

Stones & Bones...

*...Discovering Secrets in Old King County
Cemeteries*



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"I love to wander through old cemeteries, making that very human connection to the past..."



...while finding perspective on the present in the restful beauty of stone and grass."

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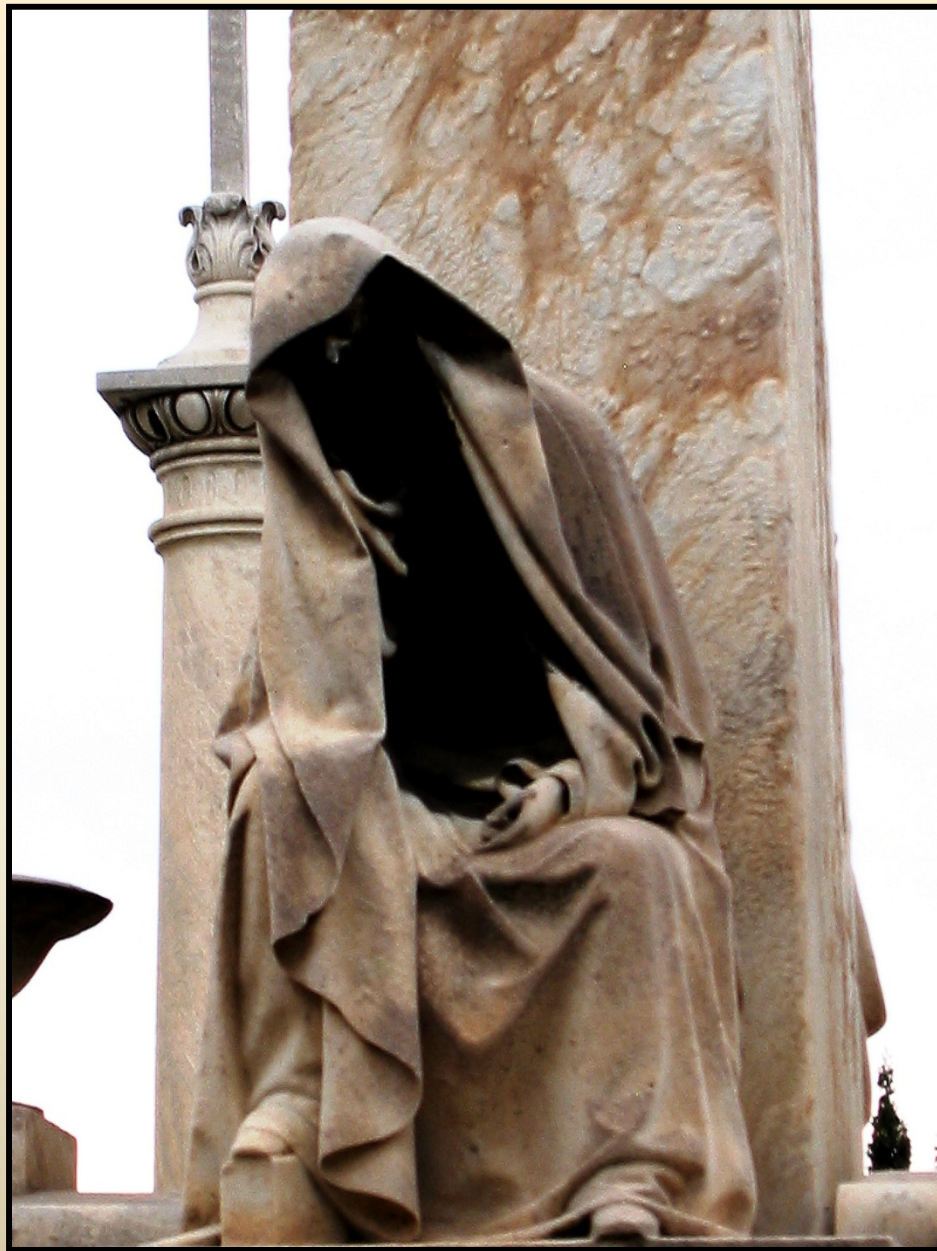
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3. Hollywood horror movies = cemeteries are evil





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- Seattle Public Library Special Collections
- South King County Genealogical Society
- Seattle Genealogical Society
- Eastside Genealogical Society

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Hedwig...Lester...Prudence...Alonzo...Elmer...Maud

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...certain names etched in old stone evoke a kaleidoscope of other textures and associations until a whole story springs from the distant past into my waiting imagination. Thank you, Teckla Inch, Malachi Malone, and Ebenezer Love Cooper...

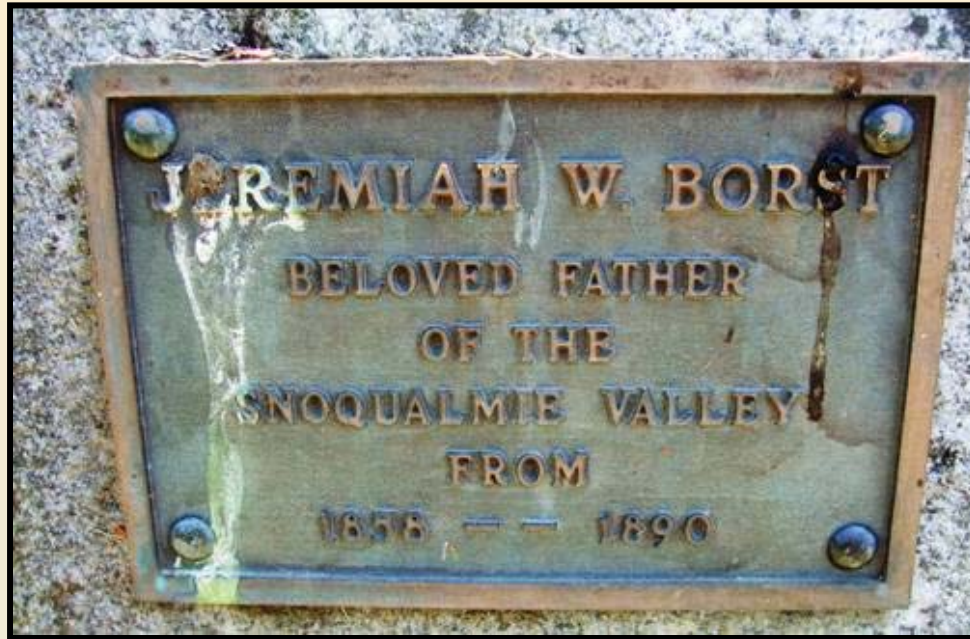
Stacy Carlson, novelist

<http://www.amongthewonderful.com/>

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3. History

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Cemeteries visited and why?

Lakeview Cemetery - Victorian elegance



Newcastle Coal Miners' Cemetery - American melting pot



Comet Lodge Cemetery - Abandoned site



Crown Hill Cemetery - Scandinavian roots



Woodinville Memorial Mead Cemetery - Farming/logging



Auburn Pioneer Cemetery – Japanese settlers



Other sites and why?

Saar Pioneer :	Restoration Challenge
Mount Si:	Unique military history
Black Diamond :	Coal miner history
Fall City / Tolt:	Early Snoqualmie settlers
Ravensdale :	Vandalism
Bikur Cholim:	Oldest Jewish cemetery

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5. Vandalism / Restoration

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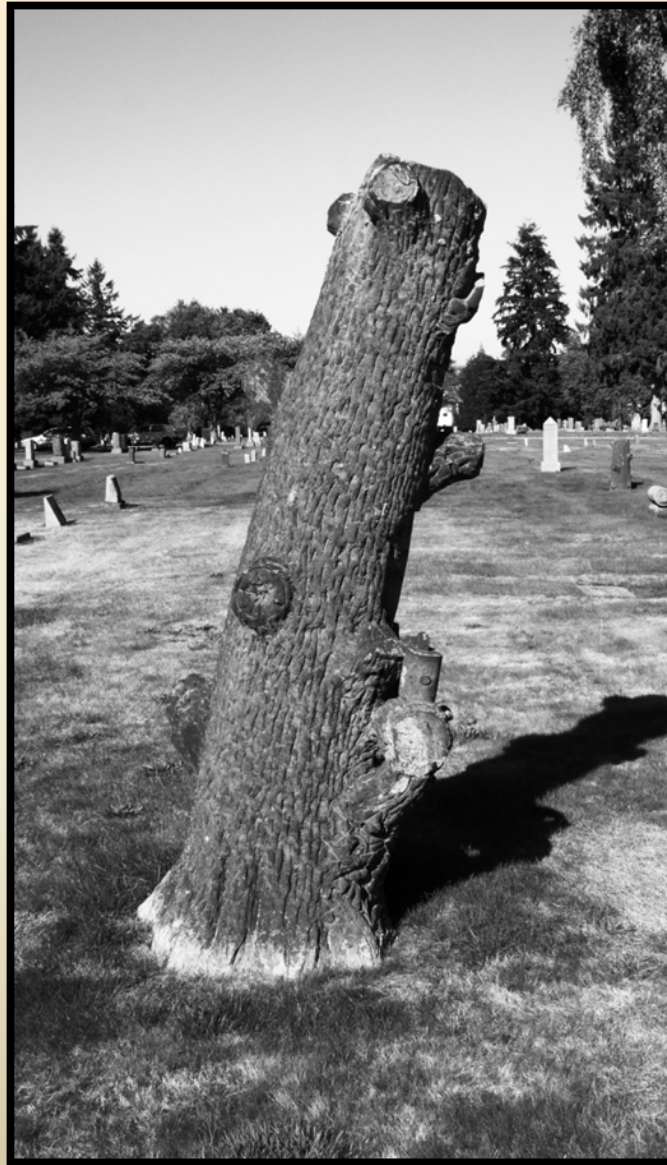
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- Religious
- Interesting

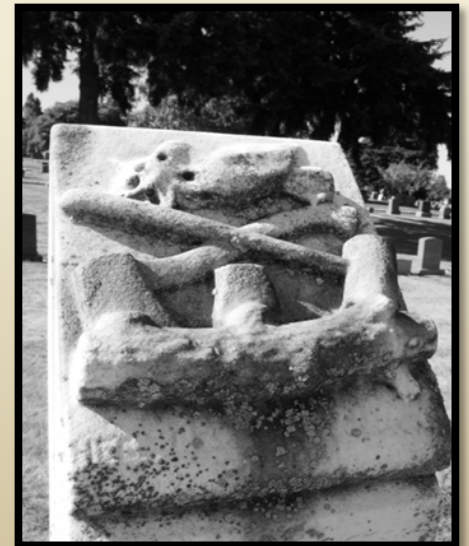
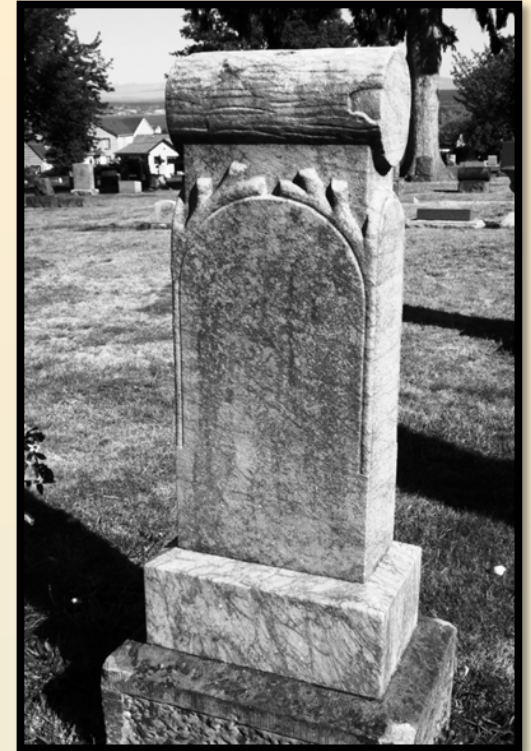
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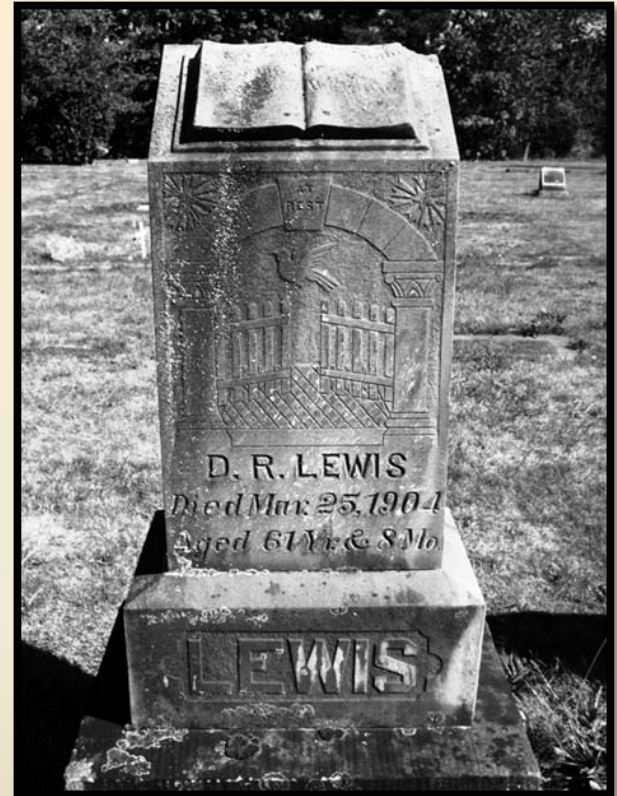
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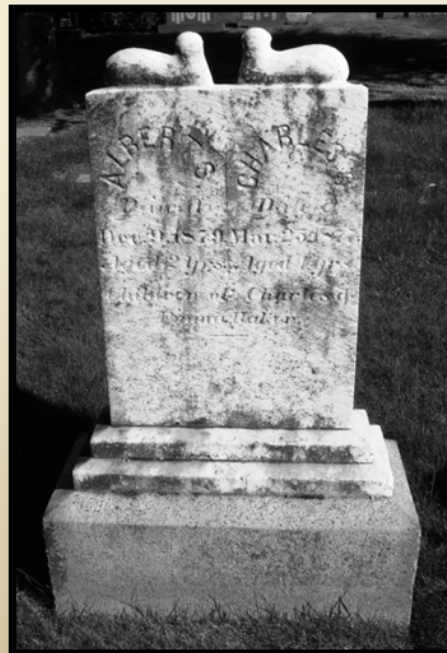
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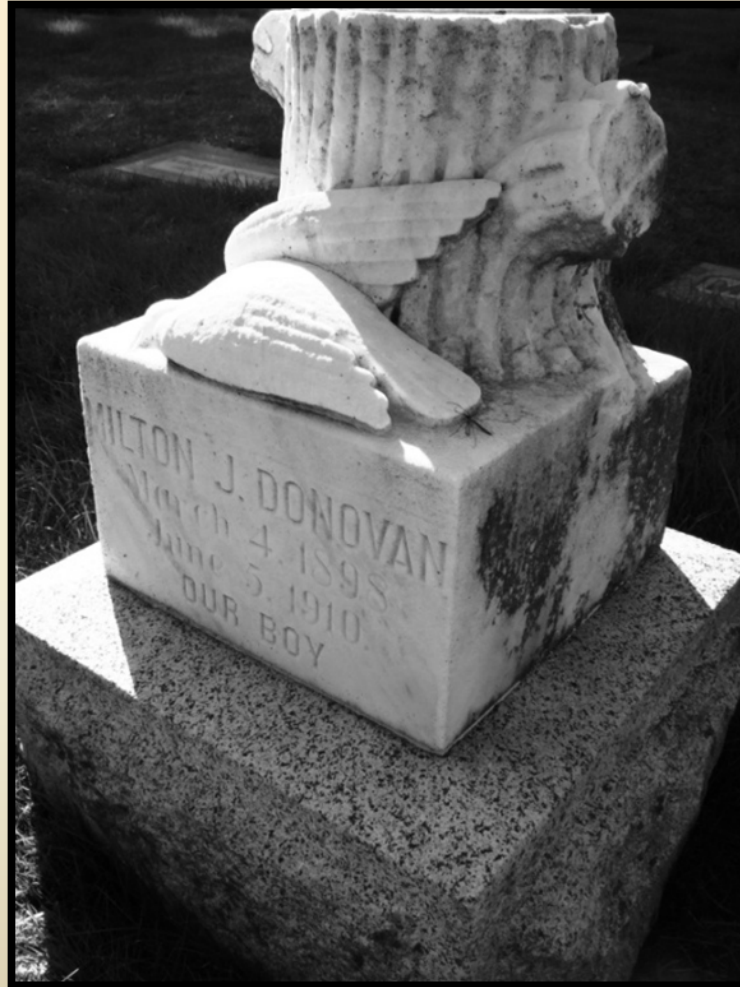
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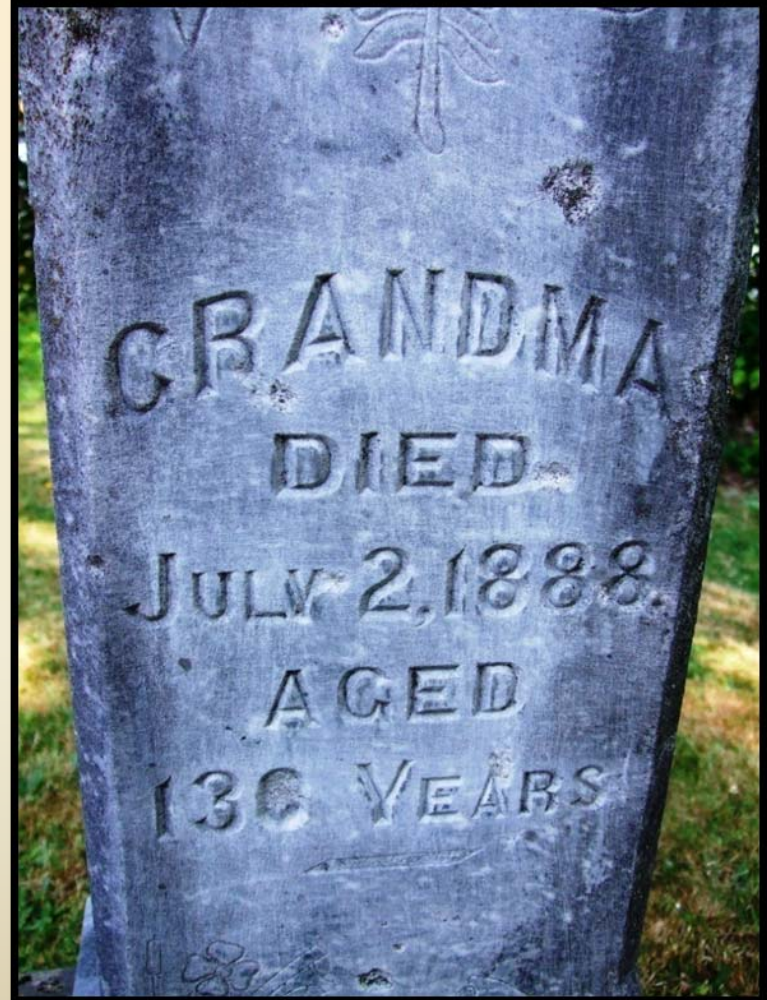
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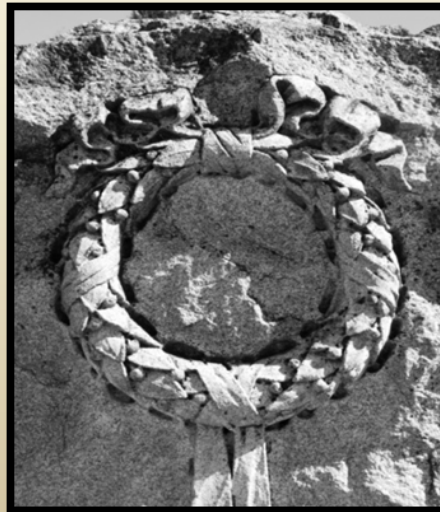
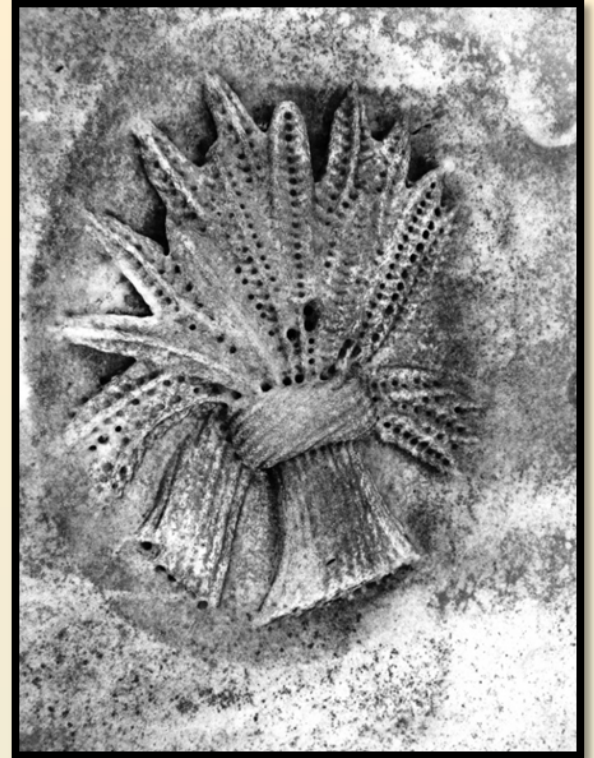
Stones – Old carvings



Stones – Modern carvings



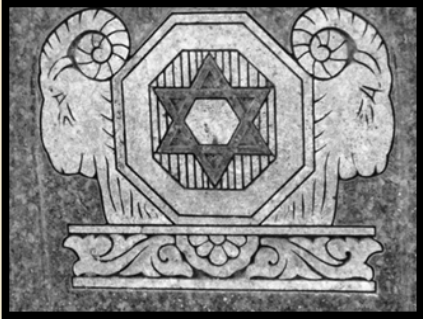
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Details – Bikur Cholim



Brotherhood Symbols



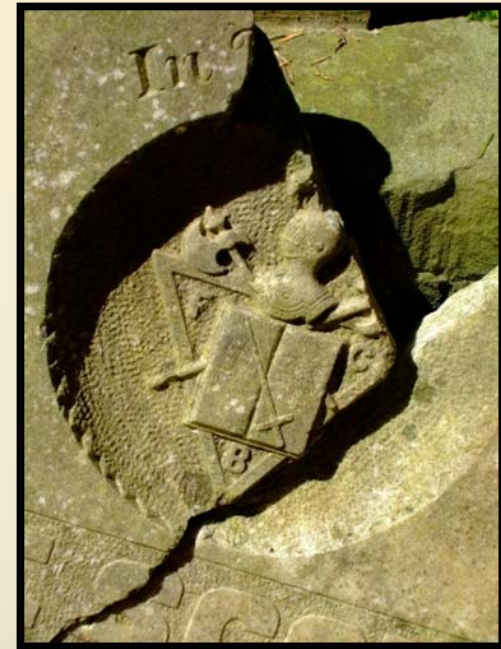
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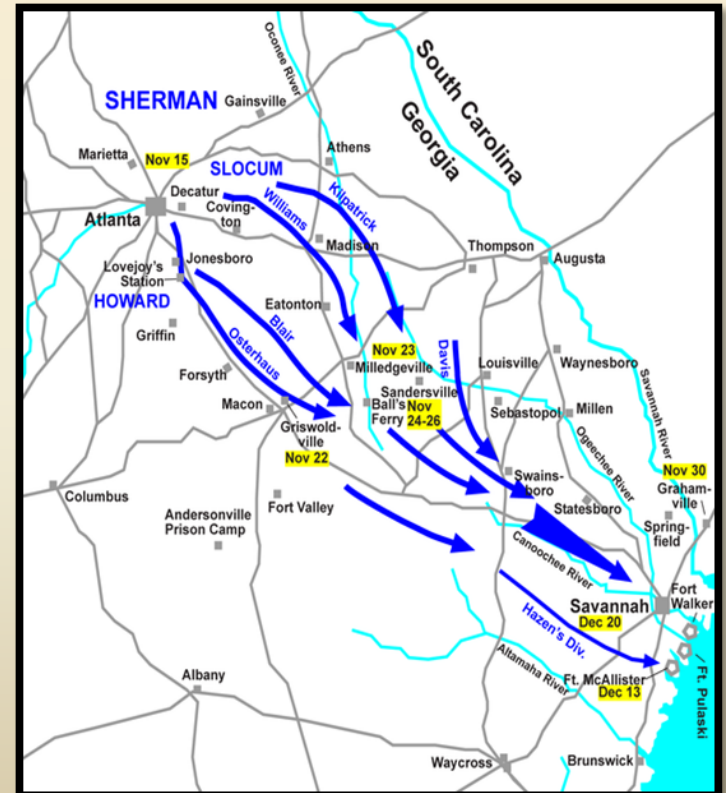
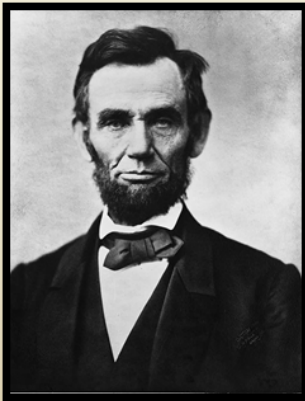
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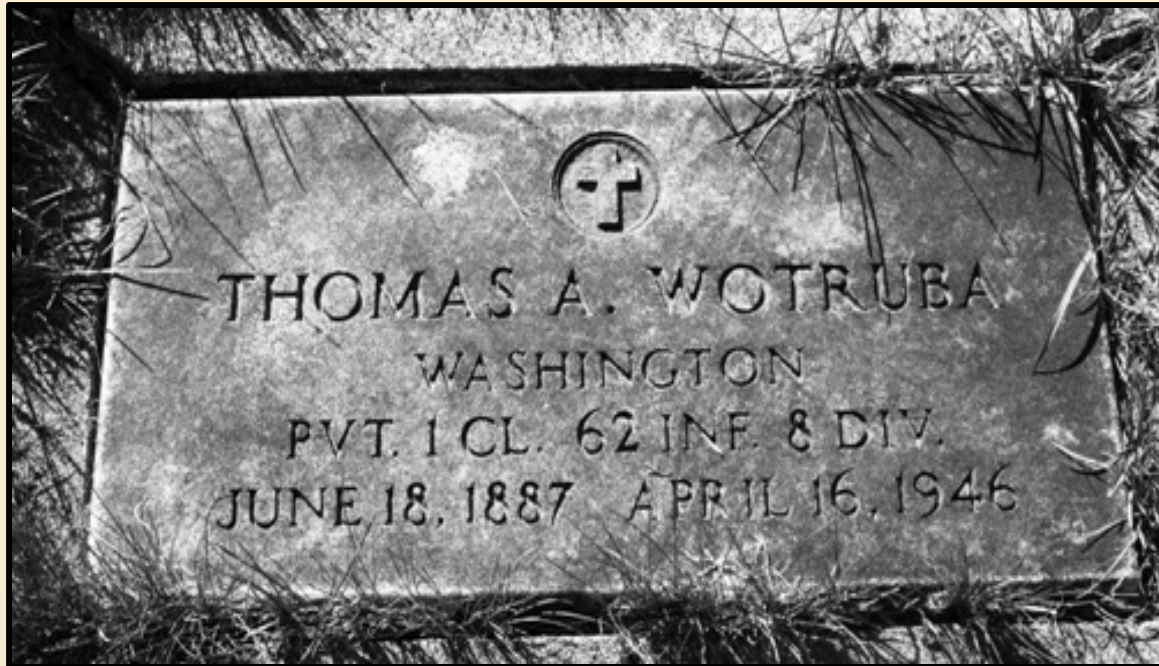
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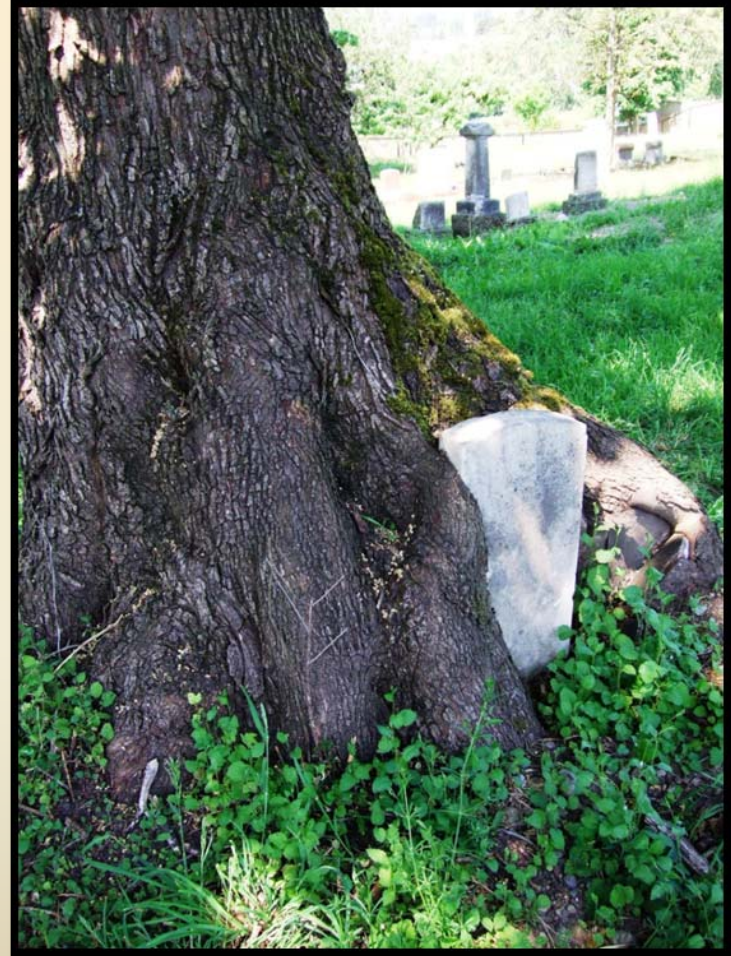
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Damage - Weathering



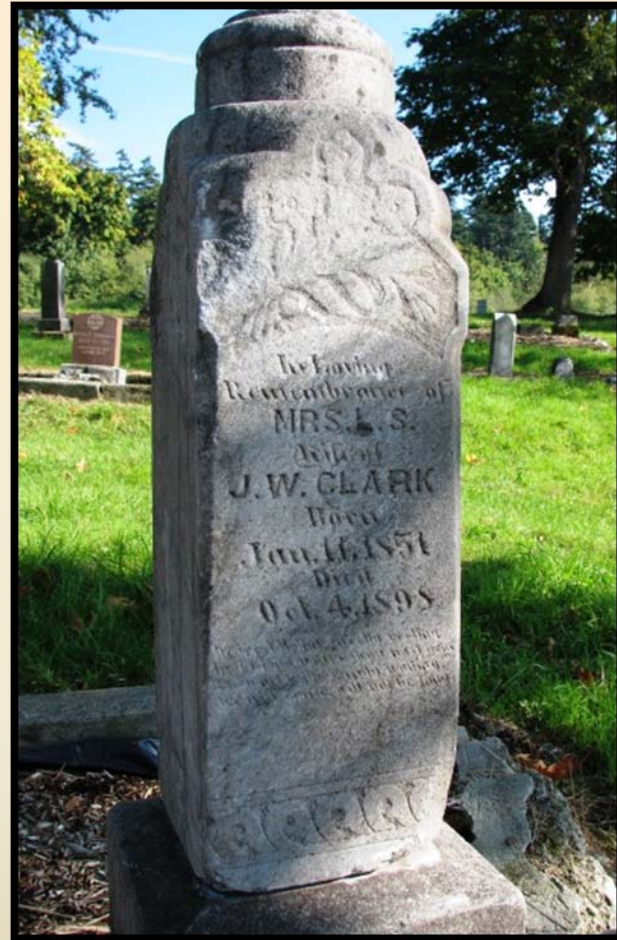
Damage – Mother Nature



Solutions – Mother Nature



Solutions - Cleaning



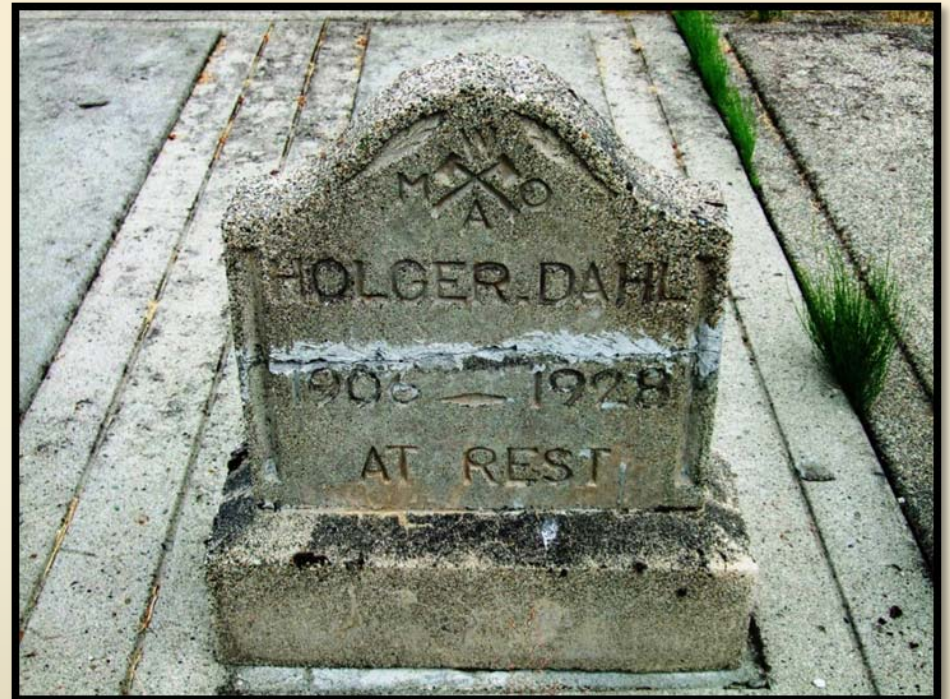
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Solutions - cleaning

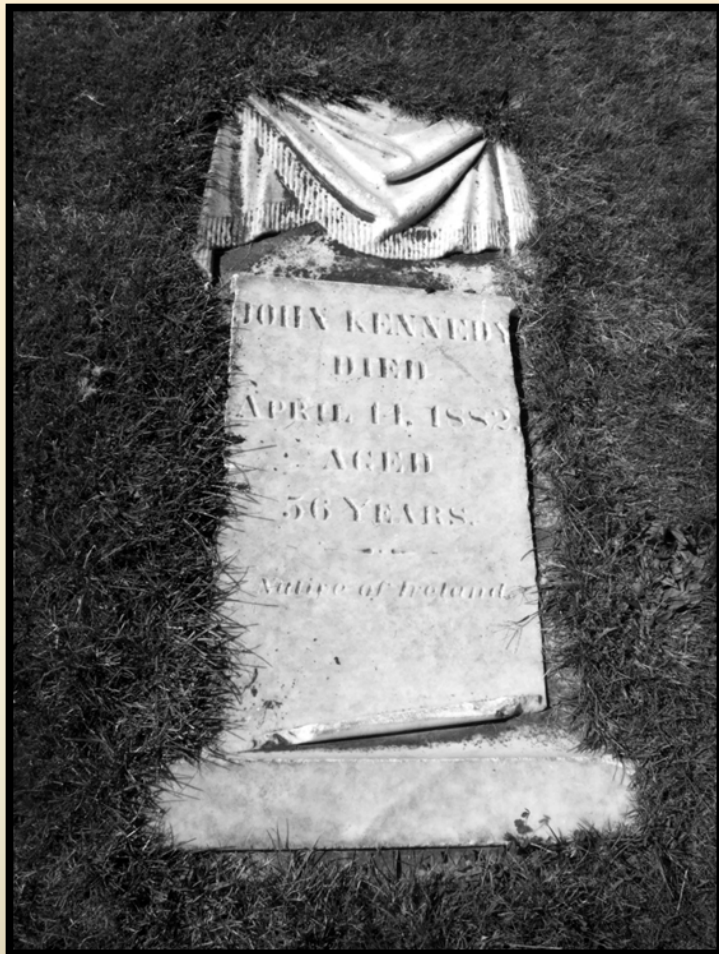


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Solutions - Re-discovery



What now?

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- More information at www.geanderson.wordpress.com

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- Kevin - my faithful cemetery traveling buddy

Field Guide: Stories in Stone, by Douglas Keister

