

SAPIC Cemetery Preservation Library of Essential Information

There are several excellent sources on how to preserve our Iowa cemeteries and each is full of highly respected information, photos, and all are easy to understand. If you are contemplating cleaning a stone, repairing a grave marker or restoring a whole cemetery, the following are good resources for information:

Books

Anson-Cartwright, Tamara

1997 *Landscapes of Memories: A Guide for Conserving Historic Cemeteries: Repairing Tombstones*. Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, Providence of Ontario, Canada.
Stone and metal identification, cleaning, repair, great detail on use and mixtures of lime mortars. Excellent photographs and images. 72 pages

King, Gregg G., Susan Kosky, Kathleen Glynn, and Gladys Saborio
2004 *Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide*. Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, The Charter Township of Canton Historic District Commission, and Department of Leisure Service.
Manual outlines preservation and conservation practices in a step-by-step manner. Reliable and comprehensive source of information, excellent photographs, simple and clear drawings, extensive appendix. 209 pages

Strangstad, Lynette

1995 *A Graveyard Preservation Primer*. Altamira Press, published in cooperation with Association for Gravestone Studies, Walnut Creek, California
This excellent and detailed book provides instructions for beginners, surveying, determining needs, repair, and restoration of a cemetery, preparing a plan, documentation data, cleaning, repairing, and resetting.

Phamplets

Preserving of Historic Burial Grounds, by Lynette Strangstad, 24 pages.

Stones and Statues, Laws Governing Illinois Cemeteries

Handbooks and Manuals

Thompson, Sharyn, chapter four by Lynette Strangstad

1989 *Florida's Historic Cemeteries, A Preservation Handbook*

Provide through the Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, FL., 51 pages.

Trippe-Dillon, Tammie

Grave Concerns: A Preservation Manual for Historic Cemeteries in Arkansas,

Department of Arkansas Heritage, Developed by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Manual contains six (6) chapters: Getting Organized, Conducting a Survey, Research and Documentation, Cleaning Basics, Funding, and Awareness. 155 pages.

2009 *Illinois Historic Cemetery Preservation Handbook, A Guide to Basic Preservation,*

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

Explains cemetery acts, preservation, management, cleaning, Not to Do List, Extensive example of types of grave stones, assessment forms, laws and statues pertaining to cemeteries. 35 pages.

Maddy, Paul E.

1991 *A Guide to Rescuing Pioneer Gravestones (and your own)*

Facts and Fictions about Pioneer Gravestones, How to Rescue Old Gravestones, Mistakes to Avoid in Buying Your Gravestone, 158 pages.

Video (DVD)

United States Department of the Interior, National Parks Service, provided through the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT).

Note: Each title is a separate DVD

- *Essentials in Cemetery Monument Care*
- *Resetting a Stone Grave Marker, Vol. 1, 2007-02*
- *Resetting a Stone Grave Marker, Vol. 2, Lifting and Hoisting 2010-01*
- *Cleaning a Stone Grave Marker, 2007-01*
- *Basics for Iron Fence Care, 2007-03*

Video (CD)

Hendersin, Ralph

Cemetery & Gravestone Restoration (CD). Information is on individual pages in Microsoft *Word*, photos, detailed directions, 70 pages