



**RECORDING CEMETERY INFORMATION**

----- Original Question -----

To: Legacy Rootsweb

Subject: [LEGACY] Cemeteries

I'm wondering how I should enter cemeteries. Should I enter it in the "buried" field replacing the "city" with the "cemetery name:"

- Normandale Cemetery, Norfolk County, Ontario, Canada
- Or should I include the city and cemetery:
- Normandale Cemetery / Normandale, Norfolk County, Ontario Canada
- Newkirk Cemetery / Walsingham Township, Norfolk County, Ontario Canada

*[comment #1]*

You can do either, but since you asked, I will share what I am doing.

Few examples:

Suppose John Doe died Jan 17, 1955, Miami, Florida.

I enter it this way:

- Given Name: John William
- Surname: Doe
- Born: 1898-10-20 In Frost, San Bernardino County, California, USA
- Died: 1955-01-17 In Miami Shores, Miami-Dade County, Florida, USA
- Buried: 1955-01-20 In: Miami Shores, Miami-Dade County, Florida, USA

Ok, that much is pretty straightforward. Now if you are like me, you like to enter specifically where this person is buried.

So, in the individual information window, I click on the plus sign, next to the globe and binoculars icon. At that window, I will enter an address; in this case I enter for Burial Address:

Name: Locust Grove Cemetery

- Sort String: Locust Grove Cemetery (Note, some people say it is better to use:
- ("Cemetery, Locust Grove," for search string. This is up to you.)
- Address: 1500 State Road 9
- City: Miami Shores
- State/Prov: Florida
- Postal Code 12345
- Country: United States
- Phone1: 123-456-7890
- Phone2:333-333-3333
- Email: LocustMemorial@ABC.com
- Home Page: [www.LocustGroveCemetery.com](http://www.LocustGroveCemetery.com)

[Note: The two hyperlinks are fake. They will not work- I made them up.]

But if I know it, I go on to enter the specific location of the cemetery by entering the latitude and longitude of the main gate. I use this so that if I stay somewhere close, I can calculate how far away it is and decide if I have time to travel there. Now, suppose Jane James is buried at a farm cemetery, private cemetery. Then I either enter the name of the cemetery (or give it one), and the rest of the information is basically the same. For Jane, it might read:

- Name: William James Family Farm Cemetery Sort String: James, William, Family Cemetery
- Address: 15679 Highway 716
- City: Prestonsburg
- State/Prov: Tennessee
- Postal Code 12345
- Country: United States

- Phone1: 222-222-2222 (Genealogist #)
- Phone2: 666-666-6666 (Funeral home)
- Email: carnealre@adelphia.net
- Home Page: None.
- Latitude: 33.3333
- Longitude: 0871449.19

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*[comment #2]*

I struggled with this issue awhile back, as many of us have. Everyone has their own preference. My Master Lists are important to me, and therefore so as to not disrupt the integrity of the Locations Master List by having the names of cemeteries mixed in with the names of towns or cities, I took someone else's advice and list my cemeteries in the same place between the commas as the town, i.e.:

Name: Janet Izatt  
Born: 19 Feb 1786, Culross, Fife, Scotland  
Died: 4 Feb 1873, Wemyss, Fife Scotland  
Buried: 6 Feb 1876, Wemyss (McDuff Cemetery), Fife, Scotland

This way when I ask for a sort on the town of Wemyss, I can see all who lived, died or were buried in that town, and with all the burials at each cemetery in Wemyss listed together.

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*[comment #3]*

I am a new Legacy user, as of last month. I have always (had two prior genealogy programs) entered the cemetery, the city, the county, and the state, when I entered burial information.

Example, Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, Gloucester Co., NJ

I am glad that Legacy does not limit the information I can include for the cemetery.

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*[comment #4]*

As a side note to cemetery info. Please, please do not enter a burial date unless you have specific knowledge that it did indeed happen on that date. If an individual died on the first of the month it does not necessarily follow that he/she was buried that month. Many factors such as war casualty, frozen ground, probate battles, foreign death etc. etc. can delay for substantial periods. Never assume.....

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*[comment #5]*

I do often date burials as "aft [death date]" so that the cemetery info will sort to the most convenient position - right after the death date. It doesn't define exactly when, but it's pretty safe to assume that it was AFTER death!

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