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- AHPP online publications, “Grave Concerns” and “Tales of the Crypt”
- Information on upcoming workshops, lectures and conferences
- View Arkansas burial laws
- History of cemeteries that have successfully been listed on the National Register or Arkansas Register of Historic Places
- Obtain Determination of Eligibility applications to pursue adding a cemetery listing on the National Register or Arkansas Register of Historic Places
- Links to other pertinent cemetery related websites and publications provided

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- The AHPP Cemetery Preservation Facebook page, Facebook.com/ARCemeteryPreservation, has tips on cemetery maintenance and preservation.
- Browse our albums to see photos of historic cemeteries.

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Why Are Historic Cemeteries Important?

Historic cemeteries are irreplaceable landscapes and repositories of information for genealogists, botanists, architects and community historians. Through neglect and encroachment, Arkansas has lost significant resources that can close the gaps in our collective stories.

How Can Historic Cemeteries Be Preserved?

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) seeks to assist those who are interested in preserving the state’s cemeteries and funerary architecture. The agency does this by guiding individuals through the steps to appropriate maintenance and consideration of the issues of historic materials.

In some cases simply calling attention to the existence and significance of a cemetery can aid in its preservation. Through the AHPP, individuals and groups can work to place a cemetery on the National Register or Arkansas Register of Historic Places.

Hands-on cleaning and maintenance workshops are offered through the agency. These workshops are conducted by professional conservators with years of experience. Participants learn how simple it is to take basic steps that can add years to their valued gravestones.

Historians from the agency are available to address groups about cemetery preservation steps or gravestone symbolism. If your group needs a specific topic, the AHPP can tailor a lecture for you.

An individual visit to assess the potential National or Arkansas Register eligibility of a cemetery can be scheduled. During this visit information can be provided on the best way to approach research for a successful nomination.

AHPP personnel can answer any questions or assist in the search for the best solution to your cemetery matters.