

Find a Grave® Tips & Tricks - Using Find a Grave® for Genealogical Research

1. What is Find a Grave®?

Despite what some purists say in their profiles, Find a Grave® has become a powerful tool for genealogical research.

2. Tips for finding your ancestors on Find a Grave®.

Find a Grave® memorials typically show up in hints on Ancestry and FamilySearch, or by using the memorial search option on Find a Grave®. Obituaries are another good source.

3. Becoming a Find a Grave® contributor.

In order to edit existing or add new memorials, you will need to become a contributor. It's free and easy to do.

4. How to create a memorial and link other family members.

Creating a new memorial is easy when you know how. The presentation will provide some tips and tricks.

5. Sponsoring memorials and creating virtual cemeteries.

Sponsoring memorials removes ads and allows you to add more photos and documents. Virtual cemeteries allow you to find your loved ones' memorials without searching.

6. How to request a transfer and when it is required.

The presentation will teach you how to request a transfer of your close ancestors' memorials. Transfers are required up to 2nd great-grandparents.

7. Making and approving suggested edits.

Once you are a contributor you can suggest edits to any memorial. If you manage memorials, you will be asked to approve edits by other contributors.

8. Adding flowers and tricks for bypassing uncooperative managers.

You can add your own photos or use the images provided by Find a Grave® to honor your loved ones. The presentation also provides tips for bypassing uncooperative managers.

9. Tips for adding photos on Find a Grave®.

If you want to add photos of your loved ones or documents that pertain specifically to them, there are some basic rules and tips you should be aware of.

10. Overview of the Find a Grave® website and smartphone app.

The online website and the smartphone app are intuitive and easy to use. The smartphone app is required for doing work in a cemetery. You can edit photos in the app before adding them.

11. The power of GPS locations (and problems!)

Adding GPS will allow future researchers to find their loved ones' burial locations more easily. There is a tip you'll need to know when adding them from home to avoid making mistakes.