

CEMETERY SURVEYS

A short How-To

Before you arrive...

- ▣ Wear sneakers.
- ▣ Wear a hat.
- ▣ Bring sunblock and bug spray.
- ▣ Bring bottled water to drink.
- ▣ Long pants are preferred due to stickers and pricklers.
- ▣ Always bring a buddy.

CRPTjax will provide...

- ▣ Clipboard.
- ▣ Cheat sheets.
- ▣ Survey forms.
- ▣ Pencils.
- ▣ Tape measures.
- ▣ Water and brushes for cleaning stones.
- ▣ A happy smiling face.

At the cemetery...

- ▣ Never sit, stand, walk, or lean on ANY stone.
- ▣ You will have to stand on the graves (the dirt part) in order to survey. This is not considered disrespectful.
- ▣ Be aware of your surroundings. The ground is not level and you may not see the holes.

Grave #, Lot #, Section

- ❑ Old City Cemetery is broken into 6 sections.
- ❑ Each section contains 80 lots.
- ❑ Each lot contains 8 to 10 graves.
- ❑ As you face the cemetery from the street, these are the sections:
- ❑ Within each section, the graves are numbered starting in the NE corner to the SW:

1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5

Section 5	Section 6
Section 3	Section 4
Section 1	Section 2

Inscription

- ▣ Copy the inscription EXACTLY as it is written on the stone. Include all misspells and reversals.
- ▣ Use a “/” (slash mark) to indicate a new line.
- ▣ Copy uppercase as UPPERCASE and lowercase as lowercase.
- ▣ Copy all punctuation, even if it looks wrong to you.
- ▣ NEVER guess what a word or a letter is. If you don't know, leave it “_” (blank).

Hard to read stones...

Sometimes stones are too dirty to read. When this is the case,

- ▣ Soak stone with WATER.
- ▣ Starting at the BOTTOM, scrub in a circular motion with a soft-bristled brush.
- ▣ NEVER use bleach, detergent, wire brushes, or pressure cleaners. These will damage the stone.

Rubbings are a no-no...

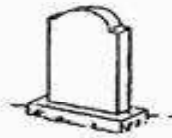
- ▣ NEVER use chalk, flour, grave wax, or shaving cream on a stone in order to make a rubbing.
- ▣ These products WILL cause further damage and deterioration of already fragile stones.
- ▣ Instead, use a flashlight or mirror to reflect the inscriptions; sketch the stone; or take a photograph.

Grave marker shapes

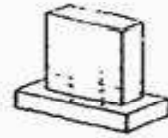
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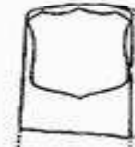
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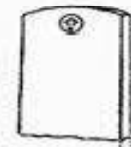
Tab in Socket



Die on Base



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Type



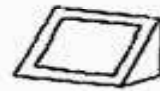
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Pulpit Marker



Die, Base & Cap



Plaque Marker



Obelisk



Pedestal Tomb -
Vaulted Roof



Pedestal Tomb -
Urn on Top



Ledger



Box Tomb

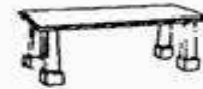


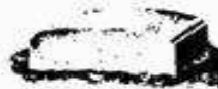
Table Tomb



Bedstead or
Cradle Grave



Raised Top



Rounded Raised
Top



Lawn Style



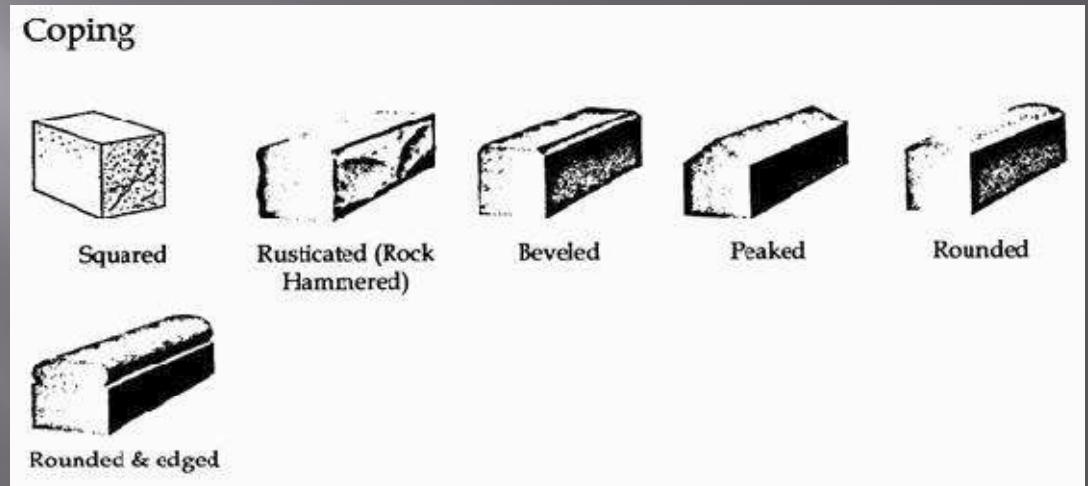
Tree Stump



Diamond Die

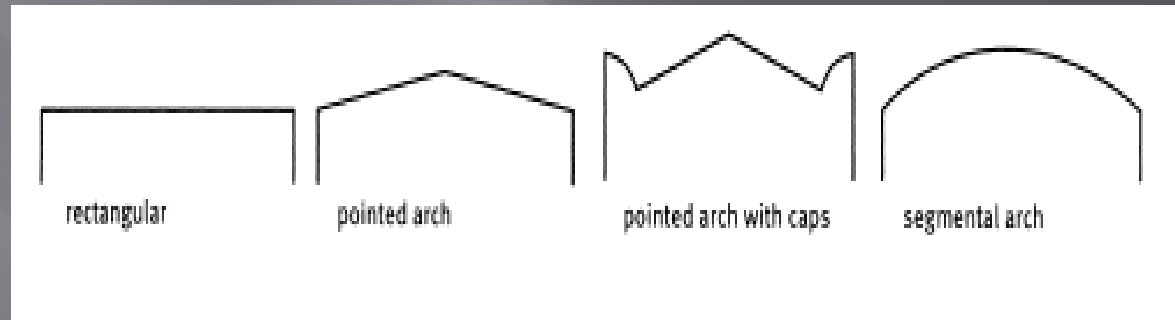
Coping and curbing shapes

Coping and curbing are the stones that surround a grave or a lot.



Headstone shapes

Shapes vary among headstones. Here are the basics.



Measuring

- ▣ Always measure at the widest point.
- ▣ Round up to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{3}{4}$ mark.
- ▣ Only measure the headstone; not the footstone or the coping.

Have fun and enjoy the detective work!
Thank you for volunteering to help your
Local cemetery preservation effort!