

## FindaGrave Demonstration

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**FindAGrave.com** was created in 1995 by Jim Tipton of Salt Lake City, who liked visiting famous people's graves and building websites. Jim expanded the site to include non-celebrities in 2010 and then sold it to Ancestry.com in 2013.

Today, there are over 250 million memorials from all over the world. Contributors include individuals, genealogy societies, and cemetery associations.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The information about a gravesite is called a “memorial”; it can include:
  - Basic data
  - Connections to parents, children, and spouses
  - Photos (gravestone, portrait, obit, etc.)
  - Biographies
- Each memorial has a manager; they may have no connection with the deceased
- As a registered member, you can
  - Add memorials
  - Suggest changes to memorials (dates, locations, connections, etc.)
  - Upload photos
  - Request a photo of a gravestone if there is none

### MORE

- Find cemeteries by location
- Search by person or by cemetery
- Get help

**TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT** - provide your email address and name

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### UPSIDES / PROS

- Free
- Easy to use
- Great place to find ancestors and their relatives
- Easy to learn who else with the same last name is buried in the same cemetery

### DOWNSIDES / CONS

- Not a substitute for a death record
- Mistakes can be made; find other records to corroborate the information
- You can't control all of your family's memorials