

TUTORIAL - HOW TO USE THE RESEARCH TOOLS

Nashville City Cemetery web site has many useful tools. Where to begin? How to proceed? Please, read through the Tutorial. We believe that the Tutorial will help in your research efforts.

Did the person you seek have a tombstone in 2005?

*Click on **INSCRIPTIONS** in the top menu*

On this page, scroll past "Gone But Not Forgotten" and read "*Some Matters of Importance.*" You will be glad. Many questions will be answered in advance. Remember not everyone had a tombstone in 2005. Since 1822, over 20,000 people have been buried in City Cemetery. In 2005 there were only 2,000 legible tombstones.

Scroll back to the Index to Tombstone Inscriptions. Now *Click-on* the Initial of the person you seek. If you find the name of this person, make a note of the Section & ID numbers which are written beside the name. You will need these numbers later on. *Click-on* the Name. You will see the inscription and the "Before Restoration" photo of the tombstone. ("After Restoration" photos are now being added).

Where was your person's tombstone in 2005?

*Click on **Resource Maps** Now *Click-on* **2005 Map***

Using the Section and ID numbers, which you found in the Name Index (see above), click-on that Section. When the map comes up, enlarge the Section so that you can look for the ID Number. Look Carefully. It is not easy.

What does it mean if you don't find the Name in 2005?

It means that the person you seek did not have a legible Tombstone in the 2005 Survey. What next to do?

Where are the earliest burial lists?

Click on **Alphabetical List of the Dead (1909)**

Here is the earliest Index to the names of all the people with tombstones in the City Cemetery at that time. If you find the name of the person you seek, you will see the Section and Lot of burial and, best of all, you will know this person had a legible tombstone during the first recording of tombstone inscriptions in 1908. Make a note of Section & Lot Numbers. (Note: Lots were not always listed).

Where are the inscriptions recorded in 1908?

Click on **Smith 1908 Inscriptions**

Here you will find the person's tombstone inscription as recorded in 1908. The names are not in perfect alphabetical order. Be patient. Take your time.

Note: If you **did not find** your person in Alphabetical List of the Dead 1909, try this Link for some additional names.

Click-on **Supplement 1911**

Where else can you look for your person's Inscription?

Click on **Garrett 1971**

These inscriptions often contain more exact death dates and occasionally more family kinship information than the inscriptions by Smith 1908.

Where was this person's tombstone in 1908?

Click on **Resource Maps** - Now *Click-on* **1908 Map**

Use the Section & Lot numbers which you learned from the Alphabetical List of the Dead 1909 (see above). *Click-on* the Section you want to see. Enlarge the Section to read. Look carefully to find the name. This task is challenging. You will see the location of the tombstone during the 1908 Survey. Since 1908, of course, many tombstones have been lost, to weather and time.

Where are the burial records for City Cemetery?

Click on **Interments** in the top menu

Once again we ask you to read. Please, read "Helpful Hints to Using the Interment Books." Also look at all the many Links, under the heading, for Diseases, Terms & more. Now *Click on **Interment Records 1846-1979***. To search for a name, type the Last Name of the person in the search engine space. This will bring up all the people with that surname. Sometimes you can access the individual interment record by typing-in the Surname and Year of Death. Remember the Interment entry gives the date of burial, not the date of death. Usually the date of burial took place in the same year as the death. Be patient as the search engine moves through the 19,745 names.

African Americans Interred in Nashville City Cemetery.

Click on **Interments** in the top menu. Look at the list of African-American Index for burials. At the bottom of the page, type-in the name you seek. Click "Search." Several indexes will appear. Select one of the indexes and click-on "Highlight Matches." The Index will appear. Scroll through looking for the highlighted name. If you find the name, make a note of the name and date of interment. Then you can proceed. *Click on **Interment Records (1846-1979)*** where you will type-in the Name and Date of Interment. Often slave names differed from the names on tombstones, such as "Angeline" who was listed, in the Interment records, as a slave of Alexander Allison. On her tombstone, her inscription was written "Angeline Brady Wife of Montreville."

Nashville newspaper burial notices are helpful for a limited number of people.

Click on **Obituaries** in the top menu.

In the 19th century, not everyone had an obituary in the newspaper, unlike today. The obituaries for 27 Years are posted on City Cemetery web site and more are being added.

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