



Check Out

Online Cemetery Records

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Tips for Step 17

Tips for Step 17: Check out online cemetery records and visit them, record and take photographs of your findings

Before You Go:

- Research the cemetery and find out its location and hours of operation
- Check the weather and dress appropriately
- Bring a notebook or genealogy software to record your findings
- Bring a camera or smartphone to take photos of headstones and cemetery records
- Pack water and snacks if you plan on spending a long time there

Things to Consider:

- Be respectful of the cemetery and other visitors
- Follow any rules or regulations set by the cemetery
- Be careful when walking on uneven ground or near old headstones
- Contact the cemetery ahead of time if you have specific questions or need assistance

Websites for Online Cemetery Records:

- FindAGrave: <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- BillionGraves: <https://billiongraves.com/>
- Interment.net: <https://www.interment.net/>
- Vital Records | National Archives US: <https://www.archives.gov/research/vital-records>
- Family Search - United States Death Records:
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Death_Records
- Cyndi's List Death Records: <https://www.cyndislist.com/death/>
- Ancestor Search: <https://www.ancestorsearch.co.uk/cemetery-records.html>
- Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid: <https://ocfa.islandnet.com/>
- Online Death Indexes and Records for Canada: <https://www.deathindexes.com/>

Quiz - Step 17

1. What is an example of an online cemetery record website you could use for genealogy research?
 - a) FindAGrave.com
 - b) Wikipedia.com
 - c) Facebook.com

2. What type of information can you typically find on an online cemetery record?
 - a) The name of the sexton
 - b) A list of living relatives
 - c) Birth and death dates

3. What is a sexton?
 - a) A person who takes care of the cemetery
 - b) A type of headstone
 - c) A type of burial plot

4. Why is it important to visit the cemetery where your ancestors are buried?
 - a) To take photographs of the headstone
 - b) To meet with the sexton
 - c) To pay respects and gather valuable genealogical information

5. What should you record and photograph while visiting the cemetery?
- a) Only the name of the deceased
 - b) The inscription on the headstone, spouse's name, dates, and any symbols
 - c) Nothing, just take mental notes

Answers: Quiz for Step 17

1. a) FindAGrave.com
2. c) Birth and death dates
3. a) A person who takes care of the cemetery
4. c) To pay respects and gather valuable genealogical information
5. b) The inscription on the headstone, spouse's name, dates, and any symbols