

Advanced Find A Grave

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This class will look in detail at a number of different types of information found on Find A Grave Memorials. Be open minded because many of these hints will lead you to other documents, review of sources on multiple databases, including Ancestry, Find My Past, etc.

Your level of research on each individual or family will depend upon how deep you want to dig into their piece of your families' history. Verifying the accuracy of basic information about each individual begins with attaching sources showing where each data point was found. That is the first step, the genealogy function of Family History.

In the beginning, we were asked to document at least four generations of the Patriarchal line. Many of the records in Family Tree contain only those individuals. Their parents or siblings were not entered. In many cases source attachments were not connected to individuals included in Census, Obituary, or other records.

The Church has recently asked that we expand our search to include additional information about other ancestors and their lines. Each individual must determine how obsessed or addicted they are to "digging into history." There are no Recovery groups for Genealogist, because no one wants to be cured.

Dig as deep as you choose, but there is more treasure to be found in the next document you dig up. Remember that over 1 million records from across the world are added to Family Search each day. Review your tree at least once a month to find new hints.

Understanding the symbols found on and around the grave can add to the understanding of your ancestors. What religion, Masons, Grand Dame, DAR/SAR, military service, Woodman, can all be revealed in these symbols and clues. I have included a list of sites for your enjoyment.

Find A Grave Examples

[Dr Fred Turner Jr. \(1920-2016\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 174105253

Unique stone, Veteran, Spouse name and birth date. This person had 3 spouses, but FAG only shows 2.

[Hinton Carr \(1859-1921\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 13177983

Photo, detail headstone, Death Cert., Obituary with important details. Name of cousin I didn't know about.

[Frances Susan "Fannie" Carr Bright \(1854-1876\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 153451864

Nickname, name of child not shown on FAG. Probably died in childbirth. No other children shown on FAG.

[Galen McDuff Carr \(1922-2002\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 13177789

More photos, news clipping with family photo, names and ages. Birth Cert. Calculate burial date.

[James Dickson Carr \(1886-1968\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 61958255

Detailed Obituary with family history and stories. Beautiful headstone.

[Charles Robert "Charlie" Carr \(1887-1957\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 13179058

Military photo & headstone. Residence, marital, and health info.

[Rex Allan Werts \(1951-2012\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 113301175

Obituary indicates 2 spouses, children and parents.

[Charles Frank Norford \(1852-1921\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 128897853

Additional family names on headstone.

[Nicholas H. Kuehn Sr. \(1886-1967\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 179592560

Obituary with country of origin and family members. Another source had wife's maiden name. Found Ellis Island arrival list with additional names.

[Nora Daly \(unknown-1991\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 205220325

Unique Headstone with additional information.

[Eli Ayer Vickery \(1859-1914\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#) 42438096

Shows cover of the history of the family book. NO DETAILS

Headstone Symbol and Information Resources

[Tombstone Symbols & their Meanings - United States Genealogy & History Network \(msghn.org\)](http://msghn.org)

[How to interpret gravestone symbols and their meanings — Heritage Discovered](#)

[Headstone & Memorial Symbols and Meanings \(FROM ACROSS THE U. S.\) | City of Grove Oklahoma](#)

[86 Beautiful Headstone Symbols and Their Meanings Explained | LoveToKnow](#)

[Headstone Symbols A to Z - Headstone Symbols](#)

[Headstone Symbolism | St. Charles Monuments \(stcharlesmonuments.net\)](http://stcharlesmonuments.net)

[Gravestone Symbols: Reveal Your Ancestor's History \(legacytree.com\)](http://legacytree.com)

[What Do the Symbols on the Gravestones Mean? | by Kamna Kirti | The Collector | Medium](#)

[The Language of Death: 15 Gravestone Symbols Explained | Urbanist \(weburbanist.com\)](http://weburbanist.com)

[The Complete Visual Guide to Jewish Headstones - Cousinist: Family Tree and Genealogy](#)

[Decoding Military Headstones and Other Cemetery Memorials for American Soldiers - Military Connection](#)

[The 65 Symbols on US Military Tombstones \(hyperallergic.com\)](http://hyperallergic.com)

[Quondam Explorer - German Tombstone Epitaphs \(quondamexploration.com\)](http://quondamexploration.com)

[Irish Gravestone Symbols - BillionGraves Blog](#)

[Hindu Symbols, meaning, tattoos, iconography, signs \(hinduismfacts.org\)](http://hinduismfacts.org)

[Viking Symbols And Their Meanings The Complete Guide - Surflegacy](#)

[African American Fraternal Headstone Symbols in Arkansas: A Guide – The Lakeport Plantation \(astate.edu\)](http://astate.edu)

[14 Most Important Aztec Symbols And Their Meanings - Symbols Archive](#)

[Emblems of Belief - National Cemetery Administration \(va.gov\)](http://va.gov)