FindAGrave Handout
Brick Wall Special Interest Group
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FindAGrave was created by Jim Tipton in 1995. Ancestry acquired it in 2013 and launched a redesigned version in 2017. Memorials are found world-wide. No subscription is required.

Basic rules:

- A memorial must be for someone who is deceased.
- Only one memorial per person is allowed. (FAG has a process for reporting duplicate memorials.)
- FindAGrave discourages mention of living people in a memorial.

It is suggested that a person become a contributor in order to:

- Create memorials.
- Suggest changes to memorials.
- Request or add photos.

General information on edits:

- The only family members that can be linked within the edit section of a memorial are Father/Mother/Spouse.
- FindAGrave reserves the right to manage memorials for famous people.
- If the manager of a memorial does not approve/disapprove an edit within 21 days, FAG will take action.
- Photos
    - Only the person who added the photo can delete it.
    - Respect the rights of the photographer. Give credit if using it. Click on the profile of the photographer to see it he/she has given blanket rights to use the photo w/o credit.
    - When taking photos of grave stones, try to get the best picture possible.

Transfer of Memorials

- FindAGrave allows memorials to be transferred to another manager within certain parameters.

When a female has been married several times:

- Most memorial managers enter the final last name in the “last name” box.
- However, it is acceptable to enter the married last names separated by a space in the “last name” box because Find a Grave has the capability of locating her with any of the last names.

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How to create a hyperlink to another memorial within the biography.

- Open the memorial where you want to create the hyperlink(s), and click on "EDIT."
- Scroll down to the section "Bio Information." In the shaded area, type the text that will display and include the individual name(s) you want to create a link for.
- Highlight the first name.
- Select the link symbol ( ).
- Copy the URL from the memorial you are linking to. (You may want to open the memorial ahead of time so the URL is easier to obtain.)
- Go back to the original memorial and paste the URL into the link field. Click Save.
- The link now appears in blue - clicking on it will take you to that memorial.
- Repeat for the rest of the names.

Note: Links to external websites and email addresses are not allowed.