

Cemetery Records

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What are we covering?

- What can we get from cemetery records
- Online cemetery records
 - Find A Grave
 - Billion Graves
 - Interment.net
 - Names In Stone
- Visiting Cemeteries

What do cemetery records provide?

- Dates
 - Death, Birth, Marriage
- Age
- Military information
- Religious information
- Photos
- Birth Country

Finding the Cemetery

- Finding the cemetery you need
 - Death certificates
 - Obituaries
 - Online information
 - Find A Grave
 - Billion Graves
 - Interment.net
 - Names in Stone

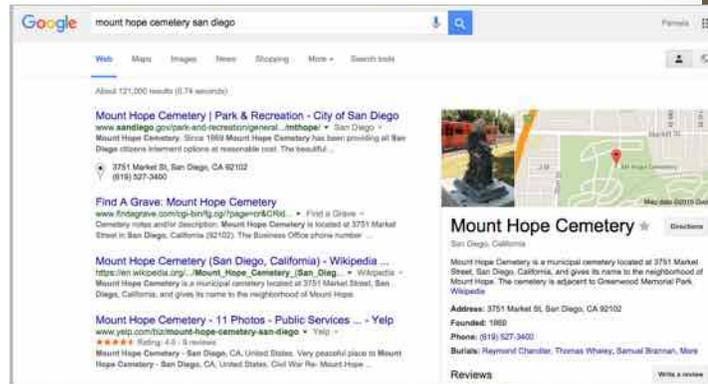
Certificate of Death		Certificate No. 25967
1. NAME OF DECEASED: EDDIE SCHNEIDER		SEX: MALE
2. PERSONAL PARTICULARS (a) Race: E.I.		3. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (b) Date of Death: Dec 27 1940
(1) Usual Residence: (a) Street: Brooklyn		(2) Place of Death: Brooklyn
(2) No. 32-50 - 85th Street, Bklyn		(3) Name of Doctor: FLEISHMAN, A.
(3) Cause of Death: Info		(4) If death occurred in hospital or care of physician, specify the name of place of death, the hospital, etc. Wood Creek
4. PLACE OF BURIAL: Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery		5. DATE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION: Dec 27 1940
6. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR: J. E. HERRICK		7. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN: H. E. SCHNEIDER
BUREAU OF RECORDS		DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STEPHENS—Oct. 5, 1937. Frank Stephens, husband of Kate Stephens of this city; a member of San Bernardino Lodge I.O.O.F. Friends and members of the above order are invited to attend services at the Benbough Funeral Parlors, 7th and 8th Sts., Saturday, at 2:15 p. m. **Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery.**

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Finding the cemetery online

- Google it!



- Other options:
 - Find A Grave
 - Billion Graves

Find A Grave

- <http://www.findagrave.com>
- Find your ancestors and famous graves - globally
- 143 million grave records
- Search a name
- Search a cemetery
 - Generally by name
 - Find potential ancestors buried in same cemetery

Find A Grave - Search a name

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Find A Grave Search Form

Name:
First Middle Last (required)
 Include maiden name(s) in my search
 Do partial name search on surname

Born: **Year:**

Died: **Year:**

Cemetery in:
 The United States
 California
 - County List -

Memorial #:

Date filter: All Names

Order by: Name

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Find A Grave - Search for a cemetery

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Cemetery Search

Find A Grave currently contains information for over 400,000 cemeteries in over 200 different countries. Find A Grave has at least a partial listing of graves for over 250,000 of these cemeteries. Use the search form below to locate a specific cemetery. If you don't know the name of the cemetery, you can also [browse by US county](#) or [browse by non-US country](#).

Name: Mount Hope
 For best results, try entering just the first word of the cemetery.

Country: The United States

State: California
 San Diego County (optional)

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Find A Grave (cont)

- Contribute
 - Take photos
 - Transcribe
 - Create memorial pages for your ancestors
 - Respond to photo requests from others
- Mobile App
 - IOS/Android

Transcribe Graves NEW!!

Transcribe the text from headstone images to turn them into Find A Grave Memorials!

- [Photos to Transcribe](#)
- [Add Photos to a Cemetery](#)

Billion Graves

- <http://www.billiongraves.com>
- Allows you to search for a headstone – globally
- Shooting for 1 billion grave records
- Search for a cemetery
- Search within a cemetery
- Does require a login after a few searches

Billion Graves – search name

Search our records Person Lookup Cemetery Lookup

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First Names Last Names (* required) Birth Year Death Year Year Range

Exact Match Phonetic

Must enter a last name
 Fill in other information to narrow results

Billion Graves – cemetery search

Search our records Person Lookup Cemetery Lookup

Filter Cemetery Results by Region

Showing 0-1 of 1 results for "**Mount Hop**"

Cemetery Name	# Images	Location
Mount Hope Cemetery	38023	San Diego, San Diego, California, United States

Billion Graves (cont.)

- Contribute
 - Take photos
 - Transcribe
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 - IOS/Android

Billion Graves (cont.)

- BG Plus
 - ~\$59.99/year
 - Virtual Walk-thru
 - Walk through the cemetery as if you were there
 - Map Your Ancestors
 - Map your search results across a globe
 - Record Notifications
 - Get notification of ancestors you're searching for
 - Ad Free
 - Priority Support

Interment.net

- <http://www.interment.net>
- Search for names – globally
- Browse cemeteries
 - Contains list of names in the cemeteries with birth and death date
 - Does not contain photos of headstones

Names In Stone

- <http://www.namesinstone.com>
- Can search names – globally
- Can search for a cemetery
- Dynamic cemetery maps – allows for easy review of whose buried next to your ancestor

Names in Stone (cont.)

- Contribute
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Mapping cemeteries
 - Transcribing headstones
 - Photograph headstones
- Membership Options
 - Limited – free searching, create your own map, track your research
 - Standard – Names In Stone keeps researching for you daily

Visiting - Contact before you go

- Does the cemetery have a website?
- May need to schedule an appointment – public vs. private cemeteries.
- See what the open hours are – may not be open every day of the week
 - Gates open vs. office open
- Information on where your ancestor might be buried
 - Unmarked graves
 - Buried grave markers
- Details about your ancestor's burial
- Check cemetery guidelines & restrictions
 - Rubbings, photographs, cleaning

Visiting a cemetery – etiquette

- Be respectful – other visitors may be there to mourn a loved one
- Be Safe – snakes, gopher/rodent holes, sunken ground, overgrown shrubbery

Visiting a cemetery

- Dress comfortably – jacket, hat, check weather
- Pack accordingly
 - Mirror, camera, fully charged phone
 - Water, soft brush, scissors
 - Garden kneeling pad

Where to find more info

- Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography – Douglas Keister - Amazon
- Family Search
 - <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Cemeteries>
- Ancestry.com
 - <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/HelpAndAdviceUS>
 - Search for cemeteries
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs – Cemetery Administration
 - <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>
- Rootsweb Cemetery Records
- The Tombstone Transcription Project
 - <http://www.usgwtombstones.org/>

Q&A