

Indiana Cemetery Survey

Directions:

- Obtain permission to survey the cemetery.
- Use the cemetery map to determine the row and grave numbers (see reverse).
- Photocopy one sheet (front and back) for each grave to be surveyed.
- Gather supplies needed.
- Work in pairs and check the accuracy of all information recorded.
- If possible, make a photograph of the gravestone and staple it to the corresponding survey sheet.

Supplies needed:

- clipboard
- several #2 pencils with erasers
- plain paper for continuation of information from gravestone

Location Information

Name of Cemetery _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ County _____

Number and Location of Grave from Map You Have Prepared: Row Number _____ Grave Number _____

Information Recorded from Gravestone (All information probably will not be on every stone.)

Full Name of Deceased _____

Date Born _____ Date Died _____

Location of Birth _____ Location of Death _____

Age _____ Cause of Death _____

Occupation _____

Military Service: year(s), branch of service, specific war _____

Club or Organization _____

Ethnic Background _____ Religious Affiliation _____

Other Information _____

Epitaph _____

Physical Description of Gravestone

Size: Height _____

Width _____

Depth _____

Type of Material _____

Condition (describe any problems) _____

Sketch of Stone

Art from Stone: Gravestone Rubbing

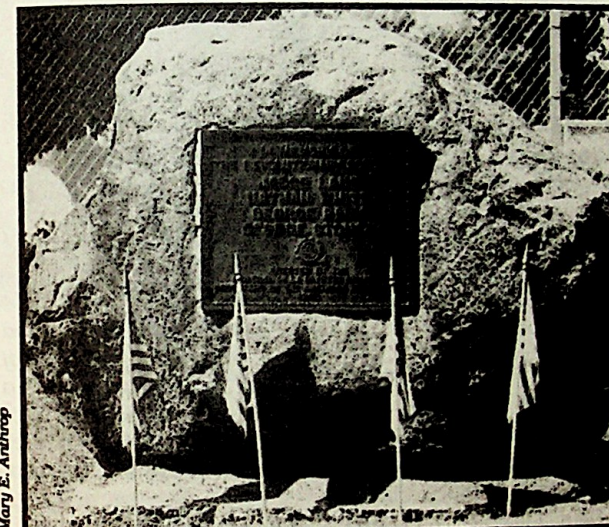
Anyone can copy the text from a gravestone, creating a record of that information. But how do you show the craftsmanship and the beauty of the gravestone? A gravestone rubbing of course! In fact, many consider gravestone rubbings an art form.

The very first thing you must do before you begin is to get permission to do the rubbings. Find out who is responsible for the cemetery and ask their permission. If you are not sure, call your local historical society and ask.

The following materials are needed

- Paper (unprinted newspaper or rice paper are best)
- Wax crayons or cakes of shoe black
- Masking tape
- Soft brush

1. Select a gravestone (smooth surface with deeply cut text are best).
2. Pull away any weeds around the gravestone.
3. Gently clean off any loose dirt with the soft brush.
4. Tape the paper to the gravestone, covering as much of the stone as possible.
5. Rub the crayon over the entire paper. Do not get any crayon on the stone.
6. Carefully remove all of the tape and paper.



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The rubbing below was made from this plaque.

