

The following list of resources accompanies “Lay of the Land: Cemetery Orientation,” one of the six webinars developed as part of a series focused on disaster preparedness and response for historic cemeteries.¹ This list contains links to additional information on many of the topics introduced in the webinar, but is not meant to be exhaustive.

General Cemetery Preservation

NPS Brief #48 Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries; <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/48-preserving-grave-markers.htm>

Texas Historical Commission; “Preserving Historic Cemeteries: Texas Preservation Guidelines”
https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/sf_preserving_historic_cemeteries_01_20.pdf

NCPTT “Essentials in Cemetery Monument Care” Guide to program downloadable:
<https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/blog/essentials-in-cemetery-monument-care/>
<https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/blog/essentials-in-cemetery-monument-care-2/>

Landscapes

NCPTT “Preservation Planning for Historic Cemetery Landscapes”
<https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/blog/preservation-planning-for-historic-cemetery-landscapes/>

NCPTT “Landscape Maintenance in Cemeteries”
<https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/blog/tel-course-addressing-landscape-maintenance-in-cemeteries/>

The Washingtonian, “These Goats are Cleaning Up Historic Congressional Cemetery”, August 6, 2015;
<https://www.washingtonian.com/2015/08/06/these-goats-are-cleaning-up-historic-congressional-cemetery/>

Genealogical

Interment.net <http://www.interment.net/Default.htm>

Legal/Legislative

Texas Statutes - Health and Safety Code - Chapter 711 General Provisions Relating to Cemeteries
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.711.htm>

Texas Statutes - Antiquities Code (Natural Resources Code - Title 9 Heritage - Chapter 191)
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/NR/htm/NR.191.htm>

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Resources and Links

Cemetery Laws (Guidance from Texas Historical Commission) <https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/cemetery-preservation/cemetery-laws>

NPS - Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/index.htm>

Texas State Archeologist (Archaeology Division)
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/archeology>

Funding and Support (including examples of programs)

NPS Preservation Programs <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalhistoriclandmarks/preservation-programs.htm>

NPS Community Assistance Programs <https://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/communities.htm>

Gravedigger's Ball (Laurel Hill Cemetery)
<https://thelaurelhillcemetery.org/support/gravediggers-ball>

Rest in Peace 5K Run (Laurel Hill Cemetery)
<https://thelaurelhillcemetery.org/support/rest-in-peace-5k-run>

Other events at Laurel Hill Cemetery <https://thelaurelhillcemetery.org/events>

Rest in Bees (Congressional Cemetery)
<https://congressionalcemetery.org/product/rest-in-bees-honey/>

Tombs and Tomes Book Club (Congressional Cemetery)
<https://congressionalcemetery.org/tombs-and-tomes-book-club/>

Cinematery - Dinner and a Movie (Congressional Cemetery)
<https://congressionalcemetery.org/event/cinematery-dinner-and-a-movie-frankenstein/>

Cemetery Tours (Congressional Cemetery; has thematic, guided, self-guided, and virtual)
<https://congressionalcemetery.org/news-tours/>

Cultural

Deep East Texas Grave Markers: Types, Styles, and Motifs
https://www.sfasu.edu/publichistory/images/Deep_East_Texas_Graver_Marker_Types_Styles_Motifs_final.pdf

Iconography in Cemeteries <https://headstonesymbols.co.uk/>

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Iconography - Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography; Douglas Keister; Gibbs M. Smith Inc. (2008). (Book - link to summary and purchase option) <https://www.amazon.com/Stories-Stone-Cemetery-Symbolism-Iconography/dp/158685321X>“

Life and Death: Mexican American Grave Decorating and Funerary Rituals”, Marta L. Salazar (2009), master’s thesis, Texas State University – San Marcos, <https://digital.library.txstate.edu/bitstream/handle/10877/4058/fulltext.pdf;sequence=1>

African-American and Creole Traditions Surrounding Death in the Cane River Region

<https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/blog/african-american-and-creole-traditions-surrounding-death-in-the-cane-river-region/>

“Practices following the death of a loved one reported by adults from 14 countries or cultural/ethnic groups” (White non-Hispanic, Black non-Hispanic, and Hispanic/Latino groups in the United States), Ivette Hidalgo, Dorothy Brooten, JoAnne M. Youngblut, Rosa Roche, Juanjuan Li, and Ann Marie Hinds (2020), *Nursing Open*, Vol. 8, Issue 1, (January 2021), pp 453-462, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/nop2.646>