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Cemetery Resource Guide

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Organizations

[Association for Gravestone Studies](#)

Greenfield Corporate Center, 101 Munson Street, Suite 108, Greenfield, MA 01301

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[Association for Preservation Technology International \(APT\)](#)

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National Park Service

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National Trust for Historic Preservation

1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

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State Programs and Resources

Delaware

[Delaware Division of Public Health](#)

[Delaware Health Statistics Center](#)

Delaware Cemetery Board

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[Delaware State Historic Preservation Office](#)

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[Delaware Genealogical Society](#)

[Delaware Public Archives](#)

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Alabama

[Alabama Historical Commission](#)

468 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

(334) 242-3184

The Alabama Historical Commission's cemetery program provides assistance in identifying, documenting, registering, conserving, and protecting Alabama's historic cemeteries.

- Alabama Historical Commission. *Alabama's Historic Cemeteries: A Basic Guide to Preservation*. Montgomery, AL.

Illinois

[Illinois Historic Preservation Agency](#)

Preservation Services Division

#1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507

(217) 782-4836

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. *Illinois Historic Cemetery Preservation Handbook: A Guide to Basic Preservation*. Springfield, IL: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, 2008.

Maryland

[Maryland Historical Trust](#)

Maryland Department of Planning

100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

(410) 514-7600

The Maryland Historical Trust features information regarding cemetery-related training opportunities, preservation planning resources, funding opportunities and legal information.

Massachusetts

[Department of Conservation and Recreation](#)

251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114

(617) 626-1250

In 1999, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) launched the Massachusetts Historic Cemeteries Preservation Initiative. As part of the program, DCR authored a detailed, comprehensive preservation guide.

- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. *Preservation Guidelines for Municipally Owned Historic Burial Grounds and Cemeteries*. 3rd ed. Boston, MA: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 2002.

Michigan

[Michigan State Historic Preservation Office](#)

Michigan State Housing Development Authority
702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48909-8240
(517) 373-1630

- King, Gregg, Susan Kosky, Kathleen Glynn, Gladys Saborio. *Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide*. Lansing, MI: Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, 2004.

Oregon

[Oregon State Historic Preservation Office](#)

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301
(503) 986-0793

The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office oversees the Historic Cemeteries Program. Their website contains a variety of useful preservation information, including an in-depth cemetery bibliography and detailed guidelines regarding how to properly clean historic markers.

Pennsylvania

[Bureau for Historic Preservation](#)

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
State Museum Building, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120
(717) 787-3362

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission provides a variety of information related to the recordation and preservation of historic cemeteries, including a section devoted to the symbolism of Pennsylvania's funeral monuments.

Texas[Texas Historical Commission \(THC\)](#)

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THC is actively involved in the preservation of historic cemeteries. Through its RIP (Record, Investigate, and Protect) Guardian program, THC provides technical assistance to a statewide network of volunteers. THC also oversees the Historic Texas Cemetery program, which reviews and issues state historic designations.

- Texas Historical Commission. *Preserving Historic Cemeteries: Texas Preservation Guidelines*. Austin, TX: Texas Historical Commission, 2001.

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