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.”

Lisa Costantino, freelance writer
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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
A Few Reasons To Visit (old) Cemeteries

...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?

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Stones

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• Interesting
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Stones – Old carvings
Stones – Modern carvings
Details – Bikur Cholim
Brotherhood Symbols
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Military

GEORGE W KELLEY
ILLINOIS
PVT CO I 64 REGT ILL INF
CIVIL WAR
APRIL 5 1842 JAN 23 1929
Military

THOMAS A. WOTRUBA
WASHINGTON
PVT. 1 CL. 62 INF. 8 DIV.
JUNE 18, 1887  APRIL 16, 1946
Damage - Vandalism
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Damage - Cleaning
Damage - Weathering
Damage – Mother Nature
Solutions – Mother Nature
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Photos courtesy Karen Bouton, Saar Pioneer Cemetery
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What now?
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- More information at www.geanderson.wordpress.com
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Field Guide: Stories in Stone, by Douglas Keister