

Cemetery Records

Using cemetery records to enhance
genealogy research

Accessing Cemetery Records

- Family Search /Family Tree
- Ancestry.com
- MyHeritage
- HistoricGraves.com (Ireland)
- BillionGraves.com
- FindaGrave.com
- Deceased Online. ...
- Findmypast.com (UK)
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- The Genealogist

Advantages of Cemetery Specific Sites

- You can participate
- Records are more detailed
- Images of gravestones
- Obelisks
- Find related family members
- Search specific and nearby cemeteries for related information

Find A Grave

Membership is free

<http://www.findagrave.com>

FindAGrave.com

- Largest Site
 - Memorials are found in searches on Ancestry, Family Search and others.
 - Expanding with international graves
- Research your family – no need to register
- To Contribute – Must register
 - Add memorials
 - Add photographs
 - Link family members
 - Suggest edits
- Membership is free – go ahead and register

Find a Grave MEMORIALS CEMETERIES FAMOUS CONTRIBUTE REGISTER SIGN IN

World's largest gravesite collection.

Over 226 million memorials created by the community since 1995.

First Name Middle Name Last Name(s)

Year Born **Exact** Year Died **Exact** Cemetery Location

SEARCH More search options Search tips





Photo of Antioch Pioneer Cemetery by Harold & Wanda Blackwell

Recent News



Joseph Pepitone died on 13 Mar 2023.

Search famous graves, newly added graves, most popular graves.

 Add a Memorial  Upload Photos  Transcribe Photos  Forums

Find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials or add photos, virtual flowers and a note to a loved one's memorial. Search or browse cemeteries and grave records for every-day and famous people from around the world.

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Search Screen

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Memorial ID # Contributor ID Spouse, Parent, Child or Sibling name

Date added Order by Plot Browse Cemetery Locations

By Memorial Types:

- Famous
- Sponsored
- Not buried in a cemetery
- Cenotaph

Include:

- Nickname
- Maiden name
- Titles
- Exact name spelling
- Similar name spellings

Memorials with:

- No grave photo
- Grave photo
- No GPS
- GPS
- Flowers
- Plot info
- No plot info

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Search Tips

- When searching in a cemetery, use the ? or * wildcards in name fields. ? replaces one letter. * represents zero to many letters. *E.g. Sorens?n or Wil**
- Search for an exact birth/death year or select a range, before or after.
- Select "More search options" to:
 - Search for a memorial or contributor by **ID**.
 - Include the name of a **spouse, parent, child or sibling** in your search.
 - Use partial name search or similar name spellings to catch alternate spellings or broaden your search.
 - Narrow your results to famous, Non-Cemetery Burials, memorials with or without grave photos and more.

Get more help from our [Help Center](#).

Searching on Find A Grave

- Search by name
 - Date of Birth / Date of Death– (Exact, Before, After, year+-)
 - Add location
- Cemetery search by location
 - Enter city or county and location field will begin to provide options
 - Add partial or full name
- Search “see more memorials...” (to the right side)



Photo added by Ron Moody

Walt Disney

ORIGINAL NAME Walter Elias Disney

BIRTH 5 Dec 1901
Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 15 Dec 1966 (aged 65)
Burbank, Los Angeles County, California, USA

BURIAL [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#)
Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, USA [Show Map](#)

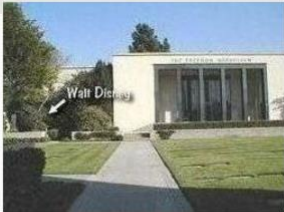
PLOT Court of Freedom Section, Garden of Freedom, Map #G43, the Little Garden of Communion (Small private garden to the left of the entrance to the Freedom Mausoleum)

MEMORIAL ID 284 · [View Source](#)

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+ Add Photos Request Photo

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Added by AJ

Entertainment Magnate, Motion Picture Pioneer, Film Producer, Animator, Theme Park Mogul, Voice Actor. Most remembered for creating 'Mickey Mouse,' 'Donald Duck,' and a host of other cartoon characters. He was awarded a total of 32 Oscars, more than any other person, for his achievements in films. His father was always seeking success in many occupations, but always finding failure, and the Disney family was always poor. Walt found that he could escape his father's harsh discipline by drawing, and, in 1917, when he was 16 years old, he lied about his age to join the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps. When he was mustered out at the end of World War I, he set up shop as a commercial artist in Kansas City, Missouri. There he was introduced to the profession of animation, in which he excelled. Moving to Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, in 1923 to be with his more successful brother, Roy, he began drawing commercially, making a modest living by drawing for the

See more Disney memorials in:

- [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#)
- [Glendale](#)
- [Los Angeles County](#)
- [California](#)
- [USA](#)
- [Find a Grave](#)

Flower Delivery

Family Members

Parents

- [Elias Charles Disney](#)
1859–1941
- [Flora Call Disney](#)
1868–1938

Siblings

- [Herbert Arthur Disney](#)
1888–1961
- [Raymond Arnold Disney](#)
1890–1989
- [Roy Oliver Disney](#)
1893–1971
- [Ruth Flora Disney Beecher](#)
1903–1995

Spouse

- [Lillian Marie Bounds Disney](#)
1899–1997 (m., 1925)

Children

- [Diane Marie Disney Miller](#)
1933–2013
- [Sharon Mae Disney Lund](#)
1936–1993

Family Links – Find a Grave

- Each grave has an assigned number.
- Researchers add family members by using Edit function and adding their grave assigned number
- You can click on family member name and it will take you to the FindAGrave memorial to gather more information.
- This may lead to unlinked family members in another location.

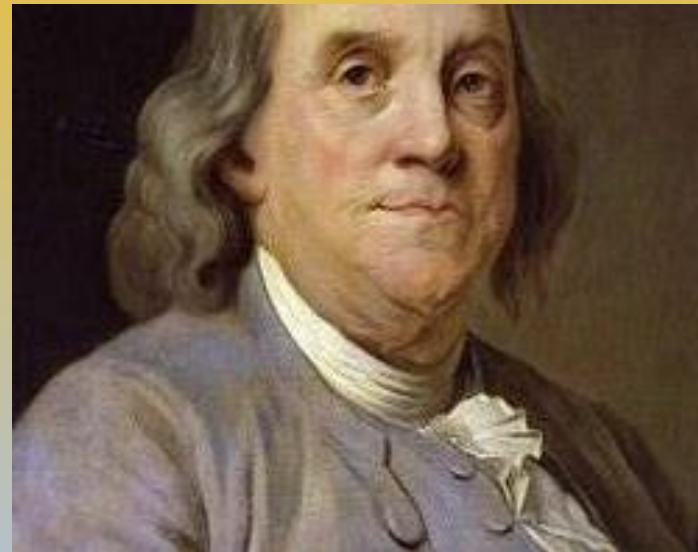
Cemetery Photographs

Cemetery

People

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Obelisk

Obelisks often have lots of research value

Carefully review the pictures

Dates you didn't have

Names of relatives



Cemetery Maps

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Linked maps may not be accurate.

Actual locations of memorials could be anywhere within the cemetery (1000's of graves in larger cemeteries)

GPS coordinates to specific memorials is possible.

Walt Disney (1901-1966) - Find | X

https://www.google.com/maps/place/34°07'21.1\"N+118°14'04.9\"W/@34.1225163,-118.23689,17z/data=!3m1!1e4!3m3!1s34.1225163!1s-118.2347013

34.1225163, -118.2347013

34°07'21.1\"N 118°14'04.9\"W
34.122516, -118.234701

1712 South Glendale Avenue, Glendale, CA 91205

40F8+243 Los Angeles, California

Add a missing place

Add your business

Add a label

Photos

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Temps rise

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3/20/2023

Join Find A Grave

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://www.findagrave.com

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New Member Register

Becoming a Find a Grave member is fast, easy and FREE.

Name

Email

Display my email on my public profile page.

Password Show password

Public Name

[What is a Public Name?](#)

Receive email notifications about memorials you manage.

I would like to be a photo volunteer. [What is a Photo Volunteer?](#)

By clicking Create Account below, you agree to the Ancestry [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Statement](#) and agree Find a Grave may contact you via email about their products and services, such as what's new, upcoming events, and tips for using the site. You can unsubscribe or customize your email settings at any time.

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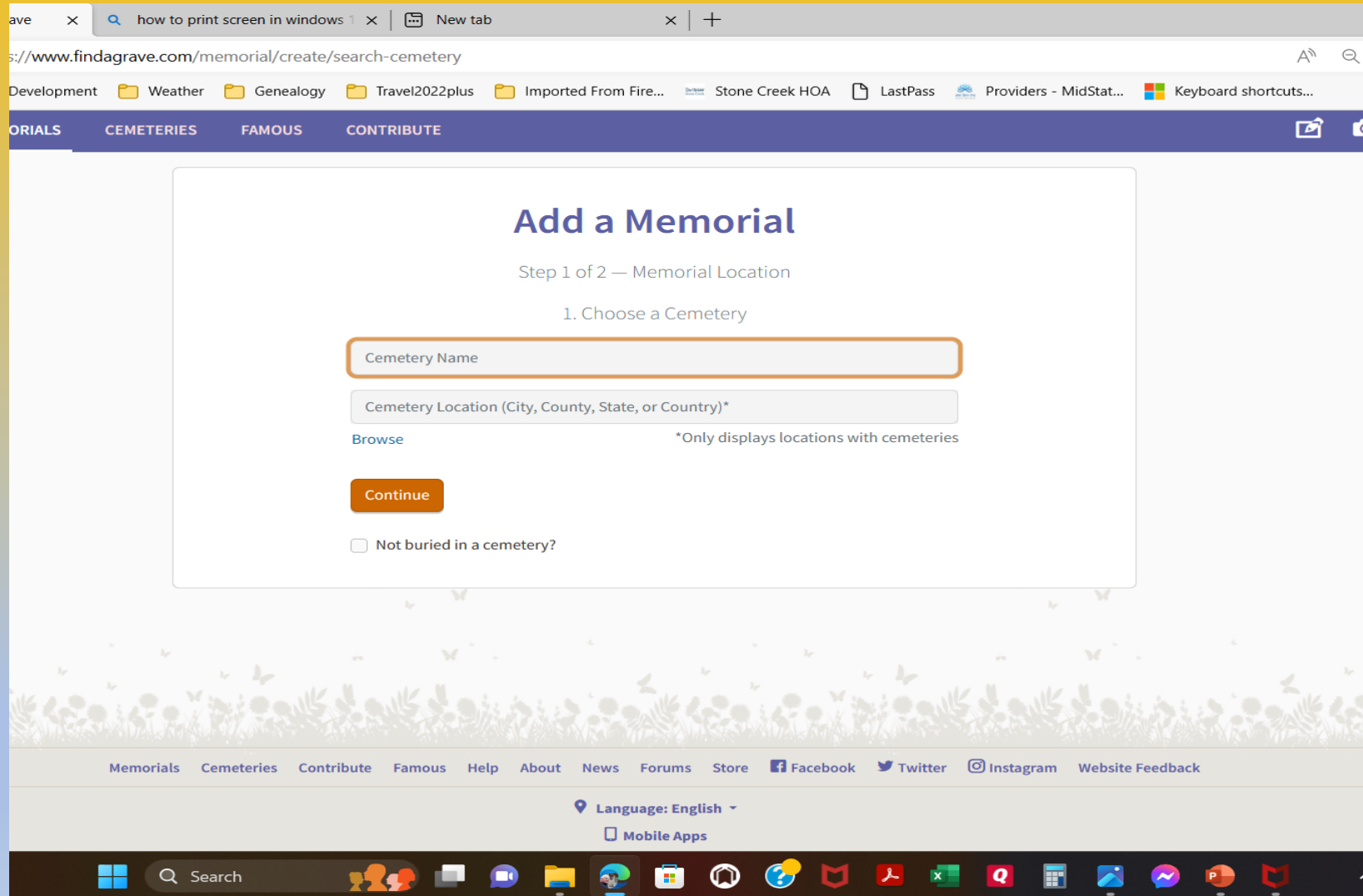
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COME ALIVE

Search

End

Demonstration

Add Memorials



Add - 2

Add a Memorial

Enter memorial details below. Do you have several memorials to upload? [Upload a spreadsheet.](#)

[Naming tips](#)

Name

First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name(s)

Show prefix and suffix (Examples: Rev, Dr, Sr, Jr, III)

Nickname Maiden Name

Gender Male Female

Birth Day Month YYYY Type a location [Browse](#)

Death Day Month YYYY Type a location [Browse](#)

Grave marker includes age at death

Bio information

Burial information **Rogers Cemetery #2**

Cemetery Plot #

Burial Coordinates [PIN ON MAP](#)

Inscription

Gravesite Details

Is this a famous person? Yes No

Are you a close relative? Yes No [Why do we ask?](#)

[Add Memorial](#)

Edit Memorial

This is where you add relationships by inserting the FindaGrave ID #.

You can add biographical information

You can edit other information.

When you edit... it is just a recommendation to the “owner” of the memorial who will review the content before approving and changes.

Edit Memorial

Name:
 Show prefix and suffix (Examples: Rev, Dr, Sr, Jr, III)

Nickname: Maiden Name:

Gender: Male Female

Birth: Day Month 1844

Death: 9 August 1844

Bio Information:

E R Canler
1844 - 9 Aug 1844
[Report Duplicate](#)

Inscription: Enter the inscription here. Only include what is on a grave marker.

Gravesite Details: Details specific to grave marker or site (i.e. description, condition, history)

Family Members

Father:
John Canler (1800 - 1854)

Mother:
Matilda Canler (1805 - 1881)

Spouse:
[Add Additional Spouse...](#)

Famous: Yes No

Close relative: Yes No [Why do we ask?](#)

i To **add a child**, go to the child's memorial and add their parents. To **add siblings** add the same parents for each of the siblings.

Should you Clean Memorials?

- Ask permission
- If stone is damaged or unstable do not do anything
- Step by Step Guide on How To Clean A Headstone (memorials.com)
 - <https://www.memorials.com/info/how-to-clean-a-headstone/>
- NEVER use metal (brushes, screw drivers, etc)