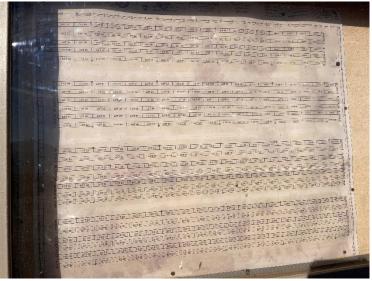
What You Need to Know When Visiting a Cemetery

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Most cemeteries will have a place where burial plots are. They can be in a building, a gazebo, right outside the cemetery. Some smaller cemeteries may have the records offsite. Other bigger ones may have the burial plots digitized. The newer cemeteries are also digitized.



Once the burial plot is located, use the map that may be provided above the records. Some cemeteries have maps on hand to use. Check with the records office to see if they are available.

There are also street markers to help work through the cemetery. An example below,



There may be street signs or letters. Another example,



Below are the steps to using the Map and locating the grave in the cemetery.

Steps to finding the grave:

- 1. Locate the books/burial plots.
- 2. Find your deceased ancestor.
- 3. Find the Platt, Block, Lot and Grave in the book.
- 4. Locate the Map.
- 5. After locating the map, locate the key/legend.
- 6. Find the platt on the map.
- 7. Then find the block.
- 8. Then find the lot.
- 9. Then find the grave on the map.
- 10. After locating on the map of where the grave is located, take a picture, and locate the grave in the cemetery.
- 11. Refer to the video in the presentation to have a visual of how the steps are taken.

What are Sexton Records?

- ▶ Records taken by the Sexton (person in charge of the cemetery).
- ▶ What is on the Records:
 - Name of Deceased.
 - ➤ Date of Burial.
 - > Date of death.
- ▶ Where to locate records:
 - ➤ The Sexton Record office is located in the Cemetery.
 - > Online (FamilySearch Catalog, FamilySearch Wiki, Google Search.

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