A detailed illustration of the Grim Reaper, a skeleton in a dark, tattered robe, holding a scythe. The figure is positioned on the left side of the slide, with the scythe's blade curving upwards and to the right. The background is dark with a subtle, lighter-colored map of Tennessee.


Genealogy and the Grim Reaper

Joe Burns & John Ware
Tennessee Genealogical Society

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Topics

- Death Records
- Cemeteries and Graves
- Alternate Sources

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Death Records

- Funeral Home or Mortuary Records
- Church Records
- Notices (Newspapers)
- Civil Records



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Cemetery Records

- Seton Records
- Interment or Lot Records / Registers
- Lot Owner or Plot Owner Documents / Registers
- Plot Maps or Records
- Headstones



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Alternate Sources

- Alternate Sources
 - Family Bibles
 - Land & Property Records
 - Probate Records
 - Social Security Death Index (SSDI)
 - Mortality Schedules



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Funeral Home Research

- Amazing source of information.
- Access to these records can be easy or impossible
- Freedom of information act has limited application
- Most Funeral Homes will assist you Some Funeral
- Some records are available on line.



List of Funeral Homes: <https://obittree.com/>

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Funeral Home or Mortuary Records

- Funeral Card →

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FUNERAL DEATH RECORDS
Courtesy of Peterson Funeral Home

Deceased Name		Last		First		Middle	
Residence		City		State		County	
		Stevens		MN			
Sex	Date of Death (Day, Month, Year)			Social Security No.			
M	79 Oct 6 1981						
Occupation	Marital Status	Spouse (if wife, give maiden name also)					
	married in 1924	Mildred Degendorfer					
Birth Place	Citizen?	Nationality and/or Race					
Date of Birth (Day, Month, Year)		Place of Death (County, State)					
15 Nov 1901		Stevens MN					
Place of Birth (City, State, County, Country)		Cause of Death					
IL							
Branch of Service (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine)		Rank (Assignment, Company)		Name of War			
Parents: Father's Name First Middle Last							
Mother's Name First Middle Last							
Burial Other	Cremation	Cemetery (City, State)		Date (Da. No. Yr.)			
		Summit Morris MN					
Section	Lot	Grave	Owner				
Children and Place of Residence:							
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Miscellaneous							



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Funeral Home or Mortuary Records

- Funeral Program

IN MEMORY OF
Harold Fredericksen
BORN: November 15, 1901
Rochelle, Illinois
DIED: October 6, 1981
Morris, Minnesota
79 Years, 10 Months, 21 Days

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICES
Federated Church
Morris, Minnesota
Friday, October 9, 1981
10:30 A.M.

OFFICIATING
Reverend Jerry Hankins

ORGANIST
Mrs. Richard Mahoney

VOCALIST
Mrs. James Gilles

CASKETBEARERS - "Nephews"
Jerry Rulli, LeRoy Amerud, David Foley,
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INTERMENT
Summit Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

OLSON - PETERSON FUNERAL HOME
"Where One Places His Trust"
Morris, Minnesota

DIRECTORS
Doug Peterson - Don Webster

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord
is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.
Psalm 121



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Funeral Home or Mortuary Records

- Cemetery Plot Purchase

This Certifies, That Mrs. J. Disce has selected
 the north west quarter of 5
 Lot No. 7 in Range No. 2 of the 5 Section of the St. Paul's
 Roman Catholic Cemetery, in the City of Oswego, and is entitled to the occupation thereof for
 the purpose of interring her family or friends; subject to all the Rules and Regulations now
 existing, or which may hereafter be adopted, in relation to said Cemetery; and also to all contributions
 which may be hereafter levied on said Lot, for the purpose of improving or taking care of said Cemetery;
 having paid for the privilege the sum of Twenty five dollars.
 Dated Oswego, April 16, 1889.
 The use of this plot remains J.M. Barry
 subject to the discipline of J.M. Barry
 The Code's Religion Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Superintendent.



Funeral Home or Mortuary Records

- Burial Permit

PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF MINNESOTA
 REGISTRAR'S

County Hennepin No. _____
 Township St. Augusta
 OR
 Village _____
 OR
 City _____

Permit for Burial or Removal

Date of Death July 1 1929
 Full Name John Beumer Age 52 yrs.
 Sex Male Place of Birth St. Augusta
 Disease causing death Chronic Intestinal
 Medical attendant Dr. Kellogg Proposed date of July 3 1929
 burial or removal
 Place of burial St. Augusta immediately
 Place of removal _____ via _____
 Undertaker Pho Swindell Address _____

A certificate of death having been filed in my office in accordance with the laws of Minnesota, I hereby authorize the _____ of the body of said deceased person as stated above. (Burial or Removal)

John Koschik
 (Registrar of Deaths)

Dated July 2 1929



Church Records

- Burial records were kept by the minister conducting the funeral or by the minister of the church where the person was buried
- This can be substituted for a death record
- A burial record usually gives name, burial date, and age at death
- In the case of a child, it may list the father's name. In the case of a woman or widow, it may list her husband's name.



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Church Records

- Most of the major denominations kept written records

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglican • Baptist • Buddhist • Church of the Brethren • Congregational • Disciples of Christ • Dutch Reformed • Episcopal • German Reformed • Greek Orthodox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huguenot • Jehovah's Witnesses • Jewish • Latter-day Saints (Mormons) • Lutheran • Maronite Catholic Church • Melkite Greek Orthodox • Methodist • Mennonite • Moravian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslim • Pentecostal • Presbyterian • Roman Catholic • Russian Orthodox • Society of Friends (Quakers) • Syriac Orthodox Church • United Church of Christ
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Church Records

- Many of these have been copied and are available:
 - Local archives
 - Genealogy centers
 - Churches & Church Administrative Offices
 - Online Sources (See handout)



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Church Records

- Search strategies
 - Learn what *family traditions*
 - Learn the *national origin*
 - Learn what churches were available in the towns where your ancestor settled.
 - Find an *obituary* or funeral notice



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Public Notices

- Death Notice



Died,

In this town, of consumption, Dr. JOSEPH WHEELER, aged 46. Mrs. Sarah Sturtevant, wife of the late Mr. Conelius S. aged 88.---An infant child of Mr. John Phelps.

In Hubbardston, Mr. Levi Greenwood, aged 68.---In Leominster, Miss Lucinda Gardner, aged 42.

In Fitzwilliam, an infant daughter of Mr. Geo. Damon. Deacon Oliver Damon and wife have lived in Fitzwilliam 42 years, and this the first instance of mortality that has occurred in his family or among his descendants, (25 in all) during that time. *Printers in Massachusetts are requested to notice this death.*

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Public Notices

- Funeral or Memorial Notice



FUNERAL NOTICE

OF THE DEATH OF

William H. Hershey

Aged 82 years, 3 months, and 9 days

Died Sunday, February 12, 1922

You and your family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late home at Reinholds, at 9:30 o'clock Thursday, February 16, and services at 10 a. m. at Swamp Church. Interment will be made in Swamp Church Cemetery. Please inform your children.

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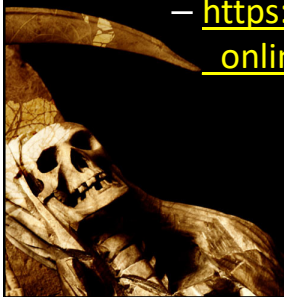
Public Notices

- Obituaries
 - Obituaries can be one of the best sources for finding death information
 - Local libraries & societies house collections of Obituaries from area and for local newspapers
 - Digitized newspapers are on line (Free & \$)

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Free Sites (Obituaries)

- Chronicling America
 - <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Elephind
 - <http://www.elephind.com/>
- Wikipedia
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives

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Pay Sites (Obituaries)

- Newspapers.com
 - <https://www.newspapers.com/search/#>
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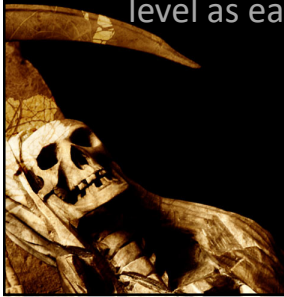
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Civil Death Records

- Most states began recording deaths between 1900 and 1930, but each started a different year
- New England states started recording deaths on the town level starting as early as the first residents of the town (1600s)
- Some states began recording deaths on the county level as early as the 1860s.



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Civil Death Record - Restrictions

- Some states have restrictions on who can see them. Each state has its own laws.
- One state may have deaths for some years available to everyone while other states may limit access to relatives.



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Locating Civil Death Records

- FamilySearch Wiki for Death Records:
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How to Find United States Death Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_United_States_Death_Records)



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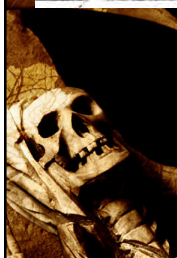
- Death Registers

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REGISTER

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C.

No.	Date of Report Month Day Year	1. Name a. Sex and Color	2. Age a. Occupation	DATE OF DEATH			Single, Married, Widowed or Other	3. Nativity a. Where Born
				Month	Day	Year		
✓	Mar 11 1891	Mrs. Morgan Female White	68 Housekeeper	Feb	26	1891	Married	U.S. Tennessee
✓	Mar 29 1891							



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OF DEATHS.

Printed, Lithographed and Bound by W. Lewis

No.	1. Place of Death a. Cause of Death	2. Complication 3. Duration of Illness 4. Nature of Disease	5. Place of Burial a. Date of Burial	6. Name of Undertaker b. Place of Business	Name and Residence of Physician Returning Certificate
22	Cartersville Ga. Apoplexy	Bleed of foot	Cartersville Ga.	W. H. P. Barber Cartersville Ga.	

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Civil Death Records

- Coroner's Reports

10 DEATH REPORT, CORONER'S OFFICE Date April 4 1912

Chain Received April 4 1912 Time Received 6:15 P.M.
 Name of Person Bringing Case Central City Hoop
 Address St. George Hotel
 Name of Decedent Jos. Wimbush

Sex Male Color Black
 Age 48 Nativity Virginia
 Married single Occupation shoe maker
 Residence St. George Hotel
 Place Where Death Occurred Central City Hoop
 Time of Death or When Found Dead 6:15 P.M.
 Presumed Cause of Death Fractured skull
 Body Received at Morgue 6:45 P.M.
 Deputy G. G. Rogers Messenger A. D. Parry
 Undertaker Ernie Cochran Co. 10. 6. 0. C.
 Order for Burial Signed by Mary Wimbush
 Relation to Decedent Wife

Transferred April 5 1912
 To C. A. Williams
 Relationship Wife (widow)
 By Jos. J. Kelly Chief Deputy
 Receipt No. 69

NAME	ADDRESS	WHAT THEY KNOW
<u>D. O'Connor</u>	<u>Central City Hoop</u>	<u>attended him</u>
<u>John P. Butler</u>	<u>Central Station</u>	<u>attended</u>
<u>Mary Wimbush</u>	<u>391-5th St</u>	<u>Wife</u>
<u>Ernie Cochran</u>	<u>1062 Pacific</u>	<u>Friend</u>
<u>Ernie Cochran</u>	<u>23 Dayton Ave</u>	<u>boarder</u>

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Civil Death Records

- Death Certificates

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 Series of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE REG. NUMBER 1224026755

DECEASED: Harold Edgar Fredericksen SEX Male DATE OF BIRTH October 4, 1861
 PLACE OF BIRTH Morris COLOR White OCCUPATION Stevens
 PLACE OF DEATH Morris DATE OF DEATH November 15, 1901 CAUSE OF DEATH Stevens County Memorial Hospital

RESIDENCE Morris PLACE OF BURIAL Morris

RELIGION Methodist REGISTERED MEDICAL EXAMINER Harold Legendorfer

PLACE OF BIRTH Illinois USA

EDUCATION High School OCCUPATION Stevens

DECEASED'S MARRIAGE: Yes MARRIED TO Mrs. Harold Fredericksen; 823 Pacific

DECEASED'S MARRIAGE: No MARRIED TO Christina Johnson; Deshark

CAUSE OF DEATH: Congestive Heart Failure

IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH: ASHD

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: Severe peripheral vascular disease, Carlung

PLACE OF DEATH: Stevens County Memorial Hospital

CERTIFICATION: Medical EXAMINED BY CORONER: John F. Block, M.D.

CERTIFICATION: Medical EXAMINED BY PHYSICIAN: Wm. W. Seay

PLACE OF BURIAL: Summit Cemetery ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME: 10 East 5th Street; Morris, Mn 56269

DATE OF BURIAL: October 9, 1901 NAME OF FUNERAL HOME: Wm. W. Seay

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Section of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

LOCAL FILE NUMBER: E-158-5 STATE FILE NUMBER: 1 221026755

1. DECEASED - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Harold Edgar Fredericksen			2. SEX Male	3. DATE OF DEATH Mo. Day Year October 6, 1981	
4a. AGE (In Years) Last Birthday 79	4b. COLOR OF HAIR Brown	4c. COLOR OF EYES Blue	4d. UNDER ONE YEAR None	5. DATE OF BIRTH Mo. Day Year November 15, 1901	6. RACE (Specify) White
7. LOCATION OF DEATH (City, Village or Township) Morris			8. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name if not in above, Give Street Stevens County Memorial Hospital		
9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Illinois		10. CITIZENSHIP (Specify) USA	11. SPOUSE - Name Mildred Degenonfer		
12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 469-09-2665		13. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work and mode of working the date if retired) Engineer		14. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Maintenance	
15. RESIDENCE - STATE Minnesota		16. COUNTY Stevens		17. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP Morris	
18. FATHER - NAME Peter Fredericksen		19. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Denmark		20. ADDRESS OF DECEASED (Street and Number) 823 Pacific Avenue	
21. MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME Christina Johnson		22. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Denmark		23. INFORMANT - NAME Mrs. Harold Fredericksen; 823 Pacific	

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PART I - DEATH AS CAUSED BY (Enter only one cause per (A), (B) and (C))

A. IMMEDIATE CAUSE
Congestive Heart Failure

B. DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
ASHD

C. DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
Severe peripheral vascular disease, Cardlung

21. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE OR UNDETERMINED
No

22. DATE OF INJURY
No

23. PLACE OF INJURY (At Home, Farm, Street, Factory, Office, Shop, Etc.)
No

24. LOCATION (Street or RFD Number, City, Village or Township, County, State)
No

25. HOW INJURY OCCURRED
No

26. CERTIFICATION - PHYSICIAN
I attended the deceased from 7-25-81 to 10-6-81
Last seen alive on 7-25-81 I found the body on 10-6-81
Death occurred at 11:00 AM at the place and date and on the date stated above and is the date of the information due to the causal state

27. PHYSICIAN - SIGNATURE
J. F. Stock, M.D.

28. PHYSICIAN - NAME (Typed Print)
John F. Stock, M.D.

29. MAILING ADDRESS
Provision Medical Examiner of Deaths
MORRIS, MINN 56067

30. CERTIFICATION - MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER
On the basis of the examination of the body and/or the investigation in the opinion death occurred at _____ M. on the date and due to the causes stated above. The deceased was pronounced dead at _____ M.

31. MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER - SIGNATURE
John F. Stock, M.D.

32. MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER - NAME (Typed Print)
John F. Stock, M.D.

33. DATE SIGNED
10-9-81

34. SIGNATURE OF STATE REGISTRAR
October 6 81

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22. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL Burial	24. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME Summit Cemetery	24c. LOCATION (City, Village or County) Morris, Minnesota
24d. DATE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL October 9, 1981	24e. FUNERAL HOME - Name Olson-Peterson	25c. FUNERAL HOME - Address 10 East 5th Street; Morris, Mn 56267
26. DATE FILED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Oct. 9, 1981	26c. LOCAL REGISTRAR - Signature Sandrock Tollyson Dep. Clerk	27. MORTICIAN OR FUNERAL DIRECTOR - Signature Douglas O. PETERSON

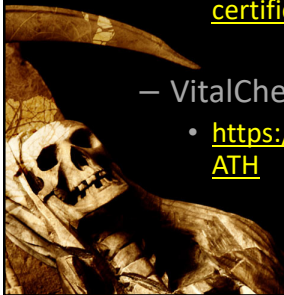


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Death Certificates - Where to find:

- Death Certificates
 - Death Certificates by State:
 - <http://www.deathindexes.com/>
 - Order death certificates by State:
 - <https://www.everplans.com/articles/state-by-state-death-certificate-ordering-i>
 - VitalCheck:
 - https://www.vitalchek.com/order_main.aspx?eventtype=DEATH



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- Sexton Records:

Denver Public Library
 Fairmount Sexton Records Index 1891 - 1953:
 "B" Names

NAME OF DECEASED	AGE	SEX	RACE	DATE OF BURIAL	OTHER INFORMATION
BAYA, Luella G.	32	F	W	27 Feb 1899	10/20/1904 (illegible)
BAYAINOER, Wm A.	28		W	06 Nov 1918	
BAYARD, Gertrude	27		W	29 Aug 1903	Shipped East
BAYER, Dora	20	F	W	16 Jun 1896	
BAYER, Emma M.	65		W	18 Jan 1940	
BAYER, Frank	58		W	11 Sep 1910	
BAYHA, Gottlob W.	70		W	27 Mar 1940	
BAYHAM, Albert	76		W	21 Apr 1928	
BAYKIN, Ella M.	57		B	28 Dec 1944	Ft. Collins, Colo.
BAYLES, Angelina M.	50		W	31 Mar 1936	
BAYLES, Benj. H.	73		W	16 Apr 1917	
BAYLES, Ida M.	68		W	14 Nov 1926	
BAYLES, Iola P.	59		W	17 Mar 1939	
BAYLES, Victoria A.	67	F	W	01 Jun 1909	
BAYLESS, Elbert R.	52		W	20 Dec 1939	
BAYLESS, Mary S.	84		W	13 Jul 1951	Pueblo, Colo.
BAYLESS, Susan H.	1 da	F	W	06 Mar 1946	
BAYLEY, Dwight W.	5 mo	M	W	14 Nov 1901	
BAYLEY, E. Lavina	49		W	27 Dec 1910	
BAYLEY, Elizabeth	84	F	W	02 Oct 1898	6/8/1909-move to E1/2-83-71
BAYLEY, Fannie L.	99		W	27 Apr 1943	
BAYLEY, Frank T.	72		W	31 Oct 1917	
BAYLEY, Vassie W.	29	F	W	07 Aug 1901	
BAYLIES, Alice M.	88		W	08 Jul 1952	Colo. Spgs., Colo.
BAYLIS, Benjamin D.	56		W	07 Aug 1950	

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- Interment Registers



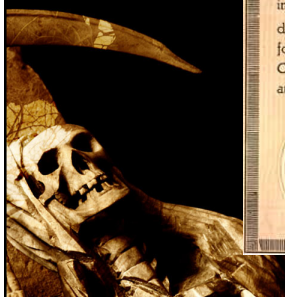
NAME	DATE OF BURIAL	AGE		LOT No.	GRAVE No.	Sec. Front	REMARKS
		Year	Mths.				
Jones, Mrs. Edward C.	Jan 1917	51		494			
Jones, Edward R.	Jan 1918	34		1173			
Jones, Edward	Jan 1918	49					
Jones, Samuel	Jan 1918	48		1411			
Jackson, Mary A.	Apr 1911	74		277			
Jones, David	Apr 1911	49		711			
Jones, Edward	July 1911	50					
Jones, Elliot H.	July 1911	18					
Kearney, Mrs. Arthur	Sept 1911	41		1119			Removed to 2.4.4
Jones, Eli	Dec 1911			734			
Jones, Isaac	Jan 1912			1087			
Jackson, Catherine	Jan 1912	64		474			
Jones, Mrs. Nellie	Jan 1912			827			
Judge, Mary	Jan 1912	21		355	4		
Jones, Raymond	July 1912	14					
Jones, David B.	Oct 1912	59		874			
Watkins, Mrs. David	Dec 1912			331	3		
Watkins, Caroline	Dec 1912						
Watkins, Mrs. Thos	Dec 1912	59		716			
Jones, C. J.	Feb 1913	73		721			
Jones, Miss Margaret	Feb 1913	73		807			
Johnston, C. W.	May 1913						
Jones, Nancy E.	May 1913	28		742			
Jones, Elizabeth J.	July 1913	1	5	107			Removed
Jones, William	Sept 1913	54		784			
Jones, David A.	Oct 1913	76		1062			
Jones, Mrs. Ruth	Oct 1913	19		1042			
Jones, Mary Ann	Nov 1913						
Jones, Mrs. M. H.	Dec 1913	55		883	46		
Jones, Robert O.	Dec 1913	30					
Jenkins, Mrs. David	Dec 1913	32		738	2		
Spel, George C.	Dec 1913	66		1113			
Jones, Mrs. John C.	Apr 1914	51		743			
Jones, David	Apr 1914	43		1087			
Jones, John C.	Apr 1914	55		743			
Jones, David T.	Apr 1914	51		528			
Jones, Frederick	May 1914	19		894			
Jones, John	May 1914	52		408			
Jones, Hugh	Aug 1914	16		1411			
Jones, Joseph	Oct 1914	6		1056			
Jackson, Peter	Nov 1914	62		563			

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- Plot Ownership



Not Transferable No. 45

The Ford Cemetery Ownership Certificate

Know All Men by These Presents, That the City of Ford, of Ford County, Kansas, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and no ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS, does sell, convey and alienate to Mrs. S. M. Dawson and her heirs forever, Lot No. 5, Blk. 6, Div. A, size 12 x 16 feet, more or less, in THE RIVERVIEW CEMETERY, subject to the rules and regulations of said Cemetery, which may be altered or amended from time to time, together with the privileges, immunities and exemptions of the same.

In Witness Whereof, This instrument is signed by the Mayor and Clerk of said City of Ford, this 4 day of February, A. D. 1926

Attest: W. M. Rater Mayor
Clerk

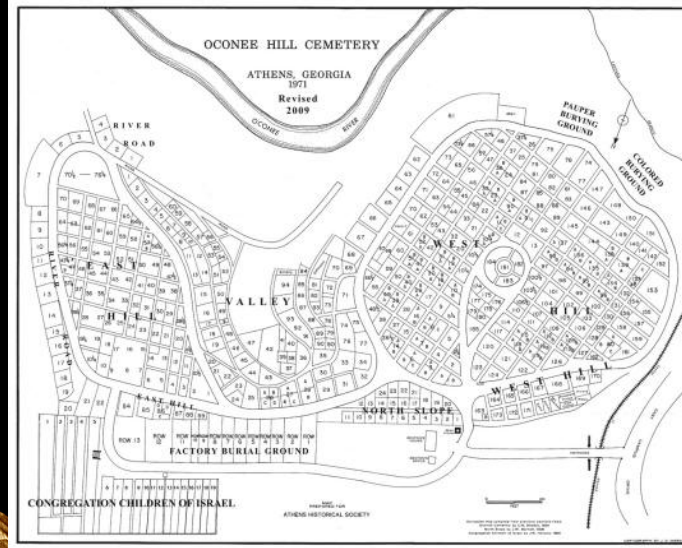
J. F. Small
Mayor

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Cemeteries and Graves On Line Research

- Findagrave.com
 - <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- Interment.net
 - <http://www.interment.net/Default.htm>
- Ancestorsatrest.com/
 - <http://ancestorsatrest.com/>
 - Other Sites on Handout

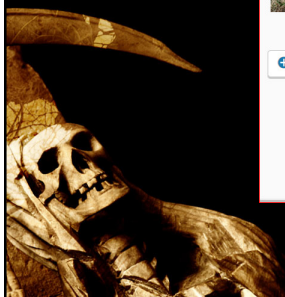
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Willis Marshall Hopwood

BIRTH 1 Feb 1813
DEATH 24 Oct 1893 (aged 80)
BURIAL Lone Oak Cemetery
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Family Members

Parents

- Willis Hopwood 1777-1850
- Penelope Priscilla Moore Hopwood 1780-1868

Spouse

- Julia Ann *Bills* Hopwood* 1821-1894

Siblings

- Mary Polly Hopwood Caple Bird* 1803-1885
- Sarah Hopwood Mays* 1811-1899

Children

- Neal S Hopwood* 1847-1932
- Annetta Ann Hopwood Hoyle* 1848-1935

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Old Site View
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database)



Willis Marshall Hopwood

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Birth: Feb. 1, 1813
Death: Oct. 24, 1893

Family links:

Parents:
Willis Hopwood (1777 - 1850)
Penelope Priscilla Moore Hopwood (1780 - 1868)

Spouse:
Julia Ann *Bills* Hopwood (1821 - 1894)*

Children:
Neal S Hopwood (1847 - 1932)*
Annetta Ann Hopwood Hoyle (1848 - 1935)*
Rhoda Elizabeth Hopwood Petty (1855 - 1927)*

Siblings:
Mary Polly Hopwood Caple Bird (1803 - 1885)*
Sarah Hopwood Mays (1811 - 1899)*
Willis Marshall Hopwood (1813 - 1893)

*Calculated relationship

Burial:
[Lone Oak Cemetery](#)
Lewisburg
Marshall County
Tennessee, USA

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Cemeteries and Graves

- Preparation for Field Research
 - It is important to have as much information as possible.
 - Large cemeteries will have an office that can provide a map/directions.
 - Smaller/rural cemeteries:
 - call the local government office.
 - will have a name to help you if there is not a sexton.
 - Access - follow local rules (often posted)
 - By law in Tennessee and Alabama, access **MUST** be provided to a cemetery (may need prior contact on private land).

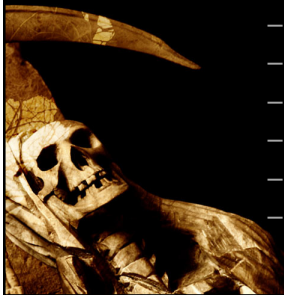


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- Preparation for Field Research
 - Cemetery kit recommendations:
 - Foam cushion or knee pads
 - Knife, pruning shears, gloves
 - Cleaning supplies (D2, soft brushes, water bottles or sprayer, popsicle sticks, whisk broom)
 - Camera / Smart Phone
 - Aluminum Foil & masking tape
 - Pad and pen or pencil
 - GPS and tape measure
 - Probes and dowsing rods (flags for marking)
 - Hand wipes / hand sanitizer
 - Something to keep all this in ...



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Care for Gravestones



- **FIRST DO NO HARM!!!**
Do not use: bleach, shaving cream or pressure washers.
- Apply D/2 Biological Solution with a brush, roller, hand pump sprayer (garden style pump sprayer) or low pressure power sprayer.
- Allow D/2 to remain on the surface 10-15 minutes.
- Apply additional D/2 as necessary to maintain a wet surface.
- Scrub with soft nylon or natural bristle brush. **DO NOT USE METAL BRUSH.**
- Lightly mist with water and continue scrubbing.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean, potable water.



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D/2 Cleaning



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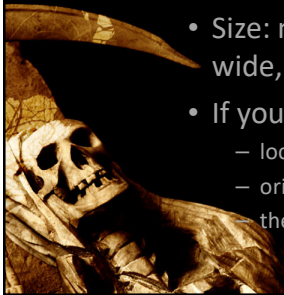


Hard to Read - Light & Mirror



Finding Unmarked Graves

- Highlights:
 - Most Christian burials are from E-W with the head at the West end.
 - Clues for unmarked graves:
 - Visually: Look for depressions in the earth.
 - By feel: using very short steps (heel to toe) determine if there is a depression.
 - Size: most depressions will be approximate <2 feet wide, < 6 feet long (graves of children will be smaller).
 - If you have found the following:
 - location (in a cemetery or supposed cemetery);
 - orientation (E-W); size (approx. 2x6)
 then you may have an unmarked grave.



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Probing for Graves

- When a grave is dug, the earth is disturbed and remains that way for hundreds of years.
- The earth, once disturbed, will remain softer where the grave is.
- That grave shaft, when probed, will allow the probe to enter much easier than the earth around it.

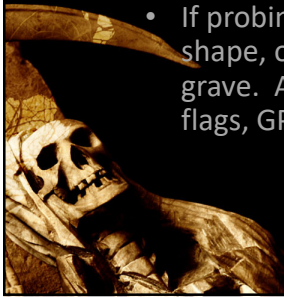


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Probing for Graves - Technique

- After finding a suspected grave, begin at the center about a foot outside the area and move ACROSS the grave
- Push the probe into the ground at 6-12 inch intervals feeling for soft spots (It is helpful to probe known graves as well as areas where there are no graves to get a feel for the difference)
- Repeat the same procedure lengthwise.
- If probing the suspected grave passes all the tests: size, shape, orientation - then you may assume that it is a grave. At this point, you would want to mark this grave: flags, GPS coordinates or other.



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Dowsing for Graves

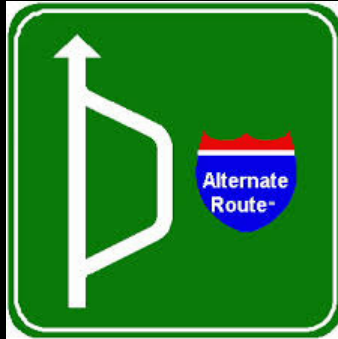
- While dowsing for graves has been used for hundreds of years, there are many that do not believe it works.
- There is NO scientific reason for it working, but I have dowsed hundreds of graves and believe in this method.
- This is not accepted in a Court of Law. I will give a brief demo of how to dowse.



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Alternate Record Sources

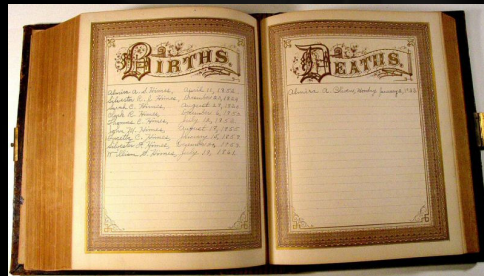


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Alternate Record Sources

- Bible Records
 - Old family Bible records are an excellent source for death records (birth, marriage, baptism, etc.)
 - Libraries, family members, genealogy societies, archives



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Alternate Record Sources

- Social Security Death Index

Harold Fredericksen: Social Security Death Index (SSDI) Death Record

Name: Harold Fredericksen
 State of Issue: Minnesota
 Date of Birth: Friday November 15, 1901
 Date of Death: October 1981
 Est. Age at Death: 79 years, 11 months

Last known residence:

City: Morris
 County: Stevens
 State: Minnesota
 ZIP Code: 56267
 Latitude: 45.6004
 Longitude: -95.9681



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Other Sites for Record Searches

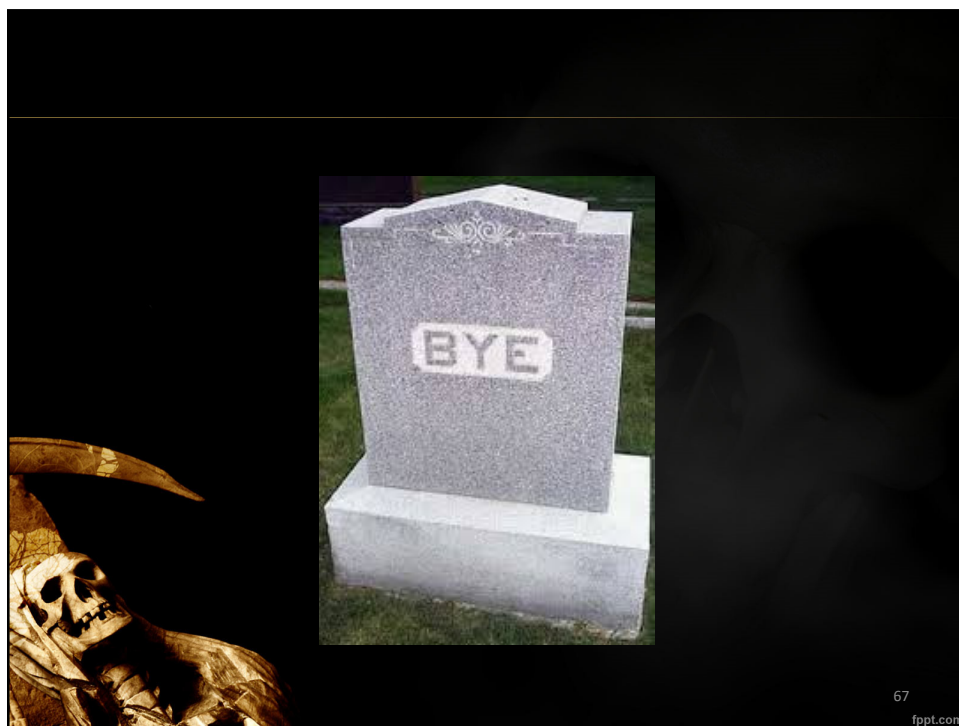
Social Security Death Index:

- FamilySearch (Free / Requires registration)
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535>
- Ancestry (\$ Pay site)
- Genealogy Bank (\$ Pay Site)



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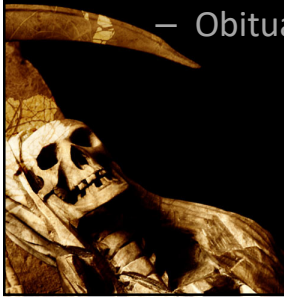
Credits

- George Makowski, Ph. D., Department of History
University of North Alabama gimakowski@una.edu
- Kenneth Marks <http://www.ancestorhunt.com/>
- John Ware III, Vice President Tennessee Genealogical
Society jwareiii@gmail.com
- Joe Burns cemeteyjoe@gmail.com



Death Records

- Church Records
- Notices (Newspapers)
 - Death Notice
 - Funeral Notice
 - Memorial Notice
 - Obituary
- Civil Records
 - Death Registers
 - Coroner's Records
 - Death Certificates



Public Notices

- Memorial Notice



Search Tips LESS IS MORE/USE FILTERS (Slide 7)

- The Ancestor Hunt tips:
 - <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html>
- Google Advanced Guide Search operator site:
 - http://www.googleguide.com/advanced_operators_reference.html
- Boolean operators: AND, OR, NOT:
 - <http://libguides.mit.edu/c.php?g=175963&p=1158594>

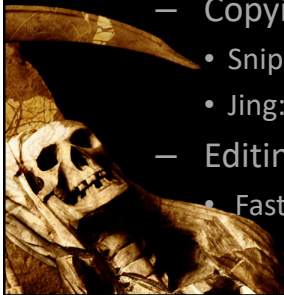


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Copying and Editing Documents (Slide 47)

- Actual Documents
 - Copy machine
 - Camera
 - Phone
- On-line documents
 - Copying:
 - Snipping tool which is available on windows
 - Jing: <https://www.techsmith.com/jing-tool.html>
 - Editing:
 - Faststone.org: <http://faststone.org/>

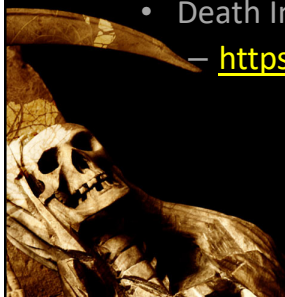


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Cemeteries and Graves Online Research (cont.)

- Saving Graves
 - <http://www.savinggraves.net/>
- Veterans in cemeteries
 - <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/listcem.asp>
- Billion Graves
 - <https://billiongraves.com/>
- Death Indexes
 - <https://www.deathindexes.com/cemeteries.html>



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