

Books

“New Jersey Cemeteries and Tombstones -History in the Landscape” by Richard F. Veit and Mark Nonestied

“Stories in Stone-A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography” by Douglas Keister

“Tomb & Gravestones of the Eighteenth Century” by J.David Gillespie

“Philadelphia Graveyards and Cemeteries” by Thomas H. Keels

“Your Guide to Cemetery Research” by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.

“Making Paper & Fabric Rubbings” by Cecily Barth Firestein

“Prairie Children and Their Quilts” by Kathleen Tracy. (The pattern for the Crosses Mourning Quilt is in this book)

“Silent Storyteller” - Cemetery Preservation Documentary http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eh_CptuXwMI

“Final Rights-Reclaiming the American Way of Death” by Joshua Slocum and Lisa Carlson

Leo Osorio - A Photographic View of Elizabeth, NJ and Beyond

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PhotographicElizabethNJ/>

Gravestone Artwear & Rubbing Supplies
www.gravestoneartwear.com

www.gravestonerubbingsupplies.com

Gravestone Casts & Artwork
<http://gravestonegirls.com/>

Gravestone Photography
<http://www.cheryljacksonoddphtog.com/>

Carvers and Monument Makers

Stone carver, David Gillespie
<http://www.pumpkintownprimitives.com/>

Karin Sprague Stone Carvers LLC
<http://www.karinsprague.com/>

Final Marks: The Art of the Carved Letter- movie
<http://www.folkstreams.net/pub/FilmPage.php?title=141>

Keystone Memorials
For the latest in gravestone/cemetery artwork visit:
www.keystonememorialcompany.com

Cemetery Tours
<http://www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org>

Green Burial & Funeral Matters

Last Things
What is a natural burial? What is a home funeral?
www.lastthings.net

Green Burial Council
For more information on green and natural burials.
www.greenburialcouncil.org

Funeral Consumers Alliance:
<http://www.funerals.org/>

Further Resources

Association for Gravestone Studies
www.gravestonestudies.org

Waterhouse Symbolism
Subscribe to this free newsletter
<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waterhousesymbolism/index.htm>

Find A Grave- <http://www.findagrave.com/>

Free Union Cemetery web site
Follow the Cemetery Project link from:
www.freeunionschoolhouse.com



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Keys to Common Symbols

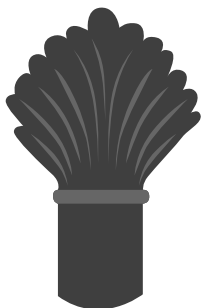
Flora



Flowers and Grasses

Rose

Martyrdom, purity



Wheat

Advanced in years, immortality, resurrection, prosperity



Oak/Acorn

Truth, spiritual growth, prosperity, strength, independence, fruitfulness



Willow

Immortality, grief and sorrow

Trees and Fruit

The Human Condition



Human Hands

Pointing up

Soul has risen to heaven

Handshake

Matrimony, heavenly welcome



Worldly Symbols



Anchor

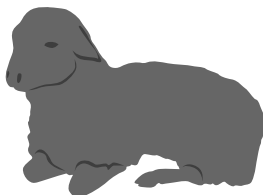
Hope



Cross & Crown

Masonic-Power/authority to lead

Fauna



Animals and Birds

Lamb

Grave of a child, innocence

Dove

Holy Spirit, purity and peace



Mortality



Broken Column

End of life, life cut short



Urn

Death of the flesh



Death's Head

A human skull, Puritan symbol of death



Winged Cherub

Skull now a face. Puffed cheeks: soul blown out, wings signify soul is able to make it to heaven.



Winged Hourglass

Time passing rapidly. Cycle of life and death.

Inverted Torch

With flame: Soul in the next realm.

Without flame: A life extinguished.

