

# **Find A Grave.com**

(Facebook for the Dead)

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## **\*What is Find A Grave?**

Find A Grave was founded in 1995 by Salt Lake City resident Jim Tipton. The founder had the hobby of looking for graves of famous people. He created a site where one could visit to see the burial sites of celebrities. It has evolved into a top genealogical source.

It was first launched commercially in 1998 and then incorporated in 2000.

The site later expanded to allow non-famous graves in order to have online visitors pay respect to their deceased relatives or friends.

Ancestry.com purchased FindAGrave

On September 30, 2013, Ancestry.com announced its acquisition of the company.

Ancestry.com plans to bolster the resources by

- Launching a new mobile app

- Improving customer support

- Introducing and enhancing editing for submitting updates to memorials

- Foreign-language support

- Other site improvements

## **Content and features**

The website contains listings of cemeteries and graves from around the world.

American cemeteries are organized by state and county.

Many cemetery records contain Google Maps (with GPS coordinates supplied by contributors)

Photographs of the cemeteries

### **\*What do you find in the Memorials?**

These individual grave records contain some or all of the following:

Dates and places of birth and death

Biographical information

Cemetery and plot information

Photographs (grave marker, individual)

Links to other deceased relatives (whether in the same cemetery or a different cemetery)

Contributor information

Opportunity to leave messages of sympathy or condolence or tribute to the deceased

### **\*Where do Memorials come from?**

Memorials are created by individuals consisting of both relatives and non-related people.

Thousands of people go out and research grave sites, take photographs, gather information on the deceased and download information to Find A Grave. You can be one of those thousands!

Contributors must register as members to submit listings or memorials on the site

If you create a memorial (or listing) you become the manager of the memorial, but you may transfer the memorial to another individual if you desire

Only the current manager of a listing may edit the listing. Any suggested edits are reviewed by the manager and either accepted or rejected. Those submitting edits are notified by email of the result of their editing effort.

Members and non-members may send correction requests regarding memorials

Members and non-members can submit notations, such as pictures, flowers, flags or religious symbols to be posted on the memorials

### **\*How to Join Find A Grave and How to Register**

On the home page, under "Find Graves", the sixth hot-link down that column is "Join the Find A Grave Community". Click that link and enter the required information (consists of your email, a password, your name, and the public name you want to use)

## **Search in Find A Grave:**

Search by

Name

First, middle, last

Include maiden name in the search

Do partial name search on surname

Birth year

Death year

State, county, city or town

Cemetery

Memorial #

If your search comes up with no results, take some information out – often “less is more”

## **Refining a Search:**

By name

By cemetery

## **Additional Searches**

by cemetery

by city or town

by county

by state

by Find A Grave

## **Actions Side Bar**

Begin a New Search

Refine the Last Search

Cemetery Lookup

Add Burial Records

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**Editing in Find A Grave**

The Edit tab is found on each memorial page along the top edge of the memorial. Click on the Edit tab to suggest a **correction** or an **addition** for:

[Birth/death date, birth/death place](#)

[Relationship \(parent and spouse links\)\(these are linked by memorial number rather than by name\)](#)

[Name](#)

[Plot or GPS](#)

[Marker transcription](#)

[Any other correction or addition suggestion \(if you wanted to add an obituary or other document, e.g. a death certificate, etc.\)](#)

In the Edit field you can also add a photo, flowers and a note, sponsor the memorial by paying a one-time fee to remove advertisements, share the memorial on Facebook, or edit your Virtual Cemetery settings for the memorial.

### **Creating a Memorial**

If you do not find a memorial for the person you are searching for, and you know they are buried in a specific graveyard, or there was a cremation without a burial, you can create a memorial for that person.

You may click on the "Add burial records" from either the home page or from the side-bar in the search screen. Follow the prompts using one of the links shown in the Add Burial Records page.

### **Photographs**

Photos found on Find A Grave have been taken and posted by various individuals. These photographs have a copyright. You should contact the manager of the memorial or the contributor of the photograph when you wish to use their photos for your personal use. Occasionally the manager or photographer will have already give permission on the site for others to use their photograph.

Members may request photos of graves, which other members may then fulfill.

### **Famous Persons on Find A Grave**

Find A Grave maintains links to memorials of famous people for those who are

- Medal of Honor recipients

- Religious figures

- Educators

- Miscellaneous other celebrities

Find A Grave exercises editorial control for these memorials

### **Volunteering to Help**

- Contribute memorials and photos

- Become a Photo Volunteer

For an excellent additional handout, see the Riverton Utah Family History Library handout found at the following link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1\\_1g7j-PaGAOGdhT2tFb0dVcHM/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1_1g7j-PaGAOGdhT2tFb0dVcHM/view)