Cemetery Research using Chronicling America Newspapers

Researching cemeteries in historic Arkansas newspapers is useful when you are trying to locate where someone was buried and/or learn more about the history of a specific cemetery. Use the recommended keyword search terms and look in the community sections of newspapers in order to find what you are looking for. Go to <u>chroniclingamerica.loc.gov</u> to start your search.

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Look for cemeteries within a specific city or county by selecting the newspaper digitized from that area to search within. This can be done under Advanced Search. To search for more than one newspaper, hold Ctrl key (Windows) or Cmd key (Mac) and select the newspapers you want to search.

If you know the name of the cemetery you are searching, try also searching different spellings of the cemetery name, ex. "cemetary", as it was not uncommon to see different spellings or incorrect spellings.

There will be a grave yard working at Pleasant Ridge grave yard on Friday Aug. 1st. Now this grave yard is in bad condition and needs working. Let all that is interested and cares anything for their dead, come and help clean it up. If you can't come just send the price of a days work and we will put a man in your place.

W. J. Edwards, I B. Cantley, T. G. McMilan,

The Prescott daily news. (Prescott, Ark.), 26 July 1913. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress.

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KEYWORD SEARCH TERMS

cemetery cemetary grave yard graveyard buried buried burial colored cemetery buried at home family cemetery grave grave laid to rest chapel cemetery

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Often the death notices/record/obituaries/necrological articles list the cemetery where the person was to be buried.

Announcements of deaths and burial locations are also found under short news announcements, under titles like "Local News Notes" or from a small settlement/town published in the largest nearby paper(s), that have a heading of "Town Name" Items/News.

If you know the name of the cemetery where someone was buried, you can search the name of the cemetery along with the person's name to look for the death notice. Use the "with all the words" advanced search feature, limiting filters to "within 5 words of each other".

If you do not know where someone was buried and cannot find their name on the list of burials in the town cemeteries, try searching for "family cemetery" and the persons surname/last name, as they may have been buried at home rather than in public or religious cemeteries.

For more tips, tricks, and tools for searching Chronicling America, download our comprehensive research guide at https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/adnp/.



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