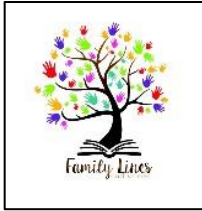


## Find A Grave: Friend, Foe, or Both?

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“It is important to remember that *Find A Grave* is open to any who wish to contribute, including professional genealogists and hobbyists alike. While many people enter information from sources that are considered “reliable,” such as published obituaries and death certificates, others may be entering information from an old and unproven family tree. Additionally, information engraved on tombstones is sometimes “second hand,” and may not be entirely accurate. When using *Find A Grave*, family historians should always analyze the information provided and compare it with other verified information on their family tree. no unverified source” (Marc McDermott, “Find A Grave Review,” 24 Feb 2022, *GenealogyExplained*).

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### Benefits and *Drawbacks* to Using *Find A Grave*

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- **Corrected information and other documents may be uploaded and will be added after approval.**
- **May identify a person in a certain place at a certain time**
- **May state dates and places of birth, marriage, death, burial information**
- **May state maiden name**
- **May detail family relationships and/or descendants**
- **May provide adoption information**
- **May provide information on the FAN (friends, associates, and neighbors) relationships**
- **May provide death notice or obituary**
- **May state occupation**
- **May state religious affiliation or leadership**
- **May provide photographs**
- **Find A Grave is available as an app and on *GooglePlay*.**
- *Individual may be posted without permission of family or before confirmed death*
- *Information and/or citation concerning individual may be lacking or incorrect*
- *Find A Grave is an open platform—anyone is able to post anything—until enough complaints MAY cause it to be pulled*

## Organizing the Source, Information, and Research

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Name of Individual	Cemetery Name & Location	Military Identification	Spouse(s)	Birth, Death, Marriage Information	Children, Names, BD, BP	Memorial No.; any photo credit	Citation

**EE Citation Example:** *Find A Grave*, database, and images (<http://findagrave.com> : accessed [date]), memorial page for [state name of individual (birth year-death year)], *Find A Grave* Memorial no. [write it out] citing [name of cemetery, community, county, state]; photographs by [list individual(s) who posted photos].

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