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Cemetery Preservation: Making Good Choices (2-Day Workshop)

Seminar Overview

The preservation of cemeteries is like any other historic preservation project: you are confronted with a variety of choices and success depends on wise decisions. This workshop provides a general introduction to the issues involved in cemetery preservation, ranging from proper recordation to identification of cemetery to sound conservation concepts. Included is information on treatments that volunteers can accomplish, such as resetting stones and simple care of ironwork. The workshop is designed for those responsible for cemetery maintenance and preservation, ranging from grounds keepers to administrators.

Agenda

The first day of this work provides a foundation and acquaints participants with critical preservation issues. Included are discussions of the changing character of cemetery landscapes in America, help in the identification of different monument types, learning to recognize the stones used in cemeteries, and critical recordation issues. The afternoon reviews the development of a cemetery preservation plan, looking at the broad range of issues that need to be considered and providing guidance on making wise choices.

The second day focuses exclusively on conservation issues, beginning with a discussion of conservation ethics that includes the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Preservation. Participants also learn about conservation standards and ethics. There are discussions on cleaning, resetting, and other simple repairs. Current information on consolidation of stone, as well as complex treatments is also provided. The workshop provides a background in mortars, including various restoration mortars as well as lime and NHL mortars.

Topics Covered Include:

- Types of cemeteries and their landscapes
- Stone types
- Monument types
- Assessment and recordation
- Measuring and Transcribing
- Symbolism
- Preservation and Planning
- Simple Treatments
- Conservation ethics & principals, safety
- Cleaning
- Complex treatments
- Consolidation
- Mortars, limes, sands, stucco, and whitewash
- Metals

Resources

The workshop will provide copies of the PowerPoint slides used, as well as a binder of additional information

Length

Two days (13 contact hours)