		806
Crowell, Samuel S.	6-5-1867 (1837)	b Lathan		806
Crowell, Sarah S.	1-16-1880 (1807)	w Samuel		806
Crowley, William E., Jr.	8-24-1862			806g
Crum, Mahol	2-7-1844			806g
Crum, Lillian	5-21-1925			806g
Crum, Sarah	2-19-1925			806g
Cumbeharach, Irene	2-18-1919			806g
Cumiskey, Elizabeth	8-29-1857 6-22-1925			806
Cumiskey, Grace M.	2-8-1868 5-5-1928			806
Cumiskey, Grace	5-12-1877 2-25-1968			806
Cumiskey, John A.	2-7-1906 11-4-1962			806
Cumiskey, Michael	11-11-1874 7-8-1916			806
Cusick, Alfred	3-20-1921			806
Cusick, Clara	9-8-1929			806g
Cusick, John, Jr.	10-11-1889 1918	b Christian		806g
Curt, Anna N.	9-1-1971 1983	prob w Elmer		806
Curt, Elmer	10-30-1872 1989	prob b Anna N.		806

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Pre-1850 Massachusetts Vital Record Series

- g. R. 1.*—gravestone record, Ancient Burying Ground, Bradford.
- g. R. 2.*—gravestone record, Ancient Burying Ground at East Bradford, afterwards Groveland.
- g. R. 3.*—gravestone record, Burial Place of the small pox victims, at East Bradfords, afterwards, Groveland.

- Death Records with the references:

GR - Gravestone Record

GS - Grave Stone Record

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Published Cemetery Proprietor Lists

PROPRIETORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PLOTS.			
Proprietor.	No.	Street.	Plot.
Knappe, William O., rep.	2117	Orange path.	
Horton, Clara E., Mrs., rep.	2118	Clover path.	120
Lindley, Charles H.,	2119	Clover path.	120
Smith, Abigail F., Mrs.	2120	Lily path.	200
Smith, Abigail F., Mrs.	2121	Lily path.	200
Linneaus, Abbie Parker, Mrs.	2122	Lily path.	200
Greene, Frank E., Dr.	2123	Rock Maple ave.	200
Thomas, Catherine A., Mrs.	2124	Rock Maple ave.	200
Bailey, Ruth, Mrs.	2125	Orange path.	200
Jordan, Harry F., rep.	2126	Orange path.	200
Croft, Albert F., rep.	2127	Stonewall path.	400
Pickering, Arthur H., rep.	2128	Stonewall path.	400
Leach, Theodore, rep.	2129	Stonewall path.	400

- Alphabetical list of cemetery plot owners
- Plot name and or #
- Location of Plot
- Date of Plot purchase
- Burials in each plot

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Common Gravestone Abbreviations

- **Æ, AE, æ, ae, Æt, æt, or A:** Latin aetatis, "age of," referring to age at death. Usually followed by the age in years, months, and days. When subtracted from the date of death, offers an approximate date of birth.
- **Y:** Common substitute for the "thorn" symbol, which signifies the sound "th." Example: 5Y = 5th, Ye = The, Yt = That, Yis = This
- **OB:** Latin obit, "she/he dies."

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Archaic terms that provide clues to married status found on gravestones

- **Spinster:** unmarried adult female
- **Consort:** wife; husband alive at her death
- **Relict:** widow; husband predeceased her

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Given names and Surnames may
be abbreviated

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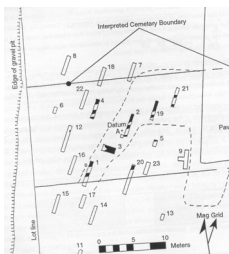
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Abbott, Herbert W.	---	---	DN/B-3
Abbott, Margaret P.	1976	---	DN/B-3
Adams, Emma (n)	1885	fal, grf	DN/B-3
Adams, Frank E.	1890	ers, fal	DN/A-34
Adams, Ica	1835/12/13	ers, fal	DN/T-14
Adams, John S. (n)	1893	fal, grf	DN/A-34
Adams, Joseph E.	1882	ers, fal	DN/T-14
Adams, Mary E.	1835	ers, fal	DN/H-183
Adams, Mary E. (n)	1878	fal, grf	DN/A-34
Alcock, Abigail	1823/2/8	sun, ms	DN/B-42
Alcock, Abraham	1859/2/9	sun, ms	DN/B-42
Alcock, Robert	1821/3/3	sun, ms	DN/B-42
Allbright, Emma Stuart	1955	sol	DN/B-2
Allbright, John Gilbert	1902	sol	DN/B-2
Allbright, John Hunter	1923	sol	DN/B-2

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Boston Historic Burying Grounds Initiative

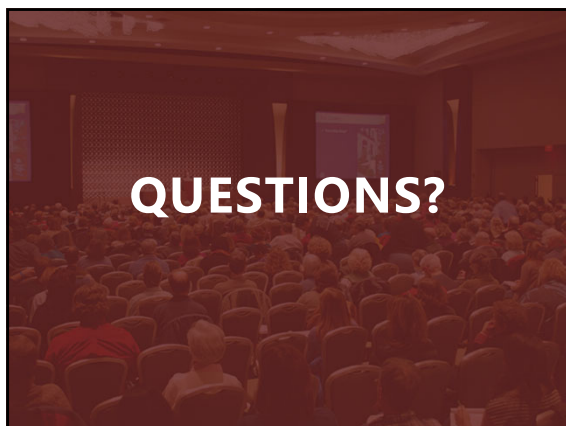
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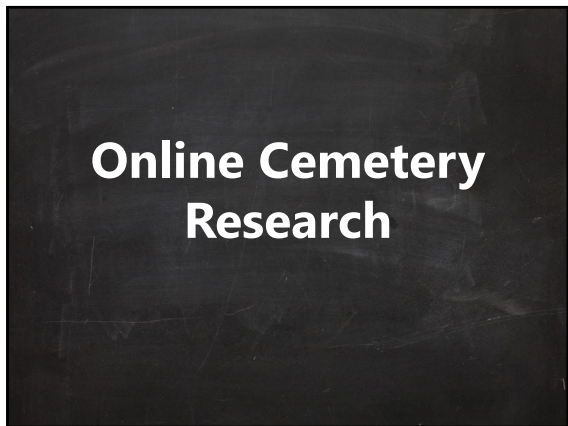


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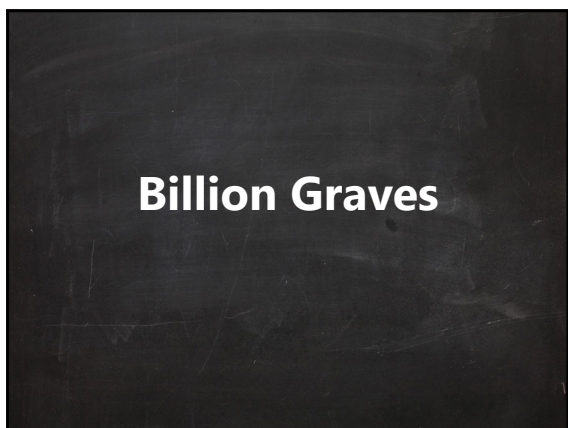
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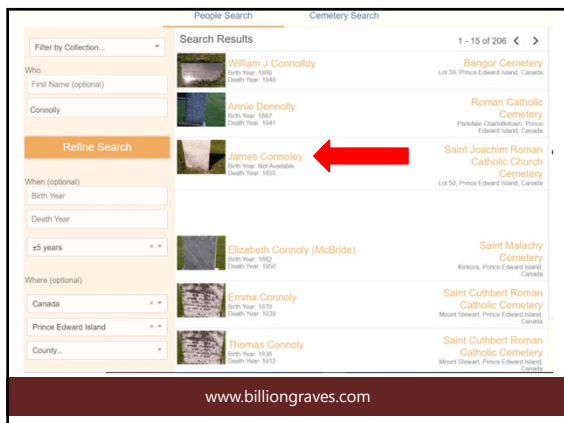
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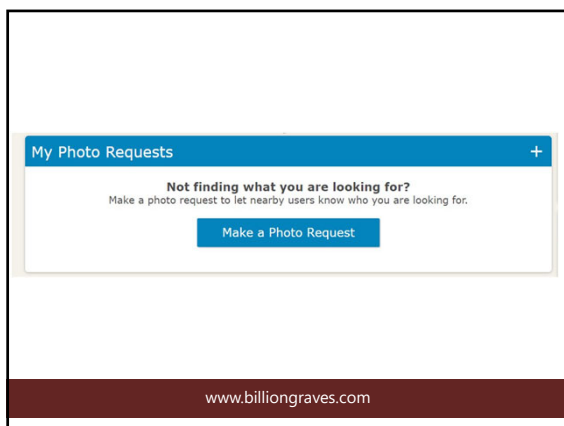
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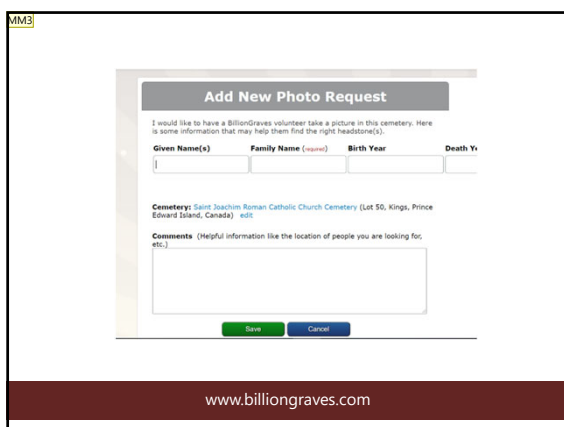
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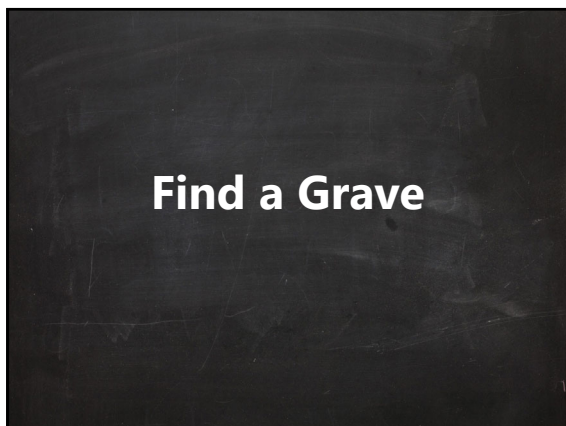
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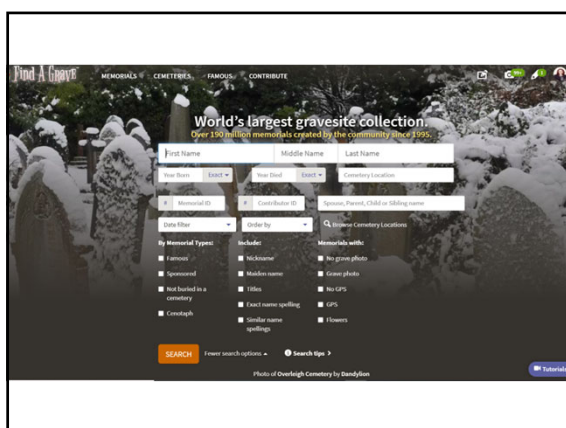
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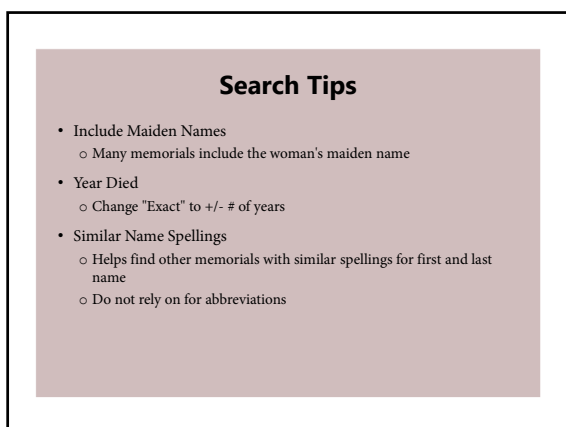
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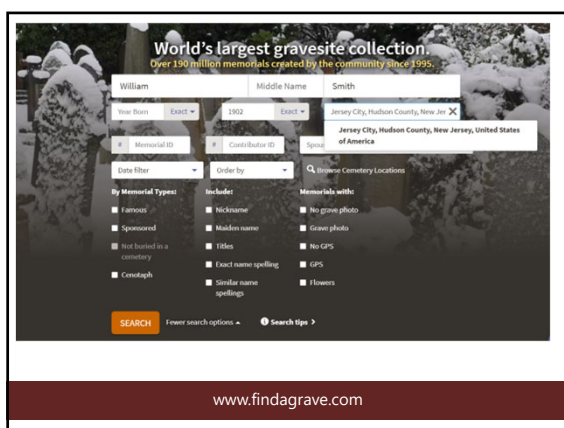
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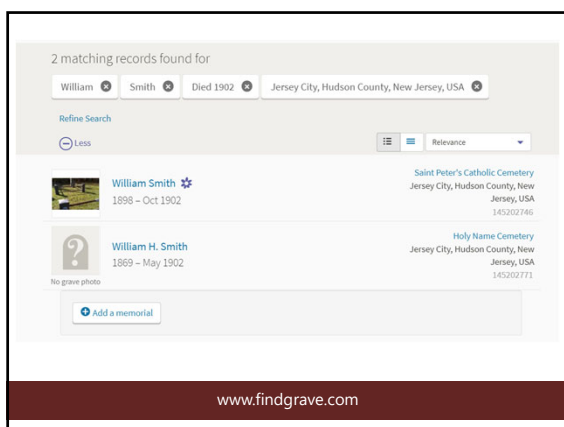
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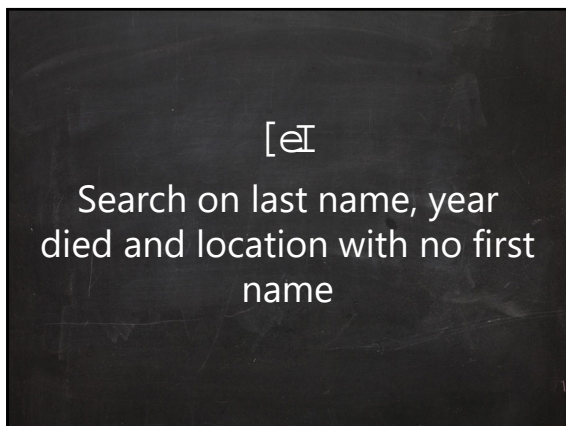
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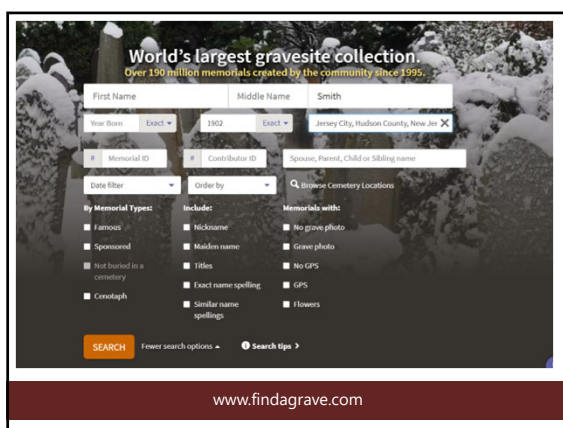
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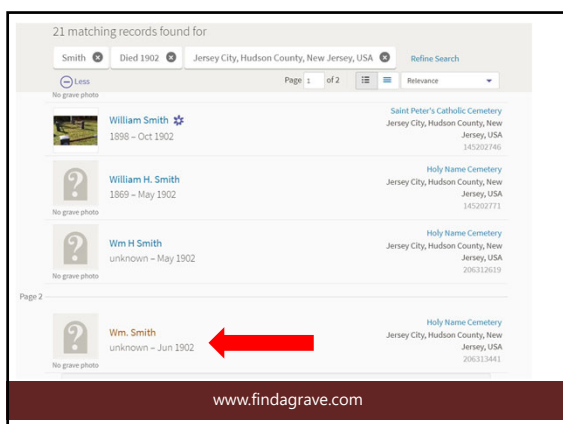
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BIRTH 18 Jun 1914
 DEATH 29 Dec 1991 (aged 77)
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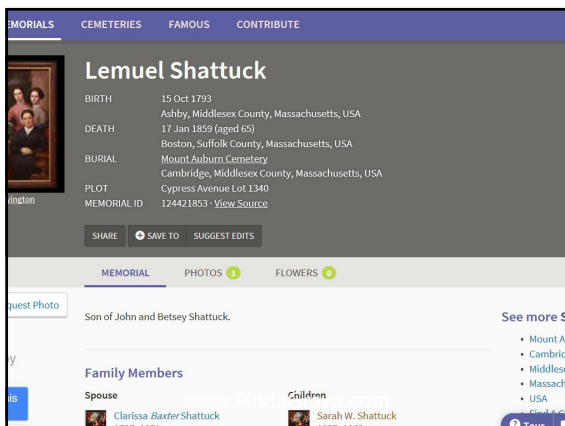
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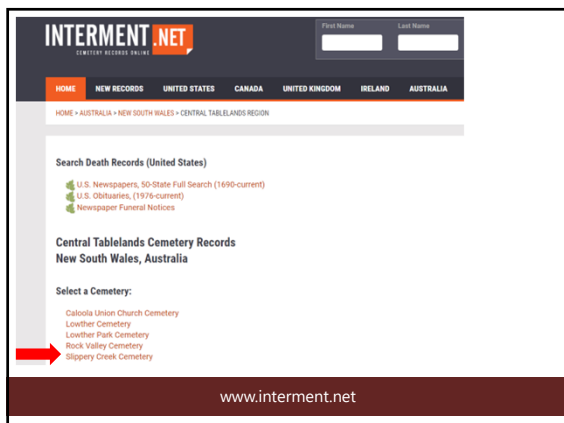
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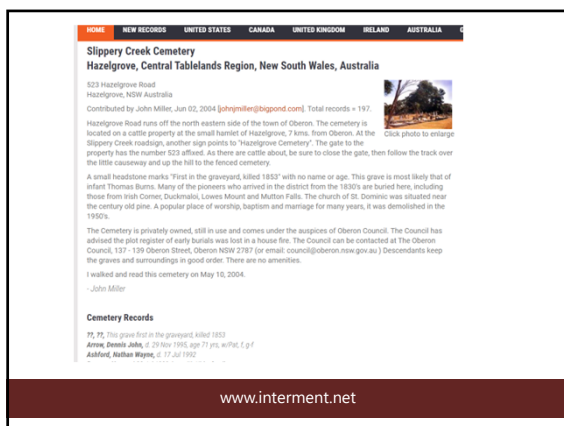
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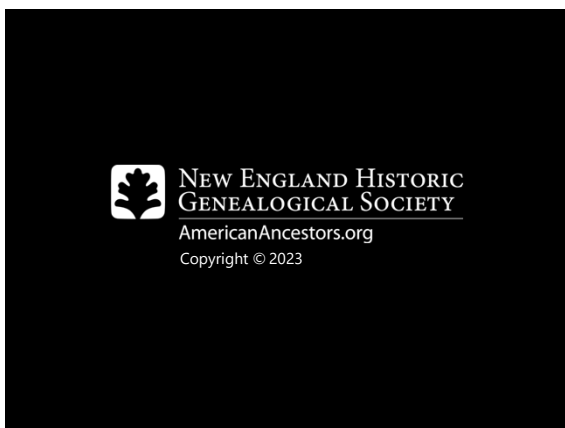
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